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Police search the remains of a tent set up for a convention next to the Delta Center Wednesday in downtown Salt Lake City after a tornado ripped through the area.



A rare tornado swept through downtown Salt Lake City on Wednesday, knocking an ice truck onto a Chevy Suburban next to a tented retailers convention, far right, that was shredded. The roofs of the nearby Delta Center and the Salt Palace Convention Center were also damaged.

# Storm swamps Magic Valley

By Brian Hayes  
Times-News writer

**SALT LAKE CITY** - Strong winds, driving rain and marble-sized hail pummeled Donna Arrington's car as she drove into Salt Lake City Wednesday afternoon.

The owner of The Happy Camper store in Twin Falls worried about the hail damaging her car, but had she been a little earlier she would have been worrying about the tornado that ripped through the outdoor retailer's convention she was on her way to attend.

The same storm system sent a torrential rain through the Magic Valley Wednesday night. The rainfall began quick and heavy at 2:15 p.m. In the storm's first half hour, nearly a third of an inch fell at the Twin Falls airport, said Jim Shadwick, a meteorological technician at the National Weather Service in Boise.

The rain let up slightly after its opening burst and another tenth of an inch of rain fell during the next 37 minutes. A total of .44 inches fell in one hour and 37 minutes, Shadwick said.

That total is more than the month's average total of .41 inches. The heavy rain caused about a dozen fender benders and flooded roads throughout the area, said Chantel Smith, a dispatcher for the region's emergency dispatch center.

Two men ended up stranded beneath an underpass in Twin Falls after a splash of water caused by a passing tractor-trailer flooded their truck's engine. Dan Phillips and Richard Tucker were stranded for about 15 minutes before the truck was pulled from the railroad underpass on Eastland Drive South.

At the Twin Falls airport, no flights were delayed because of the weather, but a plane going from Sun Valley to Salt Lake City had to stop briefly in Twin Falls because of the turbulent weather in Utah, said Diana Paredes of SkyWest Airlines.

Several local sporting goods stores were still planning to send representatives to Salt Lake City Wednesday for the Outdoor Retailer Summer Market convention. Others, who were in Salt Lake City when the tornado hit, had not checked in with their stores late Wednesday.

# Utah tornado kills one

## Funnel cloud rips mile-long path of chaos through SLC

The Associated Press

**SALT LAKE CITY** - A sudden tornado cut a swath of destruction through the city's unsuspecting downtown area on Wednesday, killing at least one person and injuring more than 100.

Gov. Mike Leavitt flew over the mile-long path of uprooted trees, overturned vehicles and damaged buildings before declaring a state of emergency.

The black funnel cloud uprooted temporary tents and buildings set up for an outdoor retailers convention. It also damaged the roofs of the Delta Center, home of the Utah Jazz, and the Salt Palace Convention Center.

At the nearby Wyndham Hotel, windows were blown out and firefighters could be seen tending to dozens of injured people nearby. Federal Emergency Management Agency director James Lee Witt committed to providing federal cleanup assistance, said Paul Smith, spokesman for Sen. Orrin Hatch, R-Utah. And from Washington, President Clinton said FEMA workers were already on the scene.

"The burden of recovery will be heavy, but it is better that the people of Salt Lake City need not carry alone," he said. "As they begin the difficult process of mourning, healing and rebuilding, our nation stands steadfastly behind them."

The identity of the person killed was not immediately released, nor were details of how the person died. Mayor Deedee Corradini said at least 100 people were injured to some degree. She said 40 were transported to hospitals, 12 in serious or critical condition.

"Our first priority is people.



A funnel cloud moves across the sky Wednesday near the University of Utah in Salt Lake City.

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We're not sure we have everyone out of this tent area near the convention center yet," said Corradini, adding that dogs were being used to search the debris. "At least six houses in the upscale Avenues area north of downtown lost their roofs and trees were uprooted on Capitol Hill, although the Capitol was not damaged."

The downtown area, though, looked like a disaster zone with trucks overturned, power lines down, windows blown out, shards of glass everywhere, and police and firefighters attending to dozens of injured. Helicopters landed in city streets to ferry the injured to hospitals. The streets were littered with shredded tents from the Outdoor

Retailers Summer Market scheduled to start Thursday at the Salt Palace, which was evacuated because of worries about a gas leak. Quasar Gas spokesman Curt Burnett said crews were on the scene but no leak had been found. Dan Groff of San Diego, attending the convention, said he saw several "critically injured people" in the area around the huge outdoor tent housing the convention.

# Area hospitals launch high-tech cooperation

By Brandon Flaia  
Times-News writer

**TWIN FALLS** - Patients soon will have access to high-tech diagnostic imaging, minus the claustrophobia, thanks to a cooperative venture between Twin Falls' two hospitals.

Magic Valley Regional Medical Center and Twin Falls Clinic and Hospital are jointly buying an "open architecture" magnetic resonance imaging machine. The purchase is the first step in a recently announced push for cooperation between the

two institutions. "The need for an open MRI in the Twin Falls area was a great way for MVRMC and the clinic to cooperate," said Mike Arhart, Twin Falls Clinic and Hospital administrator. "The trend in health care is cooperation instead of competition," said Monie Smith, marketing director for Magic Valley Regional. "We want to do what's best for the patient." One big advantage of the new machine is that patients don't have to endure being slid inside the confining



Jake Rice is the Clinical Manager of Diagnostic Imaging for Magic Valley Regional Medical Center.

# Jewish center shooting suspect surrenders in Vegas

The Associated Press

**LAS VEGAS** - The white supremacist wanted in the shooting of five people at a Los Angeles Jewish community center fled to Las Vegas in taxi,

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walked into an FBI office and confessed Wednesday, saying he wanted his act to be a "wake-up

call-to-America to kill Jews," authorities said. Buford O'Neal Furrow Jr., 37, also will be charged in the slaying of a postal worker who was shot Tuesday near the community center, authorities said.

Los Angeles police and federal agents poured into Las Vegas to question Furrow. He has ties to hate groups in the Northwest and had tried to commit himself to a psychiatric hospital last year.

# 13 Idahoans face meth indictments

The Associated Press

**BOISE** - Eighteen people, including 13 from southwestern Idaho, were indicted on federal drug trafficking charges in what authorities said was the biggest victory against methamphetamine in Idaho history.

"This will send shock waves to those people who are dealing in methamphetamine," Gov. Dirk Kempthorne said Wednesday. "The word is, 'Don't do business in Idaho because you're going to be put out of business and behind bars.'"

Kempthorne joined U.S. Attorney Betty Richardson and a number of top federal, state and local law enforcement officials in heralding the 3.5-year cooperative investigation as a breakthrough in the war



PRESIDENTIAL HONOR



Former President Gerald Ford receives the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the nation's highest civilian honor, from President Clinton during a ceremony Wednesday. Former President Jimmy Carter received the honor Monday.

## Customs changes search policy

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Customs Service, responding to allegations of abusive drug searches, said Wednesday it will begin seeking approval from a federal magistrate any time it wants to hold an airline passenger for more than four hours.

The new policy, effective Oct. 1, marks the latest change in the way Customs checks passengers for drugs, and is the most significant step in improving search procedures, said the agency's commissioner, Raymond Kelly.

The searches are intended to catch smugglers who hide cocaine or heroin inside their clothes or who swallow drug

packages. The searches usually begin with a pat-down and, with transmittable equipment, can proceed to a manual or full strip search, an X-ray or a mirrored bowel movement.

In general, Customs now can detain passengers for long periods of time without court approval. Under the change, Customs would have to convince a federal magistrate that it had "reasonable suspicion" for continuing to keep a passenger in custody beyond four hours, Kelly said.

If the magistrate declines the Customs request, the passenger is released.

"We're taking people's liberty away. We want judicial review of that," Kelly said. "We want oversight as soon as reasonably possible."

The American Civil Liberties Union said it was a step in the right direction. But the group believes the reasonable suspicion standard is easy enough for law enforcement to meet and the change still does not "protect people from abusive or discriminatory" searches, legislative counsel Gregory Noyes said.

The ACLU would have preferred a tougher "probable cause" standard that a crime has been committed, he said.

## Capital enforces juvenile curfew after Labor Day

WASHINGTON (AP) — Beginning the day after Labor Day, anyone 16 or younger will have to be off the streets of the nation's capital by 11 p.m. on most nights — midnight on Friday and Saturday. Supporters say the curfew will curb crime. Opponents say it violates constitutional rights and discriminates against minors.

Officers who pick up curfew violators will take them home, not to a detention center, Executive Assistant Police Chief Terrance Gains said.

## Clinton offers clemency to 11 independence activists


WASHINGTON (AP) — President Clinton offered clemency Wednesday to 11 members of a Puerto Rican independence group that staged some 130 bomb attacks on political and military targets in the United States from 1974 to 1983, administration officials said.

One official said that the prisoners were not involved in any deaths and that they would be required to renounce violence as a condition of their pardon.

Clinton's action was in response to a campaign by human rights advocates who have argued that members of the group known by

the Spanish initials F.R.I.N. were punished too harshly in light of their crimes. The pardon also recommended of Charles E.C. Ruff, the chief counsel who left his White House post last Friday.

"After the president did, based on the recommendation of counsel, was grant clemency to individuals on a case-by-case basis that recognized the serious nature of the crimes that they were convicted of but also took into account the excessive nature of the sentences that were imposed upon them 20 years ago," said the administration official.



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## School district displays Ten Commandments

MCKEE, Ky. (AP) — With essentially no community opposition, volunteers placed the Ten Commandments in every classroom in a rural eastern Kentucky school district before classes began on Wednesday.

The Jackson County school board and superintendent made the decision as part of "an effort to start having good morals in school... because of all the violent issues that have been showing up," said Betty Bond, principal of Jackson County High School.

Timothy Crawford, the district's attorney,

said he's concerned about lawsuits, but believes the Ten Commandment plaques in the district's five schools are allowed by law because they were paid for and posted by local volunteers.

Robert Lakes, a business teacher at Jackson County High School, said the Ten Commandments were posted in the classroom when he was growing up.

"It's like the flag," Lakes said. "We've been tearing down symbols that have been in this county" for a long time.

Jackson County isn't the only school district in Kentucky or the country where the Ten Commandments are on display in schools.

Tonya Adams, principal of Union Chapel Elementary School in Russell County, which has had the Ten Commandments posted for years, said she's never received any complaints about it.

In Adams County, Ohio, a group of ministers paid a place. Ten Commandments tablets outside four high schools to counter "moral decline."

## Science standard debate focuses on evolution

TOPEKA, Kan. (AP) — Following months of debate, the Kansas Board of Education on Wednesday approved a set of education standards that makes no reference to evolution — the theory that humans evolved from earlier species.

The standards are suggestions only, and the 6-4 decision essentially leaves unchanged current state policy on the teaching of evolution in the public schools. Local schools now decide for themselves whether to teach the theory.

Currently, the state has no list of topics that should be on the statewide assessment tests. Educators are forming such a list, and the debate had been over

whether evolution should be included.

Though the proposed standards never mentioned it, creationism — the belief that a higher power created the universe — became part of the debate. Some board members originally supported proposals that defined creation as "the idea that the design and complexity of the cosmos requires an intelligent designer." But that proposal was later withdrawn.

Although the standards make no mention of one species evolving into another, the standards do mention natural selection, the idea that advantageous traits increase in a population over time.

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## Judge: Shooting teen should be tried as an adult

CONYERS, Ga. (AP) — A 15-year-old boy accused of shooting six classmates at his high school in May should be tried as an adult, a judge ruled Wednesday.

Juvenile Court Judge William Schneider said he believes society's need to prevent such shootings outweigh T.J. Solomon's interests. He ordered the case transferred to Superior Court, where Solomon could face life in prison if convicted of aggravated assault and other charges. The maximum juvenile sentence would have been 60 months.

Solomon, a sophomore at Heritage High School, is accused of opening fire May 20 with two guns in the commons area of the school 20 miles east of Atlanta.

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NATION

# Gore, Bradley battle for attention

**MARSHALLTOWN, Iowa** — Vice President Al Gore, seeking a slice of attention from the GOP-driven media frenzy, warned Wednesday against "a right-wing U-turn" from Republicans desperate to win back the White House.

"They are hungry to roll back this progress," Gore said. "They are hungry when this election."

Gore and former Sen. Bill Bradley of New Jersey swept through separate sections of the state Wednesday, both focusing on farm issues in hopes of drawing a contrast with Republicans vying for a high-profile straw poll on Saturday.

Bradley was spelling out his plan for dealing with a sour farm economy at the Dunlap Livestock auction, while Gore joined with Gov. Tom Vilsack to lead a discussion with farmers about their troubles.

Gore called for revisions to the nation's basic farm legislation, the Freedom to Farm Act, as well as an emergency package of \$10 billion in aid to farmers on the financial edge because of historic low commodity prices.

"There are in 1999, two Iowas," Gore said.

"There is an Iowa with unemployment under 2.6 percent with an economy that's booming and a future that's bright, but there's also a farm economy that's hurting badly."

Gore was swinging through a series of small Iowa towns making his point, and was spending the night at a private home.

Meeting with activists in a Newton cafe, Gore departed from his farm theme to launch an spirited assault on Republicans and their "risky tax scheme."

"I think that is a reckless idea," said Gore, warning it would spark renewed deficits "at a time when we have just dug our way out of the hole they put us in."

**Olympic comment causes mayoral candidates to bristle**

**SALT LAKE CITY** — In the city that gave the Olympics its worst ethics scandal, one of the leading candidates for mayor says he wants to raise taxes "shamelessly high" to take advantage of visitors to the 2002 Winter Games.

Jim Bradley, one of 12 people running for the job that also carries the title of official Olympic host, said in a recent debate that there was nothing wrong with gouging the hundreds of thousands of people who will come to the city for the games.

"The hotel transient room tax has to be jacked up as high as we can possibly do it," the Democrat said.

Taxpayers are concerned that they might be stuck with paying off any debts remaining from the Salt Lake Games' \$1.34 billion budget, which is supposed to be privately financed.

But Bradley's opponents bristled at his comments, saying it sent the wrong message to potential visitors.

"This isn't a place to come and get fleeced," candidate Dave Jones said. "I felt it was insensitive. I thought it was a very poor message to send to the public."

**Term limits group unveils 'George the Weasel King'**

**SPOKANE, Wash.** — A term-limits group introduced a costumed character it is dispatching to shadow Congressman George Nethercutt on his campaign for a fourth term.

"George the Weasel King," a custom-made critter that looks a lot like the mousy mascot of Chuck E. Cheese pizza restaurants, will appear at events throughout Nethercutt's Eastern

Politics in brief

Washington district to remind voters of the Republican's 1994 vow to limit his service to three terms.

"Our primary purpose ... is to educate the public about his broken pledge," said Michael J. Fagan, co-chairman of the Eastern Washington Term Limits Action Committee, at a news conference Tuesday.

Nethercutt became the poster boy of the national term limits movement when he defeated 30-year incumbent and then-House Speaker Tom Foley.

He became its pariah when he announced in June that he would seek a fourth term in 2000.

Nethercutt said his work in Congress was unfinished and he was mistaken when he promised to serve no more than three terms.

**Forbes says GOP tax cut wouldn't help Americans**

**GRUNDY CENTER, Iowa** — Steve Forbes says that the tax-cut plan approved by the GOP-controlled Congress last week was better than nothing but would not significantly help Americans.

"It comes to a little more than 3 cents on the dollar over ten years," the GOP presidential



Steve Forbes

hopeful told people who turned out to greet him during campaign stops across north-central Iowa. "And yet to hear all the hoopla in Washington, you would

think it was the most radical and revolutionary thing since 1776. It's pennies to the people."

The New Jersey publisher has campaigned as a political outsider.

In Iowa for Saturday's straw poll, he repeatedly poked fun Tuesday at Washington politics, calling the 10-year, \$702-billion package approved by Congress a "supposed, great big tax cut."

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POOR

# Buoyant economy sends Americans back to buying beef

CHICAGO — Economic indicators that suggest Americans are eating out more may explain why beef demand has held firm through the heat of the summer—and why the fed cattle cash market has sustained bullish cattle futures despite a glut of supplies.

“Restaurant jobs were up 61,000 in July—that tells you more people are eating out and they are eating beef,” said Dale Benson of Crystal River Capital, referring to details culled from last Friday’s Bureau of Labor Statistics monthly employment report.

The employment data showed a steady 4.3 percent jobless rate

and a larger-than-expected wage increase. According to the National Restaurant Association, 10.2 million Americans are employed in restaurants, a number that is expected to swell to 12 million by 2006.

While the association cannot say how much of the restaurants’ \$114 billion in purchases goes to

beef, Chuck Lambert, chief economist of the National Cattlemen’s Beef Association, said a combination of today’s time-strained lifestyle and reasonably good wages has beefed up restaurant demand, especially for steaks.

Choice boxed beef prices, which rose \$0.51 per cwt early

this week to \$112.74, are more than \$8.00 higher than last year’s \$104.44, even though beef production year-to-date is up 2.2 percent over last year. As further evidence of the solid demand side of the market, live cattle futures have held together above and beyond most expectations, with nearly Aug futures climb-

ing 8 percent above the May lows.

“You compound the constant supply with the (beef) price increase and demand is the variable that’s improved,” Lambert said. “Beef demand has strengthened and part of that is increased employment and good disposable income.”

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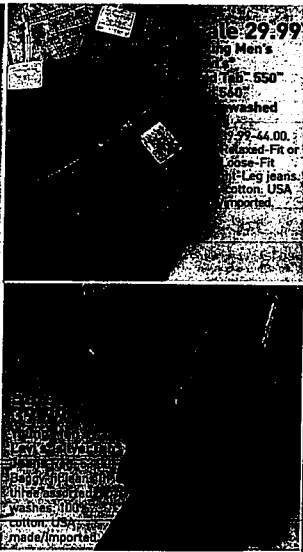
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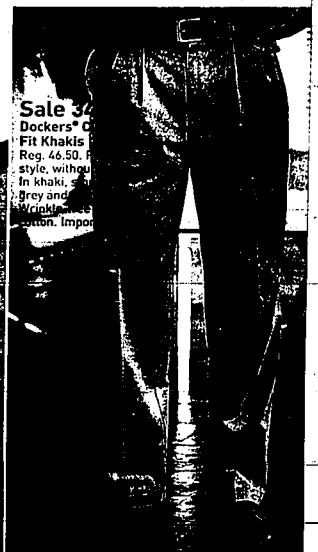
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## EDITORIAL

### Population growth isn't as bad as some critics make it out to be

The real nose count won't take place until next year, but an estimate from the U.S. Census Bureau corroborates what we've already known about the Magic Valley. This place is growing.

The arid West, long regarded as the Empty Quarter of America, is filling up. Growth brings growing pains, but it also brings opportunities — and it's worth weighing one against the other before lamenting how much this valley has grown.

The Census Bureau estimates Twin Falls' city population increased by 5,662 people between April 1990 and July 1998. Hailey added 1,979 residents during the same period, and Jerome became home to an additional 924 residents. Nearly every city in southern Idaho gained population, with the sole exception of Rupert.

The down sides of growth are easy to see. Stalled traffic, crime and more strainers on the street are familiar complaints. So are crowded schools and stretched city services.

But all those people need goods and services, which means there are more business opportunities. That's good news for entrepreneurs, as well as for the people who patronize them. It's also worth noting that growth in the Magic Valley has been steady and healthy. It is occurring at a comfort-

able, rather than cataclysmic, pace. Some of the people who complain loudest about growth are recent refugees from urban angst. Fed up with city life in Ohio or Texas or California, they've moved to one of America's last, best places. Now they are quick to complain about growth in their new communities. Having gotten in, they'd like to lock the door behind them.

No one can stop the Magic Valley from growing. Nothing can stop farmers from selling their land to subdivision developers, and nothing can stop people from buying or building houses. Rather than lament change that can't be prevented, it makes sense to savor the good life that exists here.

The Magic Valley is dotted with cities that, by and large, still have a small-town flavor. Sure there are new houses going up on the edges of towns, but the people who move into those houses are coming because they want to live here — not because they are forced to.

There's more than enough room for the Magic Valley to accept newcomers. With them comes increased economic activity. Rather than hanging out a "Do Not Disturb" sign, southern Idaho residents should set out a welcome mat.



### Join the forest-fee protest on Saturday

On Saturday, the Sierra Club and 100 conservation groups, including Idaho's hunters and angler-based Idaho Sporting Congress, will stage a National Day of Forest Recreation Fee Protest.

**READER COMMENT**  
Will Caldwell

The Sierra Club's fact sheet charges, "The Fee-Demo program is not a benign effort to fund needed programs, but is the least effective of the recreation industry's attempt to transform public land recreation into commercial operations."

equipment-intensive motorized uses that provide the most revenue."  
Corporate pawns in Congress are using the Fee-Demo program as an excuse to inflict further recreation budget cuts.

This warning rings true because the fee system was designed and implemented by a "cost sharing" partnership between the Forest Service and a group of more than 100 private corporate interests (Disney, Honda, KOA, Exxon, American Motorcycleist Association, Watercraft Industries Association, Snowmobile Manufacturers Association, etc.)

The other major reason for the public to resist recreation fees is expressed by U.S. House Rep. Lyle Capps of California: "It's not fair that my constituents must pay extra taxes to hike, picnic or see a sunset in our national forests when big logging companies get subsidies for their activities on these same public lands."

"Motorized recreation is far more profitable than non-motorized," says Pope. The Sierra Club "seems to be a... 'Reliance on user fees and private funding as directed by Fee-Demo would encourage land managers to promote

Rep. Capps is referring to the sad truth that 93 percent of the Forest Service budget goes to subsidize destructive logging, mining and grazing, while all recreation services beg a mere 7 percent of the funds. Recreation fees will presently be used for this corporate welfare while doubling taxer recreation while income taxes already fund recreation

costs. "It does not make economic or environmental sense to charge fees for low-impact recreational activities while subsidizing extractive industries," says the Sierra Club. They believe the solution lies in restoring adequate congressional funding for recreation so the public, not private corporations, will set the rules of forest management.

Euphoria over a \$3 trillion surplus has thrown Congress into a tax-cutting frenzy. The "recreation tax" should suffer a swift demise, but corporate agents in Congress are protecting it as part of their grand scheme of "pay as you play."

Here in Idaho, trails for many seem like a small price to pay for your enjoyment of beloved mountain trails that indeed need maintenance. "It's the right thing to do," entreats the media campaign (paid for by the cost-sharing partnership, with Disney, et al.) The right thing to do calls for you and I to consider the bigger political issues at stake here. Clearly, redirecting subsidies of destructive corporations toward elimination of recreation funding shortfalls is preferable to compensating for public lands into expensive, privately-controlled turn-of-the-century parks.

On Saturday's national day of "Fee-Protest," listen, read, join in, sign an anti-fee petition, write a letter, speak out, take a hike, smell the wildflowers, and let's free the forests of the fee!

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## LETTERS

**Got milk?**  
After reading Bill Chisholm's recent letter and an article concerning Jerome Cheese, I had some thoughts and questions for him.

About "milk not being that good for human beings" — could you please check with the Institutes of Health? They recommend three frosty glasses a day for even us grownup humans. Ever heard of osteoporosis or male calcium statistics (USDA food consumption studies find that only four out of 10 adult men in this country meet current calcium recommendations. And there are even studies which link milk with the ability to lower high blood pressure.

On the day you wrote your letter, were they processing fish feed in Buhl, and did that smell numb your senses so much that you became confused? Were you really thinking of milkweed when you said those bad things about milk?

In the article concerning Jerome Cheese, you said that you were merely speaking on the public's behalf. What public is that, Mr. Chisholm? For one thing, I wouldn't want anyone to speak on my behalf if they make rash statements that are biased, unfounded and uneducated, such as the statement you made about milk. And another thing, I thought the only one who could speak on the public's behalf was an appointed representative of the people. Did I miss something in the last election?

Mr. Chisholm, may I make a suggestion? Go home, sit down, and enjoy a cool, refreshing glass of milk. Work on getting that blood pressure down. Go, yeah, about those rural women hanging out their clothes to dry — you might let them know about that new invention known as automatic clothes dryers.  
CHERYL VEENSTRA  
Wendell

### It's time for politicians to stop buying elections

Nothing in government seems so wrong to me as politicians buying their way into office with huge campaign funds.

**ANDY ROONEY**

and unfavorable to the opponent, is also tampering with the system. It's wrong and it should be stopped.

We've had democracy, freedom and economic well-being in the United States because we passed laws that ensure it. This great life doesn't come naturally. It's the result of our hard work and our selves to produce it. If we didn't have government to keep us going in roughly the right direction, we'd be back with the uncertainty of a wild world where human beings are living the way living comes naturally to unorganized humans with no self-discipline — which is bad.

Senator, Christopher Shays, a Republican, Mary Meehan, a Democrat from Massachusetts, Bill Bradley, a Democrat and Sen. John McCain, a Republican, have all recognized the evil and are trying to do something about it. Last year Shays proposed a campaign reform bill that passed the House but was defeated by Republicans in the Senate. It's coming up again Sept. 13.

We laugh at the British with royalty who inherit their positions but we have practically the same thing. Power is self-perpetuating. Once someone is elected to office in this country, the chances are he or she will be re-elected. Being in office gives politicians the ability to raise more advertising money for themselves than at upstart with no power can hope to raise. It's wrong.

The biggest story about George W. Bush's campaign is how easy it has been for him to raise \$36 million with which to try to buy himself the presidency. We've had democracy, freedom and economic well-being in the United States because we passed laws that ensure it. This great life doesn't come naturally. It's the result of our hard work and our selves to produce it. If we didn't have government to keep us going in roughly the right direction, we'd be back with the uncertainty of a wild world where human beings are living the way living comes naturally to unorganized humans with no self-discipline — which is bad.

Even these proposed reforms aren't much. It isn't as if they prohibit all campaign gift-giving, as they should. They're about as strong as the proposed gun-control laws that would limit the number of guns a person can buy to one a month. It surprises me that none of this money-raising scandals seem to have any negative impact on the candidates who raise so much of it. The public doesn't seem to give a damn. They don't know or care who votes against campaign reform. Sometimes it seems as if voters are either so dumb or so ill-informed that we're lucky democracy works at all.

In last year's elections, 401 members of the House of Representatives ran for reelection and just six of those 401 lost. The other 395 kept their jobs. Something's wrong. They weren't that good. Republicans complain that Democrats will still be able to get campaign money from unions while Republicans will be inhibited from getting it from Big Business. I'm not familiar enough with the details of Shays' bill to know, but if that's true, that is wrong. The single most callous act of buying favors is something that will make sure that whoever wins many individuals and corporations routinely do. It should be illegal. They give huge amounts of money to both candidates to make sure that whoever wins will be in their debt. It's like betting on all the horses in a race so you won't lose.

It is so evident that we are the power a politician has is wrong that I am at a loss to understand why we haven't stopped the practice. There are some good, honest politicians working on it. My Connecticut

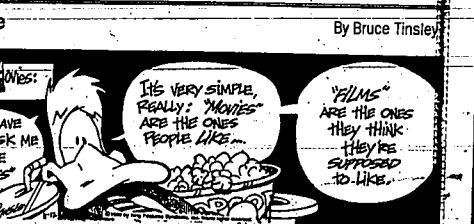
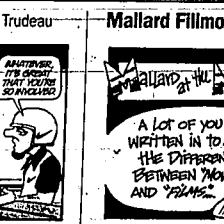
Democracy does seem to work though, and it's dangerous to tamper with it. When a person runs for office, influences votes with money, that's tampering. For a candidate to have enough money to inundate our whole population with information favorable to himself or herself,

Our election practices are a disgrace. Too often they produce politicians who aren't good enough because they have won their power not with intelligence but with money.  
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# George W. needs to sober up

**F**ortunately for George W. Bush, the first issue of Talk magazine featured Hillary Clinton blaming her husband's glandular life on his grandmother. The resulting hilarity distracted attention from Tucker Carlson's profile of Bush in the same issue.



GEORGE WILL

not in front of the children, meaning the press.

The most disquieting aspect of Carlson's report of Bush's language is not what it says about Bush's ability to dignify politics after Clinton's squalor. Rather, it is that Bush may have been showing off for Carlson, during to be naughty. He may be proving his independence, which Carlson likes, but it is independence from standards of public taste — not the sort of independence many voters will be seeking in a successor to Clinton.

Carlson reports asking Bush whether he met with any persons who came to Texas to protest the execution of the murderer Karlo Faye Tucker. Bush said no, adding "I watched (Larry King's) interview with (Tucker), though. He asked her real difficult questions, like 'What would you say to Governor Bush?'" Carlson asked, "What was her answer?" and writes:

"Please," Bush whimpers, his lips pursed in mock desperation, "don't kill me."

Hughes, who says Bush's decision not to commute Tucker's sentence was "very difficult and very

emotional," says Carlson's report is "a total misread" of Bush. Carlson, who describes Bush as "smirking," says: "I took it down as he said it."

Nothing remotely resembling the King-Tucker exchange that Bush describes appears in the transcript of King's hour-long Jan. 14, 1998, program. And it is difficult to imagine anything Bush said that Carlson may have "misread" — that could do Bush credit.

Again, what is troubling to Republicans who have plighted their troth to this man is not that they think he is a course or cruel man. Rather it is that Carlson's profile suggests an atmosphere of adolescence, a lack of gravitas — a carelessness, even a recklessness, perhaps born of things having gone a bit too easily so far. Bush has recently referred to Greeks as "Grecians," Kosovans as "Kosovians," East Timorese as "East Timorians," conservatism as "conservativism" and confused Slovenia with Slovakia. Such slips are understandable; none is a flogging offense. However, having committed them, Bush should take care not to exacerbate the suspicion that he has a serious, sense deficit. When he was asked by Carlson to name something he isn't good at, he should not have said, "Sitting down and reading a 500-page book on public policy or philosophy or something."

Bush told James Barnes of the National Journal, "I'm a decisive person" who doesn't "read treatises," and he told Carlson, "I'm



not interested in process. I want the results. If the process doesn't yield the right results, change the process." All very brusque and hearty.

But process, also known as constitutionalism and the rule of law, has its charms, especially after the Clintons' deprivations. And Bush should not advertise any allergy to serious things. A critical mass of lightness in a candi-

date causes the public mind to snap closed, with the judgment, "Not ready for prime time."

"You get the sense," Carlson writes, "that if Bush had chosen his own campaign slogan he would have printed bumper stickers that read **GEORGE W. BUSH: SO SECURE, HE DOESN'T CARE WHAT YOU THINK OF HIM!**" But Jefferson, who knew something about declaring inde-

pendence, recommended a "decent respect" for opinion. Bush is taking a political party along on his ride. He and it will care if on Nov. 7, 2000, people think of Gore or Bradley as an unexciting but serious professor and of him as an amiable fraternity boy, but a boy.

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## LETTER

### Symbol of the soldiers

Not long ago, the Klan and American Nazi exhibited their hate in northern Idaho.

With it, they waved the Confederate battle flag (The Southern Cross) as a symbol of their socialist ideals. Boosted by the mindless media machine, their actions led the ongoing lie that The Southern Cross symbolizes slavery and oppression, and the flag ideologically stands beside the swastika.

Nothing is more distant from the truth. An avowed southern soldier would never have stood beside a "jack-booted thug."

The American Civil War, more correctly, The War for Southern Independence, was begun by politicians for their own reasons, but, as usual, fought by ordinary citizens.

The Southern Cross was, and still is, a battle flag, and remains a symbol against government excesses.

It never symbolized a national or international agenda.

The Southern Cross was the soldier's flag. Thus we must understand the mind of the ordinary soldier to grasp its meaning.

Contrary to the propaganda, persons other than white did serve in the Confederate military.

The entire Cherokee Nation and their Indian allies fought for the South. Gen. Stand Watie was Cherokee and led a

brigade of southern cavalry.

Many Mexican American and Mexican nationals served heroically in Texas regiments, and it is estimated that nearly one-third of Gen. Jackson's brigade were persons of color, blacks included.

The basic Confederate soldier had powerful ties to family and community, and regardless of their society's defects, they were not two-faced in their attitudes and values.

They were honest, straightforward, hard-working, rural people who wore their attitudes, ambitions and emotions on their sleeves.

As for the Stars and Stripes, it has become a symbol of a self-serving bureaucracy, excessive taxation and money grabbing by a system of continuously escalating fees.

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**Eclipse draws huge crowds and wonder**

NOYON, France (AP) — Crowds butted in traffic jammed roads and people marveled the moment began to reach 90 million miles with their camera flashes. But when their solar system peeked out the lights for showtime, eclipses from Europe and other distant lands broke into cheers.

"Exciting, really exciting," Mitsuhiro Nakano, 73, said as he walked away smiling after flying from Japan to stand in a muddy field to watch glimpses of moon making sun observed by billions in gray thunderheads over northern France.

Her friend Kazuma Whisnau, 64, had up \$12,000 worth of telescopic gear and talked about trying again in Madagascar in mid-2001.

"Sure we're disappointed," a Dutch truck driver named Casper Paulmans said, after riding all night to Noyon for a glimpse of a total eclipse, instead of staying home where a party of 25 percent of the sun disappeared. Still, she added, "I wouldn't have missed this."

Weather was even worse over Land's End, England, where not only the eclipse but also most of the expected million spectators failed to appear. In Germany, motorists raced down the autobahn — mostly in vain — to secure bad weather.

But in Romania skies were blue and clear, and the total eclipse had its longest run there 2 1/2 minutes and 23 seconds. Over Turkey, Iraq and Iraq, the highly prized, but yet overabundant celestial event was unobscured.

Everywhere in its swath, the eclipse turned day to night, plunging temperatures within seconds. The Edison 27 sensor cells foiled, blazed with its own lights.

Millions from the tip of Cornwall to the far reaches of the Indian subcontinent lived separate personal experiences.

While English crowds cracked open beers, priests in remote Indian villages rang temple bells and beat on steel plates to ward off evil.

Across the Islamic crescent, Muslims took shelter in mosques to ask Allah's mercy with special eclipse prayers during back 15 centuries. Many families stayed inside, even covering their windows with blankets.

"We fear that the sun may never come back," said Samir Galabi, a 47-year-old Jordanian merchant on the deserted coast of Amman.

Parisian designer Paco Rabanne also took cover, having invited for months that on Wednesday the Russian MIR space station would fall on France. Instead, a crowd opened champagne at his Left Bank headquarters for a "New Year's party."

Some eclipses went to extreme lengths. The 200 passengers on a special Concord flight from London's Heathrow airport had the longest look, about 15 minutes, racing the moon's shadow as it moved along at 1,500 mph on a banked turn.

But the food was better in France aboard the Orient Express, at \$1,500 a seat, as the old rail run from Paris to Rems, the heart of Champagne.

Noyon, about 50 miles northeast of Paris, was the official headquarters for thousands of professional and amateur astronomers, with special facilities set up by the European Space Agency. Rems, however, went for art and cuisine.

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Ruger 10/22 RB Semi-Automatic	22 LR	\$179 <sup>90</sup>	\$147 <sup>90</sup>
Ruger 772 Semi-Automatic	22 LR	\$419 <sup>90</sup>	\$357 <sup>90</sup>

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Ruger M-77 Bolt Action	7mm	\$359 <sup>90</sup>	\$297 <sup>90</sup>
Ruger #1B Single Shot	30-338	\$499 <sup>90</sup>	\$437 <sup>90</sup>
Ruger M-77 Bolt Action	300	\$349 <sup>90</sup>	\$297 <sup>90</sup>
Weatherby Mark V Synthetic	340	\$699 <sup>90</sup>	\$597 <sup>90</sup>
Marlin Mod 97 Octagon Lever Action	22 LR	\$899 <sup>90</sup>	\$717 <sup>90</sup>

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SPORTS

Jones and company remain in hunt for jackpot

ZURICH, Switzerland (AP) — Marion Jones stretched her winning streak at 200 meters to 21 races by winning the event Wednesday at the Weltklasse meet. The 23-year-old American, the only woman to run under 22 seconds this summer, sped past U.S. champion Inger Miller and was clocked in 22.05 seconds. Miller was timed in 22.19. "As I felt the tailwind on the straight-I was flying home. No problems with the bend," said Jones, the only woman to run under 22 seconds this summer. "I hope I'll do as well in Seville. That's what I'm training for." Jamaica's Beverly McDonald was third in 22.46. Jones has not lost at 200 meters since 1997. The victory kept her in the running for a share of the Golden

League's \$1 million jackpot. The three other athletes in contention also remained in the running with victories. Wilson Kipketer of Denmark won at 800 meters while Kenyan steeplechaser Bernard Barmasai and Romanian 3,000-meter specialist Gabriela Szabo, also came through with victories. The four have to win in the two remaining Golden League meets to receive a share of the prize. Kipketer, forced to produce a second best earlier this summer in order to remain in the chase for the Golden League bonus, won in 1:43.01, beating South Africa's Hezekiel Sepeng by 0.65. For Kipketer, who was fighting malaria just last winter, just being able to race, let alone win, is a victory. "When I had malaria I was

fighting life and death," Kipketer said. "I'm lucky to be running and posting good times." Barmasai barely kept his chances alive, edging fellow Kenyan Christopher Koskei by just .27 seconds. In a women's 3,000 that saw three records fall, Szabo kept her Golden League payday hopes alive with a most-current time of 8:25.03. Zahra Ouazzif of Morocco broke the African record, placing second in 8:26.48. World record holder Maurice Greene of the United States won the last major 100-meter race before the World Championships in Seville, Spain. Fighting a slight headwind, Greene crossed in 9.99 to collect his fifth straight 100-meter victory. "I think it was a good performance with a headwind of .7,"

said Greene. "You can be sure that wind like that means a lot, especially if it was a headwind and not a tailwind." Obadele Thompson of Barbados was second, just .03 back. Canadian Bruyn Sirin finished third, clocking 10.06. World and Olympic silver medalist Frankie Fredericks of Namibia was fourth in 10.09. Missing from the field were Olympic champion Donovan Bailey and 200-meter world champion AJ Boldon, both of whom were injured. In the absence of double Olympic champion Michael Johnson, Jerome Young led an American sweep of the podium in the men's 400, crossing in 44.33 seconds. Antonio Petregru was second in 44.72 while Anshu Manaybani finished third.

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Continued from B1. "There are going to be ups and downs," Treisman said. "Iake is still a young player. We know he was going to be good. We didn't know how soon. At the end of last year, he set a high standard for himself, and there's still room for improvement." Mostly, Plummer needs to learn to do less, Treisman said. "What I would like to see Jake do is try to take some weight off his shoulders and distribute it to some of the other players. We've got good players around him. By doing that, he won't put it all on himself every moment of each game." With the departure of Larry Centers, Lomas Brown and Jamir Miller, Plummer is filling a leadership vacuum. "I think he's a little more poised," said receiver Frank Sanders. "He's still confident. He still has the heart and the fire to want to win, and he wants to make plays. He's definitely shown this team he's in charge."

The \$29.7 million contract he signed last season, including an NFL record \$10 million signing bonus, seems to have had little effect. Plummer is as casual and unassuming as ever. With a fishing hat perched over his head and often a day's growth of beard, he's hardly recognizable as the slouches through the pine trees of the Northern Arizona University campus. On the practice field, though, he is the unmatched star who willingly signs autographs after autographs for fans, many of whom are wearing jerseys that bear his No. 16. He patiently has signed his name day after day for the same young boy who interrupts him outside the dining hall. "Yeah, you've only got 20 of them at home," he said. "You must really cherish them." The coaches just shake their head at Plummer's attitude. "His ability to handle the notoriety and the pressure and still maintain his focus," Treisman said, "it's unbelievable."

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# YOURSPORTS

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## Pentathlete takes Pan Am silver

The Times-News

WINNIPEG, Manitoba — Army Specialist IV Brett Weatherbie rode, ran, swam, shot and fenced his way to a silver medal at the recently concluded 1999 Pan American Games in Canada, marking the first international triumph for the son of Twin Falls residents Judith and Niel Weatherbie.

The modern pentathlon is fashioned as a five-sport competition in the vein of the traditional ancient Greek pentathlon. Re-introduced at the Modern Olympics at the Fifth Olympiad in Stockholm, Sweden, the event consists of pistol shooting, fencing, swimming, horse riding and running.

Athletes shoot a .177 caliber air pistol at a target 10 meters away, fence another competitor, swim a 200-meter freestyle race, perform jumps on a show horse they've never ridden (with little time to get acquainted) and run a 3000-meter road race.

The five sports of the modern pentathlon are said to represent the romantic adventures of a liaison officer whose horse is brought down in enemy territory. After defending himself with pistol and sword, he swims a raging river and finally delivers his message on foot.

The son of a 30-year Air Force veteran who graduated from Twin Falls High School in 1958, Weatherbie, 26, was born in Alaska but attended and graduated from high school in San Antonio, Texas.

He later swam distance events competitively at both the University of Texas and Auburn University, where he earned his degree in Psychology.

Today he's stationed at Fort Carson in Colorado Springs, Colo., and resides in nearby Manitou Springs with his wife Natalia Bruni Weatherbie and their four-year-old daughter, Olivia Flora.

Through the end of the month, however, Weatherbie will be in Europe competing in the military World Games in Croatia and Warsaw, Poland. The Army has selected him for its World Class



Courtesy photo

Air Force Specialist IV Brett Weatherbie, whose parents recently retired in Twin Falls, earned a silver medal in the modern pentathlon at the recently concluded Pan American Games in Canada.

Athlete Program, meaning he'll continue competing in hopes of qualifying for the Olympics. "We're pretty excited about what he's accomplished," said Judith Weatherbie.

## It's time to think about bowling

Some of the local leagues have set meeting dates to get organized and start bowling the 1999-2000 season.

Let's start with the Senior Leagues: All-bowl-the-Magic Valley Seniors tournament at 7 p.m. Aug. 18 at the Bowldrome. In addition, Fifty Plus at the Magic Bowl starts on Aug. 19, and the Friday P.M. Seniors at the Bowldrome will roll out their first ball on Aug. 20.

Ladies Leagues with meeting dates set at the Bowldrome are: Tues. A.M. Trio, Aug. 17; Latecomers, Aug. 23; Magic City, Aug. 26; and the Pioneer League at the Magic Bowl will start Sept. 7.

On the men's side, the Magic Bowl Church League goes for it on Aug. 30, the Bowldrome Moose League will meet on Aug. 20 and the Consolidated gets together Aug. 17.

Mixed League dates at the Magic Bowl are Thursday, Aug. 26 and Friday, Aug. 27. The Saturday Lovin' Doubles meets on Aug. 28.

The Pintippers will meet on Aug. 23 and the Sh-Bloom will meet on Aug. 30. Both are at the Bowldrome.

Call your local bowling center and be referred to the league of your choice.

In other bowling news: \* Ann Dean and Gretchen Black were two of our local bowlers who traveled at the National WIBC Championship Tournament.

Dean bowled a 572 series, placing 293th out of 10,433 entries in Division I Singles. She earned a check for \$63 from a total prize fund of \$88,672.



junior bowlers and instruct others who desired to become coaches.

**LET'S GO BOWLING**  
**Thelma Tucker**

Singles, placing 293rd out of 17,516 entries. She received \$62.40 from the total prize fund of \$148,886.

The YABA Junior Leagues will allow school to get started and county fair to end before they begin.

At Jerome Bowl, the after-school leagues start at 3:30 p.m. on Sept. 13, and run Monday, Tuesday and Thursday. The Saturday League starts at 10 a.m., with Sept. 11 designated as their sign-up day.

Any junior bowler signing up on that day will receive a free game of bowling.

Dates are also set for the Bowldrome Junior Leagues. Sept. 13 at 9:30 a.m. is for all ages. Sept. 13 is for high school. Sept. 15 is for junior high, and Sept. 16 is two leagues — one for ages 9 through 11, and one for 8 and under.

Here again, call your center and get your junior bowlers signed up.

\* Leslie Vanderham of Jerome recently reached a very prestigious level of coaching one realized through a lot of studying, hours spent in class and tests taken.

Level 1 was an eight-hour class, which she completed in 1997 in Twin Falls. In early summer of 1998, she went through another eight hours, and passed the test for Level 2 in Jerome. At that point, she was qualified to coach

In August of 1998, she attended a 16-hour Bronze Certified Coach seminar in Salt Lake City. She passed with flying colors and was the first instructor to instruct and charge a fee for all bowlers with averages up to 165.

This June, Vanderham traveled to Las Vegas and completed the 24-hour course to become a Silver Certified Coach. She's now certified to coach all averages including pro bowlers.

She will be holding clinics and classes at Jerome Bowl and coaching the Jerome High School bowling teams and the area's high school-junior bowlers.

Being a Silver Certified Coach is a terrific accomplishment. Vanderham is one of only 500 in the nation, according to Fred Beghelli, owner of Jerome Bowl. He believes Jerome Bowl is the only center in Idaho to have a Silver Certified Coach.

On top of that, she's qualified to make center lane inspections, which are required for a center to become certified each season, is a director for the Idaho State Mixed Tournament and a delegate for the Idaho State Women's Bowling Association.

And, she helped the Queen's Tournament this year. "It didn't do well," she said, "but I had a really great time."

Congratulations... on your accomplishments, Leslie. You are truly an asset to the bowling world!

Thelma Tucker writes a weekly bowling column for The Times-News. Contact her at 733-4357 or e-mail at [ttucker@mgmclinic.com](mailto:ttucker@mgmclinic.com).

## STARS SHINE IN RUPERT



Courtesy photo

The Rupert Stars, a collection of 12-year-old all-star softball players, took second place at the Rupert All-Star Softball Tournament. Each player was awarded a medal, plaque and team photo. The team was coached by Sandy Johnson and Phillip Warth. Pictured on the left, from bottom to top are: Wendy Meiners, Amber Warth, Jaime Schmitt, Emily Wyszog and Phillip Warth. The three in the middle (bottom to top) are Amy Johnson, Rebecca Roberts and Sarah Schenk. Pictured on right, from bottom to top are Micah Boehler, Laura Bodenstainer, Raquel Roberts, Lindsay Davis, Kendra Joyce and Nancy Johnson.

## Jerome martial arts students earn 14 medals

The Times-News

POCATELLO — Seven students from Jerome Martial Arts Academy earned a total of 14 medals July 17 competing in the First Series Games martial arts tournament.

The Jerome group captured eight gold medals, three silver and three bronze.

Keith Black swept every division he entered, winning first place in the 12- and 14-year weapons division, 11-12 advanced forms division and 11-12 advanced sparring division.

Also scoring big was the wrestling family, Kyle Jessup took first in the 12-and-under musical division and 9-10 advanced forms division, second in 12-and-under weapons and third in 9-10 advanced sparring.



Keith Black

Wayne Jessup

Sergio Mendoza

Jarred Walter

His mother, Robin Jessup, captured top honors in the 18- and over advanced forms division, second in 18-and-over musicals and third in 18-and-over weapons, while Mandie Kyle, Kyle's sister, took third in 7-8 beginning forms in her first tournament.

Other first-timers who fared well included Sergio Mendoza, who captured first place in the 7-8 beginning forms division, and Wayne Thompson, who garnered second in the 11-12 advanced forms division.

Jarred Walter was the final medalist of the Jerome contingent, collecting gold in sparring.

Rounding out the level were Andrew and Jose Lopez and Dylan Bronson.

## YOUR SCORES AND STATS

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MACGRAY WHITEHOB CHALLENGE FINALE RESULTS			
MAGFAT — Results from the MacGray Whitehob Challenge. The winners were the following:			
Men's Over 18: 1. Scott Galt, 2. Scott Galt, 3. Scott Galt, 4. Scott Galt	Men's Under 18: 1. Scott Galt, 2. Scott Galt, 3. Scott Galt, 4. Scott Galt	Women's: 1. Scott Galt, 2. Scott Galt, 3. Scott Galt, 4. Scott Galt	Overall: 1. Scott Galt, 2. Scott Galt, 3. Scott Galt, 4. Scott Galt
<b>SOFTBALL</b> <b>COED SOFTBALL</b>	TWIN FALLS — Coed softball.		
Top 5:	1. ...	2. ...	3. ...
Bottom 5:	1. ...	2. ...	3. ...

Members of the 1999 Rupert Star Soccer Team are: (pictured from left, top row): head swim coach Jerry Andersen, Skyler Kerneker, Jonathan Paul, Morgan Parker, Stephanie Fowler, Matthew Schenk, Jeremy Ricardo, Mikhaila Miyakevora, Kathryn Severson, Jill Cavett, Steven Fowler, Michael Dault and swim team president Marilyn Parker. Middle row, from left: Francis Fowler, Fred Fowler, Isaac Kerneker, Candace Smith, Casey Johnson, Dustin Darlisson, Cody Smith, Stacie Severson, Kassy Johnson, Leslie Johnson, Courtney McBride, Whitney Balles and Julie Knight. Front row, from left: Christopher Burns, Brett Thompson, Blake Thompson, Pete Coats, Logan Anderson, Jaymie Hoyokai, Dakota Anderson, Jennifer Ricardo, Lisa Knight, Ali Coats, Kelli Balles and Jennifer Dailey. Not pictured: Cathy Stude, Tannea Faux and Kelly Smith.

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### AROUND THE VALLEY

#### CSI offers federal job training program

**TWIN FALLS** - The Center for New Directions at the College of Southern Idaho is offering a federal assistance program for adults over 21 who need some short-term vocational training to find employment before June 2000. To qualify for Job Training Partnership Act programs, an individual must be 22 or older and have had a low family income over the past six months. Most people selected also face barriers to employment such as being single heads of households, being homeless, receiving food stamps, lacking high school diplomas or the equivalent, having low math or reading skills, or having disabilities that limit employment. Participants must be willing to commit to counseling with a career counselor. Call the Center for New Directions at 733-9554, Ext. 2680, or 1-800-680-0274, Ext. 2680, for more information.

#### Lecture aims to aid parents find insight

**SUN VALLEY** - To learn more about how to raise resilient children by fostering self-esteem and motivation, the public and educators are invited to a lecture by Bob Brooks, a faculty member of the Harvard Medical School.

Brooks, an internationally known lecturer on motivation, resilience, self-esteem, family relationships and qualities of effective leaders and executives, will present this lecture at 5 p.m. on Aug. 16 at the Community School auditorium. Brooks will explain the importance of empathy in understanding children and provide insight on factors that help children overcome adversity and become resilient.

Sponsored by the Lee David Pesky Center for Learning Enrichment of Boise, Brooks will also share specific strategies that parents, teachers and professionals can use to foster self-esteem, motivation, self-discipline, responsibility, caring, hope and resilience in children.

Brooks is the author of *The Self-Esteem Teacher* and a video and educational guide for public television.

The presentation will be \$25 for the general public and \$12.50 for educators, with proceeds benefiting the Pesky Center. Tickets are available from Chapter One - bookstore-in-Riverton or 733-9554. For further information call 333-0008, Ext. 100.

#### Chamber holds annual picnic and auction

**TWIN FALLS** - The Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce will hold its 6th Annual Hot August Nite Picnic and Auction at 5 p.m. today in City Park.

Highlights include a raffle for a \$20,000 car and various auction packages. The car raffle tickets cost \$20 each, and auction is \$10. Here's a schedule:

- 5 to 7 p.m. - picnic buffet dinner; auction packages on display.
  - 7 to 8:30 p.m. - live auction.
  - 8:30 to 9 p.m. - silent auction in half-hour segments.
  - 9 to 9:30 p.m. - raffles held in fish-bowl drawings, in half-hour segments.
  - 9 to 9:30 p.m. - drawing for 1999 car.
- For more information, call 733-3974.

#### Semi suspected in hit-and-run on I-84

**WENDELL** - Idaho State Police were investigating a hit-and-run crash on Interstate 84 involving a tractor-trailer and a car. The crash occurred around 6 p.m. at milepost 159, which is about two miles east of the Wendell/Gooding exit, the ISP said.

The tractor-trailer was stopped later, and police were questioning the driver, the ISP said.

The people in the car were hospitalized, but their names and conditions were not immediately available, the ISP said.

Compiled from staff reports

### IT'S RAINING, IT'S POURING



BOB BROWN/THE TIMES-NEWS



BRUCE BRADY/THE TIMES-NEWS

Above, Karl Small, 5, delights in the pouring rain Wednesday on 6th Avenue North in Twin Falls. The National Weather Service recorded .44 inches of precipitation that fell from a storm in just over an hour's time in the Twin Falls area, causing streets and intersections to flood from the sudden rash of water.

Left, Richard Tucker climbs out the window of a flooded truck stuck in a pool of water under the railroad overpass on Eastland Drive South. After the motor stalled Wednesday, Tucker and the driver of the truck, Dan Phillips, were stuck for about 15 minutes with water rising over the seats in the truck.

## Gas giant stays for now

By Gina Mulder  
Times-News correspondent

**HAGERMAN** - Hagerman School Board members sat mute as fire district leaders and a handful of worried parents said Tuesday they wanted the district's 14,000-gallon propane tank replaced with smaller tanks.

School district leaders refused to answer any questions or make any decision until they could digest all the information and explore all options. A decision will be made at Tuesday's school board meeting.

"I was hoping for a decision tonight, but I'm not surprised we didn't get one," Hagerman Fire Commissioner Marc Bolduc said. "We still want this resolved before school starts on August 23."

The tank, which arrived blue but had to be repainted white because it got too hot in the sun, raised concern in July when it started venting gas after a stretch of 100-degree days.

Bolduc presented the board with two reports that said the 44-year-old tank violates several uniform fire safety codes. Based on the reports - one from the

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## Knivel Memories

### Amid the hype, a home is found

**TWIN FALLS** - When Grace Coassolo watched Evel Knievel's attempt to jump the Snake River Canyon in 1974, she noticed more than just the glitz and glamour of that decade's greatest daredevil.

She was watching the jump on television from her home in Phoenix. It was her son's ninth birthday.

The family had never been to southern Idaho. And as the cameras panned over the late-summer, sagebrush-covered desert, the Coassolos didn't think they ever would want to come.

"I remember thinking, 'I thought Idaho was green and gorgeous. That looks like the most Godforsaken country I've ever seen.'"

A few years later, in 1978, the Coassolos took a trip north and fell in love with southern Idaho. Not much later, they moved here.

Now, Grace Coassolo can see Knievel's dirt launch pad from her sagebrush-surrounded front yard.

"It's God's country for sure," she said. "But you sure couldn't tell that from the TV."

### Remembering the big jump

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

### 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 "Arny Weibull - good and bad."

If you have a story to tell, or if you know someone who does, call Times-News writer Gregg Hahn at 733-0931. Ext. 234 or send email to gha@magvalley.com.

## Cops dig up major pot den

### Marijuana was grown inside packing plant, sheriff says

By Michael Journe  
Times-News writer

**BURLEY** - Thanks to some speed boat jerky, police uncovered a large marijuana operation in Burley on Wednesday.

Officers from the U.S. Department of Agriculture, the Idaho State Police and the Cassia County Sheriff's Department searched the End of the Road packing plant in Burley looking for evidence that game animal meat was being used illegally in the plant's products. They got more than they bargained for.

Between 500 and 750 marijuana plants and two kilograms of packaged marijuana were found in two different buildings at the plant, Cassia County Sheriff Billy Crystal said. Investigators called it one of the most professionally organized commercial pot-growing operations they had seen in the area.

"It certainly ain't no home-grown jobby," said Lt. Alan Smith.

End of the Road's owner and operator Jason Sowers, 21, was arrested on the scene without incident. He is being charged with manufacturing with intent to sell marijuana and with failure to buy a tax stamp.

Gary Hompland, the regional conservation officer for the Idaho Fish and Game Department, said the investigation began when USDA inspectors became suspicious of the ingredients used in beef jerky that one of their officers bought from a roadside vendor in Spokane, Wash. Analysis revealed that animals in the deer family had been illegally used in the jerky, Hompland said.

Officers tracked the jerky to the End of the Road packing plant. The original search warrant returned records of the jerky's sale and records pointing to who

may have brought the game meat to the packing plant, Hompland said.

After discovering the marijuana, officers obtained another warrant to search the entire premises for more evidence of the drug operation. They are trying to get another warrant to search property that Jason Sowers owns in Paul, Crystal said.

More arrests may follow, Crystal said.

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## Assault charges dropped; defendant deported

By Barb Newwert  
Times-News correspondent

**HAILEY** - Felony aggravated assault charges have been dropped against an 18-year-old Blaine County man who prosecutors say pulled a knife on a juvenile and threatened him at Wood River High School.

The Blaine County prosecutor's office has yet to decide whether misdemeanor assault charges will be filed. However, the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service plans to deport the defendant, Jose L. Dominguez, a Mexican citizen who is in America illegally.

Fifth District Magistrate Judge Robert Elgee ruled Tuesday that probable cause did

not exist for a charge of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon - a felony, as opposed to a misdemeanor aggravated assault charge.

Disatisfied with the ruling, the Blaine County prosecutor's office filed a motion for reconsideration.

Elgee initially ruled in a hearing on Aug. 2 that Dominguez's verbal threat and display of an open 10-inch butterfly knife toward 15-year-old freshman John Casey was not sufficient to warrant the felony charge.

Court records say the charges arose after Casey left his summer school math class July 7 in the annex building of WRHS. As he left to leave through the hallway, Casey was met by a 16-year-

old wielding a baseball bat. As Casey turned to exit another doorway, he was approached by Dominguez.

Casey testified that he stood five feet away from Dominguez who then withdrew the butterfly knife from his pocket and opened it, shaking and waving it menacingly in a threatening manner at his side. Dominguez said, "Come on fool, let's go outside, I didn't come here for nothing."

Dominguez then folded the knife and returned it to his pocket as the two took steps to go outside to fight.

A teacher stopped the confrontation. Blaine County Prosecutor Doug Werth said he filed the

motion because he was troubled by some of Elgee's comments at the preliminary hearing. He said Elgee had explained the defendant should be given some credit for putting the knife away and not advancing on the unarmed victim.

"Casey was afraid; he thought Dominguez would cut him with the knife," Werth said. "This is not a simple misdemeanor."

In an interview after Tuesday's court hearing, Elgee said that the law is ambiguous and it is up to the court to distinguish the fine line between a misdemeanor assault and a felony one.

A felony can be charged if an unlawful threat is coupled by the

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MAGIC VALLEY/IDAHO

Developer shares plans with Kimberly council

By Margaret Jones Times-Herald Correspondent

KIMBERLY - The City Council heard plans this week for a 20-acre subdivision north of town. Roy Carroll, who identified himself as an engineer representing the developer, said the subdivision would feature one-acre, non-animal lots along a winding street, near the US Church building. He said each lot would have its own well and septic system and would have irrigation rights.

ber with two consecutive unexcused absences from meetings would be considered a resigned member. McKinlay said this would eliminate the problem of members quitting without notifying the board.

A maintenance supervisor Rob Wright reported the chip sealing of the streets is now complete and he expected crews to overlay curbs within the next two weeks.

Fire Chief Burl Duncan said the Kimberly Fire Department had answered two fire alarms in July, as well as one brush fire and one false alarm. The Rock Creek Rural Fire Protection District had seven brush fires, one mutual aid call to the Salmon tract for a structure fire, one transformer fire and one fire investigation.

Coalition threatens lawsuit over mascot

SALMON (AP) - A national coalition has threatened to sue the Salmon School District if officials do not drop the Salmon Savages name and Indian mascot from the high school. "I don't believe there's a judge in the country that wouldn't find this logo offensive and disparaging to native people," said Cyd Crue, the coordinator for the National Coalition on Racism in Sports and Media.

"We're moving here, and it's extremely offensive to my family," she said. Following a meeting on Monday with the school board, the group has limited its focus to only the mascot.

Salmon is one of more than a dozen Idaho high schools that use Indian imagery for their mascots and names. In addition, Orofino athletes call themselves "The Maniaks" although a state mental facility is located in that community.

Crue said more than 1,000 schools have dropped their Indian team names in the past 10 years.

She advised Salmon District Superintendent Candis Donich by letter last month that she would take legal action in 45 days if the board had not made substantial progress toward elimination of the mascot.

But Chairman Steve Lish said it was unrealistic, if not impossible, for the district to address the issue before students return to school later this month.

"This isn't something you go to the board with and five people are going to make a hasty decision, then take action just like this," Lish said. "This is something the whole school and community is going to be involved in."

Crue lives and teaches in Urbana, Ill., but recently bought property in Lemhi County. She and her 12-year-old adopted son, a Shoshone-Bannock, have spent the last two years living in Fort Hall. Crue said her son may come day to school in Salmon, and she does not want him to be degraded by negative, stereotypical imagery.

Tribes may make attempt to acquire dog track

POST FALLS (AP) - The Coeur d'Alene Indian Tribe has a new ally in its efforts to buy the Coeur d'Alene Greyhound Park and several hundred acres close to it. Jim Farley, a boxing promoter who has committed to organizing a local position, said, said he met with tribal officials recently and was told they are still interested in buying the track.

The track for its casino gaming and horse racing, also wants nearly 400 acres on the north side of a freeway for an events center that could host the tribe's concerts and possibly boxing matches.

It is the tribe's third attempt to purchase the dog track for a tribal casino, and the first time the tribe has seriously pursued an events center in Post Falls.

The tribe's last attempts to purchase the park were in 1997 and 1998. Most recently, former Gov. Phil Batt refused to allow the tribe to conduct gaming at that location, saying he could not support a gaming expansion in the state.

Prior to that, the Post Falls City Council was concerned with the tribe's plan to build a casino in town.

Potential air-quality change could reduce highway funds

BOISE (AP) - Idaho's congressional members are urging the Environmental Protection Agency to resist a lawsuit and stick with a decision that air quality in the Treasure Valley has improved.

If the agency backs down from a March decision on the area's air quality, Ada County could lose \$25 million in construction funding. In a joint letter, Sens. Larry Craig and Mike Crapo and Reps. Helen Chenoweth and Mike Simpson urged Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Carol Browner to vigorously fight a lawsuit calling on the agency to reverse its March decision.

The four are demanding a briefing from the agency before any action is taken on changing the region's air-quality status.

In March, Browner took Ada County off the list of areas that violate clean-air rules for particulate pollution, such as soot and dust. The particles, up to 10 microns in width, are a by-product of construction.

Areas that violate the clean-air rules have a more difficult time receiving federal highway funding.

While the agency stopped short of upgrading Ada County meet the clean-air standard, the change increased the area's ability to receive federal road funds, the Ada Planning Association said.

Browner's decision was based partly on a plan for the Treasure Valley to meet tougher air standards in 2003 for particulate pollution even smaller than 10 microns. But those new standards since have been struck down by an Eighth Circuit federal court ruling, ending a legal contention.

The March reclassification allowed state and local transportation officials to move ahead with a number of road projects without having to prove they would meet objectives of the federal Clean Air Act.

The Idaho senators and congressmen said in their letter that they are concerned that the agency is considering backing down without a fight in court. In the letter, the delegation accuses the Environmental Protection Agency of moving to declare Ada County an air pollution violator.

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IDAHO FALLS (AP) - Scientists at the Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory have been recognized by R&D Magazine for their inventions.

The inventions, which include a valve that could eliminate the dripping in a bathtub for years and a new way to make clothes last longer, were named Tuesday to the 100 most promising new technologies.

The awards are given out each year by R&D Magazine to private companies, national labs and universities worldwide.

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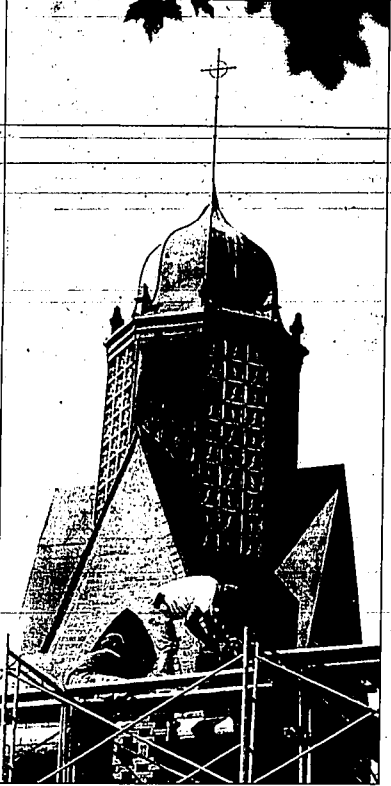
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# A LITTLE CLOSER TO GOD — Idaho lawmaker cited for poaching elk



COEUR D'ALENE (AP) — A northern Idaho legislator has turned himself in for killing too many elk last hunting season — nine months after the fact.

As a result, the Idaho Department of Fish and Game cited Republican Rep. Jeff Alltus of Hayden for possession of an illegally killed elk. The violation, to which Alltus said he would plead guilty, carries maximum penalties of \$1,050.

Alltus said he contacted Fish and Game two weeks ago to see whether he broke the law by shooting two bull elk last season and putting his son's elk tag on one of them. He contacted authorities only after an acquaintance called and said, "Kind of in a threatening manner, I could go to the news in media with this," said Alltus, an



Jeff Alltus

outspoken conservative.

However, Alltus said that was not the only reason he contacted Greg Tourlotte, Fish and Game's regional supervisor. "I went in to say, 'Here I am, here's my tag,'" he said.

Did I break the law? Tourlotte said because Alltus killed a second large bull without butchering to get out of his tree stand and check on the first one he had shot, another hunter was deprived of the chance to take a trophy elk.

The incident occurred in October near the St. Joe River.

"After discovering he had killed an elk he initially thought his shots had missed, Alltus said he considered 'making the six-hour round trip to a telephone to notify authorities. But since it was a Sunday he concluded he would be unable to reach any Fish and Game officials, and because it was warm he feared the meat would spoil by the time he returned."

Alltus said he put his son's tag on one of the elk, then the group gutted and quartered the animals and packed them out. The next day Alltus said he called an acquaintance with Fish and Game in Boise for advice. That person told him, not to worry about it, said the lawmaker who once cited harvesting his game as a way low-income residents could stretch

meager incomes.

"If that guy had said, 'You have to understand, Jeff, you're breaking two or three laws,' my next phone call would have been to the Coeur d'Alene Fish and Game office," said Alltus, who is an insurance agent.

Tourlotte said several laws were broken, including failure to report the incident at the time, tagging an elk with another hunter's license and asking another hunter to give up his tag for an animal he did not kill.

Alltus also provided false information to Fish and Game on final hunt report forms at the agency's office, Tourlotte said. Then Alltus entered the antlers in a local sporting goods store's big game contest, and he ate some of the meat.

## Dems will control fate of wage hike, Crapo says

BOISE (AP) — Narrow congressional majorities have left the fate of a minimum wage increase in the hands of minority Democrats should they wish to exercise that power, U.S. Sen. Michael Crapo believes.

And if history is a teacher, an increase in the federal minimum wage would likely be followed by a matching hike in Idaho's minimum despite business opposition.

The state-federal combination would probably create pay raises for about 50,000 of the state's 600,000 workers, although the bulk of those workers would be affected by the federal increase. Because of the state law's more restrictive reduction in the minimum wage for workers getting tips, like waiters and waitresses, that segment of the economy would be most affected by any increase in the state minimum.

But Crapo said the House Chamber of Commerce on Wednesday that the potential ramifications of raising the existing \$5.15-an-hour minimum wage by a dollar in two years may be giving Democrats second thoughts.

President Clinton called for a minimum wage increase in his State of the Union message and Sen. Edward Kennedy of Massachusetts and Rep. David



Mike Crapo

Bonior — of Michigan have been promoting an increase to \$6.15 an hour. Democrats, looking to reclaim control of the House and retain control of the White House, want to take the issue

into the 2000 election campaign if no increase is approved.

Crapo predicted that Democrats, needing only a half dozen GOP votes in either House to win, could begin building a record by forcing votes on the issue that could eventually influence Republicans in swing districts or states who may be facing tough re-election campaigns.

"Ultimately," Crapo said, "the pressure builds and they will get the bill through with such narrow margins."

Even House Republican Floor Leader Dick Armey, a former economics professor who vehemently opposes any wage minimum, conceded that Congress may have to act on a minimum wage increase even if it is what he called the wrong thing to do.

## School Board rejects parents' claim

NAMPA (AP) — The Nampa School Board has rejected a \$1 million claim filed by the parents of a Snake River Elementary student accused of harassing classmates.

The claim stems from an incident in December when three girls said an 8-year-old boy sexually harassed them by putting his hand down their pants.

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# Researcher: Blame weather on the Pacific

## Ocean creates nation's unusual conditions

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The nation's weather is unusual because of what's known as the El Niño phenomenon, a tropical oceanic phenomenon that's been occurring since the tropical El Niño and its deadly storms may be to blame.

In the most recent Pacific phenomenon, a temperature anomaly in the northern ocean might be driving this summer's bizarre weather, said Bill Patzert, an oceanographer at NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena, Calif.

Normally warm ocean temperatures off Asia and abnormally cool water off South America is showing the jet stream farther north, he said Tuesday. That keeps the West Coast cool and prevents air masses from bumping into each other.

And that means no thunderstorms or other rain. But the latest interpretation based on sea temperature data does not tell the whole story, said Robert Livezey, senior research meteorologist for the National Climate Prediction Center in suburban Washington, D.C.

"Obviously the North Pacific is playing a role, but how big a role it is, especially in the summer — we don't know," Livezey said. "It's an open question."

The latest phenomenon, observed by the U.S.-French Tropical Ocean Global Drifter Program in 1997, is El Niño, a pool of cool water along the equator. La Niña developed after the 1997-1998 El Niño, a pool of unusually warm water along the equator.

The Pacific, which covers 45



A combination of two images taken by the TOPEX/POSEIDON satellite reveals changing weather patterns from November 19, 1997, left, and July 27, 1999. Red and white areas indicate a large mass of warm water while the purple and blue represent lower sea levels and cooler temperatures.

percent of the Earth, fuels the weather across North America as water and wind mix along its vast surface. The complex interaction affects not only ocean temperatures but also air moisture and storm paths over the continent.

"The ocean and the atmosphere are in many ways one system," said Larry Riddle, a climatologist at the Scripps Institution of Oceanography in San Diego. "If anything happens in one, it's going to affect the other."

But the North Pacific's effects on North America are not as well known as what happens during El Niño and La Niña events on the equator, Livezey said.

"You're looking at one aspect of the ocean, and it's an incomplete picture," he said. "In a really unambiguous way, it's going on, you have to look at everything."

Patzert and his colleagues used Topex/Poseidon's readings of the ocean's height from to calculate the ocean's temperature. JPL has

been regularly releasing the satellite's images showing ocean height since March 1997.

During the El Niño winter of 1997 and 1998, the equatorial Pacific was unusually warm and sucked the jet stream — and storms — southward, Patzert said. California and the Southern tier states were pummeled.

"Now we have a flip-flop situation where the Eastern Pacific is very cool," he said. "When the jet stream is farther north — north of the Great Lakes — it robs the Mid-Atlantic, Midwest and the Southeast of its normal rainfall."

So far this summer, average temperatures have been several degrees cooler than normal in the West. Overcast skies have blocked the sun from Southern California beaches more often than usual.

In the East and Midwest, a heat

wave has been blamed for dozens of deaths in 18 states. Crops are withering and forest fires erupting as a drought persists.

Patzert used the satellite measurements four months ago to predict an unusually cool summer on the West Coast dominated by "June Gloom" that persists into the fall. So far, his forecast has been accurate.

The pattern is not expected to change for several weeks. That could mean an unusually strong Atlantic hurricane season, he said.

"The jet stream is what knocks the tops off hurricanes, so the same thing that brought us the drought, if it holds, will encourage a big hurricane season," he said.

"All the things are in place, but whether Nature could always foil me."

# Red planet plays visual tricks; NASA spots tree-like shapes

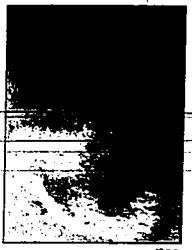
WASHINGTON (AP) — The planet Mars is an infamous deceiver. Early astronomers thought they saw canals crisscrossing the red planet, and now a NASA spacecraft has snapped pictures of dark shapes that at first glance look like trees sprouting from the frozen north pole.

But what appears to be rolling hills covered with vegetation probably are sand dunes topped with melting frost, scientists said of the new images from the Mars Global Surveyor.

"You may look at this and say, as I did I, 'Gee, those look like trees and plants,'" Mike Malin, the scientist responsible for the spacecraft's camera, said Tuesday.

"Since this whole area is at about minus 130 degrees Celsius, these are clearly not plants growing up out of the frost, but something else is happening," Malin said.

The latest images from the \$250 million Surveyor, which has been mapping the planet since March, also include images of a storm that developed June 30



This photograph shows a storm developing over the north polar region of Mars. The white area near the bottom is the polar ice cap.

over the north polar region. The new images offer an interplanetary weather report of swirling clouds, dust devils as tall as mountains and sand dunes blown into intricate patterns.

# Scientists expect busier than normal hurricane season

WASHINGTON (AP) — People shouldn't be fooled by this year's slow start to hurricane season, government scientists say. With the peak period about to begin, meteorologists are predicting more storms than usual.

Scientists say three or more intense Atlantic storms are possible, and residents living along the East and Gulf coasts should remain prepared.

Last year's hurricane season produced 14 tropical systems, including three major hurricanes.

In a typical season, the United States experiences five to six hurricanes, two of which are severe and an average of 1.5 storms make landfall.

"Just because we haven't seen a hurricane yet this year, don't get fooled into thinking that this will be a light season," said Gerald Bell, a research meteorologist at National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's Climate Prediction Center.

Hurricane season officially runs from June 1 to Nov. 30, but tropical storms usually start to pop up until mid-August. The peak period runs from mid-August to mid-October.

The season is expected to be busy due to unusual conditions globally that contribute to hurricanes, said CPC meteorologist Vernon Kousky.

Among those conditions are a low wind shear across the tropical Atlantic and below-average air pressure across the tropical Atlantic Ocean and Caribbean Sea.

"The odds are tilted in the favor of more storms than normal," said Kousky.

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# Jewish center attack suspect described as an edgy loner

**METALINE FALLS, Wash. (AP)**—The man who turned himself in Wednesday in the shooting of five people at a Jewish Community Center in Los Angeles has a painfully familiar history: a low-profile loner with racist leanings and a nasty temper.

Those who remember Buford O'Neal Furrow Jr. paint a picture of a loner, bespectacled overweight boy teased by his classmates. Later, he got involved with neo-Nazi groups near his Eastern Washington town and had an extended relationship with the widow of a hate-group founder killed in a shootout with police.

"After the relationship ended last year, Furrow tried to commit himself to a private mental hospital in Western Washington, telling the staff at Fairfax Psychiatric Hospital "he was thinking about suicide and shooting people at Alderwood Mall" north of Seattle.

"Sometimes I feel like I could just lose it and kill people," Furrow was quoted as saying in charging papers from the King County prosecutor's office.

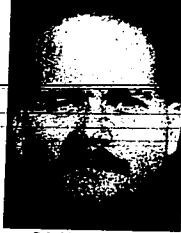
He was charged last Nov. 2 with second-degree assault, accused of attacking a Fairfax nurse with a knife after apparently "changing his mind" about admission and demanding his car keys back. Deputies found a 9mm handgun and ammunition and four knives in the vehicle. He pleaded guilty and served about five months in the county jail before his release May 21.

Furrow, 37, was remembered as a quiet guy by those who had contact with him here and in a rural area at the south end of Puget Sound, where he grew up and reportedly graduated from Timberline High School in 1979.

Former junior-high schoolmate Lori Merrill remembers Furrow was teased about his allergy medication. "He was a loner, a kind of bookish guy — what they'd call a nerd these days. But he was always nice to me," Merrill said Wednesday in an interview near her home in the rural Nisqually River Valley.

"He wasn't somebody that stood out. He was somebody who nobody knew," she said.

He didn't make much of an impression in Metaline Falls, either, though neighbors were aware of his racist beliefs. "He was pleasant and friendly. I never saw any of his violent



Buford O'Neal Furrow, Jr. An angry, racist loner?

side," said rancher Meda VanDyke, 82, who lives just outside this remote timber town of 230 people in the Selkirk Mountain foothills near the Idaho border.

Furrow was linked to the Los Angeles shooting through his van with Washington state plates, which was abandoned near the scene. Inside, investigators found ammunition, bulletproof vests and devices that may be smoke grenades, but no weapons.

Furrow apparently had addresses in Rosamond, Calif., near Los Angeles, in 1993 and 1994, but locals say he lived here for several years with Debbie Mathews, whose husband, Robert J. Mathews, founded the neo-Nazi group The Order, a violent offshoot of the Idaho-based Aryan Nations.

Robert Mathews was killed in 1984 when his hideout caught fire during a shootout with federal agents on Whidbey Island in Puget Sound.

Aryan Nations founder Richard Butler said he believes he married Furrow and Debbie Mathews around 1996, though the union was not recorded with authorities.

In a telephone interview Wednesday from his compound at Hayden Lake, Butler said Furrow may have attended services at his Church of Jesus Christ Christian (Aryan Nations) a few times several years ago, but he did not know him well. Furrow also may have served as a security guard during the group's Aryan World Congress gatherings in the mid-1990s, he said.

Asked what might have motivated Tuesday's shootings, Butler replied: "The war against the white race. There's a war of exter-

mination against the white male." A woman who answered the phone at the number listed for Debbie Mathews hung up on two Associated Press reporters Wednesday. "I don't speak to reporters," she said.

There was no sign of her on her property, which is posted with "No Trespassing" signs. Michael R. Brodks of the Southern Poverty Law Center in Montgomery, Ala., which tracks hate groups and has a file on Furrow, said Furrow's actions are consistent with the beliefs of the so-called Phineas Priesthood, which is opposed to interracial marriage and the charging of interest by banks. That loose-knit group also has been linked to 1996 Spokane-area bombings and bank robberies, and to recent attacks on synagogues in Sacramento, Reynolds said.

Former Aryan Nations member Floyd Cochran said he met Furrow at the group's northern Idaho compound in 1991 and 1992.

"We had basic conversations about Jews running the world," Cochran said in a telephone interview Wednesday from his home in Moshannon, Pa.

Furrow "was not any more violent than other people there," said Cochran, who now lectures in opposition to hate groups. "He had a fascination with guns, but at the Aryan Nations if you didn't have a fascination with guns you might get shot."

He said Furrow also "was fascinated with where did the money from The Order go," adding: "That might explain his fascination with Debbie Mathews."

After Robert Mathews' death, 22 Order members were jailed on racketeering charges, accused in the 1984 murder of Denver radio talk-show host Alan Berg and of robberies that netted more than \$4 million — one-third of which was never recovered.

Cochrane said Furrow also had dated Jeannie Yarbrough, whose husband was among those imprisoned, and that he'd heard Furrow used to dig in Yarbrough's yard, apparently looking for the money.

Furrow left the area some time last year after being laid off from his mechanic job by nearby Colville for lack of work. "I think (Ms. Mathews) dumped him a year or so ago, and I haven't seen him since," the town marshal, Rick Reiber, told The Spokesman-Review newspaper of Spokane.



Parents and relatives wait for news about loved ones near the North Valley Jewish Community Center in Granada Hills, Calif., on Tuesday. A lone gunman attacked the center just before 21 a.m.

## For parents, it was a truly horrible day

**LOS ANGELES (AP)** — For a few brief moments, 4-year-old Gabrielle Fougner's summer day camp became a nightmare.

"I heard booming," said Gabrielle, dressed in blue shorts and a yellow T-shirt, after she was joined by her parents at the North Valley Jewish Community Center. Gabrielle was inside the suburban center when a gunman sprayed the building with bullets, wounding three children, a teenager and an adult.

For her parents, the news was good. She was unharmed. "When we first came in and we saw a bad man came in and was shooting," said Brian Fougner, 39, from Valencia, north of Los Angeles.

"You hear about stuff in the news. Could this happen to me or could this happen to my children? Out here is exact proof, yes it could," he said.

The scene outside the center in the suburban San Fernando Valley was disturbingly familiar: frightened parents huddled nervously behind yellow police tape,

## Many knew nothing of children's condition

waiting to find out if their children survived a gunman's rampage.

Police cars, ambulances and fire trucks invaded the neighborhood's narrow street. More than a dozen helicopters and airplanes from TV stations and law enforcement agencies crisscrossed overhead. Reporters waited across the street.

Good news was shouted from

parent to parent across the neatly cropped yards of the normally quiet, middle-class neighborhood. "He's OK! He's OK!" one mother yelled when she learned the fate of her son.

Karen Macofsky, 41, said she drove to the center in a panic after learning of the shooting. As it turned out, her son Michael, 11, was away, touring the Museum of Tolerance in Los Angeles with other older children when the shots were fired.

"I wanted to cry when I saw him," she said. "But I held back and just hugged him tightly."



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## Towering monolith tempts climbers with an appetite for 'big air'

**I**t's up there, looming over—Hell—Roaring Lake like a sword of Damocles: The Finger of Fate.

A 500-foot-tall granite fang, the Finger has long been a magnet for climbers. It had been pulling at me since I first heard of it, and this year, I vowed to climb it. A good friend, with whom I've climbed and kayaked for years, shared my enthusiasm.

We agreed to camp at the Hell Roaring trailhead Saturday night, then climb the tower on Sunday.

We were up early Sunday morning and on the move by 6:30 a.m. It took 40 minutes to hike two miles to Hell Roaring Lake, where we got our first clear view of the Finger of Fate. There was no mistaking the hulking spear of stone that dominates the slopes about a mile west of the lake. It doesn't jut from a ridge, so the Finger doesn't fire the imagination like other peaks in the Sawtooth Mountains—but it's a formidable chunk of rock.

The approach trail ends at Hell Roaring Lake, at an elevation of 7,407 feet, but the top of the tower is more than 2,300 feet above the lake. It's a long slog to get there, so we gulped down some water and started bush-whacking.

The forest was shady and lush, dotted here and there with mossy slicks fed by icy streams. As we ascended, the trees thinned and the landscape became harsher. A little more than two hours after leaving Hell Roaring Lake, we fetched up at the foot of the Finger.

It was a wild place where the world was reduced to rock, sky and a few patches of snow.

There was nothing left to do but start climbing. We broke out the rope, laced up our climbing shoes and headed up a yawning dihedral formed by two rock faces that converged at a nearly 90-degree angle. It looks a little like an open book, which is what most folk call it.

I led the first pitch, occasionally wedging little metal "nuts" into a crack for protection. I snugged a carabiner through the sling of each nut, then clipped the rope through another carabiner on the sling. Below me, my partner paid out rope as I ascended. It ran smoothly through each "hinge," but my partner could lock up the rope in a heartbeat if I fell. If that happened, I would plunge until the rope came under tension from the highest piece of hardware.

We climbed one at a time, each man protecting the other with the rope. After climbing a full rope's length, the leader would stop and secure his own

self, then belay the other man as he climbed. As he ascended, the second plucked out hardware left behind by the leader. When he arrived at the belay stance, the second collected the rest of the gear from the leader and then pressed on, becoming a leader himself.

In this way, we swung leads up the open book.

My buddy drew the toughest lead of the day on the second pitch. The route was steep and awkward, and the book threatened to spit him out. Near the top, an ominous-looking overhang appeared to bar the way. Laboring like a lumberjack in winter, my pal forged his way up to, and then beyond the overhang. Then he anchored himself at a belay stance and called for me to start climbing.

Comforted by the belay from above, I ascended with more assurance than I had when I was leading. It was less nerve-racking, but it still wasn't easy because the pack which the second man wore was cumbersome in spots where the book necked down.

I plucked out the hardware left by my buddy. But just below the overhang, I couldn't extract the biggest, most expensive piece of gear we had: a No. 4 Camalot, worth about \$80. I worked on it for a few minutes, but my sweat was sliding and the clock kept ticking. In the end, I chose to abandon it and keep going.

In hindsight, it was the right thing to do.



With Hell Roaring Lake shimmering far below him, Boise alpinist Ben Fevert makes his move to the summit of the Finger of Fate.

The difficulty eased on the third pitch, but it was cold with a stiff breeze whistling past ice ledges deep within the dihedral. I could see sunlight on a ledge far above, and I was determined to belay from there, not in the shadows. By the time I reached the ledge, I was literally at the end of my rope.

The view was majestic beyond words. The splendor of the Sawtooths was spread before me, with green forests giving way to vast sweeps of glacially polished granite that tapered into jagged-edged ridges. More than a dozen alpine lakes, breathtakingly blue against the gray and green backdrop, shimmered like sexy sequin dresses.

To the east, Castle Peak and the rest of the White Cloud mountains poked holes in the sky. My pal joined me next, admiring the view, we wolfed down a quick lunch.

When the meal was over, my buddy took the sharp end of the rope and stepped onto an open face with a void of hundreds of feet beneath his shoes. He worked his way up a curving, parallel set of cracks known as the "Ski Tracks," then anchored himself at a belay stance just below the summit block.

I climbed up to him, then pressed on with the final lead. I crawled through a gap beneath the summit block, then worked along a narrowing ledge to the lowest point on the summit block. As smoothly as I could, I stepped up and right, then threw my left leg over the lip.

Suddenly, there was nothing more to climb. I was at 9,760 feet, standing atop one of the Sawtooth's most impressive spires.

I belayed my buddy up to the top, then swapped a few phrases. We shook hands, signed the summit register and marveled at the airy scene that stretched away in all directions.

It was as fine a day of alpinism as I've had in years, but it wasn't over. We still had to descend, then clomp back down to Hell Roaring Lake, then hike another two miles back to the road.

As gingerly as we could, we rappelled from the summit, then made two more rappels before touching down at the base of the tower. The rapps went smoothly, as did the hike out. It was nearly dark by the time we reached the road.

Both of us were beat, but we were brimming. We had finally put the Finger underfoot.



Fevert scrambles for a hold near the top of the first pitch on the Open Book route up the Finger of Fate.



Rappelling from the summit, Fevert begins to descend from 9,760 feet.

Story and photos  
by William Brock



Looking south, the view from the Finger's tip is spellbinding.

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OUTDOORS

Families find ways to get away

Houseboats provide a vacation option to the camping-averse

MADRAS, Ore. (AP) - Telephones don't reach down to the waters of Lake Billy Chinook...

When we're working, it seems like we're busy 24 hours a day. The phone can ring at any time...

The Avgerakis family isn't unusual in an age when people always seem to be on the go...

Until recently, camping-averse families were virtually excluded from overnight use of Oregon's famous state parks...

First came the yurts - circular domed tents with attached awnings and locking doors...

The park system now has more than 200 alternative camping units that can accommodate 1,000 campers a night...

The creme de la creme of the non-traditional camping experiences are the houseboats...

The park's main attraction is Lake Billy Chinook - a scenic desert reservoir...

A private business, Chinook Water Chalets, rents 30 houseboats on the lake.

"It's a great way for us to vacation. We just come here and relax," Lori Avgerakis said.

The style of a houseboat vacation varies with each group. Some like lots of friends helping spread the cost and partying until the wee hours...

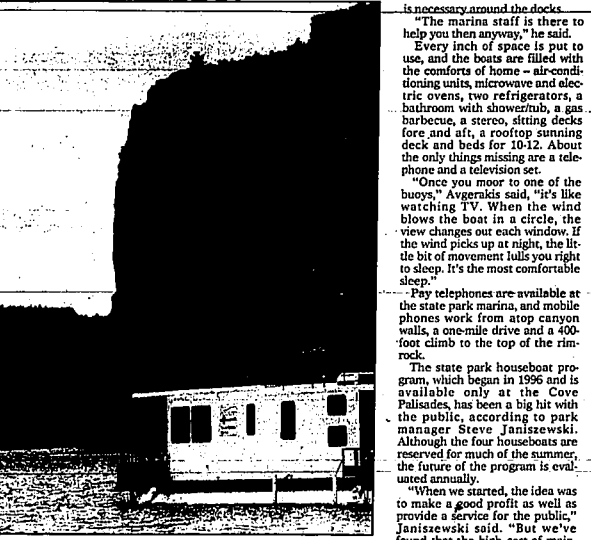
"Our only boat is the rubber raft parked on the back deck," Avgerakis said...

The state park boats cost as much as \$440 a night for a weekend rental during summer when they are generally reserved weeks in advance...

"We think it's a good deal



The Avgerakis family of Newberg, Ore., enjoys the front deck of a houseboat they rented at the Cove Palisades State Park west of Madras, Ore., July 5.



A houseboat inches across the water at the Cove Palisades State Park west of Madras, Ore. The park's main attraction is Lake Billy Chinook...

because we get so much out of it," Tom Avgerakis said. "Whatever the price is, it's worth it."

A houseboat is much like a big RV or trailer, but instead of rolling down the road, it inches across a lake at 5 mph.

Women can learn shotgun skills at free F&G courses

JEROME The Idaho Department of Fish and Game will sponsor three free shotgun clinics for women later this month.

The clinics are open to women and girls over the age of 11 who are interested in improving or learning shotgun shooting skills.

operation, safety, hunting regulations, care of meat and range firing at clay birds.

Clinics will be offered Aug. 23 in Twin Falls, Aug. 24 in Hailey and Aug. 25 in Butte.

Interested women should call Clayton Nielson or Mike Todd at 324-339 during normal business hours.

GRAND TARGHEE

Summer visitors see beauty, and few lines

The Post Register

Grand Targhee Ski Resort is well known by local skiers to be one of the best-kept secrets in the Western ski world.

But when the snow melts and ski parks are thrown in the back of the closet for the summer...

A scenic 90-minute drive will take you from Idaho Falls through spacious farm-country and Swan Valley along the Snake River...

The resort offers several different options as well as a wide cost range and a breathtaking view that convinces you that with a little stretch, you could reach out and touch the Grand Teton.

Most resort activities are available through the Labor Day weekend. More information may be obtained by calling Grand Targhee at 1-800-TARGHEE (827-4433).

The entire Targhee area is hiker heaven. From easy, flat hikes along meadows covered with wildflowers to out-and-out mountain climbing...

Eric Tooker and Jaime Berrian from Vermont and their friend Barbara Thurber from Connecticut a little more than an hour to hike from the bottom of the ski lift to the top last week.

The effort was well worth the exercise and effort; they said, when they reached the summit and were able to look across the Tejon Range.

For hikers not yet ready to hike the ski lift to the top of the mountain, there are plenty of shorter, tamer hikes around the base of the mountain.

Those who ride the chair lift also can get a slightly inclined trail to see the famous Targhee meadows.

Denise Mariner of Idaho Falls and her children Sidney, 10, Craig, 9, and Emily, 5, spent a few hours at the summit last week enjoying the clear summer sky and the solitude.

"It gets you away from, 'I'm bored' and 'What can I do,'" she said. "No TV. No Nintendo. Just a good time in the outdoors."

Trails along the mountain generally are quiet rocky and loose shale can be a problem for small children or people in too much of a hurry.

For a great family hike, ride the chair to the top and hike down along the relatively gentle trail to the right that during the ski season is marked as a beginner run.

Guided hikes in the area also are available. For \$8 for adults and \$5 for children 6 to 14, a trip up and down the chair lift is a great fun. Children under 5 are free.

Operators said they average about 50 chair riders per day, although some days they have as many as 150. There is rarely a wait to get a chair.

Once on top, visitors may stay as long as they like. The chair operates, weather permitting, from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. Wednesday through Sunday.

Strap on a harness, hook on a rope anchored by an experienced resort worker and test your coordination, strength and courage on the Targhee climbing wall.

Located on the side of a building at the base of the hill, the climbing wall is a challenge for people of all ages and climbing abilities.

Eric Peterson and his wife, Barbara Pomeroy, watched their two sons, Eric, 7, and John, 10, climb the wall last week.

The Petersons live in Seattle but discovered the resort on a test run and decided to work a stay into their vacation. They said they were pleased to discover the lack of crowds and ample outdoor activities at Targhee.

The climbing wall is open daily, weather permitting. Cost is \$6 per person for the climb, \$10 for two climbs and \$20 for 30 minutes.

Expert bikers can hook their bikes to the side of a chair on the lift for a ride up to the top and ride back down along a trail.

For less experienced riders, an able-tracker and single-track trails along the base of the mountain offer scenic trips among wild flowers and aspen trees.

The resort rents mountain bikes starting at \$7 per hour, \$12 for two hours, \$20 for a half-day and \$26 for a full day's rental.

If you're looking for an opportunity to discover back-country mountain lakes, glorious vistas and the chance to view wildlife, a trail ride may be for you.

Tournaments offer anglers 'reel' prize money

By Ray Sasser Dallas Morning News

When Ray Scott staged the first professional bass tournament on Arkansas' Beaver Lake in 1967, first prize was \$2,000 plus expenses-paid trip to Acapulco, Mexico.

This year's Classic concluded Saturday in New Orleans. The winner pockets \$100,000 of the \$350,000 prize money, but the media attention focused on the Super Bowl of bass fishing has made recognizable stars of successful tournament pros and enabled them to earn "reel" money.

In three weeks, the same people who control B.A.S.S. will test the waters for a new tournament series designed to be more spectator-friendly. With no more than 25 anglers in the field, Illinois Bass Quest '99, as the inaugural tournament is called, will pay \$25,000 in cash prizes, including \$250,000 to the winner and \$3,000 to the last-place angler.

Anglers earn 60 percent of their score from the fish they catch. Then they drive their specially painted boats through a timed, 3,500-foot course with a series of turns and hairpin maneuvers.

The boat-driving event will determine the rest of the final score and give spectators a little excitement. Just as importantly, the boat-driving course gives marine companies a vested interest in showing off their products. In fact, sponsors will pay up to \$35,000 per fisherman entry fees for the 25 hand-picked anglers.

In November, the Wal-Mart FLW Tour, named for Ranger Boats founder Forrest L. Wood, will host its Ranger Millennium Tournament at Cypress Gardens, Florida. The winner is guaranteed \$400,000 in cash, but incentives for having bought certain products - ranging from Evinrude outboards to Cligo gasoline - could add as much as \$600,000 to the payoff.

Minnesota businessman Irwin Jacobs bought a longtime tournament organization called Operation Bass and ended Wal-Mart to become a tournament sponsor.

Irwin once owned the Minnesota Vikings. Aside from deep-pockets and an obvious dedication to bass fishing, credit him with bringing non-fishing industry sponsors, like Cligo Petroleum and Fuji Film, into the mix.

The Wal-Mart FLW Tour features fat paydays and weigh-ins televised live in Wal-Mart stores. It also provides the first serious competition to B.A.S.S., which promotes its fishermen and its organization through magazines, a tabloid newspaper and a cable television show.

Denny Brauer has been a bass pro since 1980. His first tournament victory paid \$5,000 in cash and a \$5,000 boat. He sold the boat at a discounted price because he already owned a boat.

In those days, you had one opportunity a year to hit a financial home run and that was the Bassmasters Classic," said Brauer. "Now, we've got two major circuits and a lot of big prize money. I never thought I'd be fishing for this kind of money."

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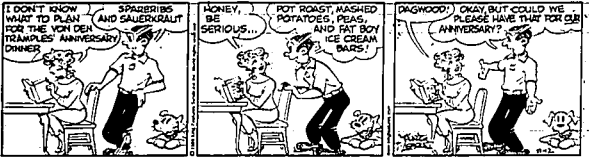
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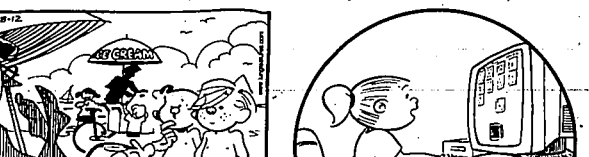
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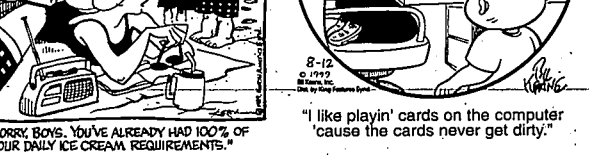
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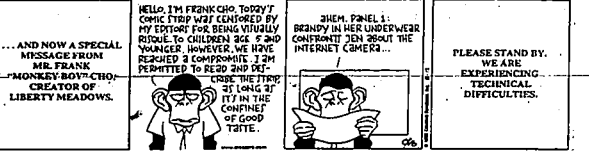
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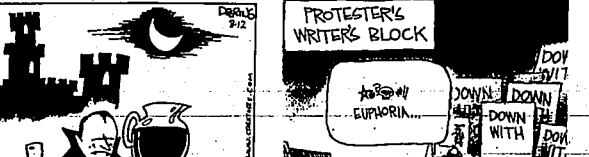
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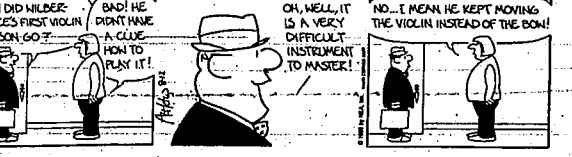
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OUTDOORS

TESTING THE WATERS



Anthony Smith, 20, finds an opening in the weeds to fish for goldfish, or whatever else he might find, at Hordemann Pond in Moscow earlier this summer.

City-slickers love 'River of No Return'

Many will go back again to repeat memorable raft trip

By Ted Anthony  
The Associated Press

**RIVER OF NO RETURN WILDERNESS AREA** — You stop and look around, and the images flow into your city-weary, suburb-saturated brain — an overload most unlike the kind that beleaguers you during your normal rat-race of a day.

Above you is a sky so blue, a sun so golden and clouds so fluffy white that you figure some kid must be running amok with a box of Crayolas. Behind you pine-encrusted mountains jut to the heavens. Before you a river hisses with speed, crackles with the purity of the freshly melted snow that pushed it along.

And suddenly, as the fresh air streams into your lungs, the realization hits. There's nothing for 30 miles around. No town. No McDonald's drive-thru. No Wal-Mart Supercenter. No necktie or cubicle or fax machine. No bumper-to-bumper, Shadow-Traffic, slam-the-pull-on-the-steering-wheel gridlock.

This is what it's like to disappear onto the Middle Fork of the Salmon River for four June days — on a raft trip where the whitewater rafting, as exhilarating as it can be, is but a single component of a refreshing decompression from the rest of 1999 America.

Your brain, tickled in fresh places, says new, unexpected things to you. Like: —Is that a sheep on that mountainside? —That rapid couldn't possibly be that big.

The pilot's doing this before. Obviously he's gone to turn the Cesna before we smacked into that mountain.

—Hey — this water's 51% & FREEZING!  
People come to the Salmon River — its main and middle forks, tucked into a thinly populated chunk of central Idaho looking for whitewater adventure, and most of the time they find it. But many also find something else: a respect for the land that they discover they have.

Case in point: a recent long, late-spring weekend on the Middle Fork with one of the most respected outfitters in the region, Rocky Mountain River Tours, run by husband-and-wife team Dave and Sheila Mills.

In an era — bursting with Wildwater Kingdoms and Blizzard Beaches and countless other theme-park experiences, Rocky Mountain offers — for roughly \$1,000 — four days of the real deal. But there's a catch that you won't find at Disney World: If you don't like the ride, you still have to stay on until the end.

It's an intimidating prospect, especially when you learn that the water's 37 degrees. That even with the rented wetsuit you'll be in trouble after five minutes or so. That many of the rapids are high Class III, even low Class IV — tough stuff. That the river is run-

If you go...

**A** selection of outfitters that organize rafting trips on the Salmon River's middle, main or lower forks:

**Rocky Mountain River Tours**  
P.O. Box 8596, Boise, ID 83707.  
Phone 208-348-2400 (anytime) or 208-756-4808 (summer).

**Aspen River Tours**  
P.O. Box 425, Salmon, ID 83478.  
Phone 208-756-4167.

**Salmon River Outfitters**  
P.O. Box 519, Donnelly, ID 83815.  
Phone 800-348-6204.

**Hatch River Expeditions**  
P.O. Box 1150, Heron, UT 84078.  
Phone 800-342-8243 or 435-789-4318.

**Barker-Ewing River Trips**  
P.O. Box 3032, Jackson, WY 83001.  
Phone 800-448-4202.

What to take

A suggested (and partial) list of things to consider bringing along on a rafting trip to an Idaho river. Outfitters typically provide life jackets, tents, sleeping bags, mattress pads, pillows, eating utensils and dry bags to carry personal belongings. They usually rent wet suits as well.

Recommended

- ✓ one pair fleece pants
- ✓ one pair jeans
- ✓ two long-sleeved shirts or sweaters
- ✓ t-shirts
- ✓ bathing suit (even if the river is too cold, many areas have hot springs)
- ✓ two pair tennis shoes (one for wet, one for dry-or-river-soaked)
- ✓ shorts
- ✓ one warm jacket (fleece is good)
- ✓ one pair mittens or gloves (wool is good)
- ✓ two pair long underwear (polypropylene is good)
- ✓ two pair wool socks
- ✓ soap and shampoo, in small containers (organic is best)
- ✓ one roll toilet paper in a Ziploc bag
- ✓ hat (bigger the brim the better)
- ✓ towel
- ✓ water bottle
- ✓ sunglasses
- ✓ large Ziploc bags for wet items
- ✓ rain gear

Optional

- ✓ small flashlight
- ✓ camera
- ✓ extra long underwear
- ✓ waterproof belt pack
- ✓ utility knife
- ✓ cord for sunglasses

ning at more than 120 percent of normal.

And that the gorge-carving beast they call the "River of No Return" passes through what they call, with an earnest yet somehow evil smile, "Impassable Canyon."

"We're here to have fun, not to take your lives," Dave Mills says at the outset, but no one quite believes him. He gets only nervous laughter.

And then it's into the wild for four days of rafting, hiking, eating, sleeping and not shaving along 78 miles of rugged river. You'll row until you ache. Water will get wet. You'll get cold. Water will slap you harder than any scented lover ever did. You'll hear silence like you've never heard. You'll probably get dehydrated from the open air, being the indoor creature you've become.

But, oh, what you'll see! This is igneous rock, formed from cooled

lava into towering monoliths of stone that form places like Impassable Canyon. The vistas are almost preposterously dramatic, each more so than the last.

You'll ease your hike-swollen feet into a creekside hot springs that flows from within the mountain. You'll hear knowledgeable guides talk about the history of the river and the people who tried to conquer it — including Lewis and Clark, the first whites to map the terrain.

"You have to know the history of this river to really appreciate it," says Jim "Schazzy" Schae, a bearded, expansive Salmon River veteran and one of the most experienced of the seven guides who accompanied us.

The guides are, quite simply, marvelous. Though guide quality can vary from outfitter to outfitter, Rocky Mountain is known in the region for hiring the best guides away from other companies. They slave all night over a

hot Dutch oven, rise at the crack of dawn to do it again for breakfast, and still manage to negotiate a mean rapid.

Ah, yes. Dutch ovens. "Go the first time for the rafting, come back for the food." I was told by a more experienced friend who accompanied me.

The kind of Dutch oven used here is a large, black metal pot, stacked atop another large metal pot with charcoal in between. You'd think it would have culinary limitations, but you'd be wrong. Miles from a restaurant or even electricity, this low-tech gizmo is belching forth spicy pesto lasagna and Dijon mustard potatoes even as its best friend, the grill, is giving birth to mung-glazed king salmon and perfectly seasoned filets mignon.

Needless to say, this fare was well received by our group of 24 people — all white and middle-class, including doctors, a lawyer and his computer-consultant son, a therapist, even a cigar-store owner.

The experience functions a little like nature's boot camp. In four short days, you bond; you can't help it, what with the shared rowing duties and the shared sleeping duties and the shared sleepless areas. And there's nothing like shared makeshift alfresco commodes to ratchet the camaraderie into high gear.

This officially designated "wilderness area," which has different, more stringent restrictions than a national park, was set aside through the efforts of Frank Church, the late U.S. senator from Idaho, who saw the peril in developing this land. Its pristine condition today is largely due to his involvement.

One last thing. Turns out the River of No Return is so named because, once you ride it down, you can't ride back up again. Nothing to do with doom or fatality.

And Impassable Canyon? It was indeed christened because it was impassable — on foot. In the water, it's a capable guide, we scooted through with nothing more than a few gastrointestinal butterflies, some wet hair and a few great stories.

And so we lived to tell about it, and probably will eventually to do it again. Half of our group were already repeat visitors. At the end, most of the other half, including me, said they'd be back.

READY TO ROLL

New guidebooks lists Idaho's best mountain bike rides

The Times-News

**TWIN FALLS** — If you're looking for a comprehensive guide to mountain bike trails across Idaho, then Steve Stuebner has a book for you.

The Boise-based writer has just released a new book on how to wring the fun out of trails from Pocatello to the Panhandle. "Mountain Biking Idaho" (Falcon Publishing, Inc.) sells for \$15.95.

Stuebner profiles 80 great mountain bike rides, many of which are within easy cycling distance of the Magic Valley. All of the usual suspects are included — such as the Fisher Creek trail and Adams Gulch — but there are a slew of lesser-known gems that deserve a big Beethoven spotlight of attention.

In fact, Stuebner's top pick for Idaho's sweetest singletrack mile is a marathon-length loop in the South Hills. The 26.8-mile ride begins and ends at the Harrison Fork of the Snake River, and there are a host of scenic stops along the way.

If it sounds ambitious, rest assured. It is ambitious.

Stuebner writes: "For strong riders who just for fun continue singletrack rides, this one is a humdinger. This tour of the South Hills country provides a beautiful cruise up Burdickum Fork for seven miles to a summit, a raging downhill past Bear Gulch Spring, and another big pull up the Firm Fork singletrack to a summit on the shoulder of Fred's Mound. Then you can look forward to an incredibly fun and



A new mountain biking guide covers Idaho's trails.

**Book Signing**

Steve Stuebner will be authorizing signings of his new book, "Mountain Biking Idaho" (Falcon Publishing, Inc.) at the following locations:

- **Blaze Sports in Burley**. A free ride will follow at 8:30 p.m. Stuebner also will be at the **Shannon R. Steele Bookstore** in Twin Falls from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

ling descent down the Micromulde Creek singletrack and the Third Fork singletrack. The durable pull will test advanced riders who haven't developed solid endurance levels for a six-hour tour, but hey, even if you have to walk a little, the downhill sections and the scenery are worth the effort."

"Mountain Biking Idaho" is full of useful details and wry observations. It is a worthy addition to any off-road cyclist's bookshelves.

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## BizFACTS

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Small business recently published

Small Business Index

July 1999

Expected to rise

4.4%

Expected to fall

4.4%

SOURCE: American Small Business Association, Washington, D.C.

## BRIEFLY IN MONEY

### Zions' small business index drops in July

TWIN FALLS — A small business market conditions indicator for Idaho dropped sharply from 100.4 in June to 94.8 in July thanks in large part to a lack of workers combined with a slowdown in job growth.

The most heavily weighed component of the Zions Bank Small Business Index is the unemployment rate that continues to hover near a 30-year low of 5 percent.

Small businesses have experienced tightening labor markets during the past few years and have found it increasingly difficult to attract and retain employees, a Zions Bank news release said. Boise saw a 3.6 percent unemployment rate in July, unchanged from a year ago. Even tighter markets are of major concern in neighboring states.

Idaho job growth has slowed in the past 12 months, creating a negative impact on small businesses by lessening income creation and weakening retail spending. The latest 12-month increase in Idaho employment of 10,200 jobs during the 1992-98 period, gains averaged 18,000 new jobs annually.

The index uses 100.0 for calendar year 1997 as its base year.

### Micron subsidiary selects New York-based company

MERIDIAN — Memory upgrade manufacturer Crucial Technology, a subsidiary of Micron Technology Inc. announced Wednesday it has selected LinkShare Corp. to develop an online marketing program that will leave qualified Web site operators with up to a 10 percent share of each online order.

Crucial Technology said it is upgrading modules factory-direct from Micron. The Crucial.Link Program enables any qualified Web site to market and sell Crucial Technology's 30,000 factory-direct memory upgrades by linking to Crucial's Web site.

Linkshare Corp., based in New York City, facilitates e-commerce by providing companies doing business on the World Wide Web with the tools and technology to cross-refer customers online.

### Alcoa offers to buy rival Reynolds for \$5.6 billion

NEW YORK (AP) — Alcoa Inc., the world's largest aluminum company, offered Wednesday to buy No. 3 Reynolds Metals Co. for \$5.6 billion in cash and stock, intensifying a recent flurry of deals among major metals producers.

The combined companies would have roughly \$21 billion in revenue. Alcoa disclosed its offer the same day three foreign aluminum companies agreed to a merger that would create an aluminum concern with \$21.6 billion in sales.

A spokesman for Richmond, Va.-based Reynolds had no immediate response to the offer.

In a letter to Reynolds' chief executive, Jeremiaah J. Sheehan, Alcoa chief executive Alan J. P. Belda gave Reynolds until Monday to respond to the offer, "a week that we will pursue all other avenues available to achieve a combination of our two companies."

Alcoa offered \$65 in cash for about half of Reynolds' outstanding shares and 0.9784 of a share of Alcoa for the remaining half of Reynolds' shares.

The \$65 offer represents a 16 percent premium over Reynolds' closing price Tuesday.

Alcoa, based in Pittsburgh, had \$15.3 billion in revenue last year. It has operations in 31 countries.

Compiled from staff reports

# Limiting liability

## Business lobby tries again to sell bill to Idaho legislators

By Gregory Hahn  
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — After a tough loss in this year's Idaho legislative session, one of the state's most powerful business lobbies is working a bill that would limit an employer's liability when a current or former employee commits a crime.

The group plans to rewrite parts of the measure that opponents said granted too broad an immunity for negligent businesses.

The Idaho Association of Commerce and Industry failed to push the bill through the House Judiciary and Rules Committee in the last few days of the 1999 session.

IACI's Dawn Justice told the Twin Falls Rotary Club Wednesday that the bill would be back next year, reworked and partially rewritten by industry lawyers.

The idea came to IACI after the Idaho Supreme Court overturned a summary judgment last year, saying a Boise hospital may have been negligent by hiring a respiratory therapist with a clouded history. After the therapist stopped working at the hospital, he molested a boy who had been his patient at the facility. The Supreme Court told a district judge to let a jury decide if the hospital should be held liable for negligence.

IACI and other business groups maintain the ruling puts too great a burden on employers through the hiring process, and holds businesses responsible for actions they can't control.

"This is not simply the big, bad business community trying to make an end-run around reasonable law," Justice said.

The Idaho Trial Lawyers Association strongly opposed the measure, saying the bill was premature — that the Supreme

Court ruling did not dictate new law — and that the wording went too far in exempting employers from any liability.

The two attorneys on the House committee, Reps. Leon Smith, R-Twin Falls, and Bill Salt, R-Meridian, listed the discussions against the bill, agreeing that employers should not be held liable for actions they can't control, but that the bill's language did more than what its backers were saying.

The bill died, though, after several North Idaho lawmakers turned against the measure because it appeared the bill, had it been law already, would have provided the Aryan Nations a way out of a lawsuit filed after the group's security personnel shot at a car at the Aryan Nations compound.

Wednesday, 5th District Judge Roger Burdick, a Republican, said he disagreed with Justice on the "breadth" of last year's bill, and that the Supreme Court decision would not create "liability liability" for employers of their former employees.

Justice said after the meeting that IACI's objective will be the same next year, but the measure will include more descriptive language to explain when liability will be limited.

She told the Rotary Club a group of attorneys is continuing to work on the new bill. The Boise firm Moffatt Thomas, which represents Idaho's largest insurance companies, was involved in last year's version.

Smith said IACI has not included him or the trial lawyers' group in the rewrite sessions.

"And I volunteered several times," he said.

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## Qwest tries to recruit new customers to Web service

Knight Ridder News Service

Qwest Communications International said Tuesday that it would do something its larger rivals have been doing for a while, but do it better: Use cheap long-distance rates as a way of luring customers to its Internet service.

Called "bundling," the practice shows that long-distance companies believe their financial future depends not on phone service but on the Internet, said John Taylor, Qwest's senior vice president of consumer markets.

"The growth in front of us is all going to be Internet-based," Taylor said.

The new pricing plan is aimed at residential customers in the continental United States, who account for a third of Qwest's revenues, Taylor said. For \$24.95 you get a month of unlimited Internet access and 250 free minutes of state-to-state long distance. Each additional long distance minute costs 10 cents.

Since Qwest's regular Internet price is \$19.95 a month, the \$5 discount means the first 250 minutes are, in effect, going for two cents apiece.

Qwest's regular long distance rate, however, is nine cents, so

anyone who planned to spend more than that 200 minutes on interstate calls in a month — a bit over an hour a day — would be better off with the old pricing.

Qwest's bundled price is lower than those of AT&T, Sprint and MCI WorldCom. According to the prices posted on the companies' Web sites, anyone who spent exactly 250 minutes on interstate calls in a month would pay \$46.95 for AT&T's bundle, \$47.90 for Sprint's and \$29.45 for MCI's — but that's assuming the MCI customer did all his talking on Sunday, when MCI offers 5-cent-per-minute long distance, and didn't spend more than 150 hours online.

Even if the bundle isn't exactly an innovation — "they're reinventing the wheel," said AT&T spokeswoman Sarah Dunsen — that's essential to Qwest's drive to build a base of loyal Internet users, said Tom Friedberg, senior research analyst at Denver investment bank Janco Partners.

"Trying to weed people to your long-distance service by 'bundling' their Internet service, I think that creates a significant barrier to churn," Friedberg said.

## ON MY MOTHER'S GRAVE



Willie and Jessica Roach bond by the graveside of Willie's mother, Bertha C. Allen, at Woodlawn Memorial Cemetery in Greenville, S.C. The Roach's have a dispute with the cemetery owners over unexpacted fees totaling more than \$5,000.

## Tactics trigger complaints

Consumer advocates say national cemetery chains need further regulations to curb unfair manipulation

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Willie and Jessica Roach's final resting place was purchased more than 40 years ago at a local cemetery where they are to be buried in the same plot.

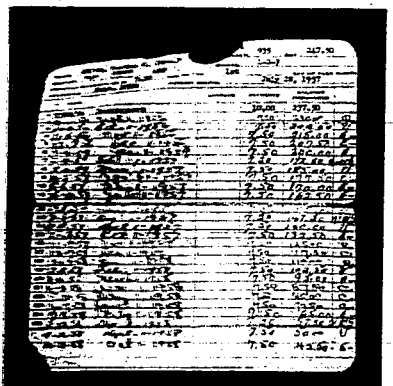
But on a recent visit to the cemetery to place flowers on a relative's grave, the couple were surprised to learn they owned an extra \$3,000 for their plot.

What's more, they were told they had to buy an expensive vault if they still wanted to be buried there.

"We have entertained cremation even though we've already got a marker down," says an exasperated Mrs. Roach of Westminster, S.C. Adding confusion to the matter: Willie Roach's mother personally knew the cemetery owner when she bought the burial site in 1958.

The Roaches aren't alone in their complaints.

The advent of cadaver stores, customers' access to Internet sales of coffins and casket arrange-



Willie Roach holds the unexpired payment book his mother, Bertha C. Allen, paid for burial plots at Woodlawn Memorial Cemetery back in 1958.

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## Utah's gasoline prices hit record high at \$1.35 per gallon

The Associated Press

SALT LAKE CITY — Gasoline prices have reached a record high in Utah, and shortages in California are blamed.

The average price for a gallon of self-serve, unleaded regular gasoline in the Salt Lake City area on Tuesday was \$1.35 a gal-

lon, said Rolayne Fairclough, Utah spokeswoman for the American Automobile Association. The previous record was \$1.33 set in October 1997.

Two major oil refineries on the West Coast exploded earlier this year and were knocked out of production. Problems also have occurred on some of the pipe-

lines going into California.

"There have been nothing but problems on the West Coast, and they have been going on all summer long," said Lee Penwood of the Utah Petroleum Association.

California refineries typically supply most of the gas along the West Coast and into Nevada and

southern Utah.

But "when gasoline supplies get tight in California, we'll see gas from Utah flowing as far south as Las Vegas," said Derrick Regard of BP America's refinery in Salt Lake City. "That is what is happening right now."

Other factors include the usual increases in prices during the

summer, when drive more, Fairclough said.

"And with our strong economy, people will take off on summer trips or a weekend drive no matter what the price of gasoline," she said.

Penwood suggested Utah gasoline prices could be at or near their peak for the year.

MONEY

Survey turns up little evidence of inflation

WASHINGTON (AP) — The U.S. economy is strongly supported by labor shortages reported nationwide, the Federal Reserve said Wednesday in a new report that highlighted concerns that the economy may be moving too rapidly.

The Fed's latest survey of economic conditions around the country, compiled from reports prepared in virtually every district, found only scattered signs of mounting wage pressures and little evidence of rising inflation in general.

But the Fed survey did note developments that could lead to increased inflationary pressures.

"Widespread labor shortages persist in virtually every district, but there have been only scattered reports of acceleration in wages," the Fed survey said. "There are some reports of accelerating prices — largely related to home construction — but there is

Federal Reserve finds strong economy, widespread labor shortages in U.S.

no evidence of any broad-based pickup in consumer price inflation."

The Fed survey, known as the beige book for the color of its cover, will be used by Fed policymakers when they next meet on Aug. 24 to review interest rate policies.

There has been a growing concern in financial markets that the central bank will boost interest rates for the second time this year because of growing fears that the economy is growing too rapidly, given current tight labor markets, and unless economic activity slows, inflation will get out of hand.

The Fed raised its target for the federal funds rate, the interest rate banks charge each other,

for the first time in two years on June 30, nudging it up by a quarter point to 5 percent. That move was immediately followed by a matching increase in banks' prime lending rate; the benchmark for millions of consumer and business loans.

In testimony to Congress last month, Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan promised to move "promptly and forcefully" at the first signs that tight labor markets are generating inflationary pressures, economists said that have been widely interpreted as signaling the Fed will raise rates at its August meeting.

The beige book report today found "continued strength in economic activity" in late July and early August, although the report

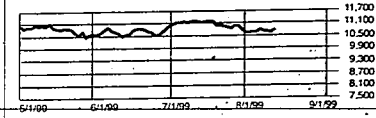
did note that retail sales had slowed somewhat in July. It attributed a portion of this decline to depleted inventories at retail establishments.

Manufacturing, which had been hard-hit by the Asian currency crisis, was showing signs of a rebound in many parts of the country, although several districts reported continued weakness in textiles and heavy metals such as steel.

The Boston, Cleveland, Dallas and San Francisco Fed districts reported strong demand for computer and telecommunications equipment while Cleveland and Chicago reported orders for heavy trucks, the Fed said.

The report said that housing construction was continuing at a vigorous pace in most districts, although there were signs that a lack of available building materials and skilled workers was limiting growth in many areas.

Dow Jones Close: High 10,795.72 Net change: +132.66 August 11, 1999 10,787.80 Low 10,646.91 Pct. change: +1.24



Stocks make biggest gains of the month

NEW YORK (AP) — Stocks made their broadest, sharpest gains of August as the Federal Reserve offered calming words Wednesday on the growth of the U.S. economy and Cisco Systems provided proof of strong corporate earnings.

The Dow Jones industrial average rose 132.65 points, or by 1.2 percent, to close at 10,787.80. The blue-chips gained momentum over the course of the session, breaking a recent pattern of starting strong only to sputter late in the day.

Broader stock indicators were also higher. The Standard & Poor's 500 rose 20.50 to 1,301.93, and the Nasdaq composite index rose 74.87 to 2,564.98, its biggest point gain since June 16.

Traders said the market was ripe for a minor rally following a slump that has left every major market index well below the lofty records reached in mid-July. But most Wall Street players said the advance was fragile.

"This has been a nervous market and will continue to be for a while," said Barry Berman, head trader for Robert W. Baird & Co.

in Milwaukee. Many believe the market will have trouble sustaining gains at least until Aug. 24, when Fed policymakers hold their next meeting to set interest rates. Wednesday, the Fed offered some reassurance, saying its latest economic survey turned up little evidence of rising inflation.

But the Fed survey dubbed the "beige book," did not developments that could lead to increased inflationary pressures, most notably widespread labor shortages and scattered reports of higher prices.

The Fed, which raised rates slightly on June 30, has clearly signaled its willingness to raise short-term interest rates for a second time this year, hoping to prevent inflation from creeping into the robust U.S. economy.

"There's a lot of economic news for people to look at in advance of the next meeting," Berman said. "Under different circumstances, the beige book might not attract a lot of attention, but investors are looking for guidance on what exactly the Fed plans to do."

Suit says Zions Bank shared confidential information

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Arcanv's Inc. of Salt Lake City sued Zions Bank on Tuesday, alleging the bank shared its confidential financial information with a bank subsidiary that competes with Arcanv's.

Arcanv's provides digital certificates for verifying digital signatures, which increasingly are used in electronic commerce. Digital Signature Trust Co. (DST), a subsidiary of Zions Bank, offers the same services.

Arcanv's President Gordon W. Romney applied to Zions Bank for a \$200,000 loan last December to cover improvements to a new facility.

The company's lawsuit, filed in U.S. District Court, claims loan

officer Howard Swapp requested tax returns from Romney and company Chairman Kepa Zubeldia, plus a business plan, office lease, and an insurance expense report for the company.

During the loan process, Swapp called the loan a "sure thing," but then began quizzing Romney about DST and its competitors, the suit said.

In January, Swapp told Romney that he had reviewed the personal financial records of Arcanv's financial forecasts with employees of DST, the suit alleges.

Romney was "stunned" by the disclosure, and met with bank officials to request their return

of the documents and a written assurance that the company's confidentiality had not been violated, the suit said.

Instead, the bank in February asked Romney to sign a waiver of any legal claims arising from the loan process as a condition of receiving the loan, the suit said.

Arcanv's instead obtained a loan from a different bank. The lawsuit claims a DST employee since has told Zions Bank that DST believes the headquarters market offers "great potential income," and plans to move into that area.

"This is precisely the information that was provided by (Arcanv's) to Zions and subsequently shared by Zions with

DST," the suit charges. Scott Anderson, chief executive officer of Zions Bank, declined to discuss the suit's allegations. "We haven't seen the suit so we can't comment on it," he said.

The lawsuit alleges Zions violated the Bank Tying Act by making the release contingent on the legal waiver. Zions also "requested assurances" that Arcanv's would refrain from doing business with certain customers, the suit alleges.

The suit also includes claims of fraud, misappropriation of financial information and interference with prospective economic relationships. It seeks unspecified damages.

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

Table listing various stocks on the New York Stock Exchange with columns for Name, Div, Last, Chg, and YTD % Chg.

MARKET SUMMARY

Summary table for NYSE, AMEX, and NASDAQ with columns for Most Active, Gainers, and Losers.

DIARY

Table listing dairy products with columns for Name, Div, Last, Chg, and YTD % Chg.

INDEXES

Table listing various market indexes with columns for Name, Div, Last, Chg, and YTD % Chg.

STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST

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

HOW TO READ THE MARKET REPORT

Headline with the most active stocks on the New York Stock Exchange, the 400 most active on the NASDAQ, and the 20 most active on the American Stock Exchange. Market bands are shown in boldface in half of 1 percent or more of price.

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NASDAQ NATIONAL MARKET

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AMERICAN STOCK EXCHANGE

Table listing various stocks on the American Stock Exchange with columns for Name, Div, Last, Chg, and YTD % Chg.

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CLOSING FUTURES table with columns for Commodity, High, Low, and Change. Includes sections for Soybean, Corn, Wheat, and other grains.

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MUTUAL FUNDS table with columns for Fund Name, High, Low, and Change. Lists numerous mutual fund investments.

Cemetery

Continued from E1. In the cemetery and funeral industries have prompted the government to consider expanding a 15-year-old rule governing funerals.

Consumer advocates say rampant consolidation in the industry and more aggressive selling tactics will lead to further regulation.

"We have a lot of people who are telling people they have to buy a marker or vault from them to be buried on the grounds," says Lisa Carlson, spokeswoman for the National Funeral Directors Association.

"Caring for the Dead" and executive director of the National Funeral Directors Association. She says the industry is "a kind of manipulative sell that should be outlawed."

Historically, cemeteries sell their goods and services before a death, says Robert Falls, general counsel for the International Cemetery and Funeral Association.

"When you don't have the problem, you don't want to extend the law," Falls said. The funeral rule currently requires funeral homes to disclose prices for goods and services in writing before a death.

But today, people can buy caskets - even have caskets made online. They can shop at coffin retailers or buy monuments and caskets at cemeteries. The rule does not cover these other providers.

Some officials also say the trend of large chains buying local cemeteries and funeral homes may be shifting the old way of doing business.

"In some cases, they're changing procedures and conduct," Chris Riggall, spokesman for Georgia's Secretary of State's Office, which oversees for-profit cemeteries. "Frankly, when you have a company that may be 20 times the size of yours, you don't have the same type of service priorities that the local folks may have."

"Increased corporate ownership in cemeteries has caused a 'sea change' in the way services are marketed, says Steven Sklar, director of the Secretary of State's Office of Cemetery Oversight. Salespeople seek the customers, using telemarketing and other tactics, he says.

According to a survey by the AARP, formerly the American Association of Retirees, 43 percent of Americans over the age of 50 have been solicited about buying burials before death.

The AARP, which favors expanding the rule, hired a public relations company to survey 627 people age 50 and older across America in September 1998. The General Accounting Office, Congress' investigative arm, also is studying the issue and is expected to report by fall.

Cemetery owners say there has never been a conclusive finding that cemeteries engage in fraudulent business practices. "The funeral rule was created because there was widespread concern with the way funeral directors were dealing with the public," said E. Gene Porter III, who operates a cemetery in New Berlin, Wis. "They didn't find the same problems and abuses" with cemeteries.

Terry Heymer, a spokesman for a Houston-based Service Corporation International, which operates 3,824 funeral service locations, 520 cemeteries and 198 crematoriums, says the cemetery industry is regulated enough. Consumer complaints about cemeteries usually deal with maintenance or interment mistakes - matters that have nothing to do with the funeral, he added.

The National Funeral Directors Association wants to see the rule strengthened so that it covers those who provide funeral services or goods, but just those who offer it. Funeral directors, like Benjamin McDougald, who runs McDougald Funeral Homes in Lowell, say they don't need a level playing field.

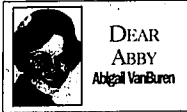
After one family completed arrangements with McDougald's funeral home, a family told the family it could not accept a vault on its grounds that had been provided by an "out-of-town" funeral home. The cemetery offered its own vault, at nearly double the cost, according to McDougald.

MORNING BREAK

Crossword puzzle grid with clues for Across and Down. Includes 'Across' clues like '1 Heavy tread', '14 Vowel sequence', and 'Down' clues like '11 In the Family', '21 Bird that eats its own', etc.

Dad insists on sharing his divorce tale

DEAR ABBY: On a recent trip back East, my father reunited with his childhood sweetheart and is now seeking a divorce after 32 years of marriage to my mother. Apparently my father has never gotten over this woman and had pined away for her since the day he married my mother.



DEAR ABBY  
Abby Cadabby

The trouble is, he feels the need to tell everyone (including me) how he would like to put a lid on it, but then he pouts because he feels I'm not "supporting" him. Have you any suggestions, Abby? He doesn't seem to be airing our family laundry in such detail with each and every person he encounters.

How can I approach my father on the subject of appropriate behavior? I would like to tell him to put a lid on it, but then he pouts because he feels I'm not "supporting" him. Have you any suggestions, Abby? He doesn't seem to be airing our family laundry in such detail with each and every person he encounters.

THROWN FOR A LOOP

DEAR THROWN FOR A LOOP: Tell him exactly what you have told me and don't mince

any words, because you are absolutely right. Also, don't count on muzzling the old dog. He's trying to justify throwing away his marriage and abandoning the wife he "tolerated" for 32 years. And frankly, he's only making himself look bad.

DEAR ABBY: I have a beautiful, brilliant daughter who has graduated with three degrees and high honors, but she seems to have a common sense.

She was engaged to her high school boyfriend, whom we all loved, then ditched him to date his friend. She gave up several excellent jobs, always landing on her feet, dated several men we all disapproved of, almost married a physical abuser (who, thankfully, dumped her just before the wedding), traveled all

over the U.S.A. and Europe, and returned to another wonderful job.

She now lives with a slob, 15 years younger than herself, with no future and no money. He looks like an unmade bed with long dirty hair. I am mystified about how she can possibly introduce this person to her coworkers or others, ignoring the embarrassment to all of us. What is going on here? We had a huge blowup, and she now refuses to speak to me.

HER LOVING MOTHER

DEAR LOVING MOTHER: Your daughter appears to be experienced, accomplished and successful at almost everything she has attempted. Apparently she is happy with this man, so he must be doing something right.

As a mother, be less critical of what you perceive to be his shortcomings and concentrate on the fact that he makes your daughter happy. Although your daughter is well-intentioned, this is a choice that only she should make - and she has made it.

DEAR ABBY: The letter from

the woman who was uncomfortable about using her father-in-law as her OBGYN prompts this letter. "Uncomfortable" posed a question I often receive at the South Carolina Board of Medical Examiners from practicing physicians.

It would be unprofessional and unethical for the father-in-law physician to serve as her physician, according to the American Medical Association Council on Ethical and Judicial Affairs.

If her father-in-law treats her, his license could well be subject to disciplinary action by his state medical board, and if he does so against her will, it should be. The father-in-law has only one ethical alternative: Decline to treat "Uncomfortable." ARON J.KOZLOSKI, J.D., M.P.A., BOARD ADMINISTRATOR

DEAR AARON: If my prior column on the subject did not settle the question, I'm certain that your letter will put the matter to rest. Thank you for your expert opinion.

Be diplomatic about housing, Pisces, Libra, be alert

IF AUGUST 12 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: You are versatile, possess intellectual curiosity, people enjoy being with you, often test your knowledge of music. You are a natural entertainer in that you make people feel that your attention is riveted only on them. Gemini, Sagittarius persons play major roles in your life, could have those letters, initials in names. C. L. U. Current cycle test of accelerated social activity, involvements in charitable-political areas. September most memorable. ARIES (March 21-April 19): Someone is trying to tell you something. Emerge from emotional shell. Taurus, Leo, Scorpio persons are part of scenario. You could become part of intricate situation, not entirely legal. TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Be analytical; make inquiries; find out what is expected of you and what you'll receive in return.

HOROSCOPE Sydney Omarr

Leave little or nothing to guesswork. Don't be discouraged over romantic rebuff. GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Door opens to greater freedom of thought, action. Libra, Taurus persons play outstanding roles, have these letters; initials in names. F. O. X. Attention revolves around home, family, marriage. CANCER (June 21-July 21): Moon blends with Neptune, some claim you are dream-walking. Define terms, outline boundaries, continue negotiations until kinks are set straight. Avoid self-deception. LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Emphasis on money, payments, collections, participation in big financial arrangement. Capricorn

backs you, rescues you, is precise about your share and makes sure you get it. VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Better run back to your telescope - the Moon is in your sign, except for compelling major project. Aries, Libra persons play outstanding roles. Have got of burden you should not have assumed. LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Much that occurs is behind scenes - be sure to look, to be aware and alert. Prepare for fresh start in new direction. Imprint style, don't follow others. Leo plays romantic role. SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Focus on marital status, direction of your life, sale or purchase of property. You are going places, find out where. Spotlight on home, cooperative efforts, public appearances, partnerships. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Keep plans flexible. No mat-

ter how far you go, you could be called back. Keep resolutions concerning exercise, diet, nutrition. Gemini will play mysterious role. Lucky number 54. CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): You come to crossroads - don't be afraid. Examine and explore, forces tend to be scattered. Correct mechanical defects, be ready forousing comeback. Tear down in order to rebuild. AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): You exude aura of sensuality, sex appeal. Don't break too many hearts. There will be payback time. Write down thoughts, feelings - someone is anxious to hear from you. Virgo involved. PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Be diplomatic in dealing with housing problem. Emphasis will be on payments, collections, space - make intelligent concessions. Taurus, Libra persons play roles.

Siblings have the strongest ties

Your most significant relationships, if typical, will be with parents, marital partners, brothers, sisters, and offspring - and the longest of these probably will be with your brothers or sisters. A student of such family matters asks rhetorically: "Are you underestimating the importance of your relationship with a brother or sister?" Q. How many of the Americans with glaucoma don't know they have it? A: Maybe half, the eye doctors speculate. Why aspirin tends to be a more efficient blood thinner in men than in women - such is the recent pharmaceutical attention - has not yet been determined. Client asks why so many western workers drink cow's milk. Because it runs about 3.5 percent butterfat, not too far from the human variety. Seal



WHAT'S WHAT  
L.M. Boyd

milk goes all the way up to 53 percent, but seals down around too much. They're not milkable. Polar bear milk rises to a respectable 31 percent. But few milkies volunteer to milk them. Q: Doesn't every letter of the alphabet appear on one or another of the names of the United States? A: Except for Q. If you blink on average once every eight seconds - that's typical - somebody else will have to tell you so. You can't take your own blink count.

The Boss quietly gives money for poor folks' home repairs

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Service filings. About \$9,500 went to replace dilapidated floors in the Long Branch home of retired truck driver Marty Marotta, 75, and his

family. Marotta uses a wheelchair. "It really has been wonderful," his wife, Martha Marotta, told The (Newark) Star-Ledger for Wednesday's edition.

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Large advertisement for The Times-News Classified Marketplace. Includes contact information: 132 3rd Street West, P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls, Idaho 83303. Phone: 733-0931. Hours: Mon-Fri 8:00 to 5:30 Sat 8:00 to 10:00 AM. Features: 'Happy Ads', 'Deadlines', 'We're Open', 'Pre-Payment', 'Responsibilities', 'Classified Specials'.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 1999-2000 CITY OF TWIN FALLS, IDAHO

Public notice is hereby given that the City Council of the City of Twin Falls, Idaho, will hold a public hearing for the fiscal period October 1, 1999 - September 30, 2000, pursuant to provisions of Section 50-1002, Idaho Code.

PROPOSED EXPENDITURES

Table with 3 columns: PROPOSED EXPENDITURES, 1997-98, 1998-99, 1999-2000. Rows include General Fund, Police Department, Fire Department, etc.

The estimated revenue for the City of Twin Falls, Idaho, for the fiscal period October 1, 1999 - September 30, 2000, is as follows:

Table with 3 columns: ESTIMATED REVENUE, 1997-98, 1998-99, 1999-2000. Rows include Tax Levy, General Fund, Airport Fund, etc.

I, Lorie Fae, Assistant Finance Director for the City of Twin Falls, Idaho, do hereby certify that the above is a true and correct statement of the estimated revenues for the fiscal year 1999-2000 of all of which have been tentatively approved and entered at length in the Journal of Proceedings.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Planning and Zoning Commission for the City of Twin Falls, Idaho, will hold a public hearing to be held on August 31, 1999, at 7:00 a.m., at the City of Twin Falls, Idaho, located at 321 Second Avenue East, Twin Falls, Idaho, to hear a request by:

HEATHER BRYANT-STEPHENS

HEATHER BRYANT-STEPHENS, 321 Second Avenue East, 783-2227. Request a Special Use Permit which, if granted, would allow the applicant to operate a day care facility on property located at 915 Sunrise Boulevard in the City of Twin Falls, Idaho.

GENE HAMILTON

GENE HAMILTON, 109 S. 2nd, Esq., Attorney at Law, at the address of 1698 Pioneer Blvd., Twin Falls, Idaho 83401 is sometimes associated with the said applicant.

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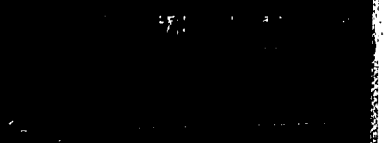
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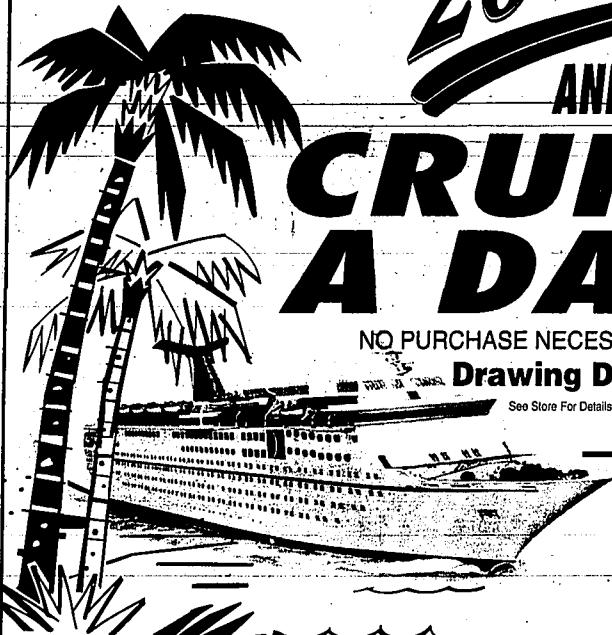
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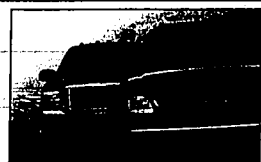
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**702 FARM/RANCH SUPPLIES/EQUIP**  
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**809 COMPUTERS**  
APTIVA, SVGA monitor, CD Rom, Modem, color printer, Word Perfect, Windows 95, 4000 word. Please call 208-543-4125.

**607 OFFICE & RETAIL SPACE**  
JEROME 1000 sq. ft. office just off I-20, Lincoln, 1st. Call 560-0031, 324-2634.

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**810 FIREWOOD**  
Wanted: FIREWOOD - 5 cord plus or hardwood, 1200 lbs. Mission oak, \$23.00. Call 733-4402.

**608 CONDO RENTAL/TIME SHARE**  
DEPOE RAY, OR 3 bdrm 3 bath condo, sleeps 8 available 9/26-10/29/98. Located on ocean. Includes 2 swimming pools, tennis court. Call 507-2800 or 507-5895.

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**811 FURNITURE & CARPET**  
BED, full w/ head board, \$100. Oriental rug runner, 120 x 180, 10' oak burner, \$400. Mission oak chest, \$200. Call 423-9047.

**610 STORAGE/WAREHOUSE RENTAL**  
HAZELTON - Pallet storage, 200,000 hundred weight with refrigeration. WEINER - Pallet storage, 100,000 hundred weight floor or storage. Call 537-6787.

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**812 HEATING & AIR CONDITIONING**  
PELLET STOVE - Whirlpool, black and brass. Wood Stove Quadrafire, brown w/ gold trim & glass door, \$400. Call 543-6668.

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8-15 days	\$41.65
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WEST ♠ Q 5 2 ♥ K 4 1 ♦ 10 6 4 ♣ 8 6 4

EAST ♠ 7 9 ♥ A Q 3 ♦ K Q 5 ♣ 7 5 2

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Vulnerable: North-South Dealer: West

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BID WITH THE ACES

South holds: ♠ A 3 ♥ K Q 7 5 ♦ 7 5 2 ♣ 7 5 2

ANSWER: Two no-trump. The lack of a club stopper makes this a very tough choice, so a pass may be best.

815 LAWN & GARDEN RIDING MOWER... 816 EXERCISE EQUIPMENT

CONSOLE TV, exc. cond. Ping pong table, Di Bowler pool table...

MISC. Sale, 8' trlr \$250. Shelves, 575 Router, 575 Transducer...

FREE - to loving home, 16 m. pured made black Latex... FREE large puppets...

PERMANENTLY CFA, as sorted colors, flat faces 20x2 & w/orn 25x540

FEMALE DOVE wanted to buy 423-5792 LIVE TREES - Up to 30 ft...

817 MISC FOR SALE CARPET, 11x14 ft. good beige carpet...

EQUALIZER HITCH w/ sway bar, \$225 Coleman w/ 4 TS...

SATELLITE DISH w/ Toshiba TRX120 receiver...

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SHIRAZI pupes, reg. 11x12, 2000 male \$225

SPORTS, 102 sporting goods items...

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CELLULAR NUTRITION for you and/or dog...

CLARINET, like new! 100% clear, 100% silver...

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823 VARIETY FOODS & SUPPLIES

WANTED: area rug, w/ orn cover or South-west area rug...

CHEVY, Aso Van, 1989, 4 new tires, radio, front air back seat...

ICE MAKER - Scotsman, 250 lb commercial model...

TRUMPET, Bundy student model, \$150, 734-8389

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WANTED: a nice family sewing machine...

CLAW FOOT TUB, antique, \$600. (2) Antique claw foot bathtubs...

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**Julie HARRISON Ford**  
**WHOLE SALE TO PUBLIC**

- 85 BRONCO II**  
 # 419450A.....was \$4,495 **Now \$777**
- 86 DODGE OMNI**  
 # C15098.....was \$2,995 **Now \$577**
- 87 PONTIAC BONNEVILLE**  
 # P13998.....was \$2,995 **Now \$977**
- 89 DODGE SPIRIT**  
 # P13776.....was \$3,995 **Now \$1,777**
- 87 FORD F150 4X4**  
 # KA13608.....was \$6,495 **Now \$3,477**
- 90 FORD BRONCO**  
 # K035479.....was \$2,995 **Now \$3,977**
- 90 V.W. CABRIOLET**  
 # 1562.....was \$6,695 **Now \$3,977**
- 92 FORD F150**  
 # P1519A.....was \$7,995 **Now \$4,977**
- 95 DODGE NEON**  
 # P1529A.....was \$9,995 **Now \$6,977**
- 98 HYUNDAI ELANTRA**  
 # P1077.....was \$9,995 **Now \$6,977**
- 96 MERCURY SABLE**  
 # 2842644.....was \$10,495 **Now \$7,977**
- 93 TOYOTA CELICA**  
 # P1532.....was \$9,995 **Now \$7,977**
- 97 DODGE NEON**  
 # P1077.....was \$10,495 **Now \$8,277**
- 93 CHEVY 3/4 TON PICKUP**  
 # E23945A.....was \$13,495 **Now \$8,977**
- 92 CHEVY 3/4 TON EXT 4X4**  
 # E22930A.....was \$12,495 **Now \$9,977**
- 93 DODGE DYNASTY**  
 # P1564.....was \$6,995 **Now \$9,977**
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 # P1615.....was \$16,995 **Now \$12,377**
- 94 ISUZU RODEO**  
 # 2846141A.....was \$14,995 **Now \$12,977**
- 97 CHRYSLER SEBRING CONV.**  
 # P1575A.....was \$16,695 **Now \$13,977**
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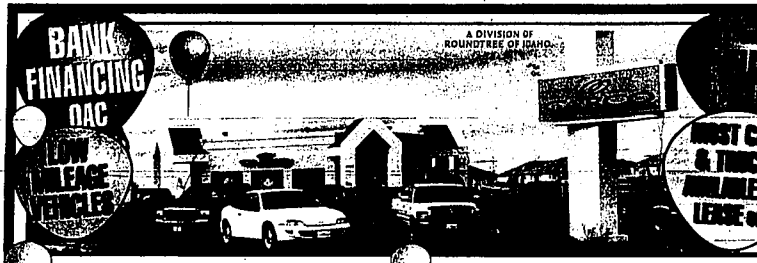
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