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Lance Armstrong celebrates in Paris after winning the Tour de France.

American cyclist wins Tour de France

Racer overcomes bout with cancer before comeback

The Associated Press

PARIS (AP) - American Lance Armstrong won the Tour de France on Sunday, capping an amazing ride in cycling's showcase event and an even more improbable comeback from cancer.

The 27-year-old Texan's tri-

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umph was never in doubt all day and he became just the second American to win the grueling three-week race.

He had a commanding 7-minute, 37-second lead over his top rival, Alex Zülle of Switzerland, and only a disastrous fall could have denied him victory.

"The emotion is incredible," a smiling Armstrong said at the finish line on the Champs-Élysées.

The finish under brilliant skies couldn't have been more different from last year's. The 1998 race ended under drizzling rain after a disastrous drug scandal nearly ended the whole event.

This year, Armstrong was subjected to innuendo, particularly in the French media, implying that he couldn't have accomplished his feat without the help of drugs.

Armstrong, 27, was diagnosed with testicular cancer in 1996. The disease spread to his brain and lungs, and at one point he was near death. After two opera-

tions and extensive chemotherapy, he began his comeback early last year.

"It's a great honor," Armstrong said of his victory ride into Paris. "For American cycling, and for the cancer community."

One of the keys to Armstrong's Tour de France victory was his ability to master the challenging mountain climbs that had always given him trouble. After he easily won the first stage in the Alps, he became the prohibitive favorite.

Zülle finished second in the overall standings, and Spain's Fernando Escartín came in third.

16 years in space

First U.S. woman to orbit earth gives advice for Collins

The Associated Press

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. - As the first American woman in space, Sally Ride had to contend with reporters asking if she went at work and with flight planners obsessing over whether she should take along makeup.

And after her space shuttle mission, she said, the attention was so intense she wished someone else had been first.

Sixteen years later, as commander of the orbiting Columbia, Eileen Collins has broken the shuttle program's last gender barrier. And while NASA no longer frets over makeup and menstruation aboard ship, the publicity factor hasn't changed.

"The hardest part of her flight is actually going to be the post-flight, all the attention that she gets, all the demands on her time," Ride said last week.

"She's going to be whisked from one public appearance to the next public appearance."

Collins, a 42-year-old Air Force colonel, acknowledges she's not ready for the hoopla that awaits her following Tuesday night's scheduled landing.

"I don't know if you could ever be ready for it," she said from orbit over the weekend.

Ride, now 48, left NASA in 1987 after flying once more in space and is now a physics professor at the University of California at San Diego. She called Collins before the mission to wish her good luck, just as she did when Collins flew as the first female shuttle co-pilot in 1985.

In an interview following a women's aerospace panel discussion last Monday, Ride recalled how NASA shepherded her from the press before her flight aboard Challenger in June 1983. She was too busy training to make speeches or do interviews.

But one male reporter asked Ride if she went when things go wrong; the question still annoys her. One journalist wanted to know if she planned to have children, and another wondered if she'd wear a bra in space.

REFUGEES SAY FAREWELL TO TWIN FALLS



Arinda Lalunovic, 3, and her family, refugees from Kosovo, wait to board a plane Sunday at the Joslin Field Magic Valley Regional Airport. After living in Twin Falls for two months, Ramiz and Aferdita Lalunovic have decided to return to their homeland to reunite with their oldest son and other relatives that stayed in Kosovo.

Family heads to Kosovo

By John T. Huddy
 Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - With tears filling their eyes, Ramiz and Aferdita Lalunovic gave farewell hugs to more than ten friends and fellow refugees Sunday morning before returning home to war-torn Kosovo.

"We are so thankful for the way people welcomed us here," said Ramiz, a slender man, clad in dark gray pants and a black Adidas warm-up jacket, said through an interpreter at Joslin Field Magic Valley Regional Airport. "I feel bad that we have to leave our friends here, but we still have family in Kosovo so we have to go."

Ramiz and Aferdita and their four young children, came to the College of Southern Idaho Refugee Service Center in June. On



Kosovar Stahila, right, waves good-bye to the Lalunovic family as they leave Twin Falls to return to Kosovo Sunday.

Sunday, they were on their way to New York City to meet up with several hundred other Kosovars. The Lalunovic's would be among

the first plane-load of refugees to leave the United States.

"I am not scared to go back home," Ramiz Lalunovic said as

he sat on an airport lounge seat, his wife looking tired as she sat by his side, chin cradled in her hands. "I'm not scared because I'm going to my house in my country."

It wasn't long ago when the Lalunovic's were driven from their home in a village near the town of Ferizaj in Kosovo. Ramiz, a vegetable farmer who lived a simple life with his family, was separated from his wife and children and beaten by Serbian police. He was reunited with most of his family in a Macedonian refugee camp several days later.

While Ramiz' wife and their children, Armand, 13, Ardian, 10, Adnan, 7, and Arinda, 3, were accounted for, their 15-year-old son Visar and Ramiz' father Shafir were not.

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KENNEDY CARE

Some say rescuers make special effort when celebrities go down

The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES - Ron Trenton took off in a Piper Cherokee from San Diego's Montgomery Field and headed toward the beach, wagging his wings at his fellow lifeguards below.

But this was Trenton's last goodbye before heading out over the Pacific Ocean on whale-watching expeditions.

Most of these draw little notice from the general public. Not so

the extensive search for John F. Kennedy Jr., his wife and sister-in-law, and many wonder whether the government would go to equal lengths for someone who wasn't the celebrity son of an assassinated president.

President Clinton assured the country that the initial efforts were consistent with what would have been done in any other case.

But a review of rescue and recovery efforts in two single-engine airplane crashes off the California coast demonstrates the difficulty of setting a uniform standard for a search. Trenton's family has no complaints. But the sister of Robert Beach, who died



Ron Trenton sits in the cockpit of his Piper Cherokee airplane in this family photo from 1992. He later died when his craft went down in the Pacific Ocean.

with three friends in the other crash in question, sees a "difference between celebrity and civilian."

Not so, says Larry Hall of the U.S. Coast Guard, who oversaw the search for Beach's plane.

"It doesn't matter to us if you

are John F. Kennedy Jr. or John Q. Citizen, we are in the business of saving lives," Hall said.

"We will launch whatever resources it takes. Only when we have ruled out any chance of a survivor, and usually it's reluctantly,

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People ponder future of TF's Fillmore Street

By Brandon Fiala
 Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - Now that a proposal including the extension of Fillmore Street has been withdrawn, many people are wondering about the future of Fillmore Street.

Joe Russell, the developer and majority owner of Mall Associates, has stated that he will reapply once the city and CSI have come to an agreement regarding the six conditions CSI's governing board has required before they will grant a right-of-way through the campus.

Russell's request is to rezone 23.4 acres bordered by Blue Lakes Boulevard, CSI and North

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THE REGION

Camas Prairie

High: 85 Low: 45
Sunny and warmer in the afternoon and clear in the evening. Sunny and warmer on Tuesday.

Treasure Valley

High: 94 Low: 62
Sunny and warmer with light winds. Clear in the evening. Sunny and hot on Tuesday.

Sawtooth Mountains/Wood River Valley

High: 82 Low: 42
Sunny and warmer. Clear in the evening. A few sunshiners. Tuesday with highs around 90.

Eastern Idaho

High: 88 Low: 50
Sunny and warmer with west wind 5 to 10 miles per hour. Sunny on Tuesday.

Northern Idaho

High: 88 Low: 57
Mostly sunny and warmer. Clear in the evening. Sunny and a little warmer on Tuesday.

Northern Utah

High: 88 Low: 65
Mostly sunny. Partly cloudy in the evening and Tuesday afternoon, with chance of thunderstorms.

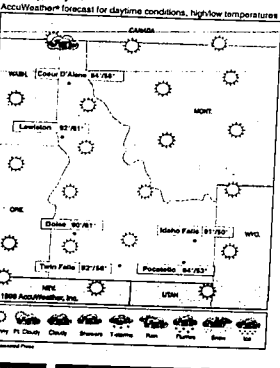
Northern Nevada

High: 90 Low: 40
Sunny. Mostly clear in the evening. Tuesday mostly sunny.

MAGIC VALLEY FIVE-DAY FORECAST

Today Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday
High 92 Low 56 Sunny and warmer with west winds 5-10 miles per hour. High 95 Low 60 Sunny and hot. High 95 Low 55 Mostly sunny during the day; clear at night. High 95 Low 55 Mostly sunny during the day; clear at night. High 95 Low 55 Mostly sunny during the day; clear at night.

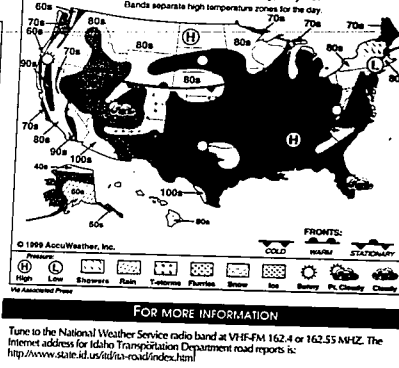
Idaho weather Monday, July 26



UV INDEX FIRE DANGER
Index: 8 (High) Fire conditions in southern Idaho is very high on range lands and high in forested lands. 20 minutes

SKYWATCH
Sunset today: 9:05 p.m. Sunrise tomorrow: 6:25 a.m. Lunar phase: Full, July 28; last quarter, Aug. 4; new, Aug. 11; first quarter, Aug. 15.

National weather The AccuWeather forecast for noon, Monday, July 26.



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ACROSS THE NATION

Idaho: Clear skies and pleasant temperatures prevailed across southern Idaho through the central mountains. Cloudiness in the panhandle slowly decreased during the day Sunday. Temperatures Sunday in the mid-80s at Mountain Home, Malad and Boise. Winds were generally light and variable. Elsewhere: Thunderstorms spread across the South and rolled through the mid-central states Sunday. Storm warnings were issued for parts of New England.

Low pressure sitting over the Southeast produced a dense area of strong storms from southern Alabama into southern Georgia and northern Florida. Showers and occasional thunderstorms also were scattered over parts of Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, central Florida and the coast of South Carolina. Scattered showers developed in southern Texas. In the North, a ribbon of strong thunderstorms and locally heavy showers rolled across the Dakotas and into northern Minnesota.

YESTERDAY'S WEATHER

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Idaho High/Lows

Table with columns: City, Max, Min, Precip, Idaho: High, degrees at Boise, etc.

The Nation

Table with columns: City, Max, Min, Precip, Albuquerque, Anchorage, Atlanta, etc.

Rescuers

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will we suspend the search." But the recovery efforts of bodies and wreckage vary, as does the number of people assigned to investigate the accidents, said Keith Holloway of the National Transportation Safety Board.

Fillmore

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College Road. If approved, an upscale retail center would be built.

But Russell may have reapplying in order to spark serious negotiations between the city and CSI, City Engineer Gary Young said.

Russell's rezoning request was the driving force behind plans to extend Fillmore Street because the developer would pay for the northern section of the road.

"Once the developer withdrew his request, the issue pretty much ended," Young said.

If Russell were to reapply, negotiations between the city and CSI may run smoothly.

"The city originally brought the street lowering petition to the city's board, and many of the conditions are already agreed to," Young said.

"I would hope that the city and CSI could come to an agreement," Russell said. "I don't want to go through the process before the conditions are worked out."

If Russell reappplies within a couple of months, the decision will go straight to the City Council, but if the process takes longer, it probably will be referred to the planning and zoning commission.

"Depending on the time-frame, I wouldn't be surprised if we go back to the planning and zoning commission," Russell said.

anticipate it may take some time for the college board to formalize their plans for student pedestrian safety.

Along CSI's conditions was a request that the city help college staff with traffic problems affecting student and pedestrian safety.

"I feel I have done all I can to be fair," Russell said.

A compensation agreement has been reached with residents living in the area for more than a year or two, Russell said.

Seven of the eight long-term neighbors living along the Fillmore Street extension, whose homes would border the road, have reached an agreement and all seven of the long-term neighbors living along what would be the south border of the mall have also reached an agreement, Russell said.

In addition, Russell has agreed to build a 10-foot wall to protect the south border neighbors. This is in addition to Russell's earlier financial agreements with the city.

Russell would pay for the portion of an extended Fillmore Street bordering his property, and pay the city \$50,000 for other costs.

"This is an unusual agreement," Russell said. "A developer would typically pay for half plus ten feet of the extended road."

Russell believed a unique situation called for a unique agreement.

"Because the neighbors were going to look at the park and the city was facing a financial cost, I felt it was appropriate to help," he said.

The \$80,000 would cover most of the cost for the six-foot wall to protect neighbors living along the extension, Russell said.

flying in less-than-desirable conditions. Neither filed a flight plan, nor did they signal a possible engine problem over the radio.

One important difference is water depth.

Although CSI's conditions were set in place to lessen the impact of an extended road on the college and nearby residents, many of those residents still oppose the extension.

"We have a beautiful recreation facility, and we don't need a highway going through it," said Vern Barnes, a resident near the proposed extension.

Even with increased congestion on Blue Lakes Boulevard, Barnes said he would still oppose an extension.

"There are other alternatives instead of putting traffic on Fillmore," Barnes said.

Improvements on Pole Line Road and Washington Street will help, he said.

A petition opposing the extension of Fillmore Street now has more than a thousand signatures, Barnes said. And people all across town oppose the extension, not just those who live by it.

But their concerns may be ignoring the larger traffic issues that effects everybody who drives on Blue Lakes Boulevard, and about 2,000 use the city's main street.

"A little over 4,000 cars daily use Fillmore Street from Falls Avenue, and about 2,000 use Courtney said. We felt there needed to be another access other than Blue Lakes, which has more than enough traffic now, and with the development it would only compound it."

"We wanted to provide an alternate to Blue Lakes," Courtney said. And the extension of Fillmore Street has been included in the city's master street plan for the number of years, he said.

For nearly 20 years, Fillmore Street has been designated a collector street, which means at some point it could be extended like Locust Street on the east side of

feet of Atlantic Ocean off Martha's Vineyard. Beach is presumed to have gone down in 5,000 feet of water, and Trenton in a two-mile deep canyon on the ocean floor.

Kennedy crashed in about 180 feet of water.

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"When the State Department announced they could return, the Lalinovci's were at the top of the list," he said.

Other refugees who have not decided if they want to go home have until May 2000 to make up their minds.

Skender Stullba, 23, does not want to go back to Kosovo for at least six months. Stullba, a slender young man, said he has been in the United States for about two weeks. He described fleeing his hometown of Ferizaj for fear of being executed by police.

Refugee

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Ramiz said he had to leave without his missing loved ones, hoping and praying for them everyday during their trip to America.

Ramiz said he spoke with a cousin on the phone a few weeks ago who said Visar and Shaqir were safe. He said he hopes his cousin's words are true and that not only his son and father, but other family members, are also safe.

"If all our cousins and family are O.K. it's going to be the biggest happiness in our lives," Ramiz said.

"These people are leaving the CSI refugee center to go back to their Kosovo homes, including the Lalinovci family. Forty-seven refugees remain in Twin Falls," said Ron Black, the refugee center's director.

"We will probably not be receiving any more refugees, unless the United Nations identifies them as a refugee in another country," he said. "Then they would be eligible to be re-located here."

Black said he will miss the Lalinovci family.

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Ramiz Lalinovci, Kosovar refugee who came to Twin Falls in June.

border to Macedonia," Stullba said at the airport before saying farewell to the Lalinovci's. "I was so scared at one point when I heard the police were coming, that instead of putting my shoes on my feet, I put them in my pockets and ran."

Stullba, along with his friends, Sami Merilaku, 19, and Hariz Luzha, 23, said their families are safe.

Black said others at the refugee center are not as fortunate as the Lalinovci's or the three young Kosovars were.

"We had one 18-year-old man who found out that his father had been killed," Black said. "He returned because his mother and the rest of his family were still there and he felt obligated to go back."

Petrit Pula, 18, has helped translate for refugees at the CSI center. Pula came to the United States as an exchange student in 1998. He said he saw the beginning of the horror in Kosovo when he was driven from his hometown of Gjakova in 1997.

"I was arrested by the police," he said. "They beat me, but I did not want to cry in front of them. I felt it would be embarrassing and dishonorable."

Pula's family escaped harm and is living at a refugee center in Belgium. Pula said he wants his family to come here to be with him.

Black said that might be difficult.

"The United States is discouraging more people from entering," he said. "We are taking care of the refugees to go back home and start rebuilding their country."

Though the Lalinovci's love their country and are eager to return to it, they said they are grateful for the United States' assistance and may one day return here.

"We are so thankful for America's help," said Adirita Lalinovci. "I had my eyes swollen with tears. We were thankful for the clothes we got and all the medical screenings. We are thankful to our neighbors."

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Salvaging Civil War history

Suspect's brother was victim

Divers try to bring ironclad to the surface

OFF CAPE HATTERAS, N.C. — The last time Bernie Denny pulled these waters, he was more than a half-century younger and commanding German Ottos aboard a Navy transport loaded with explosives.

"It was April of '42, when they were at their best," the Virginia Beach man says.

This day, Denny is heading out into the Atlantic again, aboard a 38-foot fishing boat called the Lucky Chip. Northeast winds have lashed the North Carolina coast for three straight days, and the crashing of 4-foot waves nearly topples Denny, now 79, a retired airline pilot.

Twenty-one miles out, the fishing boat pulls alongside the Navy salvage vessel USS Grasp — a ship bristling with booms and winches, not guns. Heavy rain pelts Denny's close-cropped white head as he steps gingerly off the Lucky Chip's gunwale on an upward-sloping grab, the rope ladder and hauls himself aboard the larger vessel.



Navy divers are lowered off the deck of the USS Grasp off the coast of Cape Hatteras, N.C., last month. The divers are part of a Navy team that is mapping the wreckage of the Civil War ironclad USS Monitor in hopes of bringing up the engine and turret.

He has come for a rendezvous with a piece of naval history not his own. He has spent nearly a water grave of the ironclad USS Monitor.

"Tin can on a shingle," they called the Union Navy's dark and strange-looking fighting ship. "Chessbox on a raft."

Whatever the descriptive names contemporaries hurled, Lt. Cmdr. Eric Anderson, the Grasp's skipper, knows the significance of the rusted skeleton lying 240 feet below.



The crew of the USS Monitor relaxes on the deck of the Civil War ironclad at James River, Va., in this undated photograph by James F. Gibson.

The Monitor is the grandfather of all warships," says Anderson, a 33-year-old first-time commander from Shelby in the shadows of the Blue Ridge Mountains. "I mean, even modern Navy historically can trace its roots back to the Monitor and the Merrimack."

The Monitor met the Merrimack — the Confederate ironclad also known as the CSS Virginia — only once, on March 9, 1862. It was the first clash between steam-powered, iron-hulled ships. Although the four-hour confrontation ended in a draw, it changed forever the course of naval combat.

wreck has become a home for sponges, barnacles, and soft and hard coral.

A quarter century after her rediscovery, Anderson and his crew have come to create a video layout of the wreck for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. Researchers hope the information will help in the recovery of the turret and the Monitor's unique engine before the rusting ship collapses.

An old sail named Bernie Denny will be helping them — and himself.

After a lunch of chili-mac spiced enough to strip paint off the ship's deck, Anderson heads to the aft deck to prepare for his dive.

On deck, muscular men wait in the rain to suit up the divers. Most wear khaki shorts and blue T-shirts with inscriptions such as "Navy Divers — the men your wife dreams about" and "Fly Navy — we need the work."

Coiled behind the men are the divers' "umbrellas," icorite twists of colored hoses. Yellow is air; red is communications; blue is a pneumofathometer for depth readings; a thick black hose circulates 120-degree water through the dive suits; thin black is power for helmet lamps.

On the port side, away from the action, Chief Petty Officer Mickey Jones lures two shimmering yellow-blue mahi-mahi in quick succession.

Father says schizophrenic Capitol shooter is too ill for trial

Knight Rider News Service

VALMEYER, Ill. — Russell "Rusty" Weston has gone silent and remains too ill to stand trial for the slayings of two policemen inside the U.S. Capitol building, Weston's father says one year after the shootings.

Abrah J. and Russell Weston Sr. of Valmeyer learned a year ago Saturday that their schizophrenic son had been wounded by police gunfire and arrested by killing officers John M. Gibson and Jacob A. Chestnut with a 38-caliber pistol.

Rusty Weston, 42, now is hospitalized at the Federal Corrections Institute in Bannock, N.C., 300 miles away from the Southern Illinois village where he grew up. His parents visited him there for two days last month.

"He wouldn't talk. He'd just nod his head yes or no," said Russell Weston Sr. "I think he knows us, but I couldn't talk to him positively. He has put on some weight since he's been in there."

It was the Westons' fifth visit to their son since events in Washington drew national attention to Valmeyer and the well-respected parents of a troubled son.

The past year has seen the elder Westons' privacy invaded by reporters, their home searched by the FBI and their unwilling testimony forced by subpoena during a federal grand jury investigation. Despite that, the experiences have left the elder Weston uncritical of all the intruders.

Car crashes into building injuring 27

WINSLOW, Maine (AP) — An elderly woman having problems pulling out of a handicapped parking space accidentally crashed her car into a restaurant on Sunday, injuring 27 people, police said.

Twelve people were taken by ambulance to area hospitals, some with serious injuries. Police said the injuries were not considered life-threatening.

Fifteen people were treated at the scene for cuts and bruises. Marie Wyman, 87, was having problems pulling out of a handicapped parking spot when her car lurched forward into the Lobster Trap and Steakhouse about 1:10 p.m., police said.

The black sedan went through the restaurant foyer and into the dining room, throwing tables, chairs and people aside. The car struck the opposite wall, breaking large pieces of glass. The car backed up about 25 feet and hit another wall before coming to a stop.

"From the outside it didn't look real bad, but inside the restaurant it was a total disaster," said Fire Chief William Park.

Winslow is about 20 miles north of Augusta.

Mr. Rogers' Neighborhood

The descent takes seven minutes, leaving only about 20 minutes of bottom time. Anderson, the "red diver," moves out with a video camera and walks the 30 or so feet to the Monitor's pock-marked armor belt.

Visibility is just 10 feet as sand and marine life course toward the camera lens in a snowstorm effect played topside on a small monitor. The images are scored by the creosote "sack purple, sack purple" of Anderson's breathing apparatus.

He makes his way into the wreck and work his way into the engine room, one of the only parts of the hull that still has most of its plating intact. But the unpredictable current has picked up, and he can't get enough slack on his umbilical.

The voice change makes it hard to understand what Anderson is saying. Heinsenman grabs the twin spotwatches dangling at his sides like a firefighter drawing his pistols from his holsters.

Anderson has just enough time to lay a hand on the seaward turret before Heinsenman orders him back to the stage to give "green diver" Andrew McKaskle a shot.

McKaskle reacts the wrong way. He can't find anything to crawl up on. Heinsenman: "Green diver, you think you'll be able to get anything done in the next two minutes?"

McKaskle: "That's a negative topside."

Heinsenman to Broadwater: "Anything you want him to do just while he's standing there?"

Broadwater: "If he heads to the right, the slope is down and he could probably just get up and pan, but that's about it."

Heinsenman: "Tell both divers to return to the stage."

The divers ascend to 120, then stop for several minutes to begin the decompression and purge the gases from their bloodstream. The next stop is 90 feet, then every 10 feet until they reach 40. They're facing each other now, watching for signs of oxygen toxicity.

At 40 feet, the divers are switched to 100 percent oxygen for 10 minutes, then brought quickly up to the surface. Like a pit crew at the Indy 500, four sailors each swim the divers in a scramble to strip them to their shorts and get them into the decompression chamber within five minutes.

The divers will spend the next hour and a half in the cramped chamber — a three-hour bill for 20 minutes in nature's domain.

It would be several more days before conditions improved enough for divers to explore the Monitor's bowels. After his frustrating first dive, Anderson finally reached the hull.

He climbed under the armor belt and looked up into the engine room. The excavated machine has fallen loose but still appears to be intact — and recoverable.

Back on the mainland, the people at the Mariner's Museum tell Denny in on the mission's success.

"OK red,"

"OK green?"

"OK green."

"OK both divers," the radio man shouts.

"OK BOTH DIVERS," the crew echoes.

All is professionalism on deck. The phrase "euss like a sailor" has no meaning here.

"We don't use profanity on the site," says Engineerin Chief Will Rubick. "It's all kind of like minds, Weston said.

"Things will never be normal," he said.

"Rusty Weston's most recent court hearing in Washington was on June 18, when a federal judge postponed a decision on whether he should be forced to take medication that might improve his mental state.

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NATION

Space shuttle may have leaked fuel

Problem could have caused shutdown

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — Space shuttle Columbia may have been leaking hydrogen fuel all the way to orbit last week from one of its main engines, NASA said Sunday.

If it proves to be a leak as photographs suggest, the engine could have shut down abruptly if more fuel had seeped out, resulting in a never-before-encountered emergency landing within minutes of launch, either at Florida or West Africa.

As it turned out, Columbia made it safely to orbit Friday under the command of Air Force Col. Eileen Collins, the first woman to command a U.S. spaceship.

The shuttle, carrying five astronauts and the world's biggest and most powerful X-ray telescope, fell seven miles short of its intended orbit. A fuel leak could explain why the engines shut down one second or so early.

NASA's mission operations representative, Wayne Hale, stressed there is no proof that one of two cooling tubes in the nozzle of the right engine were cracked and leaking hydrogen. Until the shuttle returns to Earth on Tuesday night and the engine is examined, no one will know for sure, he said.

"Obviously, when you're dealing with main engines, and they have a lot of energy flowing through that system, you want them to operate exactly down the middle of the pipe because bad things might happen," Hale said.

"We don't think this is a case that even approaches that."

Hydrogen has leaked from cracked tubes in engine nozzles during a couple other shuttle launches, but at a smaller rate than appears to have happened this time, Hale said.

During a news conference, Hale showed a video frame of Columbia 10 to 15 seconds after liftoff. A bright streak was clearly visible on the inside of the right engine nozzle. The two other engine nozzles were spotless.

The cooling tubes, if split, would have begun leaking one or two seconds before liftoff and continued leaking throughout the 15-minute climb to orbit, Hale said.

Each engine nozzle has more than 1,000 of these slender steel tubes through which hydrogen flows to cool the bell-shaped nozzle and also to preheat the super-



Commander Eileen Collins, left, and astronaut Steve Hawley, foreground, work in view of a television camera Sunday on the flight deck of space shuttle Columbia.

cold hydrogen fuel to improve engine efficiency. The circulating hydrogen comes from the giant external fuel tank strapped to the shuttle and flows directly into the engine combustion chamber.

The problem — whatever it was — was unrelated to the short circuit that occurred five seconds

Party tries to find an identity

Knight Ridder News Service

DEARBORN, Mich. — Once a formidable force in American politics, members of the Reform Party stood all but isolated as they wrapped up their annual gathering Sunday, struggling to find a path to success in a world that may have passed them by.

After a weekend of fighting, they decided to break with party founders and his leadership, electing a new chairman who vowed to find a new presidential candidate other than two-time loser Perot. The new chairman, Jack Corgan of Florida, was backed by the only party member ever to win statewide office, Gov. Jesse Ventura of Minnesota.

Perot has not signaled whether he will run a third time. Ventura said he will not run, but that he wants Lowell Weicker, a former senator of Connecticut, to run.

Regardless of who leads the party into the next election, it was clear here that it faces other, broader problems.

Polls show little appetite for a third party alternative to the major party presidential candidates. Efforts to win other offices beyond Ventura's have fallen flat with voters even in his home state. And some of the main issues that drove creation of the party — like federal budget deficits and a stagnant economy — have been solved.

Speaking to party members Saturday night, Perot himself suggested that the movement might have to wait until an economic downturn before it will regain a broader appeal.

"One thing you've got to face in the Reform Party. As long as the times are good and everybody has a job, they'll let these folks get away with anything," he said of the Democrats and Republicans who now hold office.

"But we know the economic cycle gets in position and wait for the opportunity. And that opportunity always presents itself. If you're not organized and prepared, you'll miss it again," Perot said.

Political analyst Stuart Rothenberg said the Reform Party members are, in effect, fighting over crumbs. "They haven't built a party, they haven't recruited candidates, they haven't put a party structure together," said Rothenberg, of Washington, D.C. "They're just fighting among themselves to lead this skeletal group."

Eldest Kennedy cousin takes on leadership role

ANNAPOLIS, Md. (AP) — In a family known for glamour, adventure and, sometimes, calumnious misadventure, Kathleen Kennedy Townsend is often called the post-Kennedy, the quiet Kennedy, clean Kathleen — and only partly in jest.

Over the last two decades, while more famous relatives moved in Washington's power corridors and otherwise made headlines, the first child of Robert Kennedy built a career in public service, raised four daughters, ages 7 to 21, with her college professor husband, and, as the eldest of 30 Kennedy cousins, led the family in times of trouble.

Now, after five years as Maryland's lieutenant governor, Ms. Townsend is in position to step forward as the potential standard-bearer for her generation of Kennedys.

The family patriarch, of course, remains U.S. Sen. Edward Kennedy. His son, Patrick, a congressman from Rhode Island, has proven himself a skilled hand cand-



Kathleen Kennedy Townsend

er and heads the House campaign committee that helps elect Democrats.

Townsend's younger brother, Joseph, left Congress last year after six terms, but speculation has him re-entering politics in the future.

Ms. Townsend, though, is already considered the frontrunner for Maryland governor in the 2002 election, and her name has also surfaced — among many others — as a possible vice-presidential running mate for Democrat Al Gore.

The only other Kennedy of her generation in elected office is cousin Mark Shriver, a Maryland state lawmaker.

Ms. Townsend, 48, has the characteristic toothy Kennedy smile

but has had to work hard to pick up the political skills her father and uncles exhibited so effortlessly. One family trait she never lacked, however, is the competitive Kennedy spirit, especially in sports.

Former Sen. Joseph Tydings, a close friend of Robert Kennedy, remembers a touch football game when Kathleen was 10 or 11. She and her father went up against Tydings and another man.

"I don't know if they beat us or not, but if they didn't, it was damned close," he said.

From an early age, Ms. Townsend was expected to shoulder some responsibility for her 10 siblings and many cousins.

One of her most cherished possessions — framed and hanging in a hallway of her Victorian home in suburban Baltimore — is this letter Robert Kennedy wrote to his 12-year-old daughter the day President John F. Kennedy was buried.

"Dear Kathleen, You seem to understand that Jack died and

was buried today. As the eldest of the Kennedy grandchildren, you have a particular responsibility now — a special responsibility to John and Joe. Be kind to others and work for your country. Love, Daddy."

The letter referred to her brother Joe and to cousin John Kennedy Jr., who had turned 3 that day.

The president's son was killed July 17 in a private plane crash off Martha's Vineyard. The Townsends accompanied President Clinton and his family to New York City for the Kennedy memorial service Friday.

Robert Kennedy's trust in his daughter was not misplaced, friends say. Ms. Townsend can be counted on in times of trouble.

She took the lead in defending Joe against criticism he'd tried to rally his first wife into an annual July 12 anniversary celebration, two years after they divorced. In 1979, she went to court to become brother David's legal guardian, to



Samuel Tumeay of Liberty, Miss., made his first press release parody of William Faulkner work in this 1994 photo. In the photo, on the floor of the late, former house of the late Nobel Prize-winning author, Tumeay, a small-town lawyer, has sat every early year on the 20-year anniversary of the Faulkner with a contest, and won this year.

Lawyer finds success with fake Faulkner

JACKSON, Miss. (AP) — A rambling, 500-word sentence about an old Mississippi railroad crossing took top honors in the annual contest challenging William Faulkner lovers to imitate the Nobel Prize winner's unique writing style.

Winner Samuel Tumeay, a small-town Mississippi lawyer, won the contest for a second time. He read his entry Sunday in Oxford, the home of the author who died in 1962.

Tumeay has entered nearly every year of the contest's 10-year run, saying he aims for a "pretentious, flowery" opening to a sentence that goes on and on and on — and is funny.

His winning parody deals with a railroad crossing in the Mississippi Delta known as the spot "where the Southern crosses the dog."

Tumeay said Faulkner never wrote about the Delta but would have probably appreciated the story of the railroad crossing where the Southern Railroad track intersected at a right angle with the "Yellow Dog" line (the Yazoo and Mississippi Valley Railroad).

He pinpoints the spot in his entry to Moorhead, Miss., which was not fabled or even known, "but if you had to go on... the passage continues, "or if you had an obsession to find the very place that your mother had told you about (or maybe if you worked for a Yankee newspaper) you could find a green sign that says this is the only right angle railroad crossing in all the civilized world."

"It's truly crazy Mississippi at its best. Only in Mississippi would anybody have let two railroads cross at an angle," said Larry Wells, a contest organizer who is married to Faulkner's niece, Dean Faulkner Wells. "It's almost a rite of passage in Mississippi to find out where the Southern crossed the dog. It's a real legend."

Tumeay's piece bested a take on President Bill Clinton's dalliance with Monica Lewinsky titled "Soundbites and Furries," an offshoot of the Faulkner title, "The Sound and the Fury."

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Art lovers seek whereabouts of van Gogh painting

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — No one in the art world seems to know the whereabouts of the most expensive painting ever sold, even though it has not been reported stolen.

The painting is a portrait by Vincent van Gogh of Paul Ferdinand Gachet, the doctor and friend of the artist who watched over him in the last weeks of his life. Many consider the 1890 painting to be the van Gogh's last important portrait.

When the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York tried to find the painting for its current exhibition, museum officials could not locate the masterpiece. The Philadelphia Inquirer reported Sunday. The exhibition catalog noted the absence with the words "present location unknown."

In 1990, Japanese businessman Royon Saito paid \$82.5 million for an auction for "Portrait of Dr. Gachet," the most money ever

paid for a painting. Saito, the honorary chairman of Daishow Paper Manufacturing Co., said he stored it in a warehouse after looking at it once.

That year, shortly after paying the Japanese government a \$24 million tax bill, he told friends that the van Gogh and a Renoir he bought at the same auction should be burned at his cremation so his heirs would not have to pay an inheritance tax. At the time, it was regarded as a joke.

Six years later, he died at age 79. It is unclear if anyone has seen the van Gogh since.

"The painting belonged to Mr. Saito and not the company. So we're not quite sure where it is now," Dalshawa, a Paper spokesman in Iowa Sakamoto said.

"But we heard that they sold the painting to somebody else. There's no fact to the rumor that he brought the painting to his coffin. Somebody owns that painting."

Clinton attends funeral

Wailing Moroccans bury their king

RABAT, Morocco (AP) — World leaders walked solemnly through screaming crowds on the way to the North African capital Sunday to honor Hassan II, who for 35 years king of a proud, placid nation, committed no place in a turbulent region.

Hassan, who died Friday at 70, was seen as a personification of compromise, an Arab moderate who calmed wars much in the way of King Hussein of Jordan, who died less than six months earlier.

Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Barak and President Ezer Weizman joined Arab leaders at the funeral, signaling a new era that Hassan's 35-year-old son, now King Mohammed VI, would have his head as president.

Hassan's coffin rolled slowly atop an army truck, under a rich green cloth embrodered in gold with respect from the Koran. Four white lions and a golden Arabic calligraphic inscription in front.

Family members, heads of state and guests walked slowly behind along the two-and-a-half-mile route from the Royal Palace to the mosque where Hassan's remains were laid to rest by those of his father, Mohammed VI.

The new king, in flowing white robes and a red turban, moved imperceptibly forward despite the constant press of non-benign mourners who shrieked against police lines. Clinton walked next to him



President Clinton walks with Prince Moulay Rachid upon his arrival Sunday in Rabat, Morocco. Clinton is attending the funeral of King Hassan II.

along the route. As the cortege passed, crowds cheered. "This is the hour of God."

Many cities had blocked the roads into Rabat, as mourners walked through the night from surrounding cities and distant villages. Police estimated that more than a million people headed toward the capital in buses or on foot.

From the high-rise port of Casablanca to the old walled cities of Fez and Marrakech, mosques had lit in the Sahara Desert. Mourners chanted their grief, wailing prayers of Hassan and their new king.

In Rabat, volunteer teams scurried to collect fainting victims, overcome by emotion and heat. "It is worse than losing a father," said Hicham Marroussi, 32, crouching under a palm tree by the royal palace, with three children who shared his thoughts. As with most of Morocco's 30-

million inhabitants, their sadness was tinged with anxiety over the future in the hands of an untested successor.

The king died with the Middle East and North Africa headed down promising new paths. But the battered Moroccan economy faced new pressures, with debt, drought and crippling underemployment.

"We have lost a king, but we have a king," said Marroussi's friend, Youssef Narjoui. "He will follow in his father's steps, and the government remains stable." Still, he added, "He is young, and the problems are great."

Among intellectuals and political dissidents, this worry seemed intense. In private homes, critics offered harsh assessments of Hassan's stern rule. But few spoke for the record in the face of mass mourning.

The six-hour funeral began in the afternoon with Koranic read-

ings of the coffin in an ornate salon. Dignitaries filed by to pay final respects.

President Clinton, in a dark pinstripe suit, gave a slight bow before the casket. Beforehand, he chatted with leaders from the Middle East and elsewhere as they waited in a marble courtyard. He was joined in the trip by Hillary Clinton, as well as former President Bush and two former secretaries of state, Warren Christopher and James A. Baker III.

Not even visiting heads of state were invited to the final gesture, the placing of the king's remains into the royal mausoleum in the shadow of a 12th century minaret.

The guest list alone showed that in death, as in life, Hassan was able to bring together old foes to find common ground. The Israelis walked alongside Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat and leaders of neighboring states. But Syrian President

Hafez Assad abruptly decided not to attend, reportedly because of suggestions by Israel that he might hold talks with Barak on the side.

Despite years of tension between their countries, Algeria's president, Abdelaziz Bouteflika, paid warm homage to "an old friend, brother and comrade in arms."

And in an unexpected exchange, Bouteflika, whose country has been adamant in its hostility to Israel, shook hands with Barak and offered to help in peacemaking efforts.

"If you need any help, we are full ready to help you," Bouteflika told Barak in halting English. Their brief conversation was broadcast on Israel's Channel 1 television.

Hassan also built bridges across the Mediterranean, retaining warm ties with France — the country's former colonial ruler — and his friend King Juan Carlos of Spain.

AIDS in Africa

Epidemic runs unabated in many regions

Knight Ridder News Service

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa — A few weeks before she gave birth to her daughter in February, 16-year-old Lucy Ndlovu learned she was infected with HIV. "At that point, my mind went dead," she said.

She could have been infected by her boyfriend, who reacted without shock when she told him she had the AIDS virus. Or she could have been infected by her 28-year-old cousin, who she said raped her three years ago.

The result was the same: Ndlovu's mother evicted her and her 1-week-old daughter, Pearl, from their Johannesburg house. The young mother and child ended up at Entebessim, a shelter for HIV-positive children.

"I wasn't angry," said Ndlovu. "I was hurt."

Ndlovu became another casualty in an AIDS scourge that is running wild in South Africa. The years ago AIDS was rare in South Africa. Now, one in eight adults is HIV-positive.

The current estimates that 3.6 million South Africans are infected, in a country of 45 million people. (By comparison, about 700,000 people in the United States, with a population of 275 million, are HIV-positive, and one in 330 adults is infected.)

The epidemic, which has hit southern and eastern Africa hardest with any place in the world, has left 6 million children orphaned in sub-Saharan Africa, according to a UNICEF report released Thursday.

"AIDS is spreading and stifling the economic and social infrastructure of the entire continent. It is killing the most productive age group," said Stephen Lewis, UNICEF's deputy executive director.

"It is doubling and tripling infant mortality rates. It is the modern incarnation of the Danic 'Inferno.' Never has Africa faced such a plague," Lewis said.

Here in South Africa, the continent's most economically advanced nation, life expectancy is expected to drop from 60 to 40 years in the next 10 years as more people die from the disease.

AIDS is much more prevalent among black South Africans than among the minority white population. And the epidemic is spreading most rapidly among young women such as Ndlovu.

Twenty-two percent of the women visiting prenatal clinics in South Africa last year tested positive for HIV. Prevalence among females ages 15 to 19 increased from 1.7 percent in 1997 to 21 percent last year.

"Most of what we're seeing is the legacy of apartheid," said Quamila Karim, a researcher at the Center for Epidemiological Research in Southern Africa. She said the spread of AIDS was accelerated by South Africa's migrant labor system, set up during the years of white-minority rule, when black men would work several months in the cities between visits to their villages.

"The growth of the virus is also caused when men, unaware they already are infected, seek out younger, safer partners," Karim said. There have been some notorious cases in which HIV-positive men deliberately spread the virus. Some men have also sought out young women on the advice of traditional healers, who say one way to become cured of AIDS is to have sex with a virgin.

China detains more sect members as protests wane

BEIJING — Protest by an outlawed meditation group waned under a Chinese government crackdown that continued with more arrests Sunday.

About a dozen protesters from the group, Falun Gong, were held at a park across the street from the Zhongnanhai compound in Beijing, where President Jiang Jinnan and other Chinese leaders have an empty city bus and police vans were parked, possibly to carry away more detainees.

Groups of police patrolled outside the compound, but no large groups of protesters from outside the park were seen. Police numbers were posted there earlier in the week, when up to 30,000 protesters gathered in Beijing and other cities. Thousands of people were detained at the quiet, peaceful protest.

China's communist leaders banned Falun Gong on Thursday, saying it "aimed to develop political power." Protest had erupted late Tuesday after authorities reportedly arrested up to 70 leading sect members throughout the country.

Falun Gong leaders have denied any political ambitions and say they didn't organize the protests. The clash with authorities began April 25, when at least 10,000 believers surrounded Zhongnanhai in a silent protest of which they said was official harassment.

China doesn't allow independent religious or political groups for fear they would erode public anger over job losses and corruption. Beijing is especially strict on creating dissent before the start of communist rule. Scores of political and labor activists have been arrested since 1989.

Falun Gong was founded in 1992 by Li Hongzhi, a former soldier and government clerk who lives in the United States. Its adherents draw on martial arts, Buddhism and Taoism. The group says its goals are physical and mental fitness, and are not religious.

Chinese leaders are especially nervous about Falun Gong because of its vast size. The government said in one report it had up to 70 million members, com-



A Chinese police officer walks by an unidentified man practicing meditation exercises in a Beijing park early Sunday. Police have been stationed in parks in the morning since Thursday to prevent any meetings by practitioners of the outlawed Falun Gong sect. However, many other similar forms of meditation exercises have been unaffected by the ban.

pared with 60 million in the ruling Communist Party. Most Falun Gong members are middle-aged and older, and many are women.

A barrage of attacks by state media has accused Falun Gong of defaming and abusing officials, and has blamed it for 16 deaths. Some television has shown images of graphic pictures of members who killed or maimed themselves.

Falun Gong has denied any connection to deaths of members, who it said may have been ID or mentally unstable.

U.S., Vietnam agree in principle to pact

HANOI, Vietnam — Nearly a decade after the end of the Vietnam War, the United States and Vietnam are taking the last step in normalizing relations, agreeing in principle Sunday on a landmark trade pact.

The deal is expected to benefit both sides, particularly Vietnam, which has been hit hard by the fallout from the Asian financial crisis and is eagerly looking for investors and export markets. But it would also require major reforms for one of the world's poorest countries, which suffers

World in brief

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Only scant details were available of the nearly 100-page agreement, the culmination of nine rounds of talks over the last three years including an intensive final 48 hours.

Both sides said the agreement will govern areas such as bilateral trade, investment, tariff reduction and intellectual property rights. It could pave the way for Vietnam to join the World Trade Organization.

The agreement, which will have to be translated, signed and approved by the U.S. Congress and Vietnam's National Assembly, is expected to take effect early next year.

Russian premier to seek farm aid in U.S.

MOSCOW — Prime Minister Sergei Stepashin and other Russian officials will seek U.S. aid for Russian farms and airlines and discuss a steel trade dispute during a trip to the United States beginning Sunday.

news reports said.

Stepashin's U.S. visit, his first since his appointment in May, is aimed at mending relations that fell to their lowest point in the post-Cold War era during NATO's airstrikes on Yugoslavia. Russia fiercely opposed the bombings, but has peacekeeping troops serving alongside NATO in Kosovo.

"There is still hard work to do to restore confidence undermined by NATO's military action against Yugoslavia," Stepashin told reporters Sunday in the Far Eastern port city Vladivostok, according to Russian news agencies. "We need to get back to serious dialogue."

The Russian premier is also seeking to boost U.S. investment in his country's flailing economy. He left Vladivostok for Seattle on Sunday for talks with Boeing and Microsoft. He heads to Washington on Tuesday, where he will meet with his host, Vice President Al Gore, and with President Clinton and other officials.

Russia's Federal Aviation Service is appealing for \$1 billion in loans guaranteed by the U.S. Export-Import Bank to build 20 B-96MT planes for Russia's main airline company, Aeroflot, the Interfax news agency said.

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NATION

'Great fear' mounts in rural areas

Small farmers battle latest financial crisis in Great Plains

Many rely on second careers to keep family farms solvent

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Almost everywhere you look in the rural areas of the Great Plains and Texas, you can see the pain and sacrifice born of America's latest farm crisis.

It's in the face of North Dakota farmer Terry Naas, who is considering a civil service job after moving his family off their 70-acre farm. "You can't afford to keep going, and you can't afford to quit. You feel trapped," he said.

Today's subject: People around Windom who derive their income solely from farming. It's a short town.

One hand on the wheel, Visker points at the white houses that sprout up among lush green fields of corn and soybeans to underscore his running narration. "This fella here, he works in town. That fella over there, he works at Toro. This guy works in town. Now this other guy, he was farming 160 acres with a full-time mail carrier."



Farmer Michael Williams looks over his drought-damaged corn crop on his farm Friday in Mooravia, Md.

It's in the calculations of Kansas wheat farmer Wendell Sultzer, whose bumper crop this year fetched

Driving down the back roads of Cottonwood County, Visker — himself a farmer — can name only one farmer who relies solely on his farm income.

Ron and his wife, Sue Visker, are the human face of a growing trend in rural America: farmers and their spouses who have taken additional jobs to make ends meet. As the farm crisis worsens, more families are finding the only way to stay on the farm is to have a job off the farm.

year fetched 52 bushel, the lowest level in more than 25 years. His wife has taken to wearing dresses made by her sister to save money.

"We're going back to Toro," Sultzer said. "It's like we're working for \$2 an hour."

pay the bills and pay the machinery, so you have to work," says Visker as he slows the Buick, turns and heads down a road leading to some acreage he rents to some other everybody farms. "Just about everybody works. About 100 percent. If the prices don't go up, I can't stay here. I'll have to go downtown and work full time."

And as the tens of thousands of small farmers struggle to readjust their lives, the effect of the crisis is now appearing throughout the expansive rural farm economy, hollowing out communities and sapping the budgets of local schools and governments.

Two years of low prices and a worldwide oversupply of key crops have shown hundreds of tiny towns that they can't insulate themselves from the downturn. Their farm families and their work force are one and the same.

Aside from farming 1,200 acres of corn and soybeans, the Viskers have worked at a variety of jobs over the years. Ron, 49, has punched-the-clock at a nearby farm implement factory. He's driven a school bus and done maintenance for the local school district. He plows snow in town.

Sue Visker, 39, has driven a school bus and run a day-care center in her home, and she helps Ron plow snow. She's now working downtown at the Cottonwood County Extension Service.

Farmers teach math, deliver the mail, take care of nursing home patients — all to hold on to their land. If they can't keep the farm going, they say, they've lost the biggest reason they have to stay put, send their kids to local schools and buy their pickups at the dealership in town.

"Farming is long, hard work to begin with and working a job or two in town creates even more stress for farmers and their families. The stress has taken a toll on the Viskers and their three children and on their daughter.

"People say, 'Oh, to raise your family on a farm — the quality,'" says Sue Visker. "What quality? For all of us to sit at a table and eat, that's a rarity."

"Our whole lives are involved in agriculture," said Sharon Treaster, superintendent of a rural school district in Cawker City, Kan., (population 325). Treaster, and at least half the district's staff, is involved in farming.

Induced, the strain of farm families working to the physical and mental limits is being felt in rural communities everywhere, says Paul Rosenblatt, a professor in the Family Social Science department at the University of Minnesota.

"The businesses that service farmers are hurting, as well. Verlan Leavelle saw business at his carpet and floor-covering store in Brownfield, Texas, plunge 25 percent during the four months of this year. Bill Engel, a farmer in northwest Missouri, says some farmers in those parts are trying to save money by not buying crop insurance and pesticides.

"There are stories of suicide. There are marital relationships that are difficult. I know some therapists who practice in rural areas who know of violence in the family. There's lots of depression," says Rosenblatt.

Said Chad Walker, a Kansas wheat farmer, "Everybody in agriculture is treating water at the bottom of this cycle."

"Yet it's a crisis unnoticed by most Americans.

That's because the U.S. economy is so big that it's hard to measure the larger effect of the downturn," said Keith Collins, the U.S. Department of Agriculture's chief economist, pointing out that farm production totals about 1 percent of the \$7 trillion U.S.

living in or near communities of 500 or less said they felt powerless to control their lives. He also found a growing pessimism among younger farmers and ranchers. "This year even young producers are saying, 'Gee, when I look down the road 10 years, I don't see that getting better.' It's permeated our rural countryside much more than I expected," Allen said.

Bill and Linda Engel, who farm 3,000 acres along the lower line in northwest Missouri, sent a letter this month to their congressional delegation saying they sense "a great fear in rural areas that we are heading into another farm crisis, potentially more devastating than the one in the mid-'80s."

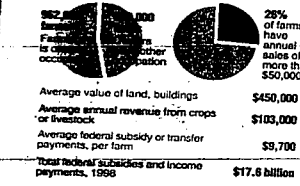
Rankings for the farming states

1 Texas	1 California	1 California
2 California	2 Iowa	2 Texas
3 Iowa	3 Illinois	3 Iowa
4 Nebraska	4 Kansas	4 Nebraska
5 Kansas	5 Florida	5 Illinois
6 North Carolina	6 Mississippi	6 Mississippi
7 Wisconsin	7 Minnesota	7 Minnesota
8 Minnesota	8 Washington	8 North Carolina
9 Arkansas	9 Indiana	9 Florida
10 Georgia	10 North Carolina	10 Wisconsin

SOURCES: USDA from Survey of Current Business, Agricultural Statistics Service, U.S. Department of Commerce and Census Bureau, U.S. Census Bureau

America's farms: The facts

Most U.S. farms today are small land holdings of the rural poor or affluents — "hobby farms." In some states, only 10% of farms are commercial enterprises that provide farmers' primary incomes. National statistics for 1997:



SOURCES: Census Bureau's 1997 Census of Agriculture, USDA Agricultural Statistics Service

Moreover, most farm states are banking in low unemployment, with state budget surpluses showing up in rural shopping malls like Indiana and Iowa.

"I don't think people leave there is a farm economy. You go to the grocery store and all the food is there," said Madelon Adenberger, who farms near Lincoln, Kan. Agribusiness and food companies aren't suffering either. Why? Because although farm prices fall, retail prices don't fall proportionately. Collins pointed out.

Union offered an alternative plan that would cost taxpayers nearly \$17 billion.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture counts 1.9 million farms across the country, but only 157,000 of those could be considered full-time commercial farms, with annual sales of \$250,000 or more. Another 190,000 farms generate sales of \$100,000 to \$250,000, putting them somewhere between full-time farming and hobby farming.

But talk to bankers in rural Minnesota. For example, and they report that financial conditions are worsening. Land values are falling, and a majority of farmers are having trouble repaying loans. In other states, retail prices are falling and some school districts are laying off teachers.

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Of course, the federal government subsidizes farmers with billions of dollars, mostly through its farm programs. That money is crucial for most farmers.

In Lamesa, Texas, federal aid and crop insurance kept cotton, peanut and grain farmer Donald Vogler from carrying over debt from his operating loss from last year to this year. "That's been the saving grace," said his wife, Brenda Vogler, who helps support the family with her job as a law clerk.

John Allen, a rural sociologist at the University of Nebraska, is familiar with the sense of powerlessness farmers can feel. It's something he measures in Nebraska with an annual survey of attitudes in rural areas.

In recent years, with a booming national economy, optimism had been up. But since the farm economy turned sour, he's seen a turnaround in attitudes.

In the 1999 poll recently released, 43 percent of residents

Today, Glickman said, policymakers need to focus on how farmers can partake in a greater share of the profits when they deal with the large corporations controlling the biotechnology restraints in agriculture and programs. "We've got to find ways for farmers to profit beyond just the production of the raw commodity," he said.

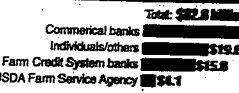
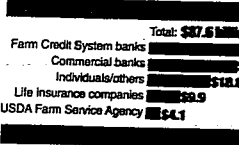
Meanwhile, political pressure already is building for another dose of direct aid. The American Farm Bureau has unveiled a proposal for the government to spend another \$9 billion in help for farmers this year. On Tuesday, the national Farmers

Bankers, growers both bet on government aid

modernity markets has raised concern by producers, lenders and a lot of economists who look at the farm sector," said Ross Anderson, chief credit officer at Agribank FCB in St. Paul, Minn., the nation's largest agricultural lender. The slumping commodity prices are having a dramatic effect on rural America, he added, as farmers cut back on spending.

Who lends to farms

Sources of credit for U.S. farmers, 1998



SOURCES: American Banker magazine, Shepherd's Information Services

Bankers, growers both bet on government aid

Knights-Ridder News Service

Jerry Goetz, president of First State Bank of Abernathy, Texas, just added five more farm customers to his "watch list" required by Texas banking regulators, bringing the total to 15 among his 70 area farm borrowers.

Those farmers will make it through the year if Congress comes up with enough farm aid to substitute for the income farmers won't receive in the marketplace. "Commodity prices are down for everything we produce down here," Goetz said. "Soybeans, corn, cotton, milo (grain sorghum). Everything we raise is way, way down."

An analysis of farm lenders' loan ratings doesn't look too bad. But, say credit officers, the data are misleading. Banks have engineered ways to finance new crops this year based on market price signals and risk management tools such as forward contracts, futures contracts, options contracts and insurance.

Farm Credit System banks also are hoping for federal farm aid

again this year to keep borrowers in cash to service debt. But betting on government aid isn't a lending practice most bankers want to use, admits Dan Anderson, an agricultural lending specialist in Sioux Falls, S.D., for Wells Fargo & Co.

Bankers tightened lending requirements this past spring and encouraged some farmers to rent out their land and take leaves from farming to protect their assets, he said. "I don't know of any land that isn't getting farmed, except where there was weather problems," he said.

The worsening price prospects for crops and livestock now has the Wells Fargo banks joining with bank associations and farm groups to lobby for turning the aid spigots back on in Washington.

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Families mourn loss of soldiers in Kosovo

DeSOTO, Texas (AP)—Valencia Brim thumbed through the fading snapshots, her musings interrupted at times by a ringing telephone.

"See, this is when he graduated from high school," she murmured. "Yes. And see, here he's already in the Army. See his uniform?"

Ms. Brim's only son, Sgt. Sherwood Brim, 30, was killed in early July along with Sgt. William Wright, 27, when their armored personnel carrier flipped over near U.S. bases in Kosovo.

He and Wright, of Clearlake, Calif., were the first two U.S. soldiers to die since NATO troops pushed into Yugoslavia to enforce a peace accord.

Other American casualties came before the official start of the peacekeeping effort. A U.S. soldier died July 4 in a traffic accident in neighboring Macedonia, and two died in a helicopter crash in Albania while training for the NATO air campaign against Yugoslavia.

In Wright's hometown 80 miles north of San Francisco, his brother Buddy said the soldier "was doing something he loved, which was fighting for his country."

Ms. Brim talked of the pain in learning of a loss and the joy found in remembrance. Unaware her son had been killed half a world away, she had spent the evening of July 11 at her son's

apartment with Brim's wife, Dana.

A knock came as the two finished watching a movie. Three uniformed strangers stood at the door. "I knew right away exactly what they were coming for. I said, 'Don't say anything, I know why you're here.'"

By Tuesday, Ms. Brim's cheeks were dry as she swapped memories with her daughters. They were good times in the family playing baseball behind their modest brick house on the edge of Dallas, their attending Baptist services every week.

"He asked once, 'Mom, if something happened to me, would you cry?'" she said. "And I said, 'And that's when he built up his courage.'"



U.S. Army soldier tower guard PFC Patrick Yost from Wheelburg, W.V., member of Task Force Falcon, 1st Battalion, guards a checkpoint over the main street of Gnjilane, about 25 miles east of Pristina, Friday.

NATO, U.N. try to bolster confidence after slayings

PRISTINA, Yugoslavia (AP)—NATO and the United Nations tried Sunday to bolster confidence in their Kosovo mission, shaken by the massacre of 14 Serb farmers in what officials called a deliberate attempt to wreck peacekeeping efforts.

Belgrade demanded an urgent meeting of the U.N. Security Council on ways to stop ethnic violence in Kosovo and insisted Yugoslav forces be allowed back into the province, the state-run Tanjug news agency reported Saturday.

Kosovo's U.N. administrator, Bernard Kouchner of France, and the head of the NATO-led peacekeeping force, British Lt. Gen. Mike Jackson, said the killings Friday allegedly targeted their mission.

"The murderers sought to stop us. We must not permit that," said Kouchner. "Our mission must go on."

"While the desire for revenge is just about understandable, it cannot be tolerated under any circumstances," Jackson said, adding that the 35,000 NATO troops under his command in Kosovo hold sole responsibility for maintaining law and order. "Now really is the time to break the cycle of violence."

The killing of the 14 Serbs in a wheat field near the central Kosovo village of Gracko was the worst of anti-Serb violence that has jeopardized the U.N. goal of bringing about a peaceful, multi-ethnic Kosovo.

Kosovo's Serbs are increasingly the victims of killings, house burnings and other violence in what are believed to be mostly revenge attacks by some of more than 700,000 ethnic Albanian refugees who have returned to Kosovo under NATO protection since June 12.

An estimated 10,000 ethnic Albanians were killed in a Serb crackdown before and during the 78-day NATO bombing campaign that eventually forced Yugoslavia to accept a peace plan and pull its forces out of Kosovo.

Now it is the minority Serb and Gypsy populations who are most at risk, and more than 100,000 have fled the province.

On Sunday, the chairman of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe urged increased protection for Kosovo's minorities.

"This violence against Serbs and other non-Albanian groups in Kosovo must stop, and the perpetrators must be brought to justice," said Kurt Vollebæk, Norway's foreign minister.

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Pollution from strikes will last years

PANCEVO, Yugoslavia (AP)—The grass is bleached to a scaly pale gray and little Ana has trouble breathing when she plays in the park, weeks after NATO weakened environmental havoc by bombing key industrial sites.

Pancevo, an industrial town 5 miles northeast of Belgrade, was the town worst hit during the air raids, and doctors and environmental experts say the after-effects of the bombing will be felt for years — and maybe generations to come.

Huge amounts of chemicals and pollutants have polluted the air, the ground and the water in and around Pancevo.

The damage dates back to April when NATO missiles struck Pancevo's three major industrial sites — an refinery, a nitrogen fertilizer factory and a chemical plant, releasing hundreds of tons of toxic materials which spread over the entire region.

Weeks after the bombing ended, a visit to the fertilizer factory still produced a stinging sensation in the nose and throat. A sticky, yellowish fluid, apparently a leaked chemical, stank and slowly solidified under the blazing summer sun near the front gate.

"I am afraid to even think what we breathed in, what chemicals got into our bodies," said Tamara Radjenovic, a 32-year-old teacher, as she watched her 5-year old daughter Ana play in a park. Every few minutes the girl came to her mother to rest, gasping for air.

"She gets tired so easily, she has dark circles around her eyes... It wasn't like that before the bombs. She is not the child she used to be," Mrs. Radjenovic said of her daughter with a deep, sorrowful sigh.

Local doctors who examined the girl said the symptoms were caused by the chemicals and that there was nothing they could do now.

Pancevo's municipal authorities have compiled a day-by-day list of dangerous leaks, fires and explosions since May 24 when the air raids began. The town of 70,000 was targeted from the beginning.

At least 25,000 tons of fuel, mostly from the bombed refinery, burned into the atmosphere, blanketing a wide area with a layer of tar.

More than 1,400 tons of poisonous vinyl chloride burned and spread noxious fumes when NATO bombs hit a storage tank at Pancevo's Petrochemija factory.

The substance, normally used to produce plastics, is carcinogenic, and 2 percent of it turns into even more dangerous phosphene when burned.

A hundred tons of mercury, almost as much sodium hydroxide and tons of other chemicals, including nitric acid, burned up or leaked into the Danube River.

Those substances almost invariably cause respiratory problems, nausea, diarrhea, dizziness, skin rashes and blisters when inhaled in even the smallest quantities.

In one of the worst signs of bombing, instruments measuring pollution in Pancevo showed a vinyl chloride concentration of 0.43 milligrams per cubic meter, 4,600 times more than recommended maximum levels.

Doctors in Pancevo said there were about a hundred cases of acute intoxication, mostly among children, workers, security forces and firefighters at the sites during the nighttime raids. Three of them have died.

Health authorities are preparing a comprehensive report expected to be released later this year. While doctors have been instructed to withhold details, they do acknowledge a sharp increase in patients suffering from pollution-related symptoms.

"I had a patient who was treated for infertility last year. She wanted a baby so much, she was two months pregnant when the bombing began," said a local gynecologist, insisting on anonymity. "She got so terrified of possible birth defects that she had an abortion last month."

The woman made her decision after a surge of miscarriages in the town in late April, he said.

Milan Borza, head of the environmental protection department in Pancevo, said, "The full extent of the damage will show in coming years... We fear that the worst effects may be generative changes in future generations."

Meanwhile, a 17-member expert team, assembled by the U.N. Environment Program, arrived in Yugoslavia this week and immediately headed to



A farmer drives by the still burning oil refinery in Pancevo, just across the Danube from Belgrade in June. A 17 member U.N. team arrived in Yugoslavia July 19 to assess potential environmental hazards and damages after the NATO bombing campaign.

Pancevo to take samples of water and soil for analysis in two mobile laboratories.

A preliminary report is due later this month and a broader one in September, U.N.

Secretary-General Kofi Annan will then decide on possible follow-up measures.

Yugoslav Army enters debate over fate of Milosevic

The Washington Post

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia — The Yugoslav army leadership was swept into the national debate over who will govern postwar Yugoslavia Thursday, as a former army chief of staff who was fired by President Slobodan Milosevic charged that the military has been turned into a tool of an incompetent and dangerous regime.

Milosevic himself appeared later at army headquarters, surrounded by his top generals and their senior aides, in an event broadcast on national television. The Yugoslav leader praised the army's patriotism, courage and tenacity — and signaled to the nation that the top brass remains loyal to him and his government.

The war of words and symbols illustrates the heightened role the military and its commanders and troops may play in the political struggle being waged in this shattered nation.

In a magazine interview pub-



An embittered student President Slobodan Milosevic from a building in downtown Belgrade on Friday.

lished Thursday, retired Gen. Miroslav Stanić, the former chief of staff, called for replacing Milosevic and his government by political means and said that he

himself is "thinking about becoming politically active." The comment suggested Stanić might join the political opposition, perhaps even by starting his own party.

Perisic's charges came as senior army officers have begun speaking publicly in support of Milosevic and against opposition leaders who have been staging mass anti-government rallies — a development that has drawn howls of protest from opposition politicians, who insist that the army play no role in civilian affairs. The army, which traditionally has remained aloof from daily politics, is one of the more respected institutions in the country and is being watched closely to see which way it may tilt in the current opposition effort to push Milosevic aside.

In the interview with the weekly Belgrade magazine NIN, Perisic said that the army and special police units deployed in Kosovo for the "eradication of terrorism" used methods that gave NATO the justification to launch airstrikes against Yugoslavia. He did not specifically mention war crimes allegedly committed in Kosovo, where government forces

battled secessionist ethnic Albanian guerrillas for nearly 18 months and turned hundreds of thousands of Kosovo Albanians into refugees.

But in his first public comments since his dismissal last November, Perisic said the Milosevic government wanted the army to be "a blind executioner of sometimes imprudent and fatal decisions."

He accused the government of using "usurpation, blackmail and fear" to penetrate the military and charged that "the cruel fate" that befell Yugoslavia was mostly the fault of the Milosevic government.

As commander of the army for five years until his dismissal, Perisic oversaw the first nine months of the Kosovo conflict, when army and police forces launched coordinated attacks against the guerrillas. He was part of a small group of senior officers who met with NATO negotiators last October during negotiations to end the Kosovo fighting.

MORNING BREAK

Crossword puzzle grid with clues for Across and Down. Includes 'Saturday's Puzzle Solved' and a list of answers.

Woodstock party winds down

Many go nude during final hours of three-day event

ROME, N.Y. (AP) - Hot, sun-burned and exhausted, the stock '99 concertgoers faced the ultimate rock 'n' roll showdown Sunday - the end of the three-day festival and the long ride home.



People who attended the all night Rave at Woodstock '99 form a massage line early Sunday morning in Rome, N.Y.

Many campers were already pulling up stakes and stashing gear in their cars Sunday morning in hopes of making a quick getaway once their favorite band finished up, but it didn't look promising. State police said the exodus could take up to a day since more than 225,000 packed the site.

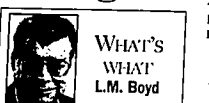
"I just want to see the expressions that the photos could bring for decades to come," said Sarah Warner of Alhston, Mass. "Picture your kid going, 'Grandma, was that you? You were hot!'"

"The first day, as we were putting up our tents, we could hear the giggles," said Queen Cassie, 50. "People were peeking out from behind their tents to take pictures. They seemed shocked. After three days, they don't even give us a second look, in fact, half of them are naked now."

what ugly in the most pit Saturday night while Limp Bizkit was playing. A mob of more than 200 throw bottles, smashed a barricade and nearly trampled sound system components. One woman suffered a serious head cut from a thrown bottle.

Your average burglar did time at college

Q. Can you give me a partial profile of the average professional burglar?



WHAT'S WHAT? L.M. Boyd

A. Your typical serial thief, not counting teenage experimentalists, is male, 27, and more often than not, college educated, somewhat.

Q. You said the Japanese "sukiyaki" means "cook like a fool" but how did it come to be a food dish?

A. Eating meat at one time in old Japan was somewhat like smoking cigarettes today. You went someplace else to do it. Rural folk slipped out to the woods to cook little portions over small fires on blades of grass.

Expectant mom dreads meddling in-laws

DEAR ABBY: After an miscarriage and three years of infertility treatments, my husband and I are expecting a son. While I should be excited about this news, I'm not - for two reasons.

DEAR ABBY: My mother-in-law is trying to show her love and concern for you, so smile, nod and smile 'er out.

I don't want to alienate my husband's family, but under the circumstances I find it hard not to. Any advice?

she was taken aback, stunned and hurt when her intended guest asked her what foods she would be serving at dinner.

Get set for productive day, Aries Garofalo cares little for fashion trends

IF JULY 26 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: You are capable of handling responsibility, when presented with it, you are up to it.

HOROSCOPE Sydney Omarr told, "Make the best of what you have." Fun, frolic, humor, flowing of creative juices featured.

Following short trip, you're reunited with Capricorn. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Much takes place behind scenes.

NEW YORK (AP) - Known in Hollywood for dressing down, Janeane Garofalo is proud to say she just doesn't care, even if that means she'll never be a major movie star.

People in the news other media fashion mavens after the 1996 Emmy Awards for wearing a plain, off-the-rack dress to the ceremony.

ing view of the Pacific. It's also popular with alleged criminals and federal authorities eager to seize valuable properties.

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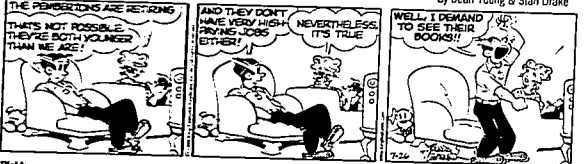
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Blonde

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B.C.

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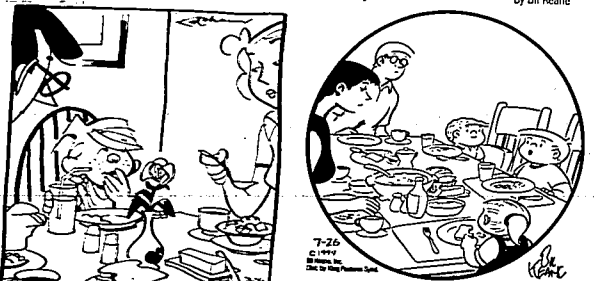


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By Bil Keane



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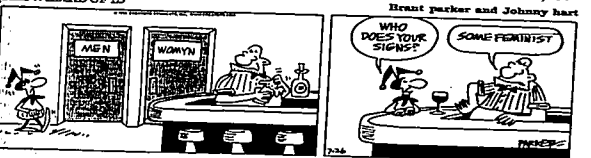


"Sorry, I thought bursting was a compliment to the cook."

"When are we gonna tell Daddy about your T-R-A-F-K-T-I-K-E-T?"

The Wizard of Id

By Brant Parker & Johnny Hart



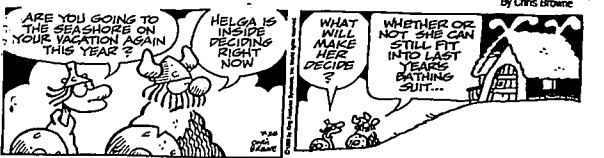
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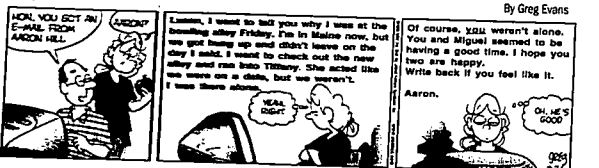
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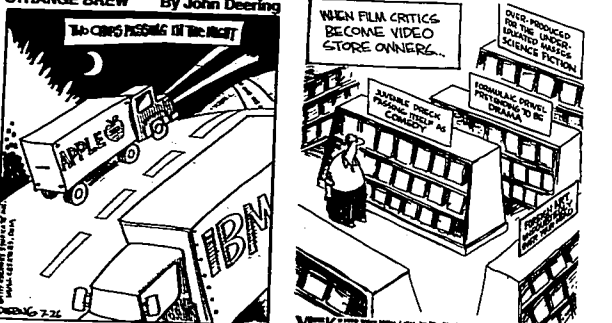


Strange Brew

By John Deering

Non Sequitur

By Wiley



The Born Loser

By Art Sansom & Chip



EDITORIAL

Utah residents head to Idaho, Wyoming and Nevada for sin

From the (Ogden, Utah) Standard-Examiner

A relatively short drive east, west or north of the Wasatch Front can be, for those so inclined, a veritable Pleasure Island of adult delights.

Head to Maud, Idaho, for Powerball lottery tickets. Or to Evanston, Wyo., for big-bang fireworks, horse-track wagering, X-rated videos and beer with almost twice as much wallop as Utah's 3.2-percent-alcohol suds.

Or, for that truly decadent plunge, floor it across the salt flats to Nevada; in Wendover you may gamble cash, nos and in Wells - and various other Nevada communities - you may purchase sexual companionship.

If you're the right age and you have the money, every bit of it is legal. Call it the Borders of Sin, the Devil's Triangle or Downright Cowardice, Utah's neighboring states have figured out how to tap the wallets of our indulgent residents by catering to those activities that are forbidden fruit in these environs.

It's just another curiosity some might say contradiction in a state that is full of them. Some charge hypocrisy, saying that Utah, dominated as it is by Mormons, would rather pour tax dollars into the coffers of other states than be seen as officially condoning gambling, liberalized alcohol con-

sumption, pornography and prostitution.

True enough, it's about more than the money. Allow gambling and the surface benefits are pretty obvious: More tax money to spend on schools, roads, welfare, whatever. But the citizens of our state are correct to recognize there is a moral dimension to such questions. Should we risk our own territory when these pursuits are so readily available just over the state line?

Precisely because we don't want our communities to resemble Evanston or Wendover, we keep a tight lid on gambling, liquor and other activities.

Our guess is that this is less an issue of Mormon control than it is a dictate of LDS religious strictures and cultural preferences. Call it provincialism if you like, but Utah offers the best of both worlds: an oasis from so-called "legalized sin," and the proximity for those who prefer to resist that. Let's preserve that status quo.

As we move into the 21st century, funding and managing education should be easier once I-15 reconstruction no longer takes such a big share of available tax dollars. That should make it even easier to resist the temptation to turn to tax revenue derived from, among other things, games of chance.



Letting rivers run wild won't help

DENNIS T. AVERY

Even as 2 million people were recently forced from their homes along India's overflowing Ganges River, the Sierra Club says that American should learn to live with floods again. A recent cover story in the group's magazine claims that the dams and levees in the Mississippi and Missouri Valleys don't really stop floods but merely channel the water rapidly downstream. The environmental group wants to "restore the bay, water storing old paths of the Missouri and Mississippi Rivers. It wants more swamps and sloughs and oxbows retaining more water upstream, creating a huge set of restored wetlands. The group recommends that we tear out our dams and levees, relocate homes and businesses that live in the way and let the rivers do what the rivers want to do up and down Midwest river valleys. It's an odd recommendation, coming at the very moment that the environmental movement is loudly criticizing the Chinese government for forcing the relocation of 1 million people to build the Three Gorges Dam (which will prevent flooding).

1993 would have covered 23-million acres - half what has been leveed and diked in the last 200 years. The project would eliminate the more U.S. cropland than was in the United States expanded urban land in the 20-million acres, added 17-million acres to parks and wildlife areas and lost only 2 million net acres of cropland. Sierra Magazine says the Midwest flood plains represent "wetland destroyed for agriculture." Another viewpoint, however, is that this high-quality land was devoted to farming because of increased soil fertility and high farm yields.

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expansion to capture a flood risk held fast in the Illinois River in 1973, the watershed in mean acreage more than 1000 miles of prairie, often through water that was deep. Some was unable to farm much of the Corn Belt north of the river. Some were built to protect the farmland and drainage dikes were installed to allow steady planting in the spring.

The Mississippi Valley does one thing differently well, grow crops. Corn yields in the two-thirds of Illinois and Missouri are some of the highest in the world, over 300 bushels per acre. The comparison, furthermore is yielding less than 30 bushels of corn per acre from an outer prairie, where it is yielding 100 bushels per acre.

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Idaho makes a good host

As officers of the Council of State Governments-WEST, a non-partisan association of state legislators from 12 Western states and Guam, we would like to express our appreciation to the Idaho Legislature, its staff and the citizens of Idaho for being such excellent hosts for our 1999 annual meeting in Sun Valley. Each year our organization meets in a different Western state. As we come together, we are struck by the many common ties that bind us together. At the same time, as we rotate our meetings, we have found each Western state putting its own unique stamp on the organization as it brings its own natural and political landscape to the forefront. The awesome natural beauty of Idaho and exceptional friendliness of your citizens have provided more than 700 meeting attendees with an experience they will savor for years to come. We want to extend a special thanks to the Idaho Host Committee, chaired by Sen. Jim Risch and Rep. Max Black, and to Senate President Pro Tem Jerry Twigg and House Speaker Bruce Newsomb for their outstanding leadership and hospitality. The hard work by Idaho legislative staff is deeply appreciated by all who attended. Finally, we wish to extend our sincere appreciation to Gov. Dirk Kempthorne, who not only gave a keynote address, but actively participated throughout the meeting. We are honored to have been invited to Idaho and privileged to learn more about your wonderful state.

Western legislators and their guests will long remember the beauty and friendly spirit of the citizens.

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New Mexico Senate Majority Leader
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RAY POWERS
Colorado State President
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California Assembly Member CSG-WEST Vice Chairman

We need softball regulations

On July 14, our daughter received a broken nose while playing co-ed softball. This was definitely a very avoidable accident. It didn't happen by a bat or even a ball that was hit. It happened because the pitcher was exchanging the larger ball that the men use for the smaller women's ball. The pitcher didn't throw the ball underhand or roll it to the umpire, he threw it while my daughter was walking into the batter's box for her turn to hit. We think that before games, the umpire should discuss how and when the balls should be exchanged with those people pitching. Simple logic dictates that the pitcher should not be throwing (overhand) a ball when a person is walking up to bat. My daughter was the pitcher on her team. She has always either rolled the ball to the umpire or tossed it underhand.

Some of her teammates overheard the umpire telling someone that he didn't know what the big deal was since all she did was walk into the ball. This was a very insensitive remark to make, and also a very thoughtless one, since her nose poured blood onto the field.

We would like to thank the people that helped her at the ball field that night. The nurse who let us use her sweatshirt for a towel, and the members of her team who helped carry her off the field. It is unfortunate for my daughter that her co-ed ball season is over and that she still has the doctor expenses to look forward to. Maybe some new rules should be applied to this game so that these very avoidable accidents don't happen in the future.

CRAIG AND JANET FISHER
Twin Falls

Criminals get what they deserve

In response to Jeff Pierson on the execution of the vnsr in Florida...

I don't think that Mr. Pierson understood that the man who was executed had four people. There is no way of knowing if the unborn baby or the two young girls that he killed could have done for the world. What if the unborn baby became a doctor and found a cure for arthritis or cancer? Nobody will ever know if that would have happened because of this "man."

Where is it written that society has to feel sorry for criminals? While this whole execution was happening, nobody wondered about the suffering and fear the mother and daughters had when their life was being stolen away from them. The only thing I have read about is how blood was coming from the killer's chest and ears. That makes no difference. I say good riddance, and I hope the murderer had a good 30 seconds of thinking time from start to finish.

DAN GUTHRIE
Tempe, Ariz.

I hate to say I told you so

You won't read it in the headlines, but Dr. John Kolts, who is the top adviser for the Department of Energy's new plutonium incinerator, admitted that I was correct about his incinerator. In the June 30

LETTERS

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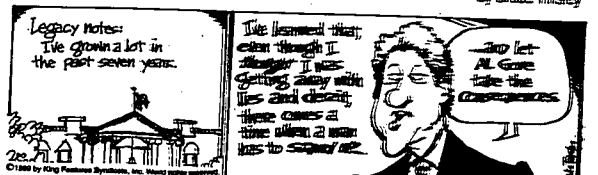
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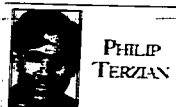
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Mallard Fillmore



It's time for U.S. to rethink the 'One China' policy



PHILIP TERZIAN

A few years ago, the Clinton administration gave permission for Taiwan's president, Lee Teng-hui, to visit the United States. The Clinton administration's decision was a landmark move. It was the first time that the President of the Republic of China had visited the United States since 1979.

United States was anxious to return the People's Republic in the Cold War against the Soviet Union. We accepted this "strategic partnership" as a device to deter final judgment about the status of Taiwan. And in the context of the Cold War, it worked. But that was then. Now, the People's Republic of China, not the Soviet Union, is the primary strategic threat to the United States. And just as we wrenched the world's eye from the Soviet Union, we now must turn our attention to the People's Republic of China. We must debate the tone and tenor of relations with the Chinese.

By appointing President Lee to these shores, Beijing was planning the United States implicitly encouraged that Lee Teng-hui was a citizen of a sovereign state - Taiwan - and that the People's Republic claims an invasion. At that point, the Chinese fired ballistic missiles into the sea near Taiwan. The United States responded by dispatching some naval vessels, and in time the crisis cooled down. Now, President Lee is in it again. In an interview with a German radio station, he declared that, henceforth, his government would negotiate with the People's Republic as an equal sovereign state in another. This was the equivalent of saying "I love you," so to speak, in Beijing's face. It is not entirely clear whether Mr. Lee meant for his remarks to inspire the reaction that followed - there are indications this fall in Taiwan - but the dream has been awakened. Once again, the People's Republic had a fit, and this time it confirmed the findings of the Clark Report by demonstrating that the neutral stance toward its intractable neighbor.

What might have surprised Mr. Lee was the reaction of the U.S. government. While we didn't discuss Taiwan with administration, as our strategic partners in Beijing did, we nevertheless made it clear that his remarks were unacceptable. State then, along with the White House and State Department, asserted categorical opposition to the move. The United States has pledged itself to defend Taiwan against aggression from Communist China. Now, the question is: Do we really mean it? If the security of Korea and Japan was sufficient to provoke America into war, what would the United States do if China's actions matched its rhetoric? Are we prepared to defend democratic Taiwan against an invasion by Communist China? What is more important: preserving the current "strategic partnership" with the People's Republic, or respecting China's role in defending its own people from destruction?

These days, the Clinton administration has relied on "strategic ambiguity" as its response. But, of course, in the past, we have been clear in our support for Taiwan - and in so doing, misunderstanding - have been necessary to win. So a better question might be: What are the costs of not defending Taiwan - and not just in Taiwan, but to our allies in Asia, and to ourselves?

Philip Terzian is the associate editor of the Providence Journal.



Public TV: Tune in or drop out?

Let's face it: Until the news broke that various PBS affiliates had swapped donor lists with the Democratic National Committee, finding a lawmaker willing to challenge the group's taxpayer funding was about as easy as spotting Big Bird's friend Mr. Snuffleupagus. But now, as the House Commerce Committee debates legislation that would vastly increase PBS' funding, it's time for members to question whether this obsolete and redundant program should continue receiving public money at all.

Adam D. Thierer remembered that public television frequently ignores or ridicules conservative and market-oriented ideals and icons. But beyond the list-swapping scandal, there are several reasons Congress should reject any increase in CPB's funding and instead reconsider privatization. For one, CPB's mission is obsolete and redundant. Today there exists a virtually endless variety of high-quality programming on cable television. On the CPB's own Web site, www.cpb.org, President and CEO Robert T. Connor makes this very point: "Cable's spending for original production is increasing today at a rate nearly double that of public television. In addition to Discovery and its siblings, The History Channel, Home and Garden Television, and A&E, the expansion of cable's digital tier will give birth to tens if not hundreds of new channels. What impact this tidal wave of content will have on viewers we do not know, but we can predict competition on a level we have never before contemplated."

Besides, CPB is now perfectly capable of operating independently of federal funding. There is no reason CPB could not replace the federal funding it currently receives with additional private funding. Despite its "noncommercial" status, CPB officials and PBS affiliates now engage in numerous commercial activities, including a mail-order catalog business, a chain of commercial retail stores, and the sale of popular TV and radio programming on video or audiotape. Their merchandise includes lucrative toys and games. Given the widespread commercial appeal and profit potential in CPB programming, why should taxpayers continue underwriting the organization? Then there are the questions about CPB's dedication to objectivity and balance, which will remain as long as the group remains a publicly funded venture. Media watchdog groups have documented a decidedly liberal "bias government" plan to CPB's programming. This bias, coupled with the scandal, only heightens the need for CPB to become independent and self-sufficient so it does not squander public funds on partisan programing many Americans find offensive. After more than 30 years on the job, CPB is old enough and successful enough to support itself. Even if the corporation once required federal funding to establish itself (which is debatable), it cannot pretend that it still requires taxpayer subsidies in an age of plenty. It's time for Barney and Big Bird to stop feeding at the public trough.

Idealism breaks out at Tehran University

The first day I entered the campus of Tehran University 10 years ago, a freshman majoring in English, my eyes screened the crowd of students standing in small groups under tall express trees. As an American student teacher, I was eager to discover this notorious campus of all revolutionary activities. "This is where all the political movements begin," said my father, "because young minds think, question and react." But that day, the first thing I noticed was the uniformity of the students. They were dressed in the same blue and white robes, and they were all looking at me and calling, "Sister, fix your hair." Shocked at the violation of privacy, I turned away and looked him in the eye. "Why is it your business if my hair is showing?" "Because it's my civil and religious duty," he replied, smiling in the air.

Farnaz Fassihi is full to the Islamic establishment that had put him in charge of the country's most prestigious university and presenting his agenda of intellectual growth on campus. His reaction was classic: Calm in the turmoil and please both sides. He lightly condemned the young man for his harshness of tone but not his action. He told me to try to adapt to the Islamic regulations, but if I should make a scene again I would be dealt with accordingly. I felt dejected, as do the students in Iran today. President Mohammed Khatami faces the same dilemma as my university president. He is caught between the contradictions that define Iranian society. He is, on one hand, part of the ruling elite and believes in the laws of the Islamic Republic. On the other hand, he was elected by the young generation because he promised change and reform.

It is now time for President Khatami to keep those promises by supporting the students' call for democracy and a free press. The events taking place in the streets of Tehran today bear a striking resemblance to the early days of the 1979 revolution that overthrew the monarchy. This time, a hidden passion gets unleashed because a left-wing daily newspaper, Salam, has been shut down. The police raid a university dormitory and clash with the student radicals. A few students are killed, others are injured. The supreme leader, Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, and the president condemn the radicals. The police chief resigns so does the minister of education. The riots continue like a bushfire through the major cities of Iran. Is this the start of another revolution in Iran? It may not be so. The young generation that make up 65 percent of the population has been fighting a quiet revolution for years. It's a daily battle of defending personal ideals. Whatever the outcome of the recent unrest, one thing remains certain: The call for democracy marks a new era of courage. We have entered a new phase of our history: the coming age of the idealistic youth. As they enter the education establishment and the work force, their voices will become louder and their demands more fierce. They will prove to be the biggest challenge to the Islamic regime.

What followed was a heated argument between me and the defender of morality who felt offended by a glimpse of my legs. Humiliated and angry, I asked him to settle the dispute at the office of the university president. I hoped that the American-educated president with a Ph.D. would make my side.

But one president himself was caught between remaining faith-

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Ferries have gone foul, enviros say

Commuter ships spew pollution, according to critics

WASHINGTON (AP) — John Durand loves his daily commute across Puget Sound, where ferry boats cut the crisp sea air and offer stunning views of Mount Rainier, the Olympics and Seattle's skyline.

"It can be absolutely gorgeous," says Durand, 36. But a study released this month discloses a darker side of the boats that carry millions of passengers in California, Washington state, Alaska and 32 other states.

Bluewater Network, a San Francisco-based environmental group, says ferries are 10 times more polluting per passenger than automobiles and nearly 13 times more polluting than buses.

While questioned by some, the study has raised eyebrows among environmentalists and ferry buffs.

Many riders are aware of the black smoke that comes from ferry smokestacks but assume the vessels are good for the environment as a whole, because they carry hundreds of people who otherwise might drive cars.

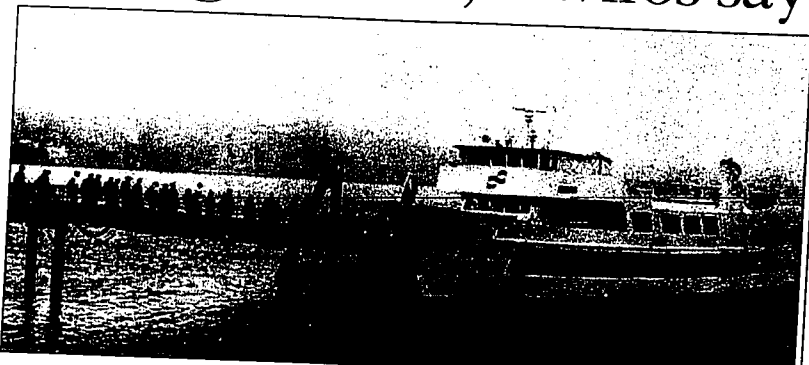
The study is "kind of earth-shaking," said Don Youn of Port Lodi, Wash., who publishes a ferry guide.

The study highlights a trend among environmental groups, who are increasingly turning to focus public attention on the down side of non-conventional transportation modes such as jet skis, snowmobiles and ferries.

Ferries "may have gotten a free pass" as green groups focused on pollution resulting from cars and other utility vehicles, said Eric Goldstein, a lawyer at the Natural Resources Defense Council in New York City.

The Environmental Protection Agency also has turned its regulatory eye on ferries.

Under the 1990 Clean Air Act, the EPA is supposed to complete a rule in November that for the first time will regulate emissions from



Commuters from Sausalito, Calif., board a ferry bound for San Francisco Wednesday.

In San Francisco, which has six ferry routes, a business group has proposed an extensive expansion that would add 30 to 40 terminals and 120 high-speed, passenger-only ferries to carry people across urban areas and waterways. The state Legislature is considering a bill to have a board draft a plan for such a system.

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Bluewater wants the Legislature to postpone the ferry proposal until next year and have the California Air Resources Board conduct a more comprehensive study of ferry emissions.

The EPA's upcoming new rule, to take effect in 2006, would force ferries to cut their emissions. The rule would allow 7.2 grams per kilowatt hour of exhaust emissions that contribute to ozone — down from 50 percent from the 13.3 grams per hour the engines are currently emitting, said Alan Stout, a mechanical engineer in the EPA's Ann Arbor, Mich., office.

Long contends the EPA standard isn't low enough and advocates a standard of between 1 and 2 grams per kilowatt hour.

Stout said that may not be possible with current diesel technology. "We're not prepared to set a standard at that level," he said.

Meanwhile, some ferry advocates question Blue Water's conclusions and suggest the group wants to derail the bay-area ferry project — a claim Long denies.

Russell Hancock, vice president of the business group promoting ferries, the Bay Area Council, said marine engines are dirty because it takes far more horsepower to move a ferry through choppy waters than it does to push a bus on wheels along a smooth road.

He contends Bluewater overstated the size of some ferries in the San Francisco plan and understated the amount of time cars will spend gridlocked in coming years. Increasing traffic means cumulative car emissions will escalate, he said.

Some Washington state environmentalists were intrigued by the study but doubt it will affect the state's well-used ferry network.

Durand figures it would him take 2.5 to three hours to get to his job at RealNetworks Inc. if he drove his car from Francisco to Bainbridge Island — which is connected to the Kitsap Peninsula with a bridge — to Seattle. It's a 90-mile trip by road, taking the Narrows Bridge to Tacoma and then heading north to Seattle on Interstate 5.

Troubled sugar factory wins loan

MOSES LAKE, Wash. (AP) — The U.S. Department of Agriculture has agreed to back a \$20 million loan to help resolve production problems at a year-old plant built to revive the Columbia Basin's long-dormant sugar beet industry.

Terms of the guarantee for the loan from Denver-based CoBank are expected to be finalized by month's end, said a staff member for U.S. Sen. Patty Murray.

Murray, D-Wash., was among the members of the state's congressional delegation requesting the guarantee for Columbia River Sugar Co., the growers cooperative that owns the plant.

Many of the 60 growers who planted 20,000 acres of sugar beets this year — even after they hadn't been paid all they were owed for last year's crop — received word of the loan guarantee's pending approval at a meeting here Thursday.

"We've been sweating this thing since we first sank a beet in the ground," said Jay Barry, 46, Ephrata beet grower and board member of the growers' cooperative.

Growers were last paid in December for the 30,000 acres of beets they grew last year, and they received only a fraction of what they had expected.

Only about half the beets they grew in 1998 were processed because of ongoing mechanical problems in bringing the new plant into production. Many beets spoiled as they sat piled outside the \$100 million plant east of Moses Lake.

This year's sugar beet harvest is expected to begin Sept. 20. Under the loan guarantee, the government would pay back about \$14 million of the loan if the year's fails, Barry said.

CoBank, which has \$2 billion in assets, specializes in financing agriculture co-ops.

Shocks and scandals bedevil the prestigious University of California

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) — Congress wants to know why its graduate researchers are being paid so much, investigators want to know how nuclear secrets walked out of the national lab it manages, and everyone wants to know how someone could quietly abstract \$4.5 million from its coffers.

It looks like a long, hot summer at the University of California.

The year is always difficult with the kinds of very high profile gaffes," says Bill Pickens, director of the California Citizens Commission on Higher Education.

University officials say the current wave of trouble looks more like a ripple when viewed in the context of the huge UC system — nine campuses, 170,000 students and a \$2.1 billion budget.

"I really don't think it's that much out of the ordinary considering the size of the institution and the public nature and the scrutiny that we are properly given," says UC Provost C. Judson King.

UC's reputation has been hit by a series of scandals in the past few months. Questions about the two national nuclear laboratories UC manages, Lawrence Livermore and Los Alamos in New Mexico, surfaced earlier this year with revelations of the apparent theft of nuclear secrets from Los Alamos. A March, but no criminal charges have been filed.

In March, it was revealed that the merged hospitals of UC San Francisco and private Stanford University, a controversial move pushed as a moneysaving mea-

sure, lost \$10 million in May.

A June report from the General Accounting Office, the federal government by millions doing government research.

This month, regents demanded system-wide audits after learning that \$4.5 million had been embezzled from UC San Francisco over a period of five years. No one has been charged.

On Friday, the government said a scientist formerly with the Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory — managed by UC — faked his data in a 1992 study linking high-voltage power lines.

The current crop of contretemps comes four years after a controversial 1995 vote to drop affirmative action, and seven years after revelations that departing president David Gardner got a \$1 million golden handshake at a time when the university was boosting student fees to cover state funding cuts.

"UC will go for quite a while without major scandals and then there will be several in a row," observes Pickens, a former associate vice president for administration at California State University who has taught at UC Berkeley.

The problems come at a time when admissions are booming, faculty enrollment is climbing back to affirmative action (although not so much at the top campuses of Berkeley and UCLA), the budget is healthy after some lean years of work in motion on a tenth campus.

"There's lots of good stuff going on here," says King. As for the problem areas, corrective action is under way, he said.

UC President — Richard Atkinson has commissioned a panel of experts to review nuclear lab security. This week, the Senate voted near unanimously to create a new agency responsible for nuclear weapons development and security at the weapons labs, but UC officials aren't interested that as a sign that they may soon lose the contracts.

Meanwhile, King points out that the GAO report on graduate research pay cleared UC of tax fraud charges that prompted the investigation. And Friday, members of the UC San Francisco-Stanford hospital board met to discuss the financial crisis.

Administrators and regents are particularly upset over the embezzlement at UC San Francisco, which apparently had gone on without anyone noticing.

"I'm amazed many of us that such a thing could happen," King said.

Although Pickens calls UC "an organizational nightmare," he makes it a complicated institution to run also make it a strong university overall.

"When you really look at any other state... there is not another state (university) that even comes close to the enormous size and prestige of the University of California."

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Squirrel stops power in Twin Falls Sunday

TWIN FALLS - About 9,250 area residents went without power for close to two hours Sunday morning after a squirrel triggered a power-outage from an area substation.

Six electricity feeders automatically shut down at about 7:50 Sunday, an Idaho Power spokesman said. Crews started bringing power back on line an hour later, but the substation wasn't back to normal until almost noon.

For most customers, the power was out for an hour and fifty minutes.

Though much of downtown was powerless as well, disabling some stoplights, police reported no major incidents.

Gooding County crews fail to locate missing man

GOODING - Gooding County rescue crews had no luck Sunday in a search for a missing California man who disappeared while swimming with friends in the Snake River below Lower Salmon Dam.

The search continued Sunday afternoon, said a dispatcher from the Southern Idaho Regional Communications Center.

Officials catch pair of teen-age escapees

TWIN FALLS - Law officers apprehended two teenagers who escaped from the Magic Hot Springs Youth Camp Saturday, officials say.

The two disappeared Saturday morning, but were caught by authorities at about 10 p.m. that night in Jackpot, Nev. Twin Falls County Sheriff Wayne Tousley said.

Buhl mayor pushes for water conservation

BUHL - Mayor Barbara Gietzen is issuing a plea to all residents within the Buhl city limits to conserve water by using alternate watering time using alternate watering time for lawns and to continue to conserve water.

City well number three is down again and parts for repairing it will not be available until the end of the week, she said.

Gietzen said Seneca Foods is starting up with full force this week and water is vitally important to the operations. Residents with addresses ending in even numbers should water on even-numbered days and residents with odd-numbered addresses should water on odd-numbered days.

City crews hope to have the well up and running by the end of the week. A notice will be sent out when it is completed.

Twin Falls County officials set meeting for today

TWIN FALLS - County commissioners will meet at 8:30 a.m. today at the courthouse.

The meeting is open to the public.

Buhl officials to discuss recreation, insurance

BUHL - The City Council will meet at 7 p.m. today at council chambers at 203 N. Broadway.

Today's agenda includes a presentation from the Recreation Committee and a discussion about insurance proposals. The council will also hold a workshop on the 1999-2000 budget.

The meeting is open to the public.

Ketchum P&Z group sets several public hearings

KETCHUM - The Planning and Zoning Commission will meet at 5:30 p.m. today at City Hall.

Commissioners will hold several public hearings to subdivide lots and discuss signs in the city. The meeting is open to the public.

Center presentation awaits commissioners

GLENNS FERRY - County Commissioners will meet at 8:30 a.m. today at the courthouse.

Today's agenda includes a presentation on the Visitor's Center and several other hearings. The meeting is open to the public.

Group pushes wage bill

Activists compile facts to bolster case for Idaho farmworkers

By Gregory Hahn Times-News writer

BURLEY - Even if just one farmworker is making less than \$5.15 an hour, some say, the state needs to pass an agricultural minimum-wage law.

Antonia Cruz said she's talked to many more than one. And she and the Idaho Citizens Action Network plan to prove it.

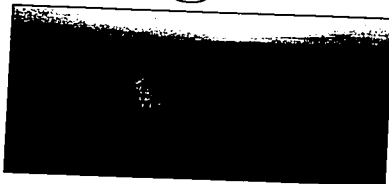
The group is compiling facts and stories about Idaho farmworkers for a booklet organizers hope to have in the hands of state legislators when a minimum-wage bill reaches the

Statehouse next winter. Similar measures have failed in years past, with two bills dying in the House Agriculture Committee last session by wide margins.

Cruz, who has driven spud trucks and worked on dairies herself, has been active in the group that goes by ICAN since it was created last year when the Idaho Citizens Network merged with the Idaho Hunger Action Council.

ICAN has published similar reports about welfare reform and St. Luke's Regional Medical Center's practices regarding indigent care.

The ideal, ICAN organizer



Veteran farmer Chuck Larson on his farm about three miles south of Burley, Larson hired full-time help for the first time this year - his children are grown up, he said. Though most in the state acknowledge the vast majority of farmworkers earn minimum wage or more, some activists maintain the state needs a minimum wage law for the few who may not.

Kevin Borden said, is to create the right mix of hard facts and moving testimony.

So far, Cruz said she's doing well with the compelling testimony. Please see WAGE, Page B3

DOG TREAT



Dan and Joanne Finerty of Twin Falls take an evening stroll with their massive puppy 'Cleo' Saturday on Casswell Avenue West. Dan Finerty said obedience training was paying off, and they planned to extend their daily walk because of the dog's good behavior.

A SMALL-TOWN TRADITION

Jerome County Fair opens Monday

By Rachel Denny Times-News correspondent

JEROME - Fairs have traditionally been times for people to come together, talk and eat tons of cotton candy, caramel apples and hotdogs.

The Jerome County Fair opens next week and organizers will try to retain that small-town tradition.

"We are a small fair," said Fair Manager Rob Lundgren. "We're trying to do the best we can with the resources we have. The fair is a tradition that people count on."

Lundgren said some people participate in the fair while others just come to enjoy the exhibits. He said there is plenty of socializing and people just have a good time.

This is the first year the fair has not added more events. Organizers said they're looking

for quality rather than quantity.

"We're not an Expo center and we're not a large many-acre theme park," Lundgren said. "We don't try to be. Within our resources we do as much as we can. This is the first year we haven't expanded venues. We're trying to improve the venues this year and add physical features to the grounds. We keep growing. We leveled off for a year to stabilize."

Last year, the Jerome County Fair was named Rodeo of the Year by the Idaho Cowboy's Association and nominated for the top rodeo award in the Intermountain Professional Rodeo Association.

The rodeo will continue this year with both the junior and adult rodeos.

"We have a wonderful junior rodeo," Lundgren said. "It really is an entertaining event. We are also being given.

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Jerome Fair events

Table listing Jerome Fair events by day: Monday (7 p.m. Junior Rodeo), Tuesday (9 a.m. - Weeds and Booths open), Wednesday (7 p.m. Junior Rodeo), Thursday (6 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. Hypnotist Eric Porter), Friday (7:30 p.m. and 10 p.m. Hypnotist Eric Porter), Saturday (10 a.m. - Junior Livestock Sale), Sunday (9 a.m. - Crowning of the Queens and Princesses).

Program tracks immunizations

Hospitals celebrate fruits of efforts

By Correen Hart Times-News correspondent

RUPERT - After a year of working together to track immunization records of Mini-Cassia children, Minidoka Memorial Hospital and Cassia Regional Hospital Center have monitored the vaccinations of about 300 infants.

They report that 79 percent of all area infants are receiving proper immunizations.

"Our goal is 90 percent," said Donna Mitchell, Cassia County's public health nurse. "A year ago, Idaho was near the bottom compared to other states. In

one year, we have moved up to right in the middle."

Vaccinations begin at birth with a hepatitis B immunization. Other protections start at 2 months for a wide variety of diseases known as child killers: diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis, hemophilus influenzae type B, polio, rotavirus, measles, mumps, rubella and varicella. In some areas a chicken pox vaccine is also being given.

Boosters at ages 4 months, 6 months, 8 months and the last at 12 to 18 months complete the program.

Statewide, Gov. Dirk Kempthorne has said he wants immunization rate to top 90 percent in two years. He pushed through the Legislature hundreds of thousands of dollars to pay for a state registry to help

doctors and parents around Idaho.

In Mini-Cassia, the two hospitals celebrated the fruit of their volunteer labor with a birthday party at the Rupert Square, where hard facts were interspersed with music from The Six Pack of Declo, and a pair of clowns.

Carl Hansen, Minidoka Memorial Hospital's administrator, thanked the volunteers for their service.

"The board is very interested in this and other similar wellness projects," he said. "In fact, they have moved it to the top of the agenda. We need to better link our offices and hospitals through computer links to better integrate each child's care."

"A serious illness can be just



Young Steven Torres celebrated his first birthday Thursday at the first birthday of Mini-Cassia's Baby Track Program. Proud mom Lupe Torres says Steven has been very healthy. Clown Suzette Baker was charmed. She helps entertain in the children's wing at Minidoka Memorial Hospital.

TF store plat plan goes to council

By Brandon Flala Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - The City Council today will consider approval of the final plat of Home Depot.

If approved, the home improvement store would be built in an East Park subdivision located at the southeast corner of Pole Line Road and Locust Street North.

"If the City Council approves the final plat, that would be the final step for Home Depot to go in," said Renee Carraway, city planning and zoning assistant. "But the developer would still have to work with the city engineering department."

The developer would still need to sign a developer's agreement, and other agreements concerning water and sewer, Carraway said.

The Zabala Family Trust owns the East Park Subdivision, which already is home to a Pier 1 Imports Inc. store.

Though plans could change, the Home Depot's Twin Falls store is scheduled to be 117,000 square feet, with a kitchen and bath showroom in the center, plus a 15,000-square-foot garden center.

The Home Depot stores each stock 40,000 to 50,000 kinds of building materials, home-improvement supplies and lawn and garden products.

The Twin Falls store would employ about 150 people, the majority hired locally. About 70 percent would be full-time and 30 percent part-time, both with benefits.

Hiring is expected to start about three months prior to the store opening.

"Home Depot intends to begin construction as soon as they receive a building permit," said Steve Keim, partner at Century 21 and real estate agent for the Zabala Family Trust. "They are applying for a building permit this week."

In other business: Consideration of the final plat of a Cedar Park subdivision for the development of two religious facilities east of the intersection of Carriage Lane and Whispering Pine Drive.

Consideration of a nuisance ordinance requested by the police department to require property owners at residences where criminal violations frequently take place to face civil sanctions unless they fix the problem.

The request comes after police have had to investigate the same locations numerous times, such as one house that has been the site of three search warrants in three years for narcotics and criminal violations.

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MAGIC VALLEY/IDAHO

HOW THEY VOTED

ON THE AGENDA

States News Service

The following chart shows how senators and representatives voted on key bills and amendments within the last week. A "Y" means the member voted for the measure; an "N" means the member voted against the measure; a "P" means the member did not vote; and a "P" means the member voted "present."



Larry Craig Mike Crapo Mike Simpson Helen Chenoweth

House votes

1) IRAN The House on Monday approved, 383-1, a measure that will withhold funding to the International Atomic Energy Agency until it is determined that Iran is not using the money to aid their nuclear weapons program.

2) ABORTION The House on Tuesday passed, 221-198, an amendment to an embassy security bill that would restrict the use of funds granted to the United Nations Population Fund. The amendment prevents UNPF, which deals with family planning issues, from using any of the \$25 million for abortions.

3) SCHEER The House on Tuesday approved, 235-185, a measure to give local schools more autonomy in spending \$2 billion in federal money. Supporters of the bill said by putting federal funds into one block grant, schools can better allocate the money where it is needed.

4) TAXES The House on Thursday approved, 223-208, a bill that would use part of the estimated \$3 billion budget surplus to reduce income taxes by 10 percent over the next decade. The \$2.92 billion tax cut package would ease the social security tax penalty, phase out the estate tax, increase savings and offer deductions to help health care and education costs.

Opponents also said more money should be devoted to saving Medicare and Social Security. A "yes" vote supports the tax cut. 5) DEFENSE The House on Thursday approved, 379-45, a \$266 billion defense budget that included a funding cut for the production of the Air Force's F-22 combat plane, keeping it in the research phase. Supporters of cutting the F-22 funding said money is needed more in other areas, such as pilot training. Opponents said the F-22 is the key to maintaining air superiority in the future and keeping it in the research phase is akin to locking the door.

A "yes" vote is in favor of the bill. VOTE: 12345 CHENOWETH (R-ID) N Y Y Y Y SIMPSON (R-ID) Y N Y Y Y Y The attendance record tracks the cumulative attendance of members to date when they are physically present for roll call votes. SENATE ATTENDANCE Present and Voting CRAIG (R-ID) 98.25 CRAPO (R-ID) 97.27 HOUSE ATTENDANCE Present and Voting CHENOWETH (R-ID) 84.98 SIMPSON (R-ID) 94.89

The Times-News

Today Blaine County commissioners, 8:45 a.m., courthouse. Cassia County commissioners, 9 a.m., courthouse. Elmore County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse. Jerome City Planning and Zoning Commission 7 p.m., city council chambers. Jerome County commissioners, 9 a.m., courthouse. Jerome County Planning and Zoning Commission, 7:30 p.m., courthouse. Ketchum Planning and Zoning Commission, 5:30 p.m., City Hall. Lincoln County commissioners, 10 a.m., courthouse. Minidoka County commissioners, 9 a.m., courthouse. Twin Falls City Council, 5 p.m., City Hall. Twin Falls County commission-

ers, 8:30 a.m., courthouse.

Tuesday Burley Public Library Board of Trustees, 5:30 p.m., library conference room. Camas County commissioners, 10 a.m., courthouse. Hailey Planning and Zoning Commission, 7 p.m., Hailey Town Center. Minidoka County Democratic Party, 8 p.m., courthouse. Shoshone Planning and Zoning Commission, 7:30 p.m., City Hall. Sun Valley Planning and Zoning Commission, 8:30 a.m., council chambers, City Hall. Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse. Wood River Medical Center Board of Directors, 8 p.m., medical center at Sun Valley. Wednesday Cassia Regional Medical

Center Board, 5 p.m., board room. Glens Ferry City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall. Heyburn City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall. Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse. Wendell City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall.

Thursday Gooding County commissioners, 10 a.m., courthouse. Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse. 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.

THIS WEEK AT CSI

The Times-News Today CSI-Idaho Dance Arts Alliance summer dance workshop, all day, gymnasium and Fine Arts Center. Twin Falls County Republican Women luncheon with guest speaker, 11:45 a.m., rose garden. The 4-H Ride Night, 6:30 p.m., Expo outdoor arena. Tuesday CSI-Idaho Dance Arts Alliance summer dance workshop, all day, gymnasium and Fine Arts Center. Wastewater Treatment training and certification course, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Evergreen A24. Surgical Technology Program picnic, noon to 5 p.m., rose garden. Financial Aid Office exit interviews, 1:30 p.m., Taylor 256. "Where in the Universe is Carmen Sandiego?" 4 and 7 p.m., Faulkner Planetarium. "White Honors graduation, 6 p.m., Fine Arts Auditorium. "How to Build a Planet," 8:15 p.m., Faulkner Planetarium.

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Long-time trooper to lead Boise ISP office

BOISE (AP) - A 27-year veteran of the Idaho State Police now heads the Region 3 Patrol Division which provides state trooper coverage for southern Idaho.

promoted and transferred last week to the position, replacing previous region commander, Capt. Ralph Powell. Powell recently was promoted to Major and appointed to lead the Idaho

State Police Bureau of Forensics. Lockett began his career with the Idaho State Police in 1972 as a trooper in the Pocatello area assigned to the Alcohol Safety Action Program.

SERVICES

Linda Martin Bradshaw of Winnemucca, Nev., 11 a.m. today at the LDS West Stake Center in Burley; friends may call one hour before the funeral at the church (Hansen Mortuary Burley Chapel). Al Glanders of Jerome, 11 a.m. today at the First Baptist Church in Twin Falls (Keynolds Funeral Chapel). Ed Mathison of Shoshone, 11 a.m. today at Demaray's Shoshone Chapel. Virginia Ikard Burks of McMinnville, Ore., and formerly of Rock Creek, 1:30 p.m. today at the Wendell Presbyterian Church.

Pocatello, graveside service at 11 a.m. Tuesday at the Filer Cemetery; family will meet with friends from 7 to 8:30 p.m. today at Manning/Wheatley Burley Chapel, 510 N. 12th Ave. in Pocatello. Vonda Thorock Cobb of Murray, Utah, and formerly of Gooding, noon Tuesday at the Blyskal Ward chapel, 6300 S. 300 E. in Murray; friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. today and one hour before the funeral Tuesday at the church (McDougal Funeral Home in Taylorsville, Utah). Twila Owen Haest of Twin Falls,

graveside service at 2 p.m. Tuesday at the West End Cemetery in Buhl (Farmer Funeral Chapel). Seldon H. Shirley of Wendell, 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at Demaray's Wendell Chapel. Jose Antonio "Tony" Mallen of Melba, funeral Mass at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls. John Lee Robinson of Wendell, memorial graveside service at 10:30 a.m. Thursday at the Wendell Cemetery (Demaray's Wendell Chapel).

DEATH NOTICES

Minnie Self HOLLISTER - Minnie M. Self, 85, of Hollister died Saturday July 24, 1999, at Magic Valley regional Medical Center. Services are pending and will be announced by White Mortuary in Twin Falls. Florence Gillette PAUL - Florence Genieve Gillette, 85, of Paul died

and they later moved to Lancaster, California. Here Ed worked for the McDonnell Douglas Aircraft Company until his retirement in 1994 they moved to Jerome where he has since resided. His life preceded him in death in 1996. He was a member of the LDS Church. Survivors include his daughter, Bernice Gordon of Jerome, and a son, Larry Gossard of VanNuys California.

Saturday July 24, 1999, at the Minidoka Memorial Hospital Extended Care Center in Rupert. Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday at the Paul LDS Stake Center, 424 West Ellis, with Bishop Darryl Niebauer officiating. Friends may call at the Payne Mortuary, 221 W. Main St. in Burley, on Tuesday from 6 to 8 p.m. and at the church from 10 to 10:45 a.m. Wednesday.

HOSPITALS

MAGIC VALLEY REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER Released Clyde Parks of Twin Falls. MINDOKA MEMORIAL HOSPITAL Admitted

Kristen O'Connell and baby girl; and Julie Hanna, all of Rupert. Irene Nichley of Heyburn. Births A baby girl was born to Kristen O'Connell of Rupert.

Also surviving are five grandchildren, and one great-grandchild. He was also preceded in death by one brother. Funeral services will be conducted at 11:00 a.m. Tuesday July 27, 1999, at the Jerome Second Ward LDS Chapel on North Lincoln, with Bishop Garth Bingham officiating. Friends may call at the Hove-Robertson Funeral Chapel Monday evening from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. and at the church one hour prior to the service.

OBITUARIES

For obituary rates and information, call 733-0933, Ext. 278, between 2 p.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday. Deadline is 4:30 p.m. for next-day publication. Death notices are a free service and can be placed until 5 p.m. every day. JEROME Ethard 'Ed' Gossard Ethard 'Ed' Gossard, 73, of Jerome died Saturday July 24, 1999, at St. Benedict's Long Term Care Unit. He was born October 3, 1925, at Cincinnati, Ohio, the son of Ruel Jay and Bonnie DeLazar Gossard and was reared and educated in Illinois. Ed married Bernice Dunaway at Hamilton, Ohio, on March 5, 1943,

and they later moved to Lancaster, California. Here Ed worked for the McDonnell Douglas Aircraft Company until his retirement in 1994 they moved to Jerome where he has since resided. His life preceded him in death in 1996. He was a member of the LDS Church. Survivors include his daughter, Bernice Gordon of Jerome, and a son, Larry Gossard of VanNuys California.

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FOR THE RECORD

TWIN FALLS — Recent activity in 5th District Court in Twin Falls County included:

Twin Falls County Arraignments and appearances

Michael John Adam, 22, address unavailable; violation of civil protection order; warrant for failing to appear at sentencing: \$5,000 cash bond.

Timothy R. Carman, 43, 556 Sawtooth Blvd., No. 8; Buhl; aggravated assault; seven counts of malicious injury to property; preliminary hearing, Friday; public defender appointed: \$8,000 bond.

Timothy R. Carman, 43, 556 Sawtooth Blvd., No. 8; Buhl; battery; resisting an officer; warrant: pleading innocent waived counsel: \$5,000 bond.

Ralph L. Carman, 43, 556 Sawtooth Blvd., No. 8; Buhl; disturbing the peace; warrant: pleading innocent public defender appointed: \$5,000 bond.

James Ray Easter Jr., 19, 426 Oak St., Twin Falls; driving without license; possession of a suspended driver's license; pleaded innocent; private lawyer hired; released on own recognizance.

Gregory V. Fox, 43, 1354 Washington St. S., No. 18, Twin Falls; driving under the influence (excessive); pleaded innocent; public defender appointed; released on own recognizance.

Thomas William Gorham, 22, 900 Maurice St., Twin Falls; petit theft; warrant for failing to appear at sentencing; public defender continued: \$15,000 bond.

Thomas William Gorham, 22, 900 Maurice St., Twin Falls; under the influence of a controlled substance; possession of marijuana; possession of drug paraphernalia; warrant for failing to appear at pretrial conference; public defender denied: \$6,500 cash bond.

Frank Lee Correll, 21, 519 Fifth Ave. E., Twin Falls; failure to pay fines on conviction for malicious injury to property; pleaded innocent; public defender denied: \$6,500 cash bond.

Frank Lee Correll, 21, 519 Fifth Ave. E., Twin Falls; trespassing; pleaded innocent; public defender appointed; released on own recognizance.

James J. Morris, 49, 281 Caswell Ave. No. 4, Twin Falls; two counts of aggravated assault; preliminary hearing Friday; public defender appointed: \$10,000 bond.

James J. Morris, 49, 281 Caswell Ave. No. 4, Twin Falls; battery on an officer; pleaded innocent; public defender appointed: \$10,000 bond.

Charles Henry Robbins, 21, 195

Monroe St., Twin Falls; malicious injury to property; plea/nolo contendere; public defender appointed: \$15,000 bond.

Agnesa, A. Valdez Jimenez, 39, 612 Ninth Ave. N., Buhl; driving under the influence; failure to purchase driver's license; pleaded innocent; public defender appointed: \$1,000 bond.

Drunk-driving sentences/District of Twin Falls

Derik Lee Johnson, 35, 11612 Heisterick Highway; driving under the influence (under 21); pleaded guilty: \$300 fine, \$750 court costs, 30 days driving privileges. Magistrate Judge Melvin Edwards.

Edward Earl Kessel, 60, 4414 Fourth St. W. No. 10, 17600 Valley; driving under the influence; pleaded guilty: \$200 fine, \$750 court costs, 30 days jail time, suspended; 180 days driving privileges. Magistrate Judge Melvin Edwards.

Stephanie Lacey-Rice, 31, 1192 Filledmore; driving under the influence; pleaded guilty: \$750 court costs, 30 days jail time, suspended; 180 days driving privileges. Magistrate Judge Melvin Edwards.

Dennis Adam, 25, 6205 Wallingford; Weidell; driving under the influence; pleaded guilty: \$750 court costs, 30 days jail time, suspended; 180 days driving privileges. Magistrate Judge Melvin Edwards.

Andrew Gary Showkey, 32, 2483 N. 36th St. No. 4702, Boise; driving under the influence; arrested; no citation; arrested to jail: \$100 fine, \$620 court costs, 90 days jail time, suspended; 90 days driving privileges. Magistrate Judge Melvin Edwards.

Clint Earl Meyers, 22, 697 Central Ave. E., Twin Falls; driving under the influence; pleaded guilty: \$300 fine, \$750 court costs, 180 days jail time, suspended; 90 days driving privileges. Magistrate Judge Melvin Edwards.

Ronald D. Bledsoe, 25, 1327 Clifton Lane, Twin Falls; driving under the influence; pleaded guilty: \$750 court costs, two days jail time, 30 days driving privileges. Magistrate Judge Melvin Edwards.

Twin Falls County

Steven James Lovelend, 48, 402E Jefferson, Twin Falls; count 11, driving under the influence; arrested to driving; under the influence (second offense); one year driving privileges suspended; found guilty one year jail time; one year driving privileges suspended; count 2, driving without proper license; arrested to driving; without proper license (second offense); one year driving privileges suspended; found guilty one year jail time; one year driving privileges suspended. Magistrate Judge Melvin Edwards.

John Henry Wynn, 31, 1177E. Liberty; driving guilty: \$750 court costs, 180 days jail time, suspended; 180 days driving privileges suspended. Magistrate Judge Melvin Edwards.

Dustin R. Wilson, 25, 3655 N. 200th E., Twin Falls; driving under the influence; arrested to driving; under the influence.

Midmerment-sentences

Twin Falls County

Leon Ryan Thomas, 22, 3642 N. 2500 E., Twin Falls; battery; arrested to custody; pleaded guilty: \$620 court costs; 90 days jail time, suspended; 180 days driving privileges. Magistrate Judge Melvin Edwards.

Vince Thomas, 22, 333 S. Fourth St.; driving under the influence; pleaded guilty: \$300 fine, suspended; six months probation; 363.20 court costs; 60 days jail time, suspended; 12 months probation. Magistrate Judge Melvin Edwards.

Ruben W. Reed, 68, 4296 N. 2100 E., Ellet; liability; amended to disturbing the peace; pleaded guilty: \$150 fine, suspended; 30 days jail time, suspended; six months probation; John McMahon.

Cindy D. Harris, 21, 19445 U.S. Highway 30; Buhl; disturbing the peace; amended to failure to provide financial information; driver's license; pleaded guilty: \$50 fine, \$620 court costs; 90 days jail time, suspended; 12 months probation. Magistrate Judge Melvin Edwards.

Richard Wilson, 41, 406 Gardner N. Drive; Buhl; driving without proper license; amended to failure to provide financial information; driver's license; pleaded guilty: \$50 fine, \$620 court costs; 90 days jail time, suspended; 12 months probation. Magistrate Judge Melvin Edwards.

City of Twin Falls

Dorcas-Vivian Hines, 33, 212 Sanderson; Hymers; petit theft; pleaded guilty: \$38 fine, suspended; Magistrate Judge Melvin Edwards.

Sheri Lynn Hill, 50, 536 Adams St., Twin Falls; provide false information regarding financial information; driver's license; pleaded guilty: \$620 court costs, one day jail time, suspended. Magistrate Judge Melvin Edwards.

Luciana E. Healy, 22, 333 Crestview; Twin Falls; driving without proper license; amended to failure to purchase driver's license; pleaded guilty: \$620 court costs; Magistrate Judge Melvin Edwards.

Gary Lee Graham, 27, 932 N. Idaho; Twin Falls; failure to appear for trial; misdemeanor; pleaded guilty: \$620 court costs; Magistrate Judge Melvin Edwards.

John Glenn Rogers, 42, 227 Monroe W.; liability; driving without proper license; amended to failure to purchase driver's license; pleaded guilty: \$620 court costs; Magistrate Judge Melvin Edwards.

Wanna-Ham-Mae Hostette, 21, 19937D U.S. Highway 30; Buhl; failure to stop at a red light; amended to failure to stop at a red light; pleaded guilty: \$150 fine, \$620 court costs; 30 days jail time, suspended; six months probation; Magistrate Judge Melvin Edwards.

Hilbert, Jr., Buhl; petit theft; 19937D U.S. Highway 30; driving under the influence; pleaded guilty: 90 days jail time, suspended; six months probation; Magistrate Judge Melvin Edwards.

Morris Stanley Wall, 25, 411 Fourth Ave. E., Twin Falls; count 11, driving without proper license; pleaded guilty;

\$78.80 court costs; two days' jail time; 180 days driving privileges suspended; count 10, driving or attempting to elude a police officer; pleaded guilty, 15 days' jail time; Magistrate Judge Michael Redman.

Melissa L. John, 21, 712 Broadway; Buhl; operate motor vehicle without liability insurance; pleaded guilty: \$620 court costs; two days' jail time; Magistrate Judge Melvin Edwards.

Billy M. Weaver, 25, 1567 E. 3900 N.; Buhl; willful concealment; pleaded guilty: \$620 court costs; 30 days' jail time, suspended; six months' probation; Magistrate Judge Melvin Edwards.

Sharon M. Randall, 19, 248 Second Ave. W., Twin Falls; possession of drug paraphernalia; pleaded guilty: \$63.50 court costs; 30 days' jail time, suspended; three months' probation; Magistrate Judge Melvin Edwards.

Rodney Dean Hamilton, 36, 1459 Ella; Buryer; petit theft; pleaded guilty: \$63.50 court costs; one year jail time; Magistrate Judge Melvin Edwards.

John A. Aay, 23, 938 Fair St.; Buhl; inattentive/leaving driving: \$75 fine; \$78.50 court costs; two days' jail time, suspended; 180 days driving privileges suspended; Magistrate Judge Melvin Edwards.

Amanda A. Lygo, 19, 1059 Wirshing Ave. W., Twin Falls; driving without proper license; pleaded guilty: \$78.50 court costs; two days' jail time, suspended; 180 days driving privileges suspended; Magistrate Judge Melvin Edwards.

Felony sentences/Twin Falls County

Jennifer E. Johnson, 18, 626 Cherokee, Twin Falls; burglary; amended to robbery; pleaded guilty: \$300 fine, suspended; \$63.50 court costs; 30 hours community service; 90 days jail time, suspended; 18 months probation; Magistrate Judge Kevin Cassidy.

Maurice Richard Dodds, 28, 202 Falls Ave. W. No. 12, Twin Falls; burglary; amended to robbery; pleaded guilty: \$300 fine, suspended; \$63.50 court costs; 180 days' jail time, suspended; 18 months' probation; Magistrate Judge Kevin Cassidy.

Juvenile appearances

Patrick Layla, 15, 430 Oak St., Twin Falls; petit theft; not plea entered; public defender appointed; pretrial July 27, 1999; to present on strict conditions in lieu of detention.

Child support cases

State of Idaho, Child Support Services vs. Elizabeth Neid, Seeking \$214 monthly support, plus 50 percent of medical expenses not covered by insurance; provide insurance; \$302.50 attorney's fees and costs.

State of Idaho, Child Support Services vs. Percy J. Greene, Seeking \$407 monthly support, plus 68 percent of medical expenses not covered by insurance; provide insurance; \$275 attorney's fees and costs.

Divorces filed

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VALLEY IN BRIEF

Blaine commissioners to hold hearings

HALLIEY — County Commissioners will meet at 8:45 a.m. today at 267 First Avenue South, Room 200. Commissioners will hold several public hearings on plan amendment applications. Commissioners will also consider an application for a public assembly permit from High Plains Production Co. Today's agenda also includes a discussion about independent applications and a pre-hearing on the Willard Water Transfer Project. The meeting is open to the public.

Council to hear update on water project

—GLENN FERRY — The City Council will hear an update on the water project at its next regular meeting beginning at 7 p.m. Wednesday at City Hall. The agenda also includes a discussion about county law enforcement on behalf of the city, wage and salary increases and park maintenance costs. The council may also approve salaries for department heads. The meeting is open to the public.

Kimberly schools to hold special meetings

KIMBERLY — The School Board will hold two special meetings this week. The board will meet at 2:30 p.m. Wednesday to interview applicants for the position of construction manager. The board will meet again at 7 p.m. Thursday to select a construction manager.

Enjoy a treat during Twin Falls benefit

TWIN FALLS — The Junior Club will hold its 12th annual "Bite of Twin Falls" from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. at City Park. The event will include a variety of culinary delights and entertainment by Jump N for Fun, Nielson's School of Dance, Brett and Cathy and Sugar Gymnastics. Proceeds from the event will benefit the Twin Falls Police Department and K-9 Division and Volunteers Against Violence.

Hollister City Council meeting rescheduled

HOLLISTER — The City Council meeting for Aug. 9 has been rescheduled to Aug. 16. The meeting will begin at 6:30 p.m. budget hearing. The meeting is open to the public.

Blaine commissioners will hold hearing

HALLIEY — The Blaine County Board of Commissioners will meet at 9 a.m. Aug. 21 in the old courthouse at 206 First Ave. S. In a public hearing, the commission will consider an application of Gregory Smith and Geoffrey Smith to subdivide about 44 acres into two parcels on property on the south side of Highway 20.

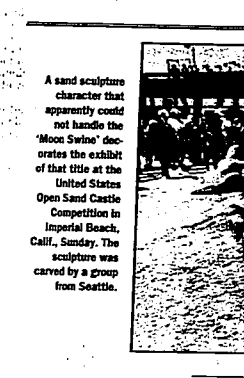
Blaine commissioners to consider final plat

HALLIEY — The Blaine County Board of Commissioners will meet at 9 a.m. Aug. 9 in the old courthouse at 206 First Avenue South. A final plat application of Heath Marshall to resubdivide a lot in the Aggregate Acres subdivision into four lots and a separate parcel on property located about 2 miles south of Bellevue.

Hemingway celebration keeps moving

SUN VALLEY — Ernest Hemingway's 100th birthday is being celebrated with a variety of activities that continue through Saturday. The celebration includes a special reception at the rarely opened Hemingway home and a historical photo exhibit entitled "Hemingway in Idaho" at the Community Library, a Hemingway display at the Ketchum-Sun Valley Ski & Heritage Museum, theater productions of "Papa" presented by the New Theater Institute and "The Last Stage" by Company of Fools, readings, lectures and daily self-guided tours of Hemingway "haunts." For more information or to request a complete schedule of events, contact the Sun Valley-Ketchum Chamber of Commerce at 1-800-634-3347.

Compiled from staff reports



A sand sculpture character that apparently could not handle the 'Moos Swine' decors the exhibit of that title at the United States Open Sand Castle Competition in Imperial Beach, Calif., Sunday. The sculpture was carved by a group from Seattle.



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SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — A Mormon missionary from Murray has been killed in an accident in Capetown, South Africa.

Richard Keith Black, 19, was hit by a car while riding a bicycle Saturday evening, according to Bishop Mark Dietlein of the Riverside 5th ward in Murray.

Dietlein said Black, who was wearing a helmet, was lifted high to a nearby hospital but died en route.

A fellow missionary who was with him, Tyler Erickson, witnessed the accident but was unharmed, said Dale Bliss, spokesman for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

Black began his mission in May and had been in the Capetown suburb of Kuils River for about a month.

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money.

She's talked to a family of 10, where everyone works after school except the 7-year-old. She's visited with day workers who took the job at \$1,800 a month, but found they pay was soon dropped by more than \$1,000, despite working 10 hours a day with no breaks.

Cruz carries an "employee checklist" that includes questions such as "Who else in your household works? If the children go to, do they miss school to help harvest?" and "Have you ever been cheated out of a paycheck?"

"The group is keeping the names of the farmworkers confidential for now, but Borden and Cruz said that when the report was issued at the end of the summer, it will include names, pictures and other proof.

"People don't believe us until we document the stories," she said.

That's a lesson the group learned at this winter's Ag Committee hearing, when

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at home ride away," Mitchelltree said.

"Although these childhood illnesses are greatly reduced here in the United States, in other countries there often are no programs for vaccinations.

There have been two pertussis, or whooping cough, outbreaks in Idaho in recent years. Meningitis cases have dropped to 138 cases in 1997 from a disease that once routinely infected most children. Hemophilus influenzae once infected 250 cases per year now. There are fewer than 250 cases per year now.

Mitchelltree emphasized that these shots are available at private physicians, at the public health department and various clinics. They are low-cost, and public health will not turn away childsway.

She said dosages given are very low compared with what young infants develop without the swollen-throat, fever and other side-effects that once were common.

Elinne Hedd, current chief of Baby Track at MREI, says her volunteers make phone calls and distribute shots for each child. Forms are available in English and Spanish and phone calls are made in both languages.

Dawn Howe makes all the calls for Mindokan. She says her Spanish flu shots are available at her home. She hopes to further her study of Spanish in the future. Bev Fortum sends the cards. She says it's a labor of love.

Times-News correspondent Corien Hart can be reached in Burley at 677-4042.

Judge puts limits on seizures

SEATTLE (AP) — A federal judge has ordered the Immigration and Naturalization Service to stop seizing vehicles without telling owners exactly why their cars were seized.

Since 1989, the Border Patrol has seized about 1,300 cars from Seattle to the Canadian border, alleging that the owners were illegally transporting people into the United States without the proper documentation and papers. In some instances, the owner had lent the car to friends and wasn't even in it, but would be refused access to the INS report that determined he was a smuggler, receiving only a form letter saying he wasn't getting his car back.

But U.S. District Judge Thomas Zilly ruled Friday that the car owners were denied due process and gave the Immigration and Naturalization Service 60 days to fix its procedures. He also

ordered INS to let vehicle owners see INS reports so the owners can argue their case before INS administrators.

"The (INS appeals) process is a joke in terms of the way it's run," said lawyer Bob Pauw, who filed the class-action lawsuit.

Zenebe Gete had few options when his car was seized. Gete was driving to Seattle from Vancouver, B.C., to spend the weekend with his family.

He wound up losing his car — a 1980 Toyota that he could not afford to replace — after the Border Patrol determined that one of his friends was not a Canadian citizen and lacked a visa to enter the United States.

Gete, now a research engineer at the University of British Columbia, was pleased by Zilly's rulings. He also

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Consideration of a resolution to support Family Health Services, a private non-profit corporation that provides primary health care to area residents of discounted rates based on income and family size, and sees many patients uninsured or covered by Medicaid or Medicare.

If approved the city would help the agency receive federal and state grants.

"Consideration of an ordinance to refund \$5 sewer bonds. A representative from First Security Bank will present information concerning the bonds."

Times-News writer Brandon Fiala can be reached at 733-0931.

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Ray Lischner, who teaches computer science at Oregon State University, co-authored the book 'Shakespeare for Dummies', which helps most Americans figure out what's up with all these women dressed as boys, sword fights and fabled pentameter.

Computer programmer brings Shakespeare down to our level

CORVALLIS, Ore. (AP) — Beneath the desk where Ray Lischner writes his lesson plans are three computers named for characters from Shakespeare's 'The Tempest': Prospero, Antonio and the one with the screwed-up mother board, Caliban.

The idea for "Shakespeare for Dummies" sprang from Lischner's appearance in a university production of "Titus Andronicus" in which he played the last man standing after all the Goths and Romans are killed.

So it should come as no surprise that when Lischner asked his wife, Cheryl, whether he should pitch "Shakespeare for Dummies" to IDG Books, publishers of the "Dummies" series of manuals covering everything from computer programs to flyfishing, she responded, "Yes! That book you HAVE to write!"

To keep track of who was winning as the many bodies fell, he developed a scorecard, much like a baseball scorecard. Lischner recognized he didn't have the credentials to write "Shakespeare for Dummies" by himself. He needed a collaborator.

With the summer Shakespeare season upon us and Hollywood reviving interest in the Bard, this is a book to help folks planning to watch 400-year-old plays figure out what's up with all these sword fights, women dressed as boys and fabled pentameter.

Enter John Doyle, a British theater director who has extensive experience with Shakespeare and served as artistic director of four theaters in England. When he presented a series of workshops at Oregon State, Lischner enrolled. He pitched the book after one of the sessions.

"School kids looking for a quick way to get a paper out will be disappointed," says Lischner, who teaches computer science at Oregon State University when he isn't writing programming books on the Delphi computer language. "It is to give you the background you need to understand the plays on their own terms."

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"It changed my life," Lischner says. "I was interested in science. This was an English class where you had to interpret and analyze. What was Shakespeare trying to do when he wrote 'Hamlet'?"

"The fact we never saw each other made it easier," Doyle says. "You don't sit down and have all those hours of heartache."

When Lischner went to the California Institute of Technology to study computer programming, Shakespeare went with him. He did his independent study project on Shakespeare and Italian Renaissance drama.

"When we started communicating with the publishers more and the academic editor, the whole thing was e-mails going round in worldwide circles. I don't know what Shakespeare would think of that. I do think he would quite approve."

Utah crews protect homes from blazes

"The book offers hints to understanding the language of Elizabethan England in a chapter titled, 'Why Does Everyone

Talk So Funny?' and imagines into the sources of some of the plays. One chapter is devoted to Doyle's workshop on using the imagination, something both authors say Shakespeare would demand.

"It's something you have to exercise, like everything else," Lischner says. "Your imagination can get weak and flabby. Each play is summarized, so someone going to a play can read it just before walking onto the theater."

"Then you are not spending your time trying to keep track of the plot," Lischner says. "You can spend your time enjoying the language, the images, the interplay, the characters or whatever you choose to focus on."

Additionally, each summary has a scorecard to keep track of the plays and action. In "Romeo and Juliet," for example, when Romeo falls in love with a stranger in Act 1, Scene 1, the reader would draw a heart with a question mark next to Romeo's name on the scorecard. In Scene 4, the reader is urged to draw a pair of spectacles indicating Romeo dons a disguise.

In romantic encounters, zero base on a baseball diamond indicates a suitor who was a loser. Second base is awarded for meeting a lover in disguise, third base for getting engaged. Getting married is a home run.

A happy face means victorious in battle, a frowning face means defeated in battle. "It's a way of saying, 'Don't take this all too seriously,'" Doyle says.

Doyle recommends plurguers fill out the scorecards while reading the play, not watching a performance. "If I were sitting next to a body trying to keep score at a theater, I would be furious," Doyle says. "We do suggest if you do read, you do it at the interval."

Advertisement for Ron Maughan Pick of the Week, featuring a photo of a man and a truck. Text includes "Ron Maughan Pick of the Week" and "GREAT! WELLS LUCKY LATER LIVING ESTATE".

Railroad cars jump tracks; spill triggers ammonia leak

Accident forces evacuation order for an area within two miles of the scene was rescinded at 8:35 a.m. Sunday, a sheriff's dispatcher said. "We were extremely lucky in the entire incident," Graham said. "Extremely lucky."

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Melonas said. The derailment occurred shortly before 11 p.m. about a third of the way through a 112-car train pulled by three engines, Melonas said. Besides ammonia, the derailed cars were loaded with rock, wood chips and potash. All remained on or close to the railroad.

Boards: Superintendents deserve pay

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — While Utah spends less than other states on education, its school boards are well-paid, with average salaries ranging from \$40,000 to \$60,000 a year, according to a new study.

"We face many more constraints than other CEOs who have budgets less than ours. Not only that, we get beat up all the time."

And superintendents have to do this. CEOs in the private sector don't, such as lobby the Legislature, calm angry parents work to improve schools and secure grants.

Each school board sets superintendent pay. Some boards set the superintendent's pay at a percentage of the average superintendent salary in the state. Others set it at a percentage of the average superintendent salary in the district.

Robles was previously superintendent of Montebello Unified School District east of Los Angeles, and said his pay in Salt Lake would have to be comparable to the \$105,000 she made there. Her replacement in California now makes \$145,000.

"I don't know of any superintendent who works harder than (Robles) does. She is so fantastic. I don't think we could pay her enough," said Kathy Black, president of the Salt Lake City School District, where more than half of students come from low-income families and those speaking English as a second language are becoming more common.

Magical Valley Auction advertisement for Tuesday, July 27, 1999. Lists various items for auction including household goods, furniture, and collectibles.

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SPORTSQUOTE

“I hope it sends out a fantastic message to all (cancer) survivors around the world. We can return to what we were before—and even better.”

—Tour de France winner Lance Armstrong

IN BRIEF

St. Louis tops Idaho in season finale

BOISE—Winning four of the five matches, the St. Louis Aces defeated the Idaho Sneakers 21-17 in World Team Tennis action Saturday night.

Idaho finishes the season with a 4-8 record while St. Louis improves to 3-8 with a match late Sunday against league-leading Sacramento.

St. Louis took a 5-3 lead when Murphy Jensen and Brent Haygarth beat Bob Bryan and Mike Bryan in men's doubles. Bob Bryan gave Idaho an 8-6 lead with a 5-1 win over Haygarth in men's singles, but Haygarth and Debbie Graham beat Mike Bryan and Katie Schukiebr 5-3 in mixed doubles to tie the match 11-11 at halftime.

In women's singles, Tara Snyder beat Schukiebr, who plays in place of Mirjina Lucic, giving St. Louis a 16-13 lead heading into the final match. Snyder and Graham beat Schukiebr and Anita Pearson, who played in place of Boice State University, 5-3 in women's doubles for the victory.

Frank, Latham run away with Muni Member-Guest

TWIN FALLS—Tracy Frank and Bob Latham Jr. won the 1999 Member-Guest tournament at Twin Falls Municipal Golf Course with a two-day 122 this weekend, seven strokes ahead of Kevin Packard and Mike Magellan.

Scott Jerome and Brian Lawley took third at 132, and Mike Standley and Jeff Burnham were fourth at 136.

Guiles' first ace helps win Rupert Couples

RUPERT—Husband and wife Diann Guiles of Rupert shot a two-day 144 weekend to win the championship flight of the Rupert Couples Tournament at Rupert Country Club.

Diann Guiles ace the 145-yard fifth hole Sunday with a 7-iron. Her first hole-in-one. The shot was witnessed by her husband as well as Curt and Wilma Shockey.

Keris Holcomb and Mary Ann Kay of Twin Falls shot a 155 for second place.

Ray and Debbie Boyer of Newport won the first flight with a 165, 11 strokes ahead of Rupert's Art and Sharon Rathe and 12 strokes ahead of Rupert's Bob and Ardeah Stark. Butley's Randy and Kathleen Hawkins won the second flight with a 166, five strokes ahead of two Rupert teams, Rick and Laura Jolley and Alan and Brenda Sanford. The third flight went to Rupert's Dick and Sharon Jensen (180), who shot a two-way tie with Bob and Bobinete Lynch of Rupert and Terry and Karla Barnes of Berry by three strokes.

Armstrong completes grand Tour

The Associated Press

PARIS—Lance Armstrong's smile seemed as wide as the Champs-Élysées. For three weeks, his face had been creased by stress and determination. Now, he was grinning giddily, draped in an American flag, savoring his victory lap along the majestic avenue where he'd just completed one of the most improbable comebacks in sports history.

Armstrong rode to victory in the Tour de France on Sunday just three years after he was diagnosed with testicular cancer that spread to his brain and lungs. Thousands of fans lined the route to cheer him as he finished one of the most grueling tests in all of sports and became only the second American to win cycling's showcase race.

"This is an awesome day," the 27-year-old Texan said. "This is beyond belief."

Armstrong dedicated his victory to cancer survivors around the world.

"I hope it sends out a dramatic message," he said. "We can return to what we were before—and even better."

Many watching him said that's just the message they got.

"He definitely embodies the American spirit," said Rebecca Robertson, a Californian who watched the riders whiz by in their fluorescent gear. "I mean, this guy's overcome cancer, and he's fought his way back to be a champion. And that's definitely what America is all about."

Armstrong's victory also should help remove some of the stigma of the Tour de France, which nearly ended last year because of a drug scandal.

His final margin in the overall standings was 14 minutes, 37 seconds, and his lead for the past week had almost assured him victory, barring a disastrous fall. Alex Zülle finished second and Spain's Ferrnando Escobar was third.

The only other American to win the race was Greg LeMond, a three-time champion whose last victory was in 1990.

Armstrong was diagnosed with cancer in 1996, and doctors gave him a 50 percent chance of survival. After four rounds of chemotherapy and two operations—some to remove a testicle and one for tumor lesions—he began his comeback early last year. His doctors say there is a tiny chance the cancer will return. One of the keys to Armstrong's cycling victory was his ability

VIVA LA LANCE!



Overall winner Lance Armstrong celebrates the Tour de France during the 20th and final stage of the 1999 Tour de France Sunday. Armstrong rode to victory, completing an amazing comeback from cancer and becoming just the second American to win cycling's showcase race.

20th stage

Alex Zülle's 20th and last stage of the 1999 Tour de France, a 200-kilometer race from Gagnac-sur-Rhône, started and crossed the Champs-Élysées.

37 minutes, 23 seconds

Overall: Alex Zülle of Switzerland, second; Ferrnando Escobar of Spain.

Other winners: White: "The Star Spangled Banner" played, Armstrong got a call at the podium from Texas Gov. George W. Bush Jr. Armstrong took the call after the anthem.

Armstrong said he hoped the victory wouldn't change his life, but he's already booked numerous talk show appearances when he returns to the United States next week.

to conquer the mountain climbs that had always given him trouble. After he easily won the first stage in the Alps, he became the prohibitive favorite.

Still, he said he'd never imagined this moment, even before he got sick. "I never expected to be here," he said, after "The Star-Spangled Banner" had echoed across the Champs-Élysées. "Even in my first career, I never had

plans for this." The victory was simply a remarkable example of grit, courage and preparation. He'd visited and tested nearly every stage months earlier.

Armstrong's victory could be a big boost for American cycling, much as the success of the U.S. soccer team in the Women's World Cup has inspired many in the United States.

Although LeMond won the race, it was not with an American team.

For the host country, the race was a disaster. For the first time since 1926, a French cyclist failed to win a stage.

The 4-year-old U.S. Postal Service team was euphoric throughout the race. Early on, team managing director Mark Gorski compared an Armstrong victory to a team of French players winning the Super Bowl.

Tearful Brett, thankful Ryan lead Hall parade

The Associated Press

COOPERSTOWN, N.Y.—George Brett never hit exceptionally well against Nolan Ryan. Still, that proved a lot easier than facing him on the Hall of Fame podium.

Wiping away tears, one of baseball's best pressure hitters in history broke down several times during his speech at Sunday's induction ceremonies.

"Today concludes a long journey," Brett said, choking up. "I stand humbly before you in Cooperstown."

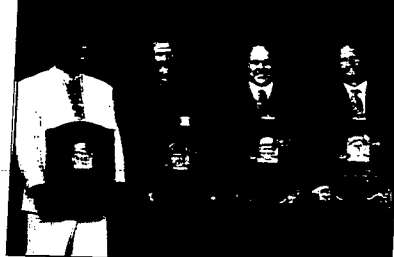
A record crowd estimated at 50,000 jammed an open field a few miles from the shrine, watching the largest Hall class since 1972.

Robin Yount, Orlando Cepeda and Ryan preceded Brett on the stage. Late umpire Nezar Chylak, Negro leagues pitcher Smokey Joe Williams and turn-of-the-century manager Frank Selee also were honored.

Ryan spent most of his 15-minute speech thanking those who had made his career possible. Also with family members and friends, the man whose Hall plaque praised him as a "Texas legend" paid tribute to Marvin Miller, the founder of the players' union, and all fans.

"I always thought there was going to be life after baseball," the greatest power pitcher ever said, awfully. "I didn't realize the grip baseball had on me. In most one-two ball games, you get over the fact that it was no longer a baseball player."

Ryan, 52, played a record 27 seasons and holds major league records of seven no-hitters and



5-14 strikeouts. "A fierce competitor and one of baseball's most intimidating figures on the pitching mound," read his bronze plaque, which bears a "T" for the Texas Rangers.

Brett and Yount each topped 3,000 hits and Cepeda hit 379 home runs. All three were Ryan strikeouts victims—Brett was 29-30-111 (287) with no home runs and 18 strikeouts against him.



Above, people gather for the 1999 Baseball Hall of Fame induction ceremony.

Left, 1999 Baseball Hall of Fame inductees Orlando Cepeda, left, Robin Yount, Nolan Ryan and George Brett stand with the plaques following the induction ceremony Sunday in Cooperstown, N.Y.

Thirty-four Hall inductees—15 of them struck out by the Ryan Express—were out for the 60th anniversary festivities.

Ted Williams, the oldest at 80, stayed more than a hour in the sweltering heat before leaving in a wheelchair.

Williams, the hero of the recent All-Star Game at Fenway Park, and Willie Mays, who made a rare return to see former teammate Cepeda, got some of the

Jones returns to Magic Valley Speedway winners circle

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS—Steve Jones used most of the 50 laps of the Mountain Dew Modified NASCAR Winston Racing Series main event to pass for the lead and the win Saturday at Magic Valley. It was Lap 36 when he finally worked his way around Doug Dinger after running side-by-side with him for five laps.

Rock Corbridge finished third, trailed by Dana Pruet and Bruce Quake. Pruet's fourth-place finish was the rookie's best showing to date.

Racer cappones Mountain Dew Modifieds main event

John Woodhouse to win the heat.

Steve Spryer was the quickest Midget driver in the time trial at 1:04.7 seconds, but Dave Henry dominated the racing action. The top three in the heat and main were the same—Henry, Spryer and Scott Elampe—with Steve Blakeslee and Stan Gering rounding out the top five.

The 2007A, Arco Raceway Pro Stock 25 lap main event provided a tension-ramping finish and a first-time winner. Todd Anderson led all but the last few feet of the race

when rookie driver Fred Marolf of Fairfield got under him coming off the fourth turn and was able to beat him to the finish line.

"I didn't know if I would make it, but the opportunity was there and I had to go for it," Marolf said. "It feels real good to win."

Bill Miles, Mike Prara and Alan Larson completed the top five.

The Dairy Queen Thunder Stocks main event had to be red-flagged on Lap 9 to

clean up a wreck that involved Ray VanHolland, Jason Stewart and Benny Benjamin.

Benjamin's car was so badly damaged to continue, and Bill Rice established a substantial lead but the race for second wasn't decided until the checkered flag fell.

The season points leaders include Bruce Kubik in the thunder stocks, David Caldwell Jr. in the pony standings and Quale in the modifieds.

Next Saturday night, the Intermountain Super Stocks will return to the Speedway for their second appearance of 1999.

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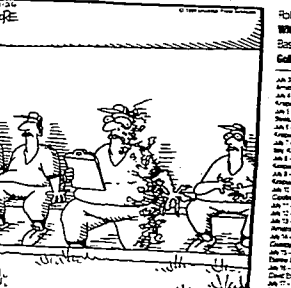
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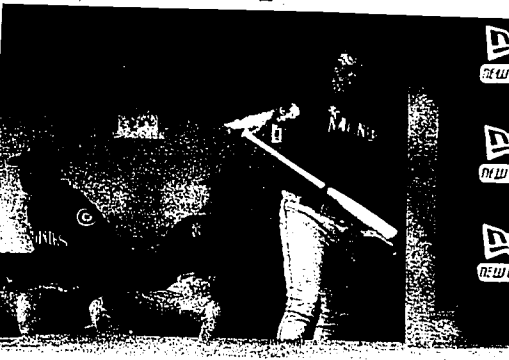
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Yankees complete sweep of Indians

NEW YORK (AP) — After striking out in his first three at-bats, Ricky Ledee homered in the ninth inning Sunday to give the New York Yankees a 2-1 win over Cleveland and a three-game sweep of the Indians.

The victory was the sixth straight for the defending World Series champions, who crushed the Indians 21-1 Saturday. New York won the series opener on its last swing, a two-run, 10th-inning single by Derek Jeter, who homered in the bottom of the ninth.

Cleveland has lost nine of 10. Karo Mendoza (4-6) got the last four outs for the victory in relief of Roger Clemens. Ricardo Rincon (0-2) allowed the homer in relief of Bartolo Colon.



Seattle manager Lou Piniella lets off a little steam by throwing a bat, one of several he threw onto the field after being ejected in the fifth lining of the Mariners 4-3 win over the Minnesota Twins.

American League

Orioles 8, Angels 7

BALTIMORE — Albert Belle hit three homers and had six RBIs, and Cal Ripken hit his 399th career homer and singled in the winning run in the 11th. Anaheim has lost 10 straight, its longest skid since July 17-25, 1993.

Belle's 24th homer of the season tied the score at 7 in the ninth against Roy Percival. Belle hit a two-run homer in the first and a three-run shot in the seventh.

After J.J. Surhoff drew a one-out walk from Mike Holz (1-2) in the 11th, Shigetaka Higashimura hit Belle with a pitch and Higashi's hit gave the Orioles their sixth straight win.

Tigers 9, Red Sox 1

DETROIT — Tony Clark homered twice and had five RBIs, and Cal Ripken pitched a sixhitter, Detroit beat the Boston Red Sox 9-0 Sunday, leading the series 500-433.

Clark hit a three-run homer batting left-handed in the sixth and a solo shot batting right-handed in the seventh. Dean Palmer also had a three-run homer and Babe Avila a solo shot.

Royals 23, Athletics 11

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Jermaine Dye hit a two-run homer in the 10th off Chad Hield (1-2) when Kansas City rallied from an 11-5 deficit.

Joe Randa homered twice and had career-high five RBIs for Kansas City, which trailed 11-5 in the eighth. John Jaha homered twice and drove in five runs for Oakland, inducing the A's second grand slam of the series.

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Blue Jays 11, White Sox 3

CHICAGO — Chris Carpenter (7-5) shut down some late Chicago offense as the Blue Jays won their eighth in eight innings and Shawn Green hit a three-run homer that extended his hitting streak to 23 games.

Toronto, which has won eight of nine, moved one game ahead of Boston in the AL wild-card race. The Blue Jays had 17 hits, including three each by Shannon Stewart and Jacob Brumfield.

Mariners 4, Twins 3

MINNEAPOLIS — Alex Rodriguez and Ken Griffey Jr. hit back-to-back home runs for the seventh time and Seattle Mariners stopped a three-game losing streak.

Rangers 4, Devil Rays 3

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. — Todd Zeile and Rafael Palmeiro homered off Ronald Arzo (2-0) as Texas stretched its winning streak to eight.

The Rangers have won seven straight against the Devil Rays and are 6-0 at Tampa Bay.

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Westwood shoots 63 to capture Dutch Open

HILVERSUM, Netherlands — England's Lee Westwood closed with an 8-under-par 63 Sunday for a first stroke victory in the Dutch Open.

Westwood matched the Hilversum course record with his final round en route to a 15-under 269 total.

It was the first European victory of the year for Westwood, a four-time winner last year.

Scotland's Gary Orr, the leader going into the round, shot a 69 to finish second. Argentina's Eduardo Romero and Australian Jarrod Moseley tied for third at 271.

Romero closed with a 64 and Moseley had a 66.

As Westwood was going into the clubhouse after sinking a 22-foot birdie putt on the 18th, Orr bogeyed the par-3 13th, giving him five holes to make up two shots.

Orr birdied the 16th, bogeyed the 17th, and birdied the 18th to finish second.

SPORTS IN BRIEF

Sports medicine seminar comes to CSI

TWIN FALLS — Sports Medicine Seminar 1999, an annual seminar for coaches, athletic trainers, educators and students involved in athletics, will be held Aug. 6-7 at the College of Southern Idaho's Evergreen Building.

The week's featured speaker is Jackie Berning, a dietician for the Denver Broncos. Berning will talk about "What's Hot in Sports Nutrition." Thursday, Aug. 5 at 7 p.m. in the Fine Arts Auditorium. There is no charge for the event.

Berning also will talk about ergonomic aids and eating to compete during the two-day seminar. The cost of the seminar is \$50 and includes meals. Student trainers can attend free. Registration will take place at the Evergreen Building at 7 a.m., Friday, Aug. 6. The seminar will run from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Friday and 8 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. on Saturday.

Those interested in obtaining undergraduate or graduate credit can do so. The cost for graduate credit from Idaho State University is \$48. Undergraduate credit also is available from CSI for \$35.00. Application for credit will take place during registration.

Also, Muffy Davis, a bronze medalist at the 1998 Paralympic Games, will present a talk on "Success through Determination." Other topics include proper fitting shoes; soft tissue injuries/intra-articular response to inflammation; foot and ankle injuries; lipid profile testing; knee injuries; over-use injuries to lower extremities; legal issues and basic first aid.

Hands-on sessions on taping, injury evaluation, rehabilitation, initial assessment of head/neck injuries, what's hot, what's not and what to have in your training bag round out the menu of offerings.

The seminar is sponsored by the Twin Falls Clinic and Hospital Foundation, Family Physical Therapy and Sports Injury Clinic, CSI and ISU. For more information, call Jody Tremblay at 733-3700, Ext. 344.

Spudman Triathlon is coming to Burley

BURLEY — The 13th Annual Lions Spudman Triathlon, hosted by the Burley Lions Club, will be held Saturday, July 31, in Burley.

The race, which includes a one-mile swim, a 25-mile bike ride and a 6.2 mile run, starts at 7:30 a.m. for individuals and 7:40 a.m. for teams. It will begin and end at Riverfront Park. About 300 participants are expected.

Haas loses composure, match and title

STUTTGART, Germany — Unseeded Magnus Norman of Sweden captured the ATP Cup after Tommy Haas' game and composure deserted him before a home crowd Sunday.

The 21-year-old German was within two points of a dominating match sweep, leading 5-4, 3-0 in the third set when his game fell apart.

Norman, 24, won 6-7 (6-8), 4-6, 7-6 (9-7), 6-0, 6-3.

It was the Swede's second victory of the year and fourth of his career, continuing a comeback from surgery for an irregular heart beat in 1997.

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DENVER (AP) — Mark McGwire hit his 35th home run in pulling him within one of major league leader "Sammy" Sosa, and tied a three-game sweep, including the Colorado Rockies 6-4 Sunday.

McGwire homered in the seventh inning, his eighth in 11 games, then left with tightness in his back.

Larry Luebbers (1-1) allowed two runs and five hits in five innings to win his first major league game since July 8, 1993, and Manny Aybar got his third save.

Pedro Astacio (10-9) gave up six runs, eight hits and seven walks in seven innings.

Braves 5, Phillies 4, 10 Inn.

PHILADELPHIA — Chipper Jones hit a fourth-inning homer Atlanta's 10th solo shot of the season.

Rookie O'Connor wins British Senior Open

PORTLUSH, Northern Ireland (AP) — Chrissy O'Connor Jr., playing in the Senior British Open for the first time, fired a 3-under-par 69 in the final round Sunday and won the event at Royal Portrush.

The 50-year-old Irishman joined the senior tour only this year, started the final round a stroke behind New Zealander Bob Charles.

But Charles had major problems. He triple-bogeyed the par-5 sixth and had an 8 at the last hole, winding up with a 77. He fell back into the top five places, seven strokes off the pace.

American David Oakley, who had been in contention, also shot a 77 and had a 291 total.

O'Connor, who finished with a 68, finished at 282, won by three strokes. John Bland of South Africa finished second, under a closing round 70. Gary Player, another South African who was hoping for his 10th title as a senior, finished fourth.

Three weeks ago, O'Connor won the State Farm Senior Classic at Columbia, Md. He dedicated that victory to his son, Daren, 17, who died in a car crash last September.

Gallagher-Smith wins Giant Eagle LPGA Classic

HOWLAND, Ohio — Jackie Gallagher-Smith won her first LPGA tournament Sunday, beating a shooting 7-under-par 65 for a three-stroke victory over Mamie McGuire in the Giant Eagle

National League

as the Braves held on to the NL East lead.

Ryan Klesko, Randall Simon and Andrew Jones also homered for Atlanta, which led 4-1 in the eighth before Ron Gant's three-run double off Tom Glavino.

Jones connected off Steve Montgomery (1-4) leading off the ninth with his 24th homer of the season. John Rocker (3-3), Atlanta's third pitcher, threw 3 1/2 hitless innings, striking out one.

Atlanta began the day just one game ahead of the New York Mets in the NL East. Philadelphia dropped 5-3 games back.

Padres 6, Expos 1

MONTREAL — Jason Schmidt (9-7) pitched a four-hitter for his

second complete game this season, and Pittsburgh rallied from a 1-0 deficit with five runs in the seventh off Mike Thorman and reliever Steve Kline (4-3).

Brian Giles singled for a 2-1 lead and Kevin Young added a two-run single as Pittsburgh got six straight outs.

Freddie Alou managed his 1,127th game for the Expos, breaking Gene Mauch's team record for games managed.

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Irwin wins Burnet Senior Classic by two strokes

COON RAPIDS, Minn. — Hale Irwin survived two late bogeys to shoot 3-under-par 69 Sunday for a two-stroke victory over Jim Dent and Dale Douglas in the Burnet Senior Classic.

It was Irwin's fifth victory in his last eight starts.

Irwin, who won \$225,000, finished at 15-under 201, despite two holes-in-one on the 16th and 17th that eroded a seemingly safe cushion.

Irwin went to the par-5 18th hole with just a one-stroke lead over Dent and Douglas. Irwin chipped his third shot within 12 feet and sank the birdie putt.

Dent, who closed with a 66, and Douglas, who shot 68, finished at 13-under 203. Both had the best paydays of the year as they each won \$120,000.

Bill Moran, who shot a 68, finished at 204 and Jim Colbert (69) and Allen Doyle (68) were at 205.

David Braham, tied for the lead at 12-under through eight holes, bogeyed No. 15 and 17 and settled for the tie with Larry Nelson at 10-under 206.

Irwin became the first two-time winner in Burnet's seven-year history, his score falling two short of his 1997 record total of 17-under.

In the last three years, Irwin has won 21 of the 60 senior tournaments he's played. Sunday's victory moved him into second place in career victories with 25, three off Lee Trevino's record.

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YOUR SPORTS

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First 'Wake' draws 26 entrants

Must off that ball and thank your local bowling center

BURLEY - The first Wake in the Snake Wakeboard Tournament was held at the Lex Kuanu Park July 17, sponsored by Hyperlite and Pinetree Sports, and managed by Justin Cox.

The event, which organizers hope becomes an annual affair, featured riders of all ages and skill levels.

J.D. Jimenez (7) and Colton Hoffman (10) were the two youngest riders and put the pressure on the eight others in the novice division.

Colin Capps, the only female to go up against the elite entrants in the novice class, captured sixth place.

Twenty-six riders from the Magic Valley, surrounding states and as far away as Canada participated in the amateur tournament.

The results are as follows:
Novice
1st: R.C. Sisson; 2nd David Dorsey; 3rd Colton Hoffman; 4th J.D. Jimenez; 5th Brandon Sison; 6th Colin Capps; 7th Garrett Connor; 8th Chad Rencher; 9th Justin Greener; 10th Derek Loris

Intermediate
1st Scott Neilson; 2nd Chris Cole; 3rd Derek Pedard; 4th Jake Jessor; 5th Kyle Conder; 6th Austin Warr; 7th Greg Picard

Advanced
1st: T.J. Sisson; 2nd Mark Evans; 3rd Shane Bell; 4th Michael Smith; 5th Derek Harper; 6th Craig Baker; 7th Thayne Hank



Rupert's Dustin Pinther gets major air during the Wake in the Snake tournament in Burley July 17.

1st Brett Derricott; 2nd Dustin Pinther

Local bowling centers are an integral part of the communities in which they are located.

In addition to providing a safe, inviting environment for family games and activities, they pay taxes to help support the community government, purchase services and goods from other area vendors, and employ local residents. In turn, support community businesses.

Local proprietors repeatedly support such worthy causes as the hospital, fire department, church and school groups, the Diabetes Foundation, Cystic Fibrosis, St. Jude's Children's Hospital, Head Start, FRO, Wishing Star, Multiple Sclerosis, home schools, police and fire associations, foster parent programs, and many local child care facilities.



LET'S GO BOWLING Thelma Tucker

Such support may be provided through free or reduced bowling fees, cash donations and space and technical assistance for fundraising activities.

We should all take a moment out of our busy summer schedules to thank this small group of thoughtful, committed citizens who enhance the quality of life and recreation in our communities.

In other bowling news... It's hard to believe, but the bowling season will soon be back. League secretaries are starting to dust off the books and get ready to call their league bowlers for organizational meetings, which will be held in August.

Supplies have been received by the local associations for distribution to the leagues. League workshops are being planned where the local associations go over newly adopted rules and regulations. ABC/WBC awards will be explained.

One new award this year is a patch or 100 pin points for ladies having averages of 115 or below who roll a 400 series.

The bowling centers are making seasonal repairs and lanes are being repaired. Are you ready? Did you bowl on a league last season? If you didn't, call the bowling center and get your name on the list to be called.

If you did bowl, how long has it been since you rolled a ball? Better practice up.

Let's Go Bowling.

Thelma Tucker writes a weekly bowling column for The Times-News. Contact her at 733-4357, or e-mail at tucker@magick.com.

YOUR SPORTS IN BRIEF

Valley Waste goes undefeated

RUPERT - The Valley Waste and Recycling team was undefeated during the recent football season in the Rupert Recreation Youth Softball Veteran League.

The 10-and-over team was also undefeated in the Round Robin Tournament held July 13 at Big Valley Park.

Team members received individual trophies. The team is pictured from left to right (front row): Amber Pethel, Cheley Remington, Karissa Klausner and Margi Newman; and (back row) Tara Cotton, Taylor Forthun, Newman Fentel, Sarah Schenk, Kallie Bales, Chael Ortiz and Alice Schenk, coach.

Students grab awards in Nevada

TWIN FALLS - Intermountain Martial Arts students, including 25, Amber Long, 18, and Tom Webb, 15, competed recently in the International Tuo Kwon Do Council's summer nationals in Reno, Nev.

Nelson took third place in women's sparring for white, orange and yellow belts. Long finished third in sparring and second in women's forms for low green and purple belts, and Webb captured a pair of first-place trophies for age 14-17 forms and women's sparring.

Thompson, Stanger win golf award

MURTAUGH'S Brady Stanger and Gooding's Tamara Thompson have won the Cole Klussen Memorial Award for special participation in Idaho Junior Golf.

Named for a former Twin Falls amateur golfer, the award represents the best of junior competition, sportsmanship and demeanor.

Nick Lewis and Melissa Venn, both been awarded PGA scholarships.

Thompson, a senior at Gooding High School and member of the Student Council and Honor Society, has been active in junior golf for 11 years.

High School and also a Student Council and Honor Society member, has participated in junior golf for eight years and has won numerous IJGA district tournaments.

Stanger placed fourth at the Magic Valley PGA Junior Championship this year and first in the Mountain PGA tournament in Rexburg, which qualified him for the PGA Junior Championship at Palm Beach Gardens, Fla., in August.

Kimball, Reinhold hold Bull Dancer's top spots

JEROME - Hailey's Mike Kimball is first with 72 points and Zach Reinhold of Colfax, Wash., chases him with 70.1 in the Badger Bull Dancer Fights.

The events are scheduled for the Jerome County Fair and Rodeo and the Gooding County Fair and Rodeo.

If the Pepsi Rodeo Bull remains untripped so far this 1999 rodeo season, and will increase to \$630 at the Jerome County Fair and Rodeo.

Entry rises to third-degree black belt

TWIN FALLS - James Entry, Ph.D., a 46-year-old environmental microbiologist with the USDA, has been promoted to the rank of third-degree black belt at Dr. Jay Hartwell's Intermountain Martial Arts.

A 12-year student of martial arts, Entry, 46, is an avid skier and fisherman who also enjoys surfing and scuba diving. Originally from Toledo, Ohio, he received a bachelor's degree from the University of Montana, his master's from the University of Idaho and his Oregon State.

DMA students earn First Security honors

TWIN FALLS - Students of Brian Higgins' Divergent Martial Arts didn't act like a small crowd.

They were the July 17 Idaho First Security Guards martial arts tournament. Though only five students made the trip to Portland, they won six medals.

Students Chris Selner and Nic Houser, both 17, won gold medals in their first competitions.

way to the championship match.

In the deciding, he sparred teammates in a 4-1 tie but fell in sudden-death overtime.

Chris Selner, Nic Houser, Shantel Chapple, Kody Graham

meanwhile, convinced his first opponent in the 9-10 "old boys" division, beat his second opponent, then beat Houser for the title.

Finally, first-time competitor Chapple overcame nervousness by winning the gold medal for sparring - by winning three successive matches.

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Zach Reinhold	70.1
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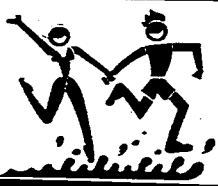
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Monday, July 26, 1999

Airline fare: Breakfast of chumpions

...and getting ready to board an American Airlines flight out of Miami, and they announced that it was going to be "bistro service."

"Please pick up your 'bistro' meal from the cart as you board the plane," they told us.

I honestly wasn't sure what "bistro" meant, but it sounded French, which I thought was a good sign. French food is pretty tasty, except for the snails, which I do not believe the French actually eat. I believe the French sit around their restaurants pretending to eat out of empty snail shells and making French sounds of enjoyment such as "ummm" (literally, "Yum!"). But when foreign tourists order this "delicacy," the waiters bring them shells that still contain actual uncooked snails, which the tourists eat, causing the French to duck under their tables and laugh until red wine spurts from their nostrils.

HUMOR

David Barry

But other than that, French food is pretty good. So I had high hopes when, on my way to the plane, I stopped at the cart and picked up a paper sack containing my "bistro" meal.

When the plane took off, I opened my "bistro" sack. Here are the items it contained: (1) a container of yogurt, (2) a "breakfast bar" made from compressed dried wood chips, and (3) the greenest, coldest, hardest banana I have ever touched in my life. If I'd had a mallet, I could have pounded it straight into a vampire's heart.

Anyway, the flight was scheduled to go directly to Houston, so finally, after navigating around the sky for several hours, we landed in New Orleans. The pilot said there was fog in Houston. No doubt it was manufactured by Fog Generator, which every modern airport maintains right next to the Binama Freezer. They didn't let the passengers off the plane in New Orleans, possibly for fear that we would run away. So we just sat there for an hour or so, rustling our "bistro meal" sacks and listening to our stomachs grumble.

Anyway, we finally took off again and landed in Houston, where we moved to our knees and gratefully licked crumbs off the ground floor. So the story ended happily, except for the nagging question that I had and stuck in my mind: Why did the airline call "bistro" service? When I got home, I looked up "bistro" according to my dictionary, it's a French word meaning "a small wine shop or restaurant where wine is served."

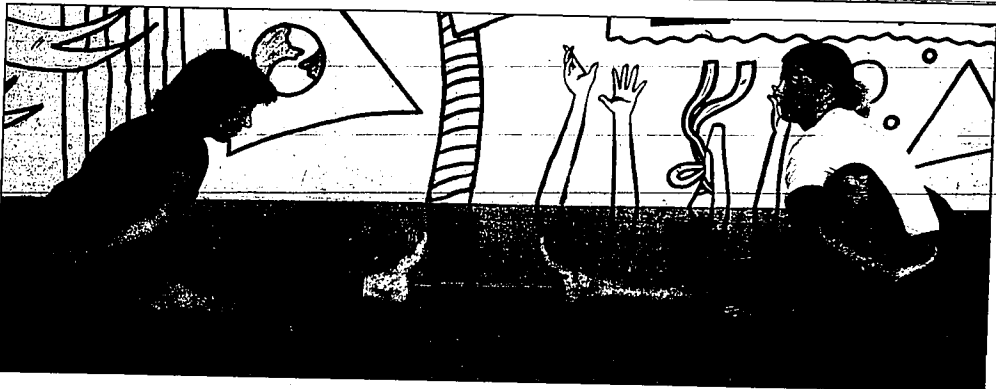
The image it conjures up is of a tiny little place on a picturesque street in Paris, with candlelit tables for two occupied by lovers kissing, drinking wine, enjoying French food and laughing at snail-throwing contests. Some how, the airline decided to use this word, of all the words in the world, to describe what was served on my flight.

Why? The answer is marketing. At some point, American Airlines went to its Marketing Department and said, "We're going to stop serving real food to people, and we need a good name for it." Marketing people love the word "challenge." Their motto is: "When life hands you lemons, lie." And so they held a brainstorming session, probably at a nice French restaurant, and finally, after a lot of wine, they came up with "bistro service," which sounds a LOT better, from a marketing standpoint, than "a sack of inedible objects."

With this kind of marketing ingenuity, there is no telling how far we've come. Perhaps some day we'll call our airplane, we will each carry a box of dirt; this will be called "soil care service." We will take the box without complaining. Because we are consumers, and our motto is "moo."

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Paula Begoun is on vacation this week. Her column will return next week.



Joyce Ballard, left, instructs Mandie Snow in yoga. Ballard has been studying Yoga for over 25 years.

Yoga for Life

Two thousand-year-old fitness and relaxation discipline catches its second wind

By Rachel Denny
Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS - What many people once considered strange and taboo is gaining more acceptance in small-town America.

Now, there is hardly a town in Idaho where you can't take a yoga class.

It can be used for a very intense workout, relaxing workout, to stretch the muscles, or to mellow out after a long day.

And the benefits are extensive, according to its practitioners.

"The reason I started with yoga was for balance and exercise," said Lori Head, who owns a Twin Falls dance studio. "Now I come, and people come, to reduce stress."

The actual definition of yoga is a yoke or an union of body, mind and spirit. It can be taken to any level people want to take it, according to yoga instructor Joye Ballard.

Ballard began taking classes 25 years ago to reduce stress. She has studied all over the United States, in Mexico and in India.

"For me it is an overall well-being," she said. "Sometimes people ask me, 'What is yoga?' and I say, 'A way of life.'"

Not only is yoga good for reducing stress, but it also does wonders for balance and posture since the poses are parallel, Head said.

"My big push would be the balance," she said.

Many times people walk with their toes pointed out, in yoga toes remain pointed forward, which helps align the body and facilitates balance, she said.

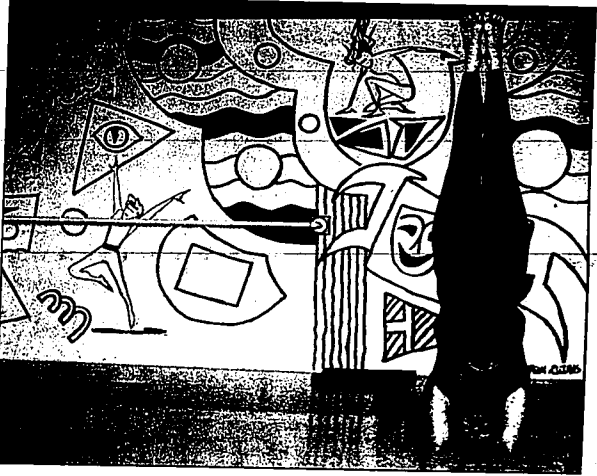
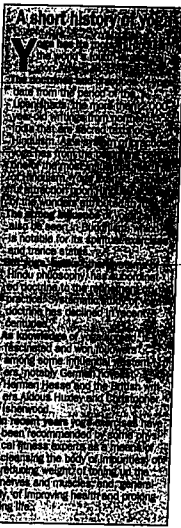
When embarking on a yoga journey it is helpful to take classes, Ballard said.

That way, if the poses are being done incorrectly there is someone to point it out, or if there is some physical problem the teacher can work around it, she said.

But, if a class doesn't work out, the yoga video with Ali McGraw is a great place to begin, Head said.

Yoga has grown and changed over the years, and each teacher does something different.

Ballard uses many props in her



For Joyce Ballard, yoga is a wonderful way to relieve stress.

Estimate your potential for a long life

Knights-Ridder News Service

—Estimate your potential for longevity, based on the new book, "Living to 100: Lessons in Living to Your Maximum Potential at Any Age."

Tabulate the positive and negative scores for the following questions separately:

1. Do you smoke or chew tobacco, or are you around a lot of secondhand smoke? If yes: -10, if no: +1.
2. Do you eat more than a couple of hot dogs, slices of bacon or a Bologna sandwich a week? If yes: -3. Do you stay away from processed meats? If yes: +2.
3. Do you cook your fish, poultry or meat until it is charred? If yes: -2. Do you minimize the amount of meat in your diet? If yes: +7.
4. Do you use butter or cream regularly? Do you eat cheese or fried foods regularly? If yes: -5. Do you stay away from butter, cream and other saturated fats as well as fried foods? If yes: +2.
5. Do you drink wine and liquor in excess? If yes: -5. Do you drink one glass of red wine daily? If yes: +2.
6. Do air pollution warnings occur where you live? If yes: -4. If no/rarely: +3.
7. Do you drink more than 16 ounces of coffee a day? If yes: -3. Do you take an aspirin a day? If yes: +4.
8. Do you floss and brush your teeth every day? If no: -4. If yes: +4.
9. Do you have a bowel movement less than once every two days? If yes: -4. Do you make a point of eating plenty of fruits, vegetables and bran every day, preferably in place of foods that are bad for you? If yes: +7.
10. Do you engage in risky sexual or drug-related behavior that increases your risk of getting HIV or a cancer-related virus? If yes: -7. If no: +1.
11. Do you try to get a suntan? If yes: -4. Do you avoid the sun and use sun block? If yes: +2.

Please see YOGA, Page D2

HEALTH NOTES

Inherent risks

Some of us have weak chromosomes that may predispose us to cancer — and this weakness is genetic, researchers say.

Such people's chromosomes, which carry the genes, literally break when exposed to chemicals, and this could help explain why cancer seems to "run" in some National Cancer Institute.

About 15 percent of people studied had these weak chromosomes.

An 'A' in cancer-killing:

But help may be on the way. A chemical derived from Vitamin A can kill cancer cells, even those that are resistant to other drugs, researchers say. In another report in the Journal of the National Cancer Institute, Dr. Barry Maurer of Children's Hospital in Los Angeles and colleagues said they had figured out the mechanism, and

said the chemical, known as fenretinide or 4-HPR, might be added to the mix of drugs given to some cancer patients.

Protein discovery

And scientists at a biotechnology company say they have discovered the human protein that triggers production of one of the body's most important cells, one that fights infection and disease.

Reporting in the Journal of Science, Human Genome Sciences Inc. says the newly identified protein B lymphocyte stimulator, or BlyS, could have many uses. These include boosting immune systems weakened by chemotherapy, organ-transplant drugs or diseases such as AIDS, leukemia and lymphomas.

Soft on helmets

If everyone agrees that all children on bikes should wear helmets, then why can't anyone make them do it?

Largely because the organizations that promote wearing helmets are falling down on the job, according to two researchers.

"Every day in the United States, an average of 1 child dies, and 50 sustain brain injuries from bicycle-related trauma," according to a report in the Journal of Pediatrics Research Center in Seattle.

"The response of the public health community is a collective yawn."

A tall order

If you're tall, join the club. At Tall Clubs International's recent annual convention, an organization official said tall people have larger organs, which means that if they need a transplant, it likely must come from another tall person.

So the club urges members to designate themselves as organ donors.

Compiled from radio reports

HEALTH & FASHION

TO DO FOR YOU

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS - A free breast screening education program is being offered by the Magic Valley Regional Medical Center, Outpatient Services, 526 Shoup Ave. W., Suite J.
For more information or to make an appointment, call 736-1675

TWIN FALLS - Breast Cancer Support Group will meet at 7 p.m. today 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. Tuesday in the Education Center at MVRMC.
Pre-registration is not required.

TWIN FALLS - A prepared childbirth course will be offered Wednesday through Aug. 25, in the Education Center at MVRMC.
Pre-registration is required. Call 737-2900.

TWIN FALLS - A cesarean childbirth class will be offered from 7 to 9:30 p.m. Thursday in the Education Center at MVRMC.
Pre-registration is not required.

TWIN FALLS - The Co-Dependency Group will meet from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Wednesday at Canyon View West Group Room.
Fee is \$10. For more information, call 734-6760.

Yoga

Continued from D1

12. Are there dangerous levels of radon in your house? If yes: -6. Have you checked and found that there is no detectable radon in your house? If yes: -1.

13. Does your body mass index put you in the obese category? (BMI is a ratio of height and weight and is calculated by dividing weight in kilograms by the square of height in meters. You're considered overweight if your BMI is 25 or more.) If yes: -7. Does your BMI put you in the lean category? If yes: -7.

14. Do you live too far away from other family members for visits to be spontaneous? If yes: -7. Do you live near enough to other family members that you can drop by spontaneously? If yes: -5.

15. Does stress bother you to the extent that you can't seem to shake it off? If yes: -7. Can you shed stress? This might be by praying, sports, meditation, being able to respond with humor or by other means. If yes: -7.

16. Does more than one member of your immediate family have diabetes? If yes: -4. If no: -1.

17. Were both your parents dead or very frail by their seventies? If yes: -10. Is there more than one of the following relatives in your family who have reached at least age 90 in excellent health: parents, aunts/uncles, siblings, grandparents? If yes: -10.

18. Are you a couch potato (no regular aerobic or resistance exercise)? If yes: -6. Do you exercise 20 minutes a day or more? If yes: -4.

19. Do you take vitamin E (800 IU/day) and selenium (200 mcg) daily? If no: -5. If yes: -5.

YOUR SCORE

Divide the two scores (negative and positive) by 5. Then add the negative to the positive for an estimate of the number of years you should add or subtract from your life expectancy (for

New pain drugs go gentle on your stomach

The Providence Journal

For anyone who has ever gotten a stomachache after taking aspirin, ibuprofen or other non-steroidal pain relievers, a new breed of drug may be gentler on the digestive tract.

About 116,000 people are hospitalized each year because of stomach problems caused by anti-inflammatory drugs such as aspirin and ibuprofen.

About 15,000 people die each year from these stomach complications. The answer, for some patients, may be a new type of pain reliever known as a COX-2 drug.

What's new about these drugs? The most common medicines in our cabinets - aspirin, ibuprofen, acetaminophen and naproxen - all work by blocking the cyclooxygenase enzymes. These enzymes were once considered a single unit.

Research in the past 10 years has shown that the enzyme has two parts: COX-1, which helps regulate the cell functions in the

stomach and the blood; and COX-2, which causes the pain and inflammation. The new drugs, called COX-2 inhibitors, block COX-2 while leaving COX-1 alone.

Celebrex, made by Searle and Pfizer, was the first of the COX-2 pain inhibitors on the market. It is a prescription drug approved for use for osteoarthritis and rheumatoid arthritis. Vioxx, released this spring by Merck, is approved for osteoarthritis, acute pain and menstrual pain.

Dr. Matthew Heller, a rheumatologist at the North Shore Center for Arthritis, in Peabody, Mass., who was involved in the research for Vioxx, says he prescribes both drugs. Some patients respond to one and not the other.

"I have many patients who can't even begin to take (over-the-counter) pain relievers because of their stomachs," Heller says. "And if you have arthritis and you can't take pain relievers, you're stuck."

He says the new drugs are no stronger than regular pain relievers. Though not without risk, they have many fewer side effects.

Besides being gentler on the stomach, they do not effect blood clotting, so they can be taken up to the day of surgery.

However, without aspirin's blood-thinning properties, the new drugs offer no protection against heart attack and stroke.

But in regard to pain relief, the drugs are so safe and effective that they could take over the market, Heller says.

Right now, however, the COX-2 drugs are expensive.

A daily dose costs between \$2 and \$3. By comparison, naproxen costs 22 cents for a daily dose; ibuprofen costs between 44 cents and 85 cents daily.

This raises the issue of insurance reimbursement. Heller says some managed-care providers reimburse the cost only if the patient has had stomach problems with other pain relievers.

But he notes that there are medical costs for the 100,000 people who are hospitalized each year for stomach problems caused by other pain relievers.

"Why wait for someone to get sick?" he asks.

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example, 30 + 45=15). According to the authors, the life expectancy for most men is 84 and for most women, 87.

PLASTIC SURGERY UPDATE



DELL P. SMITH, M.D., F.A.C.S.

BREAST RECONSTRUCTION FOLLOWING BREAST REMOVAL

IF YOU'RE CONSIDERING BREAST RECONSTRUCTION...

Reconstruction of a breast that has been removed due to cancer or other disease is one of the most rewarding surgical procedures available today. New medical techniques and devices have made it possible for surgeons to create a breast that can come close in form and appearance to matching a natural breast. Frequently, reconstruction is possible immediately following breast removal (mastectomy), so the patient wakes up with a breast mound already in place, having been spared the experience of seeing herself with no breast at all.

But bear in mind, post-mastectomy breast reconstruction is not a simple procedure. There are often many options to consider as you and your doctor explore what's best for you.

PLANNING YOUR SURGERY

You can begin talking about reconstruction as soon as you're diagnosed with cancer. Ideally, you'll want your breast surgeon and your plastic surgeon to work together to develop a strategy that will put you in the best possible condition for reconstruction.

After evaluating your health, your surgeon will explain which reconstructive options are most appropriate for you age, health, anatomy, tissues, and goals.

WHERE YOUR SURGERY WILL BE PERFORMED

Breast reconstruction usually involves more than one operation. The first stage, whether done at the same time as the mastectomy or later on, is usually performed in a hospital.

Follow-up procedures may also be done in the hospital, or, depending on the extent of surgery required, your surgeon may prefer an outpatient facility.

THE SURGERY

While there are many options available in post-mastectomy reconstruction, you and your surgeon should discuss the one that's best for you.

FOLLOW-UP PROCEDURES

Most breast reconstruction involves a series of procedures that occur over time. Usually, the initial reconstructive operation is the most complex. Follow-up surgery may be required to replace a tissue expander with an implant or to reconstruct the nipple and the areola. Many surgeons recommend an additional operation to enlarge, reduce, or lift the natural breast to match the reconstructed breast. But keep in mind, this procedure may leave scars on an otherwise normal breast.

YOUR NEW LOOK

Chances are your reconstructed breast may feel firmer and look rounder or flatter than your natural breast. It may not have the same contour as your breast before mastectomy, nor will it exactly match your opposite breast. But these differences will be apparent only to you. For most mastectomy patients, breast reconstruction dramatically improves their appearance and quality of life following surgery.

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CHICAGO - The phone calls get more frequent and curious - this time of year for people like Phil Nixon and Terry Miller. They are experts on how to control insects around the house.

"The biggest problem is homeowners who don't read the label before using a product," said Nixon, a toxicologist with the University of Illinois Extension in Urbana. "Insect sprays and other pesticides come to market after 8 to 10 years of testing required by the Environmental Protection Agency. The EPA is careful to make manufacturers spell out the proper use of a product."

"But, most commonly, people spray the stuff, then read the label and call us because they are worried about possible health hazards," he said.

Miller, who runs the EPA-funded National Pesticide Communications Network (800-858-7378), says thousands of consumers call every year with "second thoughts" about a product already used.

"The first thing anyone should do is determine if you have a pest problem or not," said Miller, a professor of environmental toxicology at Oregon State University. "Most callers have skipped this step. If you see one spider in the house, it doesn't mean you have to spray the whole place."

Health risk is a good starting point for deciding if the ants in your kitchen or mosquitoes in the back yard are serious pests or mere nuisances. Some bugs present minimal threat to well-being, while others can be more problematic.

For instance, studies by the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention have linked cockroaches to asthma outbreaks in poor urban areas. The results make a strong argument for using home products or a professional exterminator service to eliminate the pests.

In too many cases, experts like Nixon and Miller contend the misuse of bug sprays and other insecticides is what introduces the heightened risk. Children, older individuals and anyone with a compromised immune system is most susceptible to reactions that range from skin rashes to flu-like symptoms. If a bug repellent is somehow ingested, it can be life-threatening. Even too much direct skin contact can cause a severe reaction, especially in young children whose nervous systems are still developing.

"These products do kill organisms," said Dr. Tom Scatta, chairman of the department of emergency medicine at West Suburban Hospital and Medical Center in Oak Park, Ill. They are typically diluted enough to kill bugs and not humans. But people who use any product should really know its potency and carefully follow directions.

Overuse is one concern. Ants, for instance, are unlikely to harm even infants or toddlers, Nixon said. That's because ants don't carry disease. If a chemical spray is used to kill them, they will proceed to track the chemically toxic material around a home.

Better to employ standard ant bait traps sold at the grocery or drug store. The products are routinely used in hospitals, nursing homes and even pet stores (where owners need to be careful about any toxins endangering the inventory).

Nixon recommends the traps over sprays to eliminate the possibility of inhaling. The traps have twice as much insecticide as enough to kill ants but not enough to be hazardous to young children (unless there is direct contact with the mouth or hands). For households with small children, the bait traps should be placed in inaccessible places or placed on the floor only at night.

On the other hand, mosquitoes can pose the real if extremely rare threat of disease.

Two years ago, Disney World in Orlando closed its hotel swimming pools and water parks an

Taking the sting out of insect bites

Before the 21st of the last year, one thing can stop you from a busy summer day: the sting of a bee, hornet or wasp. The same insects that float from stem to stem, coloring lawns with flowers as they search for pollen, are also the cause of millions of people who could avoid the threatening allergic reactions if they'd speak up to a doctor. You know who you speak to - you're already here. Some people have a severe reaction to an insect sting, to all likelihood, people who had one or more previous reactions are candidates for a new and improved prescription of the drug epinephrine.

Some also may be eligible for venom immunotherapy, the 20-year-old procedure of shots of insect venom that is almost 100 percent perfect in halting a patient's immunity and blocking the reaction. It is taken weekly for two or three months, then repeated every one or two months for up to five years.

But most people don't know about their allergy, leaving allergists almost as angry as bees in late summer. They have gone on attack, giving information to the busy people who could obtain it - emergency rooms and general doctors' offices.

Wessex Immunology is reserved for the severely allergic, and a person can be tested for reactions and treated with it only after experiencing a second severe reaction. That the biggest thing is knowing it is available and not more dangerous than any other allergy shot," says Dr. David Golden, assistant professor of medicine at Johns Hopkins University and a specialist in allergies, particularly those caused by insect stings. "You, allergic reactions to shots can happen," he says, but no more often than reactions to eggs for grass or dust mites.

The therapy is also safe for pregnant women, he says.

Source: The Baltimore Sun

effective for preventing bites from mosquitoes and ticks (which cause Lyme disease and has been reported in some outlying coun-

ties beyond the metropolitan area). Last year, as part of a program to tighten pesticide use, the EPA reviewed all of its toxicity studies to determine whether deet is safe. The conclusion: Yes, if used correctly.

Improper use appears to pose the greater health risk, at least for the children of some "overzealous" sprayers, Miller said.

"We hear from people who have rubbed deet all over their children's skin surfaces, even around the eyes," he explained. Many products have deet concentrations of 20 to 50 percent, sometimes even more. The American Academy of Pediatrics recommends using no more than a 10 percent concentration on children. Doctors advise against any insect sprays for infants 1 year or younger. Studies show 8 to 9 percent of any deet formula is absorbed into the body, then eliminated by the body in about 12 hours. Applying it on skin under clothing is likely to increase absorption.

Miller said deet is a bad idea for any kids too young to understand they shouldn't touch sprayed areas of the body, then touch their mouth and lips.

Another problem: Lots of people spray deet and other insecticides right into the air, where it can be breathed and ingested. "I see people who spray and

reach products on a fly that is buzzing around a window," Nixon said. "I say, for goodness sake, get out the fly swatter."

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- Breast Cancer Support Group * Monday, July 26, 7 p.m., Cancer Center Reception Area. For more information call Char Basils at 737-2800 or Jody Tremblay at 733-3700.
- Infant CPR Class * Tuesday, July 27, 7 - 9:30 p.m., Education Center. Pre-registration is not required.
- Co-Dependency Group * Wednesday, July 28, 6 - 7:30 p.m., Canyon View West Group Room. Fee: \$10. For more information call 734-6760.
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ROSE-ROSE

TWIN FALLS — Lauralee Rose and Mark G. Rose, both of Twin Falls, announce the engagement of their daughter, Shelly Rose, to Scott Rose, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Rose of Irvine, Calif.



Scott Rose and Shelly Rose

Shelly Rose graduated from Twin Falls High School and Ricks College with a professional associates degree in interior design. She served an LDS mission in the Taegun South Korea Mission. She is employed as an interior designer at Andree Conic Ltd. in Corona Del Mar, Calif.

Scott Rose is a graduate of Mater Dei High School in Santa Ana, Calif., and will graduate from the University of Utah in Salt Lake City, Utah, in December with a degree in accounting. He served an LDS mission in the Salvador South Brazil Mission.

The wedding is planned for

Aug. 7 at the Logan LDS Temple in Logan, Utah. A garden reception will be held Aug. 6 in Twin Falls at the home of the bride's mother. A reception will also be held Aug. 20 at the Duck Club in Irvine, Calif., following a honeymoon trip.

The couple will live in Salt Lake City until he graduates in December and then they will be residing in Newport Beach, Calif.

DAVIDS-TONER

BURLEY — Bob and Robin Davids of Burley announce the engagement of their daughter, Alicia Davids, to Kevin Toner, son of David and Susan Toner of Burley.



Alicia Davids and Kevin Toner

Kevin Toner graduated from Burley High School and majored in accounting at Idaho State University in Pocatello. He is currently a graduate student at the University of Arizona in Tucson, Ariz.

The wedding is planned for Friday at the Jordan River LDS Temple in Jordan River, Utah, at

10:30 a.m. The couple will be having the wedding from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Carnegie 11005 Church. Reception will be held at the same location. The couple will reside in Teton, Idaho.

ELTON-GRAY

RUPERT — Diana Fuller of Centerville, Utah, and Ken Elton from Utah announce the engagement of their daughter, Jennifer Ann Elton, to Rick Teeples Gray, son of Roger and Sandy Gray of Rupert.



Jennifer Ann Elton and Rick Teeples Gray

Elton graduated from high school in Centerville, Utah, and is majoring in dental hygiene at Ricks College in Redbus, Idaho. Gray played baseball and graduated from Minion High School. He served a two-year Arizona Tucson Mission for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

The wedding is planned for Friday in the Centerville LDS Church, 1298 N. 400 W. in Centerville, Utah. A reception is

planned for the couple will be having the wedding from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Carnegie 11005 Church. Reception will be held at the same location. The couple will reside in Redbus, Idaho.

DILLON-GOODING

TWIN FALLS — Michael and Cyd Dillon of Twin Falls announce the engagement of their daughter, Heather Jean Dillon, to Jeremy Lee Gooding, son of Jeff and Paula Gooding of Twin Falls.



Heather Jean Dillon and Jeremy Lee Gooding

Dillon is a graduate of Twin Falls High School and is attending Boise State University. She is employed at Action Express in Boise.

Gooding is a graduate of Twin Falls High School and BSU. He is employed by Balkoff Lindstrom and Company in Boise.

The wedding is planned

for Saturday.

WEDDINGS

JENSEN-BOTHWELL

TWIN FALLS — Danielle Jensen and Kevin Bothwell were married March 13 at the Christ Chapel in Boise.

Sarah Fowler, friend of the bride, served as the maid of honor. Brian Bothwell, brother of the groom, served as best man. A reception was held following the ceremony at the Rose Room in Boise.

The bride is a 1996 graduate of Kuna High School and a 1999 graduate of Pioneer Real Estate School in Boise. She owns The Nanny Source in Twin Falls.

The bridegroom is the son of Bruce and Mary Bothwell of Hagerman. He graduated in 1996 from Wendell High School and



Danielle and Kevin Bothwell

attended the University of Idaho and Boise State University. He is employed by Bothwell Construction. The couple took a honeymoon trip to Mexico and the Bay Islands near Honduras.

They reside in Twin Falls.

FEATHERSTON-PERRY

JEROME — Cara Featherston and John Perry were married June 19 at the Jerome County Club.

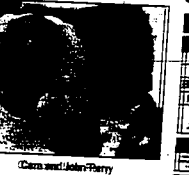
The bride is the daughter of Rick and Julie Featherston of Jerome and Penny and David Galvan of Twin Falls. Parents of the bridegroom are Robert and Emily Perry of Jerome.

Maid of honor included Miranda Galvan, sister of the bride, and Angela Hickey, friend of the bride. Brian O'Rourke and Eric Hettings, friends of the groom, served as best men.

Ushers were Nick Featherston, brother of the bride, and D.J. Perry, brother of the groom.

A reception was held following the ceremony. Lisa Michel, cousin of the groom, attended the guest book. The bride is attending Boise State University. She is employed at Albertsons general offices in Boise. The bridegroom is also attending BSU. He is employed at Hewlett Packard in Boise.

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SOULSBY-FLETCHER

BURLEY — Heather Karina Soulsby and William Eric Fletcher were married June 19 at the First Baptist Church in Burley.

Officiating was the Rev. Preston Condra of Marlow, Okla. Anne Jensen, friend of the bride, was the maid of honor. The bride is the daughter of Dr. Mrs. Eugene Soulsby of Burley and Teresa and Gary Keck. Ron Shipley, served as the sound person.

The bride is the daughter of Dr. Mrs. Eugene Soulsby of Burley and Teresa and Gary Keck. Ron Shipley, served as the sound person. Parents of the groom are Mr. and Mrs. Kenny Fletcher of Meeker, Okla., and Mr. and Mrs. Mike McHugh of Norman, Okla.

Wendi Moore, friend of the bride from Oklahoma City, served as the maid of honor. Bridesmaids included Jenny Carlson, friend of the bride from Shawnee, Okla., Carmen McReynolds of Jerome and Shannon Odegard of Delta, Colo.

Emilee Odegard, niece of the bride, was the flower girl. Mark Soulsby, brother of the bride, was the ring bearer.

Candlelighters were Mandy and Regina Fletcher of Meeker, Okla. The groom, served as the best man. Groomsmen were Cliff Fletcher, cousin of the groom, and Russell Fletcher and T.J. Fletcher, brothers of the groom.

A reception followed the ceremony at the Burley Best Western Inn and a reception was held June 26 at the Rock Creek Baptist Church in Shawnee, Okla.

The bride is a 1998 graduate of Oklahoma Baptist University, where she received a bachelor of science in sports medicine with an emphasis in nutrition and exercise physiology. The groom is a 1999 graduate of Oklahoma Baptist University with a bachelor of arts in youth ministry degree.

The couple currently are residing in Shawnee, Okla., where the groom is the minister of youth at the Rock Creek Baptist Church and the bride is an employee of Oklahoma Baptist University in the business office. She plans to pursue a doctor of chiropractic degree in the future.

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