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Today: Partly cloudy with isolated dry thunderstorms late in the day. East winds 5-15 mph. High, 90. Partly cloudy tonight with a slight chance of a shower or thunderstorms. Low, 56.

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CUTTING THE WAVES OF GRAIN



Under a blazing sun, Terry Sommer guides his combine over a barley field south of Filer Monday afternoon. Drought in other parts of the country could mean good news for some Magic Valley farmers.

Grain farmers get started

Potato growers hope for near-normal year

By Gregory Hahn
 Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — As summer's golden grain falls before the sickle, southern Idaho heads into the harvest season with hope for some farmers and grim reality for others.

Local farmers are in the middle of threshing their grain. Meanwhile, some southwestern Idaho spud growers are getting ready to start harvesting their early varieties.

"We know that some guys are getting ready to start digging in the next few days," said Michael Duff, executive director of the

Potato Growers of Idaho in Blackfoot.

With poor quality and yield in the Columbia River Basin, and with drought troubling facing farmers in the East, Idaho potato farmers could have a year "on the edge of normal," Duff said.

"The market has the potential to be strong," he said.

Most of the state's producers are still playing catch-up to the harsh spring, but another week of ideal temperatures could ensure a good crop, though a year of smaller and water-stunted spuds would probably bolster the price for good ones.

It's also the height of the grain harvest, but agricultural economists reported little good news

for the wheat market at the end of July, with some even predicting new lows if weather and markets don't change soon.

Bull farmer Terry Sommer was threshing barley on Monday, but he said most of his crops — corn and peas for Green Giant, seed peas for Roger Brax, and some beans — have quite a while to go before harvest.

"It's too early to tell," he said. "But it looks like things are coming in a little better than last year."

But between now and the harvest, he noted, there will be a lot of weather.

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Aspiring politicians focus on farms

By The Associated Press

DES MOINES, Iowa — Dan Quigley went to a family farm to demand "immediate action," while Pat Buchanan issued the latest 10-point plan to cure the "fiasco of hearseache." Gov. Tom Vilsack hailed support from the nation's governors.

All that happened on Monday, not a bad day for farmers increasingly at the center of the

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Russian President makes a nationwide television address Monday in Moscow stating he was replacing his Cabinet.

Another firing Yeltsin removes entire Cabinet

By The Associated Press

MOSCOW — President Boris Yeltsin fired his prime minister and Cabinet on Monday for the fourth time in less than two years, raising new questions about his stability and plunging the country into an all-too-familiar cycle of political turmoil.

Yeltsin named a former KGB agent, Vladimir Putin, as his acting prime minister and said he was choosing him as his hand-picked successor. But few believe that Putin, a politically inexperienced bureaucrat, has any chance of being elected president.

Reaction was harsh across the political spectrum.

"Who will take a prime minister seriously if they change them like gloves?" Communist Party leader Gennady Zyuganov asked in a radio interview.

Boris Nemtsov, a former deputy prime minister and a prominent figure on the right, said: "It's hard to explain madness. The people have grown tired of watching an ill leader who is not capable of doing his job."

Yeltsin gave no reason for firing Sergei Stepashin and, in fact, praised him "for his good work" during his three months as prime minister. In a nationwide television address, Yeltsin said he wanted to name Putin to the job to lay the groundwork for the 2000 presidential elections.

"I'm convinced he will serve the nation well while working in this high post, and Russians will be able to appraise Putin's human and business qualities," Yeltsin said. "I trust him. But I also want everyone who will come to the polls in July 2000, and make their choice to trust him too."

The Russian Constitution bars Yeltsin from a third term, and the Russian media has speculated that he and his advisers are considering the possibility of postponing or canceling elections in a bid to extend his tenure.

Ex-deputy is close to deal in murder case

By Brian Haynes
 Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — A former Twin Falls County sheriff's deputy charged with first-degree murder has reached a tentative plea agreement with state prosecutors, the man's defense lawyer said Monday.

Under the agreement Jesse Thrush, 22, would plead guilty to voluntary manslaughter in the February death of 2-year-old Hailey Williams, R. Keith Roark said at a pretrial hearing.

"We can assure the court there will not be a trial in this case," Roark told District Judge Daniel Meehl.

A jury trial is scheduled to start in two weeks, but a trial won't be necessary if Thrush accepts the deal. A change-of-plea hearing is scheduled for Monday morning.

If Thrush pleads guilty, Meehl could sentence him to a maximum penalty of 15 years in prison and a \$15,000 fine.

Thrush is charged with shaking to death his then-fiancee's toddler in the Filer home he shared with his fiancee, Angela Williams. Thrush told police he was baby-sitting Hailey Feb. 21 when he shook the toddler and threw her on the bed, a police report said.

The child then fell off the bed and hit the floor. After hitting the floor, Hailey's eyes rolled back into her head and she had trouble breathing, the report said.

Hailey, who had Down syndrome, was flown to St. Luke's Regional Medical Center in Boise with severe brain damage. She died two nights later.

Prosecutors from the Idaho Attorney General's Office would not comment on the plea agreement Monday because nothing was completed.

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Fervor, mysticism fuel eclipse fever in Mideast

... And the sun shall be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light ... and the powers of the heavens shall be shaken. — Matthew 24:29

JERUSALEM (AP) — In a city where omens, parables and apocalyptic visions are practically a local industry, Wednesday's solar eclipse is capturing the imagination of mystics of all stripes.

Even though Israel and the Palestinian lands do not lie directly in the eclipse path, the expected partial darkening of the heavens is viewed by many — Christians, Jews and Muslims alike — as an awesome display of divine power.

And for a few, those moonshod moments offer a foretaste of millennial doom.

In the realm of the secular, the eclipse offers a rare opportunity for scientists. Naturalists will be able to observe the behavior of birds, rare animals, and erupting blooming plants, and monitor

endangering sea turtles whose normal night-hatching habits might be thrown off by the eclipse.

Israel's Science Museum will play host to hundreds of school children, offering day-long education programs, a viewing area protected by special filters and eclipse-viewing glasses, on sale for \$4 a pair.

But the eclipse, like so many daily events here, will be pervaded by religious overtones.

At Islam's third-holiest shrine, the Al Aqsa mosque in Jerusalem, Muslims will offer a special eclipse-linked prayer, dating back 15 centuries, which appeals for God's mercy. The mosque will be shuttered and darkened for the occasion, religious officials said.

Jerusalem's highest Islamic authority, Mufti Ekrimah Sabri, said worshippers also can offer the eclipse prayer at home — where Yasser Arafat's Palestinian Authority is urging people to stay during the eclipse.

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BARGAINS COME CALLING

Long-distance price wars heat up

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Americans are being offered the lowest long-distance rates in recent history as phone companies jockey for customers they can offer services like local and wireless calling.

Both MCI WorldCom and Sprint have halved their nighttime calling rates to a nickel-a-minute, sharply undercutting AT&T and the market leader.

In addition to sparking new long-distance business, the moves

are designed to position the companies for the day when all types of phone service will be bundled together, along with television and Internet service.

Sprint started the latest price war last month with a "Nickel Nights" plan charging 5 cents per minute on long-distance calls between 7 p.m. and midnight. Calls at other times are 10 cents a minute and there's a monthly fee of \$5.

MCI WorldCom responded on Monday by extending its popular

"5 Cent Sundays" plan to the entire weekend and week-day calls made between 7 p.m. and 7 a.m. Daytime calling rates on weekdays are 25 cents per minute for customers paying a monthly fee of \$1.55, or 10 cents per minute with a monthly fee of \$4.95.

AT&T, which charges 15 cents a minute around the clock with no monthly fee or 10 cents a minute with a \$4.95 fee, said Monday it has no immediate plans to match the price cuts.

But analysts said it was unlikely the moves by MCI WorldCom and Sprint will go unresponded by AT&T and other competitors.

Long-distance war

MCI WorldCom launched a new long-distance plan to compete with Sprint and AT&T.

A better plan...

Long-distance rates per minute	...
5 cents on weekdays from 7 p.m. to 7 a.m. and all weekend; 25 cents on weekdays with a monthly fee of \$1.95, or 10 cents with a fee of \$4.95.	...
Sprint	...
5 cents on calls from 7 p.m. to midnight and a 10-cent rate at other times with a monthly fee of \$5.	...
AT&T	...
15 cents on all items with no fee or 10 cents any time with a monthly fee of \$4.95. 5-cent option on Sunday calling by request only.	...

...can mean a bigger share

Household long-distance market share

March 1999

MCI WorldCom	14.30%	AT&T	51.66%
Sprint	2.80%	Other	10.60%

Based on a monthly survey of at least 2,000 households.

Source: PPIW and Associates, completed

THE REGION

Camas Prairie

High: 83 Low: 48
Partly cloudy today.
Windy, clear tonight and
Wednesday with a slight
chance of showers.

Treasure Valley

High: 91 Low: 60
Partly cloudy, with winds
at 7-10 mph. A chance of
showers tonight. Clear
on Wednesday.

Sawtooth Mountains/ Wood River Valley

High: 82 Low: 46
Partly cloudy with a slight
chance of afternoon
showers or thunderstorms.
Windy, cloudy on
Wednesday.

Eastern Idaho

High: 89 Low: 50
Partly cloudy with a slight
chance of afternoon thun-
derstorms or thunderstorms.
The same on Wednesday.
High: 81.

Northern Idaho

High: 90 Low: 59
Partly cloudy with a slight
chance of afternoon thun-
derstorms. Winds 7-10
mph. Partly sunny
Wednesday.

Northern Utah

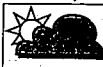
High: 87 Low: 47
Partly cloudy with a slight
chance of showers and
thunderstorms in the after-
noon. Showers likely this
evening.

Northern Nevada

High: 89 Low: 54
Partly cloudy with isolated
thunderstorms late in the
day. A chance of
showers on Wednesday.

MAGIC VALLEY FIVE-DAY FORECAST

Today



High: 90 Low: 56
Partly cloudy with winds
at 7-10 mph. A chance of
showers late in the day.

Wednesday



High: 81 Low: 51
Mostly cloudy with a
chance of showers.

Thursday



High: 80s Low: 50s
Mostly sunny.

Friday



High: 80s Low: 50s
Mostly sunny.

Saturday

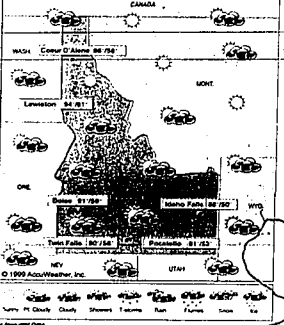


High: 70s Low: 50s
Cooler and breezy with
a chance of showers.

Idaho weather

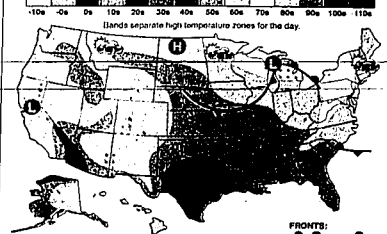
Tuesday, Aug. 10

AccuWeather forecast for daytime conditions, high/low temperatures



National weather

The AccuWeather forecast for noon, Tuesday, Aug. 10



FRONTS: COLD, WARM, STATIONARY
High, Low, Showers, Rain, Tornado, Hail, Snow, Ice, Sunny, Pt. Cloudy, Cloudy

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YESTERDAY'S WEATHER

Twin Falls	Precipitation	Yesterday	High	Low	Normal
90	50	90	50	90	50
93	51	93	51	93	51
91	52	91	52	91	52

Idaho

City	High	Low	Pcp	Normal
Boise	90	59	...	90/50
Burley	94	55	...	94/55
Coeur d'Alene	m	m	...	m/m
Grangeville	m	51	...	m/51
Hailey	m	m	...	m/m
Idaho Falls	89	50	...	89/50
Lewiston	85	60	...	85/60
Malad	m	m	...	m/m
Malta	90	90/...
McCall	78	48	...	78/48
Pocatello	89	45	...	89/45
Salt Lake	84	48	...	84/48
Twin Falls	78	34	...	78/34
Sun Valley	m	m	...	m/m

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ACROSS THE NATION

Security breaches - D4
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Spiderman' Farm sent to jail
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Across the Nation
Elsewhere Farmers around Caribou, Maine, turned up their collars against a 45-degree chill Monday while the beaches of Biloxi, Miss., steamed in heat that felt like 113 degrees.

Canadian Cities
Calgary 73 52 in.
Edmonton 73 52 in.
Toronto 77 53 in.
Vancouver 72 62 in.

Computer hacker will pay 'nominal' sum

LOS ANGELES (AP) - Computer hacker Kevin Mitnick, a computer vandal once on the FBI's most wanted list, was ordered Monday to pay "nominal" restitution of \$4,125 to companies that suffered millions of dollars in damage from his exploits.

Mitnick is ordered to pay \$1.5 million, claiming his notoriety as a computer hacker will eventually give him the chance to earn money through book, film or TV contracts.

Mitnick was one of the FBI's Most Wanted fugitives when he was arrested in 1995 in North Carolina after a cross-country hacking spree that attracted worldwide attention from fellow hackers.

Eclipse

Wednesday is a national holiday in the West Bank and Gaza Strip, with businesses and government offices shut down.

"The Bible says that will be signs in the heavens," said Sharon, a fiftyish woman from Sacramento, Calif., one of a group of several dozen Christian pilgrims who have settled on the Mount of Olives to await the second coming of Christ.

"Saying this particular blessing during an eclipse would certainly not be out of place," he said.

'Spiderman' Farm

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President goes on the offensive Suspect's note draws link in school slayings

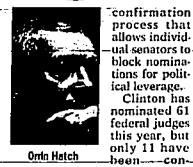
With Congress in recess, Clinton criticizes lawmakers

ATLANTA (AP) — With Congress away on summer recess, President Clinton accused the Senate on Monday of dragging its feet on judicial nominations and a treaty to ban nuclear weapons tests.

The president also took a jab at House appropriators for voting to dismantle one of his favorite domestic programs.

The delay has been attributed to two events in Washington and was continuing in a speech to the American Bar Association in Atlanta, came as members of the Republican-controlled Congress were in their home districts trumpeting a \$72 billion tax-cut package. Clinton has promised to veto that package.

In front of the ABA, Clinton was upgrading the Senate for a



Orin Hatch

confirmation process that allows individual senators to block nominations for political leverage.

Clinton has nominated 61 federal judges this year, but only 11 have been confirmed by the Senate. The administration, in materials prepared for Monday's address, warned that "the mounting vacancy crisis is affecting the quality of the courts."

The delay has been attributed in part to a standoff between the administration and Senate Judiciary Committee Chairman Orrin Hatch, R-Utah, over Hatch's wish to have a friend and former aide, Ted Stewart, appointed to the federal bench in Utah.

In a letter to Clinton on Sunday, Hatch said action on judicial nominations has proceeded

"in a balanced and thorough manner."

Hatch said more than a dozen judicial nominations were made within the last two months. He added that the committee's review of many nominees cannot be started because the panel has not received the background material needed to assess their fitness for the bench.

In the three-page letter, Hatch said the Senate's "solemn responsibilities ... require that this committee review thoroughly the records of each nominee to ensure that he, or she, is capable and qualified to serve."

Clinton started the day by urging the Senate Foreign Relations Committee to hold hearings this fall on the comprehensive test ban treaty. The treaty has been signed by 152 nations but has not yet been ratified by the United States, Russia or China.

In a celebration of the 50th anniversary of the Joint Chiefs of Staff at Fort Myer, Va., Clinton said the treaty was in the best

"interests of the United States" because we have already stopped testing."

Son, Jesse Helms, the North Carolina Republican who chairs the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, has blocked action on the test ban because of a dispute with the administration over arms control agreements between the United States and Russia.

The president also spoke at a ceremony for graduates of AmeriCorps before heading for the lawyers meeting in Atlanta. Clinton said a Republican effort to eliminate funding for the volunteer service program demonstrates that Republicans "know they can't pay for their tax cut without big cuts" in existing programs.

The House Appropriations Committee voted to cut all funds for the program in the fiscal year that begins Oct. 1. The domestic Peace Corps project has been one of Clinton's proudest achievements.

link in school slayings

CONYERS, Ga. (AP) — A note found under the bed of the 15-year-old boy accused of wounding six classmates at his high school in May referred to his "brothers and sisters" in the Columbine High School group called the Trench Coat Mafia, an investigator testified Monday.

Georgia Bureau of Investigation agent Gary Nicholson said the handwritten note in a notebook was found along with three typewritten sheets of bomb-making instructions taken from the Internet.

"One big question I leave behind for you to find is why," said the note, read by Nicholson during a juvenile court hearing for T.J. Solomon. "But for the sake of my brothers and sisters related to the Trench Coat Mafia, those answers will have to remain out of the public eye."

On the back of the note, Nicholson said, Solomon wrote: "I am laughing at the victims who are getting down on their knees screaming. Please, dear God, please don't let this crooked (obscenely detested) murder me."

The two gunmen who killed 13 people and then themselves at Columbine High School in Littleton, Colo., on April 20 were members of the Trench Coat Mafia, a group of students who shared a passion for dark "Goth" culture and considered themselves outcasts in the school social scene.

This is the first time a connection

has been raised between Solomon and the Columbine gunman, Dylan Klebold, 17, and Eric Harris, 18.

The juvenile court hearing, which is being held to determine whether Solomon should be tried as an adult, was expected to end Tuesday with a ruling from Judge William Schneider.

Solomon faces 21 charges, including aggravated assault and weapons violations, in the May 1 shooting, and the common area at Heritage High School in Conyers, 20 miles east of Atlanta. He could be sentenced to five years in detention if Schneider decides to keep the case in juvenile court. If convicted in Superior Court, Solomon could face 351 years in prison.

Wearing a rumpled white dress shirt, Solomon showed no emotion during Monday's court session, not even when the note was read. His mother and stepfather, Mac Dean and Bob Daniele, sat directly behind him, and Mrs. Daniele fixed the boy's collar.

Solomon's note said he had planned the shootings for years but finally got angry enough to do it. "This has nothing to do with Hitler," he said, "and it is not because I was picked on."

Tecumseh Stroud, who ate lunch with Solomon every day, testified that he brought bomb-making instructions to school following the Colorado tragedy, but she thought he was joking.

13 farm workers die in van collision

FIVE POINTS, Calif. (AP) — A van loaded with farm workers and driven by an unlicensed driver slammed into a truck on a rural road Monday, killing 13 people and injuring 11 others, raising concerns about the safety of laborers who often cram into vehicles to get to work in the fields.

The 1993 Dodge Ram van was split in half across its front end and buckled upon impact, and remained lodged on the flatbed trailer of a truck. The truck pulled it away. Most of the 10 men and five women in the van were sitting without seat belts on two carpeted benches installed on each side, California Highway Patrol Officer Brian Yorkley said.

It's illegal in California to have anyone ride without proper seats and seat belts, but certified farm vehicles are excluded from the law. This van received its last annual certification in 1997, but had not been certified since, the highway patrol officer said.

The Mexican government agency Notimex said the Mexican consulate in Fresno confirmed that 13 of the farm workers were Mexicans. No one was available at the consulate Monday afternoon for further comment.

The van's driver, whose identity wasn't released, was among those killed. Two other passengers were injured.

The driver didn't have a license and had had his driving privileges revoked because of



Dona Portillo, 26, center, is comforted after discovering one of her relatives was in an accident in Five Points, Calif., where 13 farm laborers were killed Monday when their overloaded van slammed into a tractor-trailer.

several violations, CHP Officer Eric Erickson said. The driver, from Fresno, had been cited for not wearing a seatbelt, not having a license, and was once arrested for drunken driving. Erickson said there was no conviction for the DUI, but it wasn't clear why.

The truck driver, who wasn't injured, had a clean driving record. He was turning his rig around on the two-lane road after

parking on the shoulder to sleep, Erickson said. The rig's two trailers were empty.

The van's avoid hitting the tractor-trailer, Erickson said. "His brakes locked up."

The van was going at least 55 mph, and the skid marks were 50 to 80 feet long, Erickson said. The accident happened shortly after 5 a.m. just southeast of this tiny town in Fresno County. The laborers had just gotten off work

sorting tomatoes in the fields, Erickson said.

In central California's agricultural heartland, farm workers are often transported in crowded vans — a problem that has contributed to a disproportionate traffic death rate among Hispanics in the area.

The highway patrol is so concerned that it has a team focused entirely on vehicles overcrowded with farm workers.

Six officers, dubbed "Los Centinels" or "the Sentinels," have spent the past three summers patrolling before dawn, stopping trucks and vans of farm workers to check whether the vehicles are complying with state codes.

"We stop those vehicles that are obviously overloaded ... the back end is sagged down because of the weight of the people," said Sgt. Jorge Chaidze, who runs the unit out of the highway patrol's office in Fresno. "We see up to 22 people in a small van."

Dora Portillo, 26, said the van involved in Monday's crash was owned by her grandfather, Jose Lopez Rosas. He wasn't in the van, but she said her father was among those killed.

Ms. Portillo said she and her mother also had been working in the fields, and the two women had taken a different ride home.

"He told my mom, 'You go ahead and go with them, so you can rest and go to sleep,'" Ms. Portillo said, sobbing.

Friend: Anger over truck routes could have triggered shooting

PELHAM, Ala. (AP) — The man accused of killing three people at a company was angry because he thought a coworker was getting in better working routes, a friend of one of the victims said.

Alan Eugene Miller, 34, of Billingsley, is charged with capital murder in the fatal shootings of the coworker, Lee Holdbrooks, and a second employee at Ferguson Enterprises, Chickasaw, Ala., on Monday. Miller was a former-coworker, Terry Jarvis, who was killed at Post Jarvis.

Authorities have not released any information on a possible motive, but have said they believe Thursday's killings were premeditated rather than random because two other workers at the two businesses were unharmed.

A close friend of Holdbrooks, Chad Ingram, said Miller thought Holdbrooks was getting the pre-

ferred longer driving assignments at Ferguson, a wholesale distribution company that serves the construction industry.

Ingram told The Birmingham News he knew that Miller was angry with Holdbrooks over the routes before the shooting happened, but wouldn't elaborate.

"I guess (Miller) felt Scott and Lee were in cahoots about (Holdbrooks) getting a better route," Ingram said.

Ferguson was a dispatcher at Shelby County District Authority Robby Owens would not confirm or deny Ingram's information, but said it was consistent with what has been said in court.

Ingram was a pallbearer Sunday at Holdbrooks' funeral.

Space doc says symptoms on station were 'no big deal'

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — The doctor in NASA's new house in orbit says the air sickness, nausea and watery eyes suffered by astronauts on the international space station were "no big deal."

Dr. Daniel Barry says the symptoms were so fleeting and so benign, that neither he nor his six crewmates reported their illnesses until a couple of weeks after they returned to Earth — to the dismay of NASA, which now may never be able to diagnose the problem.

Barry says it's impossible to know whether the symptoms were caused by stale air or chemical fumes inside the station as some reports suggest, or whether it was simply prolonged space motion sickness. The stuffy nose and headaches, for example, were no worse than what he experienced on a previous flight.

As a physician, I didn't have a significant medical concern for the health of the crew," Barry told The Associated Press.

Barry insists he would have intervened if someone was really sick. The astronauts were warned before their May 27 launch about possible atmosphere problems aboard the space station, and Barry kept close watch over his crewmates.

When ill, the astronauts simply retreated to the docked space shuttle Discovery and relaxed or

had lunch, Barry said.

NASA is taking the matter seriously, nonetheless. A team has been appointed to evaluate the air inside the space station and help prevent future visitors from becoming ill.

Astronauts are not due back at the space station until December. The first permanent crew doesn't move in until March.

The investigation is especially difficult because none of the astronauts were wearing medical sensors and none of them took air samples when they became ill. As a result, NASA has to rely on anecdotal information, said Jim Van Laak, deputy manager of space station operations.

"Space flight can be quite uncomfortable for some people, even under the best of circumstances," Van Laak said Monday.

NASA refuses to elaborate on the illnesses or identify who got sick, citing medical privacy. It is in a seven-page internal report obtained and published last month by an independent Web site called NASA Watch, the space agency listed the medical problems and possible causes.

A U.S., Russian and Canadian crew spent less than 3.5 days inside the international space station at the end of May and beginning of June, making repairs and stocking its two rooms with supplies.

Police defend use of riot gear on mob outside rock concerts

HARTFORD, Conn. (AP) — Weekend riots outside concerts by the Dave Matthews Band were empty.

The van's avoid hitting the tractor-trailer, Erickson said. "His brakes locked up."

The van was going at least 55 mph, and the skid marks were 50 to 80 feet long, Erickson said. The accident happened shortly after 5 a.m. just southeast of this tiny town in Fresno County. The laborers had just gotten off work

Police defended their use of riot gear and plastic bullets.

Concert promoter James Koplik said there were no problems within the Meadows Music Theatre, which was filled with 26,000 people for each of three sold-out shows. The concerts, which began Friday, wrapped up the band's two-year tour.

"We had three days of peace and love inside," he said.

Outside was a different story. Officers arrested 55 people on charges including breach of peace, assault on an officer and rioting.

On Saturday night, a crowd of about 100 college-age youths — many high on alcohol, narcotics or illicit nitrous oxide — overturned and torched several cars and set a pile of chairs and debris on fire.

Police moved in. Officers were pelted with rocks and bottles.

On Sunday, police officers

wearing riot gear and carrying shotguns greeted concertgoers. Hundreds of youths without tickets gathered in a nearby parking lot where a local band was playing, an arrangement Koplik said was not authorized or organized by the Meadows.

When the revelers were told to leave, they threw bottles and rocks. Police responded with pepper spray and rubber bullets.

Police had no estimates on property damage, but said no serious injuries were reported.

The melee came two weeks after the Woodstock '98 concert ended in violence, with tractor-trailers set ablaze, vendor stands overrun and authorities pelted with bottles.

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Governors rally around Bush

Some presidential wishes fall under candidate's early momentum

ST. LOUIS (AP) - Gov. Tommy Thompson wanted to run for president, but was knocked by harsh reality: A fellow Republican governor - George W. Bush - has a few more things going for him.

"His name is Bush. He's from Texas. And he's better looking than me," the Wisconsin governor said with a grin and a what-can-you-do shrug of his wide shoulders.

"Other than those few things, he's the front-runner."

Like quietly envious bridesmaids, several Republican governors are loyally helping Bush fulfill a dream that they once had for themselves.

Thompson, who early this year questioned whether Bush had accomplished much as governor, will ride his motorcycle in Iowa to help Bush voters this week. He opened Bush's Iowa office in June, and has raised more than

\$300,000 in Wisconsin for the leading Republican candidate.

Thompson has Bush's ear on education and welfare issues.

Michigan Gov. John Engler helped rally GOP governors behind Bush, and has raised about \$2 million for his colleague.

Montana Gov. Marc Racicot, a key policy advisor, flew to Austin, Texas, in late May to help Bush prepare for his first campaign swing. He also will campaign in Iowa this week for Bush, who is competing in the state GOP's straw poll Saturday.

Oklahoma Gov. Frank Keating has impressed Bush's political team with his television appearances on Bush's behalf.

Pennsylvania Gov. Tom Ridge is credited by Bush backers for locking down his state's political

operation, and raising \$1.4 million before July. Ridge also lends Bush policy advice, particularly on how Republicans can be more effective champions of the environment, the governor said in an interview Monday.

New York Gov. George Pataki scored points with the Bush campaign by setting aside ill feelings toward Rudolph Giuliani and endorsing the New York mayor for Senate. Bush believes a united GOP front will force the presidential Democratic nominee to campaign harder than usual in a state Democrats must win to retain the White House.

According to Bush advisers, they didn't explicitly ask Pataki to endorse Giuliani; they did urge the New York governor to make sure the party was not bitterly

divided after this fall's Senate primary. Pataki got the message.

"Twenty-one of the 31 GOP governors have endorsed Bush, with several more in the pipeline. Bush is counting on the state leaders to ignite their political operations, raise money and offer advice that would help him replicate their political successes in a national election."

"No one knows the mind-set of a state better than the governor, so governors are the masters of the message," Bush spokeswoman Karen Hughes said as the state leaders gathered at the National Governors' Association. Bush and his brother, Florida Gov. Jeb Bush, did not attend.

To various degrees, Pataki, Ridge, Keating, Racicot, Engler and Thompson mulled seeking the presidency or were considered potential candidates. Now they're auditioning for the vice presidential nomination or a Cabinet post.

Congressman drops out of presidential race

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON - Pursuing his own presidential nomination for the first half of this year, Ohio Rep. John R. Kasich, chairman of the House Budget Committee, found what many other Capitol Hill lawmakers have learned: that a hefty portfolio of legislative accomplishments doesn't cut much ice on the primary trail.

So last month Kasich became the first official dropout from the potential 2000 field, struck down by the curse of Congress that has felled all 32 other members of the House and Senate who have sought to vault into the White House in the last 10 elections.

"I thought with the budget agreement... the 1997 negotiation that produced the first balanced budget in decades... and what I think has been a pretty high-visibility role I've performed in Congress since 1995, I'd be better known," Kasich mused last week. "But I was not well-known."

Kasich, who joined the race on Feb. 15 and dropped out on July 14, is giving his staff until the end of August to dismantle his campaign.

It always seems to surprise lawmakers who cut a wide swath in Capitol Hill and the rest of Washington that the voters outside the Beltway give so little deference to their accomplishments. But the only candidates who went directly from Congress to the White House in this century

were Sens. Warren G. Harding of Ohio in 1920 and John F. Kennedy of Massachusetts in 1960. So, despite the recurrence of the 40-year cycle in 2000, the problems that have plagued all the others - from scheduling conflicts to embarrassing votes to distrust of Washington - seem to be exercising their hex again this year.

"If you ask Kasich, he will tell you it wasn't his 17 years on Capitol Hill that hobbled him so badly that he abandoned the race before the first vote was cast. I don't think I sell short because I was a House member," he said in an interview. Rather, it was Texas Gov. George W. Bush's "capability as a candidate, plus his support from the Republican establishment, that just didn't leave enough oxygen" to sustain a first-time challenger.

On the other hand, Kasich said, "I wouldn't want to try this again from the House. I'm leaving the House, not running for reelection," but "I'm not giving up my dream to be president."

Kasich's departure leaves three other longtime legislators still bucking the odds - Senate Commerce Committee Chairman John McCain, R-Ariz.; Senate Judiciary Committee Chairman Orrin G. Hatch, R-Utah; and Senate ethics committee Chairman Robert C. Smith of New Hampshire. But Smith has given up the GOP race to seek a third-party nomination, and Hatch is regarded as the darkest of dark horses.

"I wouldn't want to try this again from the House... but I'm not giving up my dream to be president."

- Rep. John Kasich

Mrs. Clinton says tax cut jeopardizes programs

NEW YORK (AP) - Hillary Rodham Clinton said Monday during her "listening tour" of New York that the \$72 billion Republican tax-cut plan would jeopardize education programs affecting New York's public schoolchildren.

Mrs. Clinton, a likely Democratic candidate for the U.S. Senate, brought her summer tour to New York City Monday, visiting a Baptist church in a Brooklyn neighborhood where the discussion centered on overcrowded and violent schools.

"Under the Republican plan, she said: 'The city alone could lose as many as 4,000 desperately needed teachers.'"

Mrs. Clinton arrived late this morning at the Concord Baptist Church in Bedford-Stuyvesant for the 90-minute discussion attended by several hundred people. The audience received her warmly, giving her rousing applause and a partial standing ovation.

"The talk, Mrs. Clinton's first New York City stop on her statewide listening tour, centered on education problems facing inner-city students, including crime and overcrowding in the area's public schools."

"Your candidacy is a great priority to education education," the Rev. Emma Jordan Simpson told the first lady.

"We'd like to spend time creating after-school programs and not choosing money to fund those programs."

In addition to the Brooklyn stop - the first held in the backyard of potential Republican rival Mayor Rudolph W. Giuliani - Mrs. Clinton plans to hold another session in Queens on Tuesday to discuss balancing work and families.

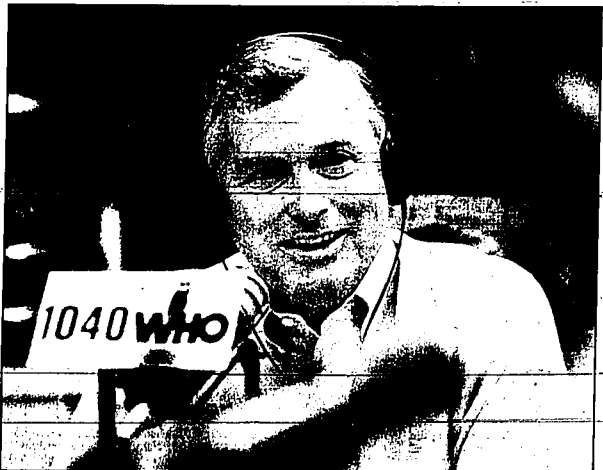
The Bedford-Stuyvesant neighborhood is heavily minority and Democratic. Giuliani's name was never mentioned during the question-and-answer discussion by either the participants or Mrs. Clinton, the likely Democratic candidate for retiring U.S. Sen. Daniel Patrick Moynihan's seat.

The first lady began holding the invitation-only events in various cities throughout the state in July.

As they waited in line before the meeting, participants said they wanted to talk to Mrs. Clinton about lack of health-care programs and unemployment in their neighborhood.

Sarah Parsons Plow said crime was also an issue, saying: "They still shoot 'em up here."

MAKING WAVES



Former Vice President Dan Quayle speaks on a local radio show Monday in Des Moines, Iowa. Quayle is in Iowa seeking the GOP presidential nomination.

Forbes touts endorsement in ad

DES MOINES, Iowa (AP) - Publisher Steve Forbes on Monday touted the endorsement of conservative leader Paul Weyrich and a new commercial on his behalf in which Weyrich declares Forbes as "the only conservative who can win" the presidency.

"While there are many good conservatives running for president in 2000, in my view Steve Forbes is the only economic, social and pro-life conservative in the race with the ability to win the White House," Weyrich said in a letter to conservative activists.

Candidates competing for the votes of social conservatives include Forbes, activist Gary Bauer, commentators Pat Buchanan and Alan Keyes and former Vice President Dan Quayle.

At the same time, Forbes began airing a 60-second radio commercial around the state featuring Weyrich's endorsement.

"Steve Forbes is a conservative with integrity, free from the corruption of Washington," said the commercial, which adds "it is important for conservative voters to have a choice other than George W. Bush."

Weyrich, who coined the phrase "moral majority," helped make social conservatives a force in the Republican Party. He had a hand in creating the Heritage Foundation think tank and the Christian Coalition and now runs the Free Congress Foundation, a conservative Washington think



Steve Forbes

tank.

The backing is another sign that Forbes is making inroads with a group that caused him problems in the last election cycle.

When Forbes sought the GOP nomination in 1996, he campaigned almost exclusively on his call for a flat tax and many religious conservatives were deeply suspicious of his commitment on issues like abortion.

That suspicion turned into outright opposition and contributed to his decline in that election.

Since that time, Forbes has worked overtime to build bridges to social and religious conservatives.

While Weyrich cited Forbes' commitment on issues like opposition to abortion, he also made pragmatic arguments. Social conservatives are currently badly fractured among a number of candidates, and that's weakened their influence.

Weyrich argued conservatives need to unite behind a candidate to exert their influence, and he said it makes sense to conalesce around Forbes for pragmatic reasons.

"Forbes is the only candidate who has organizations in all of the key primary and caucus states through the end of March 2000 -

GOP alleges utility illegally contributed to Gore campaign

The Washington Post

When Vice President Al Gore led a flotilla of canoes down the Connecticut River last month, he paddled into an unexpected controversy.

Now the Republicans are trying to make a federal case of it. The New Hampshire Republican Party wants the Federal Election Commission to wade into the dispute.

The state party alleges that Pacific Gas & Electric, the local utility that released some extra water into the river to prevent Gore's canoe from running aground, may have made an illegal

contribution to the Gore campaign. The Gore campaign has said from the beginning that it never asked for the extra water, and Gore supporters say its political opponents are now in over their heads.

The volume of water is in question: 4 billion gallons, 57 million gallons and more than 97 million but far less than 4 billion have been cited.

Now the FEC is being asked to determine whether the utility violated prohibitions against corporate contributions to federal candidates.

"The campaign may be over before this dispute is settled."

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MORNING BREAK

Best friends pay a high price for a lesson in partnership

DEAR ABBY: Last March, my best friend, "Emma," and I opened a business together.

We had a falling out three weeks ago and haven't spoken since. She's very stubborn and can't admit when she's wrong. On a hunch, I called the 24-hour banking service for our business account. Lo and behold, the balance was zero. A week ago it held more than \$200. I checked further. There have been four ATM transactions in the last two weeks—all withdrawals.

Abby, we were best friends—or so I thought. I feel Emma stole the money. She didn't let me know we owed people who had helped us get started, so of course I have to pay them back.

I'm so angry and hurt I don't know what to do. Our friendship is over. I'm really going to miss that because Emma was like a sister to me. I don't know what to do from here—take her to court and scream at her, tell the world or just let it go. Your thoughts, please.

—STEPPEO ON AND USED IN N.J. DEAR USED: Now that you have vented, call your former business partner and ask her to account for the money that was



DEAR ABBY: *Abby Cadabby*

supposed to be in the business account. She MAY have had a legitimate reason for withdrawing the funds.

Since it was a partnership, you should not be on the hook for more than 50 percent of it. Add to it the money that should have been left in the joint account. If it's more than you can comfortably afford to lose, by all means take her to small claims court. If not, consider this an expensive introductory course in business accounting and safeguarding your investment—and write her off.

DEAR ABBY: My wife and I have been annoyed by something for some time. We have a few friends who visit us at least twice a week. They insist upon hugging at every greeting and goodbye. Whether at my house, in public or elsewhere—hugs are expected.

Should we just grin and bear the excessive hugging? Or should we avoid the hugs and address the issue with them?

—OVERHUGGED IN LONG BEACH, CALIF.

DEAR OVERHUGGED: Tell your friends, as kindly as possible, that not all people are equally demonstrative—and that all the hugging they take for granted makes you uncomfortable. Assure them of your caring and friendship, and ask them to please understand. If they are true friends, they will.

DEAR ABBY: When writing thank-you notes, how do you deal with gifts from a group of people? Do you write an individual thank-you to each person who signed the card, or can you send a "group" thank-you?

—TRACY IN CLACKAMAS, ORE.

DEAR TRACY: Much depends upon how many people make up the "group." For example, if the group comprises approximately 25 to 30 or more people, one thank-you note would be sufficient.

Taurus must keep things smooth; Sagittarius will make a fresh start

HOROSCOPE Sydney Omar

IF AUGUST 10 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: You are creative, controversial, an original thinker and due to make fresh start this year. Leo, Aquarius persons play memorable roles in your life, could have these letters, initials in names: A, S, J.

Your mother was an independent type who probably ran the household. During September, you encounter individual who very much attracts you—ride with tide, but know when to say "Enough is enough." November will be very social.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Suddenly life takes on romantic tinge for you—if single, question of marriage looms large. If married, you rediscover mate emotionally, mentally, sexually. Capricorn involved.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Social life picks up. You will be complimented on appearance, wit and wisdom. Leo individual in your home could display temperament, temper. Maintain equilibrium.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Goal will be achieved—obstacles that included distance, language will be overcome. Scorpio native, at first indifferent, will become enthusiastically. Scick

with number 4. CANCER (June 21-July 22): Money comes from surprise source. Could be an advance on play, book or entertainment program—emphasize color coordination, showmanship. Gemini, Virgo, Sagittarius play roles.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Cycle high, trust judgment, intuition. Focus on personality, sex appeal. Be suspicious of one who flatters too much. Accent family, home, property. Taurus, Libra, Scorpio in picture.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Define terms, outline boundaries, explore real estate opportunities. Maintain aura of mystery, do not tell all, let people guess concerning your powers. Pisces figures prominently.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Make this your power-play day. Lunar position highlights ability to win friends, influence people. Sales ability at dizzying height. You can visualize, if you put it and attract love.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): You ponder, "Did I do the right thing?" Answer: You did more than your share and will get credit for it. Long-distance call, will verify views. Aries, Libra persons play exciting roles. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Let go of preconceived notions. Focus on fresh start, independence and originality. Imprint style, do not follow others. Leo, Aquarius persons play dramatic roles. Lucky number is 1.

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CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): You receive proposals, career, business, marriage. Focus will be on food, survival, perhaps restaurant management. Cancer native declares, "You've been hiding your light under bushel."

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Display versatility, intellectual curiosity. Ask questions previously considered too embarrassing. Spotlight on publicity, legal rights, marital status. Sagittarius is very much in picture.

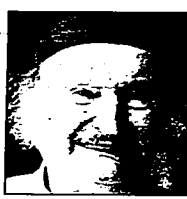
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): You will sigh, "At last I'm back to earth, and glad of it." Taurus, Leo, Scorpio persons figure in scenario. Be positive that recent mechanical failure has been corrected. Proofreading necessary.

'Grandpa Munster' eyes a bid for the U.S. Senate

ALBANY, N.Y. — Anywhere else it would be an oddity, but this is New York's U.S. Senate race.

Al Lewis — better known as "Grandpa" on the 1970s television show "The Munsters" — says he is considering a Senate run.

The 89-year-old cigar-chomping comedian announced Monday he was setting up an exploratory committee. He also took a shot at his likely rivals, dubbing New York City Mayor Rudolph Giuliani and first



Al Lewis is the Senate ready for him?

People in the news, a. d. y. Hillary Rodham Clinton "Twitdee Dee and Twitdee Dum."

All three are eyeing the seat being vacated next year by Sen. Daniel Patrick Moynihan.

It wouldn't be Lewis' first foray into politics. Last year, he unsuccessfully ran for governor on the Green Party ticket. He got 52,533 votes.

Jet buzzes Travolta's house, neighbors say

ISLESBORO, Maine — The island is abuzz after residents reported a low-flying jet circling the island home of John Travolta.

Some Islesboro residents assumed Travolta was at the controls of the large passenger jet that reportedly circled the actor's home three times last month.

Residents are used to Travolta, a licensed pilot, buzzing around in smaller planes, but some say this was over the top.

The Federal Aviation Administration is investigating, but spokeswoman Arlene Salas would not say who owned the plane. If any charges are filed, that information will become public, she said.

Driver who hit the Queen mum's car gets big fine

LONDON (AP) — A driver who hit the Queen Mother's official car was fined \$1,120 Monday and banned from driving for two years.

Queen Elizabeth II's 99-year-old mother was not in the Daimler when it was struck on July 4 in Surrey.

Prosecutors said Eamon Reidy had a blood-alcohol level 2.5 times the legal limit for driving when his vehicle hit the Daimler. Reidy, 32, sped off before abandoning his vehicle and running across fields where he was spotted by a police helicopter, prosecutors said.

Reidy's attorney, Leslie Barry, said her client drank two glasses of champagne at his parents' wed-

ding anniversary lunch and later had three pints of beer at a pub.

She said he was in the process of buying a home and the stress of viewing properties and trying to arrange a mortgage got to him.

Rooney helps celebrate 'Wizard's' 60th anniversary

GRAND RAPIDS, Minn. — Mickey Rooney took out foam bricks from a carriage as he helped Judy Garland's hometown celebrate 60 years of "The Wizard of Oz."

"The 78-year-old actor, a childhood friend of Garland's and frequent co-star, rode in the town's annual Judy Garland Festival parade Sunday.

He was carried in the same black carriage that took the Tin Man, the Scarecrow, the Cowardly Lion and Garland, as Dorothy, into the movie's Emerald City.

Garland, who left the northern Minnesota town at the age of 4, later died of a drug overdose. Rooney played the wizard in a touring stage version of the show.

Westerns are the most fun to make, Kirk Douglas says

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. — He wore togas in "Spartacus" and pinstripes in "Wall Street," but Kirk Douglas says give him boots and chaps any day.

"Some of my best memories are from doing Westerns," Douglas told the audience at Saturday night's 17th annual Golden Boot Awards. Douglas received the Motion Picture & Television Fund award for lifetime achievement.

Other Golden Boot Awards went to "Maverick" star James Garner, "Bonanza" creator and executive producer David Dortort, actress Julie Adams ("Bend of the River"), stuntman Jack Williams, R.G. Armstrong ("Gunsmoke") and the late DeForest Kelley ("Star Trek").

—Compiled from wire reports

Gravity works well for birds in love

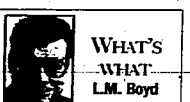
Q. Baseball's renowned Ty Cobb died at age 74 on July 17, 1961. How many baseball players went to his funeral?

A. Two — Mickey Cochrane and Ray Schalk.

Q. If 97 percent of the male birds have no external sex organ, what do they use to reproduce?

A. Internal plumbing and gravity.

In two of the Western Hemisphere's biggest countries — Canada and Brazil — a whole lot of people live down south, and comparatively few live up north. So much for what they have in common. What they don't have



WHAT'S NEW? L.M. Boyd

in common, fellow students, makes a lengthy list. Got a pencil? Jot down polar bears and coffee plantations and keep on jotting.

If you know what a "Buzochino" is — good for you! — you can identify the official state

cookie of New Mexico. Q. How long should it take me to sell my house?

A. Don't know about "should." National average at this writing is reported to be seven weeks.

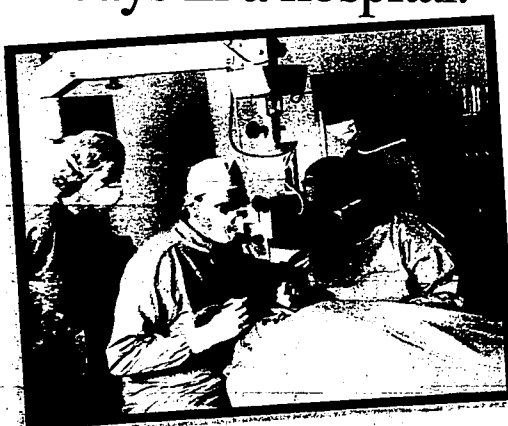
Q. Wasn't Mickey Mouse inspired by Charlie Chaplin?

A. Sort of. Walt Disney said he was indebted to Chaplin for the idea of creating an appealing little fellow wistfully trying to do his best. You can keep a recipe card clean and visible, if you put it in the tines of a fork set up in a glass.

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Nixon tapes to go on sale

Archives to release excerpts in January

WASHINGTON (AP) — FOR SALE: Richard M. Nixon's once-secret White House tapes.

"Hear him order the theft of a think tank file. 'Break in and take it out!' Listen to him talk about the kind of person he wants to head the IRS. 'I want to be sure ... that every income tax return I want to see, I see.' Replay the famous 'smoking gun' conversation about Watergate that led to his resignation 25 years ago.

"The taped conversations — Nixon's salty language and all — go on in January.

"In the past there has been a lot of interest in using the tapes on the air," Susan Cooper, a spokeswoman for the National Archives, said Monday. "Researchers have been interested in having their own copies and professors have wanted them for their classes. We're just responding to a demand."

Ms. Cooper said the archives would not profit from the sale of White House tapes. Frises for the cassettes will be set to cover the cost of copying and packaging them, she said.

The archives has a total of 3,700 hours of Nixon tapes. But the public will only be able to buy copies of 264 hours of so-called "abuse of government power" tapes that contain conversations about the break-in and bugging of the Democratic National Committee headquarters in the Watergate on Memorial Day weekend in 1972, the subsequent cover-up and wrongdoing by the president or his staff.

Making copies of the tapes was an issue in 1992 when historian Stanley Kutler and Public Citizen, an advocacy group, sued the archives, saying the Nixon tapes weren't being released fast enough.

Lawyers for Nixon intervened in the suit, and in 1993, they got a court order banning any further release of tapes of all personal and private conversations were returned to the president.

In a compromise reached in 1996, the parties agreed that if all the tapes were not opened by January 2000, the archives could make copies of the abuse of government power sections for public use.

John Taylor, director of the Richard Nixon Library & Birthplace Foundation in Yorba Linda, Calif., said he thinks the recordings should be protected on the backdrop of the Vietnam War.

"I do not believe history will fully understand Watergate until it come to terms with the fact that that was a wartime administration and that Richard Nixon was a wartime commander in chief," Taylor said.

Kansans target Darwinian theories

Board of Education vote could remove evolution curriculum

The Washington Post

For biology teacher Al Frisby, teaching evolution to the many students who take the Bible literally is like "banging his face against a brick wall." More than a third of the students at his suburban high school in Shawnee Mission, Kan., wrote in a final evaluation last year that they did not believe a thing their teacher had to say on the subject.

The challenge Frisby faces is apt to get tougher next year. On Wednesday, a majority of the Kansas Board of Education may vote to pass a new statewide science curriculum for kindergarten through 12th grade that wipes out virtually all mention of evolution and related concepts: natural selection, common ancestors and the origins of the universe.

The new curriculum will not explicitly prohibit the teaching of evolution. But its exclusion will severely undermine such efforts when they come under attack from students, parents, principals or local school boards in a state where fights over evolution are as commonplace as conferrals.

And because all public schools in the state are tested yearly according to the curriculum, teachers will be pressured to follow the new curriculum.

If the conservative majority on the school board prevails as expected, it will mark the most decisive victory in recent years for the creationist movement: Christians who read the book of Genesis literally and believe that God created human beings and animals fully formed.

"This is the most explicit censorship of evolution I have ever seen," said Mollen Matsumura of the National Center for Science Education.

In the past two decades, creationists have undergone their own process of evolution. After a series of court decisions from 1968 to 1987 barred the movement's efforts to have biblical creationism taught in the schools, activists changed their strategy. They began to focus instead on attacking evolution as an unproven theory, picking apart such basic building blocks as fossil records and geological dating.

National organizations dedicated to "scientific creationism" published books and videos and magazines designed to educate students on how to resist what they described as the "conspiracy" of evolution. School creation clubs opened across the South

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and Midwest, meeting after school to trade the latest discoveries intended to debunk evolution.

The movement's success has been evident in the past five years. In dozens of states, religious conservatives on school boards and legislatures have been chipping away at what many scientists consider a bedrock concept of biology.

In the last four years, school boards in at least seven states — Arizona, Alabama, Illinois, New Mexico, Texas, Kansas and Nebraska — have tried to remove evolution from state science standards or water down the concepts, with varying degrees of success.

State legislatures in both Georgia and Ohio have bills pending that require all educators who teach evolution to also teach evidence inconsistent with it.

In 1995, Alabama passed a law mandating that all biology books used in public schools bear

a sticker describing evolution as a "controversial theory." No one was present when the sticker first appeared. Therefore any statement about life's origins should be considered a theory and not a fact.

In 1996, the legislature in Tennessee, home of the famous 1925 Scopes trial over the teaching of evolution, considered (though ultimately rejected) a bill allowing public school teachers to be fired if they taught evolution as "fact" rather than "theory."

In 1997, the Texas Board of Education proposed replacing all biology books in the state with new ones that did not mention evolution. The move was considered to signal a national trend because Texas is the second-largest purchaser of textbooks after California. The proposal failed by a slim majority.

The movement's recent success may in part be a reflection of the fairly widespread sympathy for some of its basic principles. According to Gallup polls, about 44 percent of Americans believe in a biblical creationist view, that "God created man pretty much in his present form at one time within the last 10,000 years." About 40 percent believe in "theistic evolution," the idea that God oversaw and guided the millions of years of evolution that culminated with humankind. Only one

in 10 of those surveyed held a strict, secular evolutionist perspective.

While the movement's incrementalist tactics are new, what's at stake for fundamentalist Christians has not changed much since the first time they encountered Charles Darwin.

"Teaching evolution in public schools and telling children they are just products of a survival-of-the-fittest, just animals struggling to survive, leaves many students with a sense of purposelessness and hopelessness," said Mark Looy of Answers in Genesis, one of the groups that provides students materials. "What meaning is there to life?"

For biologists, the battle is equally deep-seated: In evolution, they believe, lies the answer to who we are as a post-Enlightenment, scientifically literate society.

The century-old debate erupted again, ironically, in part out of a push to improve science education. About five years ago, a craze for national standards and accountability in every subject swept American classrooms. In response, national groups of science educators wrote benchmarks for scientific literacy to serve as models for states. The idea was to replace blind memorization of facts and figures with broad central concepts.

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Chocolate may benefit your immune system

The Washington Post

There is growing evidence that substances known as catechins may help protect against heart disease and possibly cancer, and may even boost the immune system. Catechins are found most commonly in tea, but new research has found they are also abundant in chocolate.

Ilya Arts of the National Institute of Public Health and Environment in the Netherlands tasted chocolate and tea to see how many catechins they contain. Dark chocolate has the most: 53.5 milligrams per 100 grams. Milk chocolate contains 15.9 mg per 100 g and black tea has 13.9 mg per 100 milliliters.

The researchers also surveyed 6,250 men and women to determine they got their catechins. Tea provided the most — 55 percent — while chocolate provided 20 percent.

In younger age groups, in which chocolate is generally preferred to tea, and in countries where tea is less frequently consumed, chocolate may be an even more important source of antioxidant catechins," the researchers write in the Aug. 6 issue of The Lancet, a British medical journal. But it is the Dutch habit of drinking a cup of tea and eating a chocolate cookie might be not only enjoyable but healthy as well.

NATION

Area code clutter confuses callers

Many numbers sit unused; others fill up faster than expected

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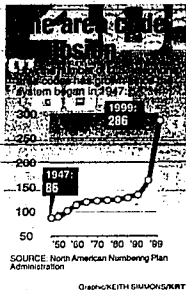
What if you were given a new 10-digit telephone number, then had to change it again? What if your next-door neighbor or even your daughter's bedroom were in a different area code? What if you called 911 and the rescue squad had no idea where you were?

Hundreds of thousands of Americans are suffering such agonies these days as an explosion of cell phones, fax machines, beepers and Internet connections is fueling a red-hot demand for new phone numbers. The number of area codes has nearly doubled in the last 10 years, and the last area code is expected to be issued sometime in 2007.

But much of that growth, and the trouble that has come with it, is needless, experts say. Fewer than 40 percent of the phone numbers that have been distributed are actually in use.

The problem is that local phone companies have automatically been given big blocks of numbers, a large percentage of which are not used. This adds up to many millions of numbers that have never rung.

"It is a nuisance and a waste," said Seamus Glynn, associate director of the Citizens Utility Board, a Chicago consumer group, who spotted the unused numbers early.



To alleviate this glut, local lawmakers, state agencies and consumer advocates are urging state and federal regulators to change the system.

The Chicago and New York metropolitan areas are experimenting with a system called "pooling," which reduces the number blocks passed out to phone companies from 10,000 to 1,000. Experts estimate that pooling nationwide could extend the life of the current area code plan by more than 75 years.

Florida, New York and Massachusetts are among other states petitioning federal regulators to find ways to conserve numbers.

The Federal Communications Commission is seeking public comment on proposals to make

phone companies document their needs for numbers and return unused numbers.

The FCC is also considering whether to charge telephone companies for use of the numbers and to require them to report their utilization rates and their forecasts for future use.

"We are working to address these issues as quickly as possible," said FCC official Blaise Scinto. The agency hopes to issue new rules in the winter.

Meanwhile, cities that only recently got new area codes are discovering that those numbers are already near capacity. Oregon, for example, introduced a new area code four years ago. It is now expected to be filled by 2002 - 11 years earlier than planned.

California, which started with three area codes a half-century ago, is expected to have 27 by the end of the year. By 2002, it may have as many as 40.

It is almost impossible to keep up with the flood of new area codes. Some communities have changed area codes as many as three times, with some residents receiving new numbers every time.

The once-familiar map in the phone book has mutated into an indecipherable and outdated blob. Many people dial 10 or 11 digits just to reach a neighbor down the street or an office many three desks away. Some have two different area codes in their own homes. Then there's the frustration of never-ending updates of Rolodexes, computer telephone directories and Palm Pilots, not to mention the tele-

phone speed dial.

There also is the problem of ensuring that millions of emergency telephones in elevators across the nation are programmed to dial the proper rescue service. Home alarm systems that automatically telephone police in case of emergency also have to be reprogrammed.

Even with careful planning, glitches can arise. The Phoenix area is scheduled to introduce two new codes in the fall, but is still scrambling to reprogram its equipment to ensure access. Otherwise, some callers into the city might be told the number is not in service or that the area code is not valid.

All this costs money, and the economic pain is especially intense for small businesses.

First, there's the expense of replacing signs, business cards and letterhead to change the number. Then there's the cost of updating customer-contact databases. And it's almost impossible to put a price on the loss of an old phone number memorized by a legion of faithful customers over the years.

Some communities have been so worried about the potential economic toll that they have successfully fought off new codes.

"We are struggling hard to make a future for our area," said Leslie Combs, president of the Pike County Chamber of Commerce in economically depressed eastern Kentucky.

"Adding another area code would lead to a lot of confusion ... raise our cost of doing business, and make it harder to attract business and industry."

Government rejects oil imports complaint

WASHINGTON (AP)—The government rejected a complaint Monday by independent oil producers accusing four countries of violating U.S. trade laws and harming U.S. producers.

The Commerce Department, after a review by its International Trade Administration, found that an Oklahoma-based coalition of independent producers had "insufficient industry support" to challenge the foreign imports under federal anti-dumping laws. The petition was filed by small producers operating in Texas, Kansas and Oklahoma.

Large U.S. oil companies, supported by more than 100 organizations and major energy users, had opposed the independent producers' petition, claiming that the group did not represent a quarter of domestic oil production as required.

If the petition had been accepted, the government would have opened formal investigations into pricing of oil imports. Had it found violations of anti-dumping laws, about 60 percent of the oil imported into the country would have been subject to steep tariffs.

The Commerce Department said in a statement that it decided against launching a formal investigation because "opinion" to the petition from U.S. producers exceeded support for the petition."

The independent oilmen's petition, filed last month by a group calling itself Save Domestic Oil

Inc., charged that Saudi Arabia, Mexico, Venezuela and Iraq had sold oil in the U.S. market at artificially low prices in violation of America's anti-dumping trade laws.

The group can appeal the Commerce decision to the International Court of Trade, but such an appeal likely would take several years to resolve, trade experts said.

Officials from the Oklahoma-based group could not be reached immediately for comment.

Trade experts had been astonished by use of the anti-dumping trade laws on oil imports because oil prices always have been viewed as highly volatile and determined largely by international markets.

Many economists doubted the law would be invoked in response to the petition which was filed on behalf of the domestic industry in 43 of the 50 states - excluding the West Coast, Arizona, Nevada, Alaska and Hawaii.

The Oklahoma-based coalition had hoped that limiting the scope of the petition would mitigate the opposition of the large U.S. oil companies, whose domestic fields are concentrated in Alaska.

But the department concluded that the producers represented an insufficient proportion of the U.S. industry. To warrant an investigation, at least 25 percent of the domestic industry allegedly affected must support the claim.

Army temporarily grounds fleet of Chinook helicopters

WASHINGTON (AP) - The Army announced Monday it was temporarily grounding its entire fleet of CH-47 Chinook transport helicopters after a crack was found in a transmission gear in one being used by the British Royal Air Force.

"The fleet is grounded. It's a

precautionary measure," said an Army spokeswoman, Nancy Ray.

She said that 466 helicopters in the Army fleet were involved in the temporary grounding.

"In an overhaul, the Royal Air Force discovered a cracked gear. That gear has been traced dili-

gently," Ray said. She said Boeing was working with the Army Aviation Center to see if the problem affected any of the Army Chinooks.

The twin-rotored Chinook helicopter is the military's medium tactical heavy-lift transport.

Meanwhile, the British

Ministry of Defense said Monday that it has grounded its fleet of Royal Air Force Chinooks also, pending safety checks.

The RAF Chinooks are used in many different countries, but the exact number was not immediately available.

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EDITORIAL

User fees on federal lands sting outdoors people everywhere

Have you driven to the Hellfire trailhead in the Sawtooth Mountains lately? It's a bone-jarring road filled with rocks, uncompromisingly hostile to engine oil pans and transmission differentials.

The final four miles are as rough as they've ever been, but there's something new at the end of the road: A big blue sign proclaiming that you must pay to park there.

The hubris of demanding money to park at the end of an evil road like that is mind-boggling.

What improvements will the Sawtooth National Forest made to that road and trailhead, other than posting a pay-the-man sign?

The Recreation Fee Demonstration Program is still, nominally, just a test. Theoretically, America's public lands managers could discontinue the policy of charging Americans to use their own public lands.

Don't bet on it, though. The National Forest Service and the U.S. Bureau of Land Management have sunk their teeth into an easy-money scam, and they're not letting go. The two agencies are picking Idahoans' pockets from the Sawtooths to the South Fork of the Snake River, to the Payette River, to Milner Dam.

Some people are opting to pay the fee rather than risk a confrontation. Others are flatly refusing to pay for access to their own lands. Those who pay taxes already covered that tab on April 15 and nobody, not even Uncle Sam, can sell you the same right twice.

This pay-to-play shakedown isn't limited to Idaho. People are getting fed up with it from the High Sierras to the Smokies.

The Forest Service is eagerly trying to put a happy face on the user fee program. Elsewhere on this page, Sawtooth Forest Supervisor Bill LeVere says the fees help his budget stretch further, enabling him to do more with less. LeVere proudly notes that "compliance" - which means people forking over money - has risen from 25 percent last year to 60 percent this year.

But compliance isn't the same thing as approval. Paying a user fee has a lot in common with handing your wallet over to a mugger. You comply with the mugger's demand, but you don't approve of it.

Finally, it's worth noting that Sawtooth Forest chieftains want to hire a law enforcement officer whose duties would include - surprise! - handing out tickets to people who don't pay the fee. Smokey Bear shouldn't go down that road, but chances are that he will.

With federal bureaucrats (one deaf to the pleas of recreationists across America, it's time to let actions speak louder than words. We don't believe this fee should be imposed, and we're not gonna pay it. What you do is up to you, but not paying is the best way to get the government's attention.

Remember: Only You Can Prevent Forest Fees.

Paying a recreation user fee has a lot in common with handing your wallet over to a mugger. Complying with the mugger's demand doesn't mean you approve of it.

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LETTERS

Leave the blue spaces open

A note of advice to all handicapped people. Don't park in a handicap space unless you display your handicap placard!

I attended a dinner in Twin Falls. There weren't any parking places open at the restaurant, so I told the driver I was with to park in a handicap space. I'm unable to walk very far on my crutches, so I used my wheelchair to enter the restaurant, leaving my crutches in plain view in the car. I assumed they would be evidence that I was entitled to use that space, even though I had forgotten my placard. Wrong. On my return to the car, I found a ticket and a \$76.21 fine. Since I had no way to get to Twin Falls during the week to appeal, I mailed in the fine.

I learned a lesson I could ill afford. If you've forgotten your handicap placard, park elsewhere!

ADA VOGEL, Jerome

Priorities are mixed up

What kind of country do we live in where our state and government will let a man die for \$106?

I have a relative with me who has very severe complications due to diabetes. Without medical treatment, he will die. He needs 24-hour care. He needs someone there all the time to help him and administer medications. My husband and I both work and worry that he'll be in a coma or even dead every day while we're away.

I attempted to get him help. He

receives \$631 Social Security, and they won't give him any kind of medical coverage until March 1. The state won't give him any assistance (i.e., food stamps, Medicaid) because he gets \$106 too much from Social Security. I begged Social Security to lower his Social Security. I didn't ask for more money, I asked for less, and "they are sorry but they just can't help me."

What happened to caring for the old and the sick? Why do we let our old freeze and starve? Why don't we care about our vets? Why do we let our sick and disabled die from lack of medical care because of \$106?

Yet we bring foreigners in here by the boatload and give them houses, cars, welfare, medical, money to start a business, money to go to school.

I just don't get it.
ROCHELLE VINE, Gooding

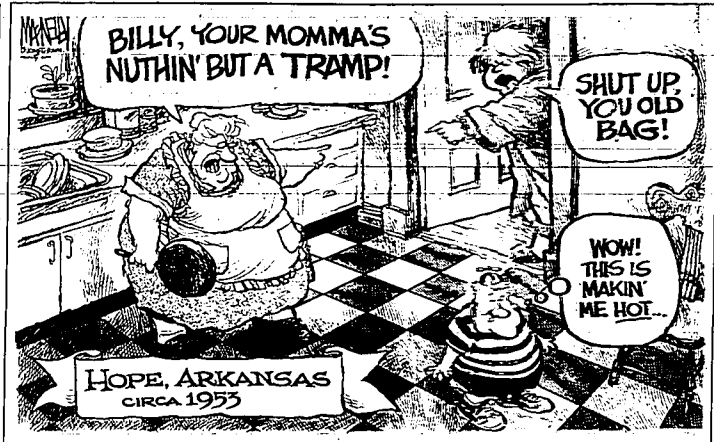
Social Security can pay off

Social Security is a gamble you are forced to put a small percent of your wages into. You are really betting you will live past 62.

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I know this from first-hand experience. If you don't live past 62, you won't regret having put your money into it. I promise!

TED VAUX, Hansen



Fee program enhances recreation

How do you provide opportunities for rapidly increasing numbers of boaters, campers, hikers, bikers, off-road vehicle riders and other recreationists to enjoy Idaho's great outdoors when your budget and staff are decreasing? In other words, how do you do more with less? Idaho's public land managers have been struggling with that question for 10 years as the number of people recreating on national forests and Bureau of Land Management lands in the Gem State have skyrocketed while federal budgets have declined.

That's why the agencies were eager to take advantage of the opportunity to enhance outdoor recreation when Congress authorized the Recreation Fee Demonstration Program in 1996. The program authorized federal agencies to test different ways of collecting recreation user fees and spending them to maintain and improve the areas where they were generated.

Implementing the Recreation Fee Demonstration Program on the Sawtooth National Forest and the Payette River has already generated nearly \$250,000. On the Sawtooth National Forest, this money has been used for a wide variety of maintenance and improvement projects like building restrooms at popular trailheads, maintaining 450 miles of trails and constructing trail foot bridges. On the Payette River, the funds have

READER COMMENT
Bill LeVere, Dave Rittenhouse and Kate Mitchell

been used to build a trail to the river at the Deer Creek River access site, develop a new boat access at Lower Confluence, and enhance safety, among other things. Without the money generated by recreationists who use these areas through the Recreation Fee Demonstration Program, this work simply wouldn't have been done.

Some people believe they shouldn't have to pay to use recreation facilities on public land since they already pay taxes. However, of every \$1,000 in the federal budget, only 18 cents goes toward the entire recreation budget of the Forest Service and the BLM. This is not enough to meet demands to maintain existing opportunities, much less create new ones, for growing numbers of outdoor recreationists.

As recreationists have seen how their money has been used to maintain and enhance the Sawtooth National Forest and the Payette River, participation in the Recreation Fee Demonstration Program has increased. In the Sawtooth National Forest, compliance has increased from 25 percent in 1998 to 60

percent this year while, on the Payette River, compliance has risen from 50 percent in 1998 to 70 percent this year.

From the beginning of the Recreation Fee Demonstration Program, we have provided many opportunities for the public to help determine how much the fees should be, how they should be collected and how they should be spent. As we have implemented the program, we have listened carefully to public input and made changes accordingly. On the Sawtooth National Forest, we have responded to visitor suggestions by changing from requiring an individual general pass to a vehicle parking pass, required only at specific trailheads. On both the Sawtooth National Forest and the Payette River, we are continuously asking people who use the areas how their fees should be spent, and we are adapting their suggestions.

It's important to remember that the Recreation Fee Demonstration Program is a temporary test. Whether the program is shelved or becomes permanent, a decision will make a difference we believe it is working for Idaho.

Bill LeVere is the forest supervisor for Sawtooth National Forest, Dave Rittenhouse is the forest supervisor for Boise National Forest, and Kate Mitchell is the district manager for the Bureau of Land Management's Lower Snake River District.

Maybe it's just plain old weed killer

Have you seen a live baby lately? From a slew of environmentalist "studies" pumped out recently, you'd think they'd be teetering on extinction. Fortunately, they're doing just fine. Thank you, Sally, the same can't be said for the mental health of the poor parents who may actually believe these groups.

The latest salvo was a report released last week at a press conference by the Environmental Working Group claiming the popular herbicide atrazine is contaminating tap water, giving babies cancer.

"There's no safe dose of atrazine for babies," says the EWG in demanding an immediate ban on the weed killer. Environmentalists usually attack chemicals not on the basis of actual or even perceived hazards, but on how useful they are. Atrazine fits the bill. It's been used for 40 years here, on about two-thirds of our corn, 60 percent of sorghum and 90 percent of sugar cane. More than 80 other countries also use it.

Four years ago, the EPA began a still-ongoing special review of the atrazine herbicide family, focusing on atrazine. Since it began, 10 new scientific studies and more than 80,000 public comments have been submitted to the agency. Faced with an overwhelming wall of scientific evidence, the EPA has (so far) refused to cave in to environmentalist demands for a ban.

All this new material the EWG ignores. Instead, its latest "report" focuses its cancer claims on studies done on a single species of rat. The EWG's report fails to

note that last year the World Health Organization's International Agency for Research on Cancer completed its atrazine reassessment. It reversed its position that atrazine was a potential human carcinogen, concluding that the mammary tumor formation in the rats isn't relevant to humans.

Atrazine, said IARC, is "not classifiable as to carcinogenicity to humans." "Placing it in the same cancer risk category as tea and talc.

A few of the reporters I attended the EWG press conference with were skeptical enough to ask about evidence in the most important animal, homo sapiens. They were given information that was false, grossly misleading, had absolutely nothing to do with atrazine, or combined all of the above.

Thus, EWG President Ken Cook claimed there's evidence that childhood cancer was increasing. Were this true, it could be from a million factors other than atrazine exposure. But it's not true. According to the National Cancer Institute, adult cancer incidence is declining. Childhood cancer incidence increased for a few years due to earlier detection but the increase has stopped. A recent report from a country that uses atrazine, Canada, shows childhood cancer going down.

Naturally, the EWG says there are alter-

natives to atrazine. But Jeré White, executive director of the Endocrine Growth Association, said to me, "If there were other products that were safer and more cost-effective, we'd use them." He also notes the irony of environmental groups crying crocodile tears over herbicides that application when it was they who led to their greater use. That's because herbicides can eliminate the need for tilling, a major contributor to soil erosion. Another irony, White says, is that environmentalists also oppose biopesticides that reduce the need for herbicides and other types of pesticides, on the same grounds that they're "harmful." "We farmers have trouble making out what EWG supports other than the lack of a safe, abundant food supply," says White.

Giving the EWG an "A" for its slick packaging and ability to draw attention, but a failing grade for everything else is David Baker, director of the Water Quality Laboratory at Heidelberg College in Dublin, Ohio. "The EWG sets only that information that supports their particular point of view," he told me. "It doesn't involve objective scientific assessment, nor does it fit in with good public policy." On the other hand, it is an excellent ploy to foment false fear if you're an environmentalist group that can only keep its coffers filled by churning out scary reports every few months.

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Mallard Fillmore



Problems loom as states assume power from central government

ST. LOUIS—Twenty years after he attended his first meeting of the National Governors' Association as the freshman governor of Arkansas—and the youngest in the nation—President Clinton came back here Sunday to meet again with his former colleagues in the NGA. He talked about the "partnership" he had promised to forge in 1993 and said that, at least from the White House vantage point, "it had worked."



DAVID S. BRODER

Rhetoric and partisanship aside, most governors agree. And clearly from the perspective of no one, the balance of power and responsibility between the states and the federal government is far removed from where it was in the 1970s—and a lot closer to what the authors of the Constitution had in mind.

"From the New Deal to the start of the Reagan administration in 1981, the flow of dollars and power was heavily toward Washington. Since then it has slowed, and in some respects reversed. The Supreme Court has played a major role—thanks to Republican appointees—as it has rediscovered the 10th Amendment and been fairly aggressive in striking down federal statutes that it judged had trespassed on the reserved powers of the states. Since the first, and then at an accelerating pace since Republicans took control of Congress in 1994, the states' role in vital areas of government has

been increased. The welfare reform bill of 1996 was a landmark, but certainly not the end of the process.

The numbers tell the story. Peter Harkness, editor of *Governing* magazine, said here that, putting aside Social Security and Medicare, state and local governments now outspend Washington. Only 13 percent of public employees are on the federal payroll, he said. And every public opinion poll shows greater trust in local and state government than in Washington.

With most states enjoying prosperous times—Hawaii being the most notable exception because of its dependence on the Japanese economy—it seems to be a golden age.

But there is a real question how long it may last. Prudent governors of both parties have insulated their states against a recession by building new rainy day funds to record levels. What they cannot do is turn back the process of globalization that is remaking the economic world—and inevitably will reshape the political world as well.

No one understands this process—and both its promise

and peril for the states—better than Utah Gov. Michael O. Leavitt, who became chairman of the NGA this week. For years, he has been preaching to his fellow governors that the communications and technology revolution that facilitates the flow of capital, information and jobs across old national boundaries will force a redefinition of the role of states within this republic.

But Leavitt clearly sees a serious threat to the single greatest state revenue source.

At the same time, he recognizes that multinational businesses have a legitimate need for simplicity and uniformity in the rules of the game. The more complex the tax and regulatory systems they face, the greater the friction and loss of efficiency. "The challenge," he says, "is how we provide simplicity and uniformity without centralizing power and losing the advantages of local control."

What Leavitt fears is that the same economic force that has required the nations of Europe—including those larger in population than the largest American states—to surrender some of their sovereignty to the European Union will be applied domestically to the 50 states.

How do we deal with these in our political and judicial systems confront the economic pressures of globalization will challenge the political will for at least the next 20 years.

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LETTER

Reduce the debt first

Like you, having a few additional dollars in my pocket seems grand. But the proposed federal tax-cut package has been poorly conceived! I am suggesting that our nation's House and Senate members, mainly Republicans, re-enter the classroom and restudy Economics 101. I am a registered Republican, by the way.

This tax-cut proposal reflects a "politics-as-usual" attitude. While our economy is reasonably strong, reducing the national debt should have been given top priority. Doing so would demonstrate that "all" care about the nation's economic health for the next generations. It seems the only political objective is to get elected and "who cares" about

overall national economic priorities. While likely not a popular idea, "all" should make a sacrifice for our youth today and for future generations by requesting that federal surplus funds be used to reduce our national debt. Should our economy slow down at some future date, then available federal tax-cut dollars could be redirected to consumer products, hopefully in a "fair" manner.

The top one-quarter of the nation's wealthy will gain the lion's share of these tax dollars. Yet, a bright spot exists even here: How? Should these wealthy select to invest "all" tax-cut dollars into the nation's infrastructure (bridges, roads, buildings, etc.), this could cause a beneficial ripple in the nation's economy. Yes, this could add fuel to the jobs created, but hopefully it would just keep the economy

galling at a low- or no-inflation pace, particularly should these jobs be created in high unemployment or poverty areas. However, if the wealthy totally demand more consumer goods, inflationary pressures will arise. But a major question not addressed is "who" should benefit the "most" from federal tax cuts? Our congressional friends should put brains in gear and readdress the federal tax-cut issue for the good of the entire nation and not cut taxes for political or personal gains. In final analysis, making long-range projections base ways of vanishing. Without the actual surplus funds in hand, are the proposed tax-cut rates justifiable?

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Coaling

Froth on the Internet revolution

The sure sign of a market bubble is when there's no way even plausibly to imagine where a stock price comes from. Consider a little company called Priceline.com.

Priceline had the smart idea of coming up with a reverse auction over the Internet. People put in the price they are willing to pay for, say, a flight to Cincinnati next Wednesday, and airlines and ticket brokers compete to fill their order. Sales have grown rapidly, but like many fast-growing companies, Priceline has to plow every cent back into advertising and operations. Over the past year, it lost \$125 million on sales of \$190 million.

As of last week, the stock-market valuation of Priceline (the stock price times the number of outstanding shares) was about \$10 billion—which was at least a bit more conservative than the \$22 billion it commanded just a few weeks before, or about the same as Alcoa Inc., or the Axa Group, a giant international financial conglomerate that owns U.S. insurer Equitable. That's \$10 billion for a company that might never make a profit, because it can take only a razor-thin slice of net sale.

Amazon.com, the poster boy of Internet-based commerce, had more than \$1 billion in sales last year but has never earned a nickel and doesn't expect to any time soon. Before the recent nose dive in Amazon's stock price, its market value was within spitting distance of General Motors' or Boeing's.

Why would people pay so much for stocks like these? Well, if you had put \$10,000 into Amazon in its initial stock offering in 1997, your stake would have been worth a cool half-million about 18 months later, although "only" about \$200,000 now. Those kinds of numbers get attention.

Investors snapping up stock at ridiculous prices because they hope for even more ridiculous prices is another sure sign of a bubble. The bubble is next to the last one out.

Bubbles almost always accompany a deep, underlying ground shift in the economy. There was a

CHARLES R. MORRIS

20-year railroad bubble in the United States starting in the 1970s. Tens of billions of investment flowed in from overseas, and most investors lost their shirts on sharp promoters like Jay Gould, who saw the British as so many sheep lining up to be fleeced. But the railroads really did vault America into the industrial age, powering the rise of the steel and coal industries and the birth of factory farming.

The 1920s stock-market bubble wasn't an accident, either. Nineteenth-century America had financed its growth with overseas money. Investment banks like J.P. Morgan's were financial pipelines to Europe's wealthy elite. By the end of World War I, however, most of the world's wealth had emigrated to America, and forced-march wartime growth had left America's big industries thirsty for capital. A whole new plumbing system was needed to tap into the savings of the country's burgeoning upper-middle classes.

The Internet really is a fundamental revolution, probably as important as the railroads.

Analysts estimate that within a year or two, electronic commerce on the Internet will top \$3 trillion, most of it between businesses. Internet commerce blows away many layers of bureaucracy. Companies can use password-protected Web sites to post production schedules so their suppliers can know exactly by which parts to ship each day. Private Internets and Internal Web sites can handle most of a company's buywork, like expenses accounts and routine reporting.

Revolutions upset apple carts. The Internet revolution is a deadly threat to entrenched interests, like the telephone companies, and could never have happened without American-style cowboy capitalism.

Market bubbles are the froth on a revolution's surface. As long as the Internet bubble continues, any company with a "com" at the end of its name is likely to do well. But once the winning comes, hardly one in 100 will be left standing.

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WORLD

Ethnic Albanians burn houses

Hatred persists eight weeks after shelling ended

ZITINJE, Yugoslavia (AP) — Surrounded by the charred husks of other homes deserted by Serbs, flames and smoke poured from a house Monday in the Kosovo village of Zitinja.

The burning of every Serb remnant in the village except for a small church — along with a third day of scuffling between French soldiers and ethnic Albanians trying to march to the Serb part of the town of Kosovska Mitrovica — showed the hatred that persists in Kosovo eight weeks after the end of NATO's bombing campaign.

Most of the province's estimated 200,000 Serbs have fled since the war ended. The 250 Serbian residents of Zitinja, 25 miles southeast of Pristina, left last week, and U.S. troops moved in to protect their belongings and houses from revenge-minded ethnic Albanians.

But when NATO forces decreased their presence on Friday, ethnic Albanians struck quickly. By Monday, every house with a Serbian Orthodox cross painted on it was destroyed.

Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic withdrew army and police forces from Kosovo in June in exchange for the end of NATO airstrikes. Since then, minority Serbs have increasingly become the targets of hate crimes committed by ethnic Albanians, seeking revenge for atrocities committed by Serbian forces before and during the bombing.

U.S. Lt. Col. Tim Reese said his troops tried to prevent the



U.S. soldiers ride past the smoldering ruins of Serb houses in Zitinja, 25 miles southeast of Pristina, in Kosovo.

revenge arson in Zitinja by collecting furniture, valuables and even stray farm animals for salekeeping in a building in the middle of the village, he said.

Then U.S. troops allowed ethnic Albanians to claim property that had been stolen during the war if they had documentation or could identify it.

"We thought that would kind of lower the temptation to loot," Reese said.

Yet ethnic Albanians were ready with gasoline and matches Friday, and by Sunday, more than 40 houses were burned, along with the Serb possessions stored by the soldiers. The rest

burned Monday. Bujar Zeqirje, 22, said he came over from the nearby ethnic Albanian village of Ballane to see "that the houses are burned properly."

"In my case, they killed my uncle, so how can I like them?" he said.

In Kosovska Mitrovica, French peacekeepers set up barbed wire across a central bridge connecting the Serbian and ethnic Albanian sides of town after a third straight day of scuffling with ethnic Albanians trying to cross in large numbers.

About 500 youths stormed the bridge but were held off by 40

French troops. The confrontation was a repeat of Saturday and Sunday's attempts by ethnic Albanians to cross the bridge.

Tafil Jusufi, one of those involved in Monday's protest, accused the French peacekeepers of "creating a new border" to keep ethnic Albanians out of the Serb-dominated part of Kosovska Mitrovica, 20 miles north of Pristina.

A senior U.N. official, Mary-Pat Silveira, said serious violence was likely if a large ethnic Albanian crowd crossed the bridge because Serbs gathered on the other side were probably armed.

Mexican candidates give bodyguards the slip

The Washington Post

MEXICO CITY — Available immediately: Bodyguards for presidential candidates. Team comes complete with seminars for the entire family, armored vehicles, guns, bulletproof vests and communications gear. Free, complimentary of the government.

Meet the bodyguards: nobody wants.

With last week's official kickoff of what promises to be Mexico's most protracted and openly contested presidential campaign in seven decades, the government took the unprecedented step of offering all major candidates the protection of federal police agents a full year before the election.

But in a nation where nobody seems certain whom to trust — and where the unresolved assassination of the front-runner in the last presidential campaign remains fodder for inexhaustible conspiracy theories — there are no takers.

"I'm not going to accept the bodyguards from the attorney general's office," said Francisco Labastida Ochoa, a leading candidate for the nomination of the ruling Institutional Revolutionary Party (PRI), who recently left President Ernesto Zedillo's cabinet to launch his campaign. "I prefer those in whom I have total confidence."

This is the latest affront to the government's credibility in a contest that is rewriting the rules of electioneering and governance in a country accustomed to seeing its president handpick his successor and its campaigns manipulated by the longest continuously ruling political party in the world.

The rejection of the use of federal police by presidential hopefuls also underscores the deep distrust

of Mexico's law enforcement agencies, which officials say are infiltrated by criminals and beholden to competing cliques within the government.

Both main opposition candidates — Cuauhtemoc Cardenas of the leftist Democratic Revolutionary Party (PRD) and Vicente Fox of the conservative National Action Party (PAN) — have turned down the bodyguard offers, as have all four PRI contenders.

"If a candidate — for reasons that he considers prudent — decides not to accept, that's within his rights," Jorge Alcocer Villanueva, the Interior Ministry's undersecretary for political development, told reporters last week.

The government seeks to thwart a repeat of 1994 the PRI's young, reform-minded candidate Luis-Donaldo Colosio was gunned down five months before the election while campaigning in a poor Tijuana neighborhood.

Perhaps just as shocking as the murder itself was the proliferation of motives offered, including allegations that Colosio was ordered killed as a result of internal party conflicts. Police arrested a gunman but never identified a mastermind, compounding the web of conspiracy theories that has turned it into Mexico's version of the Kennedy assassination.

"Protection in Mexico has always been a problem," said one Mexican political observer. "The candidates don't know whom the guards work for. The people being protected are obviously under surveillance. ... As a candidate, would rather not have these guys following me around and feeding to someone the details of whom I met with, how many miles I traveled and who my mistress is."

Milosevic meets ousted Bosnian Serb president

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia (AP) — In a defiant move, Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic met Monday with a former hard-line Bosnian Serb leader accused for his attempts to obstruct reconciliation among Bosnia's different ethnic groups.

Nikola Poplasen, was elected president of the Serbian-controlled half of Bosnia in 1998. He quickly lost favor with international enforcers of the Bosnia peace agreement, and he was fired by Bosnia's top international official, Carlos Westendorp, in March. Westendorp claimed Poplasen was an obstacle to peace.

But Poplasen refused to step down and his deputy, Mirko Samarin, never accepted the leading post officially.

International officials ignore Poplasen and meet only with Sarovic. But Serb news reports referred to the meeting as Milosevic-Poplasen meeting as involving "two presidents."

The two "discussed the situation in the region, bilateral relations between Yugoslavia and Republika Srpska, and certain issues of internal develop-

ment of two countries," Tanjug news agency said. Republika Srpska is the Serb-held part of Bosnia.

"The officially released statement said that "... both parties concluded that all internal problems in Bosnia could be resolved through strict implementation of the Dayton accord."

Under the 1995 Dayton peace agreement, Bosnia is divided in two halves — the Bosnian Serb Republic and the Muslim-Croat Federation. Each has a significant autonomy and its own president and government, but they are linked by a joint government and presidency.



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AROUND THE VALLEY

School Board will null-auditorium use

TWIN FALLS - The Magic Valley Arts Council is scheduled to ask the Twin Falls School Board today about whether it could look into ways to attract more community use of Roper Auditorium.

Dr. Chris Scholes, vice president of the Magic Valley Arts Council, said he will propose that the council request the auditorium for the district.

School Board Chairwoman Vera Redman said Monday she personally is open to the proposal, but she said rental fees were established by a community committee that agreed they were necessary to pay for district costs in opening the building for community events.

The auditorium is well-used by the school district, she said. In other business, the School Board will be asked for its stamp of approval of hiring Russan Meade as a new associate principal at Vera C. O'Leary Junior High School. Meade would replace Judy Watson, who is leaving O'Leary to become principal of Kimberly Middle School.

Meade has taught seventh grade for several years in Kimberly. She also has taught elementary classes in the Kimberly, Hansen and American Falls school districts.

Other items on the board's agenda include school food service bids, bus routes and a health services contract with the South Central District Health Department.

The board will meet at 7 p.m. in the district office, 201 Main Ave. W. Call 733-6900 for more information.

Jerome sets meetings for budget preview

JEROME - The Jerome City Council has scheduled a preview for the fiscal year 2000 budget at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the council chamber, 100 East Ave. A.

The annual control ordinance committee will meet in council chambers at 7 p.m. Wednesday to review the newly drafted annual control ordinance before submitting it to the City Council for consideration.

The Jerome Urban Renewal Agency has scheduled a meeting at 7 p.m. Thursday afternoon in council chambers.

The public is welcome to any of these meetings.

Traveling Simpson office heads west this month

CASTLEFORD - Rep. Mike Simpson's Magic Valley staff will hold an office hour in Castleford, Buhl and Filer this month.

Charles Barnes and Linda Culver, who man Simpson's Twin Falls office, will head to the west end of Twin Falls County on August 18.

The two will begin at 9 to 10 a.m. at the Castleford City Hall, then go from 10:30 to 11:30 at the city office and from 1:30 to 3:15 p.m. at the West End Senior Center in Buhl. They will spend 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. at the Filer City Hall.

Internet boasts guide to recycling properly

BURLEY - An online guide to resource recycling in southern Idaho, explaining where dozens of different recyclables are accepted, has been posted on the website of Southern Idaho Solid Waste.

Located at <http://www.sisw.org/recycle.htm>, the guide offers a menu of recyclables - from antifreeze to inkjet cartridges - that link to instructions on how they can be recycled locally.

For materials that cannot be recycled, such as half-empty buckets of paint or cans of bug spray, SISW offers a Burley Idaho Waste Exchange, helping residents and companies find a welcome home for unwanted materials. To post items or materials on the Southern Idaho Waste Exchange, visit the web page at <http://www.sisw.org/exchange.htm> or request an exchange form by e-mail at exchange@sisw.org, or by mail from SISW Exchange, Box 159, Burley, 83318.

Ketchum planners consider new post office

KETCHUM - The City Council and Planning and Zoning Commission will meet at 2:30 p.m. Wednesday at City Hall.

Bucks for a bigger whirlybird

Medical center might have to pitch in for a beefier air ambulance

The Times-News
TWIN FALLS - Magic Valley Regional Medical Center might have to help buy a bigger helicopter for the hospital's air ambulance service.

Saint Alphonsus Regional Medical Center in Boise, which runs the LifeFlight service, has asked Magic Valley Regional to help pay for a larger helicopter.

Hospital Board Chairman Terry Schultz said at Monday's board meeting. LifeFlight has based one of its helicopters at Magic Valley Regional for about a year.

A proposal won't be in final form for weeks, but Saint Alphonsus suggested the cost of the new helicopter be split equally between the two hospitals, Schultz said.

LAYING IT DOWN



Russell Phillips spreads glue under new carpet at Filer Elementary School. District officials hope voters will pass a school levy to help defray the increasing cost of maintaining the older buildings.

Filer School District asks for tax dollars

By Jennifer Sandmann Times-News writer
FILER - Voters in the Filer School District will be asked later this month to approve a five-year tax levy for building repairs and upgrades.

Levy snapshot
A public meeting will be held at 8 p.m. Tuesday at Filer Middle School. The meeting will be held at 8 p.m. Tuesday at Filer Middle School. The meeting will be held at 8 p.m. Tuesday at Filer Middle School.

Year	Proposed increase	Estimated revenue
2000	\$1.00	\$1,000,000
2001	\$1.00	\$1,000,000
2002	\$1.00	\$1,000,000
2003	\$1.00	\$1,000,000
2004	\$1.00	\$1,000,000

with estimated costs - scheduled for the levy's first year:
Parking the west parking lot at the middle school: \$17,000.
Remodeling bathrooms at Hollister Elementary School: \$6,000.
Electrical and lighting upgrades to the middle school auditorium: \$56,000.
Installation of grass and a sprinkler system west of the high school for soccer, football and practice fields: \$63,000.
Painting the exterior of Filer Elementary School: \$12,500.
Replacing the old student chairs and desks at all schools: \$27,000.
Repairing the auditorium and gym roofs at the middle school: \$12,000.

Kniesel Memories

Kniesel tops Kennedy, Lennon
(From The Times-News, July 15, 1974)
TWIN FALLS - Evel Kniesel is more popular these days than Ted Kennedy, David Cassidy or John Lennon, says a national TV personality.

Twin Falls City Council approves airport work

By John T. Huddy
TWIN FALLS - Airport improvements will contribute to a 3.4 percent increase in the city's budget for the coming fiscal year.

Kniesel, a former Idaho state legislator, is the subject of a new television show, "Evel Kniesel: A Life in the Air." The show, which airs on the History Channel, features Kniesel's adventures as a pilot and his role in the development of the aviation industry.

Remembering the big jump

Sept. 8 marks the 25th anniversary of Evel Kniesel's ill-fated jump over the Snake River Canyon. From now until then, The Times-News will feature snippets of historical events of 1974.

The City Council approved the \$25.5 million preliminary budget for 1999-2000 on Monday, up from the current year's \$23.7 million. It takes effect in October.

Kniesel's jump was a record-breaking feat, but it ended in tragedy. He was killed on impact with the canyon floor. The jump was a major event in the history of the Magic Valley.

Where were you?

You can help us revisit the summer of '74. We want to see the souvenirs you saved and the photographs you took. We want to hear what you remember about "Jump Week" - good and bad.

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Battle over ideals

Gay-issues film prompts billboard campaign

The Times-News and The Associated Press
TWIN FALLS - An Idaho Falls businessman doesn't want Idaho Public Television to air a documentary that promotes tolerance of gays and lesbians, and he's willing to spend a lot of his own money to keep that from happening.

And that money is paying for a billboard in downtown Twin Falls.

"We're trying to raise the awareness level of what the programming is," said Frank VanderSloot, president of the pharmaceutical company Melaleuca Inc. "If parents knew what this organization is trying to get into schools and trying to teach to the children, I think they would be really, really upset."

VanderSloot and his statewide billboard campaign is just the latest move in a many-faceted attack on the hour-long film "It's Elementary," which focuses on how some elementary and junior high teachers deal with tolerance and homosexuality.

IDPTV plans to run the show at 10 p.m. Sept. 7 and follow later with a "Dialogue" call-in and discussion program on the documentary and the issues it raises. Public television officials say they chose the 10 p.m. time slot because the film is aimed at adults.

But VanderSloot said some children will see the film and he maintains that the television station's intent. But even if it's just shown to adults, VanderSloot said Idaho tax dollars - which pay for 25 percent of Idaho Public Television's budget - should not be used to "promote the homosexual lifestyle."

VanderSloot has not kept track of the support the billboard campaign has raised, but he said "the phones have been ringing off the hook."

A public discussion took place in Boise Monday, where watching and talking about the documentary did nothing to clear the air between its supporters and those who contend the program's aim is far more sinister than advertised.

Leaders of the Idaho Christian Coalition, the American Civil Liberties Union of Idaho, clergy members and activists on both sides of the issue engaged in an occasional heated exchange about "It's Elementary" on Monday.

There were no indications minds were changed or positions softened among about 100 people who attended the 90-minute luncheon forum. It included the playing of a 37-minute version of the hour-long documentary.

Christian Coalition Executive Director Nancy Bloomer said the program promotes homosexuality and encourages efforts in schools to teach children to value what she considers a deviant, sinful lifestyle.

"Like VanderSloot, Bloomer's group contends that "It's Elementary" should not be aired on a public TV station that gets some of its funding from state tax dollars.

"I don't have problems with any of the private stations who want to show it," she said. "Our biggest issue with this is it's taxpayer money that's being used to fund an agenda. I believe it's invading our public schools, and I don't think I should be paying for that."

"You get it on public television, that gives it instant credibility and then finally you have instant access into the public schools," she charged. Educators soon will be using the documentary's message as a blueprint for "orchestrated programs and assemblies to promote the homosexual agenda to children."

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Cassia County does well with water

By Ruth Streuter
Times-News writer

BURLEY — Cassia County was reassured Monday that it supports worthwhile efforts in groundwater protection.

The Middle Snake Regional Water Resource Commission has been studying groundwater since 1996 with the aim of eventually knowing the best way to protect it. Cassia, Minidoka, Twin Falls, Jerome, Gooding and Lincoln counties are all represented by the commission, which provides information on contamination and makes predictions for future contamination.

"I think the groundwater study we're working on is a worthwhile one," said Glen Larson, who represents the county on the com-

mission. The commission has been looking at isolated spots all over the county where high concentrations of nitrates exist, Larson said. The objective of this study is to create a groundwater vulnerability map that will aid county planning and zoning agencies, as well as other resource management agencies, in making land-use decisions. The results will also direct attention to those areas with the highest levels of contamination as well as provide general public information.

The first phase of the project — to collect data on nitrates in wells — has already been completed. County support for that portion of the project totaled \$37,000. Larson said the com-

mission hoped to keep \$1,000 to \$2,000 in support from the counties through the next phase of the study. He also said more money may be available from sources such as the Division of Environmental Quality.

The commission may be on its way to protecting groundwater, but it's a long process. Larson expects the results of the three-phase study to take as long as three years.

"We appreciate your service on these boards," Paul Christensen, Cassia County commissioner, said to Larson "Water supplies are paramount to this area."

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Students in a Job Service training program fill in dirt over the newly installed sprinkler system at the Mini-Cassia Chamber of Commerce. The group was paid to participate in summer training and gave back to the community with community service.

A fine sprinkling of service

Job Service and Scout troop join forces to install sprinklers

By Lorraine Cavener
Times-News writer

HEYBURN — A joint effort between Job Service and Boy Scout Troop 127 got a sprinkler system installed for the Mini-Cassia Chamber of Commerce Monday.

Students of a Job Service paid training program gave back to the community by installing the sprinkler system as the community service phase of their training. An Eagle Scout project by Nathan Allan produced the measurements and planning phase of the project.

Allen and the rest of his troop also helped with installation. Nathan's father, Glen Allen, dug the trenches for the system with his trenching machine.

The production training classes, under the direction of Job Service, have been held at the Mini-Cassia Chamber over the summer as a means to help

young people prepare for the work force, said Lynn Payne, who taught the classes.

Math, reading and writing skills were taught and the students toured several production plants, Payne said. Speakers from Cassia Regional Medical Center taught safety skills. A certified CPR class was included. The students also toured local production plants to learn about jobs.

Student Cody Wickel said learning how to effectively look for a job helped him a lot. Learning how to use the Internet, write a resume and cover letter and get work references was an important aspect, he said.

But the classes were like doing a job, too.

"We got paid to get trained," he said. Wickel has applied for a job at Simplot's as a fry cutter, he said.

Learning lock-out, tag-out safety techniques for working

in confined spaces was important to David Aguinaga. But Aguinaga is not ready to seek a job just yet. He will head back to Minico High School for his senior year this fall, he said.

Glady's Glen, who has graduated from high school and plans to start working on a degree as a medical/dental assistant, was also impressed with the training. "It will help us with the work we each get a job," she said.

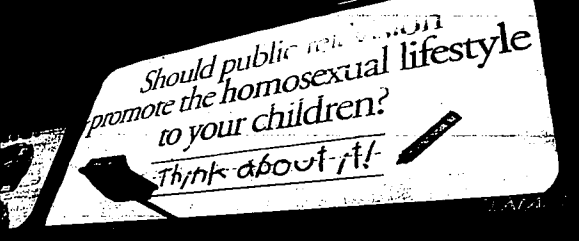
Gracie Charis agreed.

"This will help me get a better job," she said.

Joan Assosa, president of the Mini-Cassia chamber, had something to say about the program too, after watching the group install the sprinklers.

"This is the best group of kids. They have worked their hearts out for the chamber," she said.

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An eastern Idaho businessman paid for this billboard in Twin Falls that protests a program to be shown on public television.

Billboards

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But Jack Van Valkenburgh, executive director of the ACLU of Idaho, which hosted Monday's forum, said what the documentary encourages among children is not homosexuality but acceptance of people who differ from themselves. The lesson it promotes would be the same if the topic being broached were race or any other measure of diversity that spawns stereotypes and hate, he said.

"The question is there now. Kids are talking about gay issues in school," Van

Valkenburgh said. "You can't wait for parents necessarily to do the right thing on their own. We need to be educating and needs to be put out in schools so that they can facilitate discussions."

Myran Fisher, senior pastor of Community Church of the Valley, said the documentary unnecessarily casts gays and lesbians in a positive light when children should be encouraged to "love the sinner, but hate the sin."

But Pastor Robert Cross of Treasure Valley Metropolitan Community Church, which minis-

ters to the area's homosexuality community, said education and programs like "It's Elementary" are crucial to curbing discrimination and violence against gays and lesbians.

"Most of the people that I work with have come out of a terribly depressed situation in which their church, which supposedly loved them, has told them that God doesn't love them; God hates them," Cross said. "That is not what I believe God is."

Times-News staff writer Gregory Hahn contributed to this report.

Nevada fires almost out

Some return temporarily to WIC

WINNEMUCCA, Nev. (AP) — Fire crews nearing victory Monday in the all but impossible task of extinguishing 1.1 million acres of burning grass and brush while watching the skies for another round of thunderstorms.

"It looks like it's pretty quiet. Folks are kind of waiting for the thunderstorms to meet or tough the area. That's supposed to be tonight and tomorrow," Bureau of Land Management spokesman Jason Abraham said.

Since last Wednesday, lightning has sparked more than 100 fires across north central and northeastern Nevada, burning nearly 1,800 square miles of land or an area about 1.5 times the size of Rhode Island.

More stubborn fires included a 180,000-acre fire south of Elko, a 159,889-acre blaze near Battle Mountain, a 53,000-acre fire northeast of Austin and a 74,900-acre fire east of Fallon.

Most of the fires were burning in remote areas along a 200-mile stretch of I-80 and posed no immediate threat to structures.

Flames moved away from scattered ranches near Elko and Austin. On Friday, fires burned three homes and six fire structures, but did not reach 100 head of livestock near Elko.

Fire spokesman Nick Zufelt said more than 4,000 firefighters won't be released until Wednesday at the earliest because of the weather threat.

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — A nutrition program for women and children has saved enough money in two months to allow hundreds back onto its rolls — but not for long.

The Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children, or WIC, dropped 1,250 recipients in June and July due to a budget shortfall. WIC, which is federally funded and state run, provides about 540 a month in food vouchers for low-income women and their babies.

The program saved enough

money to bring about 800 women back just until the end of the fiscal year, said George Delavan, the Health Department's family health services director.

"We think we've had enough budget savings to add back on the Category 5 women and come out even," Delavan said during Friday's meeting of Utah Issues, an advocacy group for low-income Utahns.

Delavan and the Health Department are looking at more money shortages in fiscal 2000, which begins on Oct. 1 of this year.

VALLEY IN BRIEF

Ketchum mayor calls for special meeting
KEFHGUM — The City Council will meet at Noon Wednesday, August 11 at City Hall for a 1999-2000 budget session to discuss changes to the mayor's budget.

Sun Valley planners mull subdivisions
SUN VALLEY — The Planning and Zoning Commission will meet at 8:30 a.m. Tuesday, August 10 in Council Chambers.

Planners will consider new residences and street signs in area subdivisions.

Gooding school board meets tonight
GOODING — The school board will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday, August 10 in the district office.

Board members will hear reports such as an audit report and summer projects report.

Compiled from staff reports

Burley council eyes next year's work list

By Ruth Streuter
Times-News writer

BURLEY — In an informal preliminary budget meeting Monday afternoon, the City Council tossed around possible projects for next year, hoping to "narrow the list down to three to four items we'd like to fund next year," city Administrator Mark Mitten said.

City Council member Brent Kerbs reintroduced the issue of annexing Exit 208 to the city of Burley, having proposed the idea to the City Council last Monday.

The bid would rival that of Heyburn, which is also considering annexation. The issue will be discussed at Wednesday night's planning and zoning meeting.

Another issue was that of sidewalk access for the physically disabled. Access for disabled persons is inconsistent, making continuous travel difficult.

City Council member Brent Kerbs said he has been contemplating paying the ballpark area in Burley, a high volume part of the city. He would like to see paving modeled on the city center.

The city may consider hiring a part-time employee in the Parks and Recreation, who would coordinate summer time recreation events by non-profit recreation organizations.

In addition, the city hopes to get \$150,000 in federal allocations to renovate the airport. The city will budget the anticipated amount, but it is not yet guaranteed, Mitten said.

The City Council will discuss with preliminary discussions until it advertises the budget to the public Aug. 24. The first public hearing will be Sept. 7.

Investigators cast wider net in Olympics scandal case

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Federal investigators have questioned a number of people in their investigation of Salt Lake City's Olympic bribery scandal, from private consultants to high-ranking city officials, according to a former Salt Lake City official.

Organizing Committee President Eric Loper has been interviewed since the U.S. Department of Justice probe into an alleged \$1 million vote buying scheme began, the Deseret News reported Sunday.

Joklik voluntarily submitted to an interview in February, said his lawyer, Mark. He has been cooperating with anyone who wants to talk to him," Tynio said. But he also said the interview was "pretty generic background about the organization and how it functions."

middle schools reveals chipping paint, old desks and table holding together fraying carpets.

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used on salaries or supplies.

"It would be a mistake for us to sit back on our heels and relax and not take care of these things," said parent Lynn Jaynes, a member of a levy committee.

Jaynes liked district maintenance needs to keeping up with personal credit card payments. The longer they pile up, the tougher it is to get out from under them."

The committee generated a 10-year list of repairs. Jaynes said it was prioritized and pared down to five years — a time designed to

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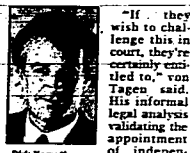
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Democrats press issue of appointees

BOISE (AP) — The state Democratic Party is escalating its attack on Republican Gov. Dirk Kempthorne for failing to name a Democratic member to the new Fish and Game Commission majority. Democratic Chairman Brit Groom on Monday claimed that four of the seven commissioners are ineligible to serve because they do not belong to an officially recognized political party. The four claimed to be independents or not to belong to any party.



Dirk Kempthorne

Use by LA-Gov: Both Kempthorne and Groom are special committee members in screening Fish and Game Commission appointees. "Maybe a judge is going to say independents can't participate in government," von Tagen said, "but I doubt it."

There are rules of law in this state. He pinned his claim on the Fish and Game law that requires commissioners to attach to their oath of office a declaration of political party affiliation and a 1996 informal legal analysis by then Deputy Attorney General Pat Kole that independents could not serve on the commission. Von Tagen contended that his legal guidance represents a lawyer's opinion just as Kole's did and is open to challenge. But he stood by his analysis, saying simply he disagreed with Groom's conclusion.

Western states revel in cooler temperatures

PHOENIX (AP) — It was around noon in Lake Havasu City and the temperature was approaching a high of 107 degrees. But it was still considered a relatively comfortable day by folks in the western Arizona town, where summertime highs usually reach into the searing 120s. "It just isn't as god-hiddeous as it's been in past years," said Jill Bersell, manager of the Hot Lava Roofing Co. "Some years you can't even go outside."

United States to continue another few weeks, said Patzert, an oceanographer with NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena, Calif. "That's good news to outdoor workers such as Toby Miller," he said. "It's nice to have a holiday today, when you don't lose as much energy working during the 104-degree afternoon. Obviously you're not going to sweat nearly as much."

Preparations proceed for reactor vessel burial

RICHLAND, Wash. (AP) — The nuclear graveyard for a multimillion-dollar decommissioned reactor is a 45-foot-deep trench at a privately run radioactive waste disposal site in the south-central Washington desert. It is the first time a full-scale commercial reactor vessel has been disposed of in a single pit, said American Electric Power Corp., parent company of US Ecology, which operates the site. Last weekend, the reactor vessel, empty of uranium fuel, was lowered by 270 miles up the Columbia River, from the Trojan Nuclear Power Plant, near Portland, Ore., to the Port of Benton here.

spokesman for the Boise, Idaho-based American Ecology. On Wednesday, the reactor vessel and transporter will be backed down a 650-foot ramp into the trench, and the welds that connect the reactor and the transporter will be cut, said Gary Robertson, supervisor of waste management in the state Health Department's division of radiation protection. A giant hydraulic lifter will pull up the reactor vessel, the transporter will be towed out of the trench, and the reactor lowered to the ground. The trench, 150 feet wide and 850 feet long, was specially designed for the reactor vessel burial with local soil will take several weeks, and a ceremony is planned for Aug. 19.

Infamous Nevada brothel closes amid media crush

MUSTANG, Nev. (AP) — After more than two decades trying to padlock the infamous Mustang Ranch, the government took over the brothel Monday on an almost immediate surrender to federal agents. Amid a crush of media and curious onlookers, the employees — custodialians, cashiers and prostitutes — left the pink-stucco ranch throughout the day with boxes and suitcases. Some of the working girls drove off in Cadillac and BMW.



Brian Wolfe removes some items from the Mustang Ranch Monday in Mustang, Nev.

But the government has long contended that the brothel's original owner paid off local officials and signed deals. Gully verdicts against the brothel's parent company and manager in a federal fraud and racketeering trial last month ended the government's crusade to shut it down.

Appeals court upholds liens for easement work

BOISE (AP) — In a precedent-setting case, the Idaho Court of Appeals has upheld using a mechanics lien to guarantee payment for work done on an adjoining easement. Expanding on a 1913 Idaho Supreme Court decision and embracing the rationale of courts in some other states, the three-judge appellate panel on Monday unanimously authorized a Bonner County workman to slap a lien on the property of Tim Ramirez to cover the cost of improving the easement road to the Ramirez tract.

attached to the parcel to justify allowing a lien. Ramirez had paid the \$1,400 for the septic tank system but had refused to pay the remaining bill for the road improvement. One of his neighbors had paid nearly \$1,200. The appellate court pointed out that Idaho had previously not determined the validity of imposing liens on property for work done on adjacent easements. But Schwartzman cited the 1913 state Supreme Court decision in which it upheld his contract to impose a lien on the Lewiston waterworks system to recover his expenses on an ultimately abandoned plan to extend the system's intake pipe. The initial part of that work involved installing a cofferdam in the Clearwater River. A flood washed the dam and materials away, prompting cancellation of the project, and the city claimed any lien could only be placed on the stream bed. The Supreme Court disagreed, saying that the intake expansion would have been part of the system had it been completed so the initial work is covered.

Swap opponent wams of a big Targhee forest profit

JACKSON, Wyo. (AP) — Money is the motive behind a proposed land swap in the Targhee National Forest, an environmentalist group charged Wednesday. Grand Targhee Ski and Summer Resort, which is owned by South Creek Resorts, wants to trade 345 acres of private land it owns for 395 acres of forest land at the base of the resort in northwestern Wyoming. The proposal is attractive to the trade since the 395-acre tract is in prime grizzly bear habitat. But environmentalists opposed to the trade said the 395-acre tract is prime real estate near the resort for developers. "I think Targhee would sell much of that real estate to a developer at a ridiculously high price," said Mark Elger of the Greater Yellowstone Coalition. "That would bankrupt them to do all of the improvements."

James Gellie, chief Internal Revenue Service investigator for the southwestern United States, said the government intended to shut the Mustang Ranch down and leave it shut down until a court determines if there are valid claims against the property. But those plans provided for the environmental impact statement are not binding, resort general manager Larry Williamson said. "The reason this alternative was prepared was because the Forest Service needed to have something to analyze," he said.

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“ Fresh off his victory over the umpires, Bud Selig has a chance to make it two in a row. All he has to do is say no to ‘andru.’ ”

—Associated Press columnist Jim Luke, noting the recent admission by Mark McGwire that the slugger has sworn off the performance-enhancing drug Androstenedione

IN BRIEF

Muni summer special runs during week

TWIN FALLS — Twin Falls Municipal Golf Course’s summer special runs each Monday through Friday from noon to dusk.

For \$19, golfers can enjoy an 18-hole greens fee, half cart, cold sandwich and a large fountain soda (normally totaling \$26.50).

Buhl officials schedule fall meeting for Thursday

BUHL — A player-parent meeting for all 1999 football and volleyball participants will be held Thursday at 6:30 p.m. inside the Buhl Middle School gymnasium.

Coaches will explain administrative rules and details for training, drug testing and physicals while handing out parent consent forms during the meeting. In addition, Buhl head football coach Gary Krumm said parents will be able to purchase discount cleats and accessories. Football practice begins Aug. 16 at 7:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.

Jerome will hand out equipment this week

JEROME — The Jerome High School football program will assign equipment Wednesday and Thursday for all players in Grades 9-12 before practice Friday at 8 a.m. and 6 p.m.

The schedule is as follows: Varsity players pick-up gear Wednesday from 9 a.m. to noon while all Jayvee and freshmen are to pick-up equipment on Thursday from 9 a.m. to noon.

Hansen golfer records hole-in-one in Jerome

JEROME — Hansen golfer Mark Johnson hit a hole-in-one Sunday using a sand wedge on the 115-yard, No. 7 hole at the Jerome Country Club. Witnesses included Forrest Johnson, Cory Bauer, and Stuart Schiffer.

Kimberly cross country starts practice Aug. 16

KIMBERLY — The Kimberly High School and Middle School cross-country team meets Aug. 16 at 8 a.m. for an information-gathering session for all runners in Grades 6-12 at the high school gymnasium.

For more information, please call David Emerson at 734-2881.

Twin Falls volleyball tryouts start Aug. 16

TWIN FALLS — Volleyball tryouts for incoming sophomores, juniors and seniors will be held Aug. 16-18 at Twin Falls High School.

Two sessions are planned each day — the first runs from 8-10 a.m., the second from 4-6 p.m. For more information, call coach Mike Federico at 736-8310.

Correction

Twin Falls golfer Virginia Urdjenen’s name was incorrectly spelled in Monday’s ISGA’s “IGA State Senior Golf Championship” story. The Times-News regrets the error.

Compiled from staff and wire reports

Quale shares credit

Friendly rivals give time, parts to help leader

By Kevin Hall
Times-News Staff

TWIN FALLS — Six Saturdays remain in the 1999 Magic Valley Speedway season and for Mountain Dew Modifieds points leader Bruce Quale things just seem to be piling his way.

Quale captured his fourth win of the campaign Saturday to stretch his overall lead to 47 over Steve Jones and 78 over John Newhouse in third place. What’s amazing is that his competition is

helping him. Rival crews either worked on or loaned parts to the leader when his No. 32 car had some suspension and rear end troubles prior to racing. Quale thanked everyone who aided his effort to reach the winners’ circle.

“The guys are so good, they’re just the nearest bunch of guys,” Quale said. “I got the rear end gears from Rich and Brett [his crew chief and mechanic] and they were sitting on the sideline if they wouldn’t have loaned those and then putting them in, we had some trouble. So [Jones’ mechanic] Bill Justman came over and helped. It was just a great night, thanks, everybody.”

In a sense, it’s a common theme in this sport since he respects each weekend in the pits with drivers and crews from all classes helping one another out in times of trouble. Another example Saturday occurred in the Western Custom Race Trucks when Twin Falls driver Gregg Olsen lost fellow trucker John Wong some parts so he could make the main event after Olsen’s rig had failed for the night. Wong was involved in a wreck during the heat race that damaged his oil cooler.

“It’s cool,” Olsen said afterward.

Truck racer Jason Newhouse may not be so cool when he learns if he will be able to race the remainder of the season after truck officials penalized Newhouse for having his engine too far back in the compartment. A no-no for the American Racing Trucks organization.

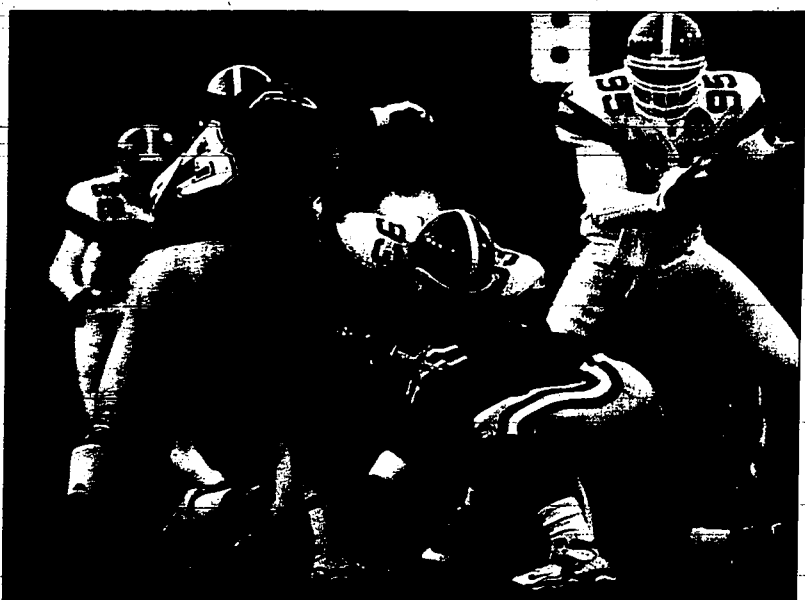
NASCAR officials are to discuss possible sanctions with ART officials with a ruling due this week. Newhouse had set a track record 16.195 during time trial, only to have that mark erased due to his infraction. He was also awarded last place points.

It’s getting even tighter in the Budweiser Street Stocks with six points separating the top four drivers in the class. Points leader Norman Hatke holds an eroding lead of two points over the duo of Dale Miles and Jeffrey Meads who are deadlocked in second place. Thomas Powell is in fourth with 665 points followed by Don Vachonack with 626.

Hatke, who drives both his familiar black Camaro and the No. 12 Modified car of Ron Hald, might want to concentrate on the Street Stocks especially since his Camaro died prior to the running of the class’ main event. Miles, who drove his old ’70 Challenger to a respectable 30th place finish in the main event, also picked up an additional \$50 for using Champion-brand spark plugs on Champion promotion night.

Bruce Krikuk continues to lead in the Dairy Queen Thunder Stocks. The Jerome-based driver has won his car special since his crewed flag in the last three races. Overall, both Rices have won a total of five races on the year.

Racing returns Saturday week-end with the Modifieds running twin 50-lap races while the Street Stocks, Pony Stocks and Thunder Stocks prepare for their race. The green flag drops at 7 p.m.



Dallas Cowboys quarterback Tony Stewart fumbles the snap under pressure from Cleveland Browns linebacker Jerry Ball (93) in the first quarter of the Hall of Fame Game Monday in Canton, Ohio. The Browns recovered and went on to score the first touchdown of the game. They later won in overtime 20-17.

Browns' debut causes frenzy

The Associated Press

CANTON, Ohio — Usually an emotionless excuse to weed out marginal players and help get the rest in contention, Monday night’s Hall of Fame exhibition game was the debut of the expansion Cleveland Browns against the Dallas Cowboys caused a frenzy in this city of 84,000 that considers itself the birthplace of professional football.

They went wild when rookie quarterback Tim Couch threw his first touchdown pass. They



Cleveland Browns — 20
Dallas Cowboys — 17

20-yard field goal and a 20-17 Browns victory in overtime.

Despite a face value of \$32, there were reports of tickets going for \$800, such was the demand by long-suffering Cleveland fans to get into the 25,000-seat high school stadium just 50 miles from their home city.

His name sounded like something that might come out of the fanatical Browns cheering section called the Dawg Pound, but Mike Wootter was wearing a Dallas, Cowboys jersey as he strolled in.

Even though Wootter’s allegiance was clear, he said he still “relished being on hand for the first game of the new Browns, three seasons after owner Art Modell moved the franchise to Baltimore.”

“I felt for their fans when the team left,” he said. “All that tradition. You don’t mess with tradition like that.”

Adding to the frenzy was the location, Massillon, just a few miles down the road, still hands out tiny footballs to each newborn baby in town.

“Football is life here,” Wootter said, shaking his head.

HISTORY'S TRIPLE PLAY



Right, Wade Boggs smacked into the 3,000th hit Saturday in St. Petersburg, Fla.

Center, Tony Gwynn singles for his 3,000th hit Friday in Montreal.



Left, Mark McGwire hits his 500th home run Thursday in St. Louis. Later in the game he slammed No. 501.

Boggs assures fans 3,000 is not a termination point

By Fred Goodall
The Associated Press

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. — Wade Boggs was still glowing.

The newest member of the 3,000 hit club smiled into the Tampa Bay Devil Rays clubhouse Sunday morning, eager to get on with the rest of a career he has no plans to end soon.

He’s 41 and no longer contending for batting titles, however the

home run he hit Saturday night for his greatest individual accomplishment raised his average to .297.

Boggs doubled for No. 3,001 in his only at-bat Sunday before taking the rest of the day off against the Cleveland Indians.

“I’ve always said 3,000 hits is not a termination point in my career,” he said, adding that he hasn’t given a lot of thought to how much longer he’d like to play.

“You’re going to have to rip the shirt off of me. If I’m hitting .300 and still performing, and the game’s still fun, I’ll continue to play if they’ll have me.”

The historic hit, on a 2-2 pitch from Chris Haney in the sixth inning of a 15-10 loss to the Indians, capped a remarkable three-day run of baseball history. And it was perhaps fitting that hit No. 3,000 was a home run, only the second of the season for Boggs.

Mark McGwire began the three-day stretch Thursday night in St. Louis by becoming only the 16th player to hit 500 career home runs. McGwire, who set the single-season mark of 70 last year, added No. 501 later in the game.

Friday night, Tony Gwynn, who broke into the major leagues three months after Boggs, got his 3,000th hit, lining a single in the first inning in Montreal.

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Sharp highs and lows mark Pan Am Games

The Associated Press

WINNEPEG, Manitoba — Before the swimming competition at the Pan American Games, the U.S. team would go into its roller coaster cheer — an up-and-down session that typified the emotions of the event.

The president of the Pan American Sports Organization,

Mario Vasquez Rana of Mexico, called “these the best games ever — better even than the ones I organized in Mexico (in 1975).”

That assessment notwithstanding, there were numerous low points: Nine defections from the Cuban delegation, and seven positive drug tests resulting in the loss of five gold medals, including

one by Cuban high jumper Javier Sotomayor.

Also stripped were Cuban weightlifters William Vargas and Rolando Delgado, women’s high jumper Juan Carlos Arendel of the Dominican Republic, and Canada’s in-line roller hockey team after goalie Steve Veziro tested positive for stimulants and steroids.

High points

• The U.S. women’s softball team, the 1995 Olympic champion, went undefeated in winning its fourth consecutive Pan Am title. The Americans finished the tournament with an 83-3 edge in runs, pitching three no-hitters, two of them perfect games.

• The U.S. women’s under-18

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Then came Saturday and Boggs. Three more at-bats in three nights... that's pretty amazing," Gwynn said. In baseball history, the closest two hitters have reached such milestones was in 1970 when Eric Banks slugged his 500th home run on May 12 and Hank Aaron got his 3,000th in five days later. In 1925, Eddie Collins got his 3,000th hit 74 days after Tris Speaker had passed the milestone, until now the closest two

players had reached that plateau. Cal Ripken could become the third player to reach 3,000 this season. The Baltimore star, currently on the disabled list, needs 32 hits to make it. And, just as McGwire added home No. 501 before his game ended, Gwynn tied his 3,000th hit as the beginning of another multi-hit contest. The San Diego right fielder collected four hits and left the game in the eighth inning with a career total of 3,003.

McGwire's big home run came against the Padres. And before Gwynn left St. Louis, McGwire made sure to collect a souvenir for his old Matt. "Tony Gwynn and I swapped jerseys," he said. "I don't get anything for myself. I do everything for Matt. So I had him sign it. To Matt." Boggs put a special stamp on his moment, too, becoming the first player to homer for No. 3,000. He capped an emotional trip around the bases by getting

down on his knees and kissing home plate. "I had always said this is not a race. That if it was a race, then it would have meant something more special," Boggs said, alluding to the attention he and Gwynn received pursuing the milestone at the same time. "But now to do something no one else has ever done, that's special. It has just gotten a little blip hit or something like that, I would have just been Wade Boggs, the singles hitter."

Tropicana Field is about 20 miles from where he grew up and played Little League ball in Tampa, and the crowd of 39,512 that witnessed history included his father, wife and 12-year-old son, Brett. Boggs said the moment was more than the realization of a dream. "It was a thousand times more. You couldn't imagine. When you're running around the bases, you're not even touching the ground. You're just floating around," he said.

Games

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soccer team, emulating the winners of the World Cup, beat Mexico 1-0 for the gold. American Mark Ruiz won the men's 3-meter springboard diving in dramatic fashion, rallying on his final attempt to vault from third place to first. Gold medalist Mary Nolestein won three gold medals, the most of any American. Bantamweight Gerard Turner won

the only U.S. gold medal in boxing in a tournament dominated by Cuba, which won nine golds.

Low points There was the sour showing by some U.S. teams. The Americans' total of 106 golds was the fewest since they accumulated 105 at the 1971 games in Cali, Colombia. Their total of 296 medals was

the fewest since collecting 285 at Caracas, Venezuela in 1983.

In basketball, the patched-together U.S. men's and women's teams each sustained their worst losses in Pan Am competition. The men were beaten by Brazil 95-78 in the title game, while the women settled for bronze.

In track and field, the Americans won only 10 golds, failing to win any of 10

events on the final day. They tied with Cuba for the most golds, but only after Solomonov was stripped of his medal.

There was the discouraging loss by the Americans in the baseball final, 5-1, to Brazil, after the U.S. team earlier had beaten the mighty Cubans 10-5.

When Winnipeg was host of the 1967 Pan American Games, 14 out of the 16 largest multi-sport events outside the

Olympics. Now, the games are overshadowed by world championships or other competitions among various federations, and they have diminished in stature.

The enthusiasms of the participants, however, hasn't lessened. And while there have been occasional calls to end the games, they will go on. Next stop: Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic, in 2003.

SCORES AND STATS

BASKETBALL

All Star Scores

Table with columns for team names (Blue Jays, Rangers, Royals, Red Sox) and game statistics (W, L, Pct, etc.)

All Standings

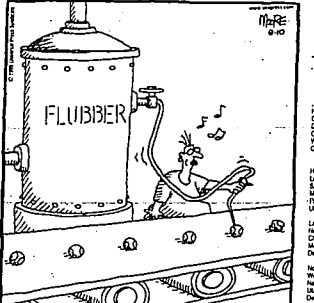
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IN THE BLEACHERS

By Steve Moore



After a seemingly inexplicable rise in the number of major-league home runs, investigators trace the cause to a manufacturing plant in Ohio.

ON THE AIR

TELEVISION

Table listing TV channels (ESPN, ESPN2) and programs (Baseball, Teams TBA) with start times.

TENNIS

ATP Championship Results

Table listing tennis players (Andre Agassi, Andre Panatta) and their match results.

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Baseball game statistics for Royals vs Red Sox, including batting, pitching, and fielding records.

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SPORTS IN BRIEF

Candleridge prepares for member-guest tourney
TWIN FALLS - The Candleridge Men's and Ladies Golf Association will hold its member-guest tournament Aug. 14-15.

Soccer certification clinic will start Aug. 16
TWIN FALLS - A soccer referee certification clinic will be conducted Aug. 16 and 19 from 9 a.m. to noon and again on Aug. 21 from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. at the Twin Falls City Parks and Recreation Department headquarters located at 136 Maxwell Ave.

Advanced players called to Washington tryout
BUVALLOP, Wash. - Pacific Sports Center will be hosting a two-day baseball tryout camp for advanced players of high school age and older Aug. 20-21.

Report: Jazz's Layden considering move to Knicks
SALT LAKE CITY - Scott Layden, who helped build the Utah Jazz into a winning team as vice president for basketball operations, could be taking his talents to the beleaguered New York Knicks.

Disney Co. calls possible sale of Angels rumors
BURBANK, Calif. - The Walt Disney Co. said reports it is considering selling the Anaheim Angels are rumors.

Pioline upsets Maya at ATP Championship
MASON, Ohio - Seeded Cedric Pioline of France benefited from a change from clay to hardcourt and upset No. 10 Carlos Moya of Spain 6-4, 6-4.

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Braves return to top

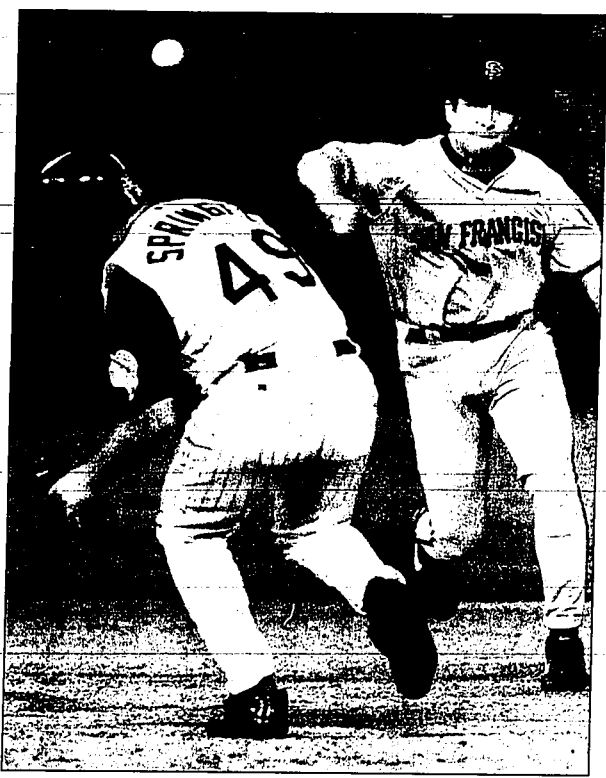
Atlanta edges Houston 5-3
ATLANTA (AP) - Pascual Matos, denied a three-run homer when umpires reversed a call, followed with a two-run single for his first major league hit as the Atlanta Braves regained first place by beating the Houston Astros 5-3 Monday night.

Dodgers 9, Mets 2
NEW YORK - Kevin Brown (13-6) allowed two hits in seven scoreless innings before leaving with a blister on his finger on his right hand.

Reds 4, Pirates 2
PITTSBURGH - Denny Neagle (3-3) limited his former teammates to one hit in seven-plus innings - his longest start in an injury-interrupted season.

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San Francisco Giants shortstop Rich Aurilia throws to first after getting the force out on Florida Marlins baserunner Donnie Phillips (49) in the third inning Monday at Pro Player Stadium in Miami.

proved to 15 games over .500 (.644) for the first time. Arizona has won 15 of 19 while the Cubs have lost nine of 12.

Expos 8, Padres 0
MONTREAL - Jeremy Powell (1-4) allowed six hits in eight innings and Jose Vistro hit his first career grand slam as Montreal won for the eighth time in 10 games.

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One fine summer: Wimbledon run gets things rolling for Stevenson

MANHATTAN BEACH, Calif. (AP) - Alexandra Stevenson is having a blast this summer. The 18-year-old graduated from high school, reached the semifinals of Wimbledon and created a buzz about herself that she loves.



Alexandra Stevenson of San Diego, Calif., talks with reporters Monday at the Acra Classic tennis tournament in Manhattan Beach, Calif.

since she was 3. "I know all you guys have had fun writing about it," she said. Stevenson said she hasn't spoken to Erving and she doesn't want to.

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for women's tennis by the way. We need a sponsor so maybe this will help." Stevenson, who received a wild card into the main draw, is ranked 41st in the world.

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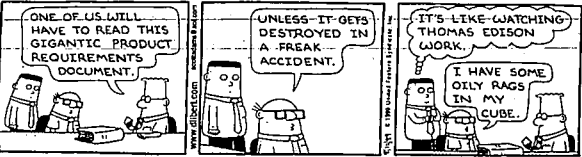
For Better or For Worse

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Dilbert

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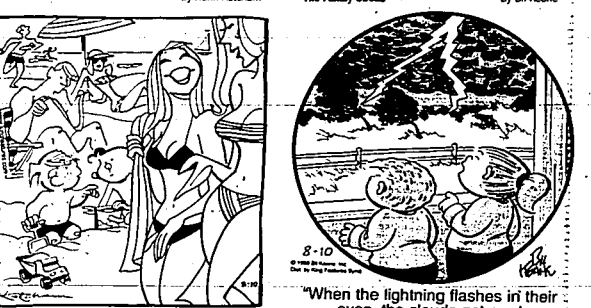


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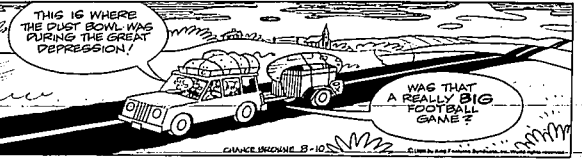
By Bil Keane



"When people on TV dress like that, my mom makes me change channels."

Hi and Lois

By Chance Browne



The Wizard of Id

By Brant Parker & Johnny Hart



Liberty Meadows

By Frank Cho



Hagar the Horrible

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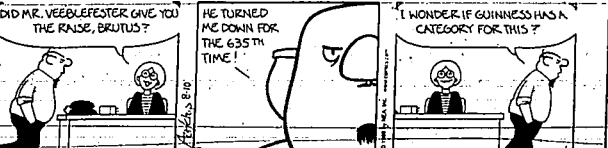
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Giving back

Longtime volunteer now in need of help

By BJ Bryant
Times-News correspondent

BURLEY - Julio Reyonoso has been bringing his music to area extended-care homes for five years.

Now, the nursing homes where he has volunteered his time are attempting to ease medical bills related to his cancer treatments.

On July 31, the Park View Care and Rehabilitation Center hosted a fund-raiser to support Reyonoso in paying his increasing medical expenses. The Burley Care Center, Highland Estates, Beehive Homes and Warren House also provided support for the event.

The fund-raiser was reminiscent of school carnivals, and events included a cake walk, dunk tank, live music and raffle.

Event coordinator, Ruth Young of the Park View Center, acknowledges the dramatic effects that Reyonoso's live music have on the patients.

"I have some residents that will come out for him [Reyonoso] and no one else,"



Donna Staker (left) and Ruth Quarstrom get a dose of rhythm from Julio Reyonoso, who has for years been volunteering his talents to Park View Care and Rehabilitation Center and other care homes. The homes came together to give something back to Reyonoso by helping to raise money to help pay some of his medical-related expenses.

Young says. The residents enjoy his mix of music, and he is also popular because of his warm, friendly nature.

"After he is done playing [the piano], he walks around and shakes everyone's hand," she says.

Reyonoso's gift-to the residents is not one sided. He also receives something from them.

"It is a kind of therapy," Reyonoso

says. "Instead of thinking about me: I think about them."

Although Reyonoso has experienced painful chemotherapy and must take three and four pills three times a day, he says that he deals with the discomfort by ignoring it and continuing to play at assisted-care centers.

Without this outlet Reyonoso confesses he would have little else to do than sit home and be depressed.

Agriculture Down Under

Student takes FFA agricultural trip to Australia

CASTLEFORD - Krystle Wengreen of Castleford learned about agriculture on the other side of the world.

She spent July 17-15 in Australia learning about agriculture on an international level.

Wengreen was one of 19 participants from across the nation to participate in the 1999 Future Farmers of America Australian Homestay Program coordinated by the National FFA Organization.

FFA members learned about Australian life and agriculture while staying with host families, the organization says. She also had the opportunity to see how Australian farm families live and work and explore the similarities and differences to American agriculture. Participants attended various agricultural events and tours in Australia.

The FFA Australian Homestay Program is offered each year for FFA members ages 16-24 who have a strong background in leadership and agriculture and an interest in expanding their knowledge of other cultures around the world.

HAGERMAN - The Hagerman Fossil Beds National Monument, a unit of the National Park Service, is seeking volunteers.

Volunteers may assist in the Visitor Center and in the preparation and cataloging of fossils.

Visitor Center duties require a desire and ability to work with the public and providing information about the Fossil



BUNGAL STATE FOREST THE LITTLE FOREST

Krystle Wengreen learned about Australia and its agriculture during a stay in that country as part of the Australian Homestay Program of the national FFA. She visits a park in Victoria, in the southern part of Australia where she studied agriculture.

Hagerman Fossil Beds park seeks volunteers

Beds and the Magic Valley area, the Park Service says. Computer skills are a plus, and orientation is required.

Fossil preparation requires a two-week training period and a one month commitment afterwards. Attention to detail is a necessary skill to avoid inflicting damage while working on fossils with dental tools, airbrushes and other hand tools, the Park Service says.

Data entry for fossil specimens via computer would also be required at times. Prospective volunteers should be at least 18 years old and preference will be given to people with references. Applications from those convicted of any serious crime will not be considered for volunteer positions.

For more information, call James Ward at 837-4793, before Saturday.



Glenda Chadd, secretary of the Magic Valley Iris Society, maintains her iris garden. After the irises lose their flowers each year, the bulbs can be separated and replanted.

Love of growing irises blooms in local society

By Rachel Denney
Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS - Glenda Chadd's grandparents used to call irises "flags."

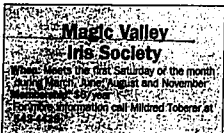
"That's because the iris is one of the only flowers that blossoms in time for Memorial Day."

The varieties and colors the flowers can be grown is almost unlimited and that is why many gardeners love the iris.

"They're easy to grow and they're always ready for Memorial Day," says Chadd, the Magic Valley Iris Society secretary. "In the old days that's why everyone grew them."

The Magic Valley Iris Society was created for flower and iris lovers like Chadd.

"There's a pleasure in belonging to the club because we're flower lovers," president Mildred Toberer says. "We enjoy



being together and talking about flowers. We have our meetings and have slides of irises. It's pleasurable."

In addition to getting together with fellow iris lovers, the club offers much more.

Members share insight into how to grow the flowers and even swap bulbs, Chadd says. The group also has an annual bulb sale for the public.

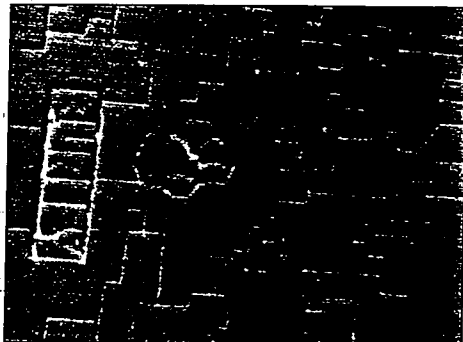
TAKING A SPIN



Linda Thomas of Richfield sells fresh fruits, jams, jellies, honey and crafts at the Rupert Square Farmers Market almost every Saturday. But during July in sales, Thomas spins on her modernized spinning wheel. The Farmer's Market is open from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. every Saturday at the square.

CORNER HART/The Times-News

A FIELD OF MAZE



The aerial view of the Magic Corn Maze shows a complicated path lined with dead ends. The maze is a Future Farmers of America project of John Jacob Gochbauer. Gochbauer was assisted by his sister, Klyoris, and mother, Suzanne, to design the maze. On a marked path, the maze takes 30 minutes to complete, but wandering the maze's unmarked paths will take up to two hours. The maze is open starting at 4 p.m. at 150 W. 100 S. of Burley.

COMMUNITY

LPN class holds reunion

TWIN FALLS - The 1999 licensed practical nursing class held its 10-year reunion at Rock Creek Park on July 17.

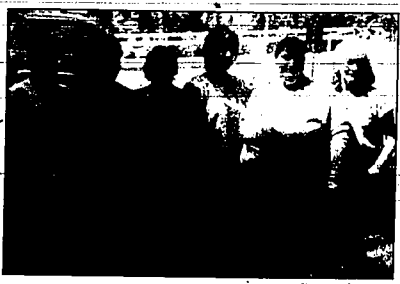
Attendees who were James Bourquin, Pam (Beau) Druay, Lora (Fry) Longwell, Sandra Heitsteman, Janet Kamboukos, Rose Marie Parker, Kerry Randall, and their former instructor Geraldine Curry.

Families of the former students also attended.

Some of the licensed practical nurses are also registered nurses, and all are still practicing nursing here on the Magic Valley and out of state, the alumni say.

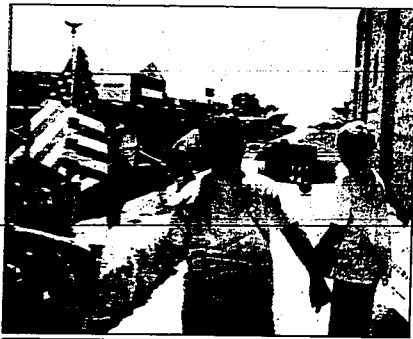
Lora Longwell and her family traveled from Missouri to visit her relatives in Wendell and to attend the reunion.

Reunion arrangements were made by Sandra Heitsteman, with refreshments served by Mr. and Mrs. Kamboukos.



The 1989 licensed practical nursing class alumni met July 17 for a 10-year reunion. They are, from left to right, front row: Kerry Randall and Sandra Heitsteman; back row: Janet Kamboukos, Pam Druay, Geraldine Curry, Lori Longwell, Janet Bourquin and Rose Marie Parker.

A STRIKE FOR CHARITY



Cory Paulson, right, and friend watch as the ball reaches the pins in the Sunset Bowl booth at the Bull Segabush Days celebration during the July 4th holiday. The booth accepted more than \$75 in donations for Eric Graybeal of Castleford, who suffers from leukemia.

MARY LOU POTTS/The Times-News

FOCUS ON PEOPLE

Twin Falls resident receives nursing degree
Wanda Henrich of Twin Falls received her nursing degree upon completion in licensed practical nursing on June 18 from South Puget Sound Community College in Olympia, Wash.

Henrich is a 1980 graduate of Twin Falls High School.

Twin Falls residents receive Gonzaga honors
Michelle M. Nemeth and Stacie J. Geigler, both of Twin Falls, were among 314 students named to Gonzaga University's President's list for the 1999 spring semester.

The Johnsons celebrate 40th wedding anniversary
Bet and Mrs. Wesley Johnson of Hansen celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary July 24 at Hansen City Park.

Wesley Johnson and Joyce Beare were married July 26, 1959, at Valley High School in Eden. Since then, they have pastored at Assembly of God Churches in Shelley, Halley, Marsden, Shoshone, Hazelton, Rigdon, and Hansen.

The celebration was hosted by their children, Kevin and Joy Moran of Twin Falls, and Stacie and Kim Johnson of Hansen. Recognition was given to members of the original wedding party.

Twin Falls student earns place on dean's list
Andrea K. Cutler, of Twin Falls, earned a spot on the 1999 spring quarter dean's list at Eastern Washington University in Cheney, Wash.

Students must maintain a grade point average of 3.5 or better, and carry at least 12 credits in a quarter to qualify for the dean's list.

Local student receives athletic scholarship
Twin Falls student Nathan Silvester received a track and field scholarship from Ricks College for the 1999-2000 school year.

Silvester is the Twin Falls High School record holder in the 400-meter dash, and the 1999 state district A-1 shot-put champion, sources say. Silvester will throw the discus, shot-put, and hammer at Ricks College.

SERVICE NEWS

Cheney graduates from Navy weapons school
Navy Seaman Terry W. Cheney, son of Gene R. and Sara R. Cheney of Twin Falls, recently graduated from the Basic Strategic Weapons School at Naval Submarine School in Groton, Conn.

During the 14-week course, Cheney received entry-level technical training in the theory and application of basic electronic, electronic, and computer technology, which prepares him as a weapons system operator aboard Navy submarines.

As a graduate of Basic Strategic Weapons School, Cheney will soon begin advanced submarine weapons school for junior-level training before being assigned to a Navy submarine.

Elko resident participates in pilot rescue at sea
Navy Seaman Tara L. Garinghouse, daughter of Barbara L. Bennett of Elko, Nev., recently participated in a rescue call that an aircraft was down. Chancellorsville's helicopter, Helifire 05, was ready to launch a search and rescue swimmer to locate the pilot.

Garinghouse's ship is one of the most powerful warships ever put to sea, the Navy says.

Health Department offers women's health program
TWIN FALLS - The South Central - District - Health Department is seeking women to participate in the Idaho Women's Health Check Program, offering free health exams, including pap smears, and mammograms to women between ages 50 and 64.

The next clinic is from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Aug. 17 in the Twin Falls Health District office at 1020 Washington St. W, adjacent to the College of Southern Idaho.

To qualify for the Health Check Program, women must be eligible income and have no insurance coverage for these services.

To schedule an appointment, or for more information on the Health Check Program, call 734-3900, ext. 249.

American Lung Association has Better Breathers Club
BOISE - The American Lung Association of Idaho sponsors the Better Breathers Club, an information and support group for people with lung disease, and their family and friends.

The Better Breathers Club meets at several locations in Idaho, and there is no charge to attend.

For more information, call the American Lung Association of Idaho at 1-800-LUNG-USA.

Genealogy computer user group meets Wednesday
TWIN FALLS - The Magic Valley Genealogy Computer User Group will meet at 7 p.m. Wednesday at the Family

'Elk Whisperer' tells story, presents video Saturday
BURLEY - The "Elk Whisperer" will tell his story and present a video at 7 p.m. on Saturday at the Burley First Presbyterian Church, 2100 Burton Ave.

Larry W. Jones' elk whispering story has been featured on the front page of the Wall Street Journal, on a public television

SENIOR CALENDAR

<p>Twin Falls Senior Citizens Center 616 Eastland Drive Dinner served from noon to 12:30 p.m. Suggested donation is \$3 for seniors. The cost is \$4 for non-seniors under 60 and \$2.50 for children under 12. Tuesday: Summer picnic. Wednesday: Creamed turkey over rice, steamed cabbage, carrot raisin salad, muffins, rhubarb. Thursday: Lasagna, tossed green salad, green beans, french bread, pie. Friday: Ham and beans, carrots, cabbage/apple salad, corn bread, pineapple cake. Monday: Hawaiian luau and banana split dinner (bring brownie).</p> <p>Activities - Library, Pool Room, and Bargain Center with cards, games, color television, puzzles and movies. Open weekdays from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesday: Blood pressure check 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Pinochle club. Wednesday: Quitting 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Jackpot trip, leaves center at 3 p.m. Thursday: Pinochle at 1 p.m. Friday: Quitting 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Lunch bingo. Blood pressure check. Saturday: Super bingo. Monday: Quitting 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Hawaiian luau day.</p> <p>West End Senior Citizens Inc. 1010 Main St., Buhl Noon meals served Monday through Friday. Buffet meal at 1 p.m. on Sunday. Evening meals served at 5:30 p.m. Monday and Thursday. Suggested donations for meals is weekdays \$2.50, Sunday \$3.50, non-seniors \$4.25 and children under 12-years-old \$2.50. Meals can be delivered Monday through Friday. Call 543-4577 for more information. Free bus service to and from meals is available Monday evening, Tuesday noon and Thursday noon and evening. Please call 543-4577 by 10 a.m. to arrange a ride. Tuesday: Meat loaf, au gratin potatoes, Harvard beets, pineapple, coleslaw, chocolate chip cookies, pudding. Wednesday: Cook's choice. Thursday: Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes, country gravy, green beans, onion roll, birthday cake, ice cream. Friday: Cook's choice.</p>	<p>Monday: Cook's choice, smorgasbord</p> <p>Activities Thrift shop open every day. Quitting 8 a.m. - 3 p.m. Board meeting 1 p.m. Bingo 7 p.m. - 9 p.m. Wednesday: Exercises from 7 to 9 a.m., and again at 10 a.m. Bus to jackpot, \$5, must sign up early, leaving at 3:30 p.m. Thursday: Quitting 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Birthday dinner, sign up early. Blood pressure check at 11:30 a.m. Bingo from 1 to 3 p.m. Cards at 6 p.m. Friday: Exercises from 7 to 8 a.m., and again at 10 a.m. Dance from 8 to 11 p.m., Old Time Fiddlers, \$2.50 per person. Sunday: All you can eat buffet at 1 p.m., featuring turkey. Monday: Exercises from 7 to 8 a.m., and again at 10 a.m. Cards at 6 p.m.</p> <p>Filer Senior Haven 222 Main St., Filer Dinners served at noon on Tuesday and Thursday and at 6 p.m. on Friday. Suggested donation is \$2 for seniors. Those delivered meals available each meal time. Tuesday: Macaroni and cheese, beef patty. Thursday: Chicken a la King. Friday: Hot roast beef sandwich.</p> <p>Activities Tuesday: Exercise at 10:30 a.m. Thursday: Exercise at 1 p.m.</p> <p>Ageless Senior Citizens Inc. 310 Main N., Kimberly Wednesday: Hot turkey sandwich. Friday: (Birthday dinner) Pork chops. Monday: Kansas meat balls.</p> <p>Activities Wednesday: Blood pressure check at 11:30 a.m. Thursday: Crafts at 1 p.m. Friday: Bingo at 11:55 a.m. Pinochle at 1 p.m.</p>
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COMMUNITY EVENTS

History Center, 401 Maurice St. N., Twin Falls.
On agenda will be PAF 4 review and a review of GEDCOM utilities.
For further information, contact Howard Johnson at 423-4233 or how@micron.net

Family loots event for woman's 40th birthday
TWIN FALLS - The Parish family is hosting an open house for Ruth Ann Parish's 40th birthday from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday at First Christian Church, 601 Shoshone St., in Twin Falls, Idaho.

Ruth Ann Parish
Waynetown, Ind. on Aug. 16, 1899, and moved to Twin Falls in 1913, with her parents, Carl and Lulu Harvey, three children, a sister, Agnes Newland, of Nampa. Parish attended Maroa Grade School, Twin Falls High School and the University of Oregon, majoring in music. She was recently recognized as one of the oldest living graduates of Twin Falls High School.

She married John Thomas Parish on Nov. 1, 1925. For several years, they worked in school systems in Bend, Ore. and Parma and then they settled and farmed in the Magic Valley until 1951, moving to Twin Falls after retirement. Parish stayed active in farming, church and community activities after retirement. Parish has three children, John (Erma Jean) Parish, of

Mesa; Aris; Robert (Phyllis) Parish, of Twin Falls, and Barbara (Roger) Dierks of Tacoma, Wash. eight grandchildren, and 13 great-grandchildren.

The open house is hosted by Parish's family, and members of First Christian Church.

Falls District gathers at round table meeting
TWIN FALLS - A round table meeting of the Falls District Snake River Council Boy Scouts of America will be held at 7 p.m. Thursday at the Boy Scout Council building on Falls Avenue in Twin Falls.

For more information, call Jim Hampton at 733-2067.

Silver, Gold Senior Center cooks up breakfast
EDEN - The Silver and Gold Senior Center will hold a pancake breakfast from 8 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. Saturday at the senior center, 203 Wilson in Eden.

Cost for adults is \$3, and children under age 12 are \$2, per plate. Breakfast includes two pancakes, hash browned sausage, egg, biscuits and gravy, juice, and coffee or tea.

The public is invited to attend.

Miss Teen Rodeo Idaho Pageant holds ceremonies
WENDELL - Unlimited Inc. invites the public to attend the 2000 Miss Teen Rodeo Idaho Pageant opening ceremonies at 7:30 p.m. Aug. 16 at the Wendell High School Auditorium.

Featured events includes entertainment by the 1999 reigning queen, Tiffany Novak, and

competitors competing for the 2000 Miss Teen Rodeo Idaho title.

Also performing will be "The Standards," a cappella group of five brothers from Twin Falls who have performed at the Boise River Festival, and the Cozette's Musical Girls.

Tickets for the pageant are \$5 for adults, and \$3 for children age 12 and under. They are available at Everybody's Business on Park Lane based in Twin Falls, Ross Wooten West in Jerome, Wendell True Value Hardware, the Lonesome Cowboy in Wendell, and Kayle Saddlery and Wares Out West in Gooding. Tickets will also be available at the door the night of the show.

The public is also invited to a speeches and luncheon at 11:30 a.m. Aug. 19, at the Gooding Country Club, featuring Dale Metzger from KINKKIFF radio, and speeches from Ross Wooten contestants. Tickets for the luncheon are \$10 for adults, and \$7 for children 12 and under.

For more information, call Melody Kerner at 536-5792, or Julie Wolfe at 534-5557.

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Yeltsin searches for a successor

Erratic leader clings to power in his final year

MOSCOW (AP) — The economy is shambles, old allies have deserted him and his approval rating has fallen through the floor, but Boris Yeltsin still believes he can shape Russia into the 21st century by selecting his successor.

The only problem is that Yeltsin's endorsement is more of a curse, not a blessing, for any Russian politician.

Without offering an explanation, Yeltsin named Prime Minister Sergei Stepashin on Monday and named former KGB agent Vladimir Putin as Russia's 11th prime minister in 18 months.

This manic reshuffling has not produced any major policy change to deal with the straggling economy or the host of other woes that beset Russia.

Rather, Yeltsin seems driven by his desire to maintain political power and leave a legacy against his many rivals. In this political chess match, Yeltsin almost always wins. But Russia's long-suffering people almost always lose.

The reason (for Stepashin's dismissal) is a feverish search for a successor," said Andrei Sokolov, chief of the Russian Center for Strategic Studies.

The president's approval ratings have been in single digits for a entire year and leading presidential candidate in the 1999 Moscow Mayor Yuri Luzhkov —



Russian President Boris Yeltsin, left, listens to Prime Minister Sergei Stepashin during their meeting in Moscow's Kremlin, Aug. 3. On Monday, Yeltsin fired Stepashin.

are trying to distance themselves from him, as much as possible. Yeltsin, meanwhile, seems to grow more isolated by the day.

At 68, he has been hobbled by repeated ailments and is only a periodic presence in the Kremlin. He spends most of his time at a country residence in the woods west of Moscow, meeting with a small group of advisers and relatives known collectively as "The Family."

Before he became president, Yeltsin used to travel by public transportation and had a gift for speaking to ordinary Russians. Now he appears out of touch with the day-to-day struggles of millions who have fallen into poverty this decade.

The country's long-gingling economy imploded a year ago, yet the president has yet to speak at

length about it. His public appearances are limited almost entirely to television footage that show him discussing bureaucratic matters in his Kremlin office.

Despite overwhelming evidence to the contrary, Yeltsin seems to believe that he will be able to influence the outcome of the presidential elections planned for next summer.

But Yeltsin's attempt to elevate Putin, a relatively obscure bureaucrat, into a heavyweight political contender would be a challenge even if the president were popular.

"I trust him," Yeltsin said of Putin. "But I also want everyone

who will come to the polls in July 2000 and make their choice to trust him too."

The prime minister's job will give Putin a platform and access to Kremlin resources, but that won't necessarily translate into political popularity.

Yeltsin has concentrated political power in his hands, yet he is not able, or willing, to deal with the day-to-day running of the government. And the succession of short-lived governments have not been in place long enough to launch coherent programs.

As a result, Russia's governments seem weak, Russia is and almost constant turmoil. Political discussions focus on who is up and who is down in the Kremlin.

Russians have long since become accustomed to Yeltsin's erratic behavior, and the latest upheaval still fails to stir strong reactions. Financial markets, battered by repeated economic upheavals in recent years, experienced only a slight dip Monday.

As Yeltsin enters his final year in office, expectations could hardly be lower. But the one big question that remains is whether he will abide by the constitution, which prevents him from seeking a third term.

The Kremlin promised Monday that he would resign the score after — but his unpredictable behavior leaves an element of doubt.



An unidentified survivor looks through his family's photo album recovered from the rubble of his collapsed home Monday in Antipolo, east of Manila. The hillside housing project collapsed in a landslide triggered by monsoon rains.

Taiwan expects China will keep up pressure

TAIPEI, Taiwan — Defense Minister Tang Fei told visiting U.S. congressmen on Monday that China will keep up military pressure on Taiwan at least until the island's presidential elections in March.

Tang met Benjamin Gilman, chairman of the U.S. House International Relations Committee, and repeated earlier assurances that Taiwan will take pains to avoid any confrontation.

"Prior to the presidential elections next year, the Chinese communist military moves will not cease," Tang's office quoted him as saying.

Other details of their conversation were not released, but Gilman's visit comes amid growing alarm in Washington over increasing tensions by Taiwan and China over the Taiwan Strait and the possibility of an accident or clash.

U.S. officials urged both sides last week to cool the tensions. Taiwan has decided to scrap a display by air force units at an air show this weekend, apparently in hopes of appeasing Washington.

World in brief

Chinese government nixes pope's visit to Hong Kong

HONG KONG — The Chinese government has ruled out a possible visit to Hong Kong by Pope John Paul II, church officials said Monday.

The reason for the decision was unclear, with some church officials blaming the Vatican's diplomatic ties with Taiwan and others pointing to China's tight restrictions on religious activities.

"Officially, we have not heard any explanation from Rome at all," said Mary Seung, a spokeswoman for the Catholic Diocese of Hong Kong. She added that Hong Kong was just one of several proposed destinations.

Rape overshadows women's victories in South Africa

KWAZULU, South Africa — Winnie Madikizela-Mandela led South African women Monday in celebrating a forgotten figure in the anti-apartheid struggle, a woman who organized one of the earliest and largest demonstrations against white rule.

But the graveside ceremony marking National Women's Day was overshadowed by a major challenge still facing women in this fledgling democracy — violence against women.

About 64,000 women and girls are raped each year in South Africa, and South African women are nearly three times as likely to be raped as women in the United States. About 14,000 of the victims are girls under 18, who are often raped by HIV-infected men who believe they will be cured by having sex with a virgin.

Australia remembers victims of canyoning disaster

CANBERRA, Australia — With candles representing each of the 21 victims of a Swiss canyoning disaster, family members and friends at a national memorial service Monday remembered those killed during the accident.

Lady Helen Deane, wife of Governor General Sir William Deane, lit 14 candles as the names of each Australian who died July 27 were read at St. Charles's Cathedral. Secular more red candles were already lit in memory of the victims from other countries.

Alongside each green and gold candle was a large bunch of white, Australia's national flower. It was the same, symbol the governor general took to Switzerland last week. The disaster on the river where the travelers died.

— Compiled from wire reports

Russians, Islamic rebels brace for more fighting

Muslims call for worldwide boycott

MAALE ADUMIM, West Bank (AP) — Arish Blumberg had never eaten at Burger King before, but the Israeli plumber snatched on a Whopper Monday in a show of solidarity with the American fast food chain, under fire for opening a franchise in a Jewish settlement.

American Muslims have called for a boycott against Burger King, and the Arab League said Monday it would take action against the company unless the franchise in the Maale Adumim settlement, the West Bank's largest, was closed.

Burger King officials have said the Maale-based company is taking the issue seriously and will try to resolve it. Burger King has branches in Malaysia, Kuwait, Saudi Arabia and other Arab nations where Arabs and Muslims live.

The disputed Burger King outlet opened four months ago in a new shopping mall in Maale Adumim, a settlement of 25,000 Israelis just east of Jerusalem. Maale Adumim is one of the fastest growing settlements in the West Bank, and its mayor has said he expects the population to grow to 60,000 over the next decade.

The Palestinians consider Jewish settlements the key obstacle to establishing an independent Palestine in one of the West Bank and Gaza Strip. According to settler figures, 200,000 Israelis now live in the disputed lands, compared to 1.5 million in the 1967 Middle East. The fate of the 144 settlements is to be determined during talks between Israel and the Palestinians on a permanent peace agreement.

On Monday, Saed Kamal, Arab League's deputy secretary general, said the group will launch options against Burger King next

month during an upcoming meeting of its foreign ministers in Cairo, Egypt.

Last week, a U.S. group, American Muslims for Jerusalem, called for a worldwide boycott on the grounds that the food chain is encouraging Israeli settlements. The coalition asked Burger King to make donations to Muslim refugees.

At the start of Monday's lunch-hour, the Burger King in Maale Adumim was brimming with customers. At the same time, school kids on their summer break.

Orna Makov, a mother of four from the nearby settlement of Kiryat Arba, said she regularly shops at the Maale Adumim mall. As she collected three bags of burgers for her family, she said the company should not give in to boycott threats.

Inbar Saying said the threat of a boycott was unacceptable. "The Arabs shouldn't decide where we go to eat," she said.

Angola, Somalia face starvation, UN says

ROME (AP) — Civil war, drought and pests have crippled food production in sub-Saharan Africa, where hundreds of thousands of people risk starvation, a U.N. agency said Monday.

The Rome-based Food and Agriculture Organization said in a report that 10 million people in 16 countries require emergency food aid.

The worst off, said FAO's senior economist, Mwita Rukandema, is Angola, where renewed fighting in the civil war has made aid delivery virtually impossible.

"People are being systematically driven out of their homes by UNITA rebel forces, who cut off roads, ambush vehicles and shell the cities," said Rukandema. "If this continues, in another two months we'll hear horrible stories of mass starvation."

Rukandema said the only way disaster can be averted is by putting pressure on both the government and rebel forces to open air corridors.

Delegation denies reports of Pinochet negotiations

MADRID, Spain — A Chilean military delegation denied news reports Monday that it was in Madrid to meet with Spanish Gen. Augusto Pinochet, or to look for accommodations should the former Chilean dictator hand himself over to Spanish authorities.

Brig. Gen. Juan Carlos Salgado told reporters that the military delegation was in Spain for "institutional purposes." He did not specify what that meant but said it was not connected to the Pinochet case.

The delegation might meet with Pinochet's lawyers in Spain, but he said that would only be for a briefing on the current state of the case, the private Europa Press agency said.

Rising Sun flag becomes Japan's symbol — officially

TOKYO — The Rising Sun flag and an ode to the emperor were officially voted Japan's symbols on Monday after years of debate over whether the move should be a sign of resurgent nationalism.

The upper house of Parliament voted in favor of the bill after overwhelming approval by the lower house last month.

The new law was denounced by Asian politicians and academics who see the flag and anthem as symbols of Japan's militarist past.

The Rising Sun — a red disc on a white field — and the "Kimigayo" imperial hymn have long served as the national symbols. The flag flies outside schools and government buildings, and the anthem is played at sports events.

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Section D

BRIEFLY IN MONEY

Salt Lake City airport pursues London flights

SALT LAKE CITY - The next few years could be Salt Lake City International Airport's best and possibly last chance to obtain a prized direct flight to London.

That could mean one stop between Twin Falls and Europe. Skywest Airlines that flies from Joslin Field, Magic Valley Regional Airport to Salt Lake City, is a connection carrier to Delta Air Lines Inc. And Delta, the dominant airline at the Salt Lake City International Airport, is the most likely candidate to add a direct flight to London.

The question is whether the Salt Lake City market can support a flight and whether Delta wants to do it.

Once the few slots to London's Gatwick Airport are filled, it could become considerably harder to fly direct from Salt Lake to London.

"That's one of the reasons we've felt a real sense of urgency on this," says Stan Parrish, chairman of the Utah Air Travel Commission, which has the role of pushing for new air routes.

The Salt Lake City International Airport long has coveted a direct flight to London. So have a lot of other airports. A direct flight to London is the aviation equivalent of a professional sports team. It's a sign that a city has arrived.

A direct flight to London would boost tourism to Utah and ease travel to Salt Lake City during the 2002 Winter Olympics.

"A direct flight is one of Delta's long-term goals," says Tracy O'Donnell, a Delta spokesman. "Long-term" Delta means it could happen in three to five years.

"Given the current market conditions, service from Salt Lake City to London is not feasible at this time," he says.

Industry veteran comes to Morrison Knudsen as VP

BOISE - A 25-year veteran of the nuclear industry will serve as executive vice president of Morrison Knudsen Corp., as well as president and chief executive officer of the company's Westinghouse Government Services Group.

Ambrose L. Schwallie will replace James L. Gallagher on Sept. 1. Schwallie will report to Thomas Zarges, who continues his position as chairman of Westinghouse Government Services Group that contracts with the United States Department of Energy and Defense.

Since 1991, Schwallie has served as president of the Westinghouse Savannah River Company that operates the Savannah River Site in South Carolina for the Department of Energy. Schwallie directed some 12,000 employees engaged in environmental, remediation maintenance of the nation's nuclear weapons stockpile.

Since joining Westinghouse in 1972, Schwallie's assignments have included manager of core design for the Clinch River Breeder Reactor in Tennessee, engineering manager for the Advanced Energy Systems Division and his post as executive vice president.

Compiled from staff and wire reports

Study: Idaho's rural areas face trials

The Associated Press

BOISE - Idaho is a great place to live, and it is narrowing the education gap with the state's cities, but it continues to suffer from higher jobless rates, lower incomes, and shortages in medical services, according to a new report.

The Idaho Department of Commerce's third "Profile of Rural Idaho" shows the state's rural areas face big challenges as they try to retool their economies and provide the kinds

of services that city folks take for granted.

"There are some significant differences between rural and urban Idaho," said Richard Gardner, executive director of the Idaho Rural Partnership, which helped produce the study.

For instance, the average per capita personal income in Ada County in 1996 was more than \$27,000. In Twin Falls County, although identified as an urban center in the study, it was only \$18,513. The median household income in Ada County in 1995

was more than \$41,000 compared with more than \$30,000 in Twin Falls County.

And while Ada County has seven public libraries and a bookmobile, 30 percent of Idahoans are not served by a public library.

Gardner said not all the differences are bad: Rural residents believe their quality of life is superior to the hustle and bustle of Boise.

The "two-Idaho" phenomenon is alive and well in the Gem State, where increasing econom-

ic resources are concentrating in urban centers. The report is designed to show where the urban-rural gap persists, and what can be done to protect small-town Idaho.

"For any town that wants to survive, there are strategies they can employ that require some guts and perseverance," Gardner said of Idaho's rural towns - those of 2,500 or fewer residents. "It's not like we've got a surplus; we only have 200 in the state. We can't afford to lose them."

Unlike urban areas with

diverse economies, rural communities often rely on one industry, such as farming or timber, making them vulnerable to slumping commodity prices or timber mill closures.

Also, as more rural residents head to regional shopping areas to do business, hometown businesses languish.

In addition, banks and other financial institutions are sparse in rural Idaho. Boise County has none. Camas and Clatsop counties have just one branch each, the report says.

Report calls industry 'gambling'

Statistics show 70 percent of day traders lose money

Knight Ridder News Service

PHILADELPHIA - Companies that promote day trading tout the possibility of easy profits, but about 70 percent of day traders lose money - and most of them lose all of it, according to a study by a group of securities regulators released Monday.

In a critical 46-page report, the North American Securities Administrators Association, which includes state securities regulators, called for increased regulatory scrutiny of day-trading firms.

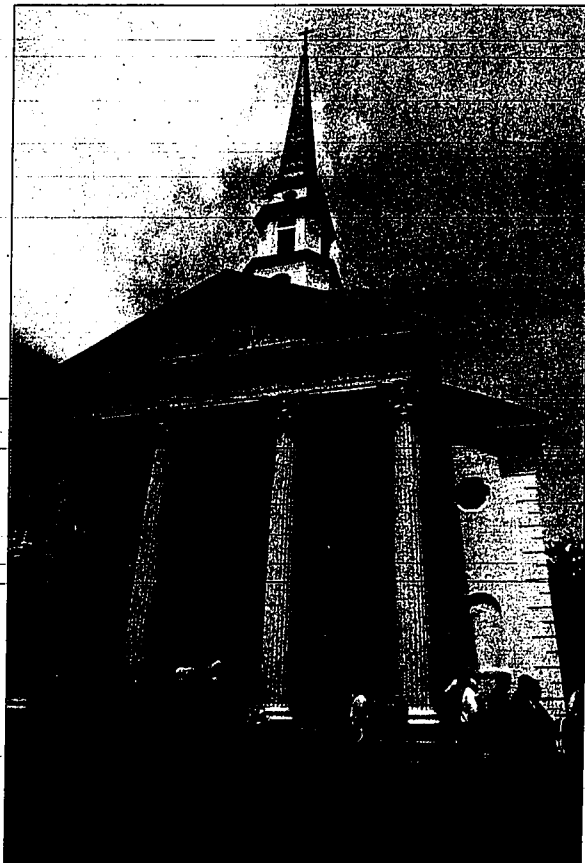
"Day trading is virtually a form of gambling. This means that most traders at a firm will incur net losses," said the watchdog firm, the "house," reaps profits through commission revenue," Philip Feigin, the association's executive director, said. "If you absolutely, positively want to day trade, you should only play with money you can afford to lose."

The report, which the association began researching seven months ago, was released 11 days after Mark O. Barton shot and killed nine people at two Atlanta day-trading firms where he had lost hundreds of thousands of dollars. Barton also killed his wife and two children and himself.

The report's findings, issued at a news conference in Washington, did not surprise anyone in the day-trading industry.

"I'll be honest with you. I've always used 80 percent as a failure rate," said William Sullivan, chairman of Navillus Securities, a day-trading firm in West Conshohocken, Pa. He added that each investor is, in essence, a small business and that small businesses have similar high failure rates.

The Electronic Traders Association, a trade group for day-trading firms, said the administrators' study was too limited. In doing the research, consultant Ronald Johnson studied a random sample of trades at All-Tech Investment Group, coincidentally one of the firms where Barton killed people. Johnson studied



Unidentified mourners leave the Peachtree Road United Methodist Church in Atlanta on Wednesday following a Service of Hope and Remembrance for the office shooting victims. The incident put the practice of day trading in the spotlight.

Bubble trouble

Internet stock firms suffer as market swoons

The Washington Post

WOODSIDE, Calif. - Like a sailor testing the wind, a small Las Vegas Internet company checks every morning to see whether the moment's right for going public.

It wasn't in late June, when Travel-scape.com first pulled back from the brink. And it certainly hasn't been in recent days, when Internet stocks of all types have been swooning.

"We're taking a day-by-day approach," said Linh Ly, director of investor relations for the eight-month-old discount travel Web operation. "We're hoping. That's all we can do."

Over the past year, Internet companies have lived on hope - that their stocks would double and triple on the first day of trading, that they would keep going up afterward, that they would eventually find a way to earn a profit or, in some cases, merely have a product that someone would pay actual money for.

Those expectations are fading. Instead, investors are running for cover before the storm gets worse. Recently, the stock of many of the Internet companies that had gone public in the past year, including the Web community operator TheGlobe.com and the financial services site TheStreet.com, hit new lows.

Meanwhile, the much-admired big guns - eBay Inc., Amazon.com Inc., Yahoo Inc. - all have plummeted more than 50 percent in just a few months. "Everyone's being taken to the woodshed," said Richard Peterson, market strategist for Thomson Financial Securities Data. "There are no survivors."

The trouble is, we expected Internet Initial Public Offerings to be explosive because of those two magic words, "Internet" and "Japan," said Irv DeGraw, research director at World-Financial.com. "We thought this would be a moonshot - a

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Just the facts—sort of

Microsoft, government will file papers today

Computer giant will likely refile claims that it tried to crush Netscape

Knight Ridder News Service

Don't expect too many surprises today when Microsoft and the federal government file papers in the landmark antitrust lawsuit accusing the company of illegal monopoly behavior.

The two sides will file so-called "proposed findings of fact," essentially suggestions for U.S. District Judge Thomas Penfield Jackson to consider as he draws up his own factual findings in the 15-month-old case.

Though the findings are supposed to cite only facts, they tend to focus on each side's interpretation. Microsoft, for example, will likely refer to the testimony of one of its vice presidents, Dan Rosen, who described a meeting with Netscape Communications executives as one in which the companies discussed ways to work together.

The government also will focus on that 1995 meeting but is likely to cite testimony from former Netscape chief James Barksdale that Microsoft sought to illegally divide the Internet browser market.

"There will be a little bit of spicing passing in the night," a Microsoft lawyer said of the court filings.

Each side will have a month to review the opposition's work and then revise its own version of



AP Wire

U.S. District Judge Thomas Penfield Jackson, right, the judge in the Microsoft antitrust case, makes an unorthodox appearance Monday at an American Bar Association panel discussion in Atlanta, Ga., entitled "The Antitrust Trial as a Government Enforcement Tool: Microsoft, Drug Wholesalers, and Beyond." To the left is attorney Georg S. Cary.

events. On Sept. 21, both sides return to court to try to persuade Jackson to adopt their findings as his own. Jackson could file his findings of fact as early as October.

Microsoft and the government then draw up proposed conclusions of law. They go through the same process again, revising them then arguing before Jackson, before he rules.

Though Jackson hasn't said so, many participants believe he sides up the process to judge the sides to settle the case. Jackson's findings of fact will give litigants their first concrete sense of which case he favors. If those

findings lean toward the government's case, for example, it may prompt Microsoft to reconsider previous settlement proposals.

Microsoft's filing runs more than 400 pages and will likely focus on the strongest pieces of its case: the benefits of integrating the Internet Explorer browser into the Windows operating system, the absence of consumer harm from doing so, and Netscape's continued ability to distribute its browser to consumers.

Microsoft also probably will spend some time addressing the most damaging government allegations: that it targeted Netscape, offered to divide the

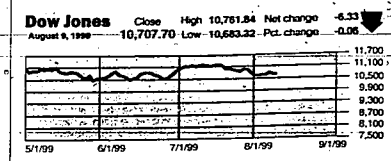
browser market and, failing that, sought to crush the upstart company. Microsoft cites internal e-mail and testimony from its executives to bolster its argument that the only fair price for the company is a fierce competitor in a dynamic market.

Microsoft will likely refer to testimony of senior vice president Jim Allchin that Microsoft began thinking about ways to include a browser in its operating system as early as 1993, several months before Netscape incorporated.

The company also will focus on the recent acquisition of Netscape by America Online (AOL) as proof that Microsoft couldn't be a monopoly. During the trial, Microsoft introduced e-mail from AOL Chairman Steve Case considering swapping Netscape's Navigator for Microsoft's Internet Explorer as the service's default browser. While Case backed off the plan for fear of incurring Microsoft's wrath, that he even considered the possibility illustrates vibrant competition, Microsoft argued.

Microsoft also is likely to spend some effort trying to deflate government allegations that it sought improper contracts with computer makers and Internet service providers to limit the distribution of Netscape's browser. Microsoft will argue that it abandoned all of the questionable contracts and that none of the deals hurt Netscape's ability to distribute its browser.

Finally, Microsoft will also try to debunk allegations of a variety of other "bad acts" not specifically mentioned in the government's complaint, such as contentions it tried to sabotage Sun's Java programming language.



Stocks slide to another loss as interest rates hit 21-month high

NEW YORK (AP) — Stocks struggled to another less than 100-point gain Monday as long-term interest rates soared to a 21-month high in the bond market.

The Dow Jones industrial average fell 23 points to 10,707.70. The blue-chip index spluttered throughout the session, rising as many as 47 points and sinking as many as 30 from Friday's close.

Broader stock indicators were also lower. The Standard & Poor's 500 fell 2.49 to 2,577.80, and the Nasdaq composite index fell 28.59 to 2,518.98.

The Dow is now 4.5 percent below its recent high, set just last month, and the Nasdaq is 12 percent below its record, also set July 16. Analysts are divided over whether the market's protracted slump is the start of a broad correction, or if it's merely a step back from prices that had soared too high, too fast. Wall Street considers a drop of 100 points to be a correction, or a pause in a rising market.

Arthur Hogan, chief market analyst at Jefferies & Co., said it's unlikely that the market will break out of its trading range until Aug. 24, when the Federal Reserve is expected to raise interest rates for a second time

this summer, hoping to slow the growth of the nation's economy to a noninflationary pace.

"Their move is in the bag," he said. "But until they make that move, we'll see a lot more of this sideways action."

Fears of higher interest rates have pressured stocks and bonds for weeks, and bond prices plunged sharply on Monday, sending yields sharply higher.

The yield on the 30-year Treasury bond climbed to 6.23 percent, the highest level since Nov. 4, 1987. With yields rising, bonds are becoming an attractive, less volatile alternative to stocks.

"Stocks can no longer count on a strong economy and lower interest rates," said Sung Won Sohn, chief economist at Wells Fargo & Co. "Rising interest rates will dampen economic growth and earnings expectations."

Russian President Boris Yeltsin kept world markets slightly off-balance Monday after he fired his prime minister and the entire Cabinet. It's the fourth time in 17 months he has dismissed the government.

While the broad market spluttered, a flurry of deals and new products spurred some gains for computer-related companies.

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North Korea's leader puts hope in spuds to help famine victims

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) - Students of Communist agriculture, North Korean leader Kim Jong Il, said, "The only way to solve the famine is to produce potatoes."

South Korea, Japanese and U.S. experts agreed. An article in the Pyongyang Times says that Kim Jong Il said that the famine is not a natural disaster but a result of the government's failure to produce enough food.

Gambling

Continued from D1. PhilEx-registrars can lose their own money if their trades cause the firm to lose money, these day traders may lose deposits they put down when they joined the firm, the report says.

"This is an issue we have been aware of and are concerned about," said PhilEx spokesman Lynn Carver. The exchange has moved to tighten this loophole by requiring agents at day-trading firms to pass a rigorous test for brokers before they can trade.

Internet

Continued from D1. 100-percent that would sustain a while. "The bubble has burst," declared Urey Well, an Internet analyst for Freedom, Billings, Ramo & Group Inc. in Arlington, Va., a suburb of Washington.

College in St. Petersburg, Fla., the decline in Net stocks is rooted in their very nature. "The Internet is very volatile," says the kinds of progress that we would have expected," DeGraw said.

MUTUAL FUNDS

Large table listing various mutual funds with columns for Name, Assets, and other financial metrics.

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USER FRIENDLY

New ways to connect

Whether you're playing games or downloading "serious" stuff for school, the limitations of the standard modem and phone line are becoming ever more painful. The basic installation of the three latest ways:

ISDN



DSL



Cable modem



SOURCE: Smart Company

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Los Angeles Times

WASHINGTON - The sentencing in Los Angeles on Monday of Kevin Mitnick, the nation's most notorious computer hacker, for breaking into Sun Microsystems computers ordinarily would be cause for celebration by the federal government.

Officials are still smarting from Mitnick's 1983 efforts to break into the Pentagon's computers. But federal officials are in no mood to celebrate. It has been 16 years since Mitnick - apparently motivated not by money but by the intellectual thrill of reading highly sensitive information - mocked federal computer security. Yet, reeling from a series of recent attacks by hackers, officials fear that they are no closer

Feds fear security breaches

Sentencing of notorious hacker does little to change expectations of further invasions

Department. So far, the attacks - which range from notes posted on the White House Web site making light of President Clinton's involvement with former White House intern Monica Lewinsky to more ominous assaults that have penetrated the Pentagon's computers - have caused some temporary shutdown of Web sites without compromising U.S. security.

But federal cyber-coops suffered another blow last month when the House Appropriations Committee, responding to privacy concerns raised by civil liberties advocates, denied the

Justice Department's request for a Federal Intrusion Detection Network to monitor all government computer networks.

Indeed, the 37-year-old Mitnick remains one of the few examples of successful government detection and prosecution of a computer criminal. In a decade-long crime spree, the self-taught hacker faced three federal prosecutions for illegally breaking into dozens of computers in universities and private companies such as Sun Microsystems.

Cheaper switching box should work

By James Coates
Chicago Tribune

Q. Is it possible to have two printers connected to a PC using Windows 95 or 98, and be able to select which of the two to print any given document? I presently use a black ink laser printer, but would like to add a color printer also.

A. Most experts advise buying special and somewhat costly automatic switching devices for those who want to run two printers on a single computer. These devices are commonplace in computer stores and have slick features such as the ability to sense which printer is being requested and then send the print job to that machine.

I prefer buying an inexpensive card that goes into a computer's expansion slot and provides a second parallel port. If opening the computer case and installing

Computers Q & A

the board doesn't appeal to you, another choice is a so-called A/B box with a big plastic switch that you turn to change printers.

You should be aware, however, that many printer manufacturers warn against using the simple A/B boxes, even though a lot of folks including this writer, enjoy excellent results with them.

Q. I bought a Umax scanner several weeks ago, to be connected to the USB port. The port is present on the computer, but when I followed the instructions to make sure the driver was present, there is no driver installed. I get a pop-up message that tells me to insert the Win95 disk. I didn't receive any disk with the computer. The reseller and other folks have advised me to go to the Microsoft Web site to download a driver, but I can't find any USB

drivers for Windows 95 on the site. Upgrading to Win98 is not an option at this point. I want to use a scanner on the USB port for several reasons: speed and the fact that there are currently a number of devices on the serial port.

— Scott Gallier

A. I am afraid that your solution to making Windows 95 USB ready would be far more trouble than simply trading in that Umax USB for a parallel-port version, then using one of the A/B boxes described above.

don't know why you say Windows 98 isn't an option, but one of its major new features is the USB compatibility that Windows 95 lacked until very recently, when the company issued what are called service releases to retrofit 95 for USB.

You can download and make a dozen large files and install them all, which is far more bother than either swapping scanners or upgrading to 98.

Let kids try some keybanger games

Knight Rider News Service

I'm convinced that even the most insane computer game is better than the most insane TV show, which is why I've assembled a collection of keybanger, numbers, letters and coloring programs for very young kids.

Some are dithered from an my humble opinion, these older programs make kids think a bit more than the newer, commercial ones. They tend to be not as flashy, but they do require youngsters to reason. Best of all, some are freeware, which means that once you obtain them, they require no further expenditure. I've included some commercial demos, too.

Here's a sample of the programs I've collected on a CD II call Keybangers and Coloring Books. Most can run on all versions of Windows, which means you can run them on that old 486 you're using as a planer.

My First Computer Book of Animals features a picture of an animal. Your Little Miss Games clicks on a horse, and the horse makes busy sounds. Larry's Songs helps kids learn numbers with circus-like rewards. Guess what Larry's Learning Letters and Numbers teaches? See, you're already learning how to think.

Busy Baby helps youngsters learn their ABCs, 123s and P's and Q's. They can even reward their own skills. For learning keyboard and mouse skills you'll find Baby Toon just what the computer lab

Shareware reviews

About shareware

There are millions of shareware programs by computers named Windows 95 or 98. The programs are available from the Internet and on CD-ROM from this column. Users try them, then say a few words to me if they decide to use them regularly.

recreated: Baby Keys for Windows rewards little ones with graphics and sounds no matter what key they press. Dapper Babies Play Pack is a matching game that features different cards, pictures and backgrounds. Bingo Mathness helps kids learn basic arithmetic skills while playing bingo.

Who Spilled Tubby Custard has sounds and hints (or Mom and Dad) can read the hints as your Ken Starr gets to the bottom of this mess.

There are about a dozen more in this collection, covering basic keyboarding and mouse skills, language, beginning math and letter recognition and actual games that parents can get involved in. One interesting observation: It's a great way to keep quiet siblings occupied with their younger brothers and sisters. And when the adults in the house need to get back to their fun and games, all they have to do is switch keyboard and mouse to the unsticky set.

Utah firm releases file-erasing software

Knight Rider News Service

Corporate raiders and porno kings take note: Just because you deleted a file from your computer doesn't mean you got rid of that file.

It may have ended up in the computer's trash bin, and you thought you emptied the bin. But in fact, the file is still there, residing on the hard drive.

That is a big mistake many make when they think they have erased sensitive information from their computers, believing it never will be seen again.

A Provo, Utah, company has developed a program that cleanly erases files from the hard drive or floppy disks so there is no trace they were ever there.

Clean Slate, programmed by Access Data Corp., was released

last week and is the only such product for corporations.

"If you delete files, they are not really gone," said Stephen Elderkin, computer forensic specialist for Access Data and developer of Clean Slate. "Corporate America is trying to protect itself from hackers. If they can get a hold of one of those laptops, they can be worth a lot of money."

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