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Capt. Keith Lowman points out the route he navigated from New Zealand to the South Pole to the drop medical supplies at the scientific base there. The hardest part of the flight for the Lowman was making the turn to line up with the runway without any visual reference points in the frozen landscape.

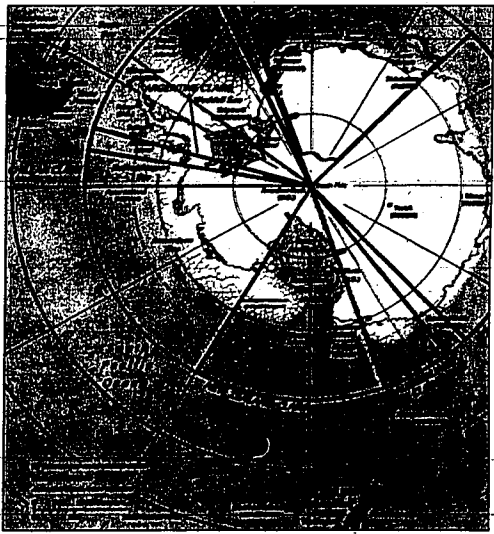


A C-141 Starlifter like this one was used for the mission to the South Pole. The transport plane is a little smaller than a Boeing 747.

C-141 Starlifter

Four jet engines - 20,250 pounds thrust each. Wingspan: 160 feet. Length: 168 feet, 4 inches. Height: 39 feet, 3 inches. Speed: 500 mph at 25,000 feet. Ceiling: 41,000 feet at cruising speed. Maximum Takeoff Weight: 323,100 pounds. Load: 68,725 pounds or about 34 tons. Cost: \$40.9 million. Crew: Two pilots, two flight engineers and one loadmaster, with one navigator added for air drops. In use since May 1964.

Antarctica weather Friday Temperature: Minus 63.1 degrees Fahrenheit. Wind: About 20 mph. Wind chill: Minus 131 degrees Fahrenheit.



DUE SOUTH

Idaho native navigates cold and difficult trip during Antarctica medical supply drop

By N.S. Nakkenved Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - In the midnight dark of the frigid Antarctic winter, with blowing snow all but obscuring the ground and unimaginable cold blowing in open side doors, a U.S. Air Force transport dropped its load of medical supplies right on Target at the South Pole.

Flaming barrels, visible in night-vision goggles, marked the drop zone, right where navigator Capt. Keith Lowman had expected. Despite a disagreement with the plane's own computer navigation system and some discussion with the pilot, his approach lined up with the drop zone on the first try.

Crewmen bundled up against the cold - outside the plane the temperature was minus 87 degrees Fahrenheit - shoved six bundles out the side doors and the plane came in less than 800 feet above the snow at just under 200 mph.

One mistake and the crew risked spending the rest of the Antarctic winter at the South Pole. Lowman, whose parents live in Twin Falls, has been in town the past couple of weeks and agreed to an interview with The Times-News. His father is a vice-president with Lamb-Weston Inc. in Twin Falls. Lowman is stationed at McChord Air Force Base in

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Governors are leery of tax cut

GOP lawmakers warn Congress about raiding state budgets

The Associated Press

ST. LOUIS - Suspicious of their party leaders in Washington, Republican governors applauded Congress' tax cut plan Saturday but warned that they will not let GOP lawmakers raid state budgets to pay for it.

"Republican congressional leaders have considered asking the nation's governors to return up to \$6 billion in welfare money to help balance the books on their 10-year, \$792 billion tax cut proposal."

Several governors accused fellow Republicans in Washington of trying to renege on pledges to ship the money to states. They suggested the development could damage their promised partnership with Washington.

"This must be a calamitous staff error because I can't believe they would do this to us," said Gov. Frank Keating of Oklahoma, attending the four-day National Governors' Association meeting, which opened Saturday.

"They would lose a great deal of credibility and I don't think they want to do that," said Wisconsin Gov. Tommy Thompson, a national leader on welfare reform.

A growing force in Republican politics, GOP governors said they are confident congressional leaders are preparing to back down.

But even the prospect of success has not dampened the state leaders' bitterness. For most governors, the first word of a plan to seek state money came from a congressional meeting, not their leadership in Washington.

Governors do not like being kept out of the loop, especially after the leadership promised in 1998 to give them a greater role in framing policy and political strategy.

"With any partnership, you've got to make sure your partner is reliable," Gov. John Engler of Michigan said.

Arkansas Gov. Mike Huckabee said congressional leaders owed governors more information - a "heads up" - about their plans for the welfare money. "It better be heads up or heads off," he said after a briefing conducted by the GOP state executives.

The governors' stock rose after huge victories in the 1998 election underscored the popularity of their mainstream, cent-to-right politics while confrontational congressional Republicans suffered a series of election night defeats.

Seeking the return of money would be an irony for a political party whose oft-stated philosophy is to dispense dollars and power to the states. It also might force Republican governors to forsake tax cuts at home for spending needs in Washington.

The proposal posed a dilemma for Texas Gov. George W. Bush, the elected leader of the nation's second-largest state and the front-runner for the GOP presidential nomination.

Spokeswoman Mandy Tucker said Bush "supports keeping the funds in the states and hopes Congress will listen to the nation's governors on this issue."

ACLU wants program debate

The Associated Press

BOISE - The American Civil Liberties Union has issued a challenge to the Idaho Christian Coalition to publicly debate the merits of Idaho Public Television's scheduled September broadcast of a documentary on addressing gay and lesbian issues for students.

Jack Van Valkenburg, ACLU executive director for Idaho, said Saturday he spoke the day. Please see DEBATE, Page A2

Valley sees decade-long growth spurt

Almost every city puts up bigger numbers in the '90s

By Brian Haynes Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - When census takers hit the Magic Valley's streets next year in their quest to count the United States population, they'll have to knock on a lot more doors.

More people live in the Magic Valley now than in 1990, according to U.S. Census Bureau estimates, and that growth hasn't been limited to Twin Falls.

Nearly every Magic Valley city grew between April 1, 1990 and July 1, 1998. The lone exception was Rupert, which dropped slightly.

Twin Falls topped the growth chart by adding 5,662 people. Hailey came in second with 3,979 more people, a 55 percent jump that was by far the largest in the region. Jerome followed with a

924-person rise. Besides Twin Falls and the Wood River Valley, the west side of the Magic Valley experienced noticeable growth.

With population growth comes the challenge to provide adequate city services, and policing is a big part of that, Halley Police Chief Jack Stoneback said.

Since he became chief in 1990, his city's population has grown from 3,500 to 5,500 people, and his department has added two officers, he said. Hailey isn't a crime-ridden

town, but it has more than its share of traffic problems that officers need to deal with, he said.

Twin Falls shares some of Hailey's growing pains as it adds residents and commercial growth.

The city has grown about 2 percent a year this decade, a rate city government can't accommodate, City Manager Tom Courtney said. But the estimated 33,296 people living in Twin Falls aren't the

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VOICE OF OPPOSITION

Clinton's Prosperity hasn't touched everyone



Counter demonstrators rally against a planned Neo-Nazi search Saturday in Washington, D.C. Neo-Nazi organizers canceled the search when only four supporters showed up.

Lack of Iraqi oversight prompts worry by some

WASHINGTON (AP) — In the absence of U.N. inspectors, Iraq has reconstructed some U.S.-bombed buildings associated with its weapons of mass destruction program but there is no evidence weapons production has resumed, the Clinton administration says.

While the Pentagon says the intelligence picture of Iraq is fuzzy, many foreign policy analysts believe Iraqi President Saddam Hussein has used the inspections' respite since December to push a covert weapons program.

Studies. Late last month, he wrote a report on Iraq's weapons of mass destruction.

"Iraq retains the technology it acquired before the war and evidence clearly indicates an ongoing research and development effort" on missiles, Cordesman wrote, adding that photographs by U.S. spy satellites show Iraq has rebuilt its al-Khadiji facility for conducting research on ballistic missiles.

Defense Secretary William Cohen's spokesman, Kenneth Bacon, confirmed that Iraq has rebuilt some buildings associated with its weapons program. The buildings were destroyed by U.S. bombs in December — attacks triggered by Iraq's refusal to cooperate with U.N. inspectors.

"The guy is a warrior," Bacon said, referring to Saddam. "He's always going to rebuild his war-making capability."

"We don't have evidence that he has started work again on his programs," Bacon said. "But it's very hard to monitor without inspectors' there on the ground. The administration is expected to make a renewed push for a return of U.N. inspectors this fall in the Security Council."

Besides satellite surveillance, the United States also uses electronic eavesdropping and other means to monitor Iraqi military developments. Still, the absence of U.N. inspectors is a major limitation.

President vows to press cause of those less fortunate

LITTLE ROCK — In a nostalgic visit home, President Clinton focused his attention Saturday on people who have not shared in America's booming economy, vowing he would use his final months in office to spread the wealth.

"I want you to know that in my year-and-a-half I have left on my term I am going to do everything I can to bring more economic opportunity not only to the Delta, but to every place in America that is not a part of what our country as a whole is enjoying today," he said this morning in a visit to rural Helena.

Before heading to a private



President Clinton greets well-wishers Saturday at the airport in Helena, Ark. meeting with local business leaders. Clinton told an airport rally that he knows parts of his home state are suffering.

country had produced 19 million jobs, and then some, since I became president," he said. "But the unemployment rate in the deep Delta is still twice the national average."

At a time in which he is frequently criticizing the GOP for pushing massive tax cuts, Clinton nevertheless offered a hint of bipartisan optimism with respect to the poor. "There's a great feeling in the Congress, and I think in both parties, that we ought to do something for the areas that have still not felt the economic recovery of the country," he said.

Last month, Clinton spent a week traveling to some of the nation's hardest hit communities as part of his "new markets" tour. On Thursday he sent legislation to Congress that includes a \$1 million package of tax incentives to leverage \$5 million in new capital and \$300 million in lending authority.

Court upholds 'print and delete' policy for agencies

WASHINGTON (AP) — Federal agencies may purge records from computers once copies of the original documents are made, an appellate court has ruled.

The decision Friday was the first major setback for the advocacy group Public Citizen in a records-protection battle that began a decade ago with an effort to keep the White House from destroying records of the Iran-Contra scandal.

A three-judge panel of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit overturned a lower court's ban on destruction of records.

Public Citizen sued John Carlin, archivist of the United States, and executive branch agencies in 1986 over Carlin's ruling the year before authorizing federal agencies to "print and delete" records from government computers electronic mail or word processing records.

Carlin's position makes such orders applicable to all federal agencies. His order allows paper, microfilm or electronic records copying.

Public Citizen, with the American Library Association,

the American Historical Association, the Organization of American Historians and other research groups, sued on grounds Carlin's order violated the U.S. Records Disposal Act and was "arbitrary and capricious."

The court, in a decision written by Judge Douglas Ginsburg, ruled that the order did not violate the act, which gave Carlin wide discretion to set standards and methods for destroying documents.

Judges Laurence Silberman and Stephen Williams joined in the opinion.

Essentially, the court said, the plaintiffs did not question Carlin's right to order destruction of reproduced original computer records but argued that Carlin erred in not requiring electronic storage. Such retrieval systems are much easier for researchers and others to use than other forms of storage.

"Our focus, therefore, is upon whether the archivist acted arbitrarily and capriciously in determining that a paper copy of a paper record-keeping system is an adequate substitute for the electronic original," the judges wrote.

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A quarter-century ago, Nixon left with a touch of defiance

Disgraced leader's departure still stirs up mixed feelings

By Jules Witcover
The Baltimore Sun

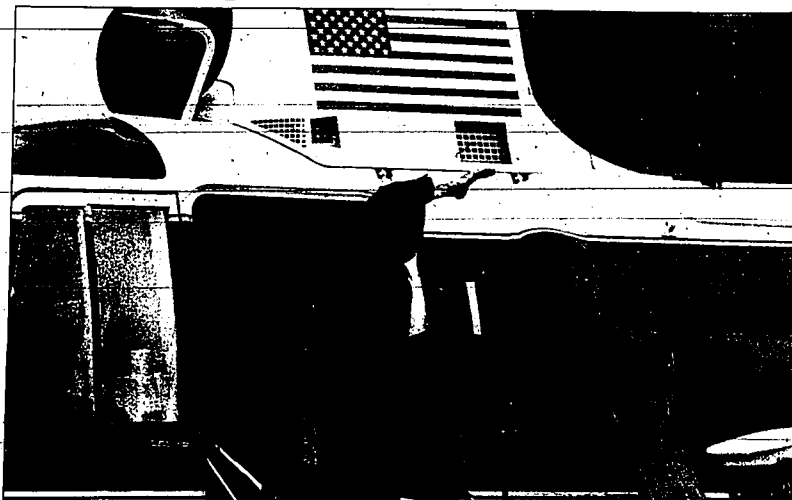
WASHINGTON — Twenty-five years ago on Aug. 8, a small army of reporters was camped on the front lawn of the home of Vice President Gerald R. Ford Jr. in Alexandria, Va., where he was secluded with his wife Betty, glued to a television set. On the lawn, the reporters stood around another television set, watching Ford's personal history, and the history of the nation, being made.

Onto the screen came the weary image of Richard Milhous Nixon, the 37th president of the United States, seated at his desk in the Oval Office. In somber tones, he told the American people that the next morning, for the first time in the history of the republic, a president was going to resign his office.

He cast his decision, as was characteristic of him, in the noblest of terms. "All the decisions I have made in my public life," said the man who was being driven out in the face of five articles of impeachment against him, "I have always tried to do what was best for the nation."

He made only a glancing reference to the scandal that had brought him down — the break-in at the headquarters of the Democratic National Committee by burglars in the hire of his predecessor, President Richard M. Nixon, in the summer of 1972, and the subsequent cover-up of blame within his White House. "Throughout the most difficult and difficult period of Watergate," he said, "I have felt it was my duty to persevere; to make every possible effort to complete the term of office to which you elected me."

Nixon went on: "In the past few days, however, it has become evident to me that I no longer have a strong enough base in the Congress to justify continuing that effort. As long as there was such a base, I felt strongly that it was necessary to continue the constitutional process through to its conclusion; that to do otherwise would be unfaithful to the spirit of the deliberately difficult process, and a dangerous and debilitating precedent for the future."



On the day of his resignation — Aug. 9, 1974 — Richard M. Nixon waves goodbye just before his departure from the White House.

But with the disappearance of that base, I now believe that the constitutional purpose has been served. And there is no longer a need for the process to be prolonged."

Nixon had, indeed, lost his base in Congress. On the previous day, Senate Republican leader Hugh Scott of Pennsylvania, Sen. Barry Goldwater of Arizona and House Republican leader John Rhodes had gone to the president and informed him that he could count on no more than 15 senators of the 34 required to avert conviction on the impeachment charges against him.

"I would have preferred to carry through to the finish without the personal agony it would have involved," Nixon continued, "and my family unanimously urged me to do so. But the interests of the nation must always come before any personal considerations." He said again that the congressional leaders had told

him "that because of the Watergate matter, I might not have the support of the Congress that I would consider necessary to back the very difficult decisions" he would face.

Nixon pressed on: "I have never been a quitter. To leave office before my term is completed is opposed to every instinct in my body. But as president I must put the interests of America first."

"The country needed a full-time president and Congress," he said, and "to continue to fight through the months ahead for my personal vindication would almost totally absorb the time and the attention of both the president and the Congress."

"Notably, the president continued to talk in terms of vindication, as if it were only a matter of time for him to achieve it. Even so, no confession of guilt or even of error, and no expression of apology. He allowed himself only an admission

of "a great sadness that I will not be here in this office working on your behalf" and deep regret for "any injuries that may have been done in the course of the events that led to this decision."

Late the next morning, Nixon executed the letter that officially ended his presidency of 2,027 days. It was addressed to Secretary of State Henry Kissinger and said, simply, "I hereby resign the Office of President of the United States."

It was a bizarre farewell, at times touching, at times maudlin, at times defiant. It drew tears from loyalists, astonishment from all and, from some of the assembled reporters in the rear, snickers. He tried to remain in control but did not always succeed. He offered some weak jokes, as if to keep up the spirits of his supporters and of his family, who stood stoically behind him.

Afterward, accompanied by the

Fords, Nixon with his family behind him strode out along a red carpet to the White House helicopter waiting to whisk him to nearby Andrews Air Force Base for the jet that would take him to his home in California. When his family was seated inside, he turned at the doorway to the helicopter, thrust both hands over his head, waved with a trace of defiance gave a final victory salute, then disappeared within.

The helicopter reeved up and swiftly lifted off and away, over the South Lawn, past the Washington Monument and on into his personal oblivion.

In the days, weeks, months and years that followed until death took him on April 22, 1994, the "long nightmare" that Ford declared over for the country continued for Nixon. Though Ford pardoned him after taking office, Nixon endured emotional, humiliation and physical and psychological pain for years afterward. Yet in time he regained at least some of his old spirit and his determination to rehabilitate himself and his reputation.

He turned to writing books about foreign policy and ventured out to an occasional party function, but he never was invited to another Republican National Convention. His resignation in disgrace made him too risky a political burden. But he was called upon by succeeding presidents for his advice and became regarded by many as a senior world statesman.

In 1981, when Egyptian President Anwar Sadat was assassinated, President Reagan asked the three living former presidents, Nixon, Ford and Jimmy Carter, to represent the United States at the funeral. It was, in a way, a final tribute to the resigned president.

But, even in this, the recollection of the Richard Nixon who had been forced from office for dark deeds in the Oval Office was remembered. At the next Gridiron dinner, Sen. Bob Dole of Kansas, known for his cutting wit, told the audience that the three former presidents together reminded him of three monkeys: "See no evil, hear no evil — and evil."

Many still listen to the Nixon tapes

Knight Ridder News Service

WASHINGTON — About two or three times a day, someone takes a seat at the National Archives at College Park, Md., craps on a clunky headset, hits a button on a cassette player and eavesdrops on history.

The people who do this are hearing private White House conversations between President Richard M. Nixon and his aides in the recording crisis, which culminated in his resignation 25 years ago Monday.

Most people know the story of Watergate, but relatively few of the historians, researchers, tourists, Nixon junkies — have taken the time to listen to it unfold in conversations the president recorded.

That changes Jan. 1, when for the first time 264 hours of White House tapes will be available for public education and sale. Currently tapes cannot be reproduced, much less distributed.

Historians and archivists are not quite sure what to expect. "Will the tapes be packaged into a sort of Watergate greatest hits of key conversations, such as the so-called 'smoking gun' tape of Nixon discussing the Watergate break-in or the one in which John Dean warned Nixon

of a "cancer on the presidency"?"

Or will they merely be a flurry of the media playing the same tapes, followed by general disinterest among all but Nixon buffs and historians?

"It's a good question," said Karl H. Weissenbach, director of the Nixon Presidential Materials staff at the National Archives. "Whether they will be used for late night comedy or whatnot, I don't know."

The archives plans to hire a private vendor to duplicate tapes for sale to the public, the media, libraries and other interested parties, Weissenbach said. He did not yet know how the tapes would be grouped or priced.

The tapes will be issued as part of a 1996 settlement between the Nixon estate, which has fought their release at various stages for years, and a group that wanted the process sped up.

"It should have been out long ago, of course," said Stanley Kutler, who wrote "Abuse of Power: The Nixon Tapes" and battled the Nixon estate over the tapes. "As long as Richard Nixon was alive, we were not going to have these. He did not want to confront the embarrassment of more in his life." Nixon supporters said the problem with 264 hours of tapes about

Watergate and abuse of power was that they merely be a fraction of the nearly 4,000 hours of White House conversations Nixon recorded in five years.

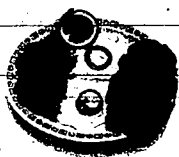
"These tapes, forced onto the public record before other tapes because of the Watergate investigation, distort Nixon's larger record as president, said John H. Taylor, executive director of the Nixon Foundation and the Nixon Presidential Library and Birthplace.

"There were extraordinary achievements in foreign and domestic policy, but because of the way the tapes were released, there has been a preponderance of focus on Watergate," Taylor said.

Under the 1996 agreement, 2,338 hours of Nixon tapes on issues mostly unrelated to Watergate will be released in the next several years. Only then can the full effect of the tapes be known, Taylor said.

"The extent to which they may destroy him, they may also rescue him," Taylor said.

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Arkansas fund-raiser reunites Clinton, Gore

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (AP) — Vice President Al Gore may be concerned about being perceived as too close to a president who was impeached, but that is not stopping him from using Bill Clinton's fund-raising prowess to boost his White House hopes.

The president extolled Gore's

accomplishments Saturday during an outreach meeting with regional leaders here, calling Gore "by far the most influential and effective and productive vice president" in history and directly urging them to support him.

"An election is a job interview. He wants you to hire him,"

Clinton said.

"I do," Gore interjected amid peals of laughter.

"And all of these other people that are running are perfectly nice people, but all of them are saying, 'Hire us too, we want to be president, and sooner or later we'll get around to telling you

why,'" Clinton continued.

"You already know more about him than anybody else running."

Later, the president addressed a fund-raiser for the Gore 2000 presidential campaign committee, the first of a series of such events featuring Clinton.

Train jumps tracks; tanker leaks

GORDON, Texas (AP) — Five chemical cars of a Union Pacific freight train derailed Saturday afternoon and one was leaking a flammable liquid, while nearby cars contained volatile liquefied petroleum gas, a railroad spokesman said.

No injuries were reported, UP spokesman Mark Davis said in Omaha.

The 102-car freight train, headed from El Paso to Fort

Worth when it jumped the track about 3:55 p.m. alongside Interstate 20 in west central Texas, 60 miles west of Fort Worth.

Seventeen cars derailed, though all but five cars were empty. The loads that derailed included salt, liquefied petroleum gas, petroleum distillates and plastic pellets.

The derailment started a small grass fire, but that was quickly extinguished, Davis said.

South Pole

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Tacoma, Wash., and is navigating in a C-141 Starliner transport plane, a little smaller than a Boeing 747.

Last month, Lowman and his crew dropped emergency medical supplies to the Amundsen-Scott Station at the South Pole for a U.S. researcher who had discovered a lump in his breast. The 47-year-old woman, whose name has not been released, is one of a 41-member research team at the station.

The woman underwent a biopsy and a series of tests, and the results were sent to doctors in the United States. But no matter what the diagnosis, she must leave the station until October. Until then, the darkness and extreme cold of the nine-month winter make it impossible to land a plane on the ice and snow at the South Pole.

It's dark from March until October at the Antarctic.

Lowman's crew members hoped the supplies would help her until then.

Lowman grew up in southern Idaho and earned his degree and graduated from Oregon State University, where he participated in the Air Force ROTC program. He entered navigator training in 1988 at March Air Force Base near Sacramento, Calif., since closed by the congressional base closure and realignment process.

He had joined the Air Force, hoping to become a pilot, but his eyes were not quite good enough. He started training as an electronics warfare officer, but then changed to navigator. He was a little disappointed, but he enjoys flying.

Heading due south

Polar 99 — the plane's call sign — took off from Christchurch, New Zealand, at 10 a.m. local time Sunday, July 11, and headed straight south. Lowman's route took the C-141 over the McMurdo Station on the coast of Antarctica.

Polar 99 left New Zealand with 150,000 pounds of fuel — 25,000 gallons. In the cold air above McMurdo, the plane took on another 76,000 pounds of fuel — almost 13,000 gallons — from an air tanker that had followed them from Christchurch, Lowman said.

Part of Lowman's job was to calculate the amount of fuel they would need. Polar 99 landed with 35,000 pounds — less than 6,000 gallons. The plane burns an average of 13,000 pounds per hour — a little over 2,000 gallons. That means the crew had about three hours of fuel left.

Most of the planning for the mission — a 14 1/2 hour round trip — was for contingencies. He had to consider how far the plane could fly with its landing flaps partly down. The closest place they could land if things went wrong was in Argentina.

If forced to land on the emergency field at McMurdo or at the South Pole, the crew would still be down there, unable to take off until the sun returns in October.

The flaps were used to fly slow enough to safely drop the supply bundles, but in minus 85 degrees, the flaps might not come back up. If the plane were forced to fly with the flaps lowered, increasing the drag, it would not make it back to New Zealand. But it could reach Argentina, Lowman

Antarctica at a glance

Far end of the drop zone — 400-foot wide, 3,000 feet long.

Bundled up in winter gear, crew members in the back of the plane pushed two bundles out the open side doors — one out each side. The plane banked and came around for another run. Outside the doors it was minus 87 degrees Fahrenheit.

In the cockpit, Lowman was too warm in his winter jacket.

On the second pass, the crew pushed two bundles out each side. The six bundles carried flashing lights so people on the ground could locate them before the contents froze.

The bundles contained emergency medical supplies, food and mail. The crew also put in a 62nd Airift Wing medalion and a picture of the entire crew of Polar 99.

Also in the bundles were some fresh fruit and a bouquet of flowers for the mystery woman.

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Investigators: Blast was gas explosion

GRAPEVINE, Texas (AP) — Investigators confirmed Saturday that a gas leak was to blame for a blast that ripped through a new hotel, seriously burning a man and injuring dozens with broken glass.

Fire Marshal Dick Ward said natural gas lines that supplied the hotel's swimming pool heater

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Thomas E. Marcer, a subcontractor who was working on the heater when the blast occurred, remained in serious condition Saturday at Parkland Hospital in Dallas.

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Extremely rare coin could fetch \$1M bids

WOLFEBORO, N.H. (AP) — To the inexperienced eye, it's an old silver dollar. But to collectors, it's the Mona Lisa, the king of U.S. coins, the Holy Grail.

It's a pristine silver dollar dated 1804, and it's expected to attract bids of around \$2 million at auction this month in New York.

"To a coin collector, this is something to say, 'Gosh, I've seen it,'" said Q. David Bowers, chairman of the Wolfboro-based Auctions of Bowers and Merena. "Someone might travel a thousand miles to see one, for example, in the Smithsonian."

The coin, was minted specially for a secret mission to the Middle and Far East, part of a set of U.S. coins presented to the Sultan of Muscat (now Oman) as a gift for a trade treaty and numbered for more than a century and a half. A second set went to the King of Siam, now Thailand.

The Sultan of Muscat dollar was one of eight such coins made in 1834 — despite the 1804 date — and shortly after and is in the best condition of the group, by far, Bowers said.

"Fortunately, all along the way it's been handled with the proverbial kid gloves," Bowers said. "There is not a scratch or a mark on it."

The other seven are in private collections or museums. Other



Wolfboro, N.H. auction company president Raymond Merena displays what could be the world's most famous rare coin. The near mint-condition silver dollar is one of eight made in 1834, but dated 1804.

"1804" dollars were made in later years, but are not as notable as the original eight. Collectors began calling Sultan

of Muscat silver dollar the King of U.S. coins in the 1880s, Bowers said.

"This is to numismatists (coin collectors) as, let's say, the Mona Lisa is to art," he said.

It is part of a collection of nearly 1,000 coins up for auction by Bowers and Merena on Aug. 30.

Bowers and Merena auctioned another of the original eight 1804 silver dollars in 1997 for \$1.8 million, the highest price ever paid for a coin. The Sultan of Muscat dollar is in better condition, said Raymond Merena, the company president.

"This coin is probably the biggest of the 'big deal coins,'" said Kenneth Bressett, editor of "A Guide Book of United States Coins" and co-author of "The Fantastic 1804 Dollar."

The story of the coin began with then-President Andrew Jackson's desire in the 1830s to win trade treaties in the Middle and Far East, where America was shut out by European nations.

Pompanoth sea trader, Edmund Roberts, got himself appointed a special agent for a secret mission to rulers in the region.

He won trade treaties from the sultan and the king of Siam, and on a return trip by the ratified treaties Roberts carried gifts, including special presentation sets of U.S. coins ordered by Jackson for the two monarchs.

Student uncovers eugenics plot in Vermont's past

BOSTON (AP) — A doctoral student has uncovered a dark secret in Vermont's past: Scientists in the 1920s and 30s had an active eugenics plan to eliminate the state's "degenerate" bloodlines and replenish "old pioneer stock."

The book to be published later this year, Nancy Gallagher details the plan called the "Vermont Eugenics Survey."

The 1924 survey, developed by an independent team of social scientists, studied "good" and "bad" families in the state and listed those which it determined needed to be eliminated, Gallagher told the Boston Globe for a story in today's editions.

The report was circulated among policymakers at the time and led to the passage of a 1931 sterilization law.

The law resulted in the sterilization of several hundred poor rural Vermonters, Abenaki Indians and others deemed unfit to procreate, the Globe reported.

Vermont was hardly alone in embracing eugenics, the science of human breeding that branched off from social Darwinism.

The concept was to manage the misery of the poor. Studies had suggested domestic abuse and alcoholism were thought to be caused by recessive genes and

inbreeding. Thus, by reducing the number of babies born to sick or unwed parents, and by attracting desirable settlers, social scientists thought they could build a healthier society, the Globe reported.

Gallagher said Vermonters seemed willing to accept eugenics solutions.

She said public records of the eugenics project reflect an abhorrent mindset of scientists. One, Dr. Henry Perkins of the University of Vermont, came up with "pedigrees of degeneracy," Gallagher said.

In 1931, Perkins' work prompted Vermont to become the 31st

state to enact a sterilization law for the handicapped or "the feeble-minded."

Records do not show the extent to which the sterilization policy was enforced or how the opinion was presented to its subjects. The laws were rolled back in the 1960s and 70s.

Gallagher, a 50-year-old former biology teacher, said she initially hesitated pursuing her thesis because she knew some families would find their relatives among those the scientists considered unfit.

"Every step of the way, I wondered if I should even be writing it," she said.

More FBI employees are being canned for misconduct

WASHINGTON (AP) — The number of FBI employees fired for misconduct rose from 19 to 32 between 1997 and 1998. The bureau says swifter completion of more internal investigations was the cause.

In its annual report Friday, the bureau's Office of Professional Responsibility said that 301 employees received discipline, ranging from oral reprimands to dismissal in 1998, compared with 212 the preceding year.

It is premature to describe the increase as a trend, the FBI's internal watchdog office said. "The increase in employees disciplined is attributable in part to increased efficiency in the disciplinary process" because more agents were assigned to the watchdog office.

and fined \$3,000.

Other FBI employees were fired for lying to internal investigators, unauthorized disclosures, unprofessional conduct, misuse of government property, drunk driving, drug abuse, sexual harassment, misuse of a bureau position, theft or embezzlement of government property and other crimes.

The 301 employees disciplined in 1998 represented just under half the 615 employees whose investigations for serious misconduct were completed that year. The 301 include 140 agents and 161 support workers and comprise 1.1 percent of the bureau's total workforce. Of the 32 fired, 11 were agents and 21 support workers.

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Police search frantically for escaped multiple murderer

NOTTINGHAM, Pa. (AP) — Police found no trace Saturday of an escaped quadruple murderer in their search of a wooded park near the Maryland border, and said the suspect likely left the area in a stolen car.

Norman Johnston, who escaped

from a Pennsylvania prison earlier in the week, is considered "armed and extremely dangerous," state police Lt. David M. Presto said.

Authorities said it was likely that he has left the Nottingham area in a silver Buick that was stolen Friday night.

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Clergyman loses fight for citizenship because of a 1981 drug conviction

NEWARK, N.Y. (AP) - His 11-year-old daughter, barely able to smile, sat watching as Steven Mullenix loaded up a rental van outside his old church in preparation for the journey north to Canada.

Forget that he's the son of an American, that he can trace his Ohio roots back 200 years, that he's long dreamed of becoming a U.S. citizen. The Canadian-born clergyman's quest for immigration status remains agonizingly out of reach because of a marijuana conviction north of the border in 1981.

"I'm really upset about having to give up because, no matter what the United States has put me through, to me it's still home," Mullenix said Friday as parishioners huddled furniture out of the rectory.

Under U.S. immigration laws crafted to exclude Nazi war criminals, terrorists and other undesirable aliens, Mullenix, 36, is deemed "excludable" for life. Anyone arrested with more than 1 ounce of banned drugs is viewed as a potential dealer.

His four-year quest for citizenship stumbled in June when he was stripped of his Assemblies of God ministry for one year for writing an abusive letter to immigration agents.

"So he made an error. Forgive and forget, that's what they teach in the Bible," said Larry Briggs, 65, retired nursing administrator who was in Mullenix's 100-string congregation in this village near Lake Ontario.

"He's like a man without a country, caught between a rock and a hard place. The whole thing smells political."

Losing his job with the ministry meant Mullenix had to leave the country with his wife and daughters, Esther, 2, and Hannah, who sat on the sidewalk with a neighborhood pal. "I don't want to move - I have a lot of friends here," she said.

Mullenix was caught with more than an ounce of marijuana at age 18 and spent three months in jail. He kicked drugs at 22, turned his life around and had his



The Canadian-born Rev. Steven Mullenix was the pastor of the Newark, N.Y., Assembly of God church, but he has lost his quest for American citizenship because of a 1981 marijuana-related conviction.

conviction vacated there in 1992.

Only after moving his family to New York on a religious-worker visa in 1995 did he realize his predicament. He is suing in federal court to try to force a change in the immigration law.

"Everybody who knows me has forgiven me," he said. "But the people who don't know me - those that run the world - I don't think they understand what forgiveness is."

Mullenix can trace his American lineage to 1671. Distant ancestors fought in the Revolutionary War, the Civil War and World War II. His grandmother still owns a 70-acre farm in Arcanum, Ohio, where their forebears settled two centuries ago.

In 1953, snapping up a low-priced agricultural nursery business, Mullenix's grandfather moved his wife and two teenage sons to Mitchell, Ontario. The sons went on to marry Canadian women but eventually migrated back.

Although Mullenix's father, Paul, never bothered to obtain citizenship for his three children, he raised them as Yankees. The family hoisted Old

Glory, made friends among expatriates and ate western Ohio fare: hominy grits, biscuits and gravy, sassafras tea.



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NATION

Attorneys, theologians ponder the place of truth in current law

ATLANTA (AP) — Some call the U.S. legal system a "sporting" way of seeking justice, with winners and losers as well as promises that lawyers will keep their clients' secrets. But where does the truth come in?

It's not as simple as finding the truth. Monica Levinsky's former lawyer, William Ginsburg, said as legal experts and religious leaders

debated the role of truth in the law at the American Bar Association's annual meeting, "There is a sporting system of justice. Everybody wants to win."

client confesses to a murder? Moderator Charles J. Ogletree Jr., a Harvard law professor, spun a tale of a man who stabbed a woman and then confessed to his lawyer or minister under a promise of secrecy. Such confidentiality is one of the oldest traditions of the U.S. legal system.

"Who would call the police?" Ogletree asked the panel. "The victim is dead?" asked lawyer and author Ann H. Coulter, meaning the victim could not be helped by calling an ambulance.

"And you've asked me not to?" said the Rev. Calvin O. Butts III, pastor of the Abyssinian Baptist Church in New York City. "And we're in our professional capacity?" asked Stephen Bright, director of the Southern Center

for Human Rights. None of the lawyers or ministers said they would call the police, although several said they would try to persuade the man to turn himself in.

"How do we explain to the public what just happened?" Ogletree said. "Because of our professions we can do nothing. I have the ultimate power as a client to muzzle every one of you people." Coulter said the adversarial legal system "has become an end in itself for most lawyers," adding that she saw nothing wrong with a lawyer suggesting a client confess to the authorities. Bright countered that as a defense lawyer, "my responsibility is to make it clear to them ... they don't have to confess to anybody."

Lawyers' group urges gun control

ATLANTA (AP) — The president of the nation's largest lawyers' organization advocated steeper gun control measures, saying Saturday that most Americans believe more can be done to prevent firearms violence. "There will be instances like those that occurred in Atlanta and Alabama despite our best efforts to avoid it," Philip Anderson, president of the American Bar Association, said during the group's annual meeting. "But we can still do something about gun violence in our society."

On Thursday, three people were shot to death at two companies in Bullman, Ala. A week earlier, they earlier Mark Barrow shot nine people to death and injured 13 others at two Atlanta brokerage firms. Barrow also killed his wife and two children; he committed suicide as police closed in. Anderson said it should be unlawful for anyone to buy

firearms, and he also favored banning the importation of high-capacity ammunition clips and said the background check required for firearms sales by license gun dealers should apply to such sales at gun shows. Background checks should take a minimum of three days, he said.

"National studies show that 80 percent of the people in America believe that we can do more than we are doing now and make it more difficult for children to buy guns ... There is no reason in the world why teenagers should be able to buy assault weapons," Anderson said.

He said the ABA has no policy on state efforts to bar cities from suing gun manufacturers over firearms violence, but that the group generally favors access to the courts.

"Personally, I believe that any state, city or otherwise, that has a legitimate claim should be able to pursue it," he said.

Funding to civil rights cases during the 1990s and more recent litigation over tobacco, he added. "The gun industry is another industry that it looks like the people will have to resort to the courts for relief if the legislatures don't act."

Anderson also accused the Immigration and Naturalization Service of failing to ensure adequate access to lawyers for aliens detained in county jails and other facilities not operated by the federal agency.

Such access is allowed for those being held in INS facilities, he said, but not for the 60 percent of detainees sent under contract to other facilities. He said the Justice Department asked the ABA to help provide legal help to the detainees. "We have been snowed out for a year by the INS and I assume the INS thinks it can put it off forever," Anderson said.

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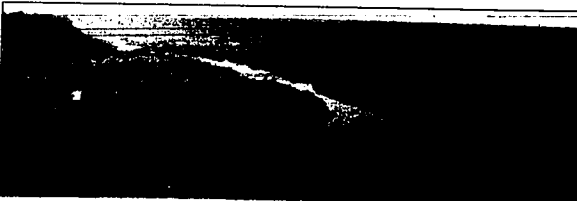
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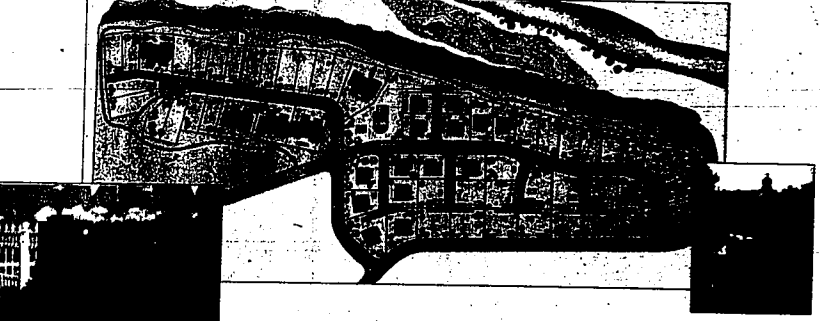
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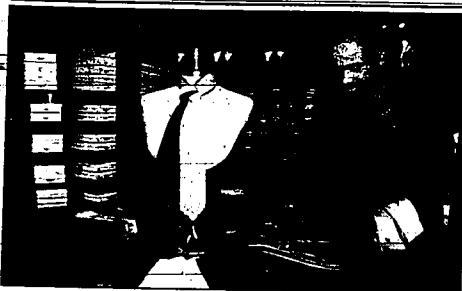
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NATION



Armand Olivier, a wardrobe consultant at Saks Fifth Ave., adjusts a tie display in the New York store. The new trend in neckwear is the plain, one color tie, fashion experts say.

Solid ties come back into style

NEW YORK (AP) — You can't judge a man by his tie anymore.

But ties were long the rage — with loud flowers, cartoons, maps of the world and abstract art — and many men tried to push their personalities to the world through their neckwear.

But not these days. Stores around the country say sales are back for monochrome ties — in conservative blues and blacks as well as hot pink, shimmering red and crystal blue.

"It used to be you would make a fashion statement by how busy your tie was, but not anymore," said David Wolfe, creative director at Designer Design Direction, a fashion forecasting and consulting firm. "Now, it's the plainer, the better."

The new look in neckwear is helping to boost tie sales, which have been weak in recent years. There were 400 million ties sold in the United States last year, down from 110 million in 1994, according to the Furet Washington, N.Y.-based market research firm The NPD Group.

While some say the monochrome tie is a look better suited for movie mobsters, some consumers don't seem to mind. Jon Schmidt bought three solid ties in the last few months, which is more than he's bought in the last three years. One

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— Larry Schechterman, fashion consultant

recent evening, he wore a bold blue tie with a matching shirt and a black suit.

"I no longer go through the morning stress of whether the tie matches or not," said Schmidt, a 30-year-old New Yorker who works at a Wall Street investment firm. "I like the simplicity of the solid-thing."

At the men's retail chain

Today's Man, solid ties represent about 20 percent of the total tie business, up from 12 percent a year ago.

Today's Man has displays showing solid ties with coordinating shirts — which has helped convince consumers the look can work.

"There has been a real shift in the outfit that men wear," said Larry Schechterman, a vice president of Moorestown, N.J.-based Today's Man. "It's less about pattern and more about texture and color, solid color."

Saks Fifth Avenue also has made the solid tie a major part of its neckwear department, selling four to five times more than they did just a few years ago.

But the solid tie isn't for everyone.

"I think the big disadvantage to the solid tie is the food issue," Wolfe said. "If you get food on it, it doesn't just blend in with the pattern."

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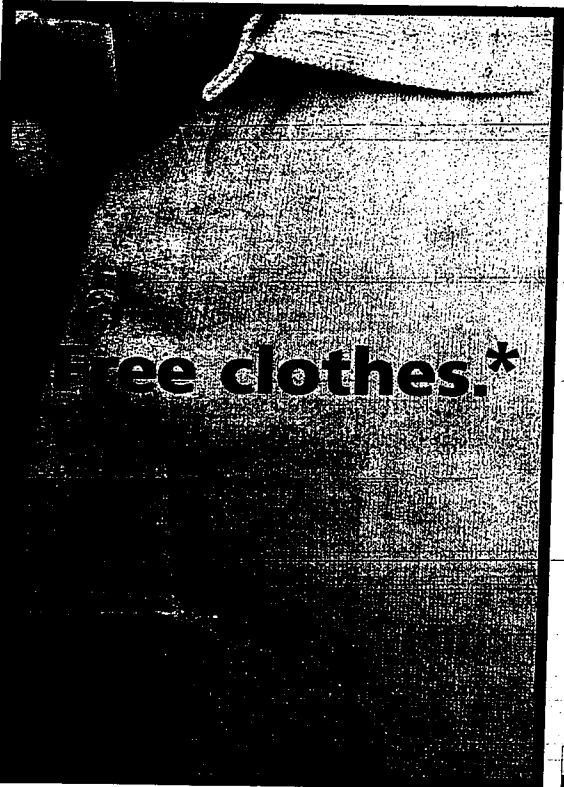
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WORLD



An ethnic Albanian tussles with French Soldiers Saturday during a protest in Kosovska Mitrovica, Yugoslavia. Soldiers detained at least four protesters.

Ethnic Albanians, French troops clash in northern Kosovo town

KOSOVKA MITROVICA, Yugoslavia (AP) — A simmering dispute over free movement erupted in violence Saturday, with French troops fighting back hundreds of ethnic Albanians trying to cross into the Serb part of this northern Kosovo town.

Amid curses, shouting and obscene gestures, dozens of French soldiers kept the ethnic Albanians from crossing a bridge over the Ibar River, while an equally agitated Serb crowd jeered from the far side.

At least four ethnic Albanians were arrested after fighting with soldiers. Three people were injured, including one woman who was driven off in an ambulance after being knocked down.

The violent protest continued for several hours, and showed the deep-rooted hatred between Kosovo's Serbs and ethnic Albanians. That hatred has started to turn on NATO troops, who are in the region to provide security.

Kosovska Mitrovica, a mining center valued by both Serbs and ethnic Albanians, is divided by the river into separate ethnic communities. Since the end of the Kosovo war in June, the central bridge has become a symbol of confrontation, with Serbs preventing ethnic Albanians from returning to

live north of the river. Efforts by the U.N. have failed to work out a free-movement agreement, and Saturday's violence came after Serbs withdrew an offer to let the ethnic Albanians travel for two days last week, according to Mary Pat Silveira, the deputy U.N. chief in the city.

Stray gunshots rang out during the confrontation, and the rival groups separated by the French soldiers traded taunts and hurled rocks at each other. When the soldiers pushed back the ethnic Albanians, they were accused of siding with the Serbs on the other side.

The ethnic Albanian crowd shouted "French terrorists" and made obscene gestures. Several shouting matches with kicking and punching erupted between the French soldiers and young men.

"It's not just Serbia that won't let them in," said Halit Barani of the ethnic Albanian Council for the Defense of Human Rights and Freedom. "It's the French soldiers that won't."

French Lt. Meriadec Raffray said peacekeepers had been escorting limited numbers of ethnic Albanians across the bridge over the past few days. He accused ethnic Albanian extremists of trying "to provoke a reaction like this." Local leaders of the Kosovo

Liberation Army, the ethnic Albanian guerrilla group being disbanded under an agreement with NATO, led the protest and eventually persuaded the crowd to disperse after the four people arrested were freed.

Ethnic Albanians accuse Russian mercenaries of having fought alongside Serb forces in their campaign of massacres and expulsions against ethnic Albanians.

The Serbs, in turn, have blamed NATO forces for failing to maintain peace and prevent revenge attacks by ethnic Albanians. Some 160,000 Serbs have fled the province in the past two months.

Civil war in Congo shuts down airports

KIGALI, Rwanda (AP) — Ugandan soldiers clashed with Congolese rebels Saturday in a northern Congo River port, forcing two nearby airports to close and sending panicked residents into hiding from stray bullets and mortar shells.

At least seven Ugandan soldiers were reported killed in fighting outside Kigali's three central hotels. The Ugandans apparently were trying to force a group of rebels to allow Ernest Wamba dia Wamba, a leader of a splinter rebel group backed by Uganda, to leave his hotel, witnesses said.

Lambert Mende, a spokesman for the principle rebel group, Congolese Rally for Democracy, accused the Ugandan troops of provoking the incident by first ordering rebel fighters to abandon their positions around the Hotel Palace, and then firing on them.

Both Uganda and Rwanda once backed the rebels, but the rebel group splintered and now the two nations support different sides and disagree on how to end the war. Rwandan troops were not involved in the fighting, but they advised the Ugandans to pull back to their original positions.

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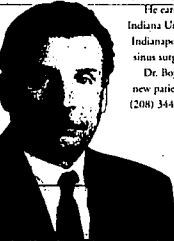
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Sierra Leone's leader asks U.N. to give aid to rebels

FREETOWN, Sierra Leone (AP) — Sierra Leone's president pressed international aid groups Saturday to give food and medicine to rebel-allied soldiers to help win the release of about 30 hostages, including U.N. workers, abducted four days ago.

President Ahmed Tejan Kabbah told journalists that the United Nations and foreign relief organizations should review their policy of refusing assistance to armed groups "in this exceptional case."

Sierra Leone's government is hobbled by the bloody eight-year civil war that ended with a July 7 peace accord, and Kabbah said he does not have the resources to help rebels and their ex-milita soldier allies, Kabbah said.

This incident is a clear reflection of the need for international assistance to Sierra Leone ... since the reason stated for the abduction is the inability of the government to provide food and other relief materials for the rebels' (soldiers-turned-rebel)," Kabbah said.

He did not know when the U.N. employees, aid workers, West African intervention force



soldiers and journalists who had been kidnapped Wednesday in the Okra Hills, outside Freetown, would be freed.

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Tensions rise over North Korean missile test

It could all boil down to an issue of national pride.

INCHON, South Korea (AP) — This week, workers coaxed and wrestled 450 tons into sawdust-strewn containers bound for North Korea. The humanitarian gesture came days after U.S. and South Korean officials warned of economic penalties if the North test-fires a missile.

Then South Korea approved an entertainment company's bid to hold a lucrative pop concert in North Korea in September. Meanwhile, Japanese and South Korean navy ships trained together in the East China Sea amid fears over the military reach of the Stalinist state.

So far, neither tough talk nor enticements have swayed North Korea, which is preparing to launch a long-range missile. A test would likely intensify the exclusive country even more, threatening security in Northeast Asia.

The decision to launch hinges on the North's calculation of what benefits it can reap from the outside world, and whether it can reconcile any handouts with its pride.

"Outwardly, they pretend they don't want anything. But inwardly, they desperately want to receive anything," said David Oh of Campus Crusade for Christ, an



U.S. Marines from a base in Hawaii level their weapons during a recent combined exercise with South Korean soldiers at Phoeng Beach, about 220 miles southeast of Seoul.

Orlando, Fla.-based missionary group that helped fund the goat shipment from Inchon port.

The launch of what Western military experts believe is a Taepodong II missile, able to reach Alaska and Hawaii, could unleash an arms race:

South Korea is pushing the

United States to let it expand its own missile program. Washington keeps 37,000 soldiers in South Korea, a legacy of the Korean War a half-century ago.

Japan wants to collaborate on missile defense research with the United States. Last year, Pyongyang rattled Tokyo by

launching a rocket toward Japan and into the Pacific. North Korea insists it was a satellite; U.S. officials say it was a missile.

China is North Korea's most important ally, but Chinese officials say they have little influence over its military activities.

Gunmen surround villages along southern Russian border

MAKHACHKALA, Russia (AP) — More than 200 gunmen surrounded three villages near the border of breakaway Chechnya on Saturday, and were attacked by Russian helicopter gunships during fierce fighting in the Caucasus region, officials said.

The Russian Interior Ministry said it launched an aerial assault to quell the violence in Dagestan, a southern Russian republic bordering Chechnya. But the ministry provided no further details.

The gunmen appeared to be from the fundamentalist Wahhabi Islamic movement, also blamed for an attack last week in the nearby Tsunadi district, Dagestan authorities said. The group has been active in Chechnya and Dagestan since the 1994 launch of Chechnya's

war for independence. Chechnya won de facto independence from Russia in the war, though Moscow still claims it is part of Russia.

The rebel group has said it wants to merge the republics into one Islamic state.

Interfax quoted Dagestan Interior Ministry spokesman Abdulmutalib Abulmagashev saying the militants were believed to be led by renegade Chechen warlord Shamil Basayev.

Chechen officials, however, denied any connection to the gunmen.

Dagestan has long been restive, and gun battles and bombings in recent days have given rise to fears that Chechen gangs, backed by Dagestan's own extremist groups, were planning to take over the republic.

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Secretive Caymans rally behind bankers

GEORGE TOWN, Cayman Islands (AP) — Blackbeard and other pirates used the swampy mangrove lagoon off Grand Cayman as a hideout — and if U.S. investigators and critics of offshore banking are correct, not much has changed since.

Claims by U.S. investigators that the spectacularly successful Caymans financial industry is a safe haven for a fortune in unpaid U.S. taxes sent alarm bells ringing throughout the community of some 40,000, which also happens to be the world's fifth largest banking center.

"This could be bad — real bad," said Patrick Randall, a former CIA agent. "It's so unfair. Pretty soon everybody be pulling their money out of Cayman!"

Like everyone here, Randall knew all about John M. Mathewson of San Antonio, Texas, who was sentenced Monday in a New York federal court for helping U.S. citizens evade taxes while running the now-defunct Guardian Bank and Trust Limited of the Cayman Islands.

Mathewson got off with probation by providing what U.S. District Judge Alfred J. Lechner called "unparalleled" computerized records that could produce tax evasion charges against 1,500 U.S. citizens.

That prospect rattles Caymanians, who take great pride in their zero direct taxation, a lack of exchange controls, and bankers who, according to a satisfied client in John Grisham's "The Firm," "make the Swiss look like blabbermouths."

The muted tones, bankers and officials here disputed Mathewson's claims that his actions were commonplace — and suggestions by U.S. officials that by obtaining the secret codes to

Guardian's files, they might have pierced other banks' secrecy.

"Absolute nonsense," said Nick Duggan, managing director of the Brown Brothers Harriman and Co. branch. "It's a black eye. It's an embarrassment. But I think in time it'll blow away."

But Eduardo D'Angelo Silva, manager of the Caymans' Sul America International Bank and president of the Cayman Islands Bankers Association, said the case "could put at risk what we've been building for two or three decades."

The question for Assistant U.S. Attorney John J. Carney, lead prosecutor on the Mathewson case, is exactly what have the Caymans been building.

"There's no great business in the Caymans. It doesn't have its own capital market. Its services are not any better," Carney said. "What it has is the secrecy."



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WORLD



Rescuers on Friday continued to look for victims of a mudslide in a devastated subdivision east of Manila in the Philippines. Scores are feared dead after days of heavy rains, slides and flooding.

Floods shatter activists' dreams

MANILA, Philippines (AP) — The hillside housing project was supposed to provide affordable dream homes for working-class Filipinos.

The dream was shattered when monsoon rains set off a landslide Tuesday that crushed more than half the 524 houses in the project and left 75 people dead or missing.

Hundreds of volunteers from nearby towns joined rescue workers Friday in the search for survivors under the crumpled remains.

The number of people still missing from the landslide rose to 43 after a family reported more missing relatives, city officials said.

conditions for Filipinos.

"I'm so sorry for what happened," said Hiroshi Ogawa, PhilJas' general manager. "I feel defeated to see everything I've done all along for the people in the Philippines crumble this way."

The housing development, which was PhilJas' first project, earned little money for the company, said Ogawa. He helped found the company in 1990, when few Japanese corporations were

found investors who understood their social concerns and wanted to be part of them.

Japan's Triangle Corp. was one of the groups approached by Morales, then head of the Philippine Rural Reconstruction Movement, and other activists.

Triangle, a finance subsidiary of Kyoto-based confectionery group Takarabane Corp., said it was willing to support the project as long as it could also make satisfactory profits.

day of work to determine its exact cause.

Crispin Remulla, who heads the committee, said it will examine whether proper ground tests were conducted at the site, and possible "mistakes on top of mistakes" by government agencies which approved the residential project.

The Office of Civil Defense reported that the floods forced more than 70,000 people to evacuate their homes in metropolitan Manila and 13 nearby provinces, with more than 1.5 million affected by the flooding.

'I feel defeated to see everything I've done all along for the people in the Philippines crumble this way.'

—Hiroshi Ogawa,

general manager of corporation hired to provide affordable housing to Filipinos

Search teams have recovered 32 bodies from the rubble, bringing to 92 the number of people confirmed dead from four days of torrential rains in metropolitan Manila and nearby provinces.

Rescuers were forced to halt their search several times Friday at the housing project in Antipolo City, east of Manila, as rains returned.

Army Brig. Gen. Nestor Castillo, supervisor of the rescue effort, said he still hoped of finding survivors.

"This is just the third day," he said.

The tragedy was a major blow to the founders of PhilJas Corp., a Philippine-Japanese joint venture backed by activists and investors who were trying to improve living

investing in the Philippines because of a series of coup attempts and a devastated economy.

Nearly one-third of metropolitan Manila's more than 8 million people live as squatters on public and private land. They often live dangerously close to canals, railroad tracks and Manila's slums.

"For many people in this country, buying a house is their lifetime dream," Ogawa said. "But look what happened."

Agrarian Reform Secretary Horacio Morales, a former radical who also helped found PhilJas, said it was formed after he and other Filipino activists

only a handful of rich people can own houses in the Philippines, while others in Manila can't afford homes and many live homeless.

Akihiro Mizumi, a Triangle spokesman, said in a telephone interview from Japan. "So our company decided to get involved and provide houses."

But something went seriously wrong. Officials believe the earth under the houses was softened by four days of heavy rains. Horacio Ramos, director of the Bureau of Mines and Geosciences, said the housing development was built in a "geologically hazardous" zone.

Ogawa said PhilJas employees are providing medical and food aid to the landslide victims to avoid disputes with angry residents who lost their homes or loved ones.

A committee set up by President Joseph Estrada to investigate the Antipolo landslide began its second

Woman searches for her children lost 18 years ago

GUATEMALA CITY (AP) — It has been 18 years since Adriana Portillo-Bartow arrived at her father's home to pick up her two young daughters, only to find they had been kidnapped by government forces at the height of the country's brutal civil war.

Fifteen years later, in 1996, the war over and Portillo-Bartow married and living in Chicago, the girls would already have become women, possibly mothers themselves — if they had lived for more than a few hours after being hauled away by police.

Portillo-Bartow's question of whether her daughters are still alive has kept her going through an exhausting three-year search for Glenda and Rosaura. It also led

her to find an organization to help — other Guatemala parents find their missing children and — as she announced Monday — to take her case to the Organization of American States' Inter-American Commission.

"If someone comes to me and tells me they are dead, I won't believe it. Tell me where the bodies are," said Portillo-Bartow, her voice shaking, during a visit to Guatemala searching for her daughters. "If I don't see the bodies, then I won't believe it."



Adriana Portillo-Bartow

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Asia cleans up in wake of floods

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — For centuries, Koreans called it "Water Demon" — dark brown floodwater that swallowed everything in its way: cows, pigs, homes, rice paddies and often human lives.

In the aftermath of floods that swamped villages, highways and huge tracts of farmland last week, Koreans again learned how devilish nature can be.

Low-lying towns north of Seoul, the South Korean capital, looked like huge garbage dumps on Saturday. Streets were clogged with broken furniture that residents had rescued from their sodden homes, and crumpled cars lay overturned.

"Military" trucks zigzagged through the wreckage, carrying carcasses of dead animals and kicking up dust — a new health hazard. Soldiers near the heavily fortified border with North Korea combed the churned earth in search of mines that had been swept away.

Across Asia, people were struggling to clean up from several weeks of devastating floods caused by heavy rains and storms. In the past week, floods have killed more than 950 people and left millions homeless.

In the Cambodian town of Kampot, where four children drowned in midweek flooding, waters on Saturday had fallen back to knee-high level and children splashed through the streets, using plastic wash basins as boats.

Pigs, dogs and cows waded around local government buildings, which were empty because of a power cut earlier in the week.

In the Philippines, the death toll had reached 110. Forty died

when a landslide hit a hillside housing estate. Dozens were missing.

China said 725 people have died from flooding since June, many of them along the Yangtze River. The toll, however, was considerably less than last year in China, when the worst flooding in 44 years killed 4,150 people.

In Vietnam, flooding in four provinces last week killed 37 people and caused nearly \$20 million of damage.

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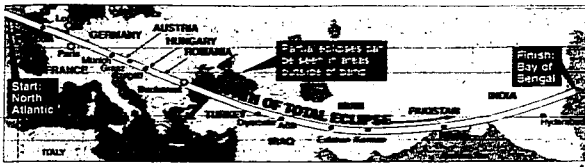
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World awaits millennium's last eclipse

LAND'S END. England (AP) — At 11:10 a.m. Wednesday, the small island of Bryher in the Scilly Isles off southwestern England will go dark as the moon slides across the sun.

It will be the first landfall of the millennium's last total solar eclipse, an event that is stirring eclipse fever from Europe to South Asia.

From Bryher, the moon's shadow will race at 1,522 mph across the southwestern tip of England, where it will be pursued by two super-sonic Concordes jetliners carrying eclipse viewers, paying \$2,400 each for the privilege. Then it will speed across northern France and swathes of Germany, Austria and Yugoslavia, turning day to night in a corridor 69 miles wide.

It will rush across Hungary, Romania, Bulgaria, the Black Sea, Turkey, Iraq, Iran, Pakistan and India, before dying at evening in the Bay of Bengal.

Broadcasters around the world will carry the event live, and millions of spectators are expected to gather along the eclipse route. Despite inflated prices, many hotels have been booked for years.

Authorities are warning people not to look directly at the sun and to avoid traveling during the blackout. Experts say they will experience a spectacular rushing wall of darkness, quaking winds and an unearthly silence as birds

Live coverage:
Three hours of live television coverage from Wednesday of something you would never see to look at directly — a solar eclipse. The cable channel's cameras will follow the 60-mile-wide path where the sun is totally obscured by the moon, from its start in southern England, through France, Germany, Austria, Hungary, Romania to the Middle East and conclusion in India. Eclipse coverage runs from 4 to 7 a.m. EDT, with a two-hour wrap-up that night at 10 p.m.

and animals are tricked into believing it is night.

"We had fallen. It was tragic. There was no color. The earth was dead," author Virginia Wolf wrote after watching Britain's last total eclipse, on June 29, 1927.

There will not be much time for marveling. At its longest, over south-central Romania, the "totality" — the period when the sun is totally obscured — will last just 2 minutes and 23 seconds.

First recorded in Babylonian in the 21st century B.C., solar eclipses were feared by ancient cultures, which believed the sun was forsaking the Earth to the delight of the dark.

In ancient China, astronomers who flubbed eclipse predictions were beheaded.

Today, an eclipse is an occasion to celebrate.

In Bucharest, Romania, Italian tenor Luciano Pavarotti will perform in front of the giant palace built by former communist dictator Nicolae Ceausescu. The German city of Munich is staging a festival of music and food, and Stuttgart plans a rap concert and all-night dance party.

Three big open-air festivals are on tap in southwestern England's Cornwall county, which expects up to 1 million visitors. The Vienna Symphony Orchestra will perform in the northern Turkish city of Antalya, directly on the eclipse trajectory.

Scientists are converging on remote sites in India, Iraq and Iran to monitor the eclipse, and others will be at the Romanian town of Rammea Valley, where the phenomenon will last longest.

Spacecraft studying the event include the European-American Solar and Heliospheric Observatory and NASA's Transition Region and Coronal Explorer. The latter will use a powerful telescope to monitor enormous gas explosions on the sun that send whirling balls of plasma into deep space at speeds of more than 600,000 mph.

A solar eclipse occurs when the moon crosses between the Earth and sun, blocking the sun's light. The moon is only one-40th the size of the sun, but the sun is 390 times farther away from the Earth, making the moon's image almost exactly the same size as the sun's when viewed from Earth.

Speedy glacier intrigues Danish scientists

COPENHAGEN. Denmark (AP) — Moving as fast as 100 feet a day, a speedster glacier in Greenland is puzzling Danish geographers.

Some glaciers don't move that far in a year. Others, known as "searching glaciers," pick up the pace considerably, but they're rare in the Arctic and none are as big as the one under investigation on Qeqertarsuaq Island.

The galloping glacier — nearly two-thirds of a mile wide — came to the attention of Copenhagen University geographers Ole Humlum and Niels Nielsen when they were touring the island with their students in July.

Humlum and Nielsen had noticed the glacier on a trip four years earlier and were astonished to see how far it had moved since then, traveling six miles down a valley, Nielsen said Thursday in an interview.

Taking a look at satellite data, they found the glacier on some days sprinted up to 100 feet.

Nielsen says nobody knows why glaciers sometimes move so fast but hopes this discovery helps find the secret behind searching glaciers.

Normally, glacier movement is decided by the amount of snow

falling on mountain slopes. The snow turns to ice and moves downward, forming the glacier.

As the glacier moves downward, temperatures rise and ice melts from its tip. Sometimes the

influx of snow exceeds the outflow of melted water.

"It is the balance between those two things that decides whether the glacier moves forward or backward," Nielsen says.



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Plane crash kills all 18 on board near island

LISBON, Portugal (AP) — A plane carrying 18 people crashed Saturday shortly after takeoff from a Cape Verde island in West Africa, killing everyone on board, news reports said.

Cape Verde's Prime Minister Carlos Veiga said that all 18 passengers and two crew on the Coast Guard plane were killed, the Portuguese news agency Lusa reported.

Most of the crash victims were from Cape Verde, Lusa said, adding that the nationalities of any foreigners on board were not known.

The Dornier aircraft came down near the Ponta do Sol airfield, on the island of Santo Antao, Lusa quoted a civil aviation official as saying.

The rocky area where the plane crashed was hindering the recovery operation, radio RDP Africa reported.

Famed Japanese camera man is dead

TOKYO (AP) — Kazuo Miyagawa, cinematographer for "Rashomon" and other Japanese film classics, died Saturday of kidney failure, his family said. He was 91.

His technique is characterized by balanced composition and unobtrusive camera handling. His hand-held camera work in "Tokyo Olympiad," directed by Kon Ichikawa in 1965, established new methods for making documentary films. In 1950, he filmed the award-winning "Rashomon," directed by the late Akira Kurosawa.

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EDITORIAL

Hobby farms pollute creek as big operations

The numbers are in, and the results are getting old fast. Once again, for another summer, Twin Falls' Rock Creek is contaminated. And the research from the state's Division of Environmental Quality is putting the blame on livestock operations - smaller livestock operations.

One more summer of contamination is one more summer too many. It's time for regulators to get serious about the problem, and time for lawmakers to get serious about the solution.

It's time to stop thinking of Rock Creek as a meandering septic line that flows toward the Snake River.

rely on voluntary help - and the cynical guess is, the landowners who come forward to solve Rock Creek's problems are probably not the people making the mess in the first place.

We think it's time for the Legislature to ratchet up the pressure.

It's time lawmakers take up a touchy issue - regulating the kind of "non-point" source pollution that is sending bacterial contamination from the hobby farms to Rock Creek.

It figures to be a tough fight. Lawmakers have been reluctant to take on non-point polluters, because they've been afraid to regulate how small plots of private land are used.

Also, these "Mom and Pop" polluters frequently have the loudest populist rhetoric about how, as just "little" folks, their quality of life is endangered by larger, so-called "industrial" operations. They point the finger at industrial agriculture and call for moratoriums, but they resist regulation of their own cows or sheep which pollute the valley's creeks and irrigated land.

So let's see if legislators have the courage to test non-point regulation by designating Rock Creek as a trial stream. It would help Rock Creek, and the process might ease some agricultural groups' concerns.

That's just one suggestion. But it's past time for Magic Valley lawmakers, quiet or not, to stop on the Rock Creek issue, to stop long and take action.

Because the numbers, while slightly better than they were a year ago, still tell a tired old story. One year closer to the 21st century, a contaminated creek runs through one of Idaho's largest cities. A waterway that could be a treasure remains an embarrassment. So ask your elected leaders what they're doing about it, if anything.

It's time to stop thinking of Rock Creek as a throw-away resource, a meandering septic line that flows toward the mid-Snake. That thinking, antiquated from the start, is out of step with the Magic Valley's new millennium.

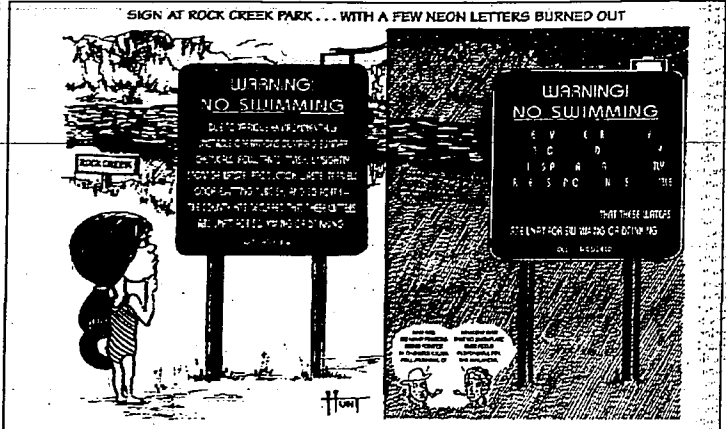
Rock Creek is too valuable and deserves much better. It's a public asset meriting public protection.

At Twin Falls County's Rock Creek Park, officials are gearing up for a growth in visitors - regardless of whether the water quality problem is cleaned up. But the guessing here is a clean creek will only draw more visitors. The park users see the creek's beauty, and it's potential. We urge regulators and lawmakers to open their eyes to this, too.

Regulators, such as the Natural Resources Conservation Service, basically have to wait to hear from landowners who want to do their part to improve water quality. The agency doesn't have the resources - or the power - to do much more.

Fortunately, the agency is getting calls - most from members of the Magic Valley Cattlemen's Association. Good for them. It's not only good PR for the livestock guys, but it's good for the creek.

But in a way, this effort also points up a problem on Rock Creek. The troubled waters of Rock Creek have to



Good science, good sense say dams must go

Just as sure as dams kill salmon, the Times-News this week editorialized in support of a recent salmon recovery plan put out by the Idaho Council for Industry and the Environment and endorsed by Sen. Larry Craig and Rep. Mike Simpson. Ironically, the Times-News spoke of the need for balance in reversing the precipitous decline of Idaho's salmon and steelhead.

The new industry plan has one glaring shortcoming - it is grounded in politics, not science. Having industry and politicians craft a salmon recovery plan is like having a plumber perform open heart surgery on a loved one.

Our politicians are fond of saying they want to keep salmon, keep dams, and keep the federal government from taking southern Idaho water. This ignores biological reality. It also ignores the fact that the dams are not bypassed, more water will be taken from upstream irrigators. The only salmon recovery plan on the table that remotely resembles the "business fix" package called for by ICE includes taking an additional 1 to 3 million acre-feet of water from the upper Snake Basin. By conservative estimates, this would dry up about 350,000 acres of farmland.

This new industry plan has little to no support in the scientific community because it does not address the myriad problems caused by the dams and their associated reservoirs. Northwesters have squandered more than \$3 billion on techno-fixes like these over the last 20 years to little avail. No matter how much we tweak the hydrosystem, we must recognize one fundamental truth - salmon evolved in and need a free-flowing river. This is the biological reasoning for flow augmentation. With more water in the

river, temperatures go down and current increases.

No one can argue the fact that the lower Snake River is no longer a river. It is a chain of warm, stagnant, deadly reservoirs. Steering fish around the turbines won't solve the problems associated with lethally high water temperatures, altered migration timing, and high predation rates directly related to the reservoirs and the amount of time salmon must now spend getting through them. These problems can only be solved by restoring natural current.

The Times-News claims that bypassing the dams is not going to happen because they provide cheap electricity and support the Lewiston barge industry. Why don't they mention the recent draft reports from the Army Corps of Engineers which show a long-term net gain of 1,360 jobs for Idaho if the dams are removed? Why don't they tell readers the same reports say energy costs would rise only 1.9 to 6.7 percent regionally, but much less for most Idahoans? Is it balanced to harp just on the costs of dam removal without also mentioning the benefits?

Restoring balance to this debate is a necessity. But do we achieve balance by forsaking our cultural heritage and our sport, tribal and commercial fishing economies? Does balance mean forcing southern Idaho farmers to give up their

water for the sake of sustaining a highly subsidized barge industry that could easily be replaced by rail and truck? Why should we risk taking another 1 to 3 million acre-feet of water from southern Idaho farmers when we could remove - the biological need for flow augmentation by bypassing the dams?

There are more than 400 dams in the Columbia basin. But just four dams on the lower Snake River block access to 4,000 miles of some of the best salmon habitat in the Northwest. All of which lies nearly vacant.

If Idaho wants its salmon runs back, the vast majority of scientists say those four dams must be bypassed. Removing four out of 400 dams to restore salmon runs to early 1960s levels is not unreasonable. It is a balanced proposition. We are not talking about Lewis and Clark. We are not talking about all dams. We are talking about 1 percent of the dams in the Columbia hydropower complex. We are talking about returning our fishery to harvestable, sustainable levels.

The Times-News would do a great service to its readers by abandoning its blind support for the lower Snake dams and expanding its field of vision into the rest of Idaho and the Pacific Northwest. It would be nice if The Times-News looked out for the best interests of the Magic Valley, for example, rather than just the support of Lewiston.

We do not and should not have to sacrifice our fish and our farms for four dams that never should have been built in the first place. Balance says no. So do we.

Dan Skinner is a conservation associate for Idaho Rivers United and a fifth-generation Idahoan.

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LETTERS

King Kempthorne hides the money

Oh, here we have Idaho, the most Republican state in the nation, so where is our big state tax cut? Every day, we read articles in The Times-News telling us how much tax money the state is rolling in. King Kempthorne doesn't put the cash into the Health Department or general fund but stashes it away in the cupboard drawer. A curious way for a Republican to act. It's our money, so why

aren't we Idahoans having "any fund" as Trent Lott does say?

Larry Craig is going to save the salmon trout lights. Maybe strobe lights would help more in the voting booth. Put pictures at each bend in the river of Idaho's congressional delegation and the salmon should surely be motivated to leave Idaho for the ocean. Maybe these smolts already know and don't return.

Remember now, the bigger the state

tax cut, the more dollars in turn will be paid in taxes. This is real Republican religion, so we can all be sure the checks in the mail.

I plan to buy salmon fishing gear and should invite Sen. Fogobond on a fishing trip to have fun.

Let's all be ready to meet the postman with a large light.

Oh, happy day.

EARL D. OLSON
Twin Falls

Chivary flourishes in Magic Valley

Chivary is still flourishing in the Magic Valley. On July 27, I had a flat tire in the midst of the heat, and two very nice men immediately stopped and gave me a hand.

These good Samaritans were Rex Studyn of Jerome, who says he is the only Dutchman in Jerome County that doesn't milk cows, and Alan Johnson, a city councilman from Bountiful, Utah,

who spent his childhood in Richfield. In the short time that they were helping me, I learned a great deal about their families' histories in the Magic Valley. You meet new friends everywhere!

It is nice to know that in Idaho there are people that don't hesitate to lend a hand. That speaks volumes about the character of the people here. Magic Valley really is a great place to live.

RUTH TADLOCK
Eden

Your surplus checks aren't in the mail yet

The House and Senate have triumphantly produced a tax cut bill, pulling together moderates and conservatives in a miraculous legislative success.

Predictably, President Clinton has vowed to veto the bill - which the House passed on Thursday - and Al Gore energized a Democratic point tax cut three years from now is "gigantic." So tell me again, what is the purpose of blowing the surplus on a huge gigantic risky tax scheme?

From all the partisan rhetoric. Ambiguities could be forgiven for thinking that they might actually get some money from the tax cut if the president signed it into law. But the amounts involved are so small over the next three years that no one will notice. Under the plan, taxpayers would see no change before April 15, 2002. And even that change would not be significant. For a taxpayer in the 28 percent bracket, taxes would fall to 27.9 percent, for a tax savings of \$47 on a \$65,000 income for a family of four. Gore's view that 81 percent of point tax cut three years from now is "gigantic" reveals, perhaps more than any other recent statement, his real attitude about tax cuts of any stripe.

From the provisions of the bill are so far off in the future that they are unlikely to happen. Taxpayers would see a 1 percentage point tax cut in all brackets in April 2010, when the current 36.6 per-

cent bracket would become 38.6 percent, the 28 percent bracket would become 27 percent, and the 15 percent bracket would become 14 percent - well after the next president's second term. The end of the marriage penalty would also occur in April 2010.

History is on the side of those who do not expect to see the promised tax cuts. Since the inception of the tax code, Congress has rarely left taxes alone for a five-year period, and never for a decade. In 1989, the tax system was radically different from the way it is today, with rates for top earners at 31 percent and a far simpler system.

Why is Congress gambling on tax cuts that taxpayers won't even begin to see until two years after the next election? Because the \$1 trillion in forecast surpluses won't appear until the early part of the next century, Congress feels rightfully reluctant to provide major tax cuts before it arrives.

But Congress has not extended this restraint to spending. It has designated as "emergency" - thereby avoiding pre-

viously agreed upon spending caps - \$11 billion of spending on the decennial census, veterans' medical care and the Federal Emergency Management Administration, and President Clinton is ready with increased spending on education, a new prescription drug benefit for Medicare and the environment.

Here's how Congress could structure tax reductions to pre-empt a spending binge: Future surpluses could be matched to tax reforms today that have such a current and high future costs. An example of such a tax cut would be a significant expansion of the Roth Individual Retirement Account, where retirement savings are paid for with after-tax dollars but are withdrawn free of tax. Since the money paid in today is taxed, the upfront costs are small. The interest is free of tax and the revenue consequences would only be felt in the future when the retiree and surpluses have accumulated.

Currently, the Roth IRA has a \$2,000 annual contribution limit and is only eligible for taxpayers earning less than \$150,000 (married) or \$95,000 (single). Congress' proposed tax cut bill removes these income limits altogether, phasing in permitted earnings of \$100,000 by 2005 and indexing them for inflation thereafter. Why not make this change immediate, instead of the bill's other costly tax cuts - such as a tax credit for generating electricity by burning chicken



manure - that reward special interests but not ordinary Americans? Expanding the savings plan now would give most taxpayers an immediate tax cut and provide them with an additional incentive to save without creating deficits early on.

In a time when the Congressional Budget Office is forecasting budget surpluses as far as the eye can see, yet Americans are still concerned about how to fund Social Security and Medicare, we

owe it to the nation to give immediate tax relief that will provide incentives to solve our long-term problems. Expanding the Roth IRA, or similar savings vehicles would allow Americans to use funds that are rightfully theirs.

Diana Furchtgott-Roth is a resident fellow and Kevin Hassett is a senior scholar at the American Enterprise Institute. They wrote this commentary for the Los Angeles Times.

LETTER

IF pound wastes its chance

On Friday, July 13, I had to put my feeble, old dog to sleep. I cried a good deal that day as he'd been my life for 13 years. I decided that I needed to replace him as soon as possible and so I checked the Internet to find a source for West Highland White Terrier puppies as I felt I wanted another one. I had thought for some time, however, that I should really get a discarded dog from the pound and give it a home.

The following Monday morning, I telephoned the Twin Falls pound and asked to speak to Laurie Simonds as I had previously dealt with her and I wanted to ask her what steps I needed to take in order to adopt a dog. The man I talked to told me that Ms. Simonds was "busy" and couldn't come to the phone. He asked if he could help me and I told him he could and then I explained that I'd only asked to speak with Ms. Simonds because I'd had prior dealings with her. I told him that I wanted to adopt a dog and he then said that he'd have Ms. Simonds call me as soon as she was "free." Apparently Ms. Simonds has never become "free" because she has never returned my call.

That same morning, I telephoned the Humane Society in

Boise and talked to a lady who decided to put my name on the computer so that she could call me if anything came up. At 1 p.m., she called me back to tell me that she had a dog for me if I could pick it up that afternoon. I was there two hours later and I got a dog that is absolutely perfect for my needs. It's too bad that I couldn't have gotten a dog locally, however, so that I could have helped alleviate the local problem that K&VT and The Times-News has informed the public about this week. I guess getting the dogs into the pound and maintaining sanitary conditions for them until they are euthanized is more important than attempting to work with the public in an effort to find homes for them.

The pound in Boise is wonderful, much more than Twin Falls could ever dream of having due to the larger population base and the public interest at large. Employees are very courteous and helpful and the pound actively promotes its business through TV ads and programs and weekend adoption clinics at various area businesses. I'd recommend them anytime if you really want a pet. They don't just give lip service to the media.

TOM GRIGGS
Twin Falls



'New rules' for campaigning: Raise big bucks and focus on negative

At least it is known—or at least it is thought—about the influence of political campaigns on voters. Much less attention has been paid to the influence of campaigning on the candidates. Now an ambitious effort is under way to try to figure it out.

Campaigns and Elections, a trade journal for political professionals and political junkies, has launched a project with the University of Maryland, financed by the ubiquitous Pew Charitable Trusts, to ask the candidates themselves what lessons they have drawn from the experience of running. The August issue of the magazine contains three articles outlining the initial results. Probably the best summary comes from Bill Hamilton and Dan Beattie, both Democratic pollsters and Republican pollster

David S. Broder

Lois Weigel, who talked individually or in small focus groups with several dozen elected officials and candidates of both parties, ranging from the U.S. Senate down to the state legislature. The article on which they collaborated says of these candidates:

"Many start off as civic-minded 'purists' trying to convey to the voters specific views on what they believe to be vital matters of public policy. But by the end of their first campaign, most wend into the current regime of American political campaigning that has as its guiding light this precept: To win, you need to raise plenty of money so you can control the communication of a largely comparative message."

"Comparative" here is a term of art. Few want to acknowledge running negative campaigns. In a separate survey of 364 state legislative candidates, reported in the same issue, only 1 percent said their own last campaign was mostly negative and only 26 percent said it was mainly comparative—focusing on the differences between their own positions and their opponents'. The rest—more than 7 out of 10—claimed they had run mainly positive campaigns, not mentioning or criticizing their opponents.

On the other hand, one in three said their opponent's campaign was negative, so it's evident they are grading on a fairly flexible standard.

Whatever the label a more objective observer might assign to the campaigns, the message Hamilton and Beattie got from their candidate focus groups

speaks volumes about the tone and character of what they call "the new rules and norms for campaigning."

Four propositions

They reduce it to four propositions:

"First, these candidates were mostly pleased with their campaign consultants and felt they had explained to them the new campaign politics." It must be comforting to the consultants who read this magazine that their mentoring and guidance is so appreciated by the clients who pay them well for their tutelage.

"Second, by and large, the press was often viewed as spread too thin or just lazy, simplistic, and generally not helpful in carrying campaign messages to the public." As part of that benighted group, I would say: Spread too

thin? Certainly. Just lazy? Not the reporters I know. Simplistic? Probably, because of the inevitable compression of space and time in the paper or on the air. Not helpful? The function of a reporter is not to be helpful to a candidate but to be attentive, accurate and balanced. Often, candidates find that kind of coverage anything but helpful.

"Third, because of this, candidates said it was necessary to raise plenty of money to communicate and control messages to voters."

No one can dispute that money looms very large in today's campaigns. That's why subsidized communications—free mailings or reduced-rate TV and radio time—are such a promising area for campaign finance reform.

"Fourth, the candidates think voters best remember negative or comparative advertising—requiring candidates who have been attacked to "hit back" quickly." My guess is that this lesson is part of the indoctrination the consultants give their candidates, and it quickly becomes a self-fulfilling proposition. It is but a short step from "hit back quickly" to "get in the first punch," and that is what we're seeing in more and more campaigns.

It may be a good thing to spend some of the inexhaustible Pew millions to find out what's going on in the minds of candidates as they contemplate the process by which they seek or gain office. But it's also depressing.

David S. Broder is a Washington Post columnist.

Nixon had nowhere to run 25 years ago

Today is the 25th anniversary of that astonishing day when Richard Nixon, fearing an impeachment trial he couldn't bear, said he would resign. He was brought down, essentially, by two newspapermen from The Washington Post. To this day, the fall of Nixon is interpreted by some pundits as proof the system failed and that his betrayal of the nation's trust began the great disengagement from politics that now troubles our country. The second point may be true, but the first is not. What happened to Nixon is, in fact, proof that the system worked well.

Three years after Nixon resigned, I was traveling in Europe and the people over there repeatedly told me that they were surprised that a man so powerful and reelected in 1972 by such a record-breaking majority would have to resign. The Europeans didn't understand the wonder of this complicated country.

Nixon's resignation was made inevitable by the day John Dean testified before a Senate committee that Nixon knew of the attempt to cover up the bungled Watergate burglary. There we were, a free nation, suddenly all the way into the dark waters the Founding Fathers thought we might find ourselves in or some such. With the Watergate scandal, those guys—yes, some slaveholders, some haters of women, some so doggish they were willing to do for her for their sugar—still brought off the

Stanley Crouch

most remarkable social document in the history of the world. The Constitution has a very hard, unsentimental center to it. It is based in the extraordinarily accurate recognition that folly, corruption, mediocrity and incompetence are ever available.

That was what so turned those Europeans around when I was traveling over there in 1977. They said that in most places on the face of the Earth, a man that powerful would have fallen only because of bloody revolution. But in America, Nixon was doomed. There was nowhere to run.

When he did resign and finally stood at the door of the helicopter that would whirl him out of town, Nixon, as if having lost his mind, raised both arms and made V signs with both hands.

Historian Stephen Ambrose said that for all he had written about Nixon, he couldn't imagine what in the hell was the for-

mer President's mind when he made that gesture. Victory at the very worst point in his entire life? Only Shakespeare, said Ambrose, could have gone into a character that mysterious.

Ambrose was right, but it seems that Nixon himself did the job as well as anyone else could have. In his farewell speech to his cabinet and White House staff, he wrote words that were as clear and as aware of what can bring about human tragedy as anything said by any President:

"We want you to be proud of what you have done. We want you to continue to serve in government, if that is your wish. Always give your best, never get discouraged, never be petty; always remember, others may hate you, but those who hate you don't win unless you hate them, and then you destroy yourself."

If only for those words, Richard Nixon brought a tragic majesty to getting just what he deserved.

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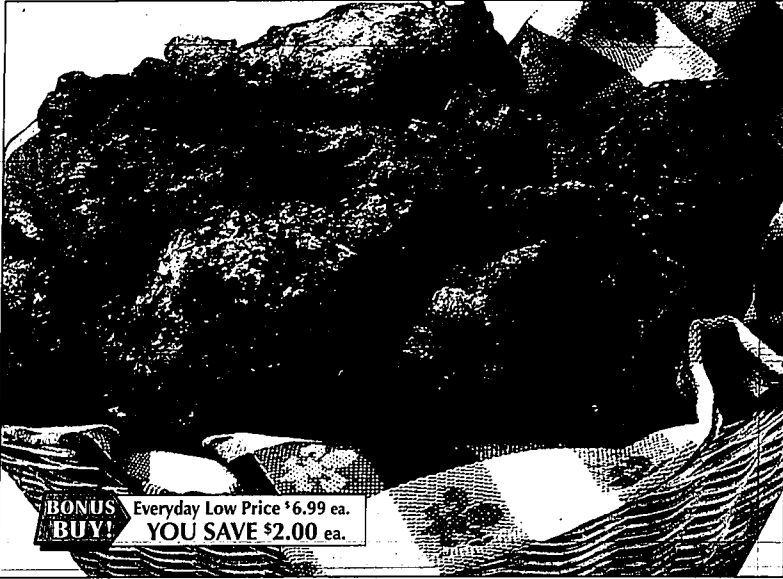
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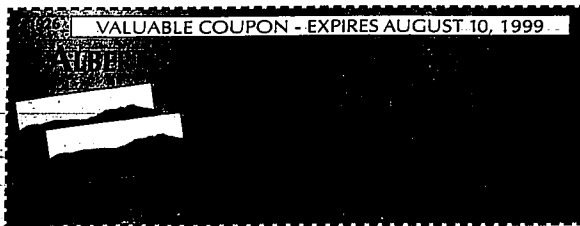
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Participation in user fee program rises

BOISE (AP)—Despite some discontent over the congressionally authorized visitor fee experiment, the number of people taking part in two pilot projects in southern Idaho has increased substantially, Forest Service officials say.

The projects which are part of the three-year Recreation Fee Demonstration Program are located on the Payette River and the Sawtooth National Forest.

On the Payette, boaters are required to buy a one-day pass or annual pass to park and use river access sites along the south fork and main Payette.

In the Sawtooth National Recreation Area and the Sawtooth Forest's Ketchum Ranger District, they must get

the pass to park at 38 trailheads.

On the Payette River, compliance has increased from 50 percent in 1998 to 70 percent this year, while in the Sawtooth area, it has jumped from 25 percent to 60 percent.

"Now that recreationists are seeing that the fees have resulted in real improvements on the ground in the areas they visit, they are more tolerant of paying them," said Vicki Lawson, Boise National Forest outdoor recreation planner.

Since the two projects in Idaho were first implemented, more than \$250,000 has been generated for maintenance and improvements, such as improved boating put-ins and restored foot bridges for hikers.

"The beauty of this program is all that money stays right where it is collected and is used for projects that benefit those who have paid the fee," Sawtooth Forest Supervisor Bill LeVere said.

Still, a nationwide rally is scheduled soon to protect the fee experiment.

Pam Lichtman of the Jackson Hole Conservation Alliance, said at first the fees seemed reasonable because national parks were in disarray. But she claimed the public has not seen the money go to worthy causes.

The fees give Congress less incentive to pay for public land improvements, she argued, and people who cannot afford to pay them may eventually be unable to take advantage of public lands.

Groups ask for end to bear-killing policy

PINEDALE, Wyo., (AP)—Conservationists have asked wildlife officials to rescind a policy that allows mountain grizzly bears to be killed, the Pinedale Roundup reported.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in June approved guidelines allowing nuisance bears out-

side the Yellowstone recovery zone to be killed in an effort to reduce livestock and financial losses.

Grizzlies have killed more than 150 head of livestock in the past four years in the upper Green River region and the state compensated ranchers \$67,000.

The groups said last month's killing of a grizzly was likely the first of many more deaths that will result from the protocol. Last month, a grizzly was trapped and destroyed after it killed six cattle and charged a state wildlife official during a four-day rampage.

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DEATH NOTICES
BURLEY — Nadine Craythorn, 56, of Burley, died Wednesday, Aug. 4, 1999, at her home. Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Payne Mortuary in Burley.

Clarence Carter
GOODING — Clarence Carter, 63, of Gooding, died Thursday, Aug. 5, 1999, at the Veterans Hospital in Boise.

Betty Y. Beall
GOODING — Betty Y. Beall, 78, of Gooding, died Friday, Aug. 6, 1999, at the Gooding Rehabilitation and Living Center.

Goldie V. Sweet
DIETRICH — Goldie V. Sweet, 88, of Dietrich, died Saturday, Aug. 7, 1999, at the Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls.

Rose Fleming
HAGERMAN — Rose Fleming, 81, of Hagerman, died Saturday, Aug. 7, 1999, at the Gooding Rehabilitation and Living Center.

Marshall LeBaron
 He is survived by her husband, Marshall LeBaron of Redmond, Washington; her children, Rodney and Lisa of Boulder, Colorado; Larry and Janet Carlson of Redmond, Washington; Ann Block of Washington; Ohio; Michael and Cindy LeBaron of Mooresville, North Carolina; and Robert Jr. and Mary Fulton of Glens Ferry, Idaho; grandchildren, Tabeith Carlson Ward of Thornton, Colorado; Tracie and Susan of Longmont, Colorado; Jeff Carlson of Renton, Washington; and Lisa Carlson of Redmond, Washington; great-grandchildren, Samuel Meinel and Hannah Ward; 7 step-grandchildren; and her brothers, Arthur Anderson of Twin Falls, Idaho; Preceding her in death were her parents, two brothers and husbands; Clyde Corky Carlson and Robert S. Fulton.

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Minidoka fair draws record crowd

By Dex Dutton
Times-News correspondent

RUPERT - Not many events can boast a cattle auction, a corn-on-the-cob eating contest, a tractor pull and mud volleyball all in one place, let alone on the same day. But the Minidoka County Fair did.

Saturday marked the closing of this year's six-day celebration and Minidoka County Fair Chairman Dianne Schaeffer said more than 15,000 people passed through the turnstiles - a record crowd.

"We have had huge crowds this year - more than usual," Schaeffer said.

Schaeffer credits the fair's wide variety of activities and events for the increased number of spectators this year.

Friday's Mule Show exceeded organizers' expectations. Fair worker Gordon Stewart said the mules added a unique element of entertainment value.

"Everyone loved the mule shows," Stewart said. "It was a riot. They did barrel racing, chariot racing, log pulls and even an obstacle course. After a while, they were just making it up as they went along."

Four-H Club members had a chance to showcase the livestock projects they'd been working on all year. Josh Kendall of Rupert proudly displayed his two grand champion turkeys in the auction ring. Kendall said his hard work paid off. The turkeys fetched him \$475.

"This feels great," Kendall said. "I liked raising them and watching them get bigger. It brought them from 8 ounces to over 28 pounds."

Fairgoer Ike Christiansen squeezed time out of a busy work schedule to attend. Drawn by the social nature of the event,



Gobbie, gobbie! Four-H'er Josh Kendall of Rupert displays his grand champion turkeys in the auction ring at the Minidoka County Fair on Saturday. The six-day event featured fun for the whole family.

Christiansen said he enjoys visiting with old friends at the fair. "It seems like you also see a lot of people here that you don't see any other time," Christiansen said. "Also like to see the livestock and the exhibits."

The mud volleyball tournament was considered a huge success by its promoters. Account Executive Mark Maier of KBAR radio station, who co-sponsored

the event along with Project Mutual Telephone, said the tournament helped bolster the fair's Saturday crowd.

"This is a home run," Maier said. "Anytime you get this many people out, it is a good thing."

Though they were playing to win a trip to Cactus Petes resort in Nevada, some volleyball participants said it was really the slipslidin' mud between the toes

action that drew them into the contest.

"I had a blast today and I am already planning to do it again next year," said Mud Diggers team member Vance Andersen. "I like playing in the mud. I don't think I have been this muddy since I was a little kid."

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RUNNING THE FAIR

Chairman credits the volunteers

By Dex Dutton
Times-News correspondent

RUPERT - Those who attended the Minidoka County Fair enjoyed a six-day event packed with ribbons, food and fun. But for Minidoka County Fair Chairman Dianne Schaeffer, the past week represented the culmination of an entire year of planning and hard work.

"As soon as one fair is over, we will start planning for the next one," Schaeffer said. "We start the planning and we even go to a fair convention to get ideas for our fair and learn how to solve problems in running the fair."

The fair board also holds monthly meetings throughout the year to plan fair activities and coordinate the people and resources necessary to make the event possible.

Schaeffer said she feels the fair to be busy because of the talents and efforts of the seven-member fair committee which she has directed for the past eight years.

"We are really well together. Each person has their own talents and jobs that they do well," she said. "We compliment each other well. The fair keeps us pretty busy throughout the year because we are constantly working at it."

In addition to the fair board chairmanship, Schaeffer directs countless activities and volunteers during the fair's six-day run. Walk around with her for just a few moments and you play witness to the dizzying scope of her responsibilities. Though demands pull at her from several different directions, she deftly answers each by filling the roles of traffic cop, communications coordinator and public relations director all within the span of 10 minutes. But she seems to thrive on the pressure and enjoys her role as director of the tiny army of fair volunteers.

"If you look around, you see volunteers everywhere. It takes everybody to make this fair happen," Schaeffer said. "Without



Minidoka County Fair Chairman Dianne Schaeffer takes a moment to find some shade Saturday afternoon. Schaeffer has been the chairman of the annual event for eight years.

them, there would be no fair."

Though she is quick to acknowledge the efforts of others, her own passion and commitment to the annual event shines in its success. This year's fair followed the trend of the past several years of increased fair attendance.

Fair board Secretary Judy Parkin said Schaeffer's leadership has been an irreplaceable contribution.

"Dianne has been really good for the fair. I think she has really helped the fair grow," Parkin said. "She gets things done. If she says she'll do something, it gets done."

For Schaeffer, her salary comes not in dollars, but in those things she feels a monetary salary doesn't provide.

"This is something I really enjoy," Schaeffer said. "I like seeing people get together at the fair and visit. The fair helps get our families together because there is an activity for everyone. I love watching the kids get that bundle of energy or children."

And though running the fair is a tough job, by the closing evening Schaeffer said she was a little sorry to see the end of what had been the result of a year of planning and work.

"It is kind of a bummer to see it end," she said. "You work hard on it and then you say 'oh here it is - it's over.'"

ARTEC

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Registration hasn't begun in some districts.

In the meantime, schools are gearing up for the first day of classes.

"We are not going to be 100 percent ready in all locations," said Steve Sorenson, ARTEC director, but he added that he expects programs will be firmly in place within the first couple weeks of school.

A few districts are furnishing new labs to accommodate the classes.

Jerome School District has budgeted \$35,000 to remodel Jerome High School's vocational building that will host ARTEC computer hardware and network-

ing programs. The labs will be equipped with \$178,000 in equipment from the ARTEC grant.

"We've renovated the building and tried to bring it into the 21st century," said Chris Gibson, district technology director.

The remodel has added two instructional computer labs, a student practice lab and a commons area, particularly handy for students who will be traveling to Jerome from other districts, he said.

Preliminary figures show about 80 Jerome students enrolled in the computer classes, said Eric Steigens, an ARTEC board member from Jerome. He is not aware of any students from outside the district who have enrolled, and

that could reflect a registration time crunch in the spring. He said he hopes to see out-of-district students enroll during fall registration.

Other ARTEC news includes design completion on the telecommunications system that will broadcast classes on ARTEC schools. The project will be put out to bid soon. And ARTEC hopes to hire a curriculum development coordinator for a three-year position.

School districts will help designing and coordinating ARTEC curriculum that must integrate academics into technical programs, Saxe said. The Albertson Foundation first must approve the expense, which was

not included in ARTEC's original grant proposal. Salary for the position will be determined by the individual's experience.

ARTEC also will use \$281,000 in grant money over three years to hire Colorado-based Mid-continent Regional Educational Laboratory-known nationally for its work in helping states develop high school exiting standards, Saxe said. ARTEC's curriculum must meet new state exiting requirements, and that is a huge, specialized task, he said.

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Report: State should take federal money

LEWISTON (AP) - Consultants hired by state officials are recommending more collaboration between state and local agencies and public schools in providing services for severely mentally disabled children.

Ira Lourie and Cliff Davis of the Washington, D.C.-based Human Service Collaborative said the state should claim more federal-funded reimbursements of community-based mental health services for children and provide more funding.

"There are many Idaho children who need services and support, and their parents almost universally describe frustration, disappointment and overwhelming concern for the well-being of

their children and families because they cannot find or access needed services," the consultants wrote in their 48-page report.

About 7,569 of 18,920 children with serious emotional disturbances in Idaho will require public support of services each year, Lourie and Davis said.

But only a small percentage of those children are being served, with about \$28 million in federal, local and state tax dollars being used to purchase mental health services, the consultants said.

Low percentages of these children are likely to graduate from high school, and higher percentages will end up in prison as adults if they are left without

adequate evaluation and treatment, they said.

An executive committee of officials from Idaho's education, health and welfare and juvenile corrections departments and probably Gov. Dirk Kempthorne's office will meet for the first time in the next two months to discuss the \$117,604 report, said Ross Mason, a spokesman for the Health and Welfare Department.

"What they are looking at is a 10-year project," he said.

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City gambles on \$5 million runway

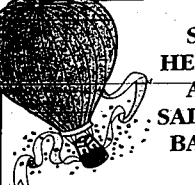
WENDOVER, Utah (AP) - The Wendover Airport is open again for commercial air service, and now Tooele County commission-ers will find out if their big gamble will pay off.

A new \$5 million runway, which nearly plunged the city of Wendover into bankruptcy, was completed late last month, and county officials have planned an Aug. 16 dedication ceremony.

The airport once ranked second in the state in annual passengers when casinos from neighboring Twin, Nev., ran, charter air service.

Wendover County borrowed \$2.7 million to finish the work on what commissioners hope is a gold mine of economic potential for Wendover and Tooele County.

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CAFO

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and the state Division of Environmental Quality regulates other livestock operations and is working on regulations for swine and poultry operations.

While the state government is working to help local governments regulate mega-operations, each county has the job of providing the site regulations for a proposed operation. "This can be a daunting task, Maughan said.

"Right now we send members of our planning commission out to a site and then check off the requirements the developer has to have," Maughan said. "But we don't have the ability to get scientific evidence to make sure the operators live up to what they say they will."

If a technical support team is created, the county's decision making process will become a lot easier, Maughan said. "We're hoping this will provide the technical objective data to

support proper site decisions," Maughan said. "Then we want the state agencies to enforce the rules and monitor the sites. This will go a long way in helping local governments properly site CAFOs."

Bill Crafton, the county's planning and zoning director, said the support team idea is a good one. He agrees the team's work would help county officials in their decision making.

"The problem is that we just don't have all the expertise to know if a person is right for the area or not," Crafton said. "By having a regional group to review the applications, it would be a big help in siting these proposed operations."

A regional group may add 30 days to the application process that now takes about 90 days, he said.

"Even if it takes an additional 30 days, it makes for a better siting and peace of mind for people who have concerns."

Some counties have already imposed moratoriums on new operations. Cassia County put a six month moratorium on operations of 10,000 animal units or more in April after Sawtooth Farms LLC expressed interest in setting up a multi-million hog farm near Malta. The commissioners imposed the moratorium, which expires in October, to gather more information on the local implications of a mega-operation like Sawtooth Farms and to wait on DEQ's proposed regulations.

Maughan said if the regional support team is created, counties like Cassia will also benefit from the team's help. The Idaho Association of Counties will meet again in September to further discuss the creation of a regional technical support team.

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Habitat for Humanity needs more leaders in Mini-Cassia

By Ruth Stretter
Times-News writer

BURLEY - It takes a hundred volunteers to build a house. But just missing a few can put things on hold.

That's what has happened to Mini-Cassia community members who have been trying for 18 months to establish an official Habitat for Humanity affiliate in the area. Despite adequate community funding and support, the inability to secure reliable, community-rooted leadership has put plans to build affordable housing in Mini-Cassia on hold.

Habitat for Humanity (HFH) is a non-profit ecumenical Christian organization that facilitates the planning and construction of affordable housing in rural and urban areas worldwide. The program depends on the initiative of a few concerned citizens who recognize a local need for low-income housing and band together to organize independent, locally-run HFH affiliates.

The temporary affiliate went through a mandatory 18-month application process to establish official affiliate status. Even before the application was submitted, the group was required to have all its ducks in a row. That meant having an executive board of 12 to 20 directors and each of the necessary subcommittees firmly in place.

It is very important that the affiliate has the structure to be successful ... so the group doesn't have a negative impact on the community," said Marvise Breckenridge, a member of the site selection committee.

But the 18-month timeline recently expired, and the group

was unable to prove itself as an entity with reliable leadership. A critical committee had its chairpersons replaced twice, Adams said. In addition, four people in key leadership positions have resigned, including two presidents, both ministers who had transferred to other churches.

"We had lots of followers; but just kept losing our leaders," Adams said.

Neither donations nor volunteer support was a problem for the temporary affiliate. When Chuck Meyer of Burley, co-chair of the church relations committee, introduced the idea of an HFH affiliate in Mini-Cassia, he garnered substantial interest. A group of nearly 100 people showed initial enthusiasm, and were able to raise an initial \$3,000 prior to application, said Adams.

"The raising of funds turned out to be one of the easiest things to get done," Adams said.

The Mini-Cassia group also compiled statistics on the income and economic levels of the community, identified a need for low-income housing in the area, and identified the particular groups in the community the affiliate hoped to serve, Adams said.

Annis Henson, associate regional director for Habitat Northwest, is waiting to schedule a conference call with the group regarding the current status and the future of HFH in the Mini-Cassia area.

"Right now they met our limitation and we can't let them go any further until we consult," Henson said.

The biggest setback is not having a current president, a role that entails enormous responsibility. The search may not be easy,

and is not a matter of merely promoting a board member. The board comprises members of the business community who already have full-time commitments beyond HFH.

"I'm very interested in the organization," said Steve Tull, an executive board member. "I've met in a position to be in leadership."

From looking at successful HFH affiliates such as the one in Twin Falls, Adams said it appears that other leaders are full-time, nearly full-time HFH volunteers.

Brice said the ideal candidate for the presidency would be a retiree and a person who has experience in leadership positions, or has formerly headed an organization and is familiar with the demands of such a position.

"A lot of people want to build a house," she said, "but it takes a lot of legwork, and a lot of preliminary work, before a house can get built."

Many volunteers were surprised by the formal and nit-picky process of the program.

"I don't think the paperwork and bureaucracy was apparent, at the first two meetings," Adams said. "We were just overwhelmed and overjoyed by the people who wanted to donate time and supplies to get the project going."

Meyer wrote in the Presbyterian Witness, a church newsletter, that he felt one of the main reasons for failing to gain affiliate status was the inability to gain the support of local church leaders and their congregations.

Times-News writer Ruth Stretter can be reached in Burley at 677-4042, Ext. 109.

Fire destroys two Washington homes

LAKE WENATCHEE, Wash. (AP) - A lightning storm sparked a fire that destroyed two homes in rural Grant County and caused rock slides that closed two highways near Chelan.

The storm destroyed two families' homes in the tiny community of Ruff, about 20 miles east of Moses Lake, after lightning Friday touched off a grass fire.

The lightning also caused a fire near Moses Lake that burned 150 acres of grass and brush before it was controlled.

Rain that accompanied the storm kicked loose rocks that cascaded down onto highways 97A and 97I between Entiat and Chelan. Around 11:15 p.m. Friday, Highway 97A was closed

just south of the Knapps Tunnel. A few minutes later, a caller to the State Patrol reported that three rocks the size of small pickup trucks were blocking Highway 97I.

Both roads were closed for about an hour until the rocks were cleared, a State Patrol dispatcher said.

The fire in rural Ruff (pronounced "roof") was reported just after 2 p.m. on Friday, said Travis Svlar of Grant County Fire District 5. He said lightning ignited dry grass.

"Everything was up in flames by the time we got there," he said.

Fire crews were able to put-out the grass fire before it could

reach the three or four other homes in the town, Svlar said.

"It's mostly a lot of dry weeds between houses," he said. Svlar said residents were home at both houses when the fire broke out. Everyone escaped, the flames and no injuries were reported, he said.

Meanwhile, the National Weather Service is predicting that the weather front that has been unleashing lightning over the region for more than a week will finally leave by Monday.

Meteorologist Gary Bennett said a new weather front is moving up from the coast of California and will bring cooler temperatures and more stable air without lightning.

Kempthorne says there's been enough time for comment

JACKSON, Wyo. (AP) - Idaho Gov. Dirk Kempthorne feels Wyoming residents have had ample opportunity to comment on a proposed nuclear waste incinerator west of Jackson, a spokesman said.

Kempthorne has no comment on a resolution passed by Teton County commissioners that Idaho officials reopen the issue, Mark Snider said.

Wyoming's congressional delegation and Gov. Jim Geringer also want a longer public comment period and have written Kempthorne.

The Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory would burn about 14,300 cubic meters of radioactive waste stored at the U.S. Department of Energy site. Ultimately, 65,000 cubic

meters of radioactive waste would be treated and sent to a permanent storage facility in Nevada.

The Idaho Department of Environmental Quality did not notify Teton County residents when it was accepting public comment because it was not

required to.

Teton County is 30 miles beyond a 50-mile radius from the site, the department administrator Kathleen Trever said. A group of county residents fears radioactive emissions will travel on prevailing winds and cause ill-effects.

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Evening showers roll across the Arizona desert recently near Casa Grande. The rainy season began there in July and is expected to last until early September.

Jury nails driver on murder counts

FOCATELLO (AP) - A federal jury has found a Fort Hall man guilty of two counts of second-degree murder for leaving the scene of an accident in which two men were killed.

Farrell Wildcat was charged in the deaths of Casey Ambosh, 44, and Orlando Moenberg, 21, after the two men died of hypothermia when the car they were riding in went off an embankment and ended up on its top in Bannock Creek Dec. 9.

Wildcat-faced charges after the accident because prosecutors said he failed to seek help for his two friends after forcing his way out of the partially sub-

merged car through a back window.

He was found unconscious on the road after a passing motorist, who told police she was afraid to stop when he tried to flag her down, drove home and called the police.

When police arrived, they did not see any vehicles, assumed he had been left there and took him to a hospital.

The wrecked car was not found until about 5 p.m. Dec. 10, when a Fort Hall Fish and Game officer saw car tracks heading to the creek and stopped to investigate.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Jim

Peters said in closing arguments Friday Wildcat was charged with second-degree murder because he exhibited reckless conduct, and disregard for human life, and continuing to drive drunk even though he had 10 misdemeanor and felony DUIs over a 21-year period.

Peters said the citations and a fixed four-year prison sentence for felony DUI constituted repeated warnings to Wildcat to stop drinking and driving, but did not deter his reckless behavior.

Wildcat is scheduled to be sentenced Oct. 15.

Habitat for Humanity joins homes show

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) - Amongst all the designer showcases in this year's Salt Lake Parade of Homes, the house getting the most attention is definitely an exception.

The little white house has just 1,200 feet of floor space, no garage, no dishwasher, and none of the other extras of the parade. But it's very special house all the same.

It's the first house built for Habitat for Humanity to be included in the Home Builders Association's parade of homes.

Habitat for Humanity volunteers build the homes, which are sold below market value to low-income families. The group also provides low-interest loans, and an average monthly mortgage payment of about \$450.

Including the home in the Parade "provides a good example of the decent, affordable homes we try to build," said Yvonna Rogue, executive director of the Salt Lake Valley Habitat for Humanity.

When the Parade of Homes ends, the three-bedroom home will be sold for about \$95,000 to a single mother with four children.

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EPA praises Idaho for oversight of pesticide use, changes in policy

BOISE (AP) - In an unusual document, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency is actually praising the state of Idaho's pesticide enforcement work.

It is the same federal agency which routinely looks over the shoulders of state government and tells them how inadequately they manage environmental programs and enforce laws.

"It's simply a matter of EPA giving credit where credit is due," said Marie Jennings, the Seattle-based manager of EPA's regional pesticide unit, who signed off on the report. "The Idaho Department of Agriculture is doing a great job!"

The EPA region completed an

end-of-the-year review of the state's enforcement program. It analyzed the Idaho laws and procedures to comply with the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide and Rodenticide Act.

"This review revealed that ISDA followed its procedures closely, initiates investigations in a timely manner, provides outstanding case documentation, and pursues enforcement actions expeditiously," the study said.

Some changes the Idaho department made over the last year include "flattening the managerial chain" so program managers are responsible for enforcement deadlines, replacing field positions not meeting

the agency's needs, and recognizing a high percentage of Hispanics in Idaho's workforce by increased hiring of bilingual staff.

Overall, Idaho has more than adequate legal authority to carry out the federal act's mandates and to protect the environment, the study said. Departmental reorganization has resulted in improved morale and compliance by growers in the field, and human health pesticide complaints are being addressed.

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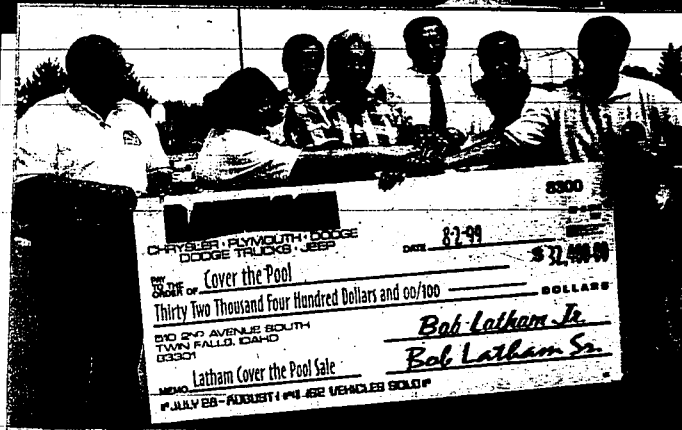
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Arizona prepares for top-ranked Penn State; ASU suspends two players

TUCSON, Ariz. (AP) — With the opponent Penn State 22 days away, the Arizona Wildcats gathered in Camp Ochs for a football season of unfinished business.

With 15 starters returning from last season's 11-1 team, Arizona is the overwhelming favorite to win the Pac-10 title and a first-ever trip to the Rose Bowl. The Wildcats could even wind up somewhere better — the national championship game in the Sugar Bowl. But first things first, the Wildcats are saying.

"When we get to camp, last year is said senior linebacker DuStrom

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Phil. "We can't even dwell on what we did, when we did it, or who did it. That is over. We've just got to come back with a whole new focus."

Nine starters are back on defense, led by all-conference linebacker Marcus Bell. Among those returning on offense are quarterback Keith Smith and Ortege Jenkins, running back Trung Candidate and wide receiver Dennis Northcutt.

Coach Dick Tomney said Friday he believes this group will not be carried away by all the early attention. "The players are confident, and we

have the chance to be a really good team," he said. "But we can't take anything for granted. Even with so many new players, it's never the same. They are realistic about how hard it is to win in college football. They don't have any delusions."

Pair of Sun Devils suspended

TEMPE, Ariz. — Two Arizona State wide receivers were suspended Friday for breaking team rules, coach Bruce Snyder announced. Snyder declined to specify the rules or the violations that led him to suspend Justin Tiplin and Joey Graves for the season on the eve of the opening of training camp.

"It wasn't a legal issue. It wasn't an academic issue," he said. "I hated to do it. But it was something I felt like I had to do."

Earlier this year, starting cornerback Juan-Cherry was dropped from the team, and tackle Steve York, a junior college recruit, was suspended for two months.

Snyder said the situations are not a sign of a crackdown. "I would not connect them," he said. "Those are really separate issues." Tiplin and Graves each will have three years of eligibility when they return to the team.

Irish officials expect the worst

SOUTH BEND, Ind. — Notre Dame officials expect the NCAA to rule that the university has committed the first major violation in its history.

They anticipate the Committee on Infractions will determine that members of the athletic department should have done more to learn of gifts football players received from convicted embezzler Kim Dunbar.

One year after the humiliating publicity created by the age-discrimination suit won by former assistant football coach Joe Moore, a major violation would forever alter the image of a university that has more have viewed for generations as a moral compass for college athletics.

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MVRMC laboratory gets two-year accreditation

TWIN FALLS - The Magic Valley Regional - Medical Center Laboratory has been awarded a two-year accreditation by the Commission on Laboratory Accreditation of the College of American Pathologists...

The CAP Laboratory Accreditation Program, begun in the early 1960s, is recognized by the federal government as "equal to or more stringent than the government's own inspection program..."

CONTRIBUTIONS

The ShopKo Charity Golf Classic raised more than \$2 million for Special Olympics...

This marks the 20th anniversary of the world's largest fundraiser to benefit Special Olympics...

The money raised by Wisconsin-based ShopKo will support Special Olympics programs in Idaho and 17 other states...

CAREER MOVES

TWIN FALLS - Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce Operations Manager Mary Bradshaw recently returned from Colorado Springs, Colo...

The four-year program is aimed at giving chamber professionals the kinds of tools needed to operate a successful chamber...

EDEN - Loretta and Larry Lawson of Eden have become independent representatives for Shakopee, Minn.-based Conklin Co...

The Lawsons join a national network of 20,000 independent representatives who sell a line of more than 120 specialty products including acrylic latexes and Hypalon roofing systems...

Valley House chose new construction because it wants homeless people to see "how well they could do" to realize they can improve their situations...

Industrial addition Austin's Express Inc. is erecting a new office building on Dec Taylor Drive in southeastern Twin Falls...

A carpentry class for young adults from Nampa and Caldwell will do much of the building as volunteers, and Wyatt doesn't expect the triplex to be finished until next summer.

TELL US YOUR BUSINESS

YourBusiness is a weekly feature that highlights commercial activity in the Magic Valley. If you have information about any of the following, The Times-News wants to hear about it...

YourBusiness deadline: Noon Thursday for publication the following Sunday.

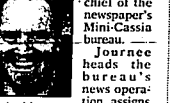
mal products; multipurpose cleaners; nutrition products; water distillation units; and personal-care products.

DENVER - Brent Lee Stanger, an appraiser with Appraisal LLC in Twin Falls...



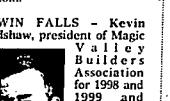
Stanger's ARA designation demonstrates he meets education and experience requirements, has passed oral and written examinations, and maintains standards of integrity, professionalism, competence and ethics...

TWIN FALLS - The Times-News announced the hiring of Michael Journee as chief of the newspaper's Twin Falls bureau...



Journee heads the bureau's news operation, assigns and edits news articles and will be involved in community events and issues.

TWIN FALLS - Kevin Bradshaw, president of Magic Valley Builders Association for 1998 and 1999 and owner of Kab Home Designs Inc...

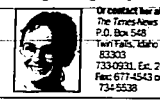


Bradshaw was awarded "Top Local Association Spike" for 1999 by the Idaho Building Contractors Association.

Membership recruitment to the local association earns people points to belong to Spike Group. Bradshaw also finished his term as committee chairman for the IBCA's Local Presidents Council.

TWIN FALLS - The design of certified insurance counselor was conferred upon Alisa Bowman of Strobelberg-Leavitt Insurance Agency in Twin Falls...

Please e-mail items to Business Editor Virginia S. Hutchins at virginia@magvalley.com



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The society is a national nonprofit dedicated to professional insurance education and is a key element of Texas-based The National Alliance for Insurance Education and Research...

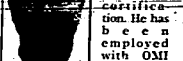
More than 23,000 agents and insurance professionals throughout the country have received the CIC designation.

Bowman demonstrated competence through experience, formal training and a series of comprehensive written examinations focusing on all major fields of insurance...

TWIN FALLS - Three associates of Operations Management International recently received upgrades to their wastewater certifications.

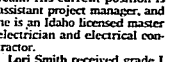
The Idaho Water and Wastewater Operations Certification Boards Inc. administers testing for certification. Legislation passed by the 1999 Idaho Legislature will make certification of operators in water and wastewater treatment facilities mandatory...

Zane received grade IV wastewater OMI for eight years and is currently an operator I at the Twin Falls OMI.



Rusty Schwarz received grade III wastewater certification. He has been with OMI for 9 1/2 years...

Lori Smith received grade I wastewater certification. She has been with OMI for 10 years...



On the other end of Twin Falls, the city got a permit for new restrooms at popular summer spot Dierkes Lake to replace ones that were demolished.

The \$100,000 facility is being built and plumbed now and probably won't be available for use until September.

For now, be available for recreationists use portable toilets.

Travel fraud covers American consumers \$12 billion a year...

State and federal regulators try to help by going after the worst offenders, but it is also up to consumers to be on the alert...

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The rest of the certificate's face included colorful details of "Exciting Nights in Mazatlan" and "2 Sensational Nights in Ft. Lauderdale..."

More companies restrict Internet use in the office

The Associated Press With the Internet increasingly becoming a workplace tool, more companies are establishing formal policies about using Internet during work hours...

Nearly a third of the respondents said their firms have software that blocks employees from entering certain sites, such as adult-oriented Web sites...

No more pink slips: Firms try e-mail now

The pink slip, the decades-old symbol of an employee's services will no longer be required, many will be passed, according to Challenger, Gray & Christmas...

Businesses are trying to reduce the number of companies that are notifying workers by e-mail that they're being laid off...

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Tourists beware Slick marketing disguises many travel fraud schemes

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the agreement, and what penalties that may entail.

Never agree to pay a fee to collect a trip "won" in a contest. It is against New Jersey law, and a sign to be wary.

Assume your employer has no connection to any special "corporate" discount offers that arrive by fax or e-mail.

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Dip Continued from D1 dio units to house the homeless, Director Roger Wyatt said. Two of the units will give the inmates choice of separate bedrooms, but no walls will separate them from the living areas.

After tearing down an antiquated fourplex recently and replacing it with a parking lot, Valley House has seven units standing in addition to the main house, for a total of 18 homes.

Last week just 11 homeless people were staying at Valley House - partly because the weather is warm - but the shelter has housed as many as 55 people at one time, Wyatt said.

A carpentry class for young adults from Nampa and Caldwell will do much of the building as volunteers, and Wyatt doesn't expect the triplex to be finished until next summer.

Water and waste The city got a permit in July for a small piece of its new multi-million-dollar complex for the city water system, to include new wells and a new reservoir.

On the other end of Twin Falls, the city got a permit for new restrooms at popular summer spot Dierkes Lake to replace ones that were demolished.

For now, be available for recreationists use portable toilets.

Coeur d'Alene-based group teaches team-building skills

COEUR D'ALENE (AP) - Nine months of hard work...

Twenty-five programmers for the Irvine, Calif., company...

Managers had underestimated the time needed to finish the project...

"It was turning into a death march," said Art Kirsch...

"The programmers were ready to quit... We were on a path where we would have not been able to complete the project."

That's where SportsMind, a Coeur d'Alene-based company that teaches team-building...

SportsMind took programmers and managers out of the office for a three-day retreat to improve trust, communication and accountability...

The four months of training ended in April. By then the team had reached a major milestone...

"A lot of programmers are loners, fanatic guys and gals that whack away at a keyboard,"

Kirsch said. "They had to understand that as a team they produce more."

SportsMind expects revenues of about \$7 million this year, teaching employees how to be team players. In 18 years, the company has taught teamwork to 100,000 people.

SportsMind's methods aren't fast or cheap. The company typically works with clients for six months to three years. Fees start at about \$350,000.

But SportsMind does guarantee measurable results, say its three principals - Chris Majer, Stephanie White and Tom White. "We promise that you will be net dollars ahead," Majer said.

Majer founded SportsMind in Seattle in 1981. The company grew out of his interest in sports psychology.

A competitive rugby player, Majer found himself questioning the theories of organizational development he was learning in graduate school. They didn't mesh with his experience on the field.

"The practice of building a high-performing team in the sporting world was radically different than what the academic theorists thought," Majer said.

He knew that mental and physical training helped teams win, but to be consistent winners play-

ers had to share a certain set of commitments. They had to respect the authority of the coach. They had to trust each other, accept responsibility and share common goals. They had to be concerned for the well-being of the team.

SportsMind's first clients were athletes. Majer's work in that arena then led to an Army contract to improve fitness and morale among 500 enlisted soldiers at Fort Hood, Texas.

He and a business partner later spent six months working with two special forces units that subsequently outperformed every other unit in the country. Their work was featured in Richard Hecker's 1987 documentary novel, "In Search of the Warrior Spirit."

Fron athletes and soldiers, SportsMind expanded to the corporate world. Helping companies achieve peak performance is even more of a challenge than working with athletes and soldiers, Majer said.

"In an office, there are vast differences in the levels of commitment and performance among players," he said. That often creates an atmosphere where suspicion, jealousy and animosity flourish.

But if employees feel connected as a team, they don't even have to like each other to achieve results, Majer said.

"I think it puts relationships



SportsMind principals, from left, Chris Majer, Tom White and Stephanie Wotzowinkel White stand in a clearing in the woods of Lakeside on Lake Coeur d'Alene. Their company uses the camp for its corporate training.

into perspective," said Daniel Ward, former regional director of the Small Business Administration in Seattle, and a graduate of the SportsMind course. "You're working together for a common goal."

A four-day seminar involving ropes courses and other physical challenges is the backbone of the SportsMind's training program.

But follow-up weekly meetings, ongoing discussion and intense training of managers are critical to the program's success, said Stephanie White.

U.S. companies spend \$20 billion annually on management and leadership training. But too many of the programs are like fad diets, she said.

Managers read a book, attend a

seminar or listen to a tape with best intentions. But without follow-up, no significant changes occur.

SportsMind moved to Coeur d'Alene two years ago because Majer had a home in the city. Stephanie and Tom White said they also were skeptical about the change, but the couple now owns an area home as well.

Quiz

Continued from D1. 14 Generally speaking, when interest rates rise, bond prices...

A. Rise B. Fall C. Stay the same D. Climb exactly 10 percent

15 Generally speaking, the longer a bond's maturity, the more sensitive its price is to changing interest rates...

A. The more sensitive its price is to changing interest rates B. The more likely the issuer is to default C. The more sensitive its price is to changes in the real estate market

16 The primary benefit of a state-specific municipal bond mutual fund is that...

A. Most of the portfolio is invested in lower-rated securities B. The portfolio is invested in the state's most successful companies C. The income is exempt from both federal and state taxes for residents of the state

D. The investment is insured by the various state agencies issuing the bonds

17 A mutual fund's performance is best measured by...

A. Yield B. Income return C. Total return D. Capital-gains distribution

18 The historical average annual return for stocks is about...

A. 15 percent B. 8 percent C. 10 percent D. 25 percent

19 Inflation poses the greatest threat to...

A. Cash reserves B. Stocks C. Taxable bonds D. Tax-free bonds

Rate yourself

1820 scores - You're well on your way to becoming an expert. You know your stuff.

1547 scores - You're making progress. You know most of the basics and are doing OK.

1244 scores - So-so. You need to do more up on a few things.

931 scores - You need help. It's time for you to learn the basics.

20 True or false. The mix of assets determines about 95 percent of an investment portfolio's return.

Monetary pursuit: THE ANSWERS - These are the answers to the "20 Questions" investment quiz on Page D1, with the percentage of people who answered the questions correctly when they were surveyed by American Century Investments, Vanguard Group and John Hancock Financial Services:

1. A money market mutual fund maintains a constant share price of a dollar, although this is not guaranteed. (32 percent answered correctly)

2. C. Individual Retirement Arrangement or Account. (69 percent)

3. A. Yes, you can transfer money from an existing IRA to a new Roth IRA. (62 percent)

4. A. The total maximum annual contribution a person can make to an IRA is \$2,000. (46 percent)

5. D. An individual can have an unlimited number of IRA accounts. (45 percent)

6. D. All of those withdrawals are allowed without penalty. (54 percent)

7. A. A person can contribute both to a Roth IRA and to a traditional IRA in the same tax year. (43 percent)

8. B. The best time to transfer money into a bond fund would be when interest rates are expected to decrease. (17 percent)

9. True. Investors can lose money in the stock market. (85 percent)

10. True. Investors can lose money in the bond market. (45 percent)

11. True. Investors can lose money in a government bond fund. (30 percent)

12. False. A money market fund typically earns less over 10 years than a bond fund. (38 percent)

13. A. A bond is a debt security issued by a company, municipality or government agency. (71 percent)

14. E. Generally speaking,

when interest rates rise, bond prices fall. (37 percent)

15. B. Generally speaking, the longer a bond's maturity, the more sensitive its price is to changing interest rates. (14 percent)

16. C. The primary benefit of a state-specific municipal bond mutual fund is that the income is exempt from both federal and state taxes for residents of the state. (27 percent)

17. C. A mutual fund's performance is best measured by total return. (73 percent)

18. C. The historical average annual return for stocks is about 10 percent. (60 percent)

19. A. Inflation poses the greatest threat to cash reserves. (76 percent)

20. True. The mix among stocks, bonds and cash reserves determines about 95 percent of an investment portfolio's return. (72 percent)

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Troubled times for dollar lead to worry

NEW YORK (AP) — The wave of worry that washed over Wall Street this past week had one primary source: fears of higher interest rates.

But for weeks now, markets have also been rattled by a pesky undercurrent of currency woes. The U.S. dollar has been in a slide against the Japanese yen and the euro as global economies

improve, suggesting to investors around the world that the United States is far from the only place to put their money.

The relative weakness of the dollar has surprised people, said Philip Dow, director of equity strategy at Dain Rauscher Wessels in Minneapolis. "It's a wild card that has definitely had an impact on Wall Street."

On Friday afternoon, a dollar bought 114.15 yen, up slightly from a six-month low of 113.65 on Thursday. As recently as May 20, a dollar was worth 124.82 yen.

The dollar has also fallen against the euro, the European common currency that took its debut in January. The dollar hit a three-month low of \$1.0824 against the euro on Thursday before recovering to \$1.0734 Friday.

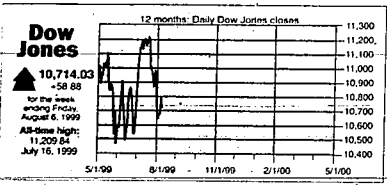
The dollar has been pulled down by a number of factors, including jitters about higher interest rates, uncertainty about economic policy and a burgeoning recovery of Asian markets.

"The story that's emerging is that there are signs of growth outside the U.S.," said Allison Montgomery, currency economist with IDEAGlobal.com in New York. "Capital is shifting to different parts of the world for the first time in quite a while."

In the second quarter, international mutual funds had a positive inflow of cash for the first time in more than a year, according to the Investment Company



Traders work on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange on Monday.



Institute. Japan isn't the only attraction; Russian, European and Brazilian investments are all on the rise.

The recent weakness in U.S. stocks has multiple roots, and even if the dollar regains some of its strength, that won't necessarily bolster the stock market. That's because currencies and stock markets don't always move in step, said Marc Chandler, chief currency strategist at Mellon Bank.

"The stock market is anchored to the business cycle," he said. "Currency is not."

However, a strong dollar could fortify the broader economy, sending off market messages like inflation. A strong dollar makes

imports cheaper, so while U.S. consumers have spent heavily on foreign-made goods like sports cars and CD players, they've been able to do so without touching off inflation. Heavy U.S. demand helped Asia climb out of its financial crisis of 1997 and 1998.

Here's the catch: All those foreign goods have created a massive trade deficit with the rest of the world. The big trade gap doesn't trouble economists as long as foreign investors bought into U.S. stocks and bonds. But once foreign economies start to improve, overseas investors begin keeping their money at home. They buy fewer U.S. stocks, and they don't need to buy dollars.

'Short sale' works on traditional strategy: Buy low and sell high

By Jeff Brown
Knight Ridder News Service

Q. What is a short sale?
A. It's a bet that a stock or other investment will lose value. If it does, the investor wins.

Although it sounds backwards, it's still based on the fundamental principal of buying low and selling high. The twist is that the short seller sells first, then buys.

Here's how it works: An investor figures that XYZ Corp. stock, currently trading at \$100 a share, is more likely to fall in price than to rise. So the investor borrows 100 shares from his broker and sells them for \$100 each, for a total of \$10,000. It's called short selling because the investor sells shares he does not own — he's "short" those shares. (The opposite is to be "long" — to own shares.)

Eventually, the short seller must buy 100 shares to give the broker and pay off the debt. If the price has gone down, he'll make a profit. At \$90 a share, for example, he'd make \$1,000.

Before one can engage in short selling, it's generally necessary to open a margin account, which allows one to borrow from a broker. In a short sale, the proceeds of the sale are usually kept in the account to secure the loan. In addition to paying commission on the short-sale transaction, the investor must pay interest on the loan.

Short sales can be used with ordinary stocks or with bundles of stocks similar to index funds

that enable one to bet on the broader market. Some products, for instance, track the ups and downs of the Dow Jones industrial average or the Standard & Poor's index.

Sophisticated investors sometimes switch between ordinary "long" investments and short sales to try to profit regardless of whether the market is moving up or down. Short sales, however, entail some special risks, so they aren't really for novices.

The most obvious risk is that betting a stock or index will fall in price is betting against the long-term trend of price rises. Individual stocks, as well as indexes, do fall in value, of course. But since the overall trend is upward, ordinary investors — those trying to buy low and sell high, in that order — can often win by waiting out downturns. The short seller, however, would increase his risk by holding on as prices rise, since the chance of falling again to profitable lows gets smaller and smaller. Waiting also raises his interest costs.

Furthermore, short sellers face larger possible losses than ordinary investors. Buy a stock for, say, \$100 a share in an ordinary transaction, and the biggest loss you can suffer is \$100 a share — if the company went bankrupt, for instance.

But there's no limit to how high a stock's price might go, making the short seller's potential loss unlimited. If the stock rose to \$200 a share, the short

seller could buy shares to replace the borrowed ones he'd sold for \$100 each. In this case, he'd lose \$100 a share. But if the price rose to \$300, he'd lose \$200 per share. At \$400, he'd lose \$300 per share.

Short sellers, therefore, get very nervous when prices move upward. Each short seller must continually decide whether to hang on in hopes prices will drop or to cut his losses. When prices move up sharply, a short seller can find himself in a "short squeeze." That's when many short sellers in that stock decide they must buy the security to cover their debts and avoid further losses.

Jeff Brown is a business columnist for The Philadelphia Inquirer.

THE LIGHT TOUCH

By Craig Smith

Life is a progression of getting used to things we didn't expect.
Wasn't the world better before charity was charged from a virtue to a tax deduction?
Among the foulest of times, some people leave only the marks of a heel.
A smile: the ultimate in shapely curves.
There are a lot of complaints about the weather, but not as many as there would be if the government regulated it instead of just predicting it.
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AROUND THE WATERCOOLER

WHAT MILLENNIUM: Travel magazines have been full of stories about great locations for usbering in the year 2000, but it seems that most people will forgo that trip to Bali or the Himalayas and their celebratory cede to home.

A survey sponsored by Travel Weekly, a trade newspaper, found that only 8 percent of the 405 people queried had made travel arrangements for New Year's. Another 9 percent are still thinking about it. Among the most frequently cited reasons for staying home: There's plenty to do nearby, it's not possible to take a vacation at that time of the year, and "The millennium means nothing to me."

FASTEST WAY TO GET THERE—JUST HOOF IT: It's a universal image — the overnight delivery van pulling up, and the driver jumping out and handing over eagerly-awaited packages and envelopes.

But it's not always that simple when drivers have to navigate crowded streets — sometimes they just have to get out and walk because that's the fastest way to get a package delivered.

DHL Worldwide Express tried to determine in which cities around the world its employees had to do the most walking to get packages to their destinations, so it says it gave couriers pedometers and measured the average distance they walked on their routes. In Cairo, couriers walked the most, an average of 11 miles

on a single route. DHL said Madrid was in second place, with couriers walking an average of 7.7 miles. No. 3 was central London, where couriers had walk for 7.5 miles on a route. They walked the least in Amsterdam, averaging only 1.8 miles.

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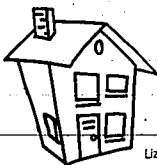
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TWIN FALLS: Fantastic home in quiet area...

TWIN FALLS: New carpet & paint 4 bdrm, 2 bath cottage...

TWIN FALLS: Lots of recent upgrades in this spacious home...

TWIN FALLS: Beautiful and spacious custom home with a dream kitchen...

TWIN FALLS: Price reduced! 4 bdrm, 2 bath ranch home...

TWIN FALLS: Take a tour of this exceptional property which has home on 3.2 acres...

TWIN FALLS: Excellent buy on this 4 bdrm, 2 bath home in a nice area...

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TWIN FALLS: 2 story family home with 3 bedrooms, 2 baths...

TWIN FALLS: 4 bdrm, 2 bath cottage with formal dining, hardwood floors...

TWIN FALLS: Many great buildings located on acreage ranging from 1/2 to 13 acres...

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TWIN FALLS: Spacious 7 bdrm, 4 bath home on 2.3 acres...

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BLISS: Land investment opportunity, 1 group of 4 undeveloped residential lots...

BEST BUY: 2500 3500 sq. ft. home with 3.5 bdrms, 2 baths...

TWIN FALLS: 57.75 acres of prime farmland with water rights...

TWIN FALLS: 3 bdrm, brick home on 1/4 acre, close to town...

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TWIN FALLS: Fantastic view, brick, 3 bdrm, 2 bath, fireplace...

TWIN FALLS: 733-0974 1947 Deard Vaux...

TWIN FALLS: 42.5 acre overlooking Malon Valley & S&W...

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TOYOTA '79 PU... TOYOTA '95 Tacoma... 4x4, 5 spd, AC, radio, shell & more, \$11,500/offer...

FORD Explorer, '94, exc. loaded, immaculate, \$10,900... PLYMOUTH Voyager, 1995, 8 passenger, price negotiable...

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MGB-1976 - project car, need restoration... MITSUBISHI '92 Expo, all wheel drive...

SUBARU, XT Coupe, '85, runs great! New tires... SUZUKI '90 Swift, 4 door, \$2500...

CHEVY '66 Impala 327, 4 cyl, hard top... DODGE '60 Bronco, 4 door, new brakes & tires...

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FORD '97 Tempo, new tires, AC, clean, 209-377-6635... FORD '88 Tempo, \$1500...

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OLDSMOBILE 1989 Cutlass Calais, needs paint & engine, \$500/offer... PONTIAC '93 Bonneville...

DODGE Dart DT, 1966, convertible, new paint, new load, good shape...

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'89 GMC 3/4 TON 4X4 SUBURBAN... Loaded Plus Low Package #4987T... Was \$6,895, Must Go Price... \$5,995

'90 MITSUBISHI 4X4 MONTERO 4-DR... Air, Tilt, CD Player & Much More! #508BT... Was \$7,995, Must Go Price... \$5,995

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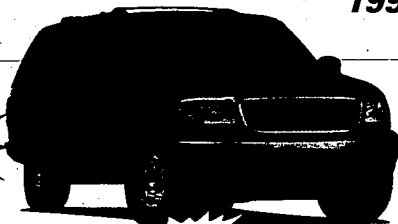
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Was \$26,985
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99 MITSUBISHI ECLIPSE GSX
*Sale price, does not include \$8 title fee or dealer DOC fee of \$87.50. #F036163



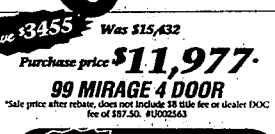
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- 98 GEO TRACKER # D95023A **12,477**
- 98 FORD TAURUS SE # F1576 **12,478**
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1984 GMC SARAHARA 1500 CLUB CAB
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1989 NISSAN FRONTIER CLUB CAB 4x4
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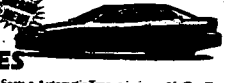


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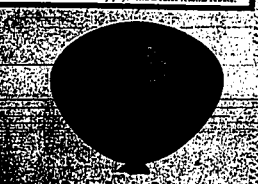


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Just convene without me

Last month, someone mailed me a map of Twinsburg, Ohio, along with some information on the 23rd Annual Twin Days Festival, which is taking place this weekend in Twinsburg. The festival honors the town's founder, identical twins Aaron and Moses Wilcox. Each year, more than 3,000 "smashed sons" sign up to attend.

The Wilcox twins settled in the area of Twinsburg in 1817, according to a press release sent out by festival organizers. The village was originally named Millsville, but the brothers lobbied to change the name, and sweetened the pot by donating six acres of land (now the city's square) and \$20 for the village's first school.

The brothers also remained lifetime business partners, married sisters, held all their property in common, contracted the same illness and died within hours of each other. They were interred in the same grave in the city's Locust Grove Cemetery.



LIFE AND TIMES Denise Turner

Today, the Twin Days Festival is billed as the "World's Largest Gathering of Twins" in the Guinness Book of World Records. It features a Double Take Parade, seminars, golf, food, arts and crafts, activities for kids, lots of awards and a big Lookalike Contest (Everyone's a winner?).

Sponsors include Maytag, Doublemint Gum. This year, Wrigley's is conducting a contest that has twins to guess how many packs of gum have been stuffed into twin Volkswagens Beetles.

For more information, write to the Twin Days Festival Committee Inc., P. O. Box 26, Twinsburg, Ohio 44087. You don't have to be a twin to attend. I'm not a twin, though there are several twins in my husband's family. However, in high school, I did have twin friends named Janice and Janet. And my grandmother swore that she grew up with twin girls whose last name was Bugge. So their mother named them Imajune and Yuranyan.

No one ever really believed her, and she was never able to prove it. However, the Twin Days Festival sounds like a double dose of fun. I almost wish I could go.

I think it's been too long since I've attended a national convention... What will happen to my collection of plastic name tags? What if I start losing touch with what's going on in the world around me? A quick check of the Internet reveals thousands of conventions taking place every year. There are the obvious ones - the Republican National Convention, the National PTA Convention, the National Square Dance Convention, the National Broadcasters Convention.

More specific conventions include a gathering of the American Society of Professional Estimators (Do they spend their week sitting around the swimming pool estimating?) and the National Convention of American Atheists (which, by the way, is held on Easter weekend).

The atheist group's web site has a photo of the president of the group - a beautiful, blonde "soccer mom" with two children - and a photo of one of the speakers, who is described as the author of "Film Flam" and "The Mask of Nostradamus." The author calls himself "a fraud, a cheat and a dispenser of illusions."

Another convention targeted to a particularly specific group is the Birmingham Circus Convention, where delegates study "advanced on social and business techniques." And the National Association to Advance Fat Acceptance is planning its Million Pound March this month in San Antonio.

There is surely a convention for everyone. Of course, I already missed the one that really piques my interest. It was held in San Diego, Santa Monica, Calif., according to "The Gardener's Companion." It is the Wisteria Festival, and it pays homage to the world's largest blooming plant, a 104-year-old wisteria vine.

A whole festival for a vine! But this is no ordinary vine. This is a vine that weighs 100 pounds, grows tons and displays more than a million lavender blossoms - and grows at a rate of 26 inches every 48 hours. On second thought, I don't think I'll go to any convention this year. Instead, I think I'd better stay home and work on my garden.

Denise Turner is assistant features editor at The Times-News.

For the love of

ELMO

Move over, Grover, the lil' red monster's taking over

Elmo on Elmo

By Steve Crump Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - It's gotta be the voice. Sort of a cross between bird-song and a cat getting its tail stepped on, Elmo speaks to uncounted millions of preschoolers worldwide - and even more drag his dolls around by a furry arm the color of the carpeting that you pulled out of the family room in 1982.

"He's by far the most popular 'Sesame Street' character," said Ron Pisaneschi, programming director of Idaho Public Television in Boise. "Big Bird and Kermit are popular too, but Elmo is the one who speaks for toddlers because he's one."

Exhibit A is the bottom line: In the realm of "Sesame Street," the king of children's product licensing, Elmo is at the head of the furry and feathery pack, and he has been for several years.

"Elmo's World," a 12-14-minute segment on the daily public broadcasting show, is a program-within-a-program that looks at the world through the eyes of a three and one-half-year-old.

"Tickle Me Elmo," the modestly interactive doll that dominated Christmas toy sales in 1997, has faded, but there are still 27 Elmo products - dolls, software, books - on the market at the moment.

That's remarkable in the quicksilver world of children's toys.

"Not one single toy fascinates them more than anymore," said Nicole Keyes, who runs Little Gems Preschool and Child Care in Twin Falls. "Not even Teletubbies."

Elmo was born of a storyboard, not a marketing plan. The Children's Television Workshop, which produces "Sesame Street," was looking for a character that didn't talk down to the 3-5 set. It gave him fractured syntax and an affinity for referring to himself in the third person.

That's because that's the way preschoolers talk.

"Sesame Street's" core viewer - 18 months to 3 years old - has grown younger over the years, executive producer Michael Loman told an interviewer last year. So Elmo has increasingly become his and her focus.



MURIEL SHARPLEY/The Times-News

He's engaging without being cloying, goody without being manic. In short, a lot like toddlers. The man who pulls the strings is a veteran Muppeteer named

Kevin Clash. He also does Hoots the Owl and Wolfgang the Seal, and is Clifford, the Rastaman host of "Muppet's Tonight." His common denominator

is silliness that never lapses into parody.

"I like Foxy Bear and Grover," Clash said. "I love

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Stay on the right track when you choose a child's bike

1. Pick a bike style that's right for your child.

Choose from five major types of children's bikes, depending on how and where your child plans to ride.

STANDARD JUVENILE BIKE: Younger kids need a basic bike to learn on. A standard bike will have coaster brakes and removable training wheels. A good feature to look for is a hand brake; it goes along with the coaster brakes; it's a safer way to get used to hand brakes.

BMX RACER BIKE: This is a single-speed bike with a steel frame and steel wheels. Functional and extremely popular.

MOUNTAIN BIKE: This type of bike is multipurpose. It has several gears and can be used for casual neighborhood riding or more serious trail riding.

FREESTYLE BIKE: The handlebars will rotate 360 degrees around a freestyle bike, for tricks and jump riding.

RAMP BIKE: Described as "a freestyle bike on steroids," the

Etc..

jump bike has a heavier but stronger frame, stronger wheels and a shorter reach. This allows riders to jump from ramps, jump curbs, jump just about anything.

2. Check for quality.

Is there any real difference between the \$50 bike at the discount department store and the twice-as-pricey one at the bike shop? For the most part, experts say yes.

What makes the difference? In general, that's it's made of. The cheaper the bike, the heavier it is, because better materials are lighterweight. In addition, cheaper bikes have plastic chain guards instead of metal ones. Grips and pedals work more smoothly on costlier bikes, the seat and handlebars are more

easily adjusted. And the service at a bike shop usually continues after the sale.

That doesn't mean you shouldn't at least glance at the superstore selections, says Stan Zukowski, Bicycling magazine managing editor.

"You can find a better bike in a mass market than you used to be able to," he said.

3. Get the right size.

Don't buy a bike that's too big and expect your child to grow into it. Elmo has increasingly become his and her focus.

• 16-inch wheel: An in-between bike that's good for ages 4 to 5, maybe even up to age 7.

• 20-inch wheel, junior size: Offers a 20-inch wheel with a smaller frame, so the bike is eas-

ily adjusted. This is designed for a 6- or 7-year-old child who isn't quite ready for a full-size 20-inch bike. His coaster brakes for kids who might not be able to use hand brakes yet.

• 20-inch wheel: The full-size 20-inch can be appropriate for kids as young as 7, but often kids ride them well into their teens.

Have your child try on the bike. It's the right size if she can sit on the seat and put her feet on the ground with her legs just slightly bent. A bike is too small when the seat and handlebars have been extended to their limit and she still can't straighten her legs while seated on the bike...

4. Don't forget the helmet.

• Ventilation: Lots of air holes are a must. Trapped heat near the head is dangerous.

• Safety approval: Buy a helmet that has an approval sticker. Currently there are several helmet safety-testing bodies, but beginning in 2000 the Consumer Product Safety Commission will examine and approve all helmets. Until the end of this year, look for helmets approved by the American National Safety Institute (ANSI), the Snell Memorial Foundation or the American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM).

• Fit: Most 8- to 10-year-old children can wear an adult size

small or medium helmet. But try it on and make sure you know how to adjust the straps to fit. A helmet that's not adjusted right is almost worthless. Best Chalmers, manager of Bicycles Inc. in Fort Worth, says helmet fit is so important that her store will adjust helmets no matter where they were purchased.

• Helmets aren't just a good idea to prevent head injuries; many cities have ordinances requiring them as well.

There are three big considerations for parents buying helmets: fit, ventilation and safety approval.

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• Source: Fort Worth Star-Telegram

ENGAGEMENTS

MORRIS-JACKMAN

KIMBERLY - Doni and Sharon Morris of Pocatello announce the engagement of their daughter, Anne Elizabeth Morris, to Travis C. Jackman, son of Marley and Janet Jackman of Kimberly.

Morris graduated from Highland High School in Pocatello and attended Brigham Young University in Provo, Utah. She will be attending Idaho State University in Pocatello.

The wedding is planned for Friday in the Idaho Falls Temple. A reception to honor the couple will be held Friday in Pocatello.



Anne Morris and Travis Jackman

An open house to honor the newlyweds will be held from 7 to 9 p.m. Saturday at the Jackman residence, 3323 E. 3600 N. in Kimberly.

The couple will reside in Pocatello while continuing their education.

TOLER-ALLEN

FILER - Mr. and Mrs. Theoren M. Toler of Fresno, Calif., announce the engagement of their daughter, Jacqueline Yvonne Toler, to Mark Benjamin Allen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gary Eiler of Filer.

Toler is a 1995 graduate of Roseville High School in Roseville, Calif., and will graduate from Brigham Young University in April. She is a member of the Utah Regional Ballet Company.

Allen is a 1995 graduate of Filer High School and is currently attending BYU. He served a two-year Mexico Hermosillo Mission for the LDS Church.



Jacqueline Toler and Mark Allen

The wedding is planned for Friday in the Salt Lake Temple.

SCHWENDIMAN-PISTON

JEROME - Max and Sheila Coy of Jerome announce the engagement of their daughter, Anna Schwendiman, to Ron Piston, son of Jim and Barbara Piston of Hatfield, Pa.

Schwendiman is the daughter of the late Dale Schwendiman. Schwendiman is a 1990 graduate of Jerome High School. She is employed at Idaho Custom Wood Products in Boise.

Piston is a 1985 graduate of North Penn High School and East Stroudsburg University in Pennsylvania. She has a bachelor of arts degree in environmental science.



Ron Piston and Anna Schwendiman

He is employed by Idaho Power in Boise. The wedding is planned for Saturday.

YOUNG-MCMANUS

TWIN FALLS - Denese Young of Twin Falls announces the engagement of her daughter, Katie Elizabeth Young, to Michael John McManus, son of Gary and Karen McManus of Paul.

Young graduated from Minico High School in 1998. She is majoring in elementary education at the College of Southern Idaho and is employed at CSI in Twin Falls.

McManus is a 1997 graduate of Minico High School. He is majoring in business at the College of Southern Idaho and is employed by CSI in Twin Falls.



Katie Young and Michael McManus

The wedding is planned for 6 p.m. Saturday at the Rupert First Christian Church, 110 8th St. A reception to honor the couple will immediately follow the ceremony at the church.

WEIER-BIERMANN

BOISE - Kelly Weier and Phillip Biermann announce their engagement.

Weier is the daughter of Doug and Joellen Weier of Boise. She is a graduate of Brady High School and is employed at Micron Technology in Boise.

Biermann is the son of Mike and Susan Biermann of Heyburn. He graduated from Minico High School and attended Boise State University for three years. He is also employed by Micron Technology.

An August wedding is planned at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Boise.



Kelly Weier and Phillip Biermann

The couple will reside in Boise.

PATTERSON-KENDRICK

TWIN FALLS - Ken and Gay Patterson of Twin Falls announce the engagement of their daughter, Rebecca Patterson, to Jeremy Kendrick, son of Ernie and Kay Kendrick of Twin Falls.

Patterson is a graduate of Twin Falls High School, Ricks College and Brigham Young University in Provo, Utah. She is employed at Slate Canyon Day Treatment Center in Provo.

Kendrick is a graduate of Twin Falls High School and is attending BYU. He is employed by BYU Computer Support in Provo.

The wedding is planned for Aug. 19.



Rebecca Patterson and Jeremy Kendrick

ROEHR-RAHE

TWIN FALLS - Pam Roehr and Steve Rahe announce their engagement.

Roehr is the daughter of Ronald and Helen Roehr of Britton, S.D. She is a graduate of the University of South Dakota and recently attended Lewis-Clark State College in Lewiston for a teaching endorsement.

Rahe is the son of Donald and Ruth Rahe of Twin Falls. He is a graduate of the University of Idaho and is currently working on a teaching certificate at Lewis-Clark State College.



Steve Rahe and Pam Roehr

The wedding is planned for Saturday in South Dakota.

HURLEY-CRAMER

FILER - Mr. and Mrs. Randy Kruse of Filer announce the engagement of their daughter, Sharisse Ann Hurley, to Shaun Craig Cramer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Steve Cramer of Buhl.

Hurley attended the College of Southern Idaho. She is employed at Curry Country Store and Cafe in Curry.

Cramer also attended CSI. He is employed by Lamb Weston and Cramer Pump Service in Buhl.

The wedding is planned for Friday.



Sharisse Hurley and Shaun Cramer

BROWN-GREEN

FILER - Mr. and Mrs. Steve Brown of Filer announce the engagement of their daughter, Christina Marie Brown, to Ronald E. Green of Hazelton, son of Connie Green.

Brown is a 1999 graduate of the College of Southern Idaho and is currently employed as a travel consultant for Travel Agents International in Twin Falls.

Green is attending the electrical apprenticeship program at CSI. He is employed by Electrical Contractors in Jerome.

The garden wedding is planned for Saturday.



Ronald Green and Christina Brown

for Saturday at the home of the bride's parents.

MCFARLANE-NUNES

KIMBERLY - James McFarlane of Filer and Joani McFarlane of Kimberly announce the engagement of their daughter, Alison Carol McFarlane, to Jason Edward Nunes, son of John and Mary Nunes of Buhl.

McFarlane is a graduate of Twin Falls High School.

Nunes is a graduate of Eureka High School in Escalon, Calif. He is employed by IBA Dairy Supply in Buhl.

The wedding is planned for Saturday.



Jason Nunes and Alison McFarlane

BRANDER-JONES

KIMBERLY - Kenneth and Pamela Drury of Kimberly announce the engagement of their daughter, Sarah Yvonne Brander, to Gary Lee Jones, son of Gary and Kathy Jones of Twin Falls.

Brander is a 1997 graduate of Twin Falls High School. She is employed at Crossings in Twin Falls.

Jones is a graduate of Twin Falls Alternative High School. He is employed by Terry's Heating and Air Conditioning in Twin Falls.

The wedding is planned for Saturday.



Sarah Brander and Gary Jones

THOMAS-THUASON

SHOSHONE - William and Patricia Thomas of Nampa announce the engagement of their daughter, Treshia Mae Thomas, to Tyler Nephi Thuason, son of Robert and Wendy Thuason of Shoshone.

Thomas is attending Boise State University. She served a mission in Denmark for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. She is employed at Grand Auto Supply in Boise.

Thuason is a graduate of Shoshone High School and is attending BYU. He served in the LDS Chicago North mission. He is employed by A-1 Computer Solutions in Boise.



Treshia Thomas and Tyler Thuason

The wedding is planned for Friday in the Boise LDS Temple.

GLADFELTER-FORBES

TWIN FALLS - Donald and Sandra Gladfelter of Twin Falls announce the engagement of their daughter, Kimberly Lynn Gladfelter, to Michael Arthur Forbes, son of Lonnie Daniel and Alesia Forbes of Moscow.

Gladfelter is a graduate of Twin Falls High School and is attending the University of Idaho, majoring in clothing, textiles and design. She is employed at Hartung Theater Costume Department.

Forbes is a former homeschool graduate and is attending the U of I, majoring in political science.



Michael Forbes and Kimberly Gladfelter

He is enrolled in the ROTC in Moscow. The wedding is planned for Saturday in Moscow.

JAYNES-DEFORD

FILER - Fred and Lynn Jaynes of Filer announce the engagement of their daughter, Jenny Lynn Jaynes, to Edward Deford, son of Christiana and Joyce Spaenburgh of Filer.

Jaynes has completed a year of education at Ricks College in Rexburg and will continue her education at the College of Southern Idaho in accounting. She is employed by Farmers National Bank.

Deford has served a two-year mission for the LDS Church in Texas and will also be attending CSI. He is employed by Enterprise Rent-A-Car.

The wedding is planned for Saturday in the Boise LDS Temple.



Jenny Jaynes and Edward Deford

A reception will be held in their honor from 7 to 9 p.m. Saturday at the Filer LDS Church. The couple will reside in Filer.

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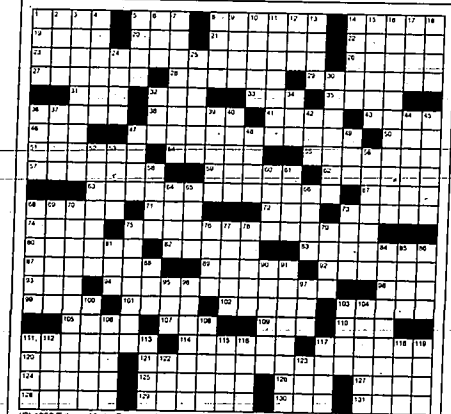
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AFTER CLASS - Gay Petersen

Have you noticed that as we age... vision throughout our lives...
 "Still I have often wondered if God didn't have a purpose in mind. As we and our spouses age, it is nice to think that, since our vision is no longer fine-tuned, we miss many of the wrinkles and gray hairs, and our spouses appear to our weakened vision, as lovely or handsome as when we were young..."
 "I remember an old movie in which Sydney Poitier was the main actor, who was white, portrayed a blind girl who fell in love with Sydney Poitier, who, of course, was black."
 "She fell in love with him because he was a kind, caring, gentle man. She could not understand, in the world of that time, why he was unable to return her love. Being blind she could not see that she was supposed to be prejudiced..."
 "I would not ever wish blindness on anyone. In fact, it is the greatest fear of many people, but I wish we could be blind to differences in the physical appearance, the class structure, the culture, or the religion of others. Although prejudice does not plicately cause blindness, it always blinds us to the truth. I think of a child that is shunned because he or she is of the wrong religion."
 "I think of a man or woman who is afraid to speak out because they are not of the same ethnic group as the community in which they live. I think of the subtle and not so subtle innuendoes and snubs of people because one group believes itself right and the other wrong."
 "I think of threats of violence and acts of violence that are because of certain people believing they are superior to others, and I think of the child who sked to be taken home, just from a birthday party because she lived in a house that didn't quite measure up, and she didn't want the other kids to see it, or the child who didn't quite fit in, who sat unwaited for the children she had invited to come to her birthday party, and no one came."
 "All of these things involve one form of prejudice or another. How I wish this could be changed so that we could base our prejudices only on things that harm others or make them feel sad or inadequate. We should instead be prejudiced against people who are cruel to others, who would teach intolerance or hatred, who would take advantage of those who are weak or then they are - who are unable for some reason, to defend themselves. But to be prejudiced simply because someone looks different from us, lives in a poor neighborhood, reacts differently to a situation than we do, has different ideas or beliefs, is, in my opinion, wrong."
 "I wish, however, if we were all seeing, all differing, all-wise. But only God answers that description, and surely we are not so proud that we dare put ourselves in the same category as God."
 "The next time we have a tendency to make a cruel remark or perform a cruel act, before we really get to know the person to whom we are reacting, perhaps we should stop and think - how would I feel if I were in his or her shoes? And if we see an act of prejudice, we should find the strength to stand up for what is right, not just fade into the background, as we often do."
 "I believe the world would be a much nicer place if we were all blinded TO prejudice, not BY it."
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Seek advice on long-term needs



NEXT STEPS Jan Collins and Jan Warner

My aunt is nearing 85 and is no longer able to care for herself. Her "long-term care options" are very confusing to me and my sister who are her only living relatives. We see advertisements in the paper and on television about different types of nursing homes, but the cost seems to vary greatly and the care provided is confusing. Our aunt has agreed that she needs assistance, but we can't seem to get a handle on what will be best for her. Please help.
ANSWER: When we talk about "long-term care," we are generally speaking about care for a person who is mentally or physically incapacitated to a degree that he or she cannot function - or perhaps live - without assistance from others and that the condition is not likely to change in the foreseeable future.
 ...When we refer to "long-term care planning," we mean the process by which families prepare to meet the financial and housing needs of an incapacitated individual who cannot function independently, but whose level of care requirement is subacute meaning that the individual does not need a hospital.
 The types of long-term care available for a person who is mentally or physically incapacitated to the extent that he or she cannot function or perhaps live without assistance from others include the following:

skilled or intermediate care and is provided in a residential care or assisted living facility (RCF). Generally, people who need this level of care do not meet the criteria for skilled or intermediate nursing care, but require a great deal of supervision and assistance - such as early stage Alzheimer's or dementia patients.
 The primary difference between a nursing home and a residential care facility is the absence of nursing care. Some states have nurses on staff while residential care facilities are not required to have a nursing staff.
 The cost of residential care is moderate - from a low of about \$800 per month to a high of about \$2,500 per month depending on the needs of the patient and where the patient lives. Medicaid does not cover residential care, but some states do provide optional payments ("supplementation") to help individuals meet the cost of residing in such settings.
 "Home care" is generally limited to those people who can operate with some degree of independence and who have a family structure that allows them to remain at home. It is possible to obtain nursing assistance through various home health agencies for the person residing at home.
 And, if the person meets the proper criteria, Medicare may pay for this care - although the requirement is lower on the scale than

Yes, you can, should check your records

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I read somewhere that everyone should check his or her Social Security records every three years. How do you check your Social Security records?
 A. You can keep track of your account easily by calling and requesting a "Personal Earnings And Benefit Estimate Statement." You should receive the statement within two weeks after completing the form and sending it to Social Security. If there is an error in your earnings, you should contact Social Security as soon as possible.

Social Security Q & A

Social Security's toll-free number is 1-800-772-1213. In addition, the earnings and benefit statement can be requested from the Internet at <http://www.ssa.gov>
 Q. Are there any advantages to workers who work past their full retirement age?
 A. Yes. People who continue working beyond age 65 increase their Social Security benefit in the following ways: 1) Each additional year you work adds another year of earnings to your Social Security record. Higher lifetime earnings result in higher benefits. 2) Your benefit is also permanent - by a certain percentage, when retirement is delayed. For example, a person who reaches age 65 in 1999 would increase his or her benefit by 5.5 percent each year he or she works beyond age 65, up to age 70.

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