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# Don't fry



Chance Askew, 24, and Tawnee Black, 9, of Kimberly get an unexpected shower from their dog Riley Monday afternoon at the Twin Falls Park boat ramps on the Snake River. Temperatures reached the mid 90s in Twin Falls Monday and are expected to approach 100 degrees by the end of this week.

## The heat is on for people, pets and cars

By Rachel Deany Times-News correspondent

**TWIN FALLS** - Eight glasses of water a day won't be enough over the next couple days.

Temperatures could reach the high 90s in the next few days, said Thomas Andretta, a staff meteorologist with the National

Weather Service in Pocatello.

The heat is caused by a hot, dry air mass over eastern Idaho, he said. And the next few days could be dangerous for some people.

The risk of heat-related problems can be lessened by drinking more water and fluids, Magic Valley Regional Medical Center

emergency room physician Dr. Chad Cotner said. It also helps to wear light-colored clothing that breathes, and limit outdoor activity.

Heat exhaustion is usually caused by substantial water loss from a person's body.

"The elderly are particularly prone to it," Cotner said. "There

are a number of people that die in this country each year from it."

Heat stroke, a dangerous side effect of hot weather, can cause anything from confusion to coma. It can be diminished by drinking more fluids.

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## Snake River yields body

### Search for another keeps up in Gooding County

The Times-News

**JEROME** - While Gooding County authorities continued searching the Snake River for a missing man Monday, Jerome County officials tried to identify a body found in the river late Sunday.

Jerome County search and rescue workers pulled the body out of the water after a passerby discovered it about a mile downstream of the Blue Lakes Country Club. Officials didn't expect to identify the body until late today at the earliest, Jerome County Sheriff Jim Weaver said.

Twin Falls police think it might be a shoplifter who ran from ShopKo Thursday and scurried over the Snake River Canyon rim.

"We believe there is a distinct possibility that it's the same guy, but we don't know for sure," Twin Falls police Sgt. Don Hall said.

Witnesses said they saw the shoplifter climb into the canyon near the Perrine Bridge and disappear over a small ledge, but nobody was found during an extensive search by police and Magic Valley Regional Medical Center paramedics who rappelled into the canyon.

In Gooding County, searchers continued looking for a California man who disappeared Saturday while swimming near the Lower Salmon Dam.

Divers searched the waters throughout the day but had not found late Monday. Crews planned to continue searching today.



Attorney Cynthia Johnson, right, holds up a photo of Callie Marie Johnson while she and Paula Johnson listen to questions during a press conference in Charlottesville, Va., on the Aug. 4, 1999. The photo, Paula Johnson learned in July 1998 that Callie was not her biological child.

## CUSTODY RIFT WIDENS

### Families battle over girls switched at birth

The Associated Press

**BUENA VISTA, Va.** - A year ago, the families of two little girls switched at birth met for the first time, and everyone got along just fine.

They agreed they could work things out without lawyers. The children would stay with the families raising them, and the biological families would get liberal visitation rights.

That was then.

This is now: a custody battle so bitter that one mother screamed as she was leaving court. "That's my child and I want her home with me!"

Paula Johnson's outburst was the latest twist in a yearlong saga.

It began last summer when Ms. Johnson, a single mother, asked her former boyfriend for more child support for their daughter, Callie. To make sure he was the father, his blood was tested. When the results came back, Ms. Johnson learned that not only was the man not Callie's father, but Ms. Johnson was not the girl's mother.

It turned out that Callie and another girl, now both 4, had been switched at the University of Virginia Medical Center. Investigations by state officials failed to determine how the switch occurred and several lawsuits are pending.

Just a day after Ms. Johnson got the test results, Callie's biological parents, Kevin

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## Calling Russia: Countries set up new Moscow-Washington hot line

The Associated Press

**SINGAPORE** - Secretary of State Madeleine Albright and her Russian counterpart announced Monday they will install a second Washington-Moscow "hot line" to help avoid misunderstandings like those that developed over Kosovo.

The two diplomats pronounced the rift between the two countries on the mend.

"We have turned the corner," said Russian Foreign Minister Igor Ivanov, saying the U.S.



Madeleine Albright and Igor Ivanov

Russian relationship must proceed without "any decisions or surprises." Recent developments

"underscored the need for having a continuously operating and reliable communication," he said.

U.S.-Russian tensions were triggered by NATO's 78-day bombing of Yugoslavia - which its longtime ally strongly opposed - and exacerbated by such incidents as Russian tanks bearing down on Kosovo and Washington's accusations.

While searching their respective differences, Albright and Ivanov were upbeat at a joint news conference, focusing on future cooperation on numerous

issues including peacekeeping and reconstruction in the Balkans.

"The Russian-U.S. relationship was so important and so broad that it could not be damaged by the Kosovo situation," Albright declared. She and Ivanov met for 2.5 hours at a working dinner during an annual forum on Southeast Asia.

The reconciliation effort was under way in Washington as well. Russian Prime Minister Sergei Stepashin planned to meet briefly with President Clinton on

## Auditors: Cop plan is behind schedule

### Clinton promise may end up 40,000 officers short; timeline revised

The Associated Press

**WASHINGTON** - The Clinton administration is likely to fall 40,000 short of its promise to put 100,000 more state and local cops on the nation's streets by the end of the year 2000, the Justice Department inspector general estimated Monday.

Releasing an audit of the Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) program, Inspector General Michael Bromwich said program officials have shirked their funding.

"COPS officials have informed us that their goal is to fund - that is, to have approved grant applications for - 100,000 new officers by the end of fiscal year 2000," Bromwich said. "This is significantly different from having 100,000 new officers - actually deployed to the streets." That goal has been stated publicly by administration officials.

Using COPS office projections, Bromwich estimated 59,765 additional officers will be deployed by the end of 2000.

Attorney General Janet Reno said, "We have every intention of reaching the president's goal." She called the report "a constructive tool for improving program management in reaching this goal."

Senate Judiciary Committee Chairman Orrin Hatch, R-Utah, said the report "confirms many of Congress' criticisms" about the program. He also said it should raise questions about whether COPS can handle another \$5.375 billion sought by the president to add 50,000 more officers by the end of 2005.

A centerpiece of President Clinton's 1992 campaign, the program was part of a 1994 crime law. It authorized \$8.8 billion for grants to state and local police agencies to hire new officers or redeploy old ones into street work with the community.

Mary Lou Leary, the program's acting director, disputed Bromwich's conclusions about whether the ultimate goal will be reached. She said the findings relied heavily on audits of 149 grants, either referred to him by COPS or programs selected by him because they appeared to, have problems.

"The inspector general has no basis for inferring broad conclusions about the COPS program from this high risk pool of pre-selected sites, which represents, only approximately 1 percent of the 11,300 COPS grants," Leary said.

Acknowledging the audits may not be representative, Bromwich said they nevertheless raised questions about some COPS figures.

He said grantee audits played no role in two findings: that COPS spent 2,722 officers as funded even though local police agencies had not accepted the \$468 million for them, and that the program's signature contract added another 2,500 officers as funded before grantees received award documents.

Tuesday and to hold lengthy sessions with Vice President Al Gore.

"I hope there will be no more political and military upheavals," Stepashin said in a speech Monday night to hundreds of American business people. "But nothing will take us back to the Cold War."

Declaring himself independent of Russia's "magnates and tycoons," he said the economy needed further privatization focused on pulling off more state-owned businesses.

# THE REGION

## Carnas Prairie



High: 94 Low: 55  
Sunny and very warm today and clear tonight. Mostly sunny and continued hot on Wednesday.

## Treasure Valley



High: 101 Low: 64  
Sunny and hot, with light winds becoming more west at 5-10 mph in the afternoon.

## Sawtooth Mountains/Wood River Valley



High: 80 Low: 49  
Mostly sunny today, mostly clear tonight. Mostly sunny Wednesday.

## Eastern Idaho



High: 93 Low: 52  
Mostly sunny in the morning, cloudy in the afternoon. A chance of thunderstorms.

## Northern Idaho



High: 98 Low: 65  
Sunny and warmer. Winds in the afternoon at 10 mph. Mostly sunny and very warm on Wednesday.

## Northern Utah



High: 90 Low: 55  
Partly cloudy with a slight chance of afternoon thunderstorms or showers. Partly cloudy on Wednesday.

## Northern Nevada



High: 96 Low: 59  
Sunny and hot, with winds 5-15 mph.

# MAGIC VALLEY FIVE-DAY FORECAST

Today	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
High: 96 Low: 59 Sunny and hot, with winds 5-15 mph.	High: 97 Low: 58 Sunny and hot. Winds 5-15 mph.	High: 90s Low: 50s Mostly sunny days and clear nights.	High: 90s Low: 50s Mostly sunny days and clear nights.	High: 90s Low: 50s Mostly sunny days and clear nights.

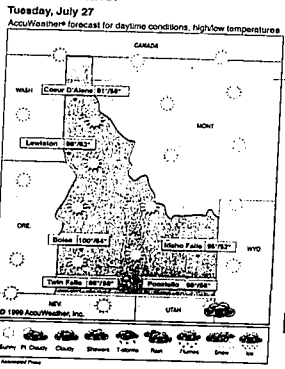
# YESTERDAY'S WEATHER

Twin Falls	Precipitation
Yesterday 93 54	Yesterday in Twin Falls
Last year 93 64	Month to date: .00
Normal 92 56	Normal mo. to date: .25
	Water year to date: 13.13
	Normal year to date: 9.20

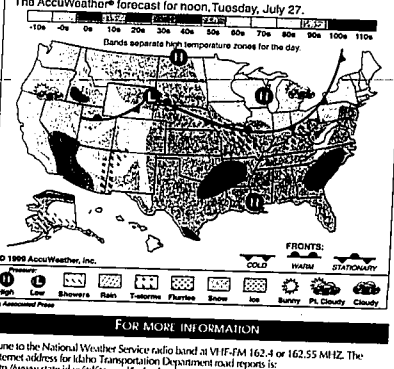
# Idaho

City	Max	Min	Pcp	High/Lows
Boise	97	59	.....	High: 97 (degrees at Boise, Lowell, Low: 10 (degrees at Stanley, Nampa, High: 113 at Death Valley, Calif.
Coeur d'Alene	84	50	.....	Low: 30 at Meacham, Ore., and Stanley.
Grande Valley	46	m	.....	
Hagerman	93	48	.....	
Idaho Falls	90	40	.....	
Lexington	94	54	.....	
Malad	44	m	.....	
Malden	93	55	.....	Non humidity: 27%
McCall	82	55	.....	Non humidity: 30.4%
Pocatello	92	42	.....	Pollen count: 12 (low): stinging nettle, grass, ragweed
Salmon	45	m	.....	
Stanley	82	30	.....	
Sun Valley	82	40	.....	Abs: 1300 (measured); grass smog

## Idaho weather



## National weather



## UV INDEX

Index: 9 (High) (burn time: 15 minutes)

## FIRE DANGER

Fire conditions in southern Idaho is extreme on range lands and extreme in forested lands.

## SKYWATCH

Sunset today 9:04 p.m., Sunrise tomorrow 6:26 a.m., Lunar phase: Full July 28; last quarter, Aug. 4; new, Aug. 11; first quarter, Aug. 19.

## ACROSS THE NATION

Elsewhere Excessive heat and humidity continued to plague the eastern half of the country on Monday. Temperatures were in the 90's from the Ohio Valley and Northeast, south into the Southern Plains, Gulf Coast and Southeast states.

# Woodstock ends in chaos, violence

ROME, N.Y. (AP) - Although Woodstock '99 ended in fires, rioting, vandalism and police being pelted with stones, fruit, officials said the destruction was caused by a small segment of the concertgoers. "This festival has collapsed into chaos," Onida County Executive Ralph Egan said during a news conference Monday. "This festival has been a very serious problem for a few hours last night."

Seven people were arrested on charges of rioting, disorderly conduct and criminal mischief. The chaos involved a few hundred youths from among a crowd of about 150,000 at the time, State Police Superintendent James McMahon said. Those caught on the festival grounds at the former military base had a much different perspective as they watched an

unruly mob loot and burn a row of 12 tractor trailers, set fire to a small bus and several portable toilets, overturn a car and destroy several vendor booths, ATM machines, light stands and a speaker tower. "We felt threatened," said 52-year-old vendor Tom Full, of Putney, Vt., who was packing to leave at midday Monday. "This was supposed to be peace, love and harmony. I was at a disaster. Woodstock. That was a disaster also, but there was no violence. This completely blew me away." The violence erupted as the

Red Hot Chili Peppers played the festival's closing set. State troopers were outside the festival grounds helping guide about 75,000 people who left during the day Sunday. Security inside the festival was provided by a 1,250-person force that organizers said was not properly trained to handle a riot. Inside, the mob was left to run page for nearly 90 minutes before 500 troopers in riot gear moved in. Woodstock organizers will have to pay for most of the rioting damage, officials said.

# U.S. to give Kosovo \$500M in short-term aid

The Washington Post WASHINGTON - The United States is prepared to provide up to \$500 million in short-term assistance to feed, house, protect and train the people of Kosovo as they begin the task of developing their own government. Opening their own government institutions, senior Clinton administration officials said Monday. U.S. representatives will make the offer at a conference of some

50 donor countries in Brussels on Wednesday. The goal of the conference is to agree on short-term aid to ensure the Kosovars remain ready for the onset of winter. A second conference, in October, will discuss long-term needs, including reconstruction. World Bank officials estimated Monday that the cost of repairing

physical damage in Kosovo could be \$1.5 billion or less - about half of some previous estimates. White House National Security adviser Samuel R. "Sandy" Berger and other senior U.S. officials departed this week's meeting in Brussels as the first step in an effort to bring peace and stability not just to Kosovo but to the entire Balkan region and the rest of southeastern Europe. On Friday, President Clinton

will meet in Sarajevo, Bosnia, with leaders of about 35 other nations to forge what Berger called "the Balkans Stability Pact, a framework for promoting democracy, prosperity and security across the region." Secretary of State Madeleine Albright and other administration officials have long contended that the volatility of the Balkans threatens the stability of the entire continent, and thus of the United States.

# Custody

Continued from A1 Chittum and Whitney Rogers, were killed in a car wreck with over learning that the girls were raising, Rebecca, was not theirs. After the car accident, Chittum's parents and Ms. Rogers' parents agreed to share custody of Rebecca, only to find out a short time later that Rebecca was not their biological granddaughter. When the truth finally came out, the two sides met in August 1998, and Ms. Johnson said at the time: "Everyone was just wonderful. These are people you can feel very close to, even

without this ordeal." The truce has since broken down. Ms. Johnson has petitioned for custody of Rebecca and wants to keep Callie, too, while the other side wants to stick to the original agreement to keep things as they were. Tommy and Brenda Rogers, who are helping to raise Rebecca, leave little doubt they blame Ms. Johnson for the rift but won't go into specifics. "My days of speaking to Paula are over," Tommy Rogers said in an interview Sunday at his Buena Vista home.

Ms. Johnson's lawyer, Ken Morgenstahl, would not allow his client to be interviewed. He said grandparents with different agendas caused the rift. He said the Rogerses and the Chittums were bickering, and Ms. Johnson didn't like Rebecca being in the middle of it. Experts who have followed the case said discord was all but inevitable. Madeline Kaslow, professor of family and child psychology at Emory University in Atlanta, said the families' pledge to work out custody and visitation amicably "was too much to expect."

"This is so complicated, even the courts and mental health professionals will have trouble figuring out what's best," she said. In the meantime, it's not clear whether Callie knows what is going on. As for Rebecca, Brenda Rogers said the little girl is doing fine and has been told nothing about the switch. "She just knows her mommy and daddy are in heaven," Mrs. Rogers said. "Eventually, when she gets older, she will know the truth."

# Sanction-lifting goes into effect

WASHINGTON (AP) - Starting today, sanctions against Iran, Libya and Sudan will be eased to allow American companies to sell them food, medicine and medical equipment. All three countries are listed by the State Department as export destinations for terrorism, which makes them subject to military and business sanctions. Tougher embargoes that bar other dealings, including humanitarian aid, are being eased. "Sanctions on food, medicine and medical equipment do not generally advance our policy goals and may have adverse consequences in the humanitarian realm," Stuart Eizenstat, the deputy Treasury secretary, said Monday. He said companies selling humanitarian goods would need licenses from the Treasury

Department. At the same time, the new policy offers U.S. companies, particularly farmers, an opportunity to boost exports. American farmers are feeling lingering effects of a global financial crisis that is hurting their worst economic period in a decade. "With farm prices still low and global demand still soft, this action could not have come at a better time," Agriculture Secretary Dan Glickman said. "Our farmers are hurting, and they deserve every opportunity to reach out to as many potential customers as possible around the world." The new policy offers farmers the opportunity to sell more than 13 million tons of grain, worth as much as \$2 billion, to Iran, Libya and Sudan, administration officials estimated.

# Heat

Continued from A1 For pets, heat stroke is just as life-threatening. Addison Animal Clinic Veterinarian Dr. Lisa Ehrbridge said. Dogs lose heat through the pads of their feet and through panting, so it is harder for them to cool off, she said. Owners can protect their pets from heat stroke by providing a shady place outside, a kiddie pool filled with water and plenty of water to drink, Ehrbridge said. "The main thing is never leave pets or children in a car," she said. "Even if the windows are rolled down. The temperature can get to 130 degrees to 150 degrees within 10 minutes." A dog suffering from heat

stroke should be taken to a veterinarian as soon as possible. Symptoms include excessive panting, a hot red face, coloration on the mouth and tongue, an inability to walk and non-responsive behavior, Ehrbridge said. The heat might slow people and pets, but cars should be unoccupied if they are kept in good working order. S & D Automotive Maintenance and Repair owner Bob Willis said. The car might be a little sluggish, but a proper mixture of antifreeze should head off problems, he said. Times-News correspondent Rachel Perrin can be reached in Twin Falls at 734-3780.

# Correction

A story in The Times-News Sunday listed an incorrect e-mail address for the Idaho AGC Education Foundation. The correct address is [isaal@agcinfo.org](mailto:isaal@agcinfo.org). The Times-News regrets the error.

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**LOTTERY UPDATE**

**SATURDAY, JULY 24 NUMBERS**

**POWERBALL**  
4 23 33 45 47  
POWERBALL NUMBER 33

**SATURDAY, JULY 24 NUMBERS**

**WILD CARD**  
4 12 18 26 30  
WILD CARD JACK OF DIAMONDS

**MONDAY, JULY 26 NUMBERS**

**FAST**  
8 15 18 19 25

The Powerball Jackpot for Wednesday night is an estimated **\$10 Million**

The Wild Card 2 Jackpot for Wednesday night is an estimated: **\$105,000**

What would you do with all that money?

NATION

# Lawsuit seeks truth of rocket belt

## Mysterious disappearance raises questions

HOUSTON (AP) — In 1995, a test pilot with a rocket contraption strapped to his back shot into the air and flew over the Houston Ship Channel like Buck Rogers for 28 seconds. The crowd went wild.

After the demonstration, one of the developers of the rocket belt put it in his trailer and drove off.

The rocket belt hasn't been seen since.

The demonstration was the first and last public flight of the RB-2000 rocket belt, one of only three such devices operational in the world.

Four years later, accusations of murder and assault envelop the three men who collaborated to build the device.

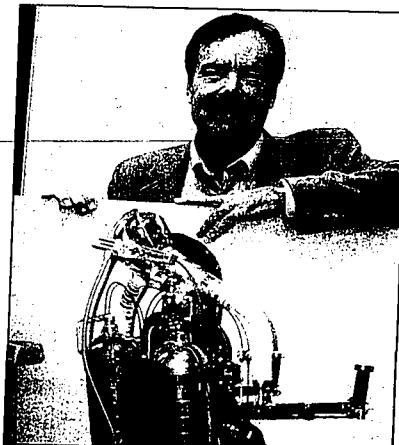
One is dead, while another is a suspect in his slaying and faces a trial this week in a lawsuit brought by the third partner accusing him of absconding with their invention to keep the profits to himself.

In the midst of it all, the question remains: What happened to the rocket belt?

In the 1965 movie "Thunderball," James Bond straps on a rocket belt and quips that "no well-dressed man would be without one." It was the entertainment world's first glimpse of a real such gadget, which later appeared in dozens of commercials, movies and at special events such as the 1984 Olympics in Los Angeles.

The size of a bulky backpack and weighing 120 pounds when full, the belt has two tanks filled with hydrogen peroxide and a third containing nitrogen. When the throttle is opened, the high-pressure stream blasts out two nozzles, providing the lifting thrust.

Bell Aircraft first developed the device in the early 1960s for the Defense Department, which wanted a rocket to improve soldiers' mobility. But is fuel capaci-



Larry Stanley shows a photo of a rocket belt at his attorney's office in Houston earlier this year. The first and last public flight of the RB-2000 rocket belt occurred in 1995, but the belt has been missing since.

ty allowed for only a 20-second flight, making it impractical.

But others were intrigued and dreamed of building their own rocket machine. One such person was Brad Barker.

In 1991, Barker was working in Florida helping to maintain a rocket belt owned by a stunt man who flew the contraption at Disney World. Later that year, he contacted an old acquaintance, pilot and aeronautics buff Larry Stanley, about teaming up to build a belt.

As Stanley tells it, both men borrowed thousands from their mothers by the parts. Barker, he says, purchased the machinery, while Stanley worked to put it all together.

Joe Wright, a friend of Barker's in Houston, offered them space at

his business to build the belt. The rent was to be paid later, according to Stanley, after the belt was operational and making money.

On November 1994, that moment was near. The belt was ready for test flights. But suspicion already hung over the project.

Stanley believed Barker had been charging him at least twice what the parts and machinery cost and pocketing whatever money was left over.

Stanley confronted Barker. A fight broke out, and Barker beat his partner with a 4-pound hammer.

Both men were charged with assault, though the charges against Stanley were dropped. Barker was convicted and placed on probation.

The partnership was over.

Wright quickly placed a lien on the rocket belt, claiming Stanley owed him back rent. Stanley never saw the belt again, and the last time anyone saw it publicly was at a 1995 National Basketball Association event in Houston, when Barker put it in his trailer and drove away.

In 1995, Stanley sued Barker and Wright, accusing them of conspiring to seize the belt "for their own personal use, benefit and monetary gain."

The case finally was set for trial last July. In a last-ditch effort to settle his part of the lawsuit, Wright agreed a few weeks before trial to contact Barker and try to learn the whereabouts of the rocket belt, according to Wright's former attorney, Ronald Bass.

A few days later, Wright was bludgeoned to death in his home. Authorities questioned Barker but never charged him. Harris County sheriff's officials say he remains a suspect along with one other unidentified person.

Barker maintains his innocence and insists he has phone records proving he was out of state when Wright was killed.

"The sheriff's department has gone out of its way to try to associate the rocket belt with this murder," Barker says, "and it's got nothing to do with it whatsoever."

As for the rocket belt, Barker refuses to discuss its whereabouts. When asked whether he had it, he replied: "I could tell you yes, I could tell you no."

Stanley's lawsuit finally went to trial on Monday. But attorneys for he other side weren't there to present a defense, meaning a default judgment against them is likely after the judge hears Stanley's side.

Stanley is seeking reimbursement for the rental value of the rocket belt since December 1994 — an estimated \$500,000 a year.

But Stanley says all he really wants is the rocket belt back.

"The only things that carry you through it is persistence and determination. So if I'm persistent and determined, I will recover that rocket belt," he says. "It has been four years, and I'm not anywhere close to giving up on it. (Barker) is going to have to bury it."

# Survey shows state surpluses at highest point since 1980

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — The booming economy, conservative revenue forecasting and prudent management have left states in their best financial shape in at least two decades, according to a survey released Monday.

The 44 states that provided information to the National Conference of State Legislatures ended fiscal year 1999 a total of \$33.4 billion in the black.

The number combines general fund ending balances with reserve funds and represents 9.4 percent of 1999 state general fund spending, the survey showed. That tops the previous high of 9 percent in 1989.

The NCSL, a clearinghouse of information for states and their lobbying arm in Washington, has

been conducting the survey since 1978. The organization is holding its annual conference in Indianapolis this week.

The survey also showed that state legislatures overall lowered taxes for a fifth consecutive year, approving a net cut of \$5.5 billion for fiscal year 2000.

"The general fiscal conditions of our states is excellent," said Dan Blue, a state representative from North Carolina and president of the NCSL. "In fact, it's probably unprecedented."

The survey indicated that of the 44 states reporting, 32 ended the 1999 state fiscal year with a balance exceeding 5 percent the level Wall Street analysts recommend as prudent.

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## Magic Valley Bank Announces Second Phase of Common Stock Offering

July 23, 1999 — Twin Falls, Idaho — Magic Valley Bank announced today that it is in the second phase of the offering of 337,500 shares of its common stock. The shares were first offered exclusively to the shareholders of the bank in the first phase of the offering is open to the general public and will expire at 5:00 pm Mountain Daylight Time on September 1, 1999, unless extended by the Bank in its sole discretion.

The purchase price of the common stock is \$13.00 per share and the shares are being offered by the Bank on a best efforts basis without the services of an underwriter.

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# Rivals put heads together for Y2K problems

ATLANTA (AP) — While Delta Air Lines and its competitors spend their summer dueling over discount fares and fighting for frequent fliers, they are teaming up to take on a common enemy — the Y2K bug.

The nation's major airlines still want to beat each other out of a buck. But they're also swapping tips to ensure one another's computer systems don't crash when the year 2000 arrives.

They aren't alone. Rival banks, phone companies, hospitals, electric utilities and other industries have reached a similar conclusion — there's little or no advantage to be gained from a competitor's Y2K catastrophe.

"If one airline happens to have a (Y2K) problem the flying public is going to perceive the whole industry has a problem," said Walter Taylor, Atlanta-based Delta's vice president for technology.

The Year 2000 computer bug threatens computer programs that read dates using only two digits for the year. If computers read the year 00 as 1900 rather than 2000, they could spit out inaccurate data.

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— Walter Taylor, Delta Airlines vice-president

In worst-case scenarios, it's a problem that could shut down airline reservation systems, short-circuit bank transactions, cause telephone networks to crash and scramble credit reports.

So competitors are holding joint tests of their computer systems, sponsoring Y2K roundtables through their trade associations and pooling their money to pay consultants to target problem areas.

"In a lot of ways, it's not altruism. It's a recognition of the fact that if the systems break down, everybody's going to be at risk,"

said John Koskinen, chairman of President Clinton's Council on Y2K Conversion.

Dave Johnson, a Bedminster, N.J.-based spokesman for AT&T Corp., said the reason for the cooperation is simple: "Corporate America is not stupid."

AT&T and BellSouth Corp. have been locked in a series of regulatory fights over the Baby Bells' efforts to offer long-distance service and AT&T's attempts to expand into local telephone markets.

But they recently put those differences aside to conduct tests together to ensure customers will be able to complete calls on New Year's Day.

Each company set up labs to see how their phone switches would work when computer clocks were forwarded to Jan. 1, 2000. They tested local calls, long-distance calls, collect calls, calling-card calls, international calls and 911 calls.

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12. Westward
14. Novelist Hunter
15. Pasta and Cole
16. Ural green
17. Long-necked
18. Theatrical award
20. Paver and grayer
21. Sound
22. Containers
23. Concubine
24. Chick's try
25. Uniform
26. Bear or Burma
27. Garner together
28. Knight's mount
31. Acan
32. Stock up
33. Myer of praise
40. Sender branch
41. Top peak

**DOWN**

1. Mince or "chop"
2. "Gravy" and color
3. Suezanic court

**Monday's Puzzle Solved**

4. Quality of sword's defense

5. Few bars between

6. Corn holder

7. Designer's niver

8. Water nymph

9. Area of honora

10. Son of Zeus

11. Prohibited

12. M. S. math class

13. Island guitar

14. Plans room

15. Clear waters

16. Of '30s

17. 60s' cocktail

18. Borrow or

19. Paets

20. Singer Mercer

21. Man the helm

31. Spur Sant

32. Ground-n dirt

33. Acquired

34. Facilitated

39. Tim Flying

40. Stealing

42. Tears

43. Actress Marisa

45. Bathed

47. "Lord Jim" author

49. Approximately

51. Buzsaki, briefly

52. Sincerely musical

53. Magnific of "The Rose" Tattoo

54. Here again

56. Rockuses

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Dr. Pierre Flor-Henry, clinical professor of psychiatry at Canada's University of Alberta, analyzed the male and female mentalities, and said, "The male brain is the more likely to malfunction."

Q. Isn't California's San Bernardino County bigger than Israel? A. It is. Or Lebanon. Or The Netherlands. Or Switzerland.

The height of a grownup human, ideally, is exactly eight times the height of that grownup's head. So contends the American Chiropractic Association.

Q. How much grain am I expected to eat before I reach the age of 70? A. Didn't I tell you about that?

Figure 26 acres. You were advised, as I recall, to step up your grain intake immediately. Start at the southwest corner.

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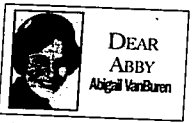
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# New family on block flunks neighborhood neatness test

**DEAR ABBY:** I'm writing on behalf of the residents in my development. We're middle-class citizens who take care of our homes. Our lawns are mowed and trimmed and our flower beds are weeded. Our trash is kept in garages, sheds or in our homes.

Last summer a new family moved into our neighborhood. They bought the first house you see when you enter our main street. Abby, the place is a mess! "Stuff" is all over the place: piles of junk left out over the summer. To their credit, a shed was started, but it was blown down after a few days and now the lumber just lies there.

Since their property backs up to the main road, they don't bother driving around the block to park - they drive through the yard! The fire trucks are now evident, and it detracts from our well-kept lawns. We can only imagine what has happened to property values. Any suggestions would be greatly appreciated.



**DEAR ABBY**  
Abigail VanBuren

**DEAR DUMPED ON:** I agree that if their property has become an eyesore, it could affect the value of other homes in the neighborhood. Inquire at City Hall whether or not there are codes or ordinances in place that restrict homeowners from leaving junk on their lawns. Then ask the offenders if they might like some help in cleaning up their yard and offer to lend a hand. Perhaps some of the other neighbors would also like to help.

If that doesn't work, you and the rest of the property owners should consider starting a neighborhood association that will have some clout. And, of course, consult a lawyer who specializes in real estate law.

**- DUMPED ON IN DELAWARE**

# Aries floats hint to Taurus

**IF JULY 27 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY:** You are romantic, sentimental, enjoy travel and have experienced many departures and arrivals. Aries, Libra persons play major roles in your life, could have these letters, initials in names: I, R.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19): Break loose from stranglehold of routine. Present new products, color coordination that should include red.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20): Obvious hint from Aries message: Let go of the medicine, stress quality, freshness, originality.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20): Delve deep for answers, some people will accuse you of being active in play-ground of the occult.

**CANCER** (June 21-July 22): Follow advice of family member "Loosen up." Partnership, marital games at risk.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22): Someone's home appears to have temperamental split. Be patient but know to declare. "Enough is enough."

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Be ready to read, write, teach and to solve puzzles. Quixotic Gemini comes into your life, enjoy the confrontation.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Your kind of day-music, dancing, romantic interlude. Questions concerning marriage will be solved, you will acquiesce.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Wait a while - the first offer will not be the best, the second and third are much better.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Money picture dominates scenario. Formerly you followed your astrological guide, now you can reap profits.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Check Sagittarius message for val-

**HOROSCOPE**  
Sydney Omar

able hint. Be forceful in your leadership, state it.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Shake off emotional lethargy. As you mature, you have not been living up to potential.

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Hispanic group says ethnic hate is on the rise

HOUSTON (AP) - Hate crimes against Hispanics are on the rise, underscoring a troubling pattern of harassment against the nation's fastest-growing minority group by law enforcement and extremists, the National Council of La Raza said Monday.

"It seems that open season has been declared on our community," President Raul Yzaguirre said at the annual convention of the nation's largest Hispanic civil rights group. "Private citizens and law enforcement officials feel they can harass or attack Hispanic Americans with almost complete impunity."

A report released by the group, "The Mainstreaming of Hate," chronicles allegations of hate crime violence, church burning and law enforcement abuse. Although the authors rely heavily on anecdotal evidence, they say the study gives a look at hate activity against Hispanics.

In 1993, the first year federal hate crime statistics were reported, there were 472 anti-Hispanic incidents reported. The numbers rose to 516 in 1995 and 564 in 1996. In 1997, the last year reported, anti-Hispanic hate crimes exceeded 600 incidents.

Existing-homes sales hit record high in June

WASHINGTON (AP) - Americans pushed existing home sales to a record high last month as they scrambled to lock in the best deals to beat slowly advancing mortgage rates.

June sales of existing single-family homes jumped 10.6 percent to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 5.53 million units, the highest level ever, the National Association of Realtors reported Monday. All parts of the country saw sizable gains.

June's performance followed two consecutive months of sales declines and exceeded many analysts' expectations.

Many economists said they expect the most sales ever of existing homes in 1999, but they believe June's showing marked a peak, with a slowdown in housing activity in the office in the coming months.

Last month's big gain in used-home sales was attributed largely to consumer fears that mortgage rates will continue their upward climb, association officials and economists said.

"Home buyers were rushing to purchase in June before mortgage rates rise even higher," said Lynn Rensler, an economist with Bank of America Private Bank.

"When buyers saw interest rates moving up this spring, they jumped off the fence and into the market," said Sharon Millett, the association's president.

But other factors also contributed. Consumers are feeling confident because the nation's economy is strong, unemployment

is at a 25-year low, and the stock market has been posting record gains, economists said. And more financing options are available to lower-income people than existed just two or three years ago, they said.

Mortgage rates have been creeping up over the last couple of months. The average rate on a 30-year fixed-rate mortgage was 7.55 percent in June, up from 7.35 percent in May, according to Freddie Mac, the mortgage company. The rate was 7 percent at the beginning of June. So far this year, mortgage rates have hit a low of 6.74 percent set at the end of January to a high of 7.73 percent set at the beginning of July.

With mortgage rates up and mortgage loan applications down, some economists said they expect a slowdown in housing activity in the coming months.

"We believe that home sales have peaked," said Merrill Lynch economist Gerald Cohen. "The backup in interest rates has caused a significant decline in mortgage applications."

David Lereah, chief economist with the Mortgage Bankers Association of America, agrees. "The pipeline has dried up somewhat," he said, "and when you look at home sales today, as we speak, they're slowing down."

The big June jump in sales broke a two-month decline. In May, existing-home sales fell to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 5 million units, a little more than the 5.04 million units the association previously estimated.

Search continues for spy plane

BOGOTA, Colombia (AP) - Washington's top anti-drug official pushed for increased military aid Sunday to counter rebels in Colombia, whose rescuers tried to reach what might be the wreckage of a U.S. spy plane lost in an anti-terrorism mission.

Watching the world's No. 1 cocaine producer, U.S. Secretary of State Andrej Pastrana said peace talks to end the nation's 15-year conflict would only work if Colombia's security forces were strengthened against the threat of "narco-guerrillas."

"The United States has paid inadequate attention to a serious and growing emergency," he told reporters after meeting with Pastrana.

America also has provided more jungle helicopters and training for Colombian military and police units, he said.

The missing de Havilland DC-7 plane, packed with sophisticated gear and eavesdropping equipment, apparently slammed into an uncharted mountain in bad weather, likely killing the five American soldiers and two Colombian air force officers on board, McCaffrey said. It was reported missing Friday.

The names of the three American officers and two enlisted men based at Fort Bliss, in El Paso, Texas, have not been released.

Some have prevented searches from reaching the site in southern Putumayo province.

"It's extremely terrain," said Steve Luzzo, a spokesman for the Southern Command in Mexico. Luzzo said specially trained



Colombian President Andres Pastrana, left, meets with White House Drug Czar Barry McCaffrey at the presidential palace in Bogota, Colombia Monday.

searchers could jump from aircraft, be lowered down by ropes, or hike up to the wreckage lodged high on a mountainside. The plane dropped off radar screens as it circled over Putumayo, a major drug-cultivation area dominated by the rebel Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia, or FARC. It was gathering intelligence on a "routine" counter-narcotics mission, the Army said.

The United States uses satellites, radar installations and overflights to collect data on illegal coca and opium plots and traffickers' movements - part of an aid program valued at nearly \$300 million this year.

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Clinton asks for more for veterans' health

WASHINGTON (AP) - The White House on Monday agreed to seek an additional \$1 billion for veterans' health programs after criticism that its budget would result in major cutbacks in staff and services.

The increase was announced by Vice President Al Gore, who is seeking the Democratic presidential nomination. He said he

talked with the leaders of veterans' service organizations last March "about what we could do to improve veterans' benefits in our budget. I heard those concerns and I believe today's announcement is an important step in addressing them."

No budget increases had been planned for the VA in the fiscal year starting Oct. 1, President

Clinton's budget request had proposed \$20 billion to provide medical care for America's veterans, some veterans groups say the figure should be at least \$22 billion.

A recent survey by Sen. Paul Wellstone, D-Minn., found that 20 of the 22 VA health care networks would be short of money if Congress accepted the administration's budget proposal.

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### New golf course plans Saturday opening

**JEROME** - A new golf course will open Saturday with a ribbon-cutting ceremony at 8 a.m. and play of the first nine holes.

Named for its location on U.S. Highway 93 between Jerome and Twin Falls, 93 Golf Ranch said tee times are available but not necessary. Golf course and driving range hours are 8 a.m. to dusk for the remainder of the season.

The new business' green fees are \$10 for nine holes or \$18 for 18 holes. Per-son cart fees are \$5 for a nine holes or \$9 for 18 holes. It's a public course, but membership provides numerous benefits. 93 Golf Ranch said in a statement.

For tee times or membership information, call 324-9063.

### Census conference for tribal leaders starts today

**COEUR D'ALENE** - The U.S. Census Bureau is hosting a tribal government conference on Census 2000 today and Wednesday at the Coeur d'Alene Reservation in Plummer.

American Indian leaders representing tribal governments in Idaho, Washington and Oregon are expected to attend, along with a number of organizations representing American Indians residing in Northwest cities, the bureau said.

A primary purpose of the conference is to seek advice from tribal leaders on how to ensure an accurate count of American Indians residing in the three states.

In the 1990 Cen.- American Indians living on reservations were undercounted by 12 percent, the largest undercount percentage of any population group, the bureau said. Tribal leaders estimate the undercount of those living in urban areas was even larger.

### Europeans approve Wal-Mart's Asda takeover

**LONDON** - Retailing giant Wal-Mart Stores Inc. on Monday had its merger with U.K. food retailer Asda Group plc approved by the European Commission.

The commission said that as the two companies have an overlapping

activities "the concentration on the retail side does not result in any increment of market share."

The commission does not foresee any harmful impact on the procurement side either, again because there are few overlaps, and "suppliers tend to be multinational companies of significant bargaining power."

Wal-Mart is the biggest retailer in the U.S., with a store in Burley and one planned in Jerome, but in Europe it has operations only in Germany, where it is the 10th-largest retailer. Asda only has operations in the U.K., where it is the third-largest general retailer.

The arrival of the giant Wal-Mart in the U.K. market, with its concentration on volume selling and discounting, is expected to have a significant impact, but not in an anti-competitive manner.

Compiled from staff and wire reports

# U S West plants business seeds

## Local entrepreneurs can compete for start-up cash

By Virginia S. Hutchins  
Times-News writer

**TWIN FALLS** - A line of winners in North Idaho and a money advance company in Jerome have something in common: an infusion of capital from U S West to defray start-up and expansion costs.

And Bryson Matsuoka wants to add a

Magic Valley name to the list of winners in the telecommunications company's NewVentures Competition.

Another chunk of cash is up for grabs this year, and Magic Valley entrepreneurs still have time to apply - if they act now, said Matsuoka, co-director of the Idaho Small Business Development Center at the College of Southern Idaho.

The third annual NewVentures \$100,000 Seed Money Competition, sponsored by U S West and The Network of City Business Journals, isn't restricted to ISBDC clients, and the center doesn't process the applica-

tions, Matsuoka said. But he's willing to help anybody put together their case.

About half a dozen local businesses have come to the Twin Falls center for help in applying for the seed-money grants in past years, but none have so far this year. None have been winners yet, but one was a finalist.

"I think there is a real strong interest in technology, of course, and in communications," Matsuoka said, but U S West will help other kinds of businesses, too.

The Twin Falls center pushes the U S West

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### Get an application

Entrepreneurs interested in entering the NewVentures \$100,000 Seed Money Competition can call 1-888-405-3080, and request document No. 50 to receive an application via fax. Or for more information, call Bryson Matsuoka at the Idaho Small Business Development Center in Twin Falls, 733-9554, Ext. 2450.



## NEW AND IMPROVED



Sam Mikotnick, general manager of IBM's Storage Systems Division, is flanked by the IBM Enterprise Storage Server, the company's next generation storage device, unveiled Monday. Code named "Shark," it can store more than 11 terabytes of data, which is more than all of the words in the Library of Congress. The new storage system can connect to a variety of computers for monitoring electronic commerce and storing massive amounts of data.

# HOMEOWNERS GET A BREAK

## New law requires lenders to cancel private mortgage insurance as equity rises

The Dallas Morning News

**DALLAS** - When Sherry Cohen of Plano, Texas, tried to drop her private mortgage insurance, she ran smack-dab into a brick wall.

"It's just frustrating," said Cohen, who pays \$69 a month for mortgage insurance. "They don't want to give me a break."

A new federal law that takes effect Thursday will help homeowners such as Cohen.

The Homeowners Protection Act of 1998 requires mortgage lenders to automatically terminate private mortgage insurance, or PMI, once homeowners pay down their mortgage to the point that it equals 78 percent of the original purchase price of a home giving the homeowner 22 percent equity in the home. That's a key change.

"The other key change is that you will be notified at closing and annually about this," said Ellen Schweppe, spokeswoman for the Mortgage Insurance Companies of America, the major trade group of mortgage insurers. "That doesn't happen for everyone now."

For most homeowners, the new law will be a godsend. In the past, homeowners typically could have their PMI canceled after they attained 20 percent equity in their house but only if they asked for the cancellation. And not everybody knew to ask.

"There were cases where mortgage companies kept billing unsuspecting homeowners who had achieved sufficient equity in

### Here's the math

Lenders often require private mortgage insurance, or PMI, when a homeowner's down payment is less than 20 percent of the purchase price. But under a new federal law effective Thursday, mortgage lenders must automatically cancel the PMI once the equity in the house reaches 22 percent of the original sale price.

Here's the math: Say a homeowner puts 10 percent down on a \$137,000 house. Financing \$123,300. Once the loan balance reaches \$106,860, the lender is required to automatically cancel the PMI.

their home," said Jordan Clark, president of the United Homeowners Association in Washington. "Current law lets them take advantage of the situation."

What's more, many consumers don't ask probing questions about mortgage insurance because buying a home drains them emotionally and financially, Clark said.

"The process of buying a home is so convoluted and intimidating that people freeze," he said. "It's a Tylenol moment."

"Lenders typically require mortgage insurance if a homeowner puts down less than 20 percent on a home. Lenders believe that homeowners with less than 20 percent of their own

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# Signature company leaves Idaho this week for Pennsylvania

The Associated Press

**BOISE** - After 20 years as one of Idaho's signature companies, Ore-Ida Foods Co. will turn over the high-tech work-

By this time next week, all Ore-Ida's 100,000 employees will be working for Heinz Foods Co. in Pennsylvania. The Ore-Ida name will have disappeared from everything except the packages in the grocery store, and existing manufacturing agreements will be run by

the new Pittsburgh-based Heinz Frozen Foods Co.

By all accounts, the payout will have little economic effect. Boise's economy already is absorbing Ore-Ida's 330 workers and its \$10 million annual payroll. And other local organizations are stepping up to continue Ore-Ida's charitable projects.

The roughly 35 Magic Valley growers who supply Ore-Ida's Oregon plant shouldn't be concerned, a company

spokesman said when the move first was announced.

Ore-Ida's departure reflects the changing nature of big business, which rapidly is becoming more global, more consolidated and more transient, said Mike Ferguson, chief economist for the Idaho Division of Financial Management.

The state's economic development leaders, including Governors Batt and Kempthorne, worked hard to convince Heinz to keep Ore-Ida here, said Karl

Tueller, deputy director of the Idaho Department of Commerce. In the end, Tueller said, pressure to cut costs forced Heinz to pull the company out.

"We feel like we've lost a part of the family of corporate Idaho in one sense," Tueller said. "On the other hand, (the economy) has an optimistic future."

Heinz expects to save \$32 million a year by fiscal 2001 now, said Ted Smyth, Heinz's senior vice president of corporate and government affairs.

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### CLOSING FUTURES

Month	High	Low	Change
Mon Commodity	89	87	-2
Aug 1	89	87	-2
Aug 2	89	87	-2
Aug 3	89	87	-2
Aug 4	89	87	-2
Aug 5	89	87	-2
Aug 6	89	87	-2
Aug 7	89	87	-2
Aug 8	89	87	-2
Aug 9	89	87	-2
Aug 10	89	87	-2
Aug 11	89	87	-2
Aug 12	89	87	-2
Aug 13	89	87	-2
Aug 14	89	87	-2
Aug 15	89	87	-2
Aug 16	89	87	-2
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Aug 20	89	87	-2
Aug 21	89	87	-2
Aug 22	89	87	-2
Aug 23	89	87	-2
Aug 24	89	87	-2
Aug 25	89	87	-2
Aug 26	89	87	-2
Aug 27	89	87	-2
Aug 28	89	87	-2
Aug 29	89	87	-2
Aug 30	89	87	-2
Aug 31	89	87	-2

### MARKETS

Market	Value	Change
NYSE	1,234,567	+12,345
AMEX	123,456	+1,234
NASDAQ	2,345,678	+23,456
COMEX	345,678	+3,456
NYMEX	456,789	+4,567
SOYBEAN	567,890	+5,678
WHEAT	678,901	+6,789
CORN	789,012	+7,890
SOYBEAN OIL	890,123	+8,901
WHEAT OIL	901,234	+9,012
CORN OIL	012,345	+0,123

### LIVESTOCK

Commodity	Price	Change
Live Cattle	1.23	+0.02
Hog	0.87	+0.01
Pork	1.45	+0.03
Sheep	0.56	+0.01
Goats	0.34	+0.00
Calves	1.12	+0.02
Yearlings	0.98	+0.01
Stags	0.76	+0.01
Wethers	0.62	+0.01
Kids	0.48	+0.00
Boys	0.32	+0.00
Does	0.28	+0.00

### PMI

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 risk of walking on his mortgage from someone who has more invested.  
 The rub for homeowners is that while they pay for mortgage insurance, it doesn't protect them against loss. It protects lenders and large mortgage investors if homeowners default on their mortgage.  
 On the other hand, mortgage insurance has enabled more condominium buyers because they don't have to come up with as big a down payment, which is the biggest obstacle to most people.  
 Mortgage insurance isn't cheap. Premiums, which are part of the monthly mortgage payment, average \$25 to \$65 a month on a \$100,000 loan, according to the Mortgage Insurance Companies of America. How much homeowners pay for PMI depends on their down payment and the type of mortgage they have and the amount of insurance coverage.  
 Besides forcing lenders to cancel PMI at a specific point, the new law, which only applies to loans that are 15 years or less, also requires lenders to give borrowers a written explanation when the loan is closed that they have mortgage insurance and that they have the right to cancel it at a certain

\* Send borrowers an annual reminder that they have mortgage insurance and have the right to terminate cancellation once they've met certain conditions. This requirement also applies to current mortgages, not just those obtained after July 29.  
 To qualify, the borrower must not have any late loan payments and have no other loans, such as a home equity loan, on the same home.  
 The new law also allows government-backed loans such as those involving the Federal Housing Administration. Those loans require mortgage insurance during the entire term of a mortgage.  
 Homeowners should contact their lender or mortgage service company to learn how the new law applies to them.  
 Homeowners shouldn't keep paying for the insurance if they can't get out of a mortgage. Greg Swindling, a certified financial planner, who was paying about \$40 a month for mortgage insurance, said:  
 "I think the lender in the event the borrower defaults on the loan, so the borrower winds up paying for it every month, but it really is of no benefit to the borrower."  
 Swindling is a resident of Carrollton, Texas, who has three children. He got out of his PMI during the first year of his loan. "Getting out of there as soon as you can will save you thousands of dollars over the life of the loan."

*Getting out of there as soon as you can will save you thousands of dollars over the life of the loan.*  
 —homeowner whose PMI cost \$40/month

### FOSSIL FUELS

Commodity	Price	Change
Crude Oil	25.12	+0.15
Gasoline	1.15	+0.02
Heating Oil	1.85	+0.03
Coal	12.50	+0.10
Natural Gas	0.85	+0.01
Propane	2.10	+0.05
Distillate	1.65	+0.02
Jet Fuel	1.95	+0.03
Gas Turbine	1.75	+0.02
Aviation	1.80	+0.02
Marine	1.90	+0.03
Industrial	1.70	+0.02
Power	1.60	+0.02
Transportation	1.50	+0.02
Other	1.40	+0.02

### METALS/CURRENCY

Commodity	Price	Change
Gold	315.00	+2.00
Silver	5.20	+0.05
Copper	1.85	+0.02
Aluminum	0.95	+0.01
Zinc	0.85	+0.01
Nickel	1.25	+0.02
Lead	0.45	+0.01
Tin	1.15	+0.02
Platinum	1,200.00	+10.00
Palladium	1,800.00	+15.00
Rhodium	2,500.00	+20.00
Iridium	3,000.00	+25.00
Osmium	3,500.00	+30.00
Ruhenium	4,000.00	+35.00
Vanadium	4,500.00	+40.00
Chromium	5,000.00	+45.00
Manganese	5,500.00	+50.00
Iron	6,000.00	+55.00
Steel	6,500.00	+60.00
Aluminum	7,000.00	+65.00
Copper	7,500.00	+70.00
Zinc	8,000.00	+75.00
Nickel	8,500.00	+80.00
Lead	9,000.00	+85.00
Tin	9,500.00	+90.00
Platinum	10,000.00	+95.00
Palladium	10,500.00	+100.00
Rhodium	11,000.00	+105.00
Iridium	11,500.00	+110.00
Osmium	12,000.00	+115.00
Ruhenium	12,500.00	+120.00
Vanadium	13,000.00	+125.00
Chromium	13,500.00	+130.00
Manganese	14,000.00	+135.00
Iron	14,500.00	+140.00
Steel	15,000.00	+145.00
Aluminum	15,500.00	+150.00
Copper	16,000.00	+155.00
Zinc	16,500.00	+160.00
Nickel	17,000.00	+165.00
Lead	17,500.00	+170.00
Tin	18,000.00	+175.00
Platinum	18,500.00	+180.00
Palladium	19,000.00	+185.00
Rhodium	19,500.00	+190.00
Iridium	20,000.00	+195.00
Osmium	20,500.00	+200.00
Ruhenium	21,000.00	+205.00
Vanadium	21,500.00	+210.00
Chromium	22,000.00	+215.00
Manganese	22,500.00	+220.00
Iron	23,000.00	+225.00
Steel	23,500.00	+230.00
Aluminum	24,000.00	+235.00
Copper	24,500.00	+240.00
Zinc	25,000.00	+245.00
Nickel	25,500.00	+250.00
Lead	26,000.00	+255.00
Tin	26,500.00	+260.00
Platinum	27,000.00	+265.00
Palladium	27,500.00	+270.00
Rhodium	28,000.00	+275.00
Iridium	28,500.00	+280.00
Osmium	29,000.00	+285.00
Ruhenium	29,500.00	+290.00
Vanadium	30,000.00	+295.00
Chromium	30,500.00	+300.00
Manganese	31,000.00	+305.00
Iron	31,500.00	+310.00
Steel	32,000.00	+315.00
Aluminum	32,500.00	+320.00
Copper	33,000.00	+325.00
Zinc	33,500.00	+330.00
Nickel	34,000.00	+335.00
Lead	34,500.00	+340.00
Tin	35,000.00	+345.00
Platinum	35,500.00	+350.00
Palladium	36,000.00	+355.00
Rhodium	36,500.00	+360.00
Iridium	37,000.00	+365.00
Osmium	37,500.00	+370.00
Ruhenium	38,000.00	+375.00
Vanadium	38,500.00	+380.00
Chromium	39,000.00	+385.00
Manganese	39,500.00	+390.00
Iron	40,000.00	+395.00
Steel	40,500.00	+400.00
Aluminum	41,000.00	+405.00
Copper	41,500.00	+410.00
Zinc	42,000.00	+415.00
Nickel	42,500.00	+420.00
Lead	43,000.00	+425.00
Tin	43,500.00	+430.00
Platinum	44,000.00	+435.00
Palladium	44,500.00	+440.00
Rhodium	45,000.00	+445.00
Iridium	45,500.00	+450.00
Osmium	46,000.00	+455.00
Ruhenium	46,500.00	+460.00
Vanadium	47,000.00	+465.00
Chromium	47,500.00	+470.00
Manganese	48,000.00	+475.00
Iron	48,500.00	+480.00
Steel	49,000.00	+485.00
Aluminum	49,500.00	+490.00
Copper	50,000.00	+495.00
Zinc	50,500.00	+500.00
Nickel	51,000.00	+505.00
Lead	51,500.00	+510.00
Tin	52,000.00	+515.00
Platinum	52,500.00	+520.00
Palladium	53,000.00	+525.00
Rhodium	53,500.00	+530.00
Iridium	54,000.00	+535.00
Osmium	54,500.00	+540.00
Ruhenium	55,000.00	+545.00
Vanadium	55,500.00	+550.00
Chromium	56,000.00	+555.00
Manganese	56,500.00	+560.00
Iron	57,000.00	+565.00
Steel	57,500.00	+570.00
Aluminum	58,000.00	+575.00
Copper	58,500.00	+580.00
Zinc	59,000.00	+585.00
Nickel	59,500.00	+590.00
Lead	60,000.00	+595.00
Tin	60,500.00	+600.00
Platinum	61,000.00	+605.00
Palladium	61,500.00	+610.00
Rhodium	62,000.00	+615.00
Iridium	62,500.00	+620.00
Osmium	63,000.00	+625.00
Ruhenium	63,500.00	+630.00
Vanadium	64,000.00	+635.00
Chromium	64,500.00	+640.00
Manganese	65,000.00	+645.00
Iron	65,500.00	+650.00
Steel	66,000.00	+655.00
Aluminum	66,500.00	+660.00
Copper	67,000.00	+665.00
Zinc	67,500.00	+670.00
Nickel	68,000.00	+675.00
Lead	68,500.00	+680.00
Tin	69,000.00	+685.00
Platinum	69,500.00	+690.00
Palladium	70,000.00	+695.00
Rhodium	70,500.00	+700.00
Iridium	71,000.00	+705.00
Osmium	71,500.00	+710.00
Ruhenium	72,000.00	+715.00
Vanadium	72,500.00	+720.00
Chromium	73,000.00	+725.00
Manganese	73,500.00	+730.00
Iron	74,000.00	+735.00
Steel	74,500.00	+740.00
Aluminum	75,000.00	+745.00
Copper	75,500.00	+750.00
Zinc	76,000.00	+755.00
Nickel	76,500.00	+760.00
Lead	77,000.00	+765.00
Tin	77,500.00	+770.00
Platinum	78,000.00	+775.00
Palladium	78,500.00	+780.00
Rhodium	79,000.00	+785.00
Iridium	79,500.00	+790.00
Osmium	80,000.00	+795.00
Ruhenium	80,500.00	+800.00
Vanadium	81,000.00	+805.00
Chromium	81,500.00	+810.00
Manganese	82,000.00	+815.00
Iron	82,500.00	+820.00
Steel	83,000.00	+825.00
Aluminum	83,500.00	+830.00
Copper	84,000.00	+835.00
Zinc	84,500.00	+840.00
Nickel	85,000.00	+845.00
Lead	85,500.00	+850.00
Tin	86,000.00	+855.00
Platinum	86,500.00	+860.00
Palladium	87,000.00	+865.00
Rhodium	87,500.00	+870.00
Iridium	88,000.00	+875.00
Osmium	88,500.00	+880.00
Ruhenium	89,000.00	+885.00
Vanadium	89,500.00	+890.00
Chromium	90,000.00	+895.00
Manganese	90,500.00	+900.00
Iron	91,000.00	+905.00
Steel	91,500.00	+910.00
Aluminum	92,000.00	+915.00
Copper	92,500.00	+920.00
Zinc	93,000.00	+925.00
Nickel	93,500.00	+930.00
Lead	94,000.00	+935.00
Tin	94,500.00	+940.00
Platinum	95,000.00	+945.00
Palladium	95,500.00	+950.00
Rhodium	96,000.00	+955.00
Iridium	96,500.00	+960.00
Osmium	97,000.00	+965.00
Ruhenium	97,500.00	+970.00
Vanadium	98,000.00	+975.00
Chromium	98,500.00	+980.00
Manganese	99,000.00	+985.00
Iron	99,500.00	+990.00
Steel	100,000.00	+995.00

### BEANS

Commodity	Price	Change
Black Beans	1.25	+0.02
Red Beans	1.15	+0.01
White Beans	1.05	+0.01
Green Beans	0.95	+0.01
Yellow Beans	0.85	+0.01
Black Soybeans	1.35	+0.03
Red Soybeans	1.25	+0.02
White Soybeans	1.15	+0.02
Green Soybeans	1.05	+0.02
Yellow Soybeans	0.95	+0.02

### GRAINS

Commodity	Price	Change
Wheat	1.85	+0.02
Corn	1.25	+0.01
Soybeans	1.15	+0.01
Oats	0.85	+0.01
Rye	0.75	+0.01
Barley	0.65	+0.01
Millet	0.55	+0.01
Buckwheat	0.45	+0.01
Sorghum	0.35	+0.01
Amaranth	0.25	+0.01
Quinoa	0.15	+0.01

### CHEESE

Commodity	Price	Change
Cheddar	1.25	+0.02
Mozzarella	1.15	+0.01
Swiss	1.05	+0.01
Colby	0.95	+0.01
Monterey	0.85	+0.01
Provolone	0.75	+0.01
Pepper Jack	0.65	+0.01
Blue Cheese</		





## We can see Al Gore's blind spot

Vice President Gore, who is relying on his Dudley Do-Right qualities to command him to an election weary of presidential evasions, would doubtless refrain as president, from manhandling the White House interns. But American voters may not care.

**MARJORIE WILLIAMS**

its hollowness. Or to the fund-raising scandals of the 1996 Clinton-Gore campaign, when Gore found himself splitting once at a Buddhist Temple fundraiser that was by definition a violation of campaign finance rules, and when he made as

politicians to do: to make distinctions between the kind of expedience that is the essence of their trade and the kind of expedience that is too repugnant to swallow, whether or not there is any controlling legal authority to affirm the judgments of one's gag reflex.

Gore is in most ways an admirable man. His deep ambivalence about following his father into politics has a good side as well as a bad one, including the intellectual rigor he brings to his work and the sense he conveys of knowing there is more to life than politics. In shaping policy, he cares deeply — more than many of his peers — about the empirical fairness of the outcome.

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It's hard not to feel a little sorry for Gore, who is smart and likable and experienced and hard-working. But voters are picking up on something genuinely worrisome about him: the essential contempt for politics that may be his fatal flaw.

It shows up in everything from his stubborn dullness in public appearances to his odd lunges in the direction of political expediency — the sudden acts of pragmatism that seem to betray what he otherwise presents as his bedrock self.

Gore's hiring of his old friend Carter Eskew, the media consultant who designed the tobacco industry's successful \$40 million advertising barrage against last year's ambitious anti-smoking legislation, is the latest of these missteps. Gore's enemies seized on the move as a sign of his insincerity, in light of the famous 1996 convention speech in which Gore essentially accused the tobacco companies of killing his sister.

But Gore is not an insincere man; he is something potentially worse, a man who divorces his sincerity from his political actions, in the apparent belief that his morals are of no use in guiding him through a field that is all to (him) a moral quagmire. Gore has always seemed to think of himself as transcending the ordinary back-scratching of politics; he has a Lancelot air of knowing exactly where all of the limits are and of sternly abstemiously observing them to the letter — right up until the moment when he feels he needs to bend one. It is then that he makes his worst judgments.

Think back to his brief 1988 presidential campaign, when he pondered so furiously that his effort is remembered chiefly for

many as 45 phone calls to big donors from his desk in the Old Executive Office Building. The calls were not, as it turned out, illegal; but they were ugly — an abuse of power, and a violation of the political common sense that should have recognized the breaking of a taboo better left intact.

Most politicians — the ones who are innately good at it, the ones who really think it an honorable profession — avoid crossing such borders, and a violation of the political common sense that should have recognized the breaking of a taboo better left intact.

As the fund-raising drama crested, I struggled to understand how a man so smart could do so many apparently dumb things. The most startling fact I learned was that Gore never really stopped and considered whether a sitting vice president who called CEOs asking for contributions in specific amounts might seem to be running something of a shakedown. Why? Because to Gore, it was just another serving of the unsavory spinach he's forcing himself to eat every time he sits down to a meal of politics. If you have all that spinach, you're hardly qualified to tell when the spinach you're eating is rancid.

But this is what we need our

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Marjorie Williams, a former Washington Post staff writer, is a contributing editor at Vanity Fair. She wrote this commentary for The Washington Post.

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# Police hunt suspected rapist in Michigan

THEZFORD TOWNSHIP, Mich. (AP) — A man suspected of raping two girls and leaving them for dead along a bike path escaped arrest Monday by grabbing a sheriff's deputy's gun and shooting at officers, authorities say.

None of the officers was hit, but police said they might have wounded the man, whose name was not released.

Police searched the forested area for the suspect. More than 60 officers, some wearing

camouflage clothing and makeup with assault rifles strapped to their backs, rode all-terrain vehicles. They were helped by dogs and a helicopter with heat-seeking gear.

Neighbors said the man was familiar with the terrain and might have escaped.

The man was wanted in the rape of two girls, ages 8 and 14, who were found bruised and bleeding Saturday in the farming community about 55 miles north of Detroit.

The girls told authorities a man approached

them as they walked along the bike path and threatened them with a knife. He raped both girls, handcuffed one, then beat and choked them until they lost consciousness, Sheriff Robert Pickell said.

"He may have thought they were dead. It appears he wanted them dead," Pickell said.

Both were released from a hospital Monday. Pickell said investigators linked the suspect to the attacks from a tip. He would not elaborate.

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## Parents aren't sending right pot message

The Orlando Sentinel

ORLANDO, Fla. — In the 70s, singer Rick James professed in song his love for Mary Jane, a slang word for marijuana. A family wanted inpatient reference to marijuana.

These days, middle schoolers line up yards for a morning buzz. It's reading, "raining, rithmatic, and rithmetic."

That their teens are smoking pot would upset most parents. But a new national survey shows parental disdain over marijuana use often loses something in the transmission.

The survey released last week by the Hazelden Foundation in Minneapolis, Minn., found that 98 percent of parents would be distressed if their teens tried pot, and 86 percent have talked to their kids about the drug. Yet, only 41 percent advised their kids against marijuana. Just one of five parents stressed that marijuana is illegal.

"This is a classic failure to communicate," says Carol Falkowski, a senior research analyst for Hazelden, a nonprofit organization that provides treatment, education, and prevention services for drug dependency.

The Hazelden survey, which measured parents' attitudes and practices relative to teenage marijuana use, is the latest in the recently re-ignited marijuana debate. Recent months have seen the release of studies validating the medicinal value of marijuana and a waffling on its nature as a "gateway" drug — one that precedes the abuse of more dangerous drugs.

A report this month from the National Center on Addiction and Substance Abuse at Columbia University advised children 12 or older who smoke marijuana are 45 times more likely to use cocaine than those who do not.

That's a daunting proposition when you consider that of the 160,000 teens and children who entered treatment in 1996 for substance abuse, according to that report, nearly half — 48 percent — were admitted for marijuana or cocaine addiction.

Why the uptick in juvenile marijuana abuse?

Surveys, say experts, children are wary over reports for marijuana. The president tried it. Advocates claim medicinal value. Publicans ponder decriminalizing it. "It's a medicine, kids figure out how can it be harmful?" Falkowski says.

So why aren't parents talking to their kids about pot? The reason may be simple enough: "The reason may be simple enough," Falkowski says.

Of the parents Hazelden surveyed, 41 percent once smoked marijuana.

Many parents probably picked a few puffs from a joint, giggled, and might not have reached middle class.

They might not welcome pot use, but the notion that they did as a without negative consequences may dampen the intensity of their caution to children.

Things are different today. In the past, adolescents discovered pot on their late teens or 20s. Now, children too young to view certain movies without an adult can turn to their locker nearby for a joint, or some other child who can supply one.

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## AROUND THE VALLEY

### Water right transfer hearing starts today

**TWIN FALLS** - State water officials today will consider transfers to proposed water rights transfers for Jerome Cheese Co. in a two-day hearing that starts at 9 a.m. in the O'Connell Building in downtown Twin Falls.

Cheese has applied for two water transfers, under consideration by the Department of Water Resources. The company bought nearly three of a cubic foot per second from state resident, John Sandry, R-Englemann, and 32 cfs of irrigated water from land being dried up north of Aberdeen in Blaine County - enough to irrigate about 120 acres.

One cubic foot per second equals 449 gallons per minute. The proposed transfers would allow the plant to use its dependence on city water, plant manager Jon Davis said. It would not cover plant expansion, and would have no net effect on the aquifer, he said.

Both transfers are contingent on Water Resources' approval, and both transfers have been protested by local residents. John Sandry, R-Englemann, and 32 cfs of irrigated water from land being dried up north of Aberdeen in Blaine County - enough to irrigate about 120 acres.

### Coating to cause delays on Idaho Highway 24

**RUFERT** - The Idaho Transportation Department will begin seal coating a 2.5-mile stretch of Idaho Highway 24 Monday.

Motorists should expect delays at intersections along the route, which begins at the Wayside Inn and ends at the north entrance to Rupert, a news release said.

Traffic lanes will stay open during the \$740,000 project, and delays should not be more than 10 minutes, the release said.

### The fun continues today at the Jerome County Fair

**JEROME** - The Jerome County Fair continues today with a variety of festivities throughout the day.

- 5:30 p.m. Western Band and Bonfire open
- 6 p.m. Carnival opens
- 8:30 p.m. Downtown parade
- 6 p.m. Arts and Crafts exhibits open
- 6:30 p.m. Fire Stage entertainment begins
- 8 p.m. Concert

### Red Cross blood drive on today and Wednesday

**TWIN FALLS** - The American Red Cross will hold a blood drive in Twin Falls today and Wednesday.

The drive will be held from noon to 5 p.m. today and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday at the First Presbyterian Church, 207 Fifth Ave. N.

Donors must be at least 17 years, weigh at least 110 pounds, and be in good health.

### Twin Falls County helps collect old pesticides

**TWIN FALLS** - The Twin Falls County Weed Bureau and the state Department of Agriculture are participating in a pesticide collection program this summer.

Area residents may bring unusable agricultural herbicides, insecticides, fungicides, rodenticides and other pesticides to the Twin Falls County Weed Control Office at 460 Sixth Ave. West until Aug. 13.

Donors are required to provide the proper label, container type and size, manufacturer, active ingredient and signal word at delivery.

Contact Bill Smith at 733-9351.

## TN Interactive

### Remember Evel? Where were you when it happened?

For the 25th anniversary of Evel Knievel's ill-fated jump over the Snake River Canyon, The Times-News has prepared a record Twin Falls' memories of the event.

We want to see the souvenirs you've saved, and the photographs you took. We want to hear what you remember about "Jump Week" - good or bad. If you've got a story to tell, or know someone who does, call Times-News writer Gregory Hahn at 733-0801, Ext. 231.

# Home Depot heads to town

## Twin Falls City Council approves hardware giant's plans for store

By Brandon Falls  
Times-News writer

**TWIN FALLS** - The City Council Monday approved local plans for Atlanta-based home-improvement giant Home Depot. The store will be in the East Park subdivision at the southeast

corner of Pole Line Road and Locust Street North. The developer still needs to sign a development agreement and agreements concerning water and sewer. Home Depot's Twin Falls store will be 117,000 square feet, with a kitchen and bath showroom in the center, plus 15,000-square-

foot garden center. The store will employ about 150 people, most hired locally. About 70 percent will be full-time and 30 percent part-time, both with benefits. Hiring is expected to start three months before the store opening. "Home Depot intends to begin

construction as soon as they receive a building permit," said Steve Keim, real estate agent for the Zabala Family Trust, owner of the East Park subdivision. The company is applying this week for the permit. In other action: Please see COUNCIL, Page B3

## D.A.R.E. TO SPEAK UP



About 150 pre-teens and parents gathered early Monday near Halley to protest possible cuts in the Blaine County D.A.R.E. program.

# Residents protest D.A.R.E. cuts

## Blaine County Commissioners hear concerns

By Barb Newirth  
Times-News correspondent

**HAILEY** - Cars honked, semi-trucks honked their horns and passersby waved in support of a protest march on Main Street Monday morning.

"Help save D.A.R.E.; show your care," shouted nearly 150 pre-teens and parents who got up early or took time off work to walk from the north end of Halley to visit with the Blaine County commissioners.

Their cries brought the commissioners out to the steps of the courthouse to address the crowd, but they did little to appease the protesters. The group had come to speak at a public comment portion of the commissioner's agenda, but group members were not allowed to comment or ask questions.

Commission chairman Mary Ann Mix told the crowd to return the week of Aug. 9 to voice their concerns during a public hearing on the issue.

The peaceful demonstration was organized to protest the Blaine County commissioners' rejection of a request to allocate

tax money to guarantee the salaries of three police officers, assigned to the Drug Abuse Resistance Education and Police Activities League, for the coming year.

Funding problems for the upcoming fiscal year arose when grant money and money from a federal forfeiture program did not come through as expected.

Mix told the crowd that the county had reconsidered the budget request and will more than double the county's contribution to the program. Reading from a prepared letter, Mix said the county will pay D.A.R.E. director Jim Cleveland's salary and benefits of \$46,215.

The letter also stated that the county already financially supports other youth programs, such as 4-H, Youth Assets, and the Blaine County Fair Board, which benefits youth county-wide.

Mix blamed county Sheriff Walt Felling for misusing funds that should have been used for the D.A.R.E.-P.A.L. program. She told the crowd that they should ask Felling how he spent the \$75,000 the county received last year from federal drug busts and subsequent confiscation of criminals' assets.

In a press conference held after the march, Felling said the money was not misused, but it was spent within the guidelines of forfeiture funds. The forfeiture funds paid the remaining

half of Cleveland's salary and the remainder of D.A.R.E. officer Tasha Bradshaw's salary when a grant expired that had funded her position, Felling said.

The sheriff's department has applied for another grant to cover the P.A.L. officer's salary, but approval has not come through yet, he said.

Felling said he also used forfeiture money to buy two computers for the sheriff's office, a meeting room, and the training meeting room in the basement of the Judicial Building, and to buy new chairs for countywide use.

D.A.R.E.-P.A.L. board President Karen Bellon said that county financial support of the director's position alone was not adequate. She wanted a pledge from the commissioners to set aside money from their budget to cover the salaries. The sheriff's department would then reimburse the county once the forfeiture funds and grant came through, she said.

The sheriff and the D.A.R.E. board want a guarantee from the county to cover salary and benefits in case the new grant and additional forfeiture funds don't come on time, Bellon said. The board pays for the activities and program costs through fundraising events, she said.

The sheriff's department has been promised \$425,000 from the federal government in additional forfeiture funds from a drug case that dates back to 1988. But Felling has not seen any of the money yet and can't bank on it.

"They dedicate their entire working day towards the kids of this valley and they should not have to worry about whether forfeiture funds come in and if they can keep their jobs," Felling said. "They've had worked so hard over the last six years - now it's in jeopardy of being cut."

In a phone interview, Mix said even though she thinks D.A.R.E. is an effective drug education program, the county supports it by budgeting Cleveland's position. But the commissioners were reluctant to provide direct tax money to the program because Felling has not lived up to his promise to pay back the county in similar situations, she said.

"Mix objects to the lack of accountability that sheriff's departments have nationwide in spending forfeiture money. Upon an auditor's suggestion, this year the county required Felling to itemize expenditures from this revenue source.

Mix said Felling spent money on cars, computers, cell phones and body armor, none of which she felt related to drug education. "We're just trying to be fiscally responsible with taxpayer money," Mix said.

# Murder suspect could get life

## Prosecutor wants Jonas put away without parole

By John T. Huddy  
Times-News writer

**BURLEY** - A prosecutor will seek a life sentence, without the possibility of parole, for a Bellevue woman who has pleaded guilty in connection with a Jerome County murder.

Jerome County Prosecutor John Lothspich said Monday he will seek a life sentence against Sandra Jonas, 45, who pleaded guilty to second-degree murder in connection with the death of Meta Marie Jones, who died of a gunshot wound to the head suffered at her ex-husband's Hazelton home.

Lothspich said he will ask for first-degree murder charges after her arrest, but changed her plea to guilty Friday in Cassia County District Court.

Before the plea agreement, Jonas had faced the death penalty if convicted. She now faces at least 10 years in prison, or a maximum of life in prison without the possibility of parole. A sentencing date has not been set.

Lothspich said he will ask the Cassia County District Judge Monte Carlson, who is presiding over the case, to issue a life sentence without parole.

Despite the agreement, Lothspich said Monday he had wanted to take the case to trial. Jonas had faced an Aug. 2 trial date.

"I was looking forward to going to trial with this one," Lothspich said. "I guess this is the best for everyone."

Randy Stoker, Jonas' attorney, would not comment on the sentence he would request for his client.

Stoker said a mitigation hearing will be conducted in six weeks, before the court issues Jonas' sentence.

"This is where the state will put on testimony about all the bad things my client has done and when we will put on the good things she has done," Stoker said.

Jonas is being held in the Madras Criminal Justice Center until sentencing, which might not occur for at least two months.

Stoker said it is unclear whether Jonas would testify. Jonas' daughter, Andrea Ross, 18, pleaded guilty to an accessory to murder charge in connection with Jones' October 1998 death.

Ross testified in a November 1998 preliminary hearing that she was in the basement of her father's home when she heard two gunshots. Ross said she helped clean up blood after the shooting. She also said her father told her she had shot Jones under her eye and in the back of the head.

At Friday's hearing, moved to Burley from Jerome County to expedite the case, Jonas testified that a firearm was used and he had was on the weapon the day Jones was shot, but she never admitted to intentionally shooting Jones.

After Jones was killed, Jonas testified in court that she decapitated Jones and disposed of her remains at Milner Dam. Jones testified in court that she had been previously treated for depression.

Jonas apparently suffered a small stroke gunshot wound to her left cheek with a bullet entering near her left ear, said Jerome County Coroner Gerald Ostler in the preliminary hearing.

Times-News staff writer John T. Huddy can be reached in Burley at 677-4042 or by e-mail at jthuddy@magicvalley.com

# Fellowship, residents ask for development

By Brandon Falls  
Times-News writer

**TWIN FALLS** - The city Planning and Zoning Commission today will consider a preliminary presentation by Amazing Grace Fellowship and Falls Neighborhood Center Associates for a zoning change to build a multiple-use area.

The request is to rezone 46 acres on the northeast corner of Eastland Drive North and Falls Avenue East to build a church facility, commercial and residential development. The commercial section would be north of Falls Avenue East, with the church facility and 40-foot resi-

denial area farther north along Eastland Drive.

These streets would be extended: Hill View Drive, Bitterroot Drive and Julie Lane.

The commercial development could benefit residents in the north-east section of town by providing retail services in a convenient location, the developer says. It also could reduce traffic on Blue Lakes Boulevard by providing alternate shopping locations.

But some residents don't welcome development. "We don't oppose the church, which as I understand will be a student academy, but we don't want commercial development

behind us," said Sue Anderson, a resident of Lakewood Drive, which would border the east side of the proposed development.

"We had a meeting last week, and most neighbors oppose the commercial development," Anderson said.

Other business to be considered: James Hansen wants to operate a drive-through window at a gas station-convenience store under construction at 240 Addison Ave. W.

Pioneer Federal Credit Union wants to add a second lane to an existing drive-through facility at 659 Blue Lakes Blvd. N., the former loca-

tion of Fiesta Ole'.

Ralph Jones and Kande Jones want to operate a massage therapy business as a home occupation at 202 Fillmore Street.

Rod Zank wants a zoning change from rural-residential to residential for about two acres east and north of the intersection of Grandview Drive North and Canyon Rim Road. The purpose is to build a single family home.

Janco Limited Partnership wants to operate and expand existing wholesale distribution business at 205 Eastland Dr. The applicant wants additional warehouse space.

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# MAGIC VALLEY/IDAHO

## Weather service studies microbursts

BLACKFOOT (AP) — The National Weather Service expects to complete its survey of last weekend's unusual wind storms this week.

Wind conditions referred to as "microbursts" caused tree damage and an extensive power outage early Saturday. One powerful "microburst" struck an area one to three miles wide and 16 miles long.

The microbursts came on the heels of a tornado that flipped a tractor-trailer truck near the

Bannock Peak Truck Stop Tuesday and a lightning storm that sparked a desert wildfire that burned about 40,000 acres near Atomic City.

"A wind event of this magnitude, and at night as well, is unusual at our downsbursts are common with thunder storms because of the dry air mass over southeast Idaho in Service meteorologist Thomas Andretta said.

The evidence of microbursts

was also found in standing grain fields, where there was no circular damage like a tornado would have caused.

In Blackfoot, old growth trees with 30-inch diameters fell on some houses and cars. Roof and shingle damage also was reported. Three miles north, three cottonwood trees were uprooted and just missed landing on a farm house.

Trees damaged from the storm had not been tallied.

## SERVICES

Ruth-Morle-Dickard, of Pocatello, graveside services at 11 a.m. today at the Filler Cemetery. (Manning) Wheatley Funeral Chapel in Pocatello.

Vonda Thornock Cobb of Murray, Utah, and formerly of Gooding, services at 12 p.m. today at the Belview Ward Chapel, 6300 S. 300 E. in Murray; friends may call one hour before the funeral today at the church (McDougal) Funeral Home in Taylorsville, Utah.

Twila Gwin Hunt of Twin Falls, graveside services at 2 p.m. today at the West End Cemetery in Buhl (Farmer Funeral 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, graveside services at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, at the Wendell Cemetery (Demaray's Wendell Chapel).

Erhard 'Ed' Gossard, of Jerome, services at 11 a.m. today at the Jerome Second Ward LDS Chapel on Lincoln. Friends may call one hour prior to services at the church (Howe-Robertson Funeral Chapel).

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### A Note of Thanks...

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General Electric portable color TV • old table lamp from Gooding Hotel • pots and pans • electric video tape cabinet • several small electrical appliances • Sony CD player • GDX player with speakers • floor lamps • cast iron oven • lots of linen and bedding • baskets • round brass and glass small table • portable sewing machine • iron and other hobby items • old dolls • kids' toys and games • book case • collection of collectible stuffed toys • white student desk • metal clubs • Christmas decorations • metal storage boxes • nite guard ties • 6" endless belt • plastic gas cans • implement seat • hand metal carrier • golf raker • large 5 compartment dog carrier for pickup • hand wheel aprayer • old side wheel • 7 gallon butane bottle with wand • Redwood picnic table • 6" of lawn hoses and sprinklers • wind socks • live and milk cow • lawn pump • drawer filing cabinet • potato fork • electric chain • large student desk • golf hand tools • paint sprayer • log and tile chains • large insulation • plastic across the bed tool box • plastic tarps • house plants plus miscellaneous items

## OBITUARIES

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### TWIN FALLS

#### Anna P. Ericson (Sullivan)

Anna Patricia Ericson (Sullivan), 86, formerly of Twin Falls, Idaho, passed away at home on Friday morning, July 23, 1999. She was a retired bookkeeper, X-ray technician, loving mother and homemaker.

Mrs. Ericson was born March 18, 1913, in Lansing, Mich., moving to Buhl, Mont., at the age of three. She and her husband (Vic) of 62 years, were married in Buhl, Mont., on November 6, 1931. The Ericsons moved their family to Twin Falls in August of 1944. Mrs. Ericson worked for Magic Valley Regional Medical Hospital's X-ray Department for 18 years, for S & H Green Stamp for 10 years, and for Dr. V.V. Telford. She was a member of St. Edward's Catholic Church for 50 years, the Loyal Order of Moose, St. Edward's PTA, as well as various community and professional organizations in recent years, she has made her home in Three Rivers, Calif., with her daughter, Gail, and at the Indian Dunes Residential Care, being their first child.

She is survived by two daughters, Patricia (with her husband, Carl), and Thury Gail Bennett of Three Rivers, Calif., eight grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren, one sister, Lorcia Horner, Seattle, Wash., and one brother, Jack Sullivan of Helena, Mont.

Mrs. Ericson was preceded in death by her husband Ernest V. Ericson, and one daughter, Beverly.

Services for Anna Patricia Ericson (Sullivan) will be held at 10 a.m. Thursday, July 29, 1999, at St. Edward's Catholic Mission, Twin Falls, Calif. Mrs. Ericson will be buried in the Holy Cross Cemetery in Buhl, Mont., on Monday, August 2, 1999, at 11 a.m.

### HOLLISTER

#### Minnie M. Self

Minnie Mozelle Self, 85, of Hollister, Idaho, died Saturday, July 24, 1999, at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center.

Minnie was born April 12, 1914, at Springdale, Arkansas, to Robert and Zora Westcott Winchester. On June 27, 1931, she married John McKennie Self in Jay, Oklahoma. (Kennie) Self of Hollister, and Jack (Jean) Self of Shoshone, Idaho, Betty (Dora) Covert of Hollister, Richard Self of Mountain Nevada, and Coleen (Gene) Wood of Phoenix, Arizona, a sister Ollie Madge of Shiloh, Mountain, Arkansas, 12 grandchildren, numerous great grandchildren and many other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents and one son.

The funeral services will take place at 11 a.m. Wednesday, July 28, 1999, at White Mountain Congregating Bural will follow at Memorial Park. Friends may call at White Mountain today from 4 p.m. until 6 p.m., and from 10 a.m. until the time of the service on Wednesday.

Memorial contributions may be given to the Autism Research Foundation, America, Greater Phoenix Chapter, P.O. Box 10543, Phoenix, Arizona, 85064-0543.

### WENDELL

#### Kathleen W. Donaldson

Kathleen Ward Donaldson, 60, of Caldwell, Idaho, passed away on July 19, 1999, after a courageous battle with cancer.

Kathleen is survived by her husband, Dr. Howard A. Donaldson, and their children, Thomas, Maureen, and Kathy (Deal), and Andrea (Peaslee) and nine grandchildren. In addition, she is survived by five siblings, including Aileen, Fred, Hubert, Isaac, Don, and Alton, and her sister Carolyn's widower.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Herbert and Gladys (Ward) Donaldson, and her sister Carolyn (Ford).

Memorial/celation services will be held at 11 a.m. July 28, at the Montana Ave. Baptist Church, 3120 S. Montana Ave., Caldwell, Idaho. Reverend William Toyer will officiate.

Kathleen's family wishes to express thanks to Life's Doors Hospice, Montana Ave. Baptist Church, and the many friends who have prayed during this time. Donations can be made to the Montana Ave. Baptist Church Association, Box 401, Rupert, ID 83350.

### HELENA, MONT.

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Survivors include her husband L.A. Gillette of Paul, six sons, James (Nancy) Robertson of Seattle, Wash.; Paul (Betty) Robertson, Randy (Cindy) Gillette, Jerry (Joanne) Gillette, and Perry (Gail) Gillette of Paul; and Rusty (Cindy) Gillette of Gooding; three daughters, Kally (Gail) Shoup of Fresno, California; Nancy Winkler of Salt Lake City, Utah; and Buck (Danley) Ocean Springs, Mississippi; four grandchildren, and eight great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, four brothers, and two sisters.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, July 28, 1999, at the LDS Stake Center, 424 West Ellis, in Paul. Bishop Daryl M. Neubar officiating. Burial will follow in the Paul Cemetery. Friends may call at the Payne Mortuary, 221 West 11th in Burley, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday and at the church from 10 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. prior to the funeral on Wednesday.

### PAUL

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## DEATH NOTICES

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JEROME — Jay H. Martin, 86, of Jerome, passed away Thursday, July 25, 1999, at his home in Jerome. Services are being held in Jerome. Services are home and will be announced by Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls.

### George W. Grose

WALDPOR — George W. Grose, 84, died Thursday, July 15, 1999, at his home in Waldport, Ore. Graveside services were at Alder Grove Cemetery in Waldport, Ore.

### Albert A. Schell

RUPERT — Albert A. Schell, of Rupert, died Tuesday, July 20, 1999, at Portneuf Valley Hospital in Pocatello. A service will be held at 11 a.m. August 4, at St. Nicholas Catholic Church in Rupert.

### Albert Carter

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## HOSPITALS

### MAGIC VALLEY REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER

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### MINIDOKA MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

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# Spaceport company eyes INEEL as possible commercial launch site

## Minidoka County Commission will consider subdivision debate

**BOISE (AP)** — With state officials promoting construction of a spaceport in eastern Idaho, the NorthStar Spaceport Corp. is assessing a 530-acre to 5200-acre launch site at the Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory.

The NorthStar Spaceport is part of the Regional Development Alliance, the eastern Idaho state gets from the 1995 nuclear waste agreement with the federal government. It has gotten \$2.5 billion under the deal to pursue the spaceport.

The company is preparing to apply for a spaceport Federal Aviation Administration license to launch commercial rockets.

The INEEL is also a site of 32 sites in 15 states competing for the launch site of the VentureStar, a reusable shuttle 33,000 acres. That 44-square-mile site remains in the running after an initial selection round.

If Idaho's spaceport becomes one of two sites chosen in 2001, the project could pump more than \$1 billion into Idaho's economy each year.

Creating a commercial launch site independent of the state, state officials say, could generate twice as much revenue as the federal government's 580 billion demand for space launch capability.

Telecommunication services for cellular phones, the Internet, and other global connections are driving the demand.

In addition to its remoteness, Idaho's site is ideal because of its high altitude and northern location. At 5,000 feet above sea level, the amount of fuel needed to get into orbit is reduced. That leaves more room for larger payloads, NorthStar President Ralph Bennett said.

The most immediate demand is for low-Earth-orbit launches over the North Pole. The sparse population north of Idaho and access from its northern location are strong points, said Lynn Russell, dean of the Engineering School at Boise State University and a former researcher at the National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

The first challenge is convincing the government that launches over land are safe. Then NorthStar has to complete an environmental impact statement and come up with investors.

"We really are starting from scratch, but we think we have all the pieces needed to put it together," Bennett said.

Idaho hopes to be the first to develop a spaceport privately that would launch over land. Russell is sure all of the technical safety challenges can be overcome.

"I don't see it a lot different than a big airport," he said.

Even if Idaho wins a spaceport, it will not open before 2003. Bennett's vision is for the INEEL and state industries to support manufacturing in space. Pharmaceutical products and crystals are among the materials that can benefit from low gravity and the void of space.

"My angle is there may be a good match between the engineering and scientific talent at the INEEL," Bennett said.

**By Loraine Cavener Times-News writer**

**RUPERT** — Minidoka County commissioners are concerned about "frog" subdivisions popping up with various exceptions, and the proposed Atchley subdivision leaped back to their plates Monday after the planning and zoning commission passed recommendations with stipulations.

Stipulations were made to prevent other subdivisions from leaping out to just anywhere in the county, said John Rensberg, chairman of the Minidoka County commissioners.

A public hearing will be at 7 p.m. Thursday at Rupert's Judicial Building to allow more local input on the proposed subdivision, which would be west of Burger King in North Burley. Commissioner's recommendations for eliminating ten septic tanks by including a three-lot requirement for buyers, who must build on the middle of the 75- to 90-foot square lots. The other two lots would be west of the home, can't be sold until city sewer and water facilities are in place, whether it be the City of Burley or the City of Heyburn.

Three lots, 75- to 90-foot square, would bring the property size for each homeowner to about an one-and-a-half acres.

"People out there desperately want acreage that size," said Cheryl Koyle, planning and zoning commissioner, who is also a real estate agent. "I have two customers right now who are looking for something that size."

Other commissioners voiced concerns that larger lots would become problems in the future.

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He cited a lot in the county that the subdivision will be clean. It was up sometime next week and challenged planning and zoning Commissioner David Coats, to bring a truck and help with the cleanup.

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that would allow a subdivision of this size without paved streets," said Aston.

Other stipulations included first-class and highway district standards for subdivisions and provisions that subdivisions should be two miles from the city limits. Also, subdivision property owners should recognize the right to farm act, which allows farmers to bale hay at 3 a.m. or other necessary farming operations without complaints from subdivision neighbors, County Attorney Rick Bollar said.

"The county would also require another set of tests to be dug for to test water quality and quantity in the area.

"Neighbors have legitimate concerns about wells and septic tanks," Koyle said.

One neighbor of the subdivision voiced her opinion about the stipulations from the county commissioners.

"It's awful that they keep accepting variances. How can they continue to waive these things that are so important to the community," said Carolyn Ervin, who along with several neighbors to the subdivision, plan to bring a petition stating their disapproval of the variance.

"We have established our parameters," Rensberg said.

Mike Koyle was satisfied with the recommendations.

"We are flexible. We just want to do something," he said. "It seems like we are making headway now."

## Winds whip up Western fires

**MUSSELSHELL, Mont. (AP)** — Erratic winds and rising temperatures kept 300 firefighters busy Monday trying to contain a fire that threatened a small ranch town in central Montana. Wildfires also burned in California and parts of several other Western states.

Crews discovered that the Musselshell County range fire was twice as big as they thought: 33,000 acres. The town has a population of 50.

"We can't say the town's out of danger," said fire information officer Mary Lunsford. "The winds are changing so fast. We feel real defensible here, but there's always that chance."

Reduced smoke and improved visibility allowed more accurate mapping of the fire by the Ms. Lunsford said. The estimate had been 16,000 acres earlier in the day.

The 11 fires in the complex, started by lightning Saturday night, burned together into five by mid-day Monday and were within a mile of the town. The fires commonly start such grass fires as a single unit, and the fires often merge into a single big blaze.

Record low temperatures occurred across central Montana Monday morning, helping keep the fire docile at least until midday. The low at Livingston was 75 miles northwest of Musselshell, was 39 degrees.

The firefighting force included 36 fire engines, three helicopters, a spotter plane, five fire-retardant bombers, nine 20-member hand crews and various support and administrative units, Ms. Lunsford said.

Two bombers were dumping chemicals Monday, and all three helicopters were making water bucket drops, she said.

In California, firefighters on Monday contained one wildfire in a remote part of Santa Barbara



A fire near the Jersey Ranch in Park City, Utah, loomed too close for comfort to several homes Sunday.

County and banded two others in San Bernardino and Ventura counties.

The Santa Barbara Fire, skirting the Los Padres National Forest west of New Croyana, raged for nine days and burned 14,537 acres before 6 p.m., said Charlie Johnson, spokesman for the Santa Barbara County Fire Department.

Two firefighters were injured in the Santa Barbara fire, including one firefighter who was treated and released at a hospital after suffering a concussion from a

## City of Rocks might be site of RV park

**By John T. Huddy Times-News writer**

**BURLEY** — Plans are being drawn up to create a recreational vehicle park near the City of Rocks National Reserve in Idaho.

The county commissioners minus chairman Paul Christensen, who is on a leave of absence, discussed plans with Karen Shilling and John Augsburger of the Bureau of Land Management at their meeting Monday afternoon.

Augsburger and Shilling said reserve officials have expressed interest in leasing 180 acres of public land on the east side of the City of Rocks entrance road in Idaho. The reserve would acquire a permit to operate on the BLM's land. The park would use only about 60 acres, Shilling said.

"We are in a scoping out

phase," Shilling said.

She said the campground would be big enough for 76 vehicles. Shilling said she did not know how much the campground's construction cost would be. The reserve would pick up the tab though.

City of Rocks would lease the BLM land indefinitely if the plan goes through, Shilling said.

In other county business, commissioners discussed a proposal by Idaho Ambulance Services and set up a \$100,000-a-year paramedic service for the county.

Idaho Ambulance Services proposed setting up a county paramedic service earlier this fall. The county uses Life Run Ambulance Service for \$38,000 a year. Life Run provides emergency medical technicians but does not provide paramedic service.

Kent Holoyak, vice president of Idaho Ambulance Services, said he wants to provide para-

medic service for the county.

"I know the company is new, but we would bring a lot of expertise and a level of upgrade that the county needs," Holoyak said. "We have a good business sense and good managers."

Mike Lewis, chairman of the county EMS board, said he was concerned about working with the company's proposal and the county's lack of knowledge about the company.

"What this boils down to is a company we've been working with and a company we don't know," Lewis said.

County Commissioner Dennis Crane indicated a contract with Idaho Ambulance Service until commissioner Christensen comes back next week.

## Salt-Lake City residents sue over cruising ban

**SALT LAKE CITY (AP)** — Residents opposed to a ban on cruising have filed a lawsuit saying the city may not regulate traffic on State Street without the state's permission.

Sherry L. King and Citizens to Appeal 12,122.090 filed the lawsuit in 3rd District Court on Monday. The lawsuit names the city, Mayor Deedee Corradini and Police Chief Ruben Ortega as defendants.

The city Council in June voted to ban cruising on State Street, also called State Road 89, in an effort to curb crime, noise and traffic congestion.

The lawsuit contends the city does not have a right to regulate traffic or install traffic control devices on State Street, because

it is a state road.

To enforce the cruising ban, the lawsuit says, the city needs permission from the Utah Department of Transportation.

City Attorney Roger Cauter said Monday that he had not yet seen the lawsuit, "but at this stage of our position that the law was drafted legally and constitutionally."

But Brian Barnard, attorney for Citizens to Appeal, said he believes the lawsuit has a scary precedent for city jurisdiction over state roads.

"State Highway 89 goes all the way from the Arizona border to the Idaho border and every city between Idaho and Arizona

could enact such laws, it would really be disruptive."

The ban allows police officers to stop and cite anyone who drives down State Street more than twice in one direction between 11 p.m. and 4 a.m. The restrictions apply in three areas: from 300 N. State to 2100 S. State and 400 West to 400 East.

But the city claims its actions are legal, citing a state statute giving cities the right to regulate traffic movement including "racing and immature driving or stalling."

Opponents of the ban fear it could lead to discrimination.

"What happens on statutes like this is a great deal of discretion is given to police officers," Barnard said.

## Couple caught in battle over dream house

**VANCOUVER, Wash. (AP)** — A judge on Monday sided with a federal commission that ordered a couple to move their dream home away from a bluff overlooking the Columbia River Gorge. The couple had spent a year after construction began.

Clark County Superior Court Judge James Ladley said the Columbia River Gorge Commission was within its rights when it overruled a county panel that approved the permit for the home in 1997.

"I am of significant sympathy with the Beas," Ladley said. "Some of the problems are their own making, but they are a young couple. They suffer and they continue to suffer."

But "the decision of the gorge commission is correct."

The Beas began building their 4,000-square-foot home in 1997. Construction had been approved by Skamania County, Wash., but the Beas had a list of conditions they had to meet to comply with the federal act that created the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area and set guidelines for limited development.

The custom-built cedar house was to be only one story, but a daylight basement and a full loft raised it to over 35 feet. Skamania County planning officials said the structure that rose on the bluff was not what they were expecting when the permit was issued, and aspects of the construction violated the permit. But they did not stop construction once it was underway.

The gorge commission, a joint Oregon-Washington agency charged with protecting the scenic area, was not so lenient. When hikers began complaining that the house was visible from the Oregon side of the gorge, the commission shut down construction.

In January, the commission ordered the Beas to move the house to a less visible location. The family chose to fight it out instead.

On Monday, Skamania County argued that its land-use decisions should not be subject to reversal by the commission, especially months after the approval.

"Yes, the house sticks out like a sore thumb, but the gorge commission's objections came too late in the land-use permitting process," said Skamania County attorney Brad Andersen. "If they can come in and invalidate the permit, no decision of the county is ever permanent, and every landowner is always at risk."

"When Congress set up the gorge commission, they didn't mean for it to have absolute authority," Andersen said.

Lawrence Waters, the attorney for the commission, had more sway with the judge. He demonstrated that some conditions of the permit had been violated, such as the height limit and the requirement that it use a rise in the land to hide it from view.

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## Council

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Approved plans of Cedar Park subdivision include two new facilities east of the intersection of Carriage Lane and Whispering Pine Drive.

Approved ordinance ordinance would allow police to bring civil sanctions against property owners at residences where criminal violations frequently occur. The police requested the ordinance because

they often 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.

The ordinance will be used mainly by the narcotics division.

Approved a resolution to support Family Health Services, a nonprofit corporation that provides primary health care to residents at discounted rates

based on income and family size, and sees many patients uninsured or covered by Medicaid or Medicare.

The city will help the agency get federal and state grants.

Approved an ordinance to return 25 sewer bonds allowing new certificates to be issued to finance sewer plant upgrades.

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

## Planning

**Continued from 6A**

The City of Twin Falls wants to build and operate a municipal well at 350360 North Blvd. The well site was chosen because of its location in regards to another municipal well and south reser-

voir, a city report says.

The City of Twin Falls wants to build and operate a municipal well at 3577 Highway Blvd. The well would be piped to the new southeast reservoir and used in the

Wesleyan Holiness Church wants to place a non-illuminated sign at 203 Madison St. The church wants to modify the building and attract new members.

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# Court names lawyer for murder suspect

Arraignment set for possible Yosemite killer

YOSEMITE NATIONAL PARK, Calif. (AP) - Months ago a motel handyman was questioned and ruled out as a suspect in the murders of three Yosemite sightseers.

When a fourth woman turned up dead last week - this time in a motel room - the FBI took another look at Cary Stayner, a handyman who had been living and working at this time at Cedar Lodge in El Portal.

Stayner, 37, didn't say anything at a court appearance Monday in Sacramento, where a federal magistrate ordered him held pending his arraignment in U.S. District Court in Fresno on Aug. 6.

Dressed in an orange jumpsuit, appearing husky and clean-cut,



Dutch tourists Gerard ten Brink, left, and Katrika Wakkar look at the Merced River in El Portal, Calif., as they tour the Yosemite Valley Monday. The couple displayed fears about a killer in Yosemite Park, saying murders happen anywhere in the world.

Stayner just nodded as he was asked if he understood the FBI's complaint, which accuses him of killing park naturalist Joie Ruth Armstrong. The FBI says he's also the prime suspect in the murders of Carole and Juli Sund and Silvia Pelosio.

"We now believe there is a connection between the murders," said James Maddock, FBI special agent-in-charge of Sacramento.

Stayner, who was questioned

twice on Thursday by park rangers and sheriff's deputies, finally confessed to the murder of Ms. Armstrong while being interrogated by FBI agents who caught up with him at a motel colony.

The FBI hasn't said what those connections were, but Juli Sund's throat also was cut, by a knife, so deeply that she was nearly decapitated. The Modesto Bee reported Monday, citing law enforcement sources and an interview with

Francis Carrington, Juli's grandfather. "Like Mr. Maddock, I feel sad we couldn't resolve this sooner and spread someone," Carrington said.

News that Stayner is a suspect in all four killings brought a combination of relief and anger to the people visiting and living in the rugged wilderness in and around Yosemite National Park. "It's unbelievable that they can be connected and in such a beautiful place and under such tragic circumstances. It's horrible and I just hope that this is the end of it for all of them. That this can't happen anymore," Kim Peterson, a volunteer with the Carol Sund-Carrington Memorial Foundation, told KRON-TV.

Maddock has said he is now confident that those responsible for all the crimes are behind bars, but many questions remain. There is no evidence linking Stayner to others with ties to the sightseers case, and the FBI is trying to determine whether Stayner could be solely responsible for all four killings, Maddock said.

Stayner, who lived at the Cedar Lodge where the sightseers were last seen and where Ms. Armstrong was an occasional visitor, was friendly with everyone, but didn't seem to have close friends, according to those who know him in El Portal.

# Democrats decry shutout on F&G Commission

BOISE (AP) - For the first time in over two decades, the Idaho Fiat and Game Commission is without a Democratic member. State Democratic Chairman Groom says party balance may not have been the driving force behind the selection of the four new members of the seven-member panel, but he fears it is the harbinger of things to come from Republicans Gov. Dirk Kempthorne.

Kempthorne rejects the inference that he intends to give preference to the appointments that in the past would have gone to Democrats in what Groom says would be a major policy shift from his two predecessors.

"It's going to be bipartisan," the governor said after Groom leveled his charges Monday. "If you look at my career in public service, one of the reasons I've been successful is I've been able to build conditions with the other party."

Groom, the former Magic Valley prosecutor with some relatively conservative views, conceded that political affiliation was not a major issue in creating the new majority on the commission.

But he pointed out that Kempthorne's decision to replace Democrats Keith Carlson of

Lewiston, Richard Meiers of Boise and Jack Brown of Soda Springs with independents Alex Levy of Orofino and Don Clower of Meridian and Republican Marcus Gibbs of Grace marked the first time since the mid-1970s that there has not been a Democrat on the commission.

"The governor did this intentionally," Groom said. "They're less interested in making sure the minority has representation." Kempthorne's fourth appointment was Republican Roy Moulton of Driggs, who replaced Republican Jeff Siddoway of Terrellton. The remaining three commissioners are Republican Fred Wood of Burley, independent Nancy Hadley of Sandpoint and John Burns of Carman, a former Forest Service supervisor who said he had no political affiliation.

State law prohibits any more than four members of the commission to be from the same political party. This spring, Deputy Attorney General William von Tegen advised Lt. Gov. Butch Otter, who headed the screening committee for commission applicants, that without voter registration by party there is little choice in Idaho but to take a person's word on political affiliation.

# Court of Appeals upholds former basketball player's conviction

BOISE (AP) - The state Court of Appeals has upheld the minimum seven-year prison term for former college basketball player Kerry Stephen Thomas got for exposing another person to the AIDS virus he carries.

The three-judge panel on Wednesday unanimously rejected Thomas' claims that there was insufficient evidence to convict him in the first place and that his seven to 15-year prison term was harsh.

Judge Alan Schwartzman pointed out that Thomas was convicted in 1990 of statutory rape of a 15-year-old girl at a time he knew he had HIV, the virus that can cause AIDS, without telling her. Police claimed he had unprotected sex with several women prior to that without telling them he was HIV positive.

Thomas, 35, who was diagnosed with HIV in 1986, served 19 months of what was originally a 15-year sentence before being paroled in June 1990.

"Thomas appears unable to

conform his conduct to the law with regard to his HIV status," Schwartzman wrote for the court. He said the latest conviction "demonstrates Thomas' disregard for the health and safety of others when those interests are in competition with the fulfillment of his own personal desires."

Thomas was convicted in April 1997 of having unprotected sex with a woman, who described himself as a cooperative transsexual. The two had met at a bar. Thomas argued that partner's claim that he did not have HIV because the victim had had a substantial amount of alcohol before the contact and had a history of lying.

The appellate court, however, said that evidence that sexual contact had occurred and the credibility of the victim's claim that Thomas had not said he was HIV positive was a matter for the jury to decide and that the evidence could have supported either conclusion.

# Judge rules alleged Utah shooter is still not fit for trial

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) - After three months of treatment, the woman accused of killing an AT&T employee during a shooting spree at the Triad Center is still mentally unfit to stand trial.

"She is far from being able to participate in this matter," 3rd District Judge Judith Atherton said in a ruling Monday.

Prosecutor Bob Stott told Atherton he is hopeful that DeKieu Duy will eventually be deemed competent for trial.

Before Monday's review hearing, Duy had been committed to the Utah State Hospital for 90 days for treatment. Atherton set another review hearing for Aug. 7, 2000.

But it may be less than a year

before Duy is again before a judge.

"Just because it's a year doesn't mean it will last a year," Stott said.

Duy is charged with capital murder, two counts of attempted aggravated murder, a first-degree felony, and two counts of aggravated assault, a third-degree felony in the shooting Jan. 14.

She allegedly walked into the lobby of the Triad Center carrying a 9 mm handgun and a grocery sack full of bullets and demanded to see a KSL reporter.

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# After eight years in prison, Utah deports convicted rapist to Bulgaria

GUNNISON, Utah (AP) - A former Bulgarian heart surgeon who has spent eight years in prison on a rape conviction is scheduled to be deported to his home country.

Bojidar Georgiev Bakalov, convicted of the 1991 rape of a Salt Lake woman, is to return Bulgaria Tuesday.

The Department of Corrections spokesman Jack Ford said Bakalov, who has been housed at the prison's Gunnison facility, will be transferred to Draper to wait for immigration and Naturalization Service officials.

Bakalov was once offered an opportunity to plead guilty to a reduced charge in exchange for a recommendation that he be given probation and be deported. He declined, saying he didn't want to return to Bulgaria.

Bakalov has maintained his innocence since the woman, who had been a clerical volunteer for him, accused him of raping her on April 6, 1991.

She told police she went for a

ride with him to see his office. Instead, he drove to a remote area and raped her twice in the back of his truck. She said he taunted her as she prayed out loud for help.

Bakalov appealed his conviction on the first-degree felony charge to the Utah Supreme Court.

Bakalov went through several attorneys and often angered judges by screaming at them and constantly berating his accusers.

A jury convicted him again during a second trial in 1994. A judge told Bakalov he would recommend that he stay in prison unless he is deported and prohibited from ever returning to the United States.

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## A lesson in safety

### Groups teach children how to be safe

By Joey Bryant  
Times-News writer

RUPERT - Summer is safer for 80 youngsters after they spent the day learning about the dangers within their reach. The children participated in Summer Safety Day at the Windoka County Fairgrounds. The event's success was due to the combined efforts of a troupe of volunteers, professionals and local business organizers.

"Everyone has put 100-percent into it," says Lisa Klamm, a public nurse with the South Central District Health Department and one of the day's organizers. The turnout was the best she has seen at a safety day.

Parade fire engine under a shade tree and sooner or later it will be crawling with little "wannabe" fire fighters. But volunteers, Larry Pool, assistant Rupert fire chief, James Sievers, Rupert City volunteer, and Mike Brown, Heyburn fire chief, also discussed fire safety, fire alarms and fire extinguishers with groups of children.

The Cassia County Sheriff's Department sent two officers to assist with the day. Capt. Jim Higgins instructed the children on bicycle safety and Deputy Sheriff introduced the youngsters to his drug dog.

Amid the sawdust of the 4-H barn, Peggy Hurst, an American Red Cross water safety instructor, promoted water



Shon Thomas receives a high five from Rupert Assistant Fire Chief Larry Pool. Thomas was one of eight bicycle-helmet winners during Summer Safety Day at the Windoka County Fairgrounds.

safety with the aid of posters and equipment. Participants learned gun safety from Jeff Birch and recycling from Joan Parr and Barbara Morales with the University of Idaho Extension Service.

Raft River Electric Co-op sent Justin Bair to demonstrate the dangers of electricity.

Four area implement dealers, Pioneer Equipment Co., Christians Implement, Mini-Cassia Equipment and Agri-Service Inc., sponsored a farm safety program and supplied instructors for the classes.

Katelyn Eckley, Paige Johnson, Shon Thomas, Shannel Taylor, Brian Hubbard, Emily Stewart, Cody Gomez and Michael Hopley took home bicycle helmets donated by McCain Foods and Safeway.

Jordan Quast and Courtney Legler received toy tractors from a drawing. The tractors were donated by John Damm through Christians Implement of Burley.

Snacks were provided by SimpliStar and Cassia Regional Medical Center. Mindoka Memorial Hospital treated the hungry crew a hot dog lunch.



Almost 180 young people helped clean the Declo area as part of a youth conference. Laura Gill, left, Lisa Gilchrist, center, and Stacie Looch keep the streets looking good.

## Declo youngsters clean, learn about team work

DECLO - Almost 180 local young people recently donated their time and muscle to help clean up the outlying areas of Cassia County.

Hundreds of hours of service were shared by participants, ages 14-18, as part of a youth conference, says Teryl Zullinger, public affairs director of the Declo Shrine of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints. The conference was organized by the Declo Shrine Young Men and Young Women's organizations to help the youth get to know each other in a noncompetitive setting.

Youngsters donated an estimated 540 hours of service throughout the southern part of Cassia County, cleaning public areas and painting curbs and even refurbishing a bull field.

"The city usually hires someone to do these things," Declo Mayor Jay Bazzington says. "They accomplished a great deal that morning and we really appreciate it."

After completing the service project, the young people spent a day at Mississauga Ducks State Park. Activities included training, obstacle courses and



Kimberly Grush, left, and Lacy Bennett touch up the curbs as part of community service for a youth conference.

repelling. Many of the activities were designed to encourage teamwork and faith, organizers say.

"This was a way to help unify our wards and our communities," says Young Women's leader, Jan Moss.

## Toastmasters group: More than talk

By Kellie Gaston  
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - You can tell by their joyful, easy conversation that the Magic Valley Toastmasters have been together a while.

The Magic Valley Toastmasters 149 is a male group organized in February 1940. At their weekly meetings, they get down to the task of becoming better communicators and sharper thinkers.

President Darwin Boyle of Twin Falls has been a Toastmaster off and on for about 29 years. He joined the group after he began making speeches while on the job at a local potato processing plant.

"I would give these speeches to the workers regarding union relations," Boyle says. "And I was tired of competing with hecklers in the audience. I joined Toastmasters to work on my speaking skills so that they would hear what I wanted to say, so other people in the audience would say (to the hecklers), 'Hey, shut up. Let's hear what he has to tell us.'"

The meetings begin with an invocation, followed by presentation of a vocabulary word. Members are then presented with table topics, often based on current events, to work on their impromptu speaking skills. This is followed by two prepared speeches based on a topic presented at the previous week's meeting.

A recent topic was "There is no substitute for..." Carl Brown, a former Navy pilot and Toastmaster's member for about 25 years, chose "truth." Harold Gerber, a local architect, selected "words" as his subject.

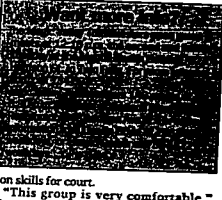
The prepared speeches are evaluated and the top speaker is awarded the prized Blue Penel.

"I suggest we have a recount," Gerber jokingly protests when Brown receives the Blue Penel from this week's chief evaluator, Jeff Chambers, a Twin Falls Police Department detective.

Chambers, the youngest of the group at age 32, joined the Toastmasters group about one year ago after a colleague's suggestion he polish his case presenta-



Magic Valley Toastmasters President Darwin Boyle addresses the group, which he says helps sharpen thinking and communication skills.



tion skills for court. "This group is very comfortable," Boyle says, "the familiarity helps a lot with the learning process."

Toastmaster Winston Jones is a former Twin Falls mayor, World War II colonel under Gen. George S. Patton and a dinner companion of Ernest Hemingway and Soviet cosmonaut Yuri Gagarin.

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Art White tends to his dried flowers, a hobby which grew out of a love of gardening.

## Man's hobby blooms to drying

By Julie Furrer  
Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS - Art White's fascination with dried flowers was a natural extension of his love of gardening.

White, 86, began drying flowers in 1986 to utilize his flower arrangement skills and to complement some of his woodworking projects. He now has several books, but in the long run came up with his own methods.

"I had to figure out what to grow and what kind of flowers would dry the best," he says.

White suggests growing standard drying flowers such as sunflower, strawflowers, baby's breath, wazewood, sweet Annie, tansy and ornamental grasses. He specializes in drying the beehive roses that came with the acre he bought on Borah Avenue 37 years ago.

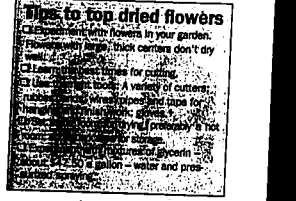
White suggests cutting roses when they are about two-thirds open. Unique to his collection are peonies, which he cuts when they are about 85-90 percent open.

"Most flowers keep opening some time after you cut them, but peonies have a tendency to close," he says.

White uses a technique for drying temperatures reaching 120 degrees Fahrenheit, which he calls "quick dry."

As a preservationist, he says the best way to dry flowers is to use glycerin. White says after spraying the flowers in a thick plastic in a variety of containers - coffee cans, vases, and boxes.

"If you just throw the flowers around,



The to top dried flowers

White does sell his dried flowers. But whether the blooms are preserved or still growing, White finds joy in his garden. With squirrels and hummingbirds to his day working among the flowers.

"One of the squirrels used to get up on top of me when I was napping in the yard," White says. "She was looking for me to feed her something. At times she would even follow me into the shop."

Lately, a hummingbird established a nest under the awning in his patio and he watches her care for the two fledglings.

"She doesn't want to fly in to feed when there is company around," he says.

## Community donates memorial to good neighbor, friend

By Gina Mulder  
Times-News correspondent

WENDALL - It was the kind of day Bill Grou would have loved.

A lazy spring afternoon warmed with bright sunshine and a gentle breeze rustling through the trees.

And, it was a perfect day for those who knew Grou to gather at Wendell's McGinnis Park to pay tribute to a man who knew no boundaries when it came to being a good neighbor.

The Serr family of Wendell, along with a little help from the Wendell Recreation District, erected a memorial June 12 in

McGinnis Park to remember Grou and his uniring community spirit. Grou died earlier this year in a farming accident.

"We did it because he was such a good neighbor and it didn't matter what was going on in his life, he always had time for other people," Karl Serr says.

Grou served on the first recreation district board in 1976, along with Phyllis Bunn and John Thompson. The three were instrumental in the development of McGinnis Park, a community park that today hosts community baseball games and swimming in the summer and soccer in the fall.

"Bill loved baseball so he was very

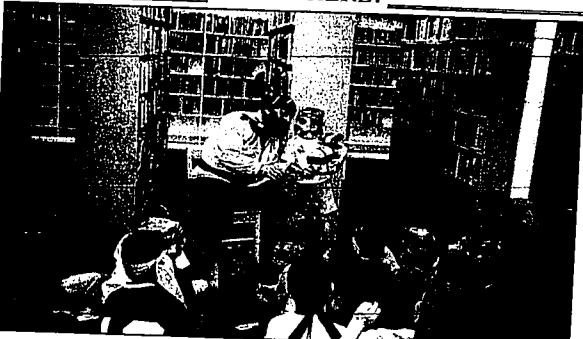
interested in getting the baseball diamond back," says Serr, who is an active member of the recreation district. "He worked hard to make the park and this community what it is today. Our lives are richer because we've rubbed shoulders."

The Serr family planned a flowering cherry tree to signify Grou's connection to the area and his love of farming.

"This was such a kind gesture on the part of the Serr family," Grou's wife, Len, says. "He loved this area and the always stayed aciver in it. This is a nice way to remember Bill who was a good father, good neighbor and a good community person."

COMMUNITY

AHOY THERE!



Ahoy! Pirates took over the Buhl Public Library as part of the library's summer reading program, which ended July 7. Captain Red Beard, also known as Jeff Holladay, and his first mate, Shelby Holladay, told youngsters about their adventures on the high seas.

SENIOR CALENDAR

**Twin Falls Senior Citizens Center**  
 616 Eastlund Dr.  
 Dinner served from noon to 12:30 p.m. Suggested donation is \$3 for seniors. The cost is \$4 for non-seniors under 60 and \$2.50 for children under 12.  
 Tuesday: Spaghetti, green beans, tossed salad, french bread, pineapple cake.  
 Wednesday: Roast pork, potatoes and gravy, carrots, Jell-O salad, fruit, rolls, ice cream.  
 Thursday: Anniversary dinner - salad bar.  
 Friday: Fish or chicken, no grain potato, vegetables, coleslaw, muffins, fruit dessert.  
 Monday: Chicken fried steak, potatoes and gravy, broccoli, beet salad, rolls, fruit dessert.  
**Activities**  
 Library, Pool Room, and Bargain Center with cards, games, color television, puzzles and movies. Open weekdays from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.  
 Tuesday  
 Blood pressure check 10 a.m. to noon  
 Wednesday  
 Quilting 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.  
 Thursday  
 Pinochle at 1 p.m.  
 Friday  
 Quilting 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.  
 Lunch bingo  
 Monday  
 Quilting 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

**West End Senior Citizens Inc.**  
 1010 Main St., Buhl  
 Noon meals served Monday through Friday. Buffet meal at 1 p.m. on Sunday. Evening meals served at 5:30 p.m. Monday and Thursday. Suggested donations for meals is weekdays \$2.50, Sundays \$3.50, non-seniors \$4.75 and children under 12-year-old \$2.50. Meals can be delivered Monday through Friday. Call 543-4577 for more information. Free bus service to and from meals is available Monday evening, Tuesday noon and Thursday noon and evening. Please call 543-4577 by 10 a.m. to arrange a ride.  
 Tuesday: Chicken over noodles, carrots/potato, cucumber/brinon salad, biscuits, cake.  
 Wednesday: Beef pot pie, green salad, spinach, banana pudding.  
 Thursday: Ham, scalloped potato, green salad, corn rolls, apple cake.  
 Friday: Pepper steak, rice, mandarin salad, rolls, brownies.  
 Monday: Cook's choice. Evening meal - buffet.  
**Activities**  
 Thrift shop open every day.  
 Tuesday  
 Quilting 8 a.m. - 3 p.m.  
 Bingo 7 p.m. - 9 p.m.  
 Wednesday  
 Exercises at 10 a.m.  
 Thursday  
 Quilting 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.  
 Bingo after noon meal  
 Cards after evening meal  
 Friday  
 Exercises at 10 a.m.  
 Monday  
 Exercises at 10 a.m.  
 Cards following evening meal

**Filer Senior Haven**  
 222 Main St., Filer  
 Dinners served at noon on Tuesday and Thursday and at 6 p.m. on Friday. Suggested donation is \$2 for seniors. Home delivered meals available each meal time.  
 Tuesday: Beef trioganoff with noodles.  
 Thursday: Birthday - oven chicken.  
 Friday: Turkey Almondine over rice.  
**Activities**  
 Tuesday  
 Exercise at 10:30 a.m.  
 Wednesday  
 Exercise at 1 p.m.

**Ageless Senior Citizens, Inc.**  
 310 Main N., Kimberly  
 Thursday: Cook's choice  
 Wednesday: Pork ribs and sauerkraut  
 Friday: Salad bar  
 Monday: Spaghetti  
**Activities**  
 Tuesday  
 Blood pressure check  
 Thursday  
 Crafts at 1 p.m.  
 Friday  
 Bingo at 11:55 a.m.  
 Pinochle at 1 p.m.

SERVICE NEWS

Buhl resident graduates from training at Fort Knox

Army National Guard Pvt. Lee C. Kernes, son of Sheldon L. and Cheri M. Kernes of Buhl, graduated from One Station Unit Training at Fort Knox, Ky., which included basic military training and advanced individual training.  
 The first eight weeks of initial entry training or basic training, included basic combat training, drill and ceremonies, weapons, map reading, tactics, military courtesy, military justice, physical fitness, first aid and Army history and traditions.  
 Kernes also has completed the armor crewman course, which instructs the trainee to conduct tank unit defensive and offensive combat operations.  
 Kernes is a 1995 graduate of Vallivue High School in Caldwell.

Twin Falls resident begins Army basic training

Army National Guard Pvt. Ryan G. Meyer, son of Eldon G. and Patricia L. Meyer of Twin Falls, arrived at Fort Knox, Ky. to complete basic training.  
 During the eight weeks of training, Meyer will receive instruction in drill and ceremonies, weapons, map reading, tactics, military courtesy, military justice, physical fitness, first aid, and Army history and traditions.  
 Meyer is a 1999 graduate of Twin Falls High School.

Kimberly resident starts up basic training at Fort Knox

Army National Guard Pvt. Justin I. Harmon, son of Sharon Harmon of Jerome, arrived at Fort Knox, Ky. to complete basic combat training.  
 During the eight weeks of training, Harmon will receive instruction in drill and ceremonies, weapons, map reading, tactics, military courtesy, military justice, physical fitness, first aid, and Army history and traditions.  
 Harmon is a 1994 graduate of Kimberly High School.

Buhler completes basic at Lackland Air Base in Texas

Air Force Airman Tashina M. Buhler, daughter of Larry H. and Cornea H. Buhler of Twin Falls, graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, Texas.  
 During the six weeks of

Wright completes basic at Fort Leonard Wood

Army National Guard Spec. Dennis Wright, son of Donald L. Wright and Debbie Rouse, both of Buhl, graduated from basic military training at Fort Leonard Wood, Waynesville, Mo.

Harmon completes basic at Fort Leonard Wood

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COMMUNITY EVENTS

National Park Service leads fossil beds tours

HAGERMAN - The National Park Service will be leading guided tours of the Hagerman Fossil Beds National Monument Quarry at 9 a.m. Saturday.  
 Participants should meet at the visitor's center at 9 a.m. and drive to the quarry. Travel will be on paved and gravel roads. Participants also are reminded to be prepared for variable weather, and bring plenty of water, wear sunscreen and wear sturdy shoes adequate for light hiking.  
 For more information, call 837-4793.

American Legion unit holds annual yard sale

TWIN FALLS - The American Legion Auxiliary Unit 7 will be holding an annual yard sale from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday and 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, at 612 Cindy Dr. in Twin Falls. Auxiliary members are reminded to bring their sale items to the yard sale site no later than Thursday.  
 For more information, call 734-3278, 734-1435, or 733-8989.

SPLASH Committee presents Family Fun Day

GOODING - The Gooding SPLASH Committee will be having a Gooding Family Fun Day from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday at the Gooding East Park.  
 Activities include a Fun Run at 9 a.m., food booths, children's games, three-on-three basketball tournament, volleyball tournament and an auction at 4 p.m.  
 For more information, call Kent at 934-4023.

LMC hosts training conference this week

TWIN FALLS - The Living Incentive Network Corporation leadership development training conference will be from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday and from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday at the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare building at 601 Pole Line Rd.  
 The training will focus on community efforts regarding physically challenged people. Twin Falls City Councilwoman Lisa Swale will be training facilitator for the conference.

Bald Mountain Kennel Club holds all-breed show

VALLEY - The Bald Mountain Kennel Club will hold the 2nd annual All-Breed Fun Match on Saturday at Bellevue City Park.  
 The public is welcome and all dogs must be on a leash. There will also be a fun run following Best in Match.  
 For more information, call Kathy at 798-3248.

Lewis, Clark, wildflowers among workshop topics

POCAHELLO - Three field study workshops are scheduled during August by the Idaho State University Sawtooth Science Institute.  
 The workshops, tailored for kindergarten to 12th-grade teachers, are open to all adults.  
 The institute offers workshops each summer designed to keep educators abreast of current research. History and the Idaho environment with site-specific natural history information and material packages, the university

August workshops include: Lewis and Clark; Geology and Ecology

is scheduled from Aug. 3-6 in Salmon. Participants will follow the same route used in 1805 by Lewis and Clark while discussing preservation of Idaho's history. The route begins near the Idaho/Montana border and ends near the Washington border.  
 "Wildflowers and Pollinators" is set for Aug. 7-8 in Sun Valley. The class will discuss ecology, history, and collection techniques for wild plants and pollinating partners. Field work will include observation of insect pollinating behaviors and interactions.  
 "Mining in Central Idaho" will be Aug. 10-13 in Bellevue. The class will explore old mining towns and sites from Bellevue to Buhl.  
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Farragut Naval reunion seeks 1940s alumni

ATHOL - Alumni are having the 13th Annual Farragut Naval Training Station reunion on Sept. 10-12 at Farragut State Park in Athol, Idaho.  
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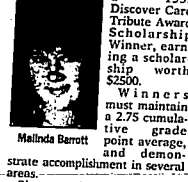
Angela Wirsching wins All-American honors

Angela Wirsching of Ellendale, Tenn., was named an All-American Scholar by the United States Achievement Academy.  
 She is the daughter of Steve and Lisa Wirsching of Ellendale, Tenn., and the granddaughter of Robert and Donna Becht of Twin Falls and Neal and Bev Wirsching of Twin Falls.  
 The academy recognizes students who excel in the academic disciplines, and earn a 3.3 or better grade point average. Scholars are nominated by teachers, coaches, counselors, and other qualified sponsors, organizers say.

Kimberly resident earns Discover Card scholarship

MALINDA BAROTT of Kimberly is a 1999 Discover Card Tribute Award Scholarship Winner, earning a scholarship worth \$2500.  
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NEW NAME FOR FHA



Twin Falls High School students recently attended the FHA/HERO National Convention in Boston. Michelle Florko, left, attended as chapter delegate. Heather Marsh, center, and Shannon Silvamale-Murphy, right, competed in entrepreneurship events and received a silver award for their project. Lelle Poppletton received a mentor advisor award and Judy Schroeder was recognized for 15 years as an FHA/HERO advisor. At the convention, members also voted to change the name of the organization to Family, Career and Community Leaders of America or FCCCLA. The change takes place Sept. 1.

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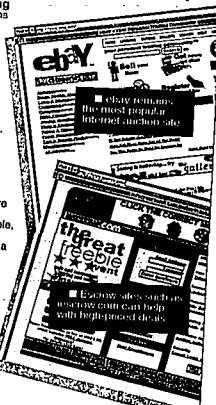
The Internet is fast becoming the place to find anything, especially something really obscure. On-line auction sites often post some really "niche market" items. It's fun to browse, even if not planning to buy.

**Tips for on-line auctioning**

- Be aware if an item seems way too cheap or way too perfect.
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## Search engine changes into multimedia giant

The Dallas Morning News

**SANTA CLARA, Calif.** — Formed only four years ago by a pair of Stanford University doctoral candidates, Yahoo Inc. was known at first as a search engine, a software tool for categorizing and finding sites on the World Wide Web.

Then, the company garnered attention among the Internet cognoscenti as a leading portal, a fuzzy term for a gateway to the Internet for unfamiliar Web users.

Now, Yahoo has embarked on an ambitious plan to transform itself yet again into something over an Internet newbie can understand — a major media powerhouse with unprecedented global reach and interactive capabilities.

Yahoo took a major step toward that goal in April, reaching a deal to acquire Dallas-based Broadcast.com Inc. in a \$5.7-billion stock swap. The purchase will accelerate Yahoo's ability to provide audio and video services in addition to its traditional format of text and graphics.

"It's inevitable that audio and video will be the very heart of the Internet experience," said Ron Rappaport, an analyst with Zena Research Inc. in Redwood City, Calif. "The only question is when it will happen."

Yahoo is already a significant

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media force by any standard. With one of the Web's most catchy, easiest brand names, Yahoo has capitalized on the rapid growth of the Internet and now attracts a monthly audience of more than 60 million users.

Because it has such a broad reach, Yahoo is considered one of the Internet's big three, along with Microsoft Corp., the software giant, and America Online Inc., the leading provider of access to the Web. A Wall Street darling, Yahoo stock is up more than 435 percent in the past year.

Yahoo sites, which are available from www.yahoo.com, have vast offerings that compete against traditional businesses including newspapers, telephone directories and myriad retail and service firms.

Indeed, one of the most powerful assets of Yahoo is the way in which its services can be integrated in a step-by-step process that includes providing information communicating with other people and completing transactions.

For example, a user can go online classified ads at Yahoo Employment, then send a message with Yahoo Mail. Need a new car for the interview? Try Yahoo Shopping. A plane ticket? Yahoo Travel. Driving directions? Yahoo Maps. A house?

Yahoo Real Estate. A car? Yahoo Autos. And for users, one of the most compelling aspects of Yahoo is that it offers information and services for free.

The company's revenue, which reached \$203.3 million last year, is derived principally from advertising. Yahoo also gets a percentage of revenue from electronic-commerce transactions that it facilitates, which are expected to become a more significant source of revenue.

With Broadcast.com, multimedia programming will be added to virtually all of Yahoo's sites, executives said in interviews at the company's headquarters in an anonymous Mediterranean-style office complex in Santa Clara, in the heart of California's Silicon Valley.

Is there any limit to the kinds of services Yahoo might offer? "We've cast a pretty wide net," said Jeff Mallett, Yahoo's president and chief operating officer.

"We want to be the only place someone has to go to find anything or get connected to anyone."

Still, Yahoo has set a boundary for itself by remaining completely focused on the Internet, rejecting the temptations of other Web companies to become equity partners with traditional media businesses in broadcasting and publishing.

Tim Koogle, chairman and chief executive of Yahoo, said the potential of the Internet is so great that it will require all of the company's effort.

"The Internet allows you to remove time and geography barriers," Koogle said. "Users select what they want to consume and when they want to consume it, independent of where they are or when they're choosing to consume the stuff. That's profound and compelling."

## Company puts new twists into ordinary screen savers

Michael R. Bums  
Knight-Ridder News Service

I've often thought that if the amount of creativity that's put into personalizing our screen savers were put into the work most of us are paid to do, we'd all be Pulitzer Prize winners. We'd also get some work done.

The good folks at Rhode Island Soft Systems (<http://www.rissoftsystems.com>) are experts at taking current events and transforming them into something fun and sometimes-funny and sometimes-admired adolescent animated screen savers. They were the ones who came up with the Hey, Macaroni screen saver when the Macaroni PC users downloaded that screen saver.

If you're grossed out by what your 12-year-old finds amusing, you might want to pass on these. After helping to rear three 12-year-olds, there's little that grosses me out, so I found some of these amusing, if somewhat irrelevant.

Take, for example, Liverdance Parody, which features Irish livers — all dressed up with checkered vests and top shoes. Or a parody of Bill Gates getting pined (you get to throw the pines).

The Bill Clinton one features a saxophone-playing blues singer and three women who are not the Lennon Sisters.

Cupid's Valentine features arrows that pierce into romantic hearts. The commercial version can be personalized with photos.

Duke Nukem 3D will delight younger screen-saver fansatics. It's got action and authentic Duke Nukem sound effects.

Their newest screen saver is the Y2K bug, which features a whole range of obnoxious cartoon bug characters that eat up your screen and give you equally obnoxious error messages. If it's like the Y2K bug is about, I'm getting that my old Smith-Corona typewriter.

Princess Diana Tribute features

## Shareware review

These are reviews of shareware programs for computer users. If you are interested in the Internet and on CD-ROMs from the Internet, users by them, then pay a little to register if they decide to use them regularly.

A picture gallery of the late British superhero, Ghoul's Delight is an animated haunted house, complete with sound effects. Holyrpls, Teetion features two boxes, an ear and a set of teeth. It's bizarre, but has its moments.

Turkey Show! gives you a choice of weapons to get your gobbling, and even lets you play against the bird. As a former North Dakotan, I started gibbering when I watched Winter Wonders. Snow flakes melt on a pond, then set to accumulate on the ground. Believe me, it's better to watch than to experience.

All of these screen savers are free for downloading from the Rhode Island Software Web site. They install easily and integrate perfectly with your Windows desktop. Once you find one that you like to give a home to on your hard drive, registration, which gives you many more features, is inexpensive — most can be registered for less than \$10 each. The shareware versions have nag screens, ads and the like, but they take the guesswork out of ordering the commercial versions.

## Software spotlight: Expedia makes navigating easier

By James Coates  
Chicago Tribune

As good as your summer driving vacation is going to get, it will get better still if you take along a laptop loaded with this armchair-traveling software gem from Microsoft.

It starts with an awesome ability to generate detailed street-by-street, door-to-door driving instructions licensed from Zena Rosemont, Ill.-based Navigation Technologies Corp., which sells global fleet routing data to corporations.

Type in your home address and then the address (or place name) of any possible destination in the United States and the CD-ROM will churn out a block-level map of start and destination; a set of driving instructions telling you turn by turn exactly how to move between the two points; a riveting description of attractions and resources along the way right down to individual restaurants and special attractions.

The database includes warnings about road construction and suggests bypass routes. To secure up-to-date accuracy, the software will connect to the Internet via Microsoft's Expedia.com Web site daily collects road conditions and weather information. Also included are 10,000 links to Web sites that drill down to topics as narrow as a bed and breakfast in Lander, Wyo., or an art gallery in Eleanor, Fla.

Sure to warm the hearts of technology buffs is a feature that lets you create a map of a relatively small area (downtown Denver, for example) and move it to a hand-held Windows CE device.

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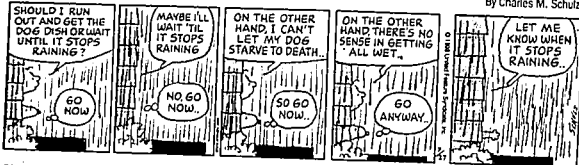
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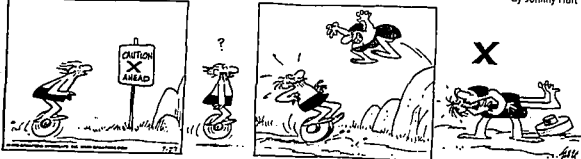
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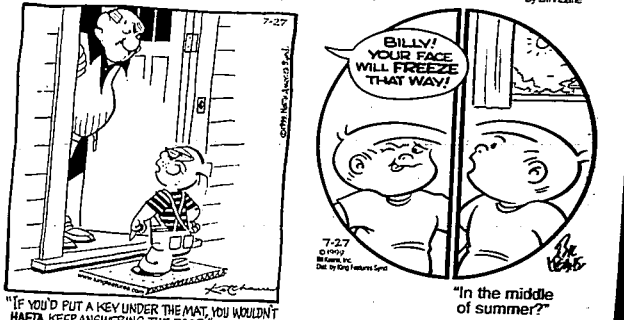


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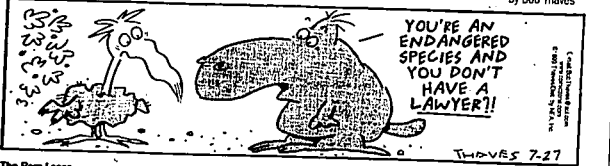
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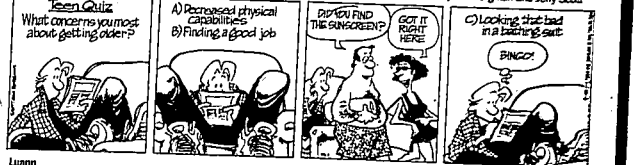
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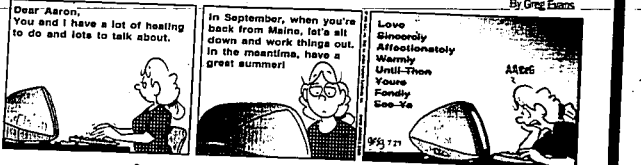
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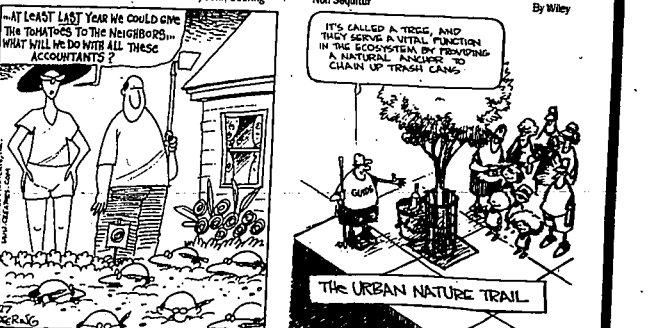


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# Palestinians visit Knesset

## Parliament speaker makes first visit since being elected

**JERUSALEM (AP)** — Jerusalem Parliament Speaker Ahmed Qureia had to wait for three years and the election of a moderate Israeli government to win an invitation to Knesset in Jerusalem — a gesture that implies recognition of the Palestinians' fledgling independence.

Qureia and his Israeli counterpart, Avraham Burg, greeted each other warmly Monday after a portrait of the father of Zionism, Theodor Herzl, they exchanged gifts — a silver peace dove from the host, a mother-of-pearl box from the guest — before walking together through the halls of the Knesset, or parliament.

There were a few sour notes. A hawkish Knesset member heckled Burg for inviting Qureia. Palestinian flags were conspicuously absent from the Knesset, and host and guest openly disagreed on the future of disputed Jerusalem.

But both men agreed Qureia's visit marked another milestone in the mostly troubled relations between the two peoples.

"Today is an important day," Qureia said as he waited to greet Herzl's widely known portrait among Israelis by his nickname, Abu Ala, at the gates of the Knesset. Qureia, whose office in the West Bank town of Ramallah is just a 30-minute drive from Jerusalem, drove up in a black Mercedes.

In what Burg termed a "get-to-know-you" visit, he met privately for an hour and discussed how they could contribute to the reawakening of peace talks. Since moderate Prime Minister Ehud Barak took office earlier this month, he has launched a flurry of diplomatic activity to rekindle the negotiations, even though he has the role of his hard-line predecessor, Benjamin Netanyahu.

"As a sign of goodwill, it is our duty to meet the peace process forward," Qureia said at a joint news conference with Burg, adding that he hoped to cooperate closely with his Israeli colleague.



Palestinian Parliament Speaker Ahmed Qureia, left, enjoys the humor supplied by Israeli Knesset Speaker Avraham Burg during a light moment at a press conference in Jerusalem Monday.

Burg, adding that he hoped to cooperate closely with his Israeli colleague. Qureia said Burg has accepted an invitation to visit the Palestinian parliament, formed in 1996 as a direct result of the interim Israeli-Palestinian land-for-peace agreements.

Both the 120-member Israeli Knesset and the 88-seat Palestinian parliament have a tradition of raucous, lively debate and both Burg and Qureia have complained about the difficulties of keeping order. In their meeting Monday, the two speakers seemed at ease with one another, joking lightly and heartily as they addressed reporters.

They sat beneath a Marc Chagall tapestry depicting

Jewish biblical motifs and on a podium that conspicuously held an Israeli — but not a Palestinian — flag. The lawmakers politely agreed to disagree on the issue of who can claim Jerusalem as its capital.

Palestinians hope to establish a capital in traditionally Arab east Jerusalem, captured by Israel in the 1967 Middle East war. The issue is expected to be the most wrenching in talks on a permanent peace agreement. "Let me say from here, at the Knesset, our position is clear: Jerusalem is part of Arab land occupied in 1967," Qureia said defiantly.

"My opinion on that matter, of course, differs," Burg said diplomatically.

**MALISEVO, Yugoslavia (AP)** — Ethnic Albanians glare at the three Russian soldiers, one smoking a cigarette, as they walk quickly Monday through the main street of war-ravaged Malisevo. No greetings, no smiles, no handshakes.

In the mainly Serb Kosovo town of Malisevo, about 20 miles away from the Russian border, the Russian soldiers drink and carouse with local Serbs, flashing the three-fingered Serb salute approved by ethnic Albanians, British troops and aid workers, locals say.

It has been nearly six weeks since Russia's first troops moved into Kosovo, creating a confrontation with NATO later resolved by incorporating the contingent into the peace force. Now the troops are encountering mistrust and hatred from Kosovo Albanians, gratitude from the dwindling Serb population and raised eyebrows from some fellow peacekeepers who question their military discipline.

The Russian presence is a delicate issue for the Western nations that intervened in the Yugoslav province. The mainly Muslim ethnic Albanians equate the Serbs and Russians, both Orthodox

*"The Germans greeted everybody, but the Russians just give us nasty looks. I don't like their attitude."*

— Jusuf Mazreku, Kosovo Albanian

Christians, as common enemies. "We despise them," said Jusuf Mazreku, 33, who owns a cafe in Malisevo, stronghold of the Kosovo Liberation Army for much of its struggle against the Serbs. "The Germans greeted everybody, but the Russians just give us nasty looks. I don't like their attitude."

Russians had been patrolling and manning checkpoints here in Malisevo, where German forces stand last week, when they went home. The Russians will begin patrolling their second sector, Kamernica in the Albanian zone east of Pristina, on Wednesday. Their main logistics base in the province is opposite a military facility in the crude of Serb nationalist, Kosovo Polje, where a Serb

defeat against the Turks in a 1916-year-old battle became identified into a touchstone of Serb identity. About 700 Russian judges at Malisevo the nearby airport, which they have national accreditation for running. About 2,400 Russians are in the province, a spokesman said. The NATO peacekeepers said the total is expected to reach 3,500.

The Russians have occupied a vineyard in Banje, three miles west of Malisevo, as their base. The vineyard used to employ local people, said village leader Ramiz Limaj.

At the entrance to Malisevo, a half-dozen Russians checked the identity documents of drivers. Coils of razor wire blocked the road, moved aside by a soldier to let cars pass. Such practices are unusual elsewhere. Few of the Russian troops will talk to reporters. One, at the Banje barracks, had identified himself only as a platoon leader and spoke of the difficulty his men have residing in a sea of ethnic Albanian hostility.

"The reason there is not a good relationship is because of their leaders, who tell them not to have contact with us," he said.

# China detains government officials

**BEIJING (AP)** — The Chinese government has arrested nearly 1,200 government officials accused of associating with a banned meditation group, a rights group reported Monday.

The officials were being held in custody in the northern Chinese city, forced to renounce Communist Party literature and ordered to give up their association with Falun Gong, the Information Center for Human Rights and Democratic Movement in China reported Monday.

The officials, who were not allowed any outside contacts, were ordered to submit written orders that they would break with the sect, the report said, citing unclear sources in China. The campaign was expected to

extend to 3,000 lower-ranking local government officials in the northern city of Shijiazhuang, about 200 miles southwest of Beijing, the Information Center said.

China's communist leaders banned Falun Gong on Thursday, accusing it of trying to develop political power. Falun Gong leaders have denied any political ambitions and denied they organized protests that disrupted last week after authorities reportedly arrested leading sect members.

Falun Gong, founded by Li Hongzhi, was driven by Li to the United States, drawn by martial arts, Buddhism and Taoism. The group says its goals are physical and mental fitness and high moral standards, and denies it is either a religion or a political movement.

Police throughout China have ransacked homes of Falun Gong practitioners, confiscated books, videotapes and posters about the group, according to Falun Gong Internet sites based in the United States. Some detainees have been ordered to pay heavy fines, these reports say.

China's entirely state-controlled newspapers claimed success Monday in the government crackdown, saying people were renouncing Falun Gong materials and renouncing the organization.

The evening television news showed reporters pulling the group's books and tapes from shops and newsstands and featured testimonials from people who said they were obeying the party and no longer believed in Falun Gong.

# Castro berates U.S. in annual Revolution Day speech

**CIENFUEGOS, Cuba (AP)** — President Fidel Castro berated the United States during his annual Revolution Day speech, accusing both countries of dirty tricks aimed at harming Cuba during the Pan American games in Winnipeg.

"We have never seen so many tricks, so much dish in the Pan American games," Castro told tens of thousands of Communist Party faithful and other guests marking the start of the revolution that brought him to power four decades ago.

Castro criticized the U.S. by the local media in Canada for Cuban athletes to defect and

"hostile" treatment of the Cuban delegation. He also criticized changes in the rules of competition for basketball, the most important, the most attractive sport.

"They want to eliminate the ghost of Cuba. They are scared of our teams," Castro said that began shortly after a huge downpour soaked the thousands of chairs set up for the event, along with the first of the guests to arrive.

"We are competing in enemy territory," he said of Canada.

Relations between Cuba and Canada were long friendly but have soured recently as

Canada has increasingly taken the communist country to task for its human rights record.

A key issue has been Canada's opposition to the sentencing of four government opponents convicted of inciting sedition through words and documents.

Castro also mentioned the lawsuit that the United States earlier this year filed in federal court in damages for violent attacks on the island that they claimed were responsible for the deaths of more than 3,000 people. Several weeks of testimony in the hearings wrapped up last week.

**MOSCOW (AP)** — President Boris Yeltsin interrupted his vacation Monday to go to the hospital — the second such visit in a week. A spokesman referred the visits as "medical check-ups."

The reason for Yeltsin's trip to the Central Clinic Hospital was not known, but press secretary Dmitry Yakushin said it was "quite natural that the president is trying to use his vacation time for medical checkups."

Yeltsin, who has been on vacation for about two weeks, also

went to the hospital last Tuesday for a scheduled examination.

Yakushin also said Yeltsin, who has been on vacation for about two weeks, is planning to hold a number of "working meetings" with cabinet members. He did not say where or with whom.

Yeltsin, 68, has had a number of health problems in recent years, including heart bypass surgery in 1994 and attacks of pneumonia and respiratory infections since then. He has also suffered a recurring ulcer in the past year.

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the Northwest corner of lots 1 and 1114 depicted on the plat filed and approved by the Board of Public Works of the County of Blaine, Idaho, on the 11th day of August, 1999, at 1:30 p.m., in the County of Blaine, State of Idaho, for the purpose of selling to the highest bidder, cash, all public auction, to the best advantage of the estate, the following described real property situated in the County of Blaine, State of Idaho, to-wit:  
Lot 4 and the West 1/2 of Lot 5 of Downland Subdivision, No. 1, Twin Falls County, Idaho, according to the plat thereof recorded in Volume 7 of Plats, Page 1, records of said County.  
The Trustee has no knowledge of a more particular description of the above-referenced real property for purposes of compliance with Section 60-113 of the Idaho Code. The Trustee further certifies that the above-described real property is not subject to any other liens, mortgages, judgments, or other claims, and that the same is being sold free and clear of all such liens, mortgages, judgments, or other claims. The Trustee's authority to sell is derived from the terms of the trust instrument, a copy of which is on file in the office of the County Clerk of Twin Falls, Idaho, and is subject to the terms and conditions of the trust instrument, a copy of which is on file in the office of the County Clerk of Twin Falls, Idaho. The Trustee's authority to sell is derived from the terms of the trust instrument, a copy of which is on file in the office of the County Clerk of Twin Falls, Idaho.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE undersigned has been appointed personal representative of the above-named decedent. All persons having claims against the estate or who are entitled to assets or interests therein, are required to present their claims within four (4) months after the date of the first publication of this Notice or such claims will be forever barred. Claims must also be pre-qualified and filed at the address set forth below. The date of the first publication of this Notice is July 27, August 3, 10, 17, 24, and 31, 1999.

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT OF THE DISTRICT OF IDAHO UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
GARY W. GETZ, SA  
GARY WAYNE GETZ, and JANE MAREE SUTHERLAND, Defendants  
MAREE SUTHERLAND, Plaintiff  
DANIEL HERD, Plaintiff  
DANIEL HERD MANAGE- MENT, Plaintiff  
CARTER BRUCE KUBIK and MATHY KUBIK, husband and wife, Defendants  
CV96-0196-SJL  
Under and by virtue of an Order of Sale and an Order of Default Judgment and Decree of Foreclosure rendered out of the United States District Court for the District of Idaho, the Order of Sale and the Order of Default Judgment and Decree of Foreclosure being filed on the 11th day of June, 1999, and the Order of Sale being signed on the 11th day of June, 1999, the undersigned, Clerk of said Court, do hereby certify that the above-entitled action was filed in said Court on the 11th day of June, 1999, and that the same is now pending in said Court.

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**CLERICAL**  
COCA-COLA has an opening for a PT entry level cashier. Hours will be 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM. Duties: Processing incoming orders, preparing invoices, etc. Apply to: Coca-Cola Bottling Co., 1000 N. 1st St., Twin Falls, ID 83301.

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Now hiring for mixer driver. Class A CDL & TAN endorsement req. Apply at: Kleopler Inc, 731 Magnolia St. South, Twin Falls, ID.

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Experienced swather & baler operator. 324-7125.

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Ario G. Lott Trucking has an opening for a mechanic. Must be able to work on all types of trucks. Call 208-543-4306.

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**CHEVY '88**, 1 ton, 5 spd., \$3,900. Call 886-2954, 511.

**Dodge '90 Silverado** 3 door wheel base 271 1/2" long, 350 V8, 4 ill. exc. cond. \$12,900. 543-8774

**CHEVY '95 extended cab**, 350 V8, 4 spd., camper shell, \$16,000. 326-3575.

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**CHEVY '96**, 2.7L, 1/2 ton, exc. cab, CD, AC, PW, PL. \$20,500. Call 734-4123.

**CHEVY '99**, ext. cab, 1/2 ton, loaded, 6 cyl. engine. \$14,454. loaded w/ leather. GM employee vehicle. Call Mike at 738-0720.

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**CHEVY '87**, 510 Blazer AT, AC, sharp \$4150/offer. Serious inquiries only. Call 734-9692.

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### IN BRIEF

#### CSI basketball signs Greek recruit

**TWIN FALLS**—The College of Southern Idaho men's basketball team has signed Kostas Agapitos, a 7-foot-2-inch post from Athens, Greece.

“He’s very skilled with a very quick feet,” CSI head coach Derek Zerk said in a press release. “He qualified for about the three and a half great players. He doesn’t move like he’s 7-2—he moves like he’s 6-8.”

Zerk said Agapitos will have to make the adjustment from a more fitness style of play to the more physical American game that he’ll find necessary in the Big West.

Other schools who looked at Agapitos include Southern California, Tulane, Providence and Villanova.

#### McDowell disappointed in Salt Lake City

**SALT LAKE**—Former professional ding career Mitch McDowell was all of his hopes and dreams set on a track record at the World Sprinting Sunday night, but he was disappointed for missing the center line of the track in the finale.

McDowell’s two-week-old 2000 Hammerhead F1000 can’t sit on an oil spill at 200 mph, near the finish line, forcing him to the other side of the track, knocking out the timing lights and damaging the boat.

McDowell set a track record of 2:25 seconds in the quarter mile, but Los Angeles racer Gary Dismant was declared the winner.

Crew members are making emergency repairs to the car so the crew can compete at the NEER-A World Series Nationals in Seattle this weekend. The event will be delayed both Saturday and Sunday on 8/28/99.

#### High school football officials to meet

**TWIN FALLS**—The first meeting of high school football officials will be Thursday at 7 p.m. at the Twin Falls High School cafeteria. Anyone who is interested in being certified as an official should attend the fall school planning meeting.

For more information, call Paul Chapman at 736-1625 (days) or 733-9952 (evenings).

#### High school will hold volleyball rules clinic

**TWIN FALLS**—The 1999 Volleyball State Rules Clinic is scheduled for Aug. 9 at Twin Falls High School.

The rules interpretation will begin at 7 p.m. Officials who have not yet registered with the NEER-A may register at 6:30 p.m. Cost of NEER-A registration is \$30.

Anyone interested in becoming an official is encouraged to attend. The clinician for the rules clinic is Sharon Lukather. For more information, contact Lukather at 733-9670.

# Mountain West will have to wait

## Big West could break up this week

**The Associated Press**

**COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo.**—The fledgling Mountain West Conference likely will have to wait one year before gaining an automatic berth in the NCAA men's basketball tournament, commissioner Craig Thompson said Monday.

At the conference's inaugural Football Media Day, Thompson said an NCAA subcommittee will make a recommendation "that probably will ask us to wait one year in men's basketball."

The NCAA's championships competition committee recommended earlier this month that the Mountain West Conference wait two years, but Thompson has challenged that suggestion.

“He stated that both the men's basketball committee and the Collegiate Commissioners Association endorsed a one-year waiting period.”

### BYU is the preseason choice

**B**igham Young University is the preseason choice to win the inaugural Mountain West Conference football title, according to separate polls of coaches and the media on Monday.

In the coaches' poll, BYU received five first-place votes and 47 points, based on the awarding of eight points for a first-place vote, seven points for second, etc. Coaches did not vote for their own teams.

Air Force was a close second, receiving three first-place votes and 44 points.

“My understanding is that the NCAA subcommittee is going to recommend that we wait one year across the board in all sports,” Thompson said. “I think that’s something that we can live with, but I still stay we shouldn’t have to wait, based on interpretations made in similar cases, particularly the Big 12. It has become a highly politicized environment.”

Eight schools formerly belonging to the Western Athletic Conference broke ranks and formed the MWCC, which officially began operations on July 1. The MWC schools are Air Force, Brigham Young, Colorado State, New Mexico, San Diego State, UNLV, Utah and Wyoming.

The new conference will fare better when it comes to football bowl appearances, boasting agreements with both the Liberty and Las Vegas bowls this season. The MWC champion will meet the Conference USA champion in the Liberty Bowl. A second MWC team will meet the WAC champion in the Las Vegas Bowl.

“We are very excited about both tie-ins,” Thompson said. “Those of you who have lived in the South know football is pretty important there. For us to have the exposure outside of our bowl.”

# Griffey wants more than a big contract

**SEATTLE (AP)**—After receiving three contract offers from the Seattle Mariners, Ken Griffey Jr.'s focus seems to be on ERA's more than dollars.

Griffey, signed through the 2000 season, was offered a \$72 million, five-year extension last September, a \$105 million, seven-year deal in April and an eight-year package last week. The Seattle Times reported Monday.

The paper attributed the offers to unidentified sources and did not report the value of the latest package.

“What about my pitching?” the paper quoted Griffey as saying to team president Chuck Armstrong.

In October, Griffey and Alex Rodriguez made clear they wanted a winning team. General manager Woody Woodward added one pitcher who has stayed healthy, closer Jose Mesa.

But the Mariners have floundered and trail the first-place Texas Rangers by 11 games in the AL West, hurt by a weak bullpen. They dealt outfielder Burt Hooton to Boston for a minor league pitcher on Monday and don't have much time for more moves with Saturday's trade deadline approaching.

“An important week,” Griffey told the Times. “This was an important season.”

Griffey and Rodriguez both are eligible for free agency after the 2000 season.

“Alex and I gave them a warning” in October, Griffey said. “I told them, this is the year.”

“He knows he'll get his money.”

“It's all about having a goal and being able to achieve that goal,” Griffey said. “I have the numbers on me. I can do it. And there's nothing the Mariners can do or say. They've got to show Alex and me they want to go out and get some.”

“(Fru) together, we can that every day, we can go out feeling



Ken Griffey Jr. of the Seattle Mariners thinks his team will likely trade him if he doesn't sign a contract extension. But strong pitching is help Seattle's weak staff.

business end rather than players. “Organizations have forgotten a team is a family. All they worry about now is corporate sponsors,” he said. “Not just in Seattle. All over, baseball is more of a business now, and that bothers me.”

He's beginning to see his father's life reflected in his own. Ken Griffey Sr. played for the Cincinnati Reds.

“Until I was 8, I got used to (my dad) being home. He didn't see him summers until I

was 19. Actually I never saw that much of him until we played together in 1990.”

Griffey talks about playing in the Midwest, where he could fly home to Florida on off-days, or being with a team that has spring training in Florida.

He thinks Seattle may deal him if he doesn't agree to an extension.

“If they don't trade me in the offseason,” Griffey said, “I don't think I'll make it through spring training.”

# Palmeiro, Pudge take late-night tour of Hall of Fame

**COOPERSTOWN, N.Y. (AP)**—Todd Zelle zeroed in with his camcorder and called over Ivan Rodriguez for a closer look.

They kept staring at the old, beaup pillo—actually, the catcher's mit used by Hank Gowdy on Boston's 1914 Miracle Braves—and could not believe their eyes.

“Wow, would have to be perfect to catch with that,” said Rodriguez, a seven-time Gold Glove winner.

“I feel like I'm using that sometimes,” said Zelle, shaking his head.

Hours after the Hall of Fame induction ceremonies Sunday, baseball's present met its past when players from the Texas Rangers and Kansas City Royals took a late-night stroll through the shrine.

“You people are a part of it,” Hall curator and Texas native Nolan Ryan told Ted Spencer told the Texas contingent. “This is where all of you would like to end up.”

On Monday, they were to meet in the annual Hall exhibition game two blocks away at cozy Doubleday Field, the birthplace of baseball. Those teams were picked up to Cooperstown to honor two of the newest inductees, Nolan Ryan of the Rangers and George Brett of the Royals.

Two-time MVP Juan Gonzalez and his Texas teammate Justin Tatum's bat and looked at Gene Gubler's, Nolan Ryan marveled at the short-pans uniform the



1999 inductees into the National Baseball Hall of Fame throw out the ceremonial first pitch prior to the Hall of Fame game, which featured the Kansas City Royals against the Texas Rangers at Doubleday Field in Cooperstown, N.Y., Monday. From left to right are Robin Yount, George Brett, Nolan Ryan and Orlando Cepeda.

Chicago White Sox wore in the 1930s and stared at a picture of Eddie Goober, the midget who once batted for the St. Louis Browns in 1951.

A couple of Royals coaches pointed at turn-of-the-century, heavy-wire catcher's masks and laughed.

“That looks like something Hannibal

Lecter would wear,” one said.

Rafael Palmeiro stood at the far end of the main gallery, gazing down the long row of bronze plaques.

“I kind of inspires me, to see all of them hanging there,” he said.

At 24, the All-Star Texas first baseman has 2,065. Every eligible player with 3,000 hits has been elected to the Hall.

“I kind of walk through these halls and think, maybe it's like a vision, it's out there and I can see it,” he said, waving his hand as if casting a spell. “It's way out there, but it's within reach.”

Rangers reliever Danny Patterson held no such illusions.

“I can't imagine being here. I'm in awe,” he said. “The only way I'll make it is by giving up somebody's 3,000th hit or something. I thought I might get a chance to do it against Wade Boggs.”

The Rangers played Sunday at Tampa Bay, then flew to Utica, N.Y., about 45 miles from Cooperstown. About 20 Texas players took the bus ride for a 75-minute visit to the Hall, and Ryan was there to greet them.

“I was kind of hungry when we got in, and I thought about going to get something to eat and not coming here at all,” Patterson said.

“It's more amazing than I ever thought,” he said. “This might be a once-in-a-lifetime trip.”

Kansas City played extra innings at home Sunday and then traveled to Utica.

### ALBA-QUERQUEL, N.M.—The Big West schools are expected to break up at meetings as early as this week, leaving schools like New Mexico State looking for new conferences, NMSU officials said.

The two-division conference would become a one-division league that includes only California schools that do not play football in the conference, NMSU president William Conroy said in Las Cruces.

“The Aggies likely would play football in the Sun Belt Conference, the Albuquerque Journal reported in Monday editions. The Big West meetings are scheduled this week in Boise, Idaho, but a decision on NMSU likely wouldn't come until after the Sun Belt meetings next month, the paper said.

The change came about following the realignment of the Western Athletic Conference. The WAC announced last month that Big West member Nevada would be joining the Colorado-based WAC next summer.

Nevada's departure has put Big West schools in a difficult situation,” Conroy said after meeting with the president of Big West football schools in Salt Lake City. “It's hard to tell how all these conferences are going to end up two years from now.”

Big West's Western Division currently is made up of UC Irvine, Cal State Fullerton, Long Beach State, UC Santa Barbara, Cal Poly San Luis Obispo and the University of the Pacific.

“The California schools have indicated they're interested in going off on their own with a California conference,” Conroy said. “They might add a few other California schools.”

NMSU, Idaho, Boise State, Utah State and North Texas are Arkansas State plays all sports but football in the Sun Belt Conference and comes into the Big West this season only as a football member.

“The Sun Belt may have a football league that would be somewhat apart from the rest of the sports,” Conroy said. “We could look up with the football schools to play football together, but stay in the Big West for the next two years in basketball and other sports.”

“I believe it would include Arkansas State, Louisiana Tech and maybe some other schools,” he said.

With basketball the primary sport, the Sun Belt includes Florida International, New Orleans, Louisiana-Lafayette.

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West

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Southwestern Louisiana, Western Kentucky, Arkansas-Little Rock, the University of Denver and Arkansas State.
Central Florida reportedly wants to join and will be at the meeting, the Journal said.
New Mexico State is hoping to hang on long enough for a WAC breakup, the newspaper said, citing rumors that Texas Christian, Southern Methodist and Rice might bolt from the WAC and go to a new league.
That would leave Hawaii, San Jose State, Fresno State, Tulsa, Texas-El Paso and Nevada looking for some new schools to fill out the WAC.
"We've communicated with the WAC and the Sun Belt," Conroy said.
He said NMSU is preparing a

prospectus for the athletic conferences to "show how good a school we are, what we have to offer."
"We're in a tough situation," Aggie football coach Tony Samuel said. But he added: "Things could work out for the better for us in the end."
New Mexico State was among schools bidding for WAC entry last month at the WAC meetings in Napa, Calif., where Nevada was chosen.
"We have invited the University of Nevada to join the WAC Conference effective July 1 of 2000," said Gerald Turner, president of Southern Methodist University and the chairman of the WAC board of directors.
"They add to our needs," he said June 9.

Wait

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Mountain and Pacific time zones in that part of the world is, I think, really a plus for us.
Memphis is a very traditional bowl with a 40-plus-year history.
"And, of course, Las Vegas has become a wonderful home for us. Our basketball tournaments will be played there."
Thompson said the new conference also might be considered for two other bowls. The Humanitarian Bowl faces an uncertain future because of the impending breakup of the Big West Conference. "If there is no Big West, we'll have to see what happens with that bowl," Thompson said.
The commissioner said a start-up bowl scheduled to begin in 2001 in Houston "is talking about a Mountain West participant

against a Big 12 participant. We've very strongly in the mix there, but the bowl hasn't been certified yet."
Although WAC schools have threatened legal action against NWC schools because of the breakup, Thompson insisted the "summer of transition has gone about as smoothly as possible. I have worked very closely with WAC commissioner Karl Benson on a number of issues. Certainly we are at loggerheads on some things — the automatic revenue distributions.
"But there will be some scheduling carryover. We're not just going to walk away overnight. A lot of our people are going to play WAC-institutions in both football and basketball just because of geography."

Hall

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The entire Royals team made the trip to the Hall, arriving shortly before 11 p.m. EDT and leaving after midnight for their Utica hotel.
Texas was to play Tuesday night at home, and the Royals returned home to play Seattle.
Royals rookie pitcher Tim Lincecum brought his camcorder. He lingered in the new home-run exhibit, hovering over a camera showing Roger Maris' bat and uniform.
"It gives you an appreciation of the game you play," he said. "It brings back the excitement of playing baseball."
Royals pitcher Jay Winsick said one display that mattered most in an exhibit on amateur baseball, there's an MVP trophy

of a youth tournament with his name on it.
"I knew it was here, but I forgot to bring my camera," he said.
He remembered, at least, to stop by the gift shop on the way out. Along with several other Royals and Rangers, he picked up some shirts and hats as souvenirs.
Zule narrated his own tour as he filmed — "there's a picture of Babe and his car" — and soaked in the whole experience.
"Too many, the history of baseball is what happened 150 to 200 years ago, things they can relate to," he said. "I think players today are more interested than they would be perceived, but you don't get a lot of chances to delve into it. It's nice to be here and see the pioneers."

SCORES AND STATS

BASEBALL

AL box scores

Table with columns for teams (TORONTO, CHICAGO, DETROIT, CLEVELAND, PITTSBURGH, BALTIMORE, WASHINGTON, MILWAUKEE, MINNESOTA, KANSAS CITY, ST. LOUIS, CINCINNATI, PITTSBURGH, CLEVELAND, DETROIT, CLEVELAND, PITTSBURGH, BALTIMORE, WASHINGTON, MILWAUKEE, MINNESOTA, KANSAS CITY, ST. LOUIS, CINCINNATI) and rows for runs, hits, errors, and other stats.

AL standings

Table showing AL standings for American League East, Central, West, and National League East, Central, West.

NL standings

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IN THE BLEACHERS

Table with columns for team, player, and statistics (G, AB, R, H, E, etc.) for various players.

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ON THE AIR TELEVISION

Table listing TV and radio broadcasts for various sports events, including MLB games and college sports.

PGA MONEY LEADERS

Table listing PGA Tour money leaders with columns for player name, earnings, and tournament.

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Box score for Athletics vs Twins game.

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Box score for Devil Rays vs Angels game.

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SPORTS IN BRIEF

Leaf has surgery, likely gone for season

SAN DIEGO - Ryan Leaf had surgery Monday to repair a tear in his throwing shoulder, and the San Diego Chargers say he's likely to miss the entire season.

Monson doesn't get a deal like Haskins

MINNEAPOLIS - Dan Monson will be held accountable by the University of Minnesota in ways that Clem Haskins never was.

Abbott retires: 'It's time to admit reality'

CLEVELAND - He made the decision and spoke of the decision in the same quiet and dignified way that he conducted his career, which was one of the most extraordinary and admirable in sports history.

Wake Forest recruits 14-year-old QB

Wake Forest has offered a full scholarship to a 14-year-old freshman who has never played a down of high school football.

Report: Elliott's brother is a donor match

SAN ANTONIO - One of Sean Elliott's brothers meets the basketball player's need for a kidney transplant, TV station KSAT reported Monday.

Boxing champ Fernando Vargas arrested

SANTA BARBARA, Calif. - Junior middleweight boxing champion Fernando Vargas was arrested for investigation of assault with a deadly weapon and burglary, authorities said today.

Expos come up with a rare win

MONTREAL (AP) - Brad Fullmer went 3-for-4 with a homer and three RBIs and Dan Smith pitched seven effective innings for his first win in eight starts to send the Montreal Expos to a 6-1 win over the Chicago Cubs on Monday night.



Chicago Cub Benito Santoro is tagged out by Montreal Expos catcher Chris Widger Monday while trying to score from a hit by Curtis Goodwin during the second inning in Montreal.

National League Jose Vidro also went 3-for-4 with a triple and two RBIs as the Expos won for just the third time in their last 14 games.

Brewers 6, Brewers 1

ATLANTA - Greg Maddux pitched a six-hitter Monday night for his second consecutive complete game and the Atlanta Braves beat the Milwaukee Brewers 6-1.

Phillies 1, Marlins 1

PHILADELPHIA - Kevin Jordan had three hits and drove in three runs, and Robert Person won his fourth straight start Monday night as the Philadelphia Phillies kept pace in the NL East race with a 9-1 victory over the Florida Marlins.

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Florida Marlins

Jordan, playing for injured third baseman Scott Rolen, needed only a homer to hit for the cycle and is batting .448 in his last seven starts.

Phillies, who split a four-game series with NL East-leading Atlanta over the weekend, got another strong outing from Person (5-2). The right-hander, used mostly as a reliever this season, allowed one run and seven hits in eight innings with three walks and eight strikeouts.

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Reed (9-3), who hasn't lost in 10 starts since June 4 against the Yankees, allowed two-run homers to Kevin Young and Brant Brown. Reed allowed eight hits in 5-23 innings.

Armando Benitez walked four straight batters with one out in the ninth to cut the Mets' lead to 7-5. He threw 19 of 24 pitches for balls. Turk Wendell came in and got Abraham Nunez to pop out and Brian Giles to ground out for his third save.

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Dave Veres (2-3) started the ninth with a 5-4 lead and retired Richard Hidalgo on a popout before Mieske sent a 2-pitch over the left-field wall for his first multi-homer game in over three years.

Derek Bell singled and stole second as Veres struck out Tony Eusebio. Tim Bogar walked and pinch-hitter Ward stroked a sinking liner to right. Angel Echevarria charged the ball and appeared to make a sheering catch, but umpire Hunter Wendelstedt ruled he trapped the ball. Bell barely beat Echevarria's throw home to give Houston a 6-5 lead.

McGriff homers twice; Angels drop 11th in a row

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. (AP) - Fred McGriff homered twice, gave his fifth five in five games, and the Tampa Bay Devil Rays beat Anaheim 7-0 to send the Angels to their major league-high 11th straight loss this season.

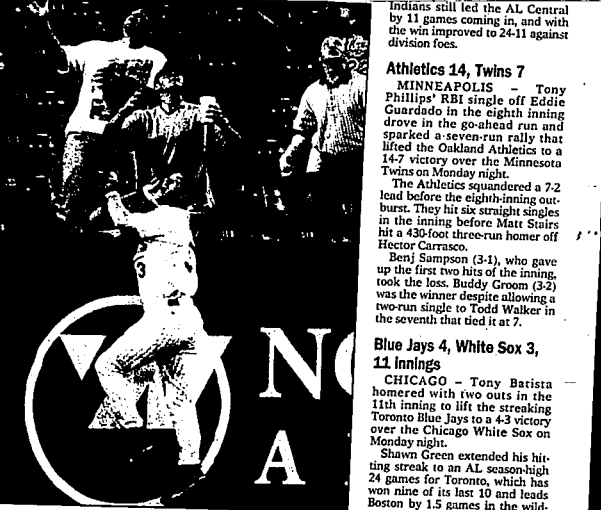
American League

McGriff hit his 24th and 25th homers of the season off Omar Olivares (9-3), helping the Devil Rays, who snapped a five-game losing streak, beat a 6-0 lead through five innings.

Indians 6, Tigers 3

CLEVELAND - Jim Thome drove in three runs and Dave Burba won for the first time in over a month as Cleveland returned home from a rough weekend in New York to beat the Detroit Tigers 6-3 Monday and snap a five-game losing streak.

Cleveland was coming off a three-game sweep by the Yankees, who had beaten the Indians 21-1 on Sunday and won the other two games in their final at-bats.



Minnesota Twins left fielder Chad Allen can only watch along with the fans as a home run ball off the bat of Oakland Athletics' Scott Spilzo passes over them in the second inning Monday night in Minneapolis.

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Indians still led the AL Central by 11 games coming in, and with the win improved to 24-11 against division foes.

Athletics 14, Twins 7

MINNEAPOLIS - Tony Phillips' RBI single off Eddie Guardado in the eighth inning drove in the go-ahead run and sparked a seven-run rally that lifted the Oakland Athletics to a 14-7 victory over the Minnesota Twins on Monday night.

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SPORTS



Barcelona Dragons running back Lawrence Phillips leaps over the defensive line of the Frankfurt Galaxy during their NFL Europe League football game June 20 in Frankfurt, Germany.

# 49ers dig deep, will sign Phillips

STOCKTON, Calif. (AP) — Putting their needs on the field ahead of his history of trouble, the San Francisco 49ers are gambling that Lawrence Phillips has turned his life around.

He was expected to sign Monday night when rookies and selected veterans were to report at the University of the Pacific.

Phillips' agent, Mitch Frankel, was due at camp to complete the deal with general manager Bill Walsh and director of football operations John McVay.

The contract reportedly is for two years, with incentives. Walsh said Friday he anticipated wrap-

ping up negotiations by Monday.

The 49ers are taking a chance on Phillips, a former college player whose career is in jeopardy after he was released by two NFL teams in less than a year.

Phillips pleaded no contest to assaulting a former girlfriend in college, was arrested three times during 19 months with the St. Louis Rams and got released by the Miami Dolphins four weeks after he allegedly struck a woman who refused to dance with him in a nightclub.

But Phillips' strong performance in NFL Europe sparked renewed interest, and the 49ers edged Buffalo in bidding for him. Some teams in need of running backs, Cleveland and Baltimore among them, were leery and chose to not pursue him.

Walsh said he thinks the 49ers can provide a good environment for Phillips. But he also said the woman who refused to dance at the first sign of trouble.

The 24-year-old running back will try to fill the void left by the loss of Garrison Hearst. Hearst had surgery Saturday to treat circulatory complications following

a broken left ankle.

Hearst was San Francisco's most dynamic threat last season, rushing for a team-record 1,570 yards. He was hurt on the first play during last January's playoff loss at Atlanta.

The 49ers hope Hearst can return in early December, but coach Steve Mariucci said the team must be prepared to play this season without him.

With no capable backup, the team allowed Jerry Kirby to leave as a free agent — the 49ers added running backs Chadler Garner and Travis Jurek and put aside their misgivings about Phillips.

# Umpires sue baseball leagues

NEW YORK (AP) — Less than two weeks after saying they would quit en masse, umpires turned around and sued baseball Monday for the right to withdraw their resignations.

In a 12-page complaint filed in U.S. District Court in Philadelphia, the Major League Umpires Association also accused the American League and the commissioner's office of saying they intend to withhold termination pay of up to \$400,000 per umpire.

Umpires, whose resignations are set to take effect Sept. 2, also claimed baseball has offered them up to \$2 million in future gains if they join a dissident group in the union and trying to fire its negotiator, Richie Phillips.



Major League Baseball Umpires union head Richie Phillips speaks to reporters at the end of a mid-season umpire meeting in Philadelphia July 14. To many umpires, Phillips is a hero. To owners and players, he's a bully.

However, their position has been weakened by the decision of 23 of 32 AL umpires who say they will stay on. Only three of their NL counterparts say they will remain.

Owners have hired more than 20 new umpires from the minor leagues as of Sept. 1. The Triple-A umpires had been working as vacation fill-ins in the major leagues.

While no additional withdrawals of resignations were received Monday, one baseball official, speaking on the condition he not be identified, said several NL umpires had called baseball to say they were considering reversing course and staying on.

The case was assigned to U.S. District Judge Edmund V. Luebwig, who three years ago issued a court order that prevented umpires from striking in the past season. Umpires threatened a strike all an Roberto Alomar spin at umpire John Hirschbeck

and only until all vacancies are filled.

At least four more minor league umpires were hired Monday, another baseball official said.

In an unusual twist, umpires accused owners of wrongful agreeing to give Larry Barnett more termination pay than the labor contract requires.

Barnett, who with 31 years of service is baseball's senior umpire, agreed to retire after this season for \$550,000 — \$150,000 more than the AL was required to give him.

The AL also has been negotiating for the retirements of Dale Ford, Ted Hendry, Ken Kaiser and Durwood Merrill, the suit said.

Umpires also asked the court to declare the current labor agreement, set to expire Dec. 31, had been abandoned by the AL and NL because commissioner Bud Selig is trying to shift supervision of umpires from the leagues to Sandy Alderson in the commissioner's office.

Phillips declined comment, as did Selig.

Ludwig, however, did not immediately set a date for a hearing.

# Dallas' Jones plays hardball with draft

WICHITA FALLS, Texas (AP) — Dallas Cowboys owner Jerry Jones once thought he was being the system by signing rookies before the draft was even over.

Now he's going to the other extreme.

The Cowboys opened training camp Monday without having signed their top two picks and a sixth-round selection. Three other rookies agreed to deals Monday and late Sunday.

Jones became rarely animated as he denigrated remarks of a kickoff news conference at Midwestern State University. He brought up the subject himself, and he was unconsciously rapping his knuckles on a table for emphasis.

"We don't want to be driven," said Jones, explaining that those mid-draft negotiations of yesterday ended up costing the team dollars against the salary cap. "We deliberately set it up so we'd be in the position we're in now."

The unsigned players are defensive lineman Ebenezer Ekuban, offensive lineman Solomon Page and receiver Mar-Tay Jenkins. Last-minute deals were struck with linebacker Dat Nguyen, receiver Wane McGarity and defensive lineman Peppi Zellner. Seventh-round pick Mike Lucky, a tight end, was the only early bird, signing last week.

"It seriously hurts a rookie not to be in training camp the very first practice and to be here for the very first meeting," Jones said. "You say, 'Doesn't it hurt much as if we gave them what the agent for the rookie wanted us to be giving him.'"

While Jones is normally a trend-setter in NFL business on this one, Ekuban, the 20th overall pick, was one of 20 first-rounders without contracts as of early Monday. His market value is still being determined as the picks

closest to him who have signed were Nos. 18 and 25.

Dallas reportedly is offering Page a four-year deal with a \$780,000 signing bonus; he'd like \$50,000 to \$100,000 more or a three-year deal.

Jones will likely have to settle for whatever the cap-strapped Cowboys have left.

"We have to make a decision: Is the short-term benefit of having (a player) in camp worth what we gave up that we didn't feel we had to give up?" Jones said. "The bottom line is you can get every rookie in you want. We just don't want to pay that high a price."

Before he got rolling on that subject, Jones proclaimed this past offseason the most productive in his 11 years as the team's owner and general manager.

The highlights included signing veteran starters at receiver (Rocket Ismail), offensive line (Mark Stoops) and linebacker (Quentin Coryatt), plus trading for receiver James McKnight.

"We believe we have made tremendous progress in acquiring talent at positions where we really wanted to fill a need," Jones said. "We were very aggressive, and we've made the most aggressive we've been."

"I like this team and the exciting year that lies ahead."

Although veterans aren't due until Thursday and Wednesday, they're expected to work out on the side while coaches dedicate their attention to the youngsters and other newcomers.

"It makes it a cleaner practice when you don't have to say your older guys 'Step out of the way and let these younger guys take some reps,'" second-year coach Chan Gauley said.

Leon Lett and Deion Sanders, the anchors of Dallas' defense, won't be taking part in two-days-a-week sessions. Lett is suspended indefinitely and Sanders has had mysterious toe injury that's slow to heal.

# LET THE GAMES BEGIN

## U.S. Olympic team shoots for Sydney

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico (AP) — Shaquille O'Neal probably will be back, although Grant Hill's chances of being an Olympian again aren't so certain. As for the 12th man, it's a tossup.

The U.S. men's basketball team said goodbye Monday to its three youngest players — Wally Szczerbiak, Elton Brand and Richard Hamilton — and began looking toward next summer's 2000 Olympics in Sydney, Australia.

The nine NBA veterans who won the Tournament of the Americas will return, with three other players added to the Olympic roster.

"I think the one person that seems extremely likely is Shaq," said Russ Granik, the USA basketball president and NBA deputy commissioner. "Tim (Duncan) has been happy to say all month that we don't have a true center on the team, so I'd be surprised if he's not picked."

"After that, there's a lot of great players and the committee will have some tough choices. Some of it will come down to position, some of it will come down to seeing if everyone's still healthy."

The U.S. team did not show any glaring weaknesses in Puerto Rico, although the lack of a physical low-post presence was obvious in the gold medal game. Canada's Todd MacCulloch, a second-round pick of the Philadelphia 76ers, finished with 26 points and 14 rebounds simply by parking himself under the basket.

With players like Yugoslavia's Vlade Divac, Lithuania's Arvydas Sabonis and Australia's Luc Longley, the U.S. team will need another big body.

Hill was chosen for this team but withdrew because the tournament conflicted with his wedding.



Olympic qualifier Tim Dantony, holding the U.S. team's gold trophy, waits off the floor in San Juan Puerto Rico with an NBA official Sunday at the Fiba-Olympic Basketball Qualifier tournament. Grant Gary Payton follows them off the court.

"Grant, like anybody else, will just have to wait until we get our committee together at the end of the year," Granik said.

Granik said Karl Malone and Allen Iverson will be among the players considered for the Olympic roster. A big factor will be who's playing well early in the NBA season when the selection committee meets.

NBA vice president Brad Thomas, a chief architect of the team, wants to Americans to add an outside shooter to complement 3-point specialists Allan Houston, Steve Smith and, on a lesser level, Gary Payton.

The United States won its 110 games by an average of 30.6 points, down slightly from the 1996 Olympic average margin of 32.3.

The U.S. team reached 110

points only four times in 10 games, a mark that was reached 25 times in 30 games by the three previous Dream Teams.

This, however, was the best defensive team, limiting opponents to 65.2 points a game — more than four points lower than the 1996 team's 70.3 points-per-game average.

The biggest surprise was Kevin Garnett. The coaches, team executives and support staff were impressed with the attitude and maturity of the 22-year-old forward.

Asked Sunday what he thought about the team's signature was, Garnett passed several seconds.

"Brise," he said. "Just when you guys thought it was going to be a challenge against Puerto Rico, or just when you thought a game might be close, we kept our

poise and showed the type of team we are — the professionalism manifested in everything from bowing to fans at the medal ceremony to frolicking side the team's luxury resort.

The team's three weeks was filled with much golf, gambling, jet skiing and sun tanning, as it was with basketball.

There were no practices or shootarounds after the first full day in Puerto Rico. During the games, the Americans turned up the energy when needed.

"I think it's been much more fun than work," Houston said. "But when you have a team full of great competitors and players like this, you put pressure on yourself to play hard."

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