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Jay Ratto, 7, reads to Cesar Farfan, 6, during the summer reading program at Hansen Elementary School. A new state plan will require schools to offer summer reading programs to children who need help with reading skills.

Reading, writing and rushing

Idaho's educators scramble to put in place new state laws

By Jennifer Sandmann
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS—Summer school will be universally available in Idaho next year to primary students who need to improve their reading skills.

It is required by a series of new reading instruction laws dubbed the Idaho Literacy Act: Every Child's Birthright. The laws are aimed at teaching every child to read by the end of third grade.

because students who don't grasp the basics are at risk of falling behind and dropping out of school.

Idaho's goal to teach every child to read by the end of third grade is "no excuses education," said state Superintendent of Public Instruction Marilyn Howard.

The rush is on for Howard, the Idaho Department of Education and school districts to make the goal a reality. District leaders

Idaho Literacy Act: Every child's birthright

- Kindergarten through third-graders will be given 10-minute tests at the beginning of the year and in January to evaluate their reading skills.
- School districts must offer 40-hour summer reading programs for primary students identified as reading below grade level. Attendance is voluntary.
- Kindergarten through eighth-grade teachers and school administrators must complete a newly designed state reading instruction course for recertification.
- Idaho's college education students who plan to teach kindergarten through eighth grade must pass a reading instruction competency test to graduate.

will hear a brief update on the legalities of implementing the laws while in Boise today at the annual superintendents meeting. Schools need to be ready by fall for the literacy act's first mandate task.

The Education Department has designed a 10-minute test, called the Idaho Reading Indicator, or I.R.I., to be given to primary students at the beginning of the year. Educators this month are

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N.J. court blocks Boy Scouts' ban on gays

By Brandon Flala
Times-News writer and The Associated Press

TRENTON, N.J. — A local Boy Scout leader Wednesday decried a court ruling challenging the group's ban on homosexuals.

"The Boy Scouts of America's ban on gays is a national policy," said John Calbreath, director of the scouts' Snake River Area Council, based in Twin Falls. "We are obviously disappointed,

but we are studying past decisions and intend to appeal to the United States Supreme Court."

The Boy Scouts of America's ban on homosexuals was declared illegal under New Jersey's anti-discrimination law, the state Supreme Court ruled Wednesday.

The Boy Scouts vowed to appeal the court's ruling, which upheld a state appellate court decision, to the U.S. Supreme Court.

"We will wait until an actual ruling, but I don't see a problem

bringing in new members," Calbreath said. "I think a lot of people feel the same way as the Boy Scouts do—disappointed."

The local Boy Scout council has faced the issue firsthand.

"In my 12 years as director we have never had a situation with an openly gay person wanting to participate in scouting," Calbreath said.

The court, in a unanimous decision, sided with James Dale, a Matawan assistant scoutmaster

who was kicked out of the Boy Scouts nine years ago when leaders found out he is gay. Dale said the ruling showed that "justice will prevail."

"To my knowledge, this is the first time a court has ruled this way," said Steven Tuft, president of the Snake River Council and an attorney. "There have been a number of challenges against the Boy Scouts, but usually the court has sustained the

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Money trouble

SNRA lobbies for new officer to patrol region

By Barney McManis
States News Service

WASHINGTON — U.S. Forest Service officials say they need a law enforcement officer to patrol one of Idaho's most popular tourist destinations — and have a hand in enforcing a user fee program.

It's a variation on a recurring theme at the Sawtooth National Recreation Area: tight budgets on the 750,000-acre recreation destination. The SNRA has not had a full-time officer for almost a year. Rangers say the position must be filled, and the vacancy has gotten the

void of law enforcement has been widely felt," said Deborah DesLaurier, the SNRA's head ranger. "We have approximately one million people per year coming through here. There is stuff going on here at an unbelievable pace. This weekend, for instance, there were five accidents, including one fatality."

DesLaurier said the SNRA needs a law enforcement officer to address thefts, answer disputes, coordinate search and rescue efforts, and protect Idaho's endangered wildlife, including the chinook salmon and the gray wolf.

The law enforcement officer also would advise and assist forest protection officers, the rangers-who-hand-out-tickets-to-recreationists who don't buy a vehicle pass to park at SNRA trailheads.

"He would be their adviser," said Steve Lipus, the Forest Service employee who held the enforcement job before he was transferred to another post. "That's one of the jobs he would do."

Sen. Mike Crapo, R-Idaho, responded last week to constituent requests for an SNRA officer in a July 22 letter to Mike DeLoach, chief of the U.S. Forest Service. Crapo wants to make sure SNRA operations continue at full staff, spokesman Lindsay Nohlem said.

Crapo has opposed the fee demonstration program in the past.

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Early money

Gore tops Magic Valley in donations received

By Gregory Hahn
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS' — Margaret Gordon was in her kitchen watching CSpan when she decided who should be the next president of the United States of America.

"I heard this voice," she recalled, "and it sounded so stately."

The retired Twin Falls woman's eyes aren't what they used to be, so she had to walk around her breakfast bar to get a closer look at the television.

"I thought he looked like presidential material," she said.

It was former Vice President J. Danforth Quayle, and he was giving a speech on freedom and announcing his intention to join the Republican primary. Gordon had been a Quayle fan ever since he denounced the show "Murphy Brown" for having its central character become an unwed mother. And what Quayle was saying about America and the

dignity the country deserves was impressing her again.

"I thought, right there is the president we need," she said.

Gordon has since started donating to the Quayle campaign — \$40 here, \$100 there.

It's not much, she admits, but the \$280 total amounts to almost half of Quayle's entire financial support from Idaho donors.

That doesn't bode well for a man who has a lot of image problems to overcome.

Elsewhere in the world of Idaho presidential politics, Federal Election Commission numbers released last month show Republican frontrunner

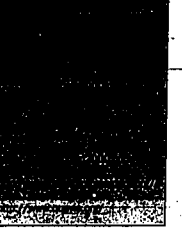
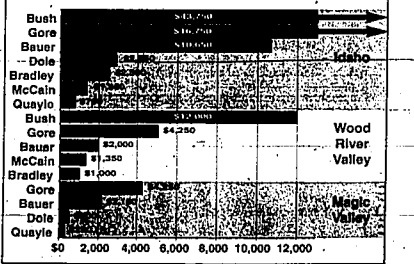
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AREA DONATIONS

Following is a breakdown of donations to presidential candidates by Idaho residents, according to the Federal Election Commission. It includes donations through June 30.



Al Gore

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early "trends" no Idaho politico would have predicted.

Vice President Al Gore leads the Magic Valley in donations received.

And Bush leads the heavily Democratic Wood River Valley. Sure, it's early. Many Americans are still getting over the last presidential election. And the hugely favored candidate in

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THE REGION

Camas Prairie

High: 86 Low: 49
Partly cloudy today with chance of showers. Partly cloudy tonight. Partly cloudy Friday, high 89.

Treasure Valley

High: 94 Low: 66
Partly cloudy today with chance of showers. Partly cloudy tonight. Partly cloudy Friday, high 89.

Sawtooth Mountains/Wood River Valley

High: 89 Low: 65
Partly cloudy today with chance of showers. Mostly cloudy tonight. Partly cloudy Friday, high 89.

Eastern Idaho

High: 91 Low: 59
Partly cloudy today with chance of showers. Mostly cloudy tonight. Partly cloudy Friday, high 89.

Northern Idaho

High: 92 Low: 65
Partly cloudy today and tonight with chance of showers. Partly cloudy Friday, high 90.

Northern Utah

High: 89 Low: 67
Partly cloudy today with chance of showers. Partly cloudy tonight. Mostly sunny Friday, high 89.

Northern Nevada

High: 95 Low: 60
Partly cloudy today with chance of showers. Partly cloudy tonight. Partly cloudy Friday, high 91.

SCOUTS

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Boy Scouts' position."
The court said the Boy Scouts organization constitutes a "place of public accommodation" because it has a broad-based membership and forms partnerships with other entities and public service organizations.
"Thus, the court said the Boy Scouts fall under New Jersey's anti-discrimination law and cannot deny any person "accommodations, advantages, facilities and privileges" because of sexual orientation.
The court also rejected the Boy Scouts' contention that striking down the ban on homosexuals violates the group's First Amendment rights.
"To recognize the Boy Scouts' First Amendment claim would be tantamount to tolerating the expression of an individual solely because of his status as a homosexual - an act of discrimination unprotected by the First Amendment freedom of speech," the decision reads.
Date, now 29, earned 30 merit badges and various other awards and was an Eagle Scout during his 12 years in the organization. He

GORE

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Idaho's hugely predominant party has a hugely publicized amount of money, so the numbers aren't an accurate prediction of things to come.
They are fun to look at, though.
Conservative Gary Bauer has taken in the most Republican money in the Magic Valley, with Elizabeth Dole and Gordon's Quayle following behind. Not a dime from the rest has been given to Bush - a loss of June 30, the last day included in the data.
But Bush is cleaning up in Blaine County, his 12,000 more than equals the cash the rest of the contenders have taken in together.
Gore looks to be cleaning up in

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Idaho weather

Thursday, Aug. 5
AccuWeather forecast for daytime conditions, high/low temperatures

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National weather

The AccuWeather forecast for noon, Thursday, Aug. 5

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FIRE DANGER

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SKYWATCH

Sunset today: 8:53 p.m.
Sunrise tomorrow: 6:35 a.m.
Lunar phase: New, Aug. 11; first quarter, Aug. 19; full, Aug. 26; last quarter, Sept. 2.

ACROSS THE NATION

Heavy rain was reported in parts of Vermont, while clouds stretched from Connecticut into upstate New York.
The Northern Plains were also under the influence of high pressure, with plougeant temperatures and sunshine being reported across the Dakotas.
The Rocky Mountain States saw a few showers and storms developing, as monsoonal moisture streamed northward across the region. The cloud cover extended across New Mexico, Colorado, Wyoming, and northward into western Montana.

YESTERDAY'S WEATHER

Twin Falls	Precipitation
Yesterday: 89-55	Normal to in Twin Falls: 0.07
Last year: 98-54	Normal mo. to date: .05
Normal: 91-53	Normal year to date: 15.13
	Water year to date: 92.29

Idaho

Max	Min	Pcp	Idaho: High/Low	degrees at Lowell	Low
Boise	94	63	.....	.....	.....
Burley	92	61	.....	.....	.....
Coeur d'Alene	91	61	.....	.....	.....
Grangeville	89	57	.....	.....	.....
Hayden	90	57	.....	.....	.....
Idaho Falls	84	56	.....	.....	.....
Lewiston	97	72	.....	.....	.....
Malad	86	61	.....	.....	.....
Mullan	86	61	.....	.....	.....
McCall	83	49	.....	.....	.....
Pocatello	86	61	.....	.....	.....
Salmon	84	57	.....	.....	.....
Shoshone	81	53	.....	.....	.....
Sun Valley	76	49	.....	.....	.....

The Nation

Max	Min	Pcp
Albuquerque	77	61
Atlanta	89	72
Boston	87	61
Chicago	84	68
Dallas	100	78
Denver	81	61
Des Moines	82	65
Detroit	80	79
Honolulu	82	65
Houston	99	74
Indianapolis	85	61
Kansas City	86	68
Las Vegas	101	79
Los Angeles	84	63
Memphis	94	72
Millwaukee	84	75
Minneapolis	80	66
New Orleans	91	81
New York	86	73
Oklahoma City	82	64
Omaha	81	63
Phoenix	106	88
Portland, Ore.	83	55
Portland, Me.	82	53
Portland, N.H.	82	61
San Antonio	92	57
San Diego	88	69
San Francisco	90	66
Seattle	91	70
St. Louis	107	82

Canadian Cities

Calgary	78	41
Montreal	79	83
Ottawa	84	84
Vancouver	75	59

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WEDNESDAY, AUG. 4 NUMBERS
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Farmer John Whitmore walks through his low-production cornfield on his farm near Leesburg, Va., Wednesday, as drought conditions continue in the East. Whitmore says this year's drought is the worst ever in the region.

Record-breaking drought takes its toll on summer getaways in East

The Associated Press

In parched public parks and private backyards across the East, the record-breaking drought is ruining some of summer's most basic pleasures.

Anguished gardeners battle to save their plants, golf course fairways turn brown and picnickers spread their blankets over straw-colored grass under trees that are losing leaves seven weeks before the fall.

"It's not like a fire or flood, where you see the damage right away," said New York City's parks commissioner, Henry Stern. "It's a gradually tightening noose, cutting off the water supply to our trees and flowers until they wither and die."

Gary Grubb, a manager at Village Nurseries in Hightstown, N.J., said, "Every day we lose some plants ... It's like sea captains on their ships - when someone dies on your watch, you feel bad."

The drought is devastating crops and ruining lawns from Virginia to New England. Parts of the worst-hit Middle Atlantic States are seeing the driest 12-month period ever recorded. Experts say it could take a massive tropical storm to reverse the conditions.

Maryland, where the rainfall deficit is about 10 inches, on Wednesday became the first of the stricken states to impose mandatory water-use restrictions backed by the threat of fines of up to \$1,000.

The governor prohibited lawn-watering and home car washing and ordered people to turn off fountains.

Throughout the drought region, farmers have taken the hardest economic blow. Also hard hit: the traditional refuges of summer - parks, gardens and golf courses.

"We've already lost most of our lawns," Stern said of New York's parks. "Now the trees have begun to shed as a defensive measure - the leaves are falling and the trees are going brown."

The lawn at the National Mall in Washington D.C. is burnt brown with an occasional patch of green grass.

Grass and trees on the White House grounds are faring better. Once a week, the grounds are soaked for an hour or longer. But if the city decides on a water ban, even the presidential trees and shrubs have to do without.

"We're just doing enough to keep the garden from totally dying," said Irwin Williams, superintendent of the White House gardens and grounds. "The crucial time is August, because of the heat."

New Jersey authorities have banned all outdoor fires in state parks and forests, and some hiking and walking trails in the northern part of the state have been closed.

On New York's Long Island, 140,000 acres of parks and nature preserves are off limits until the drought eases.

U.S. beefs up security at embassies

WASHINGTON (AP) - The Clinton administration, worried about repeat attacks a year after bombs tore through two U.S. embassies in Africa, has built walls, blocked out windows, closed streets and hired 4,000 new guards to protect American outposts around the world.

After spending \$1.5 billion beefing up security at "every single post," diplomats are safer, State Department officials insisted Wednesday. But they acknowledged that the vast majority of embassies and consulates remain vulnerable to terrorist car bombs like those that killed 224 people, including 12 Americans, last Aug. 7 in Kenya and Tanzania.

"We will fight terrorism every day," declared Michael Sheehan, U.S. counterterrorism coordinator, speaking at the newly fortified State Department where ceremonies Saturday will honor the dead and the more than 5,000 injured in the Africa bombings.

"We've made improvements at every single post around the world," said Peter Bergin, director of the diplomatic security ser-

House eases proposed cuts in legal aid for poor

WASHINGTON (AP) - The House voted Wednesday to ease proposed cuts in legal aid for the poor, as Democrats and moderate Republicans overcame the latest conservative attack on the Legal Services Corp.

By a 242-178, the House agreed to provide \$250 million next year for the corporation instead of the \$141 million the House Appropriations Committee had proposed. The total would still fall short of the \$300 million provided for Legal Services this year.

But with President Clinton having requested \$340 million for fiscal

2000 and the Senate having already voted for \$300 million, the final figure is likely to grow.

The 25-year-old, nonprofit corporation receives federal and private aid and distributes grants to local boards of lawyers, who then provide free legal assistance to low-income people in civil cases.

House Majority Leader Dick Armey, R-Texas, said the Legal Services would "inflame their statistical data for the purpose of getting more federal money."

"This debate is all about integrity," said Rep. Tom Latham, R-Iowa.

Buchanan considers switching from Republican party to Reform

WASHINGTON (AP) - Pat Buchanan, the pugnacious conservative whose insurgent presidential campaign has lifted Republican front-runners in 1992 and 1996, is considering bolting to the Reform Party, officials said Wednesday.

A major factor in his decision, which is not expected until the fall, will be the results of an Aug. 14 contest in Iowa testing the political strength of nine Republican presidential candidates, said officials close to Buchanan and in the Reform Party.

The officials, all of whom spoke on condition of anonymity, said Buchanan is worried that the Republican nomination process is geared in favor of Texas Gov. George W. Bush, and that he has

little chance of winning or even pushing his social and economic issues to the forefront of the debate.

They say the candidate's sister, Bay Buchanan, has talked informally to a Reform Party official in recent weeks about a possible move. Such a step would be personally difficult for the former Nixon White House aide because of his long ties to the Republican Party, the officials said.

Republican leaders worry that a Buchanan defection would drain support of the GOP's most conservative voters from the party's eventual nominee. Already, conservative Sen. Bob Smith of New Hampshire has abandoned the Republican Party for a third-party run at the White House.

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Legislation would permit breast-feeding on federal property

WASHINGTON (AP) - A bill, sponsored by Rep. Carolyn Maloney, D-N.Y., would allow breast-feeding in public areas on federal property and in national parks.

Maloney says it's part of a push to make breast-feeding, which has been shown to have numerous health benefits for children, socially acceptable.

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NATION

Welfare to Work group plans move into trenches

CHICAGO (AP) — The Welfare to Work Partnership, which has been prodding businesses to hire people off welfare for more than two years, is turning its attention to the nuts and bolts of helping companies make their programs work.

"The best way we're going to help these businesses now isn't motivating them to join us — that we've done," said Eli Segal, the group's president, who formed the partnership at the urging of President Clinton, a longtime friend.

"We've got to move from recruitment to service." On Wednesday, the partnership wrapped up a three-day conference, which was highlighted by a town hall meeting with Clinton on Tuesday. The national meeting capped a series of rallies in cities across the country where the partnership urged local companies to join, promising to hire at least one person off the welfare rolls.

Some 12,000 companies have done that, although one-third have yet to actually hire anyone, according to a survey done for the partnership in February. And about half the rest had hired fewer than six people. Other large companies — UPS and Burger King, for instance — have hired thousands of welfare recipients.



Chicago Mayor Richard M. Daley talks with President Bill Clinton at a Welfare to Work conference Tuesday at Chicago's Navy Pier. Clinton urged business leaders to hire more from the welfare rolls.

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Getting more hires, Segal said, will require more practical advice.

To that end, the group released guides to combating drug and

transportation problems, and a new Internet site is meant to help people connect with groups that can help them.

But Labor Secretary Alexis Herman, who addressed the conference Wednesday, suggested that the cheerleading is still important, particularly among small businesses who may not have tried to hire off the welfare rolls yet.

"Businesses have gotten the message, but I think you can't take their foot off the gas," Herman said in an interview. "This is an area where repetition is very, very important. This is a 60-year-old system. We're not going to change it in three or four years."

Still, hoping to be more practical, the partnership plans to help businesses choose the right outside agency, sometimes called a service provider, to train and provide low-income workers.

Many cities have dozens of these mostly nonprofit groups offering such services, but businesses — particularly small businesses — have trouble figuring out which to use. Some are focused heavily on work skills like how to show up on time, while others teach practical skills like using computers. Some follow their clients for a year; others only work with them until they're hired.

Senate blocks extension of milk pricing

WASHINGTON (AP) — For some struggling dairy farmers, the key to prosperity is to have states fix the price of milk. But the Senate dealt a blow to that idea Wednesday by refusing to keep alive New England's price-setting system.

Supporters of the New England program want to extend it to New York, Pennsylvania and the South. However, they fell seven votes short of getting the 60 senators necessary to break a filibuster of a measure that would have extended the New England system for one year. It's scheduled to expire this fall.

The legislation also would have blocked the Agriculture Department from going forward with an overhaul of its milk-pricing policy.

"It's very clear... The Senate doesn't like carrots, whether it be for dairy or other commodity," said Sen. Herb Kohl, D-Wis., who led the filibuster.

Consumer groups don't like the price-setting arrangements, known as "dairy compacts," and upper Midwest farmers, who produce far more milk than they can sell in their region, fear they will lead to price-depressing surpluses nationwide.

Supporters of the compacts are moving legislation through the House, and they said they were giving up on the Senate. Wednesday's vote showed a majority of senators support dairy compacts, said Sen. James Jeffords, R-Vt. "Getting a majority was very important," he said.

Study: For-profit hospitals raise Medicare spending

The Associated Press

For-profit hospitals drive up the cost of all health care for Medicare patients in their communities, a study found, contradicting arguments that they manage costs and services more efficiently than nonprofit hospitals.

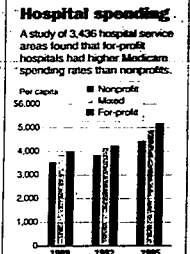
Medicare spending in communities served only by for-profit hospitals grew faster from 1989 to 1995 than spending in areas served by nonprofits or a mix of both, Veterans Affairs and Dartmouth College researchers found.

The study, published in today's New England Journal of Medicine, looked at 3,436 hospital service areas — some in rural areas with only one hospital, others in cities where residents could choose among half a dozen or more.

The authors of the study said Medicare spending grew nearly 50 percent faster in communities where hospitals converted from nonprofit to for-profit ownership.

The study found that average annual Medicare spending in communities served by nonprofits was \$3,554 per elderly resident in 1989, compared to \$4,006 in areas served by for-profits — a gap of \$452. Mixed areas fell in between. By 1995, the gap had grown to \$732, with average Medicare spending per person in nonprofit areas of \$4,440 per year, compared to \$5,172 in for-profit areas.

All hospitals have an incentive to maximize Medicare reimbursements, but administrators of for-profit hospitals face additional pressure "because they must respond to markets and shareholders," said Dr. Elliot Fisher, the study's senior author.



Source: New England Journal of Medicine, AP

About 797 out of the 5,057 U.S. hospitals are investor-owned, and the rate of conversion from nonprofit to for-profit is increasing.

One way that for-profit hospitals increase their Medicare reimbursements is by aggressively referring patients to nursing homes, rehabilitation centers and home health care agencies they own, said Dr. Steffie Woolhandler, a Harvard Medical School professor who co-wrote an accompanying editorial.

For example, an elderly woman who breaks her hip might spend seven days in a nonprofit hospital, then get outpatient physical therapy. But a for-profit hospital might keep her only two days, then transfer her to an affiliated rehab center for 12 days, Woolhandler said.

Officer receives transfer for refusing to live with women

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Air Force offered a transfer and "a new career field" to a lieutenant who refuses to work with women in an underground nuclear missile site on religious grounds. But the officer says he still feels he's the target of discrimination.

"I love my church, I love being in the military, I love my wife, I love my child," 1st Lt. Ryan Berry told a news conference Wednesday. "I'm not being allowed to combine those loves. I have to sell one of them short."

Berry, 26, who is stationed at Minot Air Force Base in North Dakota, complained last month that he was being disciplined by higher-ups for what he says are his strong Roman Catholic beliefs.

He says those beliefs prevent him from being able to share such close quarters with a woman who is not his wife.

In a letter to members of Congress released Wednesday, Gen. Michael Ryan, the Air Force chief of staff, said he agreed that the Air Force "must accommodate religious beliefs to the maximum extent possible."

But in Berry's case, it was decided that "his personal convictions could no longer be accommodated without creating an unacceptable impact on the unit's ability to accomplish its military mission," Ryan wrote.

"He will soon be scheduled for training to a new career field followed by an assignment to another installation."

Berry, a 1996 West Point graduate now serving in the Air Force, says he doesn't want to work with women in an area no bigger than a school bus, where the work day

is usually 24 hours and there is only one bed available.

Berry's wife, Jill, stood with him at the news conference, holding their 6-month-old daughter, Juliana.

Berry has never done solo duty with a woman. But the Air Force signaled that accommodation would have to change if the request was denied.

"I've never disobeyed any order," Berry said. "I've just asked to have my religious beliefs respected."

His case has generated support from various religious groups and conservative lawmakers.

William Donohue, president of the Catholic League for Religious and Civil Rights, said Berry's problem in sharing close quarters with a woman "is completely consistent with the Catholic faith."

He said he appreciates calls for more "tolerance," particularly among women's groups, "but where is the tolerance for him?"

Henry Hamilton, a lawyer who practices military law and is representing Berry, said the letter from Ryan promising Berry a new career field "is a valid response. It's nonsense."

"He has been punished for what he thinks," Hamilton said. "He's been ostracized... If the Air Force persists in stigmatizing Lieutenant Berry as a malcontent, we will exhaust all administrative remedies and then we will bring suit."

Iowa senator lifts 'hold' on Holbrooke

WASHINGTON (AP) — Veteran diplomat Richard Holbrooke's longest mission, winning Senate confirmation to be U.N. ambassador, appeared near a successful end Wednesday as a final objection was lifted.



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New test lights up cancerous lung cells

WASHINGTON (AP) — Patients with suspicious chest X-rays are getting a new test to help determine if they need a biopsy for lung cancer. The government approved a device Wednesday that can literally light up cancerous cells.

Diadine Inc.'s NeoTect will not replace biopsies in which lung tissue is surgically removed to definitively diagnose cancer.

But because NeoTect works differently than other noninvasive cameras, "it's a new tool for deciding which patients need a biopsy, said Dr. Florence Floun of the Food and Drug Administration.

About 171,000 Americans will be diagnosed with lung cancer this year, and about 159,000 will die, the American Cancer Society estimates.

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Members of shooting victim Charles Allen Tammanna's family attend services of hope and remembrance for Atlanta office shooting victims at the Peachtree Road United Methodist Church in Atlanta, Wednesday.

City mourns shooting victims at memorial

ATLANTA (AP) — An investor's killing spree that took 13 lives, including his own, taught Atlanta a lesson about the power of unity, Mayor Bill Campbell told mourners at a citywide memorial service Wednesday.

"Today we come together, as one Atlanta — beyond race, beyond borders, beyond religion," he told the crowd that nearly filled the 1,125-seat Peachtree Road United Methodist Church.

Religious leaders from different faiths remembered the victims and offered words of encouragement during the service, held just blocks from where Mark O. Barton killed nine of his victims at two brokerage offices.

"Ernest Hemingway wrote, 'Life breaks us all and for many we become strong at the broken places,'" said the Rev. Don Harp, pastor of the church. "We have

gathered as a community to express that we are at one of those broken places. We gather to reaffirm our understanding of life and, unfortunately, death."

Harp also read a letter from President Clinton extending his sympathy to the victims' families and the city.

Candles were lit at the front of the church for each of the nine shooting victims and for Barton's wife, Leigh Ann, and children, 11-year-old Matthew and 8-year-old Mychelle, who were bludgeoned to death in the days before the shootings.

Barton killed himself hours after his rampage when police cornered him about 30 miles northwest of Atlanta.

Also honored with candles today were six members of an Atlanta family slain in their home July 12 and two Cobb County police officers killed in a standoff with a gunman July 23.

Woman convicted of setting son on fire

ST. LOUIS (AP) — A woman was convicted of killing her 15-year-old son by throwing a cup of kerosene on him and lighting because she was angry that other children in the apartment made noise while she tried to sleep. One of the boy's last acts was to drug his mother to safety.

Annie Pollard was found guilty of second-degree murder Tuesday by a Circuit Court

judge, who said he will sentence her in a few weeks. She could be sentenced to up to life in prison with possibility of parole.

Her son Lamar was fatally burned on Dec. 16, 1997. Ms. Pollard had been drinking, police said. One of the children, now 11, testified that Lamar and his mother argued before Ms. Pollard tossed the kerosene on him and set it on fire.

TV show maker disputes recommendations

NEW YORK (AP) — Tinky Winky, Dipsy, Laa-Laa and Po have something to say to pediatricians: Back off, docs.

The distributor of "Teletubbies," the only television show aimed at children younger than 2, says the American Academy of Pediatrics' advice to keep those youngsters away from the tube is unrealistic for today's parents.

"It's a bunch of malarkey," said Kenm Wolstein, president of the itty bitty Entertainment Co., which distributes the British series on PBS stations.

The academy said research shows babies need direct interaction with parents and other caregivers for healthy brain growth. Watching TV may also interfere with interaction that helps develop their social, emotional and cognitive skills.

Pediatricians should advise parents to keep children's rooms "electronic media-free," the academy said in a report published in this month's issue of the journal Pediatrics.

During routine visits, doctors should begin asking how children of all ages use TV, videos and computers, the report said. It even urged pediatricians to set an example by turning off the television in their waiting rooms.

"I don't think this takes into account the way parents raise

their children anymore," Viselman said. "Parents use TV in three ways — as an educator, a treat and a baby sitter. That's not going to change, and this report is not going to change it."

"Teletubbies," which premiered last year in the United States, features four colorful characters with a TV set implanted in their stomachs. They use the cooing voices that toddlers are used to hearing from adults and constantly ask questions designed to pique the curiosity of young viewers.

Viselman said there's nothing wrong with shows like "Teletubbies" and educational programs. Parents should instead

avoid letting their kids watch "The Jerry Springer Show," he said.

But an expert in children's TV said even "Teletubbies" creates problems, claiming that PBS gave some parents the false feeling that their children would be missing something important if they didn't watch.

"It's preposterous to put children under 2 in front of the TV," said Peggy Charnon of Action For Children's Television, a group that lobbies for quality programming for kids.

"You should wait as long as possible, because once they get into it, it's awfully hard to turn it off."

Board said that the 80 pages, as described by the White House official, were interesting but there are still hundreds of documents — including surveillance records of Oswald and reports from KGB operatives in the United States — that have yet to be turned over.

Soviet documents: Jackie made plea after assassination

WASHINGTON (AP) — Just days after President Kennedy was assassinated, his wife Jacqueline appealed to Soviet leaders to continue peaceful relations with the United States, Soviet documents show.

In conversations with Soviet officials at her husband's funeral and in a handwritten note to Soviet leader Nikita Khrushchev a week after the shooting, Mrs. Kennedy asked the Soviets for "continuation of self-control and restraint" in Cold War relations and to pursue peace with the

United States, the documents state.

KGB and Soviet diplomatic documents about the Kennedy assassination, which Russian President Boris Yeltsin gave to President Clinton a few months ago, were described to The Associated Press by a senior Clinton administration official familiar with them.

About 80 pages in Russian and their translation will be released Thursday by the National Archives and Records Administration, which collects,

maintains and makes public Kennedy assassination records.

The documents are just a fraction of the six volumes of Soviet records on Oswald that a federal panel had tried, but failed, to obtain in 1996.

Members of the now-defunct Assassination Records Review

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EDITORIAL

Let new F&G leaders do their jobs in peace

Let's see if we've got this straight. The chairman of the state Democratic Party is complaining that there aren't any Democrats on the Idaho Fish and Game Commission, which is a non-partisan board.

If Britt Groom's complaints weren't so lame, they would be laughable.

Groom's gripes are sour grapes because his party's candidate lost the 1998 race for governor. Appointing people to important posts is one of the perks of being governor, and Dirk Kempthorne has done exactly what he should.

Half of Kempthorne's four appointees are, quite naturally, Republicans. The other half describe themselves as "independent." Thus, for the first time since the mid-1970s, none of the commission's members are openly Democrat. Each appointee survived a rigorous vetting process, but Groom is still determined to smell a rat.

"The governor did this intentionally," he said last week. "They're less interested in making sure the minority has representation."

The commissioners' individual party labels don't mean much. They operate in a realm beyond "Republican" or "Democrat" when making decisions about the state's fish and wildlife.

It's important that they have vision,

and it's appropriate that they share Kempthorne's vision.

Groom isn't the only person who is disappointed with Kempthorne's choices. Representatives of several environmental groups also criticized several of the new commissioners when they were appointed.

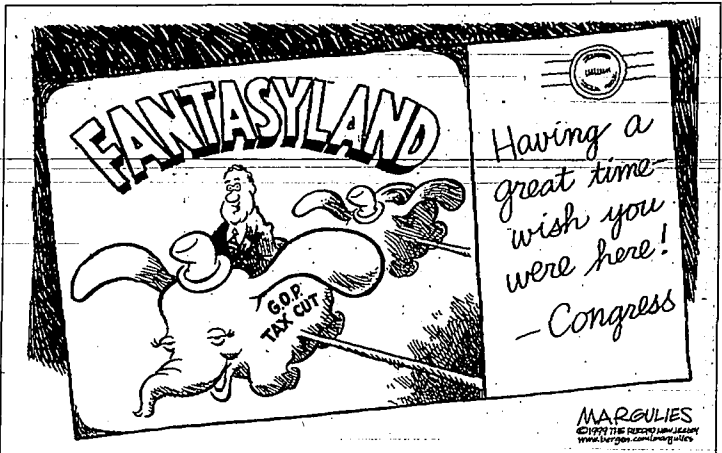
If you're known by the quality of your opponents, then the new commissioners are in good company. To be criticized from the left means they are probably in step with the conservative values needed to turn Fish and Game around.

It's no longer enough to be a well-intentioned commissioner, because Fish and Game is facing multiple troubles. Its finances are shaky, key people are leaving out, and credibility with the public is at an all-time low. It's time for the commissioners, new and old, to put politics behind them and begin rebuilding the department.

The job won't be easy, and the last thing Fish and Game commissioners need is people throwing rocks from the sidelines.

Kempthorne's four appointees appear to be honorable, reasonable men. They should be left alone to do their work, not impugned by political operatives with axes to grind. Groom is trying to make something out of nothing. He should let the commission do its work.

Idaho Fish and Game commissioners operate in a realm beyond "Republican" or "Democrat" when making decisions. Their party labels don't mean much.



Stop slashing the Land and Water fund

ANDREW J. FALGENDER

If you come home with a whopping raise, you don't cut your household budget. You don't trade down to a Tugo. So why is Congress trucking away at a crucial environmental program, the Land and Water Conservation Fund, at the same time that the government has projected a 10-year, \$2.9 trillion surplus?

Many Congress members, it seems, don't envision the surplus as an opportunity to build a better future for our children. Of course, it would be foolish to go on a spending spree or ignore the funding problems of Social Security and Medicare. Sure, I'd like a tax cut - who wouldn't? But there's no excuse for continuing to diminish LWCF, which since 1963 has provided spectacular open spaces and recreational facilities for all Americans.

Oil companies benefit from drilling in a public resource (the ocean), then return a small part of that benefit to generate public jobs (open space and recreational projects). But Congress appears not to grasp the civic sense of this arrangement. In recent years \$12 billion has been funneled away from LWCF, even though it was designed as a dedicated fund, placed apart from grasping fingers. The House is on track to appropriate a woeful \$165 million for the federal portion of LWCF and \$30 million for the state-based program. The Senate committed \$237 million for federal and \$0 for state grants - at the same time that surplus projections neared \$3 trillion! In short, Congress plans to divert 75 to 80 percent of LWCF. Where? Your guess is as good as mine.

This is the worst time for neglecting LWCF. Pressure on our natural and recreational areas continues to grow. Every year we are losing more and more of our open spaces while the outdoor resources we already have are being loved to death. States and local communities want to do more to protect their special places and rein in urban sprawl, but they need help. With the huge budget surpluses and a healthy flow of revenues from offshore oil and gas licenses, there is no good excuse for going on the cheap.

In addition, the scope of LWCF should be expanded to cover emerging conservation needs, particularly large nonfederal projects of compelling public interest. For instance, 5.12 million acres of timberland in northern New England has been sold or put up for sale in the last 16 months. If we can't step up and protect the best of these lands - pristine ponds and green valleys and rivers providing unsurpassed recreational experiences - they may be harvested without regard for their enduring value.

The U.S. Conference of Mayors, the National Governors Association, National Association of Counties, the Sporting Goods Manufacturers Association, and hundreds of other national, state and local groups are united in declaring that LWCF is crucial to meeting our nation's parks and open space needs. Also, this week, representatives from the Northeast, including Weyand and Kennedy, led the passage of a House amendment that would revive matching grants to states. The Senate is due to take up this amendment next week.

The depth and diversity of support across the nation warrants bipartisan action on LWCF this year. In this time of prosperity, Congress must stop cutting LWCF's budget. Let this proven, vital program do its job.

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LETTER

We're wasting good people

The other day, I attended a benefit for a friend who's laid up in the Boise hospital. I saw a lot of friends and co-workers who confirmed that my friend, Ruann Meade, will not be principal of Kimberly Middle School. I was very upset, but not as upset to find out that she will no longer be at the middle school. What a waste of a dedicated, talented instructor. I'm sure that when school starts again, I'll be told that she left on her own choice. I talked with other teachers and they, too, were upset. I'm not going to say that the person picked as principal is the wrong one because I don't know them. But Mrs. Meade knows the staff and they know her. She knows the kids and they love her. The lady is highly respected by her peers, and qualified for the position of principal. She's not going to let any kid get away with any wrong doing. Nor will she let an illiterate child move to the next grade because the system says so!

I talk to these kids (your kids) on a daily basis, and they mention her as one of their favorites along with the names of Kauffman and McAdams (both gone). Also gone are Mrs. Tami Malhik and librarian Cheri Boren. That's only the middle school. Is there a pattern here? Four teachers and a librarian? Not only are these people great and dedicated instructors, they're great co-workers too. Granted, I only see them at work. They work they do and the staff they have to

take. Let me ask you if you got away with such things (as a kid).

- 1) Calling your teacher a foul name.
- 2) Giving them an obscene hand gesture.
- 3) Going through a teacher's desk to look for something.

"Be honest, how far would you have gotten? Remember that after the principal was done with you, you had to go home to face your parents!"

In last Friday's paper, there was an article on Page A7 called "Put teachers in command of classroom." This was written by Kathleen Parker, and if you didn't read it, see if The Times-News will print it again before school starts. I'm not saying that Mrs. Meade is a super woman or a super teacher, but changes would be made and it's your child that would benefit from this change. I talked with one of the kids who just graduated from eighth grade and I told him that Mrs. Meade might be the new middle school principal, and he just breathed a heavy sigh of relief. I asked, "What's up?" He answered, "Dude, she's tough! You can't get away with anything when she's your principal!" Gee, what a change.

So to Tami Malhik, John Kauffman, Cheri Boren, George McAdams and Ruann Meade, I tip my hat. It's been my honor and pleasure to work with you.

FROM WENDAZA
Middle School Custodian
Kimberly

Fellow racers came to aid

My husband and I race at the Magic Valley Speedway and last weekend, on July 31, Dale was involved in a major wreck during the street stock heat race. When his car finally arrived back to the pits, it was greeted by a barrage of fellow racers and pit crews. All of the street stock drivers, except one or two race teams, and about half of the pony stock drivers were gathered around offering any help that was needed to try and get the car ready to return for the main event. It was later learned that some of the tools used to try and prepare the car were lost to us by some of the Intermountain Super Stock drivers, who were a guest class for the evening. However, it was soon determined that the car would not return for the main event. At that time, several drivers offered their cars so Dale could attempt to remain in the championship points race. He ended up driving the No. 42 car of Ron Ferrier. Two races ago, one of the street stock drivers in the top five in the overall points blew his motor early in the evening, and a fellow racer brought his car from home to let him run the main and collect valuable points for the championship.

This is the kind of camaraderie that exists among most of the local racers, and Dale is so lucky to have a great big thank to all those who were there to

LETTERS

help at the track. We would also like to give thanks to all those who have come to the house and helped put the car back together.

Due to recent events at the Magic Valley Speedway that sparked a much controversy involving guest classes and drivers, we felt a public thank you is necessary. Yes, the drivers' crews have let their anger show in more ways than one, but they also have banded together for a common goal.

Thank you, fellow racers!
BILL MILLES
Gooding

Burning policy is too costly

Concerning the fire alongside State Highway 75 between milepost 75 and 76: It is appalling to me that the policy of the Bureau of Land Management is to let fires burn for a while before trying to put them out. Granted that the fire started from a truck alongside the highway, I was headed south shortly after the fire started. There was only one finger of fire burning, moving slowly in a north-easterly path. Several men had shovels throwing dirt on the fire to keep it from the fire-wheeled trailer. I stopped at the fire-caves and asked the lady there to call it in. She did and said it had already been called in and trucks were en route to the fire. We left and headed south, passing two BLM tanker trucks just minutes after

leaving the ice caves.

I wondered then if they would get right on it and put it out, or let it burn. They chose to let it burn. Crews had to be on the scene within 10 minutes after passing them. The fire could have been contained before it went up the hill. The cover is very volatile in a summer like this! Crews need to put fires out fast and not let them burn! This fire was out of control because of that let-burn policy. Whoever was calling the shots did not use good judgment. As a result, the crew sent to save the Jorday house was in danger with no escape route. I'm sure the fire had an impact on the sage hen population, the red-tailed hawks that had nests on the buttes, and habitat for the antelope herd in that area as well as deer and elk.

After reaching the Picaobo hills, winter range for wildlife was destroyed as well as the range for cattle ranchers. I heard in Bellevue the next day that some cattle had been killed in the fire.

If aircraft were needed, they should have called them in at the beginning, not waiting until the fire had reached the Picaobo hills!

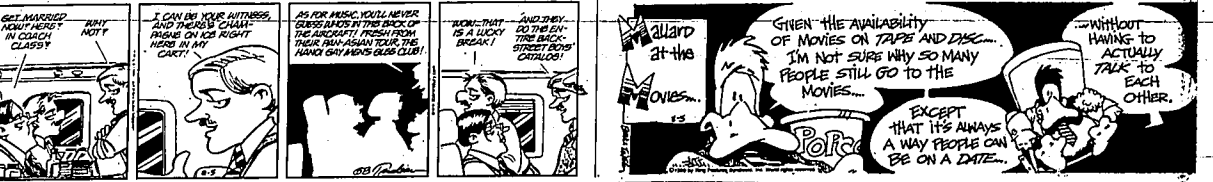
Yes, the let-burn policy on this fire was very costly, not only for ranchers and wildlife, but for the taxpayers as well!
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Give people the investment choice

Working Americans beware: Washington's begun a new round of chest-thumping about when a serious effort to save Social Security. As the debate grows louder, the only question is—once Social Security is "saved"—who will save them? Can a worker from Social Security?

WARREN STEPHENS

The government has first dibs on a worker's money, and what Washington doesn't take is theirs to keep. The sad fact is that for all the hand-wringing about Social Security's impending death, the system has long since outlived its usefulness. Social Security may have been a lifesaver in FDR's day, but things have changed a bit since then. To limit ourselves to financial instruments invested in just the past 20 years—IRAs, 401ks and the like—the average American worker has far more options for funding his retirement, any one of which promise far better returns than Social Security.

So what will it take to trigger real reform in the way American workers save for retirement? Three things.

First, a recognition that workers own their retirement savings, and have the right to maximize the return on their retirement assets by investing a portion of their federally-mandated retirement contributions in a private, self-directed retirement account. The Personal Retirement Account concept is at the heart of a bill introduced last week (July 16) with broad bipartisan backing by New Hampshire Senator Judd Gregg.

One of the true tests of Social Security reform is how close Congress comes to the Gregg approach in giving working Americans real control over their

own retirement account. Second, government can and should establish certain guidelines for these investments, but the main job of creating private retirement accounts should be left to workers and the financial services industry. And by all means, government should not be given the power—as President Clinton has suggested—to do the investing for us.

And third, true ownership means that the retirement assets of workers—including those built up with their payroll tax investments—should become part of one's estate, to be passed on to heirs. Remember our Little Rock retiree: Under Social Security as it exists today, if he dies tomorrow—the proceeds go to Linda Sam, and his heirs come up empty. If he died tomorrow but owned his retirement pension, his heirs would inherit whatever amount remained.

That's why, economics aside, Social Security reform is really a moral issue: If a person spends his entire working life paying into a retirement system, what business does government have denying him the right to invest his savings for the best possible return?

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In the present debate, one party claims to favor Social Security's sound until 2035; the other until 2050. The simple truth is that all of these projections turn on what the economy will be doing for the next 50 years, when we don't know what the economy will do between 6 this afternoon and 8 a.m. tomorrow.

(Case-in-point: In 1993, President Clinton pegged the deficit for 1998 at \$150 billion; by the time 1998 actually rolled around, the deficit had turned to a \$70 billion surplus—a \$230 billion margin of error.

Compounding economic assumptions are like compounding interest, with the opposite result—the farther you go out into the future, the farther off you get. What neither party will admit is that Social Security is itself fatally flawed: The private company were to set up a so-called pension system modeled after Social Security, the officers would be indicted under the same laws that make Ponzi pyramid schemes illegal.

The U.S. government is forcing workers to contribute to a system knowing full well those workers will never get their money back—much less a reasonable return on their investment. Consider the case of a 43-year old single male living in Little Rock, Ark.—earning a wage very near the U.S. average at a point very near the middle of his working career. By the time he retires at age 67, he may be disappointed to learn that Social Security will provide him \$17,342 a year in 1999 dollars. Now consider how his golden years might look if he were free to invest every dollar he paid into Social Security in a personal retirement account.

Assuming a conservative investment approach—and a stock market that shows no more than a 10-year historical average, which just happens to include the Great Depression—our Little Rock retiree would hit age 67 with \$65,688 in his retirement account. In 1999 dollars, that would be enough for a \$50,964 a year retirement—nearly three times what he can expect from Social Security.

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WORLD

War not over for many in Kosovo, chief warns

KOSOVSKA MITROVICA, Yugoslavia - The U.N. mission chief in Kosovo toured a grave being probed by war crimes investigators Wednesday and warned that the world is mistaken if it thinks the province's war is a thing of the past.

"People believe all over the world that now the war in Kosovo is over," Bernard Kouchner said. "That is not true, because of the families suffering... It's a long story. It's always a long story."

Underlining the ethnic tension that still plagues the Serbian province were reports of more slayings and the arrests of eight ethnic Albanians by NATO peacekeeping troops for allegedly evicting Serbs by force. U.S. troops said the deaths included an ethnic Albanian and a Serb killed early Wednesday in a shootout that erupted as a convoy of Serbs headed out of Kosovo.

"Unbelievable," Kouchner said as he visited the grave site on a hill overlooking Kosovska Mitrovica, a northern Kosovo mining town still divided between Serbs and ethnic Albanians.

He said it was the first time he had been confronted with "the reality of mass murder," adding that the scene helped him understand the fury of hundreds of thousands of returning ethnic Albanian refugees.

World in brief

five in Thailand.
Rescue workers in the Philippines searched under twisted walls and roofs to reach victims in the Hindu housing development in Antipolo City, east of Manila. Defense Secretary Orlando Mercado, who heads the National Disaster Coordinating Council, said many people might

still be missing in the collapse. Twenty-five houses were buried and 378 others were damaged, Mercado said.

Queen Mother greets well-wishers as she turns 99
LONDON - Aided only by a silver-handled cane, a beaming Queen Mother Elizabeth greeted the thousands of well-wishers outside her London residence Wednesday, her 99th birthday,

accepting scores of bouquets and cards.
After walking along the line of admirers outside Clarence House, the Queen Mother, a hugely popular member of the royal family, made the return journey in a golf cart driven by a uniformed chauffeur. Two birthday balloons billowed from the cart and a corgi, a favored royal dog, ran alongside.

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NATO names British official as next secretary-general
 BRUSSELS, Belgium - The North Atlantic Treaty Organization, fresh from the first military offensive in its history, appointed British Defense Secretary George Robertson on Wednesday as its next secretary-general.

Robertson, a 53-year-old Scot, will replace Javier Solana, 57, a former Spanish foreign minister, is leaving his NATO post early to become the European Union's high representative for foreign and security affairs. The North Atlantic Council, made up of ambassadors from the 19 NATO countries, said in a statement that Robertson would assume his duties as the 10th secretary-general in NATO's 50-year history "at a date to be determined."

"I think I got the job because my experience as Britain's defense secretary has perhaps suited me for some of the challenges of the future - and a combination of straight talking, plain common sense and dogged determination to get to where I think is the right place to go," Robertson said at a news conference in London.

Search for victims continues at Philippine housing complex
 MANILA, Philippines - Rescuers struggled through the night in heavy rain to dig out victims buried after a landslide triggered by monsoon rains toppled dozens of homes, killing at least 12 people.

The death toll from four days of torrential rainfall in the Manila area is now at least 46, officials said. Elsewhere in Asia, floodwaters killed dozens more people, including 40 in Korea and

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SPORTS

Idaho golfers fall off JAC pace

LARSSPUR, Calif. — The Idaho... team of Art Lynch, Nick Becker, Ty Pearson and Darren Fletcher... moved into second place with a 221-218-439.

Following the first round, Idaho is 28 strokes back and in 12th place heading into the third and final day.

Lynch again was low scorer, notching a 75 after firing an opening-day 73, Becker shot an 81, Fletcher carded an 82 and Pearson rallied a 79.

Drugs

Continued from B1. But Cuban officials said Sotomayor never took cocaine and changed the substance had been planned in something he ate or drank.

It is up to the Cuban federation to suspend Sotomayor, the world record holder and the only man to clear 8 feet. But Nebiolo said if the Cubans do not suspend Sotomayor for two years, the IAAF will.

The Cubans did not name anyone who might have been responsible for causing Sotomayor's positive test. And they said they were not taking any special precautions to protect their athletes from sabotage.

NFL

Continued from B1. Chadwick's proposal would not work. A frustrated Chadwick sent a three-page resignation letter to Davis on Tuesday, suggesting that pro football in Los Angeles might not be worth the trouble.

out the NFL is saying. We need this, we need that," Murray said. "Particularly people outside of government get frustrated by that."

the governor on how to proceed," Aiello said. Meanwhile, football-hungry Houston ready to step in if Los Angeles fails to submit an adequate stadium proposal before a Sept. 15 deadline.

Deals

Continued from B1. him offering Antoine Walker. The Packers also were known to be pursuing a sign-and-trade deal with the Clippers for Lorenzen Wright.

Miami was closer to signing free agent forward Otis Thorpe who played for Washington last season.

Terry Porter, who played for the Miami Heat last season, was reportedly close to signing with San Antonio.

Miami was reportedly trying to find a third team with salary-cap space to facilitate a three-way trade that would bring Wizards free agent Mitch Richmond to the Heat.

Cavaliers general manager Jim Paxson said Anderson's contract status was one factor behind his trade to the Clippers.

Clippers general manager Elgin Baylor said his team would not immediately offer Anderson an extension.

well he fits in. That's something we need to see, and then we can talk about that."

Murray, who lost his starting job with the Clippers last season after 13 games, agreed to a seven-year, \$25 million contract.

Paxson said it's hard to judge anyone based on last year's strike-shortened season and he sees Murray as someone who adds depth to the roster and keeps defenses from collapsing on Cleveland big men Zydrunas Ilgauskas and Shawn Kemp.

Murray said he's excited to play for Cleveland after five losing seasons as a Clipper. He averaged 12.2 points last year.

"It was roller coaster ride throughout the five years I was there," he said. "I never knew where I stood in terms of the organization. It was a difficult time for me."

The Clippers have now lost free agents Murray, Martin and Rodney Rogers. They stand to lose a fourth, Wright, but were expected to offer another sign-and-trade deal for him.

in Lorenzen," Baylor said. "There isn't anything that has come up since that would be acceptable."

Tyler Nesby and Eric Piatkowski are the Clippers' other free agents.

Funderburke, 28, averaged 9.2 points and 4.6 rebounds over two seasons with the Kings. Last season, the 6-foot-9 forward shot a team-leading 55.9 percent from the field while averaging 8.9 points per game.

A five-year NBA veteran, Martin averaged 860 points and 3.9 assists for the Clippers last year.

"Darrick provides us with an experienced point guard who has started a number of games over his NBA career," Sacramento general manager Geoff Petrie said.

Along with Jason Williams, Darrick provides our starting point guard, which was a position this offseason we wanted to address."

SCORES AND STATS

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Rupert City office takes on new look

By Lorraine Cavener
Times-News writer

RUPERT - Rupert residents will soon be able to pay their utilities in an air-conditioned office and council members will be holding meetings in a much larger space - possibly by the end of the year.

City Administrator Robert Bagley said he's excited about the new upstairs council chambers and expanded office space which is three to four times bigger than current council chambers.

"It will allow us to accommodate more people," he said.

The meeting room the council currently uses is so small that some council members sit with their backs to the public and it is difficult to give a formal presentation, Bagley said.

"With the new room we will be able to utilize modern communications such as a VCR or a computer for a presentation," he said.

With the installation of the elevator, the new room will fully meet the federal Americans With Disabilities Act requirements, Bagley said. He said the elevator is the only elevator in Rupert aside from the one at Project Mutual Telephone.

Mayor Dwinelle Allred agreed with Bagley about the convenience of having more space. The mayor and the city administrator share an office. The new mayor's office will be upstairs and will serve as a small conference room, Allred said. Bagley will have his own office on the first floor.



Matt English, a worker installing an elevator at Rupert City Hall, English works for Schneider, an elevator company based in Boise. The elevator is part of a \$200,000 remodeling job for the building.

But the new office is not just for the convenience of city employees. When a city patron enters the office foyer, which is currently old council chambers, they will be able to go either to the left to pay bills or to the right to the recreation office to register for Little League or other recreation events, Allred said.

He said one of the best things about the remodeled city offices is the air conditioning.

"The heat has been atrocious in that building," he said. Whether it has been employees or the public, the lack of air conditioning has been undesirable, he said.

Council members and the mayor agree they won't miss the noise of the fan during council meetings.

And practicing what they preach is another thing that will be accomplished with the new room.

The mayor and council mem-

bers have encouraged businesses around town to make improvements to store fronts.

"In conjunction with the Rupert Renaissance, we felt we should lead the way," Allred said. "The community deserves a city office they can be proud of."

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Salt Lake sheriff wants DNA tests for all inmates

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) - Salt Lake County Sheriff Aaron Kennard wants to run a DNA profile on everyone arrested and booked into the new county jail when it opens later this year.

Authorities would take two drops of blood, then create, log and store the profile in a database, which would be used to cross-reference with DNA samples collected from crime scenes.

"I consider it an extension of the fingerprint," said Kennard, who is the only sheriff to sit on the Department of Justice's 22-member National Commission on the Future of DNA Evidence. "I believe we could cut our crime rate in half."

But many people believe issues of privacy and due process must be addressed before sampling becomes part of the arrest procedure.

"Using (DNA) in this way violates the principle of citizens being innocent until proven guilty. We are equating arrest with guilt," said Carol Gnade, executive director of the Utah chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union.

But Kennard strongly disagrees and plans to seek federal funding so that Utah can be a test case of how the practice can work.

Currently if police want a DNA sample - either blood or saliva - they must obtain a search warrant. But allowing police to collect a DNA sample at the time of arrest would empower officers in the same manner as judges and juries, Gnade said.

"This is a slippery slope," she said. "Are we going to want to roll up our sleeves or open our mouths for the police when they stop us for a traffic ticket? Where is this going to stop?"

Gnade also fears that in the wrong hands, a DNA profile could prevent someone from obtaining medical or life insurance or even employment.

But Kennard insists his office has no interest in what the DNA profile reveals about a person's biology. The information he plans to collect would be strictly for identification purposes - not for evidentiary purposes, he said.

Still, at \$45 each for the 25,000 people booked in the Salt Lake County Jail each year, the program would be expensive.

Kennard said he hopes the federal government will see the promise of DNA technology and find a way to give him a grant that will not only address Utah's backlog of unprocessed samples but also test every arrested person.

Man faces rape, murder charges may get death penalty

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) - The Utah state police said a Taylorville woman and killed another just a few blocks away was charged Wednesday with capital homicide.

Robert Lee Overstreet, 34, was charged with aggravated murder and aggravated arson, both first-degree felonies, in the June 28 slaying of Danielle Omer. Bail was set at \$1 million.

He was also charged with first-degree felony aggravated sexual assault, first-degree felony aggravated burglary, first-degree felony

aggravated kidnapping, and second-degree felony tampering with evidence in the June 26 rape nearby.

Overstreet is scheduled to be arraigned in 3rd District Court Thursday at 9:30 a.m.

If convicted of murder and Overstreet could receive the death penalty.

Omer's bound, gagged body was found in her home after a blaze firefighters said was intentionally set. The assistant state medical examiner's autopsy found she died from multiple stab wounds,

according to the criminal information filed against Overstreet on Wednesday.

The Utah State Crime Lab also concluded Omer, 45, was raped, court documents say, though Overstreet is not charged with that crime.

Two days earlier, Overstreet allegedly walked into another woman's home, tied her hands, raped her at knifepoint, then taped her mouth and ankles and forced her into a closet. Court documents claim he used household cleaner, lotion, dry choco-

late mix, ketchup and other items to try to cover evidence.

Police say DNA evidence links Overstreet, also known as Robert Hegelman, to the crimes. The convicted felon was arrested Sunday as he slept in his vehicle in Springville Canyon.

Authorities first linked the two crimes Friday, when they released an updated sketch of their suspect. A corrections worker and a probation officer both recognized the man, who had served time for aggravated rape, burglary and aggravated assault.

Books about gays divide city; Mayor plays peacemaker

NAMPA (AP) - Mayor Maxine Horn is attempting to calm relations between the municipal library and residents by appointing Councilman Stephen Kren as the city's liaison with the library's board of directors.

Her decision followed a letter she sent to library board chairman Ed Schiller calling for a town hall meeting on two books that are designed to teach children about homosexual relationships.

On July 7, a rally organized to support the library's decision to leave "Heather Has Two Mommies" and "Daddy's Roomie" in the juvenile section turned into a shouting match about censorship and gay rights.

In her letter to Schiller, Horn

suggested the library board hold a public meeting on library issues.

She also recommended the panel appoint an ad hoc committee of citizens on both sides of the issue. It would be charged with investigating other area libraries for book selection and placement.

Schiller said he appreciated the mayor's advice, but added that a resolution may not come as quickly as concerned citizens would like.

"I'd like to see it happen," he said, "but with some of the people out there, I don't know if a quick resolution is realistic."

Schiller said the library board will consider Horn's recommendations at its Aug. 12 meeting.

Big Piney residents try to protect Indian fort

BIG PINEY, Wyo. (AP) - A western Wyoming gravel pit that threatens four thousand-year-old prehistoric-Indian site, should be shut down this fall or next year, U.S. Forest Service officials say.

"The extent of our work up there is pretty much done," Big Piney District Ranger Greg Clark said. He said operations would be shut down more quickly if archaeological studies warrant.

The gravel operation has been the source of fill for roads in the Bridger-Teton National Forest and Sublette County for a decade.

The pit, about 35 miles west of Big Piney and just east of the Snake River canyon, is near a site known locally as the Indian Fort. It contains an old mountain trail used by early tribal peoples and hunting rings and many well-enclosed pits that the Shoshone used much as modern day soldiers use foxholes on the battlefield, resident Stu Doty said.

Doty said the Indian Fort is "a very significant site, with a lot of history certainly worth protecting. We need to stop this gravel operation and reclaim this site before further damage is done."

"It's most certainly a battle site, with pits and pits and foxholes," he said.

Forest Service officials acknowledge

"If we get a lot of public awareness about what's out here, it could lead to more vandalism and more destruction of the site."

-Jamie Schoen,
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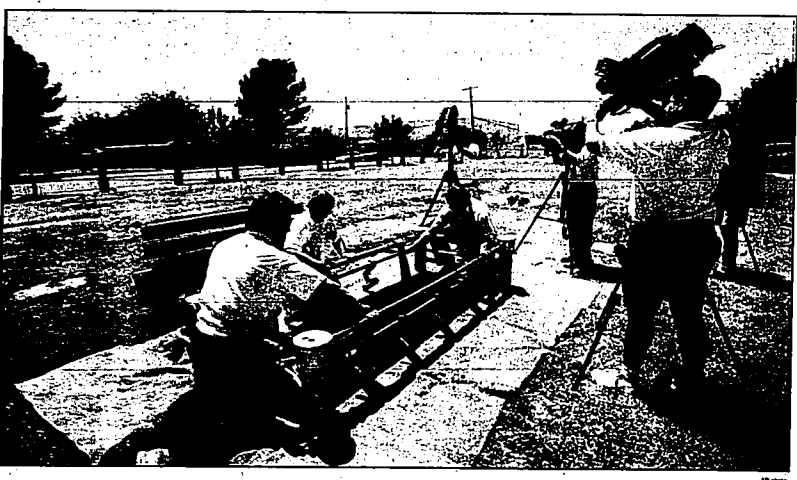
edge the site is unique among similar ones in Wyoming.

"None of them have this number of pits associated with this number of rock walls and alignments," Forest Service archaeologist Jamie Schoen said. "This is also unique especially in terms of the legends associated with the area."

Clark said the area has been excavated for gravel for over 50 years. But telling the public about the Indian site may eventually cause more damage through increased visitor use, agency administrators said.

"If we get a lot of public awareness about what's out here, it could lead to more vandalism and more destruction of the site," Schoen warned. "We need to arrive at a situation where we do the least damage."

UNTIL THE BITTER END



Workers at the Woodlawn Cemetery in Las Vegas lower the casket of Arthur Gus Bennett into the ground on Tuesday as TV cameras record the event. Bennett, a former Utahns who led his death in 1934, was facing two trials when he was hanged in his Clark County Detention Center jail cell last day before his scheduled court martial. He was accused of a sexual assault in Arizona and of a slaying in Nevada.

Buhl City Council sets August agenda

BUHL - The City Council will meet on Monday at council chambers to adopt the tentative 1999-2000 budget.

The council will hold a public hearing on the budget at 7 p.m. AUG. 23 in council chambers.

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Bond

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the people just weren't convinced."

Mayor Dennis Moore said he felt the people of Jerome had made it clear they think the water bills are high enough right now.

"I plan to suggest to the City Council that we explore all possible ways to get the water system improvements made without raising the water bills or property taxes."

Cecil said the water system has outlived its usefulness.

"At some point these pipes have to be replaced," Cecil said. "The city can replace the lines now or when they collapse... It is a question of how valuable the residents think water is...and

when the pipes will be replaced. The pipes can be replaced on a planned and organized basis or replaced one at a time when they break. If they collapse or burst in the winter, replacement will be expensive."

Others have suggested applying for government grants to pay for improvements. The city has received about \$5 million in block grants from the Idaho Department of Commerce since 1995. Cecil said the city is competing with other taxing entities for taxpayer dollars and there is only so much money to go around.

"We will explore every possibility but it is unrealistic to expect a block grant to fix every problem," he said.

Moore said with business growth on South Lincoln, and the addition of businesses like Walmart and Dargold will result in a dramatic rise in the city's tax revenue income.

"I hope to see a corresponding significant cut in residents tax rates," Moore said. "Once the property taxes have been lowered we might consider running a revenue bond election again, but not here."

The city council will canvass the election results this afternoon. Cecil said the council and city staff will begin looking at future options.

Times-News correspondent Dixie Thomas Reale can be reached at Jerome at 324-3670.

Fires

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The fire spread mostly eastward, but by early Wednesday evening the fire had spread in Mindoko County. Howell could not estimate when the fire would be contained, but planes

flying the perimeter of the fire noticed that it "kind of wrings around the lava (flow) used," Howell said. He said he hoped the lava would act as natural barrier to the fire.

"We can now use the lava to

lay down an anchor point," he said.

The Male Butte fire is the largest fire in that area this year.

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IDAHO/WEST

Judge jails activist for refusing to support child

BOISE (AP) - Anti-abortion activist David Ripley, who has been a paid consultant for the congressional exploratory committee of Idaho Family Forum in Boise, has been jailed for refusing to pay over \$23,000 in back child support.

"It kind of restores my faith in the justice system," ex-wife Sherri Wood said. "The couple divorced in 1991, but despite a court order Ms. Wood received nothing from the end of 1994 through early 1998 and about \$500 since then to offset her costs in raising the couple's 11-year-old daughter, Whitney. Ripley has married twice since then and has an infant son with his current wife, Wendy.

"This is going to continue to happen," Ms. Wood said. "He's going to continue to have babies and not support them." Ripley, who has raised tens of thousands of dollars in the last two years to promote political candidates embracing his strident anti-abortion philosophy, was found in criminal contempt of the 1995 order requiring him to pay \$500 a month to support his daughter. Whitney's case was issued, Ripley was already \$3,000 in arrears.

'It kind of restores my faith in the justice system.'

- Sherri Wood, ex-wife

"The judge believed that he could have made more money over the last three years than he did," said Thomas Humphrey, Ripley's attorney. "We disagree. Mr. Ripley could not find work. His is a specialized field." Ada County Magistrate Russell Comstock had Ripley handcuffed and taken to the county jail immediately after a hearing on Monday. Ripley, who will serve 30 days, was a key political strategist for the Idaho Education Association and a major factor in the Democratic political ascension that peaked in 1990 when the party capitalized on the public rage toward Republicans, who were belatedly marked as anti-abortion after a divisive legislative session on the issue. In 1994, however, his second wife had an

abortion, according to anti-abortion leader Henry Kulczyk. Following that, Ripley underwent a conversion that left him the zealous abortion critic who has rankled even conservative GOP lawmakers with his in-your-face style. Ripley has been trying to have the monthly support amount reduced, contending that his philosophical switch on the abortion issue has made it difficult for him to find work. Humphrey said Ripley still held a valid driver's license despite a 1997 state law subjecting child support scofflaws to license suspension if they fall more than \$2,000 or three months behind.

Health and Welfare Department spokesman Ross Mason said the recent effort Ripley has made in the last 14 months has kept the state from taking steps to suspend his driver's license. Mason said the case will be reviewed in September. Mansfield, who is contemplating a challenge to Republican Lt. Gov. Butch Otter in next May's 1st District congressional primary, was on vacation Wednesday and unavailable to comment. His tactics have also drawn fire from GOP lawmakers.

Price hikes prompt Idaho residents to go uninsured

BOISE (AP) - More Idaho residents are choosing to risk going uninsured instead of continuing to pay for double-digit health insurance premium hikes. Nearly 16 percent of residents are now without health insurance, the state Health Insurance Premiums Task Force said Tuesday.

The number of uninsured residents has risen steadily in the wake of state and federal health care reforms designed to improve insurance rates. And not only are more people taking a chance by dropping their coverage, industry representatives said, they are also trying to prune insurance bills by opting for plans with less coverage. That discourages people from seeking treatment because they cannot afford the deductible payments before their insurance kicks in.

"We sit down with customers every day, and more people are going to higher deductibles," said Scott Leavitt, president of the Idaho Association of Health Underwriters.

Health insurance representatives said Tuesday they did not know how many people are canceling their policies and going uninsured, since some customers find insurance elsewhere, such as Medicaid or Medicare. But premiums are creating a financial squeeze for many. "The average person in Idaho can't afford to buy health insurance, that's what we're

hearing anecdotally," said Rep. Margaret Hensbey, D-Boise, a task force member and a pediatric nurse practitioner. "The average person is being priced out of the market."

Health insurance policies can cost \$600 to \$800 a month, not including an employer's contribution. Policies with deductibles of more than \$2,000 are less expensive, but require more cash payments by policyholders.

"There is a segment of the population that is going to remain uninsured no matter what," said task force co-chairman Sen. Dean Cameron, R-Rupert. "They're making decisions to spend their money in other places. They've made a decision to be at risk, if you will."

But increasingly, Cameron said, "some people are dropping coverage that in the past would have had coverage."

The task force will spend this year examining why health insurance premiums and health costs in general are rising so fast and whether or not the Legislature can curb the trend. Cameron said the task force has a lot of work to do before the end of the year if it hopes to come to the Legislature in January with suggestions on how to reduce the number of Idaho's uninsured. Among other things, he said the panel needs more concrete data on how many people are choosing to go without insurance and why.

Pooper scoopers follow horses in historic town

VIRGINIA CITY, Nev. (AP) - The "bun bags" are gone. The pooper scoopers are back. The horses that pull stagecoaches full of tourists through this historic mining town have won a reprieve from county commissioners, who earlier ordered the diaper-like "bun bags" attached to their fannies.

"In addition to the fact they are terribly ugly and inhumane, the horses really rebelled," kicking and refusing to walk with the bags on, said T. Sam Bass, proprietor of the Virginia City Stage Co. "If the horses have any droppings, we radio to the ranch and the pooper-scooper, is dispatched," he said. "If we see anyone else's poop, we scoop that too."

The Storey County Commission had mandated the bags so that visitors to the town of the Comstock Lode could take a step back in history without having to gudge the manure.

The entire town in the Virginia Range 25 miles southeast of Reno is a National Historic District, with wooden sidewalks, stores and saloons dating to the 1870s, when the cowboys were tough and boots were essential.

"Tourists can't visit the town on the premises, where a young Samuel Clemens got his start as a newspaperman before he used his pen name, Mark Twain, or belly up to a long wooden bar at the Black Horse, where a rider's order a whiskey and pull the handle on a one-armed bandit. "We understand that with the amount of people who walk around the streets here, you don't want piles of horse poop around."



Sam Bass drives his stagecoach in Virginia City, Nev., Tuesday. Bass recently won approval from the county commissioners to use a radio dispatch system back to his stables to handle any horse droppings from his animals.

Bass said, "If you don't want those ugly plastic bags either, it just ruins the atmosphere. And the horses, they go nuts. For safety's sake we've been using them," he said. Dean Haymore, the county's building and planning administrator, said he didn't mind the change in rules with one stipulation.

"I just want to make sure the pooper-scooper team takes the

treasures back to the farm," he said. Bass said the cleanup crew, equipped with shovels and rakes, arrive on the scene within 45 minutes of a dropping, and always take the poop with them.

One concerned citizen told commissioners Tuesday at the county courthouse built in 1876 that he wanted the stagecoach crew to hose down any horse urine as well.

But Bass said that's rarely a problem. "It's one-time since we've been running the stagecoach we have had a horse go No. 1," he said. "It had been a long trip and we were running late and Katie just let loose in front of the Silver Spur" saloon.

"We went right away and hosed it down. It's a very rare occasion when horses under harness urinate."

Conservationists challenge grizzly policies

The Associated Press Eight conservation groups have written Wyoming and federal wildlife officials challenging new grizzly policies for dealing with problem grizzly bears.

The groups contend those policies will increase grizzly mortality. One allows grizzlies that prey on wild or sheep to be killed if they elude traps for more than six days. And another permits the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Wildlife Services agents to be hired to kill prob-

lem grizzlies on behalf of state wildlife officials. "This program has a clear history and bias in favor of killing predators to protect livestock rather than promoting the recovery of imperiled predators like the grizzly bear," according to the letter to U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Regional Director Ralph Morganweck and John Baughman, director of the Wyoming Game and Fish Department.

Neither policy was subjected to public review or what the conservation groups called proper

regulatory channels. They called on Morganweck to suspend the new federal guidelines pending further research. They also asked to suspend the Wildlife Services contract until its effects can be assessed.

The groups are the Greater Yellowstone Coalition, Jackson Hole Conservation Alliance, Predator Project, Sierra Club Grizzly Bear Ecosystems Project, Wyoming Sierra Club, Wyoming Outdoor Council, Wyoming Wildlife Federation and Biodiversity Associates.

Elk ranch proposal concerns F&G

CHEYENNE, Wyo. (AP) - The Wyoming Game and Fish Department is concerned about plans to establish a private elk ranch on the Crow Reservation just across the border in Montana. The commercial game farm, if approved by the tribe, would be owned by a healthy female wild herd that migrates between the Bighorn Mountains in Wyoming and the Crow Reservation.

The Wyoming Game and Fish Commission has taken no official position on the proposal pending further information but does have concerns. Director John Baughman said, "Game ranching is prohibited in the state of Wyoming for a variety of legitimate state concerns," Baughman said.

There are fears that game farm animals can carry diseases that can spread uncontrollably through wild game populations if the animals escape from the farms and return to wild elk herds.

Millions will be spent to watch packs

IDAHO FALLS (AP) - More than \$1.6 million has been spent by the federal government on wolf reintroduction in Idaho since fiscal year 1994, with an expected \$10 million more from the animals from Canada, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service officials say.

The money goes to monitoring the wolves, compiling annual reports, education and outreach efforts, relocating problem wolves and collaring pups and adults to track them, said Rty Heberger, who runs the wolf recovery program in Idaho. The breakdown over the fiscal years: 1994, \$50,000; 1995, \$306,000; 1996, \$257,000; 1997,

\$257,000; 1998, \$400,000; 1999, \$400,000. Since Idaho legislators in 1995 refused to allow the state to become involved in the wolf process, the Nez Perce Tribe contracted for that service and has received those federal dollars.

The extra \$587,000 was expended to track the Canadian wolves and pay for their release in the Salmon River country in 1995 and 1996, Heberger said. He provided the figures after Walter Gray of Idaho Falls for information on wolf relocation in the Salmon area.

Utah school districts say they didn't violate law

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) - Several school districts say they're not violating parts of a law requiring annual tests for the public, despite a report that shows otherwise. Legislative research analysts compiled the report and presented it to the state's chief fiscal officer.

School districts say the report contains errors as well as different interpretations that differ from theirs. "It's there. In fact, I can give you the report that was given to us from the state," Nebo School District spokeswoman Frances Larsen said Tuesday of its pupil-to-teacher ratio, which the report said it did not list in annual reports.

Research analyst Bryant Howe, who distributed the report Monday, acknowledged errors regarding Nebo's pupil-teacher ratio, Davis District's teacher-pupil ratio and staff information and Alpine and Provo school districts' building information.

Howe said he will review the report and give a corrected version to the task force in its Aug. 16 meeting. "But he also said different interpretations of the law call for clarification."

"Districts are required to disburse annual performance reports" providing for accountability of the district to its residents for the quality of schools and the educational achievement of students in the district," the law states.

The reports must detail statistics including test scores, expenditures and dropout rates. The analysts' report showed San Juan, Uintah and Wasatch school districts in full compliance on 16 elements of the law. But interpretations of the law differ.

Tribes uses beaver to bring back trout

FORT HALL (AP) - Shoshone-Bannock tribal members are using beavers to reintroduce Yellowstone cutthroat trout to a mountain creek on the Fort Hall Indian Reservation. Tribal workers last September trapped a male and female beaver and transplanted them to a few hundred yards below Contact Spring on the east flank of Mount Putnam. Since then, the beavers have built six dams along a mile of stream. The dams are raising the water table, creating new pools for trout habitat and supporting more riparian vegetation.

"He's nature's engineer," Lavern Broncho, the tribes' natural resources liaison, said of the beaver.

IDAHO/WEST

Study finds Alaska experience important for pilots

JUNEAU, Alaska (AP)—Before boarding a flight home from the Southeast Alaska village of Kake, Ralph Swedell asked the pilot one question: "How long have you been here?"

Three months, the pilot answered.

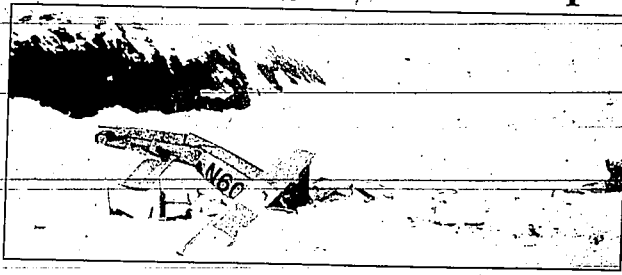
"I'm waiting for the next guy," said Swedell, looking through the drizzle with 30 years of experience as a pilot in the region.

Swedell knows unfamiliarity with Alaska's weather and terrain can be fatal.

State labor economist Taliba Lukshin has also noticed a link between pilot inexperience and fatal accidents.

Lukshin studied the experience of pilots who died on the job in 1997 and found most were relatively new to the state and flew for air taxi operators. Of 11 air taxi pilots killed in 1997, nine had been in the state less than two years and most less than a year, Lukshin said.

The data has drawn the attention of the National Institute for Occupational



Safety and Health, Federal Aviation Administration and Alaska Air Carriers Association. Together they are beginning

to study the connection between pilot experience in Alaska and the accident rate.

Yute Air owner Will Johnson doesn't need a study to tell him young pilots are accident-prone. The dents and scrapes on

his planes are evidence enough.

"We're taking some of the least experienced, beginning people in aviation, and putting them in some of the most primitive aircraft, bad weather, remote runways, way out of radio help, sometimes," said Johnson from Dillingham.

Knowing local weather and terrain is so important, Johnson has started a program to train Alaska Bush residents to fly so he'll be able to hire them someday. He figures an hour flying in Alaska is worth two hours of experience anywhere else.

Insurance companies agree and some won't let state airlines hire pilots with less than 500 hours of flight time in Alaska, said Felix Maguire, president of the Alaska Airman's Association.

Right now it's hard for Johnson and other small air companies to find pilots who know the state. Swift growth in the Alaska air industry, particularly in the flightseeing business, is forcing companies to pull more new pilots from Outside, Lukshin said.

Adventure Pass foes print fee 'exemptions'

SANTA BARBARA, Calif. (AP)—Adventure Pass opponents—the ones who printed those T-shirts proclaiming "Only you can prevent forest fees"—are launching a new way to protest the \$5-a-day fee to use Los Padres National Forest.

This time, they are planning to distribute "certificate of exemption" documents that people can hang on their rear-view mirror while parking in the forest.

These, they claim, would exempt certain park visitors from having to pay the controversial fee.

They cite a provision that says anyone visiting the forest for religious or spiritual purposes, education or work-related reasons, or for health reasons, does not need to buy an Adventure Pass.

The activists vow to begin printing hundreds, even thousands, of certificates before the Aug. 14 national day of protest against the fee program.

"I'll make tens of thousands of these if necessary," said Greg Kappos of Santa Barbara, a member of the Free Our Forests group. "Whatever it takes to meet demand. We want unfettered access to public lands."

The U.S. Forest Service is taking a dim view of these unofficial passes.

"There's no change in our policy with the potential advent of these special certificates distributed by a third party," said Rich Tobin, recreation officer with the forest.

Opponents of the pass have previously protested by writing letters to newspapers and con-

gressional members, picketing Forest Service offices and asking store owners to stop selling passes.

The 3-year-old Adventure Pass is vastly unpopular with many Southern California residents who live near large national forests. It has been in effect in Los Padres, San Bernardino, Angeles and Cleveland national forests since 1997. It can be purchased for \$5 a day or \$30 per year.

Visitors who park in the forest to go hiking or enjoy some form of recreation are required to buy a pass and display it in their cars. Without one, they can be issued notices of non-compliance and may face a \$100 fine.

"Our certificates of exemption will tell Forest Service employees do not attach a notice of non-compliance to this vehicle," Kappos said.

"They also will explain why the occupants of the vehicle are there in the forest, for reasons they don't need an Adventure Pass."

Tobin confirmed that there already are certain exemptions—such as religious uses or school groups—to the Adventure Pass. He also said the Forest Service already has established an easy way for those visitors to avoid paying a fee.

"As a courtesy, the Forest Service does make available an administrative pass for free, and they can display that pass on their dashboard. So that way, a forest officer will recognize the visitor is there for other purposes and go on."

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—Greg Kappos, Free Our Forests group member

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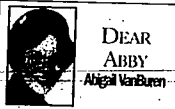
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DEAR READERS: Yesterday I printed a letter from an Ohio mother regarding a previously published letter from a "Snoopy Mom" who proudly described searching through her teenagers' belongings.

Today I'll share a sample of the mail I received from teens. Hang onto your hats! Read on:



DEAR ABBY
Abigail VanBuren

DEAR ABBY: I'm a teenage male who was infuriated when I read the letter in your column from "Snoopy Mom."

I'm willing to bet that if she caught her kids going through her personal belongings, she would lecture them until the sun went down.

And you know what she'd be then? A hypocrite! As soon as her teen-agers left the room after telling them that snooping is wrong and that they should respect privacy, she'd start snooping again.

I hope God is on her side, because she is going to need His help if they catch her!

—JEFF IN CHICAGO

DEAR ABBY: There is a difference between invading your children's privacy and noticing if they spend their free time building bombs in the garage. Violating their trust by searching their rooms without justification while they are absent is reprehensible.

A child's diary is a child's diary. In it, a child records innermost feelings and what other kids share in confidence. If it "Mom" wouldn't appreciate it when her kids went through her most private things.

I feel sorry for the children of "Snoopy Mom." They have to spend every day with this callous, irrational, distrustful and insensitive person. She never should have had children if this

is how she treats them.

I now realize how fortunate I am that my parents are intelligent enough to respect my privacy and, at the same time, steer me in the right direction.

—RATIONAL 15-YEAR-OLD, DAYSIDE, N.Y.

more about their lives.

I hope parents understand that once your children learn you do not trust them, they in turn will not trust you—and you'll never be able to rebuild what has been so carelessly destroyed.

Some people may call it "concern," but I call it lack of parenting skills.

—REBECCA (AGE 14) IN WASHINGTON

DEAR ABBY: Conspicuously absent from "Snoopy's" letter were comments on the result of her behavior—the quality of her relationship with her children. It can't be very good, since her children are probably aware of her atrocious lack of trust, respect and common courtesy. I hope knowing every detail of her children's lives now will make up for this mother's being shut out of their lives when they're older.

—JEANA L., AGE 19, IN OHIO

DEAR ABBY: I realize that parents should know what their children are doing. It's their right to make sure they're not getting into trouble with underage drinking, drugs, premarital sex, etc.

But everyone is entitled to at least a little bit of privacy. "Snoopy Mom" gave her children none.

Do her children know she's doing this? Unless she spent a lot of time placing things exactly where they were before, I'm sure they've figured it out!

—TRUSTED TEEN IN TACOMA

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Try a hair dryer to ease migraine headaches

A Kiwi hen is about the size of a chicken, but her eggs are huge. Not as big as an ostrich egg, but almost. No easy chore for a kiwi to lay an egg. Did I mention the kiwi is the only bird with its nostrils at the end of its beak.

Some women who suffer migraine headaches tell their doctors they find quick relief under hair dryers. The warmth, humming, whatever, those headaches go, they say.

"Sometimes," said Ralph Waldo Emerson, "a scream is better than a cry."

Those who've never seen Egypt's pyramids do close find their actual size a little hard to grasp. Consider this: They contain enough stone and mortar, it's claimed, to build a wall 10 feet high and 5 feet wide from New York City to Los Angeles.

In colonial India, the British wore white uniforms, not infrequently darkened with



WHAT'S WHAT
L.M. Boyd

Localists referred to the color of the stains with their word for dust: "shaki."

Few would guess that more makes of vehicles have been manufactured in Milwaukee—80—than brands of beer ever brewed there.

Liquor, say the medical researchers, stimulates the right side of the brain—imagination, visualization, creativity—while it numbs the left side—memory, detail, responsibility. Oversimplified, that one.

Those of us not in jail at the moment wouldn't call this country a "police state."

It's a fact, though, the United States has more police per capita than any other nation.

What popularized the card game of poker so far so quickly was the Mississippi riverboat gambling of the 1800s.

Harvard medics have reported people are three times more likely to suffer heart attacks at 9 a.m. than at 11 p.m.

First European grape vines planted in the New World were brought here by none other than Thomas Jefferson. It was he, according to the historical footnotes, who started the American wine industry. At Monticello in 1773.

Q. Is it not Jennings' Corollary that stipulates "An object will fall so as to do the most damage?"

A. No, that's The Law of Selective Gravity. Jennings' Corollary goes: "The chance of bread falling jelly side down is directly proportional to the cost of the cakepate."

Gemini benefits from secret revealed

IF AUGUST 5 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: You are a natural quilter as it comes to showmanship. You are creative, dynamic, controversial. Gemini, Virgo, Sagittarius persons play important roles in your life, could have emotional and financial.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): It turns out that you are a natural entertainer. Write scenarios and read them out loud. Attention revolves around home; your stories spotlight romance, beauty, music.

TARUS (April 20-May 20): Go slow, develop material, take time in relating scenarios—Your lead character provides hilarious moments during learning process. A new life opens—you'll be happy doing what you love.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Secret arrangement comes to light—to your advantage. The arrangement has lasting power, and you will benefit as result.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Highlight universal appeal. Overcome distance, language obstacles. You are entering waters, it is said, where angels fear to tread. Aries, Libra persons play important roles, have these letters in names: T and R.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Despite early beginnings you succeed in very first appearance. Stress originality, fresh material, imprint style, don't follow others, let them follow you if they so desire.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Family members lend support. It

HOROSCOPE Sydney Omar

will please you to announce, "I am putting on a show tonight, please be part of the audience." Some appearances will require travel—it will be worth it.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Fun, frolic, comedy, willingness to laugh at your own foibles. You'll be dubbed a triple threat. You surprise and entertain by enjoying every moment in spotlight.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): You will overcome maze of red tape—you cannot wait to get on stage. When you do, you will knock 'em dead. Taurus, Leo and another Scorpio figure prominently, have these letters in names: D, M, V.

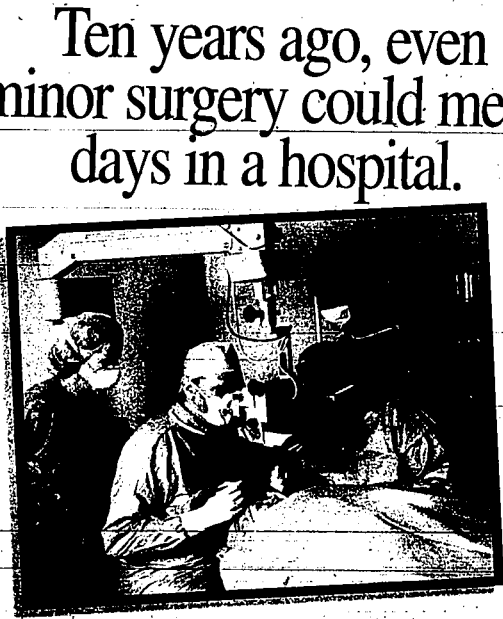
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Attention revolves around general health rules, ability to find outlet for creative process. Flirtation is serious, could get too hot. Gemini, Virgo play roles.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Focus on home, family relationships, your role as peacemaker. Music plays, dance to your own tune. Your taciturn expression will be transformed into joy. Libra figures in scenario.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Check Leo message for added wisdom. Be nice, water your possible. Many will claim you are psychic. Rely on facts, not superficial impressions.

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Springer 'rumor' scares locals

CINCINNATI (AP)—There's a job going around about how Ohio Democrats could find a rich and famous candidate for U.S. Senate: Jerry Springer might throw his chair into the ring.

Not everybody's laughing. Jerry Springer, 55, has said he'll consider running as a Democratic challenger to Sen. Mike DeWine, who is up for re-election next year.

"The first thing I thought when I heard his name proposed was, 'Are these guys nuts? Are they really insufferable?'" says Schfirin, who publishes an independent political newsletter called The Whiteblower, said Wednesday.

Springer is a former two-term mayor of Cincinnati who ran for governor in 1982, then embarked on a TV career, working as an anchor and commentator before discovering that bawling, chair-throwing freaks and geeks could make him the nation's No. 2-rated daytime talk show host.

DeWine is a former prosecutor whose low-key earnestness led colleagues to choose him to precede over Monica Lewinsky's

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Idaho teacher learns hard lesson: History dig violates law

GLENN CANYON NATIONAL RECREATION AREA, Calif. (AP) — On a 35-acre waste overhang in Lake Powell's Fremont Canyon, a 30-year-old trail that climbs to the structure an Crumbling Kiva Ruin.

Traces of photographs gaze down on the way — a reminder of the ancient people who may have used this place for worship. Now imagine 30 kids with shovels and earthshakes, "insects National Park Service investigator Jim Houseman.

On April 1, 1994, an Idaho middle-school teacher took his Kellogg Archaeology Society club to the site to pique an interest in history. Unfortunately, he didn't check the rules first.

Teacher Donald Dose agreed to a pretrial diagnosis on Salt Lake City's U.S. District Court in May after violating the Archaeological Resources Preservation Act. Investigators said his class dug without a permit and excavated, damaged and altered an ancient dwelling — a misdemeanor offense.

"I dream up this Salt trip as an outreach of a lesson," Dose



Christine Goetze, National Park Service archaeologist, examines a kiva and 900-year-old twig roof along Lake Powell, where an Idaho history teacher and his class dug for items on April 1, 1994.

said, explaining the club included children who might not ordinarily get to spend time in natural recreation areas. "My background is in ancient history,

not archaeology. Our mistake was in not doing the research." Archaeologists say the situation is not unusual. In 1997, 98 people were convicted for dis-

turbing or looting sites throughout the nation. But, they say, this case could act as a teaching tool for others. "The teacher didn't know it

was ancient, but he didn't ask, either," Houseman said. Dose said he knew digging up pots or bones was illegal, but he had no idea that moving or touching rocks or old cornucobs, or just being present at an un-

stabilized site, is illegal. Park rangers usually put up signs — which often end up getting stolen — to warn visitors that sites are not accessible to the public, said Houseman.

But when visitors enter Glenn Canyon, they receive a pamphlet detailing where they are not allowed to go. Public areas usually have park rangers nearby, signs explaining the site and mortar and wood reinforcement to protect the structures.

Park Service archaeologist Christine Goetze researched the Crumbling Kiva Ruin to determine the damage done during the field trip. A videotape Dose made of the trip helped.

The tape shows the group entering several buildings, digging holes and taking pieces of prehistoric cornucobs, Goetze said. The National Historic Preservation Act was passed in

1979 to control looting. People now must have a permit for archaeological work.

When Houseman received an anonymous tip that Dose and his group had been digging in the area, he immediately investigated. First, he read a newspaper story written in an Idaho paper about the trip, then he talked to Dose, who was cooperative. Officials prosecute as many violations as possible so the public will understand such activities are illegal.

Federal workers also train teachers so they and their students won't end up in similar situations.

Jeanne Moe, archaeologist for the Bureau of Land Management, coordinates a program called "Intrigue of the Past: Investigating Archaeology," at the Utah Museum of Natural History.

"I really want to share this with everyone," she says, after leading a group of 11 teachers on a tour of artifacts housed at the museum on the University of Utah campus. "History is so important to us as a people."

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Time stands still when visitors enter...



The Lost World

at Shoshone Lake

Like a woman in mourning, a paddler veiled in mosquito netting contemplates the channel that connects Lewis Lake with Shoshone Lake in Yellowstone National Park.

A backcountry canoe trip in Yellowstone National Park can put life's cares on hold.

Out there — far from traffic jams, ringing phones and the headaches of civilization — sojourners can lose themselves in nature's big picture. There are vast lakes to

navigate, mysterious geyser basins to explore and deep solitude to savor.

There's time to contemplate clouds, sunsets and wildlife. After a few days, some visitors feel they've been there a year.

A friend and I were there last weekend, rising early to paddle still waters, then roaming the wilds of the world's first national park. The mosquitoes were bad, but nothing could diminish the sense of renewal that stems from a few days in the backcountry.

We were on Shoshone Lake, a clear-water gem that's the largest backcountry lake in the Lower 48. The only way to get there is by foot or by boat. We chose to go by boat.

The approach was a long one: 325 miles of driving from Twin Falls, followed by a few miles of paddling across Lewis Lake, then another few

miles up a stream leading to Shoshone Lake.

The first bit of paddling, across Lewis Lake, had us worried. The water is bitterly cold and winds can swiftly lash the lake into a white fury. A simple mistake can lead to a swamped boat, and a swamped boat generally means death.

We launched at dawn to beat the

which lies at a higher elevation. Along the way, we passed a few fishermen hunched in their boats, casting silently through the morning mist.

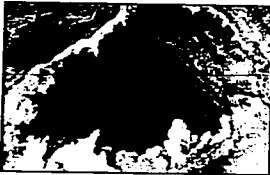
The scene was the very image of peace.

The north shore, swathed in a green lodgepole forest, finally loomed into focus about an hour after we had left the dock. We picked out the mouth of the channel and made directly for it.

As we entered the inlet, we passed a sign barring all motorized vessels. People with outboard motors often chain them to trees near the sign before continuing to Shoshone Lake under their own power.

We enjoyed a few minutes of quiet paddling, gliding past lily pads with waxy yellow flowers, before flotilla of Boy Scouts shattered the calm. They were heading down from Shoshone Lake, shouting, splashing and leaping from a tall rock that overhangs the water. Their noise echoed through the woods and all hope of spotting wildlife vanished in the boisterous din. We passed several other scout troops on their way out and, after stopping for breakfast, we were caught from behind by another troop on its way in.

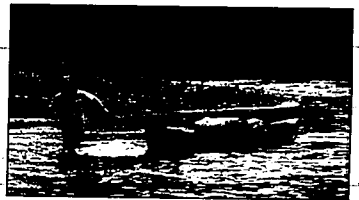
The first half of the stream was wide and slow, but it gradually steepened to



wind. Mist rose from the water as we pulled away from the dock. The lake, smooth as a polished floor, was pierced here and there by leaping fish. We synchronized our strokes and settled into a smooth paddling rhythm.

We headed north, heading the west shore, aiming for the stream that connects Lewis Lake with Shoshone Lake,

Story and photos by William Brock



In the channel's upper reaches, swift water requires paddlers to abandon ship and activate the towing unit.

the point where forward paddling was impossible. It was time to get out and wade, dragging the canoe behind us like a re-enactment of the Lewis and Clark expedition.

The water was cold, but towing the boat wasn't difficult. After about an

hour, we began to sense a huge void in the forest ahead of us. Shoshone Lake was at hand.

Compelling beyond words, Shoshone Lake is a jewel in a rustic setting. It is shaped like an hourglass. Please see SHOSHONE, Page 12



The Velvet Springs geyser erupts under the watchful eye of Mike Keller. A geothermal observer employed by Yellowstone Park, Keller often hikes to the Shoshone Lake geyser basin from Old Faithful.

All hope abandon, ye who enter here...

N a visit to Shoshone Lake is complete without a trip to the geyser basin at the extreme west end of the lake.

There, amid shifting walls of steam, the landscape takes on a lunar cast. Acres of ground are devoid of vegetation and the smell of sulfur hangs thickly in the air. Underfoot, geysers bubble and gurgle in deep, hollow basins. Some are content to boil gently, while others violently spew their water.

There's a powerful sense of connection with the molten center of the earth. In some places, it feels like the entrance to hell is right around the corner.

Nature paired with a full palette of the

Shoshone Lake geyser basin. Water in some of the geysers is puerile blue, while others are streaked with orange, pink and yellow. Plus-colored steams snake downhill to mingle with a classic cold-water stream.

Most of the geysers are within a stone's throw of one another, but several of the largest are found a few hundred yards to the southwest. There, hidden by a small knoll, acidifying hot pools simmer day and night.

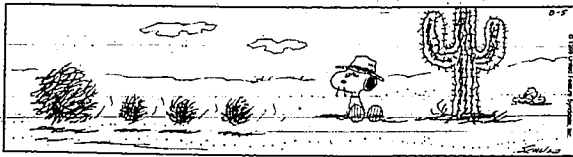
One of the largest pools contains the skeleton of a buffalo that evidently strayed too close. It's a sobering reminder for two-footed visitors not to do likewise.



Shimmer in a straight line, a thin line expresses the geyser basin at the west end of Shoshone Lake.

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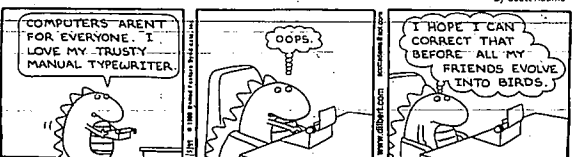
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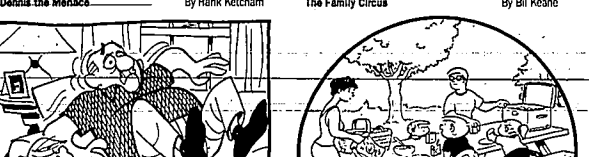
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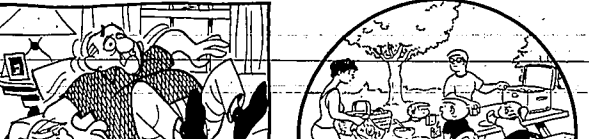
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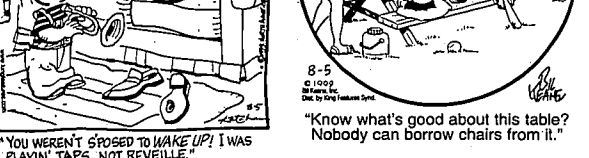
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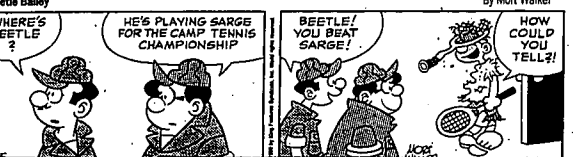
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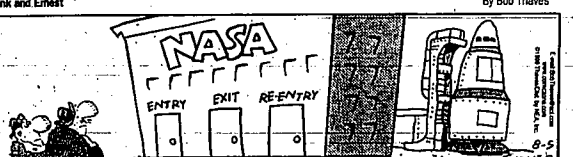
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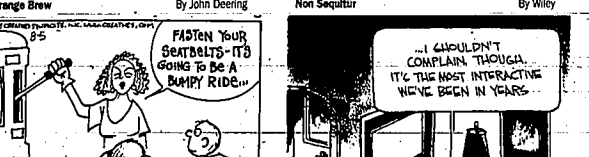
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OUTDOORS

ROCKY MOUNTAIN SKY



A brilliant rainbow appears shortly before sunset recently over horses at Owl Creek Ranch in Snowmass Village, Colo. The area was drenched by a late afternoon thunderstorm.

Angler hauls in trophy fish

World champion hooks 55-lb. bass on a 7-inch jig

NEW ORLEANS - Saluda, S.C.'s home-town hero Davy Hite worked his mojo to perfection in the Louisiana Delta Saturday to run away with the world championship of bass fishing by almost 10 pounds.

A mojo is a talisman or lucky charm, and Hite's talisman was a 7-inch Junebug-colored Gambler Bacon Rind jig that he used to jerk more than 55 pounds of bass from the steamy delta waters in the final day of the 1999 BASS Masters Classic.

He was fishing murky backwaters of the delta where woodoo was practiced more than a century ago with mojos and other talismans among the Spanish-moss-draped trees.

His best five weighed 19 pounds, 14 ounces, giving him a three-day total of 55 pounds, 10 ounces nearly 10 pounds ahead of his closest competitor, defending Classic Champion Denny Brauer of Camdenton, Mo. who had 45 pounds, 11 ounces.

His total weight was the largest winning Classic catch since B.A.S.S. reduced the daily limit from seven to five fish in 1994.

Hite became only the second S.C. bass pro to claim professional fishing's top championship. His hero, two-time Classic Champion Hank Parker won his first Classic title in 1979 when he lived in Clover.

It was fitting that Hite won the 1999 Classic. Parker, of Denver, N.C., co-hosts the Classic weigh-in at the Louisiana Superdome, won

his second title on the James River at Richmond, Va., in 1989, and Hite's middle son, Parker, 8, is named after the retired pro.

When he came to the delta to practice in late June, Hite found the spot that he planned to fish in exclusively this week. He was so confident, in fact, that he only spent three days of the six practice days allowed in the area.

"It had so many fish I knew I could win the Classic there," he said. Those hopes were—almost—dashed Tuesday when he checked the area out in the one practice day, the 45 anglers in the Classic are given to practice.

"When we idled into the area, there were dead bass floating all around, 20 to 30 3- to 5-pound fish. I was devastated," he said.

But he determined to stick with his game plan and hoped there would be enough fish left in the canal and his connecting sloughs off Bayou Beauf, some 80 miles west of the Bayou Segnette State Park launch ramp.

After an hour-and-ten-minute run at speeds over 75 MPH Thursday morning, he eased into the main canal and began casting a topwater lure across floating grass. After 10 or 12 casts, he put the rodwater down and picked up a rod and reel with a funny-looking yellow crankbait with black stripes.

The first cast up against a log produced a 2-pound bass a nice tournament fish. Several casts later, another keeper bass jumped on the crankbait that Hite described Saturday as being

more than 30-years-old and no longer in production.

That proved there were still bass in the area, and it helped all week that even local bass anglers did not know about it.

While he was building his leading stringer Friday, a local angler motorboated by and offered some advice: "Ain't no bass in here."

Hite, of course, ignored the help. He was too busy setting the hook in another chunky largemouth.

From the first bass on Thursday, Hite worked his plan to perfection. The first day he tried five lures. By Friday he had settled on the Bacon Rind jig and the B o J a c k crankbait. On Saturday, he stuck with the jig, knowing it would probably produce bigger fish more consistently.

He described his winning lure combination as a Texas-rigged jig with a Florida-type screw-in 3/8-ounce lead bullet-weight sinker. He inserted a rattle pack in the soft plastic body to give it a sound in the water similar to that made by a crawfish when it moves.

Hite also clipped off the top two plastic feelers of the new plastic lure that was designed by bass pro Basil Bacon of Springfield, Mo.

"The key was working the lure really fast. With that much weight, you had to swim it fast to keep it off the bottom," he said. Most of the anglers flipping jigs worked them slowly in the tepid water of the delta, figuring the bass would not move very much to grab something to eat.

He was fishing in 90-degree water from 6 inches to 4 feet deep, but he said the bass were staying in the upper two feet of water because it was richer in oxygen.

Most of the other anglers who were flipping jigs into similar structures tried to keep the lure closer to the bottom, figuring the bass were lurking in the slightly cooler temperatures.

"I think they just reacted to the lure when it came by them in that hot water," he said. He said he fished steadily Saturday, and didn't really worry about whether he could win the tournament or not while he concentrated on catching bass.

Unlike 1996 when he lost to two-time Classic Champion George Cochran on Alabama's Lay lake, Hite was able to stay focused Saturday.

"In 1996 I had it won until the last 45 minutes of the tournament, but I got caught up in playing to the camera boat and lost my focus, and lost the tournament," he said.

"I lost my biggest fish," he told a weigh-in crowd that erupted into a roar of cheers when he lifted his two largest fish from the boat's live well and held them up for all to see.

But that didn't matter with a stringer that averaged nearly 4 pounds each.

With the Classic title, he has attained the three top championships in pro bass fishing in three years. B.A.S.S. Angler of the Year in 1997, FLW Champion in 1998, and now BASS Masters Classic Champion.

He had his mojo working all week. He also admitted to rubbing two buceyes together for luck all week and just to make sure Saturday, he wore his lucky undergarments, the same red boxer shorts he wore in every tournament the year he was Angler of the Year.

"The key was working the lure really fast. With that much weight, you had to swim it fast to keep it off the bottom."

- Davy Hite, winner of the 1999 BASS Masters Classic

Bacterial infection declines among Utah catfish

PROVO, Utah (AP) - A rampant bacterial infection that was killing black bullhead catfish in Utah Lake appears to be weakening.

The dead fish started floating ashore in early July. Chris Wilson, a veterinarian at the Utah's Division of Wildlife Resources' Fisheries Experiment Station in Logan, identified the infection as Motile Aeromonas Septicemia. A second potential disease has not yet been identified.

Increased population may have been the largest factor in the origin and spread of the infection in the Utah County lake, Wilson said.

When fish spawn they grow weaker, which leaves them susceptible to bacteria already in the water. Bacteria counts rise in the summer with the warm weather. Then, because of increased crowding, the fish fight more,

which could cause wounds that are open to infection, he said. Wilson also speculates that the disease may have slowed for several reasons, including a change in the lake's water due to weather and strengthened immune systems in the fish.

"We're not seeing any more dead fish," said Charles Thompson, Utah Central Region aquatics manager for Utah's Division of Wildlife Resources.

It is the first time in his 28 years of Utah Lake management that Thompson has seen the infection, which is limited to black bullheads.

A sport fish, black bullheads usually grow from 10 inches to 12 inches. Utah Lake usually has one of the best catfish populations in the country, although the population thinned out this year, Thompson said. Officials don't know how many fish died. By now, most have

decomposed and sank to the bottom of the 25-mile-long lake. The numbers of dead fish were larger than normal and the ugly, bloody sores on the fish concerned

water skiers and fishermen. "We got a lot of calls from people," Thompson said. "They were wondering what to do. There was concern."

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DOWNTOWN AREAS FIGHT BACK
Indoor shopping malls cede popularity to revived Main Street USA

Knight Ridder News Service

HUNTINGTON BEACH, Calif. — Downtown-Huntington Beach, 15 years ago was a funky collection of old storefronts, long abandoned by 60+ car businesses and their clientele for a new phenomenon of many suburban shopping malls.

"Downtown was left to the hippies and the bikers and the run-aways," said Paul Cook, a longtime resident and former city administrator.

Today, Mediterranean architecture mixes with rehabilitated beach shops. Sidewalk cafes feature Starbucks and bagels and avocado omelets. More building is under way — including a resort hotel, several retail additions and \$500,000 condos.

Families and teenagers, surfers and joggers, tourists and residents all are attracted to the bustling area, gathering in the plazas, strolling on the pier, meeting up with friends.

Many say this congenial street ambience is the future of retail shopping. After 25 years of strip malls and indoor shopping centers — designed to get you into the stores and quickly back out on the street — downtown is the direction now is back to the old downtown and Main Street models.

Developers, planners and shoppers alike talk about wanting "a sense of place" — an atmosphere with personality that encourages social interaction.

"The need has been coming on for some time to make shopping centers for something more than consumption," said Greg Stoffel, an Irvine-based retail development consultant.

land they sit on. If you go to a movie in downtown Huntington Beach, there's little feeling of urgency to march directly to your car when it's off. If you stop by the post office, you might as well sit down outside for a cup of coffee while you're at it.

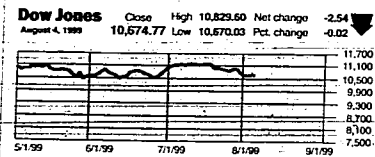
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"People are getting bored with the predictability of strip malls and shopping malls," said Mike Beyond, a planner with the Urban Land Institute. "The goal of many of these retail centers now is to create all of the elements of a traditional downtown."



Blue-chip stocks collapse in final hours, halting rally

NEW YORK (AP) — Blue-chip stocks collapsed in the final half-hour of trading Wednesday, dashing a rally fueled by a \$2.3 billion merger of Dow Chemical and Union Carbide. The broader market, plagued by fears of inflation, declined much more steeply.

The Dow Jones industrial average fell 2.54 points to close at 10,674.77. The Dow, following what is becoming a familiar pattern, gave up nearly all its gains late in the day and wiped out what had been a 152-point gain.

Other market indicators fared worse. The Standard & Poor's 500 fell 16.85 to 1,305.33, and the Nasdaq composite index fell 47.99 to 2,540.00.

Analysts said the market fell prey to continuing worries that the Federal Reserve will raise interest rates in an attempt to stave off inflation.

"The market has gone from an emphasis on corporate earnings, which provided good news, to hunt for signs of inflation," said Philip S. Dow, director of equity strategy at Dain Rauscher Wessels in Minneapolis. "That's hurting stocks."

The possibility of higher interest rates continued to hit high-priced technology companies the hardest. The Nasdaq, which is dominated by technology stocks, ended today's session 11.3 percent below its July 16 record of 2,864.48. Traditionally, Wall Street considers a drop of at least 10 percent a correction, a milestone symbolizing weakness in markets.

Internet bookseller Amazon.com fell 6 7/16 to \$8 7/16, while online auction eBay dropped 8.25 to 75.75.

"Some new valuations for Internet stocks are being tested," Dow said, suggesting that the shares are returning to prices that more accurately reflect their future earnings potential.

For most of the day, the Dow appeared well-equipped to buck the weakness in the broader market, even as most of its gains came from one component, Union Carbide.

Dow Chemical said it will buy Union Carbide, creating the No. 2 chemical company behind DuPont. Union Carbide soared 10 9/16 to 59.375, while Dow Chemical fell 6 1/16 to 118.625.

National debt

The government is exploring buying back a portion of the national debt by the public, something that has not been done since 1972. Here is a look at the debt and the portion of it held by the public — including individuals, banks and insurance companies.



U.S. may buy back debt — first time since 1972

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Clinton administration, seeking ways to manage the government's finances in a new era of budget surpluses, said Wednesday it is exploring buying back a portion of the \$3.6 trillion national debt held by the public, something that has not been done since 1972.

The Treasury Department released for public comment a proposal that would allow it to take competitive offers from bond holders on a voluntary basis to reduce the amount of debt. Officials said that after a 60-day comment period they hope to establish final rules for the program by January.

Speaking to reporters at the White House, President Clinton said the new procedures will set the stage for completely eliminat-

ing debt held by the public by 2015, something that has not happened once before in the nation's history, in 1835 when Andrew Jackson was president.

Clinton likened the proposal to a family refinancing its mortgage to save when interest rates decline and then paying off the mortgage early to eliminate interest payments.

"Let's refinance our nation's mortgage and then wipe the ledger clean," Clinton said. "We have the chance of a lifetime to get the Treasury Secretary Lawrence Summers said at a separate briefing. "It is critically important that we manage the debt held by the public as efficiently as we can in this new environment."

The Treasury has not bought

back securities since 1972, when a few existing bonds and notes held by the public were swapped for new debt issues.

Because of huge budget deficits in the 1980s and early 1990s, the national debt has exploded, climbing from less than \$1 trillion before Ronald Reagan took office to \$3.6 trillion currently.

Of that amount, \$3.6 trillion is in public hands and the rest is held by government trust funds, the largest one being the Social Security trust fund. The government — last year — enjoyed its first budget surplus since 1969. And the administration is projecting that last year's record \$69.2 billion surplus will be followed by an even bigger surplus of \$98.8 billion this year.

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

Table with columns: Name, Div, Last, Chg, Volume, High, Low, Net Chg, YTD % Chg. Lists various stocks like AIG, ALU, AMT, etc.

MARKET SUMMARY

Summary table for NYSE, AMEX, and NASDAQ. Includes Most Active, Gainers, Losers, and Daily volume/advance/decline statistics.

INDEXES

Table showing various market indices like S&P 500, Dow Jones Industrial, etc., with their current values and percentage changes.

STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST

Table listing stocks of local interest with columns for Name, Div, PE, Last, Chg, YTD % Chg.

HOW TO READ THE MARKET REPORT

Text explaining how to read the market report, including symbols for up/down, volume, and other indicators.

NASDAQ NATIONAL MARKET

Large table listing various NASDAQ stocks with columns for Name, Div, Last, Chg, Volume, High, Low, Net Chg, YTD % Chg.

AMERICAN STOCK EXCHANGE

Table listing various American Stock Exchange stocks with columns for Name, Div, Last, Chg, Volume, High, Low, Net Chg, YTD % Chg.

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At least 60% of the qualified and registered electors voting at the special election vote in the amount of the school plant facilities reserve fund levy as set forth in the amount of \$195,459 for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2000...

PUBLISHED: August 5, 12 and 19, 1999

NOTICE OF REQUIREMENT TO FILE AND REGISTER NOTICE OF CLAIM OF PATERNITY

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO AND FOR THE COUNTY OF JEROME

YOU HAVE BEEN NAMED as the biological father of a child born on 08/22/99 at St. Bernard's & Family Center, Jerome, Idaho.

FOR FURTHER REGISTRATION are available at the offices of local registrars of vital statistics in Idaho, including those in Boise, Idaho. A registration fee of \$10.00, payable by check or money order, must be paid at the time of registration.

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THE ABOVE GRANTORS ARE NAMED TO COMPLY WITH SECTION 45-1506(A), IDAHO CODE. NO REPRESENTATION IS MADE THAT THEY ARE, OR ARE NOT, PRESENTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS OBLIGATION.

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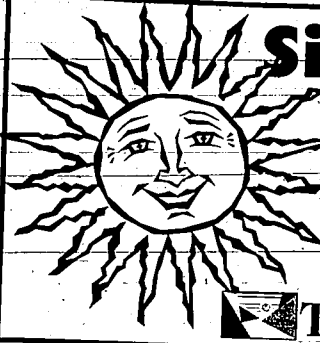
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