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# ON THE FRONT LINES



After the shootings at Columbine High School, Jerome Middle School students Megan Foster, left, and Tiffany Laub wanted to help the victims of school violence so they joined an anti-violence group and started collecting aluminum cans to raise money for families of victims.

## Jerome students push end to violence

By Jennifer Sandmann  
Times-News writer

JEROME — Returning to school today for two Jerome Middle School students includes more than the typical worries of starting seventh grade.

Safety is on their minds, just as it is for students, parents and teachers across Idaho.

Megan Foster and Tiffany Laub, both 12, want to impact Jerome schools by recruiting peers into the student-led group Shootings or SASS. It formed at Horizon Elementary School after the Columbine tragedy in April.

The Columbine shootings affected the two students deeply, and they want to do what they can to fight against school violence.

**Want to contribute**

Proceeds from aluminum cans turned in at Magic Valley Recycling can be donated to Horizon Elementary School for Columbine High School. All metal donations will be sent to The Healing Fund sponsored by Mile High United Way in Denver, but people will need to bring a receipt.

Contraeus, the organization's manager of communications, said contributions will be accepted until Aug. 31. More than \$4 million already.

"The more and more groups we have to prevent violence, the less likely it is for a school shooting to happen," Foster said.

Laub had a nightmare that she was in a school shooting soon after she saw the violence at

Columbine on television, she said. But summer vacation and her involvement in SASS have eased her anxiety, and she is anxious to be back at school.

"Once you're in a group like SASS, it makes you feel a million stories tall," she said.

Students who join the group will be asked to sign a pledge that says they never will bring a gun to school, will tell adults if they know of somebody who does, and that they will work out problems peacefully.

Group activities include an aluminum can recycling drive to raise money for Columbine victims and their families and for violence prevention at Columbine.

The students say it's frustrating to be worried about violence at school, but that it has made them fight back.

"It makes me kind of mad," Foster said. "And it makes you want to stand up against the world and make everything perfect."

At the administrative level in Jerome schools, the district will involve law enforcement agencies in a project to revamp its crisis response manual, Superintendent Jim Cobble said.

Changes students can expect to find in Twin Falls schools when they head back on Monday include no backpacks in junior high classrooms. Schools in Boise and Idaho Falls have done the same thing. Backpacks strewn across hallways at Columbine proved to inhibit police response, because each bag had to be searched for explosive devices.

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## Probe begins into spill

By John T. Huddy  
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Officials from state and federal agencies are investigating a chemical spill that may have killed a junior high school teacher and put more than four other people in the hospital on Tuesday.

The U.S. Labor Department's Occupational Safety & Health Administration (OSHA) and the Idaho State Department of Agriculture sent inspectors out to the Twin Falls Canal Co. Wednesday to investigate the chemical spill.

"Whenever there is a fatality we investigate," Mark Hatch, a compliance officer with OSHA, said on Wednesday. "We try and get out there as quickly as possible."

Vince Alberdi, Twin Falls Canal Co. general manager, said investigators were looking at every detail of the spill.

"We welcome the inspections," Alberdi said.

The spill may have led to the death of Mark Briere.

Briere, 38, a teacher and football coach at Vera C. O'Leary Junior High School, was working for the canal company as a summer job when he was exposed to acetone, also known as Magnacide II, Monday morning.

Briere was found unconscious and unresponsive around 6:45 a.m. Tuesday by his wife at their Twin Falls home and was pronounced dead about an hour and a half later after police and paramedics failed to revive him.

Briere was exposed to the chemical while pumping it in a culvert southwest of Twin Falls. When he moved his truck to

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## Deficits hit CSI sports programs

By Jennifer Sandmann  
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Three athletic programs at the College of Southern Idaho cut into cost overruns last year, totaling more than \$28,000.

And while a State Board of Education proposal to cap sports budgets at Idaho's four-year colleges wouldn't directly affect CSI, the college would hold itself to the same standard, President Jerry Meyerhoeffer said Wednesday.

The only tax money used by CSI athletes supports coaching salaries, he said, but one day the college might tap its general fund for sports to meet federal requirements to provide equal athletic opportunities for women.

The State Board's actions are not directed at the community

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## Idaho governor dials up hotline for schools

**How to call**

By calling 1-800-418-6423 (1-800-4-KIDSAFE), extension 363, students, teachers or parents can access an automated answering system that walks them through the procedure to leave referrals. Each referral, confidential, will be assigned an appropriate social and call reports are faxed daily to each school involved. In cases of imminent danger, the call taker will contact the school principal directly or, if necessary, local law enforcement officials.

**The Associated Press**

BOISE — Gov. Dirk Kempthorne dialed the toll-free number and ran through the menu of prompts to demonstrate how easy it now is for anyone to report trouble or potential trouble in schools anywhere in Idaho.

Joined by state and local education officials and corporate sponsors on Wednesday, Kempthorne used the setting of Boise High School's new media center to tout the Safe School Hotline.

"There are times that someone knows that trouble is about to

happen but fails to share their information because they are afraid to get involved or are unsure of who to contact," he said. "This is one more action that we've taken to reach out and create an atmosphere to increase safety."

Idaho is only the third state in the nation, after Oklahoma and Ohio, to offer the service statewide for collection of anonymous tips every day, around the clock. Authorities cautioned that it is not a panacea, but said they have high hopes for its effectiveness.

"It's rare that you can find a simple idea with such powerful potential," said Robert Barr, the former Boise State University College of Education dean who is leading the governor's task force on school safety.

U.S. West, GTE and the J.R. Simplot Co. are helping to finance the program, along with federal funding.

Schools throughout Idaho will get posters with the toll-free number to display on campus, parents will get letters and refrigerator magnets and stickers will be sent home with students.

## Agents bust drug smugglers using American Airlines

**The Associated Press**

MIAMI — Dozens of American Airlines ramp workers and contract employees were arrested, and charged Wednesday with drug ring that investigators said smuggled cocaine and marijuana into the United States in food carts, garbage bags and carry-on luggage.

The bust is believed to be the biggest set of drug arrests involving a U.S. airline.

The arrests resulted from two sting operations, one of which was prompted in part when a pilot complained last year that his coffee tasted weak. Investigators found 15 pounds of heroin in coffee packs on an American plane.

The drugs were put aboard American Airlines planes in Colombia and Central America, flown to Miami, and then went on

**Weak coffee sparks probe; some airline workers involved**

to Philadelphia, Washington, Baltimore and Cleveland, investigators said. The defendants also allegedly smuggled guns and explosives that undercover agents had given them.

At least 50 people were indicted on drug charges, including 30 American baggage handlers and ground crew workers at Miami International Airport, where American is the largest carrier. It is also the biggest U.S. airline serving Latin America.

Separately, eight people including seven American employees — were indicted in New York in a similar case.

Also, officials in Colombia

identified American as the airline used by 10 Colombians charged over the weekend with smuggling more than a half-ton of heroin to Miami.

"Greed is the bottom line. They did it all for a price," said Ed Hally, a spokesman for the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms.

In the Miami and New York cases, no one in management was arrested, and no American pilots or flight attendants were indicted.

American said it has cooperated with investigators and blamed the problem on a "small group of employees."

"This is a company with zero tolerance for illegal drugs," said Larry Wansley, American's managing director of corporate security.

Many of the defendants face life in prison if convicted.



U.S. Customs agents talk with a suspect, left, Wednesday in Miami.

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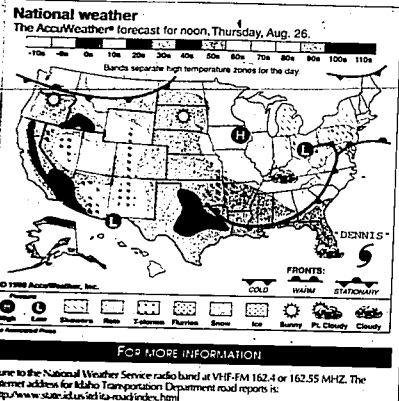
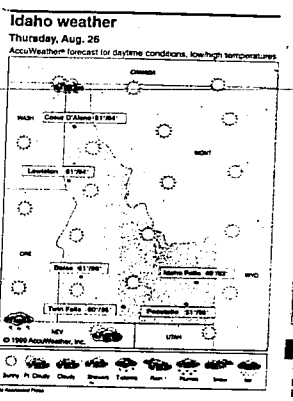
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# THE REGION

<b>Camas Prairie</b> High 89 Low 49 Sunny today and mostly clear tonight. Partly cloudy Friday, chance of showers, high 86.	<b>Treasure Valley</b> High 90 Low 66 Sunny today, light winds, and mostly clear tonight. Partly cloudy Friday. Chance of showers, high 95.
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# MAGIC VALLEY FIVE-DAY FORECAST

<b>Today</b>  High 95 Low 60 Sunny with light winds. Some clouds tonight.	<b>Friday</b>  High 90 Low 55 Partly cloudy with chance of showers.	<b>Saturday</b>  High 90s Low 60s Partly cloudy with chance of showers.	<b>Sunday</b>  High 90s Low 60s Partly cloudy with chance of showers.	<b>Monday</b>  High 90s Low 60s Partly cloudy with chance of showers.
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# YESTERDAY'S WEATHER

<b>Twin Falls</b> Yesterday in Twin Falls Last year 82 64 Normal mo. to date .36 Normal year to date 14.52 Water year to date 9.60	
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## ACROSS THE NATION

**Idaho:** High pressure dominated the state Wednesday producing mostly sunny skies throughout Idaho.

Winds were light and variable in most areas. However, southwest to westerly winds at 10 to 15 mph were reported in the northern panhandle and southern Idaho.

Temperatures continued to be warmer than normal, reaching the upper 80s to low 90s in the valleys and upper 70s to low 80s in the mountains.

Elsewhere, rain and storms ratched Wednesday from Pennsylvania into North Carolina, with dry skies and fair conditions in the nation's midsection.

Heavy rain and storms struck Virginia and the northern half of the state, along with Alabama and western Georgia.

A trough of low pressure moved into the Dakotas and Nebraska, bringing showers to western North Dakota south into the Nebraska panhandle, Utah and Colorado also received rain.

Fair and dry weather prevailed along the West Coast.

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## FBI says it may have fired devices at Waco

**WASHINGTON (AP)—**The FBI, reversing a 6-year-old course, admitted Wednesday night its agents may have fired some potentially flammable gas canisters on the final day of the 1993 standoff with the Branch Davidian cult near Waco, Texas.

"We continue to believe that law enforcement did not start the fire," said FBI spokesman John Collingswood. "But we regret previous answers to Congress and to the public about possible use of inflammatory devices ultimately may prove to be inaccurate."

Although some questions remain unanswered, Collingswood said, "all available indications are that those rounds were not directed at the main, wooden compound" in which cult leader David Koresh and many of his followers died during a fire that broke out about noon during the FBI's final assault April 19, 1993.

"The rounds did not land near the wooden compound, and they were discharged several hours before the fire started," Collingswood said.

Attorney General Janet Reno and FBI Director Louis J. Freeh ordered an inquiry into the circumstances under which military-type tear gas canisters were fired.

Freeh assigned 40 FBI agents to the review and ordered everyone at the Waco scene re-interviewed. Collingswood said the inquiry could be completed in weeks.

At Capitol Hill, Republicans promised new congressional inquiries.

"If federal officials have been lying about these elements of their testimony on other matters should also be examined," said Rep. Bob Barr, R-Ga., who called for hearings by House Government Reform Committee.

That panel's chairman, Rep. Dan Burton, R-Ind., said, "I am deeply concerned by these inconsistencies."

## CSI

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colleges, said Twin Falls banker Curtis Eaton, the Magic Valley's representative on the board. He has focused attention on Boise State University, Idaho State University, University of Idaho and Lewis-Clark State College.

"Each of the four-year schools has had a deficit in the athletic budgets at various times over the past five years," he said.

The Associated Press reported this month that the U of I program operated with a \$325,000 deficit and that ISU had a loss of \$3.881. ISU and Lewis-Clark State College predicted losses for fiscal year 1999, the AP said.

Eaton wants to stop the schools from reallocating money from other budget areas to make up for athletic deficits, he said. He has questioned why the schools were sending students on trips abroad when the programs operated in the red. Other questions include athlete graduation rates.

CSI will have about a \$425,000 operating budget for sports programs this year, the same as this past school year, Meyerhoeffer said. About \$245,000, or nearly 60 percent of this year's budget, will be supplied by student fees. The remainder will come from ticket sales and booster and sports radio revenue.

CSI's athletic budget includes women's and men's basketball, volleyball, baseball and men's and women's cross-country teams.

CSI's men's basketball program operated with a \$125,000, basically self-supporting budget this past year but saw between a \$20,000 to \$25,000 overrun, Athletic Director Jeff Duggan said. The deficit resulted from recruiting caused by changes in the coaching staff. The program was within its budget the year before.

Meyerhoeffer said he is looking

## at the basketball program to use its own budget to make up the difference.

The women's basketball program was over budget by \$3,000 this year, Meyerhoeffer said. He saw a \$5,000, or the basketball team to include trips abroad.

Both Meyerhoeffer and Duggan said they consider sports a key part of the college program.

"It's a great billboard for the college when used properly," Duggan said.

That includes graduating students on time, winning national titles and holding to ethics, he said.

Sports are one of the extras that add to a student's education, Meyerhoeffer said, but he still thinks students need to be focused on academics.

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## Jerome

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The picks also can obstruct paths if students need to evacuate.

"Students can carry their backpacks to and from school, but they have to leave them in their lockers during the day," said Wiley Dobbs, principal at Vora C.-O'Leary Junior High School in Twin Falls.

Safety hasn't been the only consideration in limiting backpacks, he said. Some students pack them too full and the weight can put them at risk of injury, and they take up a lot of classroom space already at a premium thanks to technology equipment.

O'Leary tested the practice last year with seventh-graders.

Teachers enjoyed more space, and students got used to it, Dobbs said.

Twin Falls High School will focus on combusting student feedback of treating them like stereotypes, Principal Ben Allen said.

"Sometimes I think we stereotype them into their groups, instead of treating them like the individuals that they are," he said.

The high school also will assign each student a faculty adviser to meet with them at least five times a year in an effort to connect all students with an adult, Allen said.

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## Spill

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allow a nearby resident access to the road, he ran over and broke the plastic pipe, spilling between one and three gallons of acrolein, Alberdi said.

After realizing the chemical was spilling, Briere rushed to stop the flow. In doing so he inhaled some of the fumes and was splashed with some of the chemical, Alberdi said.

Briere washed himself off in the canteen and went to the Magic Valley Regional Medical Center emergency room.

Briere was treated and released from the hospital on Monday.

Monie Smith, marketing director at the hospital, said the details into Briere's hospital visit are confidential.

When Briere died the next morning, Twin Falls police began investigating, and two officers ended up in the hospital themselves.

The officers were broken pipe

## from Briere's truck at the canal company headquarters in downtown Twin Falls.

About a cup of acrolein spilled when a canal company employee cut the pipe for the officers, Alberdi said.

The two officers and canal company employees were released from the hospital on Wednesday after being admitted for overnight observation, Smith said.

When a chemical spill occurs in the county, the hospital follows a hazardous material procedure, she said.

First, the hospital first finds out what the chemical is and then calls the Idaho State Health and Welfare Department's communication center in Boise. The communication center patches the hospital through to a chemical expert who then briefs hospital physicians on what symptoms to look for and how to treat the possible exposure cases, Smith said.

On Tuesday, the hospital spoke about acrolein with an expert about acrolein from the Department of Agriculture, she said.

"He told us what we need to do and that's what we do."

Smith said the hospital's registered nursing staff has been trained in decontamination procedures.

This was Briere's third summer working as a professional chemical applicator for the canal company and training. Professional applicators are tested by department investigators on several things including safety procedures and Idaho laws and regulations regarding pesticide and herbicide spraying, said Sherman Takatori, the department's program manager for pesticide licensing and applications.

"We require a continuous education," Takatori said. "The applicators to be recertified once every two years and with the two years, the applicator has to attend a minimum of 15 hours of pesticide-and safety-related training."

Briere was doing his job correctly, Alberdi said.

"He was set up correctly and was applying correctly," he said. "It was strictly an accident."

Briere was provided with safety gear, which included gloves, a body suit and a self-contained breathing apparatus.

Alberdi said he didn't think Briere was wearing all of the gear. Gloves and goggles are required when handling chemicals and a respirator on hand is mandatory. A self-contained breathing apparatus is not required for the pesticide application, said Bob Spencer, a department agrobio-

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## LOTTERY UPDATE

**WEDNESDAY, AUG. 25 NUMBERS**

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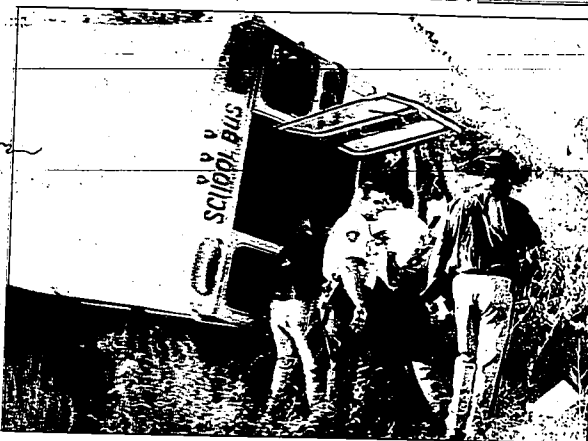
WASHINGTON (AP) - Screenwriter and playwright Norman Wexler, whose work included "Saturday Night Fever" and "Serpico," has died at 73.

Wexler died after suffering a heart attack at his home here. He died Monday according to the membership office of the Writers Guild of America.

The Harvard College graduate wrote movies and plays that exposed life's grit. In 1970, he earned his first Oscar nomination for the movie "Joe," starring Susan Sarandon and Peter Boyle, about a racist factory worker and his search for a businessman's hippie daughter.

Wexler earned more praise for "Serpico" in 1973, a screenplay based on the true story of a New York cop's battles against corruption in the police department. He then wrote "Drum" and "Mandingo" before garnering more awards for the blockbuster "Saturday Night Fever." The Oscar-nominated script explored the life of a store clerk, played by John Travolta, who submerged himself in the world of disco.

# SORTING OUT A TRAGEDY



Drivers propped check the alignment of a collision Wednesday between a school bus and a loaded logging truck west of Hatfield, Okla. At least one child was killed and as many as 23 were injured.

# Poll: For teens, grade pressure leads the list

SAN JOSE, Calif. (AP) - Ashley Mitchell, a 16-year-old junior, isn't feeling pressure to use drugs or have sex as she heads back to school this fall. She's worried about her grades.

And she's not alone.

A new survey released Wednesday by the U.S. Department of Education asked 1,015 teenagers from across the nation to list the top one or two pressures they face. The largest group - 44 percent - cited "the pressure to get good grades," and 32 percent said getting into college was among their greatest concerns.

Twenty-nine percent said fitting in was one of the greatest pressures they face, 19 percent listed the pressure to use drugs or alcohol, and 13 percent listed the pressure to be sexually active.

"I'm worrying about my future," said Miss Mitchell, who lives in San Jose. "That's a lot more important than worrying about whether to drink at a party."

The poll found three-fourths of the high school students said their future looked promising, while two-thirds said their lives were somewhat tough.

When given a list of regrets older people often say about their high school years, the majority of students polled rated "should have participated more seriously" at the top of the list.

The new poll was released by Secretary of Education Richard Riley during a speech in which he urged business leaders in Silicon Valley to support technology in schools. The poll was conducted by Peter D. Hart Research Associates and paid for by Shell Oil Co.

"As educators, parents and concerned citizens, it is important for us to listen to what students are telling us about their lives and their aspirations," Riley told the business leaders. "This survey clearly shows us that today's teens are not a generation to be discounted."

Across town at San Jose's Del Mar High School, Bobbie Soblette was registering her daughter Candice for classes. She said the academic competition there is stiff, particularly in the honors classes her daughter takes.

# Hearings set on suspected money laundering

WASHINGTON - The House Banking Committee will hold hearings next month on an alleged money-laundering scheme at the Bank of New York that federal investigators say involves the Russian mob.

"Russian banks appear to be more platforms for insiders seeking to spirit money out of the country than intermediaries for domestic growth," the committee chairman, Rep. Jim Leach, R-Iowa, said in a statement from Iowa.

"At issue is whether foreign theft has been facilitated by self-serving banking practices in the Western world, including the United States," he said. "With regard to the Bank of New York, the question is whether they were unwittingly duped or were willing facilitators in what may be the greatest example of kleptocratic governance in modern history."

### Nation in brief

#### Mail carrier receives award for saving elderly man

WASHINGTON - A Massachusetts mail carrier who rescued an elderly man being attacked by two dogs was named Hero of the Year by the National Association of Letter Carriers.

The award, announced Wednesday, will be presented to Dennis Carter of Sudbury on Sept. 14. Saw two dogs atop Joseph Klein, who had suffered a dozen times to his head, arms and legs, the man reported. Carter used a mail cart to push the dogs away and free Klein, who was hospitalized.

#### Two dead after train collides with vehicle

ELWOOD, Ill. - An Amtrak train headed for Chicago collided

with a truck this morning, killing two people in the truck, officials said. No one aboard the train was hurt.

Authorities said the accident happened at a gravel crossing near Elwood, about 40 miles south of Chicago. The crossing had no flashing lights or gates. Will County Sheriff's Lt. Marty Shiffner said.

#### Record travel expected for Labor Day

WASHINGTON - The AAA says Labor Day travel may reach the second highest level ever despite rising gasoline prices.

An estimated 34.8 million Americans are expected to travel 100 miles or more from home over the Labor Day holiday, a 2 percent increase from last year, the AAA said Tuesday. The vast majority of the travelers, 29.2 million, will go by car, said the AAA.

#### Man suspected of fatal hit-and-run surrenders

ANAHEIM, Calif. - A man suspected in a minor hit-and-run involving a bicyclist was arrested by police in the traffic death of another cyclist whose body struck a car's windshield and was carried 13 miles.

Kairo Calderon Hernandez, 26, surrendered to authorities Tuesday and was booked for investigation.

John Lee LaBord of Orange was hit Sunday night while riding home from work. LaBord had just greeted friends who were walking nearby when a speeding car ran into him, Vargas said.

Lilia Calderon, Hernandez's mother, said he has suffered recurring headaches since he fell off a scaffold two years ago and injured his head.

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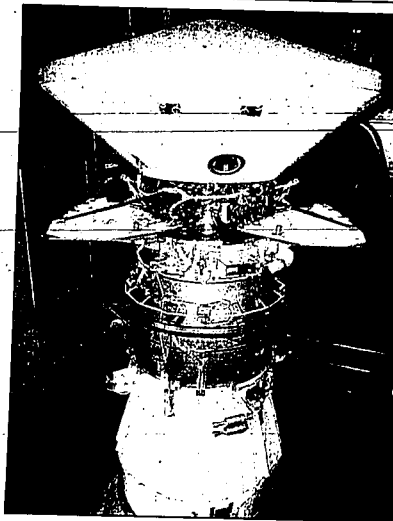
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The Mars Polar Lander sits ready atop a Boeing Delta II rocket at the Cape Canaveral Air Station in Florida.

### NASA charts course for Mars' south pole on next probe flight

WASHINGTON (AP) — NASA scientists have selected a gently rolling plain near Mars' South Pole as the touchdown target for a robot spacecraft next December. "We chose a location with some surface features, but no cliffs or jagged peaks," said Richard Zurek, the project chief at the Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena, Calif. Zurek said the Mars Polar Lander site appears to have layers of dust and ice of varying thickness that could contain a record of climate changes. "In a sense, digging into its surface will be like reading tree rings or layers in an ice core," Zurek said in a statement. "In addition, we may find evidence of soil particles that formed in ancient seas on Mars and were later blown into the polar region." The landing will be centered in a target zone 124 miles long and

12.4 miles wide. It is 76 degrees south latitude and 195 degrees west longitude, near the Martian South Pole.

Scientists selected the site after studying pictures and other data from the Mars Global Surveyor, a craft currently orbiting Mars.

The Mars Polar Lander is scheduled to touch down Dec. 3, near the end of the spring season in the Martian southern hemisphere. During this time, the target area will be in constant sunlight, an important factor given that the spacecraft gets its power from solar panels.

Mars Polar-Lander was launched Jan. 3. The lander has equipment to study the soil and to look for ice beneath the surface. Just before lift-off enters the Martian atmosphere, it will release two penetrating probes that will punch beneath the soil surface to look for water ice near the landing site.

## Justice lawyers seek millions in overtime

WASHINGTON (AP) — Lawyers who work for the Justice Department are seeking more than \$500 million in a class-action lawsuit that accuses the law-enforcement agency of illegally failing to provide overtime pay. "The purpose is to expose that the nation's chief law enforcement agency abides by the law itself," the attorneys' lawyer, Robert A. Van Kirk, said Wednesday. "The department

has made a deliberate policy decision to ignore the law" that requires overtime pay for employees who work more than 40 hours a week. The lawsuit says the department keeps two sets of records: one set for pay purposes, which shows a 40-hour work week, and another set reflecting actual hours worked, which is used for budget requests to Congress.

As a result of a meeting Tuesday between lawyers and U.S. Court of Federal Claims Judge Robert H. Hodges Jr., more than 120,000 current and former Justice Department lawyers will be formally notified of the lawsuit early next month and asked whether they want to join as plaintiffs. About 130 lawyers have joined so far.

Justice Department spokeswoman Chlis Witney declined comment on the lawsuit filed last November. "The department said in court papers early this year, 'There is little overtime policy that is DOJ-wide' and that the department had no 'policy of denying overtime pay to attorneys who are not officially ordered or approved to work overtime.'" Those who sued must show that any overtime work was officially approved, the department said.

## Human remains - possibly ancient - found in Canada

Los Angeles Times  
Hunters crossing a glacier in northern Canada have discovered the well-preserved frozen body of an early American — the first "iceman" found in North America. Experts say the body is at least hundreds of years old and may be thousands. The design of the body's tools and clothing indicate that he or she was an aborigine who lived in so-called pre-contact times, before European people came into the area in the 1700s. But the body could be much older than that. Some of the items carried by the man have fragments that are unknown today, suggesting that the cadaver could be thousands of years old — perhaps even dating from the period 12,000 years ago when humans were first thought to cross into North America from Asia across a land bridge over the Bering Strait.



From left, Greg Row of Yukon Territorial Government, Lawrence Iles of the Champagne Aishihik First Nation and MacRae of British Columbia Parks, inspect the site where what is thought to be the well-preserved remains of a prehistoric human were found this month.

cer for the Champagne and Aishihik First Nations in Haines Junction, Yukon. The site remains "will be treated with dignity and respect," she said in an interview. The body was discovered more than a week ago by hunters tramping on foot in a scrubland called Alsek Park, which is located in extreme northwestern British Columbia not far from the Yukon and Alaskan borders. They reported the discovery to the Yukon government in Whitehorse Aug. 15, and government officials immediately began organizing an expedition to

examine the remains. Their team, under the direction of archeologist Owen Beattie of the University of Alberta, included stone archeologists, a forensic anthropologist, a glaciologist, an ancient conservator and representatives from the tribal group. They unearthed the body Monday and took it to Whitehorse. Officials are not yet releasing much information about the discovery. A statement Tuesday said, "We cannot at present specify what cultural group this person belonged to, or determine how long ago he or she died. The

cause of death is not known at present, but preliminary evidence indicates that this person died after falling into a glacier crevasse." Several other "icemen" have been found in recent years. The body of an ancient shepherd was found in 1991 in a glacier on the Italy-Austria border. Officials initially thought it was of recent origin, but it was subsequently found to be more than 5,000 years old. Frozen mummies have also been found recently in the mountains of South America.

## Voucher ruling worries parents, but children are still in school

CLEVELAND (AP) — The public school year opened in a state of confusion Wednesday, a day after a federal judge blocked a voucher program that lets students attend private or religious schools at taxpayer expense. Nervous parents tied up phone lines as private school officials said they'd continue to accept voucher students pending an appeal.

The public school district, which started classes Wednesday, also told parents of voucher students to wait before enrolling their students in the 77,000-student system. About 4,000 students from kindergarten through sixth grade receive up to \$2,500 in tuition so they can attend private schools, and the public system is unsure how it would absorb the influx of students if they were cut off from private schools.

## Three in Atlantic City kill themselves

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J. (AP) — A German tourist jumped to his death off a 10-story casino parking garage Wednesday in the street just outside in Atlantic City in eight days. The man, whose name was not immediately released, resisted police officers at present specifications when cultural group this person belonged to, or determine how long ago he or she died. The

about 100 feet. On Aug. 17, a gambler who had lost \$87,000 jumped to his death off a Trump Plaza roof. On Monday, a dealer at Casanova Atlantic City Hotel Casino committed suicide by leaping off the casino's parking garage. It wasn't clear if the most recent victim had been gambling. He left no suicide note.

## Bush pitches for free trade during tour of southern states

CHARLESTON, S.C. — Texas Gov. George W. Bush pitched open trade Wednesday to a part of the country where many feel stung by it, declaring, "We'll be prosperous if this nation does not retreat within its borders."

Bush opened a three-day Southern swing with a series of events in South Carolina, where his rivals for the Republican presidential nomination are working hard for an early February primary.

Bush has been a strong advocate of the North American Free Trade Agreement pioneered by his father when he was president and put into effect in 1993 by President Clinton.

McCain clashes with anti-abortion group  
WASHINGTON — Republican presidential candidate John McCain has not satisfied some conservative critics despite declaring his support for overturning the Supreme Court ruling that legalized abortion. "I share our common goal of

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reducing the staggering number of abortions currently performed in this country and overturning the Roe vs. Wade decision," McCain said in a letter, released Tuesday, to National Right to Life Committee president Wanda Franz. "I truly hope this clarifies any ambiguity on my position."

### Poll: Bush leads GOP in California primary

SAN FRANCISCO — Texas Gov. George W. Bush has built a commanding lead over his GOP rivals in California while running even in the state in a head-to-head presidential matchup with Al Gore, a new poll indicates. A California Field poll released Wednesday suggests Bush would garner about half, 49 percent, of ballots cast by Republicans likely to vote in California's winner-take-all March 7 primary. —Compiled from wire reports

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# Interest in new pap test grows

More patients get more effective use

NEW YORK (AP) - Three years after the federal government approved a more effective Pap smear test, the new cervical cancer screening method is starting to catch on.

About 13 percent of the 50 million Pap smears performed in the United States are now done with the ThinPrep Pap Test, twice the level of 1997.

ThinPrep makes it easier for laboratory technicians to interpret Pap smears, and as a result find more abnormal or precancerous cells. By the end of next year, about 20 percent of all Pap tests will use ThinPrep, analysts forecast.

"I'm amazed at how quickly it's catching on," said Dr. Kenneth Noller, professor of obstetrics and gynecology at the University of Massachusetts Medical School. "Doctors read the literature, and they interpret this test to be an improvement."

That's not always been the case. Many doctors and health insurers were hesitant to replace a diagnostic test that led to a big increase in cervical cancer deaths with a pricier version. Critics claimed that the new test was no better than the conventional one at identifying cancer, and argued ThinPrep would result in too many false positives. "This unnecessarily alarming patients."

Insurance coverage is crucial because ThinPrep typically costs \$25 to \$30 per test compared to \$7 to \$10 for the conventional Pap test.

ThinPrep's increasing market share comes as its manufacturer, Cytyc, based in Boxborough, Mass., has convinced more big health insurers - including several Blue Cross and Blue Shield plans - that the new test is worth the extra expense.

Of the nation's two biggest health plans, Kaiser Permanente said it's looking into covering the new test, and Cytyc officials say they're making headway with Aetna.

Insurance coverage has led more doctors to order the test, and more women to request it. "They've done better than most expected them to do," said Thomas Gunderson, an analyst with US Bancorp Piper Jaffray.

Jennifer Bryner, 31, of Lancaster, Pa., requested a ThinPrep Pap test in January after reading a pamphlet in her gynecologist's office.

The test results showed a precancerous condition, which she had treated. She believes that ThinPrep picked up the condition before a regular Pap test would have.

The rate of cervical cancer and women dying from it has increased in the United States



Jennifer Bryner requested a new pap smear test called 'ThinPrep' after she read a pamphlet about it in her gynecologist's office.

### Improving the Pap smear test

A new, more expansive method to screen cervical cancer is beginning to catch on. Here is how it works, compared to the more conventional test.

**Conventional Pap smear**

- A doctor scrapes cells from the cervix, at the neck of the uterus, then smears those cells onto a glass slide.
- Also technician scrutinizes the slide under a microscope, looking for abnormal cells.

**ThinPrep Pap Test**

- The cells from the cervix are taken and placed in a vial containing a transport liquid.
- Before being analyzed, the sample is processed, breaking out blood and mucus debris that can hide cancerous changes.
- Cervical cellular material is then transferred to a glass slide and analyzed under a microscope.

Source: Cytyc Corporation, AP research

### HMO coverage of the ThinPrep Pap Test

The nation's largest health maintenance organizations differ on their coverage of the ThinPrep Pap Test.

Aetna:	Not covered
Kaiser Permanente:	Not covered
United:	Covered

more than 40 percent since 1973 due to the success of mass screening using the conventional Pap smear. In 1999, about 12,800 women will be diagnosed with cervical cancer and 4,800 women will die of the disease, according to the American Cancer Society.

Named for Dr. George Papanicolaou, the pathologist who developed it in 1948, the Pap smear involves a doctor scraping cells from the cervix

Henneman: Not covered but will reimburse the cost of a conventional Pap smear test and let the patient pay the extra expense for the new test.

Cigna: Covered

Foundation: Covered

Oxford Health Plans: Covered.

with a special instrument. The cells are smeared onto a glass slide and sent to a lab, where a technician reads the slide under a microscope.

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# Drug names confuse all involved

NEW YORK (AP) - Celebrex, the hot-selling new arthritis pill, sounds a lot like Celexa, a depression treatment, and Cerebyx, an anti-seizure drug. And it's not just patients who are confused.

Since Celebrex was launched in January, federal regulators have received 95 reports of errors by doctors and pharmacists in dispensing Celebrex, with problems blamed on health professionals confusing the painkiller with similarly named drugs.

None of the cases involve serious injury or death. But the two companies that jointly sell Celebrex - Monsanto Co. and Pfizer Inc. - have recently started trying to clear up the confusion with an educational campaign aimed at doctors and pharmacists.

"This is an accident waiting to happen," said Hedy Cohen, vice president of nursing at the Institute for Safe Medication Practices, a Huntington Valley, Pa., nonprofit group that tracks medication errors. "It's a matter of time until a person that is already sick gets the wrong drug and the chance for a serious injury can occur."

This spring, Celebrex became the fastest-selling new drug ever, with about 9.2 prescriptions written so far. It is on track to have more than \$1 billion in sales this

year, and upwards of \$4 billion by 2002, analysts say.

Of the 95 medication mixups reported to the Food and Drug Administration, only 22 cases

doctors and pharmacists understand the difference between the sound-alike drugs and the need to verify they are giving out the right pill. The companies' marketing representatives are reinforcing the message during visits to doctors.

If the problem does not improve, the FDA could make the companies change the drug's name, which analysts say could threaten sales.

Monsanto has already changed the drug's name once, from Celebra, after federal regulators said it sounded too much like other medications.

"We are still concerned about the problem," said Jerry Phillips, an FDA official who assesses the risk of drugs that already have reached the market. "This is a significant number of errors."

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-Hedy Cohen,

vice president, Institute for Safe Medication Practices

involved a patient actually taking the wrong drug. With the rest, someone caught the error in time.

At the urging of the FDA, Monsanto and Pfizer have paid for advertisements in major medical journals to make sure

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## EDITORIAL

### Give Larry Craig some credit for his social welfare agenda

When most folks think of Larry Craig, they think of Senator Sixgun-tireless defender-of-traditional Western interests such as logging, mining, ranching and the right to bear arms. That's the image he has cultivated, and he obviously enjoys it. But there's a kinder, gentler side to Larry Craig that few people ever see.

How many people are aware that Idaho's senior senator was a driving force behind the Hope for Children Act, which reduced the hassle for parents seeking to adopt children? How many are aware that he quietly steered Sen. Bob Packwood — a colleague and friend — out of the Senate after Packwood's sexual misbehavior made his political position untenable? Craig stood by our office Wednesday to talk about salmon, spending and partisan politics. He didn't mention the Hope for Children Act, so we brought it up.

If the Republican Party is anti-abortion, it should be aggressively pro-adoption," Craig said.

Craig knows about adoption issues because he adopted three children when he married his wife, Suzanne. He began asking questions, but the answers begged still more questions.

Why were 500,000 children lingering in the limbo of foster homes? These children, neither adopted nor abandoned,

were in a bureaucratic twilight zone with an uncertain future. Ever-mindful of states' rights, Craig successfully pushed for state agencies to conduct a formal review after a child has been in a foster home for 18 months. The issue was fairness, Craig said, and the options were simple: Return children to their birth parents or turn them over for adoption. Either way, they deserve to be in homes where they are wanted, where they are part of the family.

Craig — never quietly smoothed some of the wrinkles out of adoption.

He was equally quiet, and equally effective, while maneuvering Packwood out of the Senate. As a member of the Senate Ethics Committee, Craig knew that Packwood had to go. As a member of the human race, Craig knew that Packwood's outrageous behavior toward women was a stain on the Senate and an affront to fairness.

It couldn't have been fun, but Craig sent Packwood packing.

Craig has become a powerful player in Washington. He is the ranking Westerner in the Senate; where his work on natural-resources issues brings a good deal of attention. He ought to get some credit for his work on social issues, too.

*Sen. Larry Craig — never known for his social welfare agenda — has achieved some quiet triumphs.*

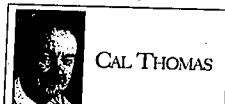


### Television news keeps sliding downhill

I must have been wrong as a young reporter to cover school board meetings and hospitals, spending hours at boring city council sessions, while acquiring the skills to write and put the news on local television. What a waste of time learning accuracy, fairness and journalistic ethics. I should have gone to work at the White House and then applied for a network correspondent's job, bypassing the bottom and intermediate rungs of the ladder and starting at the top.

Such is the deplorable state of today's broadcast journalism that Clinton co-defender, redcoater and friend, George Stephanopoulos, can go directly to ABC News as a commentator/analyst and then be morphed into a broadcast journalist while his old boss is still in office. Most club members of the revolving-door club between government and journalism at least put a little space between partisan political activity and the profession. There's a law keeping former government officials from lobbying their old associates for one year. No such law exists in journalism, but maybe there should be one.

Stephanopoulos is a nice fellow. It's not his fault. ABC News President David Westin violates whatever remnant of real journalism remains by announcing that he's grooming Stephanopoulos for a reporter position. "We're all conscious of the sensitivity with him having been a part of the news in Washington," explains Westin. If he is that conscious, why doesn't he hire a former member of the Bush or Reagan administrations to balance things out? This would be just as good, but at least the public might credit him for fairness.



CAL THOMAS

Westin says he wouldn't want Stephanopoulos to be the beat reporter for the Gore campaign. Does this mean he'd consider him as a beat reporter for the campaign of George W. Bush or one of the other Republican candidates? Does Westin think there might be a public perception of bias if Stephanopoulos covered a Democratic contender, but not a Republican?

Westin lauds Stephanopoulos' "increasing strength and maturity." "Funny, I never felt the need to put 'increasing strength and maturity' on my resume when applying for a job. And then Westin adds, 'There has been a history of people not growing up in journalism becoming journalists,' as if this is something to be encouraged.

In his book, "How the News Makes Us Dumb," University of Florida history professor C. John Sommerville writes that the way broadcast news is misproduced today is actually good because it is driving people away and allowing it to develop alternative means of receiving information that will be far more beneficial to them. Sommerville contends that the idea of daily news creates an information industry that must constantly be satisfied with "no matter how irrelevant or unimportant."

"We are now seeing what happens when one depends entirely on daily reports, with their decontextualizing and deconstructing tendencies... For news has no sense of scale. It concentrates the mind when we thought (its purpose) was to broaden the mind."

It's not all the news business' fault. As with so many other things, it is our fault, argues Sommerville. "We have acquired an addiction," he says, "and newspeople are just supplying the market."

If journalists pluck people out of the White House, or anywhere else, without testing their reporting skills in local stations or newspapers before giving them a national platform, then journalism itself is further diminished in the minds of an already skeptical public which regards the profession with proper distrust and disgust.

The transformation of George Stephanopoulos from Clinton campaign operative, to Clinton White House operative and spokesman, to network commentator and pundit, along with the industry's failure to fulfill its obligation to fully investigate and expose the illegal and immoral activities of this president and his co-conspirators, is more evidence of dysfunctional broadcast news that is beyond repair.

There is a difference between being informed and being wise, argues Sommerville.

George Stephanopoulos will be another informer. What he says will not make us any wiser. It's a dumb move from a crumbling profession that has contributed to the dumbing down of the American people.

Cal Thomas is a Los Angeles Times columnist.

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## LETTERS

### Funds need to go to highways

Idaho has a \$4.1 billion backlog in needed highway construction and repair, and our roads and highways are rapidly deteriorating.

The state Transportation Department claims it cannot build good quality, long-lifespan highways due to lack of funds, and yet they have large sums of money available to provide grants for recreational projects statewide.

Example: The ex-Cassia County Recreation District recently applied for a \$400,000 grant from the transportation department for a "walking trail" (Times-News, June 30).

I urge Idaho residents and taxpayers to contact their state representatives and congressional delegates and request transportation department funds not be used only for roadway construction and repair. These funds should be used for any other purpose.

VAUGHN PETERSON  
Burley

society if you can kill a cop and not be properly punished. Is an officer in the line of duty for any reason, or in this case for no particular reason, is appalling.

Hiding in ambush for a cop sounds like premeditation. Isn't premeditation a special circumstance? To reload your weapon and keep firing at your victim because she has the nerve to fight back looks like intent to me. A shot to the head (execution) after your victim is defenseless seems like a special circumstance.

I don't consider using a firearm a special circumstance in murder because no matter the reason, murder is murder, and the victim is just as dead. Scott Yager could have beaten Trooper Huff over the head with a can of Spam and done the same job.

I can't wait for Rosie O'Donnell and the gun-control crowd to demand Span control.

Scott Yager was said to have been mentally ill. He did not understand his crime or would not understand the death penalty.

If he did not understand the crime or penalty, what is to keep him from killing again while in prison? Properly punished, we would know for sure he would never take another life.

I don't know all of the thousands of gun-control laws on the books in this great nation.

I do know that as part of the Brady Law that if you have a history of mental illness, you are not allowed to legally purchase a gun.

Yes sir, the Brady law sure worked here, didn't it?

Judge James Judd must have been a little "touched" when making his sentencing decision.

J. BRAD HESTER  
Jackpot, Nev.

### No excuses

As I scanned the pages of the Filer High School yearbook, I ran across an unbelievable and shocking sight. A handful of football players' and one volleyball player's face were covered with white-out. Casper was the name printed in place of these athletes' names. Who is responsible for shaming these children? How is this person or persons going to make amends? Regardless of the "legitimate" reasons for doing this, whoever has decided he/she they have the right to defame these students has been reckless and irresponsible. A yearbook should capture the wonder years of school, not be used as a lifetime sentence to shame students.

KRYSTEN NEIHWERT  
Twin Falls

### Happy with the neighborhood

"Regarding 'Neighbor opposition' by John T. Huddy on Aug. 14:

After reading your article, I feel the wrong message may have been conveyed. It is true we in the neighborhood opposed the plan in its complete form. But what you did not mention was the fact that no one that signed the petitions (750) and the (40-plus) letters sent to the city planning and zoning commission were against the church being built. We only opposed the commercial venture planned on the south end by Falls Avenue. Also, you said, and I quote, "Perhaps ironically, the opponents include leaders of some nearby churches." You leave the public to think, our neighborhood and other churches are against it. Among the Grace Fellowship's building plans for its church facilities.

If Mr. Huddy was at that meeting, he would have surely heard our spokesman, Mr. Bill Black, speak very clearly and loud enough for every one to hear four times, we in this neighborhood "Do not oppose the building of the church or having them as a neighbor."

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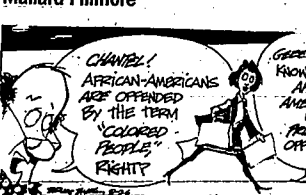
### Doonesbury



### By Garry Trudeau



### Mallard Fillmore



### By Bruce Tinsley



# Lack of moral confidence led to history's bloodiest conflict

ROBERT TRACINSKI

September 3 marks the 60th anniversary of the beginning of the bloodiest conflict in human history: World War II. Two days earlier, Hitler's troops invaded Poland, initiating a conflict that would cost 57 million lives—including 293,000 American servicemen.

Now, as we are about to enter the 21st century—in a world rife with weapons far more powerful than those used in World War II—it is important to understand the causes of that conflict, to make sure that we have learned its lessons and are able to prevent similar bloodbaths.

The primary cause of the war was, of course, the totalitarian ideology of Nazism, which held that the state is all-important, and that the individual must be sacrificed to the good of the state. Hitler put this ideology into practice, sacrificing individual lives by the millions. But the success of German aggression was not inevitable. The free countries of Europe had several opportunities to stop Hitler prior to 1939—but at each time they offered appeasement rather than resistance.

In 1936, Hitler sent German troops into the Rhineland, on the border between Germany and France. This was the first major step in the Nazi military buildup and a direct violation of the treaty of Versailles (signed at the end of World War I). The German military was still small; if France had attacked, Germany would have been unable to resist. Instead, the French simply demanded that Hitler withdraw his troops.

In 1938, Germany annexed Austria; again, the democratic European nations did nothing. Later that year, Hitler succeeded in possession of the Sudetenland, an ethnic German enclave in Czechoslovakia. The European powers met at a diplomatic conference in Munich, where they acceded to Hitler's demands, promising in British Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain's now infamous words, that this concession would ensure "peace in our time."

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Britain were nations whose citizens lived in freedom, who could claim a tradition of individual rights and the rule of law; their enemy was a racist dictatorship whose stated goal was to enslave and murder. Their attitude should have been one of righteous outrage and swift action to destroy an obvious evil. Yet their actual attitude was the reverse. Hitler was the one who issued his demands in a tone of strident righteousness, while the free nations replied with compromising timidity. The incredible truth is that the nations that best represented freedom and individual rights had lost the certainty of their own moral convictions. They were unable to muster the moral confidence necessary to threaten war in defense of their own freedom. The only time they have had the nerve to face down a dictator has been in the tiny province of Kosovo, where the threat to American interests is insignificant.

The reason for U.S. appeasement is chillingly familiar. While the Chinese furiously denounce our attempts to "impose our values" on them and "interfere in China's internal affairs"—our president flew to China last year to give a speech, in a televised broadcast, America's past faults. The same pattern is repeating itself: Strident moral certainty on the part of dictators, met by mealy-mouthed compromise on the part of free nations.

What is needed to oppose these threats—and to avoid the necessity for a future war that will break World War II's record for carnage—is moral confidence on the part of free nations, followed by firm action. But the message to the world's dictators must be the opposite of the message given to Adolf Hitler prior to 1939. It is not necessary, nor would it be in our interest, to go to war in all of these cases. What is necessary is for America to regain its confidence in the morality of freedom and individual rights—and to have the certainty to stand up for these values against the world's dictators.

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# Abortion could be McCain's Achilles heel



GEORGE F. WILL

Some Republicans—call them single-criterion Republicans—favor John McCain's presidential candidacy because he seems to satisfy their sole standard: Which candidate is least like Clinton?

Surely, they think, the unrepentant Clinton, whose character has been tempered in the furnace of a POW camp; whose ability to pander has supposedly so appalled through disgust that he would see the heavens fall rather than court Iowa by supporting ethanol subsidies; who, even an oak, never a willow, insouciantly gives his own way.

Trouble is, his own way is frequently the way favored by the media. For example, his great passion, campaign finance reform, would enhance the media's power by leaving them, unlike most other advocates of political causes, exempt from government regulation of political advocacy. The media call McCain a "severick," even though he seems to be, even monomorphically, a predictable maverick.

Hence the deepened dismay among McCain admirers when the San Francisco Chronicle reported this on Friday from an interview with him:

"I'd love to see a point where (Roe vs. Wade) is irrelevant, and could be repealed because abortion is no longer necessary. But certainly in the short term, or even the long term, I would not support repeal of Roe vs. Wade, which would then force X number of women in America to (undergo) illegal and dangerous operations."

Well, when and in what sense, does McCain think abortions are "necessary"? Why does he think that Roe vs. Wade were overturned, thereby re-establishing abortion as a matter subject to state regulation, that states would outlaw, or even seriously restrict, first-trimester abortions, which are about 88 percent of all abortions? (Asked if he could think of a single state that would outlaw them, Rick Davis, McCain's campaign manager, said: "No.")

By what reasoning does McCain support first- and sec-

ond-trimester abortions as a fundamental constitutional right (Roe vs. Wade), but also favor (as he does) banning third-trimester abortions? And how does he read what the court said is compatible with a ban on all third-trimester abortions?

The next president may nominate three Supreme Court justices. But what should conservatives conclude about McCain's likely Supreme Court appointments?

Many people who are pro-choice nevertheless regard Roe vs. Wade as an execrable constitutional law. But judging by the Chronicle report, McCain does not believe the Court's discovery of a "fundamental" right to abortion should be overturned to reassert proper constitutional reasoning.

Finally, how can McCain square what he told the Chronicle with the answer "yes" that he gave last year in response to the question, "Do you support the conservative reversal of 'Roe vs. Wade'?" Or with this, from Feb. 25 and July 22, 1998: "I am a lifelong, ardent supporter of unborn children's right to life."

His voting record reflects that. But Emily Dickinson comes to mind: "I believe and disbelieve 100 times in an hour, which keeps me believing nimble." Such nimbleness may serve poetry better than it serves the presidency.

Two days after the Chronicle report, McCain's campaign released this statement:

"I have always believed in the importance of the repeal of Roe vs. Wade, and as president, I would work toward its repeal—but that ... must take place in conjunction with a sustained

effort to reduce the number of abortions performed in America. If Roe vs. Wade were repealed tomorrow, it would force thousands of young women to undergo dangerous and illegal operations.

I will continue to work with both pro-life and pro-choice Americans so that we can eliminate the need for abortions."

As president, his first Supreme Court nomination could cause a storm. Roe vs. Wade to be overturned, thereby restoring state powers to regulate abortion, with perhaps negligible regulation by most states.

But regardless of states' actions, it is unclear how overturning Roe would "force" anyone to have an abortion. Let alone force "thousands" to have "dangerous and illegal" abortions. And, again, it is unclear what McCain means by affirming the "need" for abortions.

All this confusion may not reflect any political calculation by McCain (such as advantage in pro-choice California's March 7 primary).

But even if it reflects only muddly thinking, it is one more reason why many who want to support McCain because of his spiritedness must remind themselves of Stephen Leacock's admonition: "Many a man in love with a dimple makes the mistake

of marrying the whole girl."

George F. Will is a Washington Post columnist.

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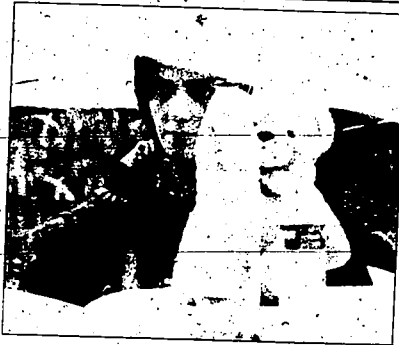
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Yasfiye Ozer breastfeeds her daughter, Merve, amid the ruins on the outskirts of Goleck, Turkey, Wednesday.

Rescue efforts in Turkey bring exhilaration, pain

GÖLECK, Turkey (AP) — The hush of the waiting crowd, the empty search for an injured victim instead yields a mangled corpse. The small, heart-breaking items in the rubble: a photo of a smiling stranger, a headless doll, a notebook with a child's clumsy handwriting.

An extraordinary week-long rescue effort in the wake of Turkey's Aug. 17 earthquake has wound down and only now can those who took part confront their emotions: a complex tangle of exhilaration, devastation and grief.

"My job is to save lives, not look for dead bodies," said Tuba Akcan, 45, the head of a civil defense team whose task is now turned into the latter.

He has been a rescuer for 20 years — but says the pain of each new tragedy is fresh.

There have been some joyful moments — like when a 5-year-old boy clung to Akcan after he regretted him from under his collapsed home four days after the quake.

"The boy wouldn't let go of me, although his father was standing next to me. I just wept. I have four children of my own," Akcan said.

He recalled how the boy's father thanked him profusely, saying, "You are our god."

"I still believe that moment," Akcan said.

Then, taking a long drag from his cigarette, his severe face grew vulnerable as he blamed himself for the death of 4-year-old Irene.

"I searched hard for Irene, used all the techniques possible, but I couldn't detect any life," in the pile of rubble where she was buried, he said.

"So I left her there," moving

on to search for survivors elsewhere.

"The next day, we pulled out her corpse. Maybe I could have saved her. Her parents were so young," he said.

There are some images rescue worker Gonul Ozer can't get out of her mind. "One day, we pulled out a woman. Until a few days earlier, she had been like me, a living thing. And now she was lying there rotting," she said.

On Monday, Ozer and colleagues Asuman Ciftci and Seval Ozkan headed to what used to be a seven-story seaside apartment building in Goleck.

Five people were detected — though it seemed unlikely any of them was alive.



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Russian forces claim victory over rebel invaders

MAKHACHKALA, Russia — After more than two weeks of blood-soaked fighting, Russian military forces claimed victory Wednesday, saying they have largely driven rebel forces out of the southern republic of Dagestan.

Most of the rebel forces fled across mountain passes to the breakaway territory of Chechnya, from which they had infiltrated Dagestan and seized about half a dozen villages Aug. 7. But rebel snipers remained scattered throughout the area, and the Defense Ministry conceded that small groups of militants remained entrenched in remote and hard-to-penetrate folds of the Caucasus Mountains.

The rebels were seeking to establish an independent Islamic state in Dagestan, a mostly Muslim republic between Chechnya and the Caspian Sea. The fighting has been the worst in Russia since government troops withdrew in humiliation

World in brief  
from Chechnya after a 1994-96 war with separatists.

Powerful truck bomb hits Taliban headquarters  
KABUL, Afghanistan — The Taliban's reclusive leader escaped a truck bomb that exploded near his home, killing seven people, officials said Wednesday.

There is no evidence that the bomb was an attempt on Mullah Mohammed Omar's life. It was the first act of sabotage in southern Kandahar since the Taliban took control of that city nearly six years ago.

Austrian police arrest Bosnian Serb military chief  
THE HAGUE, Netherlands —

Acting on a tip from the U.N. war crimes tribunal, Austrian police arrested the top Bosnian Serb military commander Wednesday as he visited Vienna.

The arrest of Gen. Momir Talic, the Bosnian Serb military chief of staff, sparked an immediate outcry from Serbs, who criticized his capture as a deliberate setup designed to entrap Talic.

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### Wendell Golf Scramble will be Friday up north

**COURIER IDAHOISE** — The Idaho Hoisting Green Golf Scramble will be Friday at Couriers in Wendell.  
In attendance will be former Idaho football player Wayne Walker, on Wendell basketball coach. The program, Idaho State's basketball coach David Turner and utilities director Mike Blinn.  
Play begins at 9 a.m. Registration costs \$17.5. Call Idaho Hoisting Green at (208-665-9783) or Wendell Multi-Sport at (208-755-8002) for more information.

### Wendell Golf Scramble will be Friday up north

**WENDELL** — Registration for fall sports program sponsored by the Wendell Recreation District will be Saturday from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. at the Wendell High School Gym.  
[Flag football (grades 4-6), junior soccer (grades 8-9) and senior soccer (grades 10-12) programs will be offered. Registration costs \$15 and includes program T-shirt. For more information, call Barry or Beth Anderson at 208-665-4049.

### Nevada Armwrestling scheduled in Elko

**ELKO** — Nov. 19-1999 Nevada State Armwrestling Championships will be Saturday at the Stockman's Casino in Elko, Nev.  
The double-elimination tournament begins at 4 p.m. For more information, call (702) 828-7245 or (408) 294-4808.

### Bonne Opportunity Club stages golf tournament

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## Boise won't leave Williamsport winless

**The Associated Press**  
**WILLIAMSPORT, Pa.** — The boys from Boise, while no Beat of the East, at least got a run and a victory.  
In a game that meant nothing to the outcome of the Little League World Series, the South Central Boise All-Stars beat Brownsburg, Ind., 2-0 Wednesday night.  
If nothing else, there was pride on the line for teams that had lost two previous starts in the series. Both teams went into the game knowing that they had no shot at tonight's U.S. championship.  
Boise's Ryan Champ, a piano-playing 12-year-old who wants to go to

MIT, started the game with five strikeouts before walking Alex Hendrickson. He finished with eight strikeouts and was 2-of-3 and scored a run.  
Boise's Seth Anderson scored on Austin Jones' groundout in the third and Champ came home on a wild pitch for a 2-0 lead. The runs were the first in 13 innings for Idaho's first team ever in the series.  
No Brownsburg runner got past second, though Austin Nikolai had a single and a double.  
In tonight's marquee matchup, defending champion and "Beat of the East" Toms River, N.J., will play a rematch against Phenix City, Ala.,

two teams which stopped Boise cold. Toms River already beat Phenix City once this week.  
Once again, the team from Toms River, N.J., is two victories from winning the Little League World Series. And this time they're defying even greater odds.  
Consider: 7,500 teams worldwide began tournament play this summer and only eight made it to Williamsport.  
Then factor in that only two members of last year's title team from Toms River are back in uniform and the chances of repeating are even more remote.  
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Uplink William Pettit calls Zach Hunsick of Toms River. Nelson called after South Central Boise Little League advanced to the Little League World Series. Michael Nelson fielded the ball Wednesday.

## Remembering Reyna Not so fast, Feds

### Loved ones gather at service for fallen Boise State Bronco

**The Associated Press**  
**BOISE** — Teammates wept, strangers comforted one another and some people listened with hushed breath as they remembered football player Paul Reyna during a 90-minute memorial service at Boise State University.  
Reyna's friends and family, as well as a lot of problems, gangs, violence and drugs, and Paul avoided all those pitfalls, his father, Art Reyna, said Tuesday at the service attended by 600 mourners.  
The 19-year-old Reyna lived in La Puente, Calif., a Los Angeles suburb, and moved to Boise Aug. 7 to play football as a defensive tackle for the Broncos. But he struck his head on Bronco Stadium's artificial turf during a scrimmage on Aug. 18.  
Even though he was wearing a helmet, the impact ruptured a blood vessel in his brain, and here, the players, the athletic staff, the campus, the hills.  
Reyna's father, Carolyn, said God and the Catholic faith were important parts of his life and influenced his



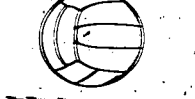
Carolyn Reyna clutches the helmet of her son, Paul, during a memorial service held for Paul Reyna Tuesday night at Boise State University. The freshman defensive tackle died Monday from a head injury received during the Broncos' first scrimmage. At left is Paul's father, Art Reyna.

### Twin Falls coach returns to court

By Dana Clow  
Times-News sports editor

**TWIN FALLS** — Michael Jordan, Keith "Whoo, Nellie" Jackson, Ross Perot and now Mike Federico.  
The ranks of the un-retired just keep on growing.  
In the middle of the summer, Federico was all set to go gently into that good night. After four years of coaching both varsity volleyball and baseball, he had decided to retire from the former to concentrate on the latter.  
"I retired because basically, this is a program that really needs a full-time volleyball person that can run summer camps and off-season programs, because that's where high school sports are headed," Federico said.  
"I felt I was doing a disservice to the girls."  
Never mind the fact that, by his own admission, he has won more coaching accolades in volleyball than baseball. More of his year is spent with the Twin Falls High School and American Legion baseball teams, and the spare time on his olive green Jeep sports a white custom-made cover with two red seams—like a baseball.  
It was in July, near the end of the American Legion season,

### Full sports program



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## Galloway: Jones is done at World Championships

### I'll sit out

**The Associated Press**  
**CHENEY, Wash.** — Veteran wide receiver Joey Galloway is willing to miss the entire season in his contract dispute with the Seattle Seahawks, a source told The Associated Press on Wednesday.  
Galloway has missed all of training camp and he seeks to renegotiate his contract and extend a contract he signed in 1995.  
The Seahawks are offering Galloway a 7-year, \$35 million deal, with a \$7 million signing bonus. Galloway wants a 5-year, \$24 million contract, with a \$5 million signing bonus.  
The Seahawks are depleted by injuries in the receiving corps. But team officials declined to comment on the prospect of Galloway missing the season.  
New Seahawks coach Mike Holmgren, who talked with Galloway earlier this week, is finishing the season with a day for missing training camp.  
"We've tried to get hold of his agent since I've talked to Joey. But he won't return our calls. He's not interested in this now," said Holmgren, who is also general manager and vice president of football operations.  
Galloway's agent, Eric Metz, said Wednesday that money isn't the main issue for the receiver.  
"They don't want to be the hit he's paid receiver in the NFL," Metz said. "He just wants a fair deal."  
Galloway caught 65 passes for 1,047 yards and 10 touchdowns last year in his fourth season with Seattle.

**The Associated Press**  
**SEVILLE, Spain** — The World Championships at over 100 Marion Jones. The rest of the season could be in jeopardy, too.  
Track and field's most high-profile woman athlete crumbled onto the track in agony Wednesday night, with serious back spasms and cramps.  
As she fell during a semifinal heat of the 200 meters, a crowd of 38,633 at Olympic Stadium.  
Jones went down about 50 meters from the finish, clutching her lower back with her left hand, her face contorted in pain. From a sitting position, she rolled onto her back and was motionless before two doctors rushed to her aid.  
She was placed on a gurney and rolled in the medical area. Her husband, C.J. Hunter, came down from the stands after slapping the air in anger over the injury.  
Doctors worked over Jones at the stadium for about 25 hours, before she walked out slowly under the watchful eyes of speaking to the media. Plans to take her to a hospital were scrapped and she returned to her hotel, asking not to be disturbed.  
Jones has captured fans with her brilliant performances, her engaging personality, her determination to win an unprecedented four gold medals in this year's championships and her plan to win five golds in next year's Olympics.  
Those championship aspirations got off to a rousing start when she won her second straight 100-meter title with the year's fastest time, 10.70 seconds. She had to settle for the bronze in the long jump, dashing her hope of four golds. She was the favorite in the 200 and was going

to run a relay later in the week. The daily grind of competing so often on the hard Mondo track might have taken a toll.  
"It's a real build for one race," Emmanuel Hudson, manager of men's 100-meter champion Maurice Greene, said. "It's not a practice track. Marion hadn't had a day off since the championships began Saturday."  
Australian sprinter Nova Pedris-Kneebone said Jones' absence, no matter how long, would have a severe impact on the sport.  
"It's tragic," she said.  
"In my eyes, she's the Wonder Woman of track and field. She's gained so much respect."  
—Australian sprinter Nova Pedris-Kneebone, after Marion Jones fell and injured her back



U.S. sprinter Marion Jones, who won 100-meter gold, finished 10th in the 100-meter final at the World Track and Field Championships in Seville, Spain, yesterday in pain, likely from falling on the track, Monday.

**The Associated Press**  
**JOEY GALLOWAY**  
Joey Galloway is willing to miss the entire season in his contract dispute with the Seattle Seahawks, a source told The Associated Press on Wednesday.

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Jonathan Edwards with the year's best leap, 57 feet, 8.5 inches.

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The only numbers that really matter, however, are on the scoreboard. Toms River manager Mike Geyron says...

"You're not going to win every game. But when it's meant something and it's counted, we've been able to pull it out," Geyron said.

"Great pitching and good defense don't hurt either. The team from Phenix City saw plenty of both earlier this week when Toms River beat them 6-0.

...and I want to see things again. Phenix City manager...

"I don't know what I'll be doing during the off day. Maybe play video games or something," catcher Chris...

"Not far from the field where Toms River practiced in front of dozens of fans, reporters and photographers...

Rasmus doesn't mind if the attention is focused on the "Beasts of the East."

"I think we got a better chance Thursday. It's got to be cooler the second time around."

"Yes, sir," said Rasmus' 12-year-old son, Colby, gave up six runs and eight hits over six innings against Toms River Sunday.

Amateur champion David Gossett. For now the desire to play college golf...

"I'm just going to take it one year at a time," Gossett said. "Playing well as the U.S. Amateur has given me a lot of confidence."

"I had to get up and down from 65 yards. I was thinking how we had practiced wedge shots. I said, 'OK Tom, here we go, and got it to within three feet.'"

Amateur champ spurns pros

AUSTIN (AP)—The pros can wait for U.S. Amateur champion David Gossett.

For now the desire to play college golf, for now the desire to play college golf...

"I want another year in school," Gossett said Wednesday.

The 20-year-old sophomore business major at the University of Texas won the U.S. Amateur last week with a dominating 9-and-8 final round victory over Korean-high school junior Sun Yong Kim.

Gossett said he'll reevaluate his career next summer. "I just want to enjoy my second year at Texas," he said.

"I just love the enthusiasm here with the football game Saturday, there's just so many positive people here."

Gossett has received congratulations and well wishes from several former U.S. golfers, including Justin Leonard, the 1992 U.S. Amateur champion, Ryder Cup captain Ben Crenshaw and Tom Kite, with whom he has played practice rounds in Austin.

Gossett said he thought of Kite during his semifinal round of the U.S. Amateur against Ben Curtis of Ohio. Sitting on a three-hole lead on No. 15, Gossett had to punch back onto the fairway after his drive found the rough. Curtis then chipped onto the green within 10 feet.

"I had to get up and down from 65 yards. I was thinking how we had practiced wedge shots. I said, 'OK Tom, here we go, and got it to within three feet.'"

The college all-American tasted the pressures of the profession when he shared a first-round 66 in the 1998 FedEx St. Jude Classic. He played there again this year but missed the cut.

He also has friends in the professional ranks, including Spanish teenage sensation Sergio Garcia.

SCORES AND STATS

Wild card standings table with columns for team, wins, losses, and games behind.

All-star rosters table listing players and their statistics.

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By Steve Moore

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# YOURSPORTS

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## WINNING WALKERS



Several local men and women won top honors at the third annual IHC Hospice Fun Run/Walk Aug. 21 at Walcott State Park. **First in the men's 10K run**, while Rupert's Alice Schenk took first in the women's 10K run. Winners of the 5K walk included Ross Kirchenwitz of Twin Falls in the men's category and Sally Warberg, also of Twin Falls, in the women's. **Marianne Birch of Burley** won the women's 5K run and **Earl Clayville finished first in the men's 5K run**. Forty-two participants entered the event. **Pictured are (l-r): Clyde Goodrich, Ross Kirchenwitz, Marianne Birch, Alice Schenk, Sally Warberg.** Not pictured: Earl Clayville.

## HELPING HANDS



The following individuals won first place in their age groups at the third annual IHC Hospice Fun Run/Walk Aug. 21 at Walcott State Park. **Picture are: Back (l-r) David Ryzak, Tim Norton, Art Brown, Wendy Larson, Verna Kirchenwitz, Jackie Aho, Karisa Parikh.**  
**The winners: 10-15 - Doree McHan of Wendell (10K run), 10-15 - Lindsey Aho (5K run), 16-19 - Karisa Parikh (5K walk), 20-29 - Ben Clatodge of Rupert (10K run), 20-29 - Allison Eathough of Boise (5K run), 30-39 - Vance McHan of Gooding (10K run), 30-39 - Rita Allred of Burley (10K run), 30-39 - Jennifer Sozza of Burley (5K walk), 40-49 - Jane Pate of Jerome (10K run), 40-49 - Art Brown of Pocatello (5K run), 40-49 - Janie Fink of Burley (5K run), 40-49 - Art Brown of Twin Falls (5K walk), 40-49 - Wendy Larson of Burley (5K walk), 50-59 - Ken Stephens of Rupert (10K run), 50-59 - Vicky Roper of Gooding (10K run), 50-59 - Leslie Morgan of Burley (5K run), 50-59 - David Ryzak of Burley (5K walk), 50-59 - Jackie Brassette of Twin Falls (5K walk), 60-69 - Margaret Connor of Twin Falls (10K run), 60-69 - Verna Kirchenwitz of Twin Falls (5K walk).**

## TIGER PRIDE



The Jerome traveling All-Star 9-10-year-old Tigers took first place at the Challis tournament July 10 with an undefeated tournament record. **Picture in the front are: David Prescott, Buddy Green, Austin Robinette, Nathan Bobrowski, Kevin Schvaneveldt, Kris Bos and Jonathan Edwards; in the back are: assistant coach Dan Schvaneveldt, Tyler Lott, Travis Colley, Dee Fleck, Nic Patruzelli, Gary Kuhn, Sean Stadelman and coach Alan Stadelman.**

## TOAST OF THE TOWN



Twin Falls' Team Bachelor captured first place at the Idaho State ASA Championships in Idaho Falls Aug. 14-15. Sponsored by Revco Auto Body, the team will represent Idaho at the ASA Northwest Nationals this weekend, Aug. 28-30 in Spokane, Wash. **Picture are (back): Dave Andrus, Wilcox Brooks, "Shane" Clark, Chris Harmon, Mike Kead, Nick Bannister and John Coats; (front): Kent Rubner, Sean Harrington, Steve Etkon, Scott Barber, Janie Hyde, Todd White and Kyle Cameron.**

## Let us know

**D**o you know of a local sporting event that ought to be in the paper? Tell us about it! Send e-mail to Jeff Rosen at [twnews@micron.net](mailto:twnews@micron.net). Or call him at The Times-News at 733-0831, Ext. 229, or drop it by our office at 132 3rd St., Twin Falls, Idaho 83301. News items also can be mailed to P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls, 83303-0548 or FAXED to 733-4931. News must arrive at The Times-News by noon, Monday.

- Birth and marriages.
- Homeowners for people transferred.
- Date and place of the event.
- Scores or places won for the participants.
- Name and phone number for more information.
- Photographs are encouraged. Please send a self-addressed envelope if you want your photos returned.

## SECOND BEST



The Jerome-Travelling All-Star 11-12-year-old Tigers won second place at the Challis tournament July 20. **Picture in the front row are: Jared Robinette, Preston Hills, Chance Craig, Andrew Addey, Kirby Long, Tim Thompson and Jared Powell; in the back are: coach Bret Black, Matt Bos, Brady Black, Sam Saucer, Benjamin Edwards, Luke Onelda, Benjamin Hepworth and assistant coach Dusty Addey.**

## Tournament planning, hosting takes patience and cooperation

Have you ever thought it might be a lot of fun to go through the planning and holding of a tournament? Well, it can be, but it takes a lot of help and cooperation from other people. Many details must be addressed: first of all, what kind of tournament should be held? Men's, women's, mixed, junior or adult/junior?

Annual tournament dates such as city and state are set up, and there are normally just times of the year they are held. Adjustments may be made to accommodate other events taking place in the center or centers where the tournament is to be held.

Oh, yes - what center? Requests to host the tournament must be completed and gotten to the centers. Some tournaments require invitationals bids and lineage fees as much as two years in advance.

Now that you know what kind of tournament you want to hold, when you want to hold it and have the requests from the center to host and the lineage fees, total entry fee must be set.

How much will the expenses run? Figure in printing of entry forms, postage if going to other areas centers and confirmation of entries. Are there to be prizes awarded? If so, what will they cost and how many will be given per squad? More research.

Now that's decided. How much of the entry fee should be designated as prize fund? With a small amount going to the prize fund it will be small - and entrants will likely complain about the small amount they received for winning. Build a decent prize fund and the bowlers won't pay the price.

The solution? Find a happy medium. Or try to believe there is no happy medium. All you can do to try to please enough to make a decent-size tournament.

Entry forms and tournament rules can now be formatted. Are you going to sanction the tournament? More forms there to be filled out and applications forwarded to national headquarters.



**LET'S GO BOWLING**  
Thelma Tucker

No entries have been received at this time, so expense funds must be up-fronted to cover cost of printing and mailing, if necessary.

Once all this is taken care of, it's promotion time. If the bowlers don't know about the event, they won't enter. You must talk to the bowlers, tell them about the format, how many places the tournament will pay, entry fee, squad times, whether or not there are prizes awarded? If so, what will they cost and how many will be given per squad? More research.

Ok, now your entries are starting to come in. Entries must be processed for the squad time requested and lane numbers assigned. Early entries receive the most desirable lanes. As a squad fills, those entering late are often assigned outside lanes.

When entries are processed as they are received, the tournament director does not know about personality problems - so when you bowl with is again the lack of entry timing. Squad verification times must be returned to the entrants, scoresheets must be completed in addition to the entry fees being deposited in a bank account (personal accounts are not permitted).

About the time you have all the entries processed, emergencies start arising for the bowlers, and substitutes are made or squad times are changed. Read the check in sheets and the scoresheets.

Finally, it's time for the tournament. You arrive at the center well in advance of the first squad and get your check-in table set up. As bowlers start arriving, you check them in, make sure they are members of ABC/WBC/YABA, as applicable, and give them their lane assignments.

At this time, and up through the first game of the tournament,

all participants should verify that they have reported and are using the correct average per the tournament rules to avoid disqualification. There are times when changes must be made. Many times at check-in, substitutes are made. Read the scoresheet.

Everybody is checked in, names are in the telescopes and it's time for announcements to be made to start the squad. As soon as each squad is over, you collect the scoresheets for compiling. If another squad is starting, you have gone through the check-in procedure again.

If the tournament lasts more than one day, tournament standings must be compiled and posted the next day or squad. At the end of the tournament, all scores must be verified. This is accomplished with print-outs from the center.

Averages must be checked for accuracy and the prize fund paid out within 30 days of the completion of the tournament. Final standings are posted at the center and mailed to national headquarters.

Sound like a lot of work? Well, to some degree it is - but the excitement of the actual tournament, the bowlers and the success of the event makes it all worthwhile. No matter how much is involved in running a tournament, it is a total flop without the bowlers and help from others with paperwork, promotion and other means of assistance.

There are many tournaments available every season. Choose one or more of your favorites, find a partner or team and let's go bowling.

In other bowling news: Youth leagues at the Magic Bowl will have sign-up day on Sept. 11 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. A free game of bowling will be given to each who signs up to bowl the season.

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

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# SPORTS IN BRIEF

## Edinboro University hoops coach killed

ERIE, Pa. — Bryant Houston, a recently hired assistant basketball coach at Edinboro University, was killed in a car accident. According to Pennsylvania State Police, Houston, 42, died Tuesday when his car slid out of control on a wet road and hit a utility pole as he was trying to avoid a tree limb. Houston was pronounced dead at the scene by Erie County Deputy Coroner Harry Glant.

## Umps may rally to topple Phillips

NEW YORK — As umpires filed a new unfair labor practice charge against owners, there were indications Wednesday that the group opposed to union head Richie Phillips will try to topple him next month. The anti-Phillips faction has been organizing, a person with knowledge of the group's activities said on the condition he not be identified. Fourteen umpires, mostly in the A-1 league, submitted last month criticizing Phillips and they have been seeking more umpires to join them.

## Angels place Holtz on DL; will activate Erstad

ANAHEIM, Calif. — The Anaheim Angels placed reliever Mike Holtz on the disabled list Wednesday and planned to activate infielder-outfielder Darin Erstad from the DL. Holtz, 33 with a 10.19 ERA in 24 appearances this season, was placed on the 15-day DL with a strained right hamstring. Erstad, due to be activated on Thursday, was sidelined by a strained ligament in his right knee, hurt while he was swinging at a pitch in an Aug. 10 game at Cleveland. He is hitting .246 with 10 homers and 37 RBIs in 111 games this season.

## Akron course may land NEC Invite

AKRON, Ohio — Freestone Country Club is being considered as one of "four or five" sites for the 2001 NEC Invitational, although it will still likely be moved elsewhere, PGA Tour commissioner Tim Finchem said during a press conference Wednesday. No decision will be made on the 2001 event until Thanksgiving.

## Huskies charged in fraternity incident

SEATTLE — Misdemeanor charges were filed Wednesday against three University of Washington football players in a fraternity house incident, the city attorney's office said. Roger Faugata, a junior defensive end, was charged in Seattle Municipal Court with three counts of assault, one count of second-degree criminal trespass and one count of property damage in excess of \$50. Omare Lowe, a sophomore free safety, was charged with first-degree criminal trespass, as was sophomore split end Terry Tharps. Flungata is accused of assaulting three people at the Tau Kappa Epsilon fraternity house after being asked to leave a party there on May 21. The city attorney also accuses him of shattering a window at the house entrance before leaving. The next night, May 22, the fraternity "received an anonymous call that someone was coming over to get even for the previous night's events," the city attorney's office said in a release. In the early morning hours of May 23, members of the fraternity heard breaking glass in their house's entryway.

## Four American fighters reach finals

HOUSTON — The United States, all but shut out in the 1997 World Amateur Boxing Championships, placed four fighters in the finals of the 1999 event Wednesday night. Light-flyweight Brian Vitoria and heavyweight Michael Bennett reached the finals during the day session and featherweight Ricardo Jurez and light-heavyweight Michael Simms Jr. earned finals spots Wednesday night.

Compiled from wire reports

# Federico

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Younce turned out to be just one of two female assistants the program gained in the summer. Former Bruin Brooke Clarke, a College of Southern Idaho student with an education emphasis and a desire to coach, will help

Pfefferle this season. "Peff and I don't know what to do with all these coaches," Federico joked. "It's amazing." Equally amazing to Federico is the returning core of players. His team retained the services of both middle hitters and both set-

ters, and he calls the 1999 Bruins "the most potential-laden overall team since I've been here." Federico smiles when he talks of seniors Lisa Levings, Molly Boyajian and Jill Deagle and juniors Keri Gouts, Morgan Levings and Marci Danielson.

"As much as I wanted to spend my time on the baseball field, those six made it really easy to come back," he said.

Times-News sports editor Damon Cline can be reached at 733-0931, Ext. 230.

# Ramirez belts trio of homers, Indians beat A's

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) — Manny Ramirez hit three of Cleveland's five home runs Wednesday, leading the Cleveland Indians over the Oakland Athletics 12-4.

Ramirez, who has 36 homers and a major league-leading 130 RBIs, had the second career three-homer game of his career, connecting for solo shots off Mike Oquist (9-9) in the third and seventh innings, then hitting a two-run shot off Jimmy Haynes in the eighth.

Bartolo Colon (14-4) allowed three runs, four hits and five walks in seven innings.

## Blue Jays 7, Angels 2

ANAHEIM, Calif. — Shannon Stewart extended his hitting streak to 23 games with a seventh-inning single that broke a 2-

## American League

all tie, and Jacob Brumfield added a three-run homer.

Carlos Delgado had a two-run homer for the Blue Jays, who began the day two games back in the wild-card race.

Joey Hamilton (7-7) allowed both runs and four hits in seven innings. Chuck Finley (8-11) gave up three runs and five hits in seven innings.

## Twins 6, Red Sox 3

MINNEAPOLIS — Brad Radke (10-12) allowed two runs and four hits in 7 1/3 strong innings and Ron Coomer homered. Coomer and Matt Lawton each drove in two runs as Minnesota stopped a three-game losing streak.

Mark Portugal (7-12) lost his fourth straight start, giving up six runs and eight hits in 5 2/3 innings.

## Royals 8, Orioles 6

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Joe Randa had four RBIs, Johnny Damon legged out his first inside-the-park homer and Jeff Montgomery got his 300th career save as Kansas City stopped a five-game losing streak.

Randa broke a 1-1 tie in the fourth with a three-run home run off Doug Linton (0-2) and added an RBI single for a 6-1 lead in the fifth.

## White Sox 6, Devil Rays 1

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. — Ray Durham went 4-for-5 with three doubles and three RBIs as

Chicago won for the 10th time in 14 games.

Tampa Bay's Wade Boggs, who made, went 3-for-3 and walked. With 3,008 career hits he moved past Al Kaline into 21st place on the career list.

Keith Foulke (2-3) pitched three hitless innings, still completing a seven-hit. Ryan Rupe (7-7) lost as Tampa Bay went 0-for-13 with runners in scoring position.

## Rangers 7, Yankees 3

ARLINGTON, Texas — Esteban Loaiza (7-1) overcame a shaky start to win his seventh straight game, as Texas rallied from a 3-0 deficit to salvage the finale of the three-game series. Rafael Palmeiro hit his 39th homer, his ninth in nine games.

## Mets 4, Astros 0

NEW YORK — Kenny Rogers (3-0) allowed seven hits in 8 1/3 innings to win his 17th straight home decision, the longest since Frank Viola won 19 straight in 1987-88. Dennis Cook finished up the Mets' 11th win in 15 games.

Robin Ventura hit a go-ahead, two-run single against Shane Reynolds (14-10) in the four-run sixth inning.

Darryl Hamilton hit an RBI single, and run scored on third baseman Ken Caminiti's throwing error.

## Diamondbacks 7, Marlins 2

MIAMI — Todd Stottlemyre (5-2) got his first victory since coming back from a rotator cuff injury, scattering five hits in seven innings.

Arizona broke a 2-2 tie with a four-run sixth capped by Hanley Ramirez' two-run single. Ernie Flata hit a solo homer and Jay Bell added two sacrifice flies as the Diamondbacks won their fifth straight. Florida has lost five in a row.

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# Arrival of Century heralds new millennium

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The Class A-1 Region III, which encompasses teams from Twin Falls to Pocatello, has grown by one.

Century High School, a product of residential growth in Pocatello, arrives one year shy of the new millennium to play its first year of high school volleyball against the likes of two other long-standing Pocatello schools - Highland and Pocatello High - as well as Twin Falls, Minico, Jerome and Burley.

As new as they are, the Diamondbacks will carry a distinctly familiar flavor. Former Pocatello coach Alice Heberlein shifted a few miles away to lead Century's inaugural season, and with her trailed a host of ex-Indians.

Students in Pocatello could choose which school to attend, and many from both Pocatello and Highland opted to join Heberlein across town.

But the Diamondbacks aren't the only squad playing for a new coach. Pocatello enters the season under the direction of rookie skipper Lisa Holzer, and Mishie Child is set to replace the departed Warren Strand at Jerome - making Minico's Kelly Fossecoco and Twin Falls' Mike Federico the region's senior coaches.

The Tigers should provide the season's best turnaround story. Winless in every match last year, Jerome returns five players with starting experience to the court in 1999.

Twin Falls is similarly stacked, and should have little trouble improving upon its 1998 record of 15-12.

In Burley, however, just two starters return.

In Rupert, none do.

## Burley Bobcats

Coach: Gordon Kerbs, 2nd year

1998 record: 17-14  
Returning starters: sr. Heidi Goocheva (5-8 outside hitter), sr. Cristina Fonesbeck (5-10 middle blocker).

Others: sr. Brianna LeDuc (5-8 opposite), jr. Alissa Sorenson (6-1 middle blocker), jr. Jessica LeDuc (5-10 middle blocker), jr. Nicole Rollins (5-6 outside hitter), jr. Jamie Chard (5-6

## Fall sports preview



The Times-News continues its look of high school fall sports in the Magic and Wood River valleys.

outside hitter), jr. Tiffany Wade (5-6 setter), jr. Cari Ramsey (5-5 setter), soph. Kenna Hadden (5-4 setter).

Outlook: A strong work ethic and good attitude - mixed with a solid ground of underclassmen and senior leadership from Goocheva and Fonesbeck - should keep Burley competitive. Coach Kerbs likes the power and aggressiveness of his hitters and the team's overall athleticism. Youth may be a factor in tight game situations.

Coach says: "This team will be interesting. It's really a good group of people to work with and be around."

## Century Diamondbacks

Coach: Alice Heberlein, 1st year

1998 record: School's 1st season

Returning starters: none  
Others: jr. Carley Winnill (5-6 setter), jr. Jeralyn Bailey (5-7 outside hitter), jr. Janalyn Bailey (5-3 setter), soph. Brooke Farnsworth (5-7 outside hitter), jr. Christen Long (5-3 outside hitter), jr. Bryan Rydmen (6-0 middle blocker), soph. Lindsay Lewis (6-2 middle blocker), sr. Heidi Century (5-10 middle blocker), soph. Dara Charlton (5-9 outside hitter), jr. Angela Bates (5-8 outside hitter), sr. Liz Simmons (5-4 defensive specialist).

Outlook: The district's brand-new school brings a fresh perspective to a cloudy Region III pool of teams. Youth is well served, with only two seniors on a squad dominated by juniors and sophomores. Head coach Heberlein is a 15-year veteran coming over with the students from Pocatello High School. Heberlein says her

well-balanced team's strongest points are its defense and ball control.

Coach says: "It's a real tight team with all of the girls making the choice to come over from Pocatello. They get along really well."

## Jerome Tigers

Coach: Mishie Child, 1st year

1998 record: 0-16

Returning starters: sr. Rachel Boer (5-7 outside hitter), sr. Janet Hollifield (5-10 middle blocker), sr. Becky Thibault (5-5 setter), sr. Lois Beers (5-4 back row specialist), sr. Amy Twitcheil (5-6 back row specialist).

Others: jr. Brandi Escóver (5-5 outside hitter), jr. Andrea Olsen (5-7 middle blocker), jr. Keeley Osborn (5-8 middle blocker), jr. Kathryn Stebe (5-2 setter), jr. Ashley Seamons (5-2 setter), jr. Patricia Anderson (5-5 outside hitter), jr. Kendra West (5-11 middle blocker).

Outlook: A team packed with five returning seniors hungry for wins after suffering through a winless 1998 campaign. Good hitting ballbuds that works well around the net with its passing.

Coach says: "We are going to work hard and hopefully we will be successful."

## Minico Spartans

Coach: Kelly Fossecoco, 8th year

1998 record: 17-7

Returning starters: none  
Others: jr. Lindsay Phillips (6-0 middle blocker), sr. Jessica Eames (5-8 middle blocker).

Outlook: A team that lost six seniors from last year's Region III runners-up looks at rebuilding this season. Captains and role positions are wide open.

Coach says: "Anything goes."

## Pocatello Indians

Coach: Lisa Holzer, 1st year

1998 record: N/A

Returning starters: sr. Tiffany Bird (6-0 middle blocker), sr. Allyson Laible (5-11 middle blocker), sr. Abby Baird (5-11 outlet setter).

Others: jr. Tasha Horrocks (5-7 setter), sr. Alyssa Garbett (5-8 outside hitter), sr. Jennie Jones (5-7 outside hitter), sr. Jacques Jones (5-6 setter), jr. Paka Uperesa (6-2 outside

hitter/middle blocker), sr. Miri MacButh (5-6 outlet setter), sr. Courtney Serpa (5-0 middle blocker), sr. Amy Hale (5-8 outside hitter).

Outlook: A hard-working team that takes nothing for granted. With the district splitting up Pocatello and Highland to form Century, coach Holzer who was at Marsh Valley for three seasons, said Century got Pocatello's passers while the hitters remained loyal to Pocatello. Blocking and working the net are team strengths.

Coach says: "They're a great group of kids who are only going to get better."

## Twin Falls Bruins

Coach: Mike Federico, 5th year

1998 record: 15-12

Returning starters: sr. Lisa Levings (5-10 middle blocker), sr. Molly Boyajian (5-5 setter), sr. Jill Deagle (5-9 setter), sr. Keri Coats (6-3 middle blocker), Morgan Levings (5-6 setter/OH).

Others: jr. Marci Danielson (5-10 OH), Shawna Lancaster (5-8 OH), jr. Ashley Pfefferle (5-8 OH), jr. Paige Allen (5-9 setter/OH), soph. Spitz Heithecker (5-7 def. specialist).

Outlook: Federico, who opted to stick around as coach in 1999 after considering a change of pace, leads a balanced attack. The Bruins are sound on both offense and defense, with a wealth of experience back at the middle and setter positions in Lisa Levings, Boyajian and Deagle. Levings' power on the kill, coupled with Coats' long reach on the block, remain one of the best shows Region III has to offer.

Coach says: "The most potential-laden overall team since I've been here."

## Highland Rams

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# Amateur golf champ spurns pros

AUSTIN (AP) - The pros can wait for U.S. Amateur champion David Gossett.

For now, the desire to play college golf, go to class and spend Saturdays watching football games is stronger than the lure of endorsement contracts and professional prize money.

"I want another year in school," Gossett said Wednesday. The 20-year-old sophomore business major at the University of Texas won the U.S. Amateur last week with a dominating 9- and 8- final round victory over Korean high school junior Sung Yoon Kim.

Gossett said he now has goals of winning the NCAA team and

individual titles. He also wants to see how he'll play in three professional majors next season.

As U.S. Amateur champion, Gossett can play in the Masters, U.S. Open and British Open next year if he remains an amateur.

"I'm just going to take it one year at a time," Gossett said. "Playing well as the U.S. Amateur has given me a lot of confidence."

Gossett said he'll reevaluate his career next summer.

"I just want to enjoy my second year at Texas," he said. "I just love the enthusiasm here with the football game Saturday, there's just so many positive people here at Texas."

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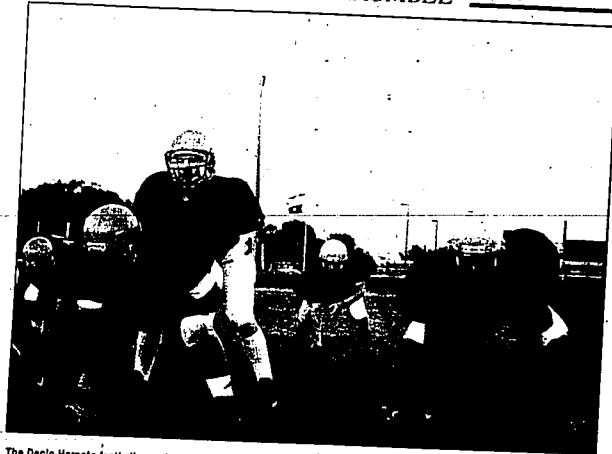
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The Daelo Hornets football squad prepare to run a play during preseason practice. With the return of all-state running back Jason Webb (squeezing, center) the Hornets hope to return to the state championship game, where they fell to Homedale last November. The Times-News begins the football portion of its fall preview Friday.

Classic weekend kicks off season

The Associated Press

Get ready for a classic weekend of college football. Three of the nation's top nine teams help kick off the season on Saturday, with top-ranked Florida State opening at home against Louisiana Tech, and No. 4 Arizona at No. 3 Penn State in the Pajero Classic.

While the Seminoles are one-touchdown favorites over the Bulldogs, Arizona-Penn State shapes up as one of the biggest season-openers in years.

Why jeopardize a national title aspiration by playing such a big game so early? "Really, there are very few negatives," Penn State coach Joe Paterno insisted. "When you have a chance to prepare for a team as good as Arizona, you probably get a little more out of summer conditioning and preseason games."

"Win or lose, you are probably a better football team when you start the next week."

Sounds reasonable, but the loser may find it a bit tougher to get back in the chase for the national championship.

College football

"We plan to go in there and play well," said Keith Smith, who alternates at quarterback with George Jenkins. "We want to come out with a win. We're not playing Hawaii, this is Penn State. And a lot of guys stayed here in the summer getting ready for it. We'll be ready."

Arizona, winners of 16 of its last 17 games, boasts an offense that averaged 445 yards and 34.7 points last season. In addition to their top-notch quarterback, the Wildcats have Trug Candidate, the Pac-10's leading rusher last season with 1,220 yards.

Penn State, meanwhile, counters with what could be the best defense in the nation, led by linebackers LaVar Arrington and Brandon Short, and Courtney Brown and cornerback David Macklin.

"All the talk about Penn State's defense is definitely true," Candidate said. "They're lightning."

Louisiana Tech (plus 35) at No. 1 Florida State  
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Irish best be careful of a Jayhawk team ready to spring a few surprises in. ... ND, 27-20.

North Carolina State (plus 8.5) at No. 17 Texas  
With Ricky Williams gone, Longhorns' fate rides on Major Applewhite's arm. ... TEXAS, 31-24.

No. 9 Ohio State (minus 6) vs. No. 12 Miami (In NY)  
Buckeyes have lots of fresh faces, Hurricanes primed for a strong start. ... MIAMI, 27-24.

Robinson returns to coaching

LAS VEGAS (AP) - Around this time of year, John Robinson's thoughts usually turn to packed stadiums, great rivalries and the Rose Bowl.

This year he's worrying about more mundane matters, like whether there will be grass on the field when his UNLV football team plays its home opener.

It's not always easy starting over again. But Robinson had an idea what he was in for when he signed to take over a team that hasn't won in its last 16 games.

"You know, they roll that grass out now in big 10-foot rolls so I think it will be there and ready to play on," Robinson said. "If not, we'll be ready to play anyway."



John Robinson, introduced as the new head football coach at UNLV last Dec. 3, is used to packed stadiums, great rivalries and the Rose Bowl. This year he'll be worried about more mundane things like whether there will be grass on the field when his Rebels play their home opener.

Robinson has confidence the sod - part of a stadium remodeling job - will be installed by the team's Sept. 18 home opener against Iowa State. He's almost as confident that he can turn UNLV's struggling football program around over the next few years.

He's been around football too long, though, to promise it will be right away.

"We may not have a successful season," Robinson said. "But eventually we will."

What is probably the last coaching job of Robinson's career may also be his most ambitious - remaking a Rebel football team that has languished for years in the shadow of the school's basketball program.

He's getting major college money to do it - \$350,000 a year for three years - but getting ready to open on the road Sept. 2 against North Texas isn't exactly like grooming USC to play Notre Dame.

Then again, at USC he never had a team challenging Hawaii for the longest current losing streak (18 games) in the country.

"Sure, you'd love to play before 100,000 people in big games all the time, but that isn't the biggest deal," the 64-year-old Robinson said this week between final two-a-day prac-

tics. "I don't care about the surroundings as much as I care about being in the action."

Getting back into the action was Robinson's big hope after

being fired by USC after the 1997 season. He heard about his firing on the radio but got the official word on a message left on his home answering machine.

Four Rose Bowl wins and a career record of 104-35-4 with USC and the Los Angeles Rams wasn't enough after the Trojans went 12-11 over his final two seasons.

"It was a long time coming," Robinson said of his firing after a second stint with USC. "It just wasn't a good mix."

Robinson faces no such problem at UNLV, where he was

courted by school officials who thought a big-name coach might be just what the school needed to turn around a program that drew only a few thousand fans last season.

"In the western part of the United States, there's not a soul who doesn't know about John Robinson and the success he had," UNLV athletic director Charles Cavagnaro said. "It was, as far as I was concerned, a no-brainer."

Robinson, who won the national championship at USC in 1978 and coached the Rams to two NFC championship games, said, "The more he looked at the UNLV job, the more he liked it."

"Every kid who grows up in the United States knows about Las Vegas. That's a built-in advantage for recruiting," he said. "And my wife and I are West Coast people who like dining out and entertainment. It doesn't get any better for those kind of things than in this city."

"Sure, you'd love to play before 100,000 people in big games all the time, but that isn't the biggest deal. I don't care about the surroundings as much as I care about being in the action."

- UNLV football coach John Robinson

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## AROUND THE VALLEY

### Driver turns self in after hit-and-run

**SHOSHONE** - The driver of the pickup suspected of killing a 12-year-old girl was charged with felony hit and run Wednesday after turning himself in to police the night before.

Ramon Reyes-Zavalza, 43, of Gooding, was being held on a \$10,000 cash bond while awaiting a Wednesday preliminary hearing.

Reyes-Zavalza turned himself in Tuesday night after 12-year-old Christina Marie Haney of Shoshone was hit and killed on Four Mile Road north of Shoshone, the Idaho State Police said.

Haney, who was not wearing a helmet, was riding a small motorcycle when she was hit, the ISP said.

She was pronounced dead at Gooding County Memorial Hospital, the ISP said.

Police spent hours searching for the white compact truck suspected in the crash. The truck was found when Reyes-Zavalza turned himself in, the ISP said.

### Wendell School Board to consider levy

**WENDELL** - The Wendell School Board will hold a special meeting at 7 p.m. today to discuss a proposal for a maintenance and operations levy.

The district is considering a levy as a way to pay for maintenance needs such as roofing repairs, parking lot resurfacing and meeting handicapped accessibility requirements, Superintendent Larry Mandy said.

The hiring of new personnel and a proposed revision of a computer network and Internet policy also are on the agenda.

The board will meet in the Wendell High School library.

### Filer school levy vote to be held today

**FILER** - Filer School District will put its five-year plant facilities levy proposal before voters today, the same day scheduled for school open houses.

The election will run from noon to 8 p.m. at all Filer schools, including Hollister Elementary School. An open house at each school, an opportunity for parents to see students' classrooms and meet teachers, will be held from 6 to 7:30 p.m.

The levy will require 60 percent voter approval to pass and would provide additional funding between the years 2000 and 2004 for maintenance, building or site improvements, furnishings and computers. It would be the first such levy in the district and would raise a projected total of about \$1.37 million over five years.

Voters are being asked to increase their taxes by about 69 cents per \$1,000 of assessed property value. The tax on a home valued at \$50,000 and the homeowner's exemption would total about \$34 a year.

### Idaho Power offers free learning resources

**BOISE** - Idaho Power is now offering a catalog of free educational resource materials through the company's Internet site at [www.idahopower.com](http://www.idahopower.com).

A link on the company's homepage provides educators, scout leaders and others access to a comprehensive Educational Resource Guide.

The guide offers a catalog of program packages on a wide variety of presentations including environmental programs, safety, military fish programs and electricity generation.

The materials include teachers' guides, worksheets, audio-visual materials and brochures.

Those requiring materials from the resource guide can download a consent order form which, when filled out, can be mailed to Idaho Power.

Once an order is received, it is sent by United Parcel Service, with shipping costs for resource materials is prepaid by Idaho Power, according to a news release.

The Educational Resource Guide also provides background information on Idaho Power and information on company-sponsored scholarship programs.

Compiled from staff reports



Marguerite Johnston looks through stacks of legal documents and medical reports generated after she was accidentally sprayed with Magnacide H in 1992. She says exposure to the chemical caused a host of medical problems, including permanently losing her hair.

## Spill stirs resident's anger

By John T. Huddy  
Times-News writer

### Twin Falls woman says chemical that might have killed man harmed her

**TWIN FALLS** - Marguerite Johnston said she's had enough. She said she always felt it was just a matter of time before someone became extremely ill or died from the herbicide acrolein, also known as Magnacide H.

When she read the reports about Mark Briere's death and the possibility that it was caused by exposure to the toxic chemical, she said she had to speak up again.

"I'm just sad that this guy died," Johnston, a slender woman with a bit of a French accent, said from her Twin Falls apartment on Wednesday. "It just came up."

Johnston has been living in Twin Falls for more than 20 years. In August of 1992, she was attending the College of Southern Idaho on a work study program when she was exposed to acrolein.

Johnston was mowing the campus lawn near a coulee where workers from the Twin Falls Canal Company were spraying the chemical. Acrolein is used to

control submerged and floating aquatic weeds, as well as algae in irrigation canals.

The workers were spraying the herbicide along the canal banks when they permitted a "flash off" while purging a line, allowing some of the chemical's fumes to escape into the air, Johnston alleged in a lawsuit filed in 5th District Court in June 1998.

Johnston, who was working downtown, was exposed to the fumes. She was taken to the Magic Valley Regional Medical Center where she was treated and released. Within a few days, Johnston said, she started losing her hair and dropping weight.

The Twin Falls Canal Co. admitted to the accident in a written letter to CSI and did pay for Johnston's emergency room bill.

But Johnston said that wasn't enough.

In the next few years, Johnston sought treatment from more than 10 doctors. She was

convinced her problems started because of the chemical exposure. Most of the doctors were not convinced.

In 1996, Johnston found two doctors who said her hair loss could be attributed to the exposure.

Johnston filed suit, but it was dismissed by 5th District Judge Roger Brudick in August 1996.

Now, more than three years later, Johnston said she still has no hair, hiding her bald scalp with a wig. Her oldest daughter, who will turn six in September, cannot eat vegetables or fruits. Johnston suspects her child's complications may be related to her exposure to the chemical, but she has no proof.

"I'm angry at this," she said. "This is happening too many times with people getting sick. They won't believe that they are hurting people."

Johnston plans to seek medical treatment for her daughter

## Wendell eyes city sewer solutions

By Gina Mulder  
Times-News correspondent

**WENDELL** - Concerns over possible septic tank failures have city leaders looking for ways to extend sewer service to the west side of town.

About 60 people attended a Tuesday night town meeting to discuss the problem.

City leaders began a looking into extending sewer service to the west side of town about five years ago after a few septic systems started showing signs of failure, Scott Bybee, an engineer with J-U-B Engineers said during Tuesday's meeting.

With 70 to 80 septic tanks on the west side, city leaders want

to make sure they protect the environment and the town well from possible contamination.

Greg Misbach, a technical engineer at the state Division of Environmental Quality, said a septic system could fail in a couple of ways. It could stop providing service, or it could start leaking below ground.

"The system could appear to be working fine, but the septic tank effluent would be finding its way down to a future and into a water supply," Misbach said.

"It could fail the community and the environment."

Laying sewer lines to include west side property would cost about \$660,000, money the city doesn't have. To offset some of

the costs, the city last year applied for a \$229,000 Idaho Community Development Block Grant.

The grant was turned down.

Three things must change before the Idaho Department of Commerce would consider another grant application from Wendell, said Susan Riddle, a professional community development consultant.

First, sewer user fees must be increased. Currently, sewer customers pay a monthly fee of \$7.

"An increase to the user rate would also show the Department of Commerce that the city and its residents are doing their part to pay their way and get their sewage in place," Riddle said.

Second, the city would have to revise its ordinance to require west side customers to hook onto the system immediately.

Lastly, sewer hookup fees could no longer be waived.

"There was something else the Department of Commerce looked at in the last application," Riddle said. "The Department of Commerce is again saying people need to pay their own way."

However, the city would look into different options that might allow residents to pay the fee in small monthly payments.

Bybee said there would be more town meetings because this issue would require the input from the community before any action is taken.

## Filer feels the sting of tasteless yearbook prank

By Brandon Flais  
Times-News writer

**FILER** - Filer High School is taking added steps to ensure quality control with this year's yearbook, after the faces of former football players and a former volleyball player were defaced in yearbook photos.

"We are sorry this happened to the community, and the administration will ensure that this never happens again," Filer High School Principal Leon Madson said Wednesday.

Before each yearbook page is sent to the publisher this year, the page will be checked for quality control. Direct advice approval will be needed for each page.

In the 1998-1999 yearbook, several athletes' faces were blanked out, using Liquid Paper.

In the photo captions, the name "Casper" was substituted for the athletes' names.

"We did an investigation and learned that the yearbook advisor had full knowledge of the problem," Madson said. "This

occurred last October and we have since taken steps to ensure this never happens again."

Krunch, declined comment about the incident.

"Krunch, who has been teaching at the school for more than 30 years, admitted it was "poor judgment" on his part to allow the problem, Madson said.

Madson refused to say whether disciplinary action was taken against the students or Krunch.

"I can't say by Idaho code,"

Madson said. "But there were policies and procedures put into place."

The football players and volleyball player had been singled out because they left the sports team.

"Students targeted had quit the team, others caused disruption and were removed from the team, and that was the decision process to deface them," Madson said.

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

## Water rhetoric flows

Craig stresses water issues during tour

By Michael Journee  
Times-News writer

**OAKLEY** - During a day full of stops throughout the Magic Valley, U.S. Senator Larry Craig, R-Idaho, spent a lot of time Wednesday in one of the state's most prominent areas in the area's interest in water.

On those stops was a ranch along the banks of Goose Creek south of Oakley, where Idaho's senior senator spoke about the role water plays in the state and dear to farmers, ranchers and government officials present - will play in coming years.

"We are really beginning to understand that water systems are very important," Craig said to the group at an outdoor luncheon. "Protecting those systems is a dynamic, not a static, process."

To illustrate his point, Craig pointed to a project that ranches along Goose Creek started several years ago to keep erosion of the creek banks to a minimum and even build eroded banks.

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## Senator gleans the issues

The Times-News

**TWIN FALLS** - Sen. Larry Craig spoke with The Times-News editorial board Wednesday morning about the fight to save four dams, his push to boost adoption of the differences between Democrats and Republicans on taxes.

If there's had to be an issue to say:

- Politics or research - Craig said politics plays a large role in the discussions on how to save the dams, but he said the politics is being played by groups who want to breach the dams.
- They have a political agenda, Craig said, "and I believe they've tried to move the science to the right."
- No one denies dams have affected fish, but Craig said he and others on his side are basing their decisions on "sound science" and not the dam breachers.
- He agreed with Rep. Mike Simpson that dam breaching seems to have more support in Washington than it has in the past, but he said the debate could never honestly come down to the dams versus southern Idaho water - Simpson said earlier this week he would protect the water.
- "There are no deals made on this and there cannot be," Craig said, "because no one is bound by another's word."
- But he said it could still be possible to save the salmon without sacrificing the economic surrounding the ocean harvest, irrigation, electricity and slackwater.
- No deal - Craig said two sets of rhetoric have evolved in the tax debate: Republicans are for tax cuts, and Democrats say all tax cuts are for the rich. These differences are contributing to the impasse on the current tax bill, which President Clinton vows to veto this week.
- Craig said Republican leaders tried to craft a compromise bill to resolve some Medicare spending questions, but the White



Larry Craig





MAGIC VALLEY

# Headed for the beltway

## Declo student chosen to serve in Senator Craig's office.

By Lorraine Cavener  
Times-News writer

DECLO - It isn't often that someone from Declo has an opportunity to work for a U.S. senator, but three weeks ago Chris Hartwell began doing just that - he started an internship with U.S. Senator Larry Craig.

As Hartwell, who was chosen from 30 applicants for the spot, helps Craig respond to constituents' concerns, he is also majoring in communications, speech and hearing at George Washington University in Washington, D.C.

Hartwell said he has been researching issues that may have an impact on Idaho. He's learning how larger issues such as the agriculture appropriations bill and gun control influence Idaho and how the senator forms opinions on these issues.

"These issues are major con-

cerns to people in Idaho," Hartwell said. "It is important for Craig to make our voice known in Washington."

He said the work he has done for the senator has given him a greater understanding and appreciation of how the government works. He said he met Craig during his junior year of high school when he visited the nation's capital for a Young Leader's Conference. Hartwell encourages others to apply for similar opportunities.

"If you have something you want to do, go for it," he said. "An opportunity like this is one in a million. Take them when you have the chance."

Will Hart, Hartwell's supervisor at Craig's office, agrees that an internship for a senator is a good opportunity.

"It is a good chance for young people to meet those who work in Washington and for them to broad-

en their horizons," Hart said.

Out of the six students who were chosen from Idaho, Hartwell was the first to go to Washington, D.C. this year, Hart said.

"When the others got there he was already hard at work."

Students who intern in Craig's office are chosen based on their grade point average, their interests and what they plan to go into, Hart said. Idaho students are given preference.

Hartwell said he's enjoying the learning experience even though politics is not directly related to his goal of becoming a child speech pathologist. He said because of his internship, he will always have an interest in government.

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# Investigators still probing church fire

By Ruth Streeter  
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RUPERT - The cause of a fire that destroyed a Rupert church beyond repair Saturday continues to elude fire officials.

Rupert Fire Marshall Larry Pool said Wednesday the fire is still under investigation. He said he hopes to have answers by the first of next week.

"We need to tie some loose ends up," Pool said.

At this point all that is certain is that the fire began in a kitchen area in a southwestern part of the building.

Fire Chief Thayne Taylor said Monday that the enormous amount of water left in the wake of firefighters' efforts was hindering progress.

"We need to get rid of all that water first," Taylor said.

Insurance investigators exam-

ined the church Tuesday and the Deputy State Fire Marshall toured the church Wednesday, Pool said.

The fire gutted the Assembly of God Rios de Vida Church in Rupert Saturday night. Firefighters arrived on the scene around 9 p.m. after the fire had been burning for about 25 minutes. The fire was contained an hour later but firefighters continued to monitor the building for hot spots throughout the night.

Firefighters prevented the fire from spreading to neighboring buildings. Some smoke made its way into the Red Cross, located across an alley just south of the church. Fire Chief Thayne Taylor said Saturday.

A small amount of smoke also escaped into Swensen's grocery store, located next door to the north, general manager Darrell

Noble said Tuesday. Filters in the air conditioning will need to be changed, Noble said.

Firefighters had also torn a cap off the roof to check for sparks, but Noble said it will be replaced.

The Spanish Assembly Rios de Vida congregation is currently sharing facilities with the Prisco Chapel, a non-denominational church in Rupert. Prisco Chapel hosted a bilingual service last Sunday. Because of the length of a bilingual service, the Revs. Roy Maldonado of the Rios de Vida congregation and Prisco Chapel are considering the possibility of having separate English and Spanish services.

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# Burley man says retirement beats all

By Coreen Hart  
Times-News correspondent

BURLEY - He feels sorry for men who don't develop hobbies before they retire. If all a man knows is his job, he'll lose out on what Glenn Draper thinks is the best part of life. He urges his wife to let their husbands have their own interests in the house, and not make it all their own domain.

"If you ain't a-doin' it before you retire, you ain't a-goin' to do it after," Draper said.

Draper worked 43 years in the steel building, with nearly 30 of that for J.B. Simplot at the Heyburn Plant. He wound up being the plant superintendent. Now he had for a fellow who hated school.

"I had the perfect job. I was my own boss, but my own hours. If there was a craft show in Kalamazoo, they knew I wouldn't be at the plant," Draper said.

When the company acquired a retirement program, he investigated. He said he'd invested where there was profit-sharing and funds-matching. Much to his surprise, his secretary told him she thought he had quite a nice monthly income due him. He checked it out.

"I hadn't thought much about retiring, because in those days men didn't retire unless they were bankers or lawyers. But I thought a lot about it then," Draper said.

His wife, Carrie, put her foot down firmly. She was against it.

"What would you do with your time?" she asked.

He had it laid ready for her. He'd already worked as a volunteer for the senior citizens center and he wanted to help at the library. And there was the hospital.

He explained to his wife, Carrie, that volunteering was the best kind of job to have. And anyway they had all their crafts. He had built a model circus in the 1950s which he had exhibited on television and in Beverly Hills. His collection of circus memorabilia was huge, and then there was Christmas - five trees every year and uncountable ornaments



Octagonarian Glenn R. Draper celebrates Christmas all year long in this sunny room. He said he had to get crafts of the place of these. Most of the ceramic nativity scenes and other crafts are his own work. Draper said he and his late wife, Carrie, used to decorate five trees every year.

and gifts.

He broke her down and the best part of their lives together began with a bang. They traveled, built a ceramics workshop where Carrie taught up to three classes a day, and collected driftwood for original mobiles, wall decor and southwestern miniature scenes.

"It was something. I never did think much about money, but we needed enough to live on," Draper said. "All of a sudden I had the government sending me money, the company sending me money, and they gave me good insurance. I said 'why in hell didn't I do this 100 years ago?'"

Draper's home reflects his and Carrie's many interests. In a cinder block home the pair built themselves, he has a southwestern room and crafts workshops. A long sun porch collects heat and is filled with Christmas ornaments on the walls, ceiling and floor. Not content with that, he designed a desert garden with miniature scenes, a waterfall and a fireplace encased with rocks and geodes in every color. They brought the rocks home from every place they visited.

A covered walkway leads to several more workshops including woodworking and ceramics. A guest room sports two double beds and the original privacy neatly enclosed and wearing a black half-moon on the door.

A full-sized kiln sits amidst greenery and finished busts of Native Americans. Draper's own personal office fills one room. The walls are lined with shallow shelves crowded with elephants in every conceivable size, design and color.

He proudly shows visitors a black box with a glass top. It contains 112 tiny Korymbanthus carved in India by school children.

"My largest elephant is a gray stuffed bear about the size of a St. Bernard. Carrie made several for him."

He's been retired for 23 years and he says they've been his best years. But there have been changes. He's now 85 years old and his beloved Carrie died 9 years ago.

Daughter Judy Murine lives next door and helps out. She drives him to breakfast every morning, since he himself has never driven a car. She takes him around town and helps with heavy jobs like turning a mattress. An intercom connects her home and his.

Why has he remained productive and sharp for 85 years?

"Because he's so gosh darn ornery," Murine said. "He's got his own way of doing things and if you don't do it that way, well, it's wrong. He's quite a guy. He's still teaching me new things."

Probably it's because retirement is the best time of his life.

## VALLEY IN BRIEF

### Train hits car; driver and rider OK

RUPERT - Driving a behemoth vehicle probably saved the lives of a Rupert woman and her grand daughter when they were hit by a train at a railroad crossing in Rupert Wednesday morning.

Cook, who was driving the vehicle, said she did not see the train approaching and started to cross the tracks at Eighth Street. The crossing arms were already coming down and she was closed in from behind and from the front. When she looked to see the train, "it was pretty close," she said.

Cook tried to back her car up, but was unable to clear the track, according to an accident report. The train blew its air horns, but was unable to stop in time.

Luckily the train wasn't moving that fast, Cook said. When it hit it only broke the passenger-side window.

"If he'd pushed us harder, we'd probably be dead," Cook said.

Cook also credits her survival to the heavy-duty 1983 Oldsmobile she was driving.

"That was another thing that probably saved our lives," Cook said.

Cook's two-year-old granddaughter was also in the car. Her lip was cut from broken glass, Cook said. She was treated with a couple stitches.

The train pushed the car about 50 feet down the track before coming to a stop, according to an accident report. The train was towing 25 fully loaded cars.

Bob Russman with the Rupert Traffic Safety Committee said the rail crossing does not have a history of accidents.

### request from Triple C Concrete for approval from the Minidoka County Commissioners for a new gravel pit will be held at 8 p.m. today at the Minidoka County Judicial Building in Rupert.

### Idaho gets federal help with refugees

BOISE - Idaho school districts trying to cope with an influx of refugees from Kosovo and elsewhere will share in a new \$150,000 federal grant to the state Department of Education.

The number of refugees attending Idaho schools increased 146 percent in the past two years, with the majority locating in Boise, Meridian and Twin Falls, the agency said.

In 1998, 213 refugee students enrolled in those districts in the first half of 1999 there were 23 more.

"Besides the obvious language problems, these students also come with little formal schooling because wars in their homelands robbed them of their opportunity to get an education," said Molly Jo de Fuentetaja, a limited English proficiency programs specialist for the Department of Education.

Boise will get \$80,700 from the grant, Twin Falls \$48,450 and Meridian \$9,900. The rest of the money will be set aside for emergency grants to other districts and to cover administrative costs.

The three primary districts plan to offer a variety of services to refugees, including summer school, parent outreach and tutoring.

"We hope that every refugee student enrolling in an Idaho school will feel welcomed and be able to learn the language and culture in order to make a successful transition into their adoptive country," state schools Superintendent Marilyn Howard said.

### Triple C public hearing tonight

RUPERT - A public hearing regarding the

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## Water

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back up.

"We have an abundance of water, but it's a finite amount," Craig said. "There are a lot of others out there who want our water. The only difference now is that they have the force of the federal government behind them."

Specifically, Craig said that continued and increased charging of the region's aquifers should be a priority. And at a time when there is so much talk about breaching existing dams for environmental - specifically salmon breeding - reasons, Craig said he advocates building another impoundment in the Snake River valley to ensure plentiful water resources for the future.

Craig insisted that "the science should be complete" before consideration is given to dam breaching. The senator said that too little is known about the ocean environment's effect on salmon populations and that more research should be done before attempts are made to change the habitat on the upper Snake or Columbia River basins.

"We don't want to dewater Idaho," he said.

Craig said he believes the National Marine



U.S. Senator Larry Craig addresses a group of ranchers, farmers and Magic Valley business representatives at a luncheon held at the Goosa Creek ranch of Mike Poulton south of Oakley on Wednesday.

Fisheries Service will not venture a position in favor of dam breaching next year, despite claims from Pacific Northwest biologists that dam breaching would give salmon their best chances for rebound.

NMFS has contracted with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to do an environmental impact survey on alternatives to dam breaching in the efforts to help salmon numbers increase.

## Craig

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House wouldn't participate. The staff there has become too partisan, he said.

"There's nobody left at the White House to make a deal," he said.


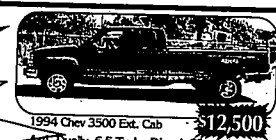
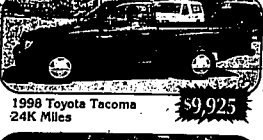


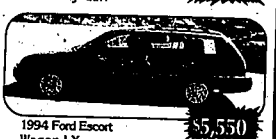
"Hope for Gladders - Craig, an adoptive parent himself, talked about his Hope for Children Act, which would let parents deduct the costs involved in adopting children.

"If the Republican Party is anti-abortion, it should be aggressive pro-adoption," Craig said.

He's also pushed for a bill to limit the time children can be in foster care before they are returned home or adopted, and a bill to reward states for moving children out of foster care.

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Linda Hoke of the Nevada Humana Society tries to calm a restless wolf Tuesday at Animal Ark exotic animal sanctuary north of Reno, Nev. About 20 animals were evacuated, some suffering from smoke inhalation, after the area was nearly overrun by wildfires. The sanctuary treats injured wild animals.

Fire season heats up around the West

The Associated Press
Lightning, wind, 100-degree heat and low humidity are fueling fire season in the West, where beleaguered firefighters face the threat of new blazes as vacationers head to the forests for late-summer camping.

and burned at least 40,000 acres of brush and trees.
Hundreds of residents of the Antelope Valley in Nevada, 10 miles north of Reno, and in Butte County in northeastern California, were evacuated for up to a day, all had returned to their homes by Wednesday morning.

serious conditions for what's going on now," said Karen Terrill, a California Department of Forestry spokeswoman. "It's supposed to remain hot and dry. And a new weather system is coming in that will include lightning with very little rain."
Two months ago, Sen. Joe Stegner, R-Leviston, announced the panel had scheduled a public hearing in late August in Leviston and Moscow because it would be the "wrong public mood" to limit access to the issue to Boise.

requested help from as far away as North Dakota and Tennessee, said U.S. Forest Service spokeswoman Kati Coulter.
Department has 75 percent of its 6,700 firefighters and fire engines battling fires. Cities and counties are also supplying engines and crews. National Guard planes and helicopters supported state and federal air tankers.
Expecting a surge of late-summer campers, forest officials are warning vacationers that campfires are banned in some areas as part of fire safety restrictions that vary from forest to forest.

Idaho waste shipment arrives; piece missing

CARLSBAD, N.M. (AP) — A shipment of radioactive waste from an Idaho laboratory arrived Wednesday at a U.S. government's nuclear waste dump near Carlsbad — minus a washer.
A truck that left the Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory on Monday rolled through the gates at 2:30 a.m., said Dan Baldini, a spokesman for the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant.
But as the truck underwent the lengthy process of safety checks before being unloaded, crews discovered a rubber washer was missing from one of the two air-tight TRUPACT II containers.

"We're doing an investigation to find out where that rubber washer is," he said.
An engineer had checked off that the washer was in place when the truck left INEEL, he said. Now, WIPP has to notify the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission that it is missing, he said.
"No matter where the washer is," Mager said, "it's obviously not where it should be in place."
He said the container "did pass the leak test" before leaving Idaho.
"Who did not detect any kind of radiation contamination at all," he said.
"One of our waste handling technicians pulled the plug out (Wednesday) and immediately noticed we didn't have this washer that should be there," he said.
Meanwhile, he said, the 14 drums of plutonium-contaminated waste have been removed from the TRUPACT II container for storage in the underground repository. Each drum can hold 55 gallons, so each TRUPACT container, theoretically, can hold 770 gallons.
The shipment was the 33rd accepted at WIPP since it opened March 26 and was its second shipment from INEEL. WIPP also has received eight shipments from the Rocky Flats plant near Denver and 13 from Los Alamos National Laboratory in northern New Mexico.
Eventually, the U.S. Department of Energy expects that hundreds of shipments will be hauled nearly 900 miles from Idaho to southeastern New Mexico.
The latest shipment was announced a week ago after INEEL corrected 21 deficiencies in the way it documents the contents of drums destined for the \$2 billion dump. The federal audit findings prompted temporary loss of INEEL's certification to ship material to New Mexico.
Those deficiencies, which authorities did not consider to have compromised the safety of Idaho's first shipment in April — raised questions about whether current waste shipments from Idaho contain only radioactive material.
The state of New Mexico has written a permit for WIPP to handle radioactive waste that's also tainted by solvents and other contaminants. The permit is expected later this year.

Nevada town gears up for brothel debate

ELY, Nev. (AP) — The future of this isolated eastern Nevada town's only operating brothel could be decided Thursday when opponents of legalized prostitution and those who prefer the status quo face off in a public debate.
The charge to eliminate legal prostitution in Ely is led by Councilman Stuart Tracy, who said the practice doesn't belong in a town where family life is paramount.

It is the responsibility of government to legislate those morals."
An ordinance sponsored by Tracy to abolish legal prostitution in Ely would be the focus of a public hearing that has been moved to the Bristlecone Convention Center because of the anticipated crowd. The ordinance would make it "illegal to engage in acts of prostitution or related activities" within the city limits.
George Flint, a lobbyist for the Nevada Branch Association, said he would attend the hearing and speak on behalf of the Stardust, which only recently was re-licensed for operation in Ely.
"It is ironic to me that there has been no call or demand to ban prostitution in Ely," he said. "It's coming only from one guy appointed to fill an unexpired term on the council."

Retirement study group cuts north Idaho hearings

LEVISTON (AP) — An interim legislative committee studying how to improve retirement benefits for state and municipal employees and teachers will not hold public hearings in Leviston and Moscow.
Two months ago, Sen. Joe Stegner, R-Leviston, announced the panel had scheduled a public hearing in late August in Leviston and Moscow because it would be the "wrong public mood" to limit access to the issue to Boise.
But House Speaker Bruce Newcomb, R-Burley, would not approve travel expenses for the

panel's six House members, committee co-chairman Rep. Robert Schaefer, R-Nampa, said.
Newcomb said the committee does not need to hold meetings in different cities, according to Schaefer.
But the committee's other co-chairman, Sen. Dean Cameron, R-Rupert, wanted to hold public hearings outside of Boise, Schaefer said.
Rep. Tom Trail, R-Moscow, a member of the committee, said he was disappointed to hear Newcomb would not allow the travel expenses.

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"As a councilman, the safety of the community and the provision of services are my top priorities," he said. "If something does not help foster the family, if it does the contrary, then we ought to look at getting rid of it."
The "it" is the Stardust Ranch, the sole brothel still operating in the city, where prostitution has been legal since 1959. Prostitution isn't authorized in unincorporated White Pine County.
On the other side of the question is Mayor Robert Miller, who said legalized prostitution is part of a Nevada history that includes drinking and gambling.
"Let's have high moral standards," he said. "The question is whether

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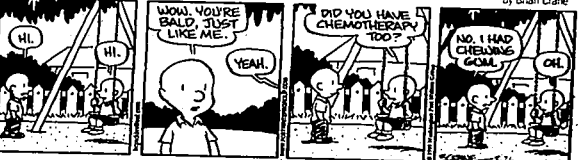


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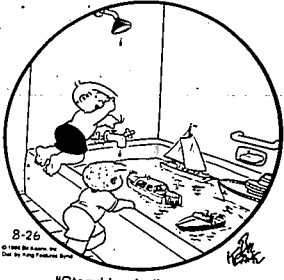
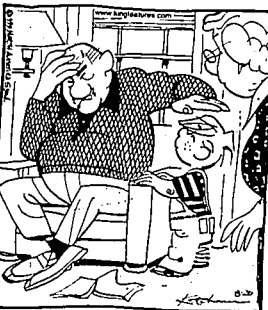


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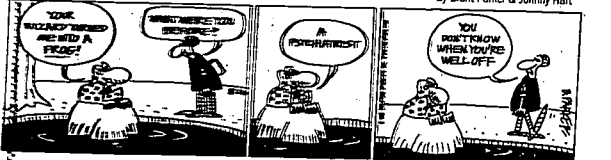
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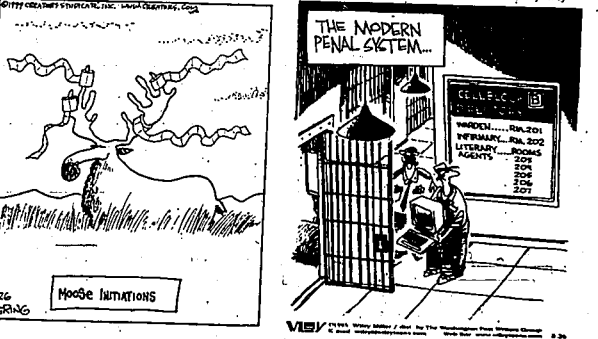


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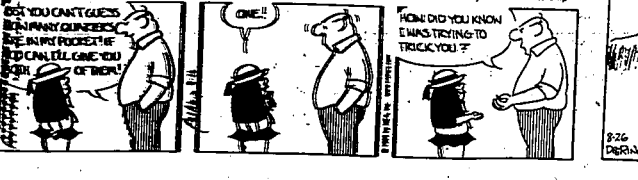
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# Bishop criticizes housing for farm laborers

MARYSVILLE, Calif. (AP) — Farmworker Jose Riviera only hates his home when the rats come in.

The 48-year-old Mexican immigrant lives in a barracks-like 10-room building where men sleep two to a 10-by-10-foot room. Most of the rooms are dusty, covered spaces with soiled bed sheets on the windows, a light bulb dangling from the ceiling, and a padlock to keep prowlers away.

"It's comfortable, it's fine," Riviera said Monday of the room, for which he pays \$14 a week. "Except for the rats, I hate them."

Riviera's home was not among those included on a tour of farm laborer housing Monday led by Sacramento Bishop William Weigand, who saw nicer but still bare-bones quarters at New England Orchards near Marysville, north of Sacramento.

"That's said," the Roman Catholic bishop said when told about Riviera's living conditions. "We can do so much better."

The telephone rang unanswered at New England Orchards when The Associated Press called Monday evening seeking comment on the bishop's remarks.

Orchards owners are not required to provide housing for workers. Many let them stay on their property for little or no rent

but in shelters that often fall below state building codes.

Farmworker advocates say Riviera's acceptance of his living conditions is typical of thousands who work in California's Central Valley. Many have no choice but to live under poor or intolerable conditions, they say.

Weigand said he decided to lead religious leaders and government officials on a tour of the housing in this fruit-growing region to stop the acceptance of poor conditions that he called "our country's own complacency."

"This is America, this is not the Third World, and it's time that everyone knew what we can do better."

— William Weigand, Roman Catholic bishop

not the Third World, and it's time that everyone knew what was going on and how we can do better," he said.

The bishop said he hoped his tour would draw the public's attention to the problem and make Catholic charities aware of the need for their help.

He also urged the Legislature to pass a bill that would make it easier to build farmworker housing.

Steve Danna, a Marysville orchard owner who participated in the tour, which did not include his property, declined to comment on farmworkers' living conditions.

In January 1997, floods ravaged parts of the Sacramento region and did millions of dollars worth of damage to crops and housing in



Jose Riviera gets food out of his locker Monday inside the community refrigerator at the Naumes Corporation Orchards in Marysville, Calif. He lives in a one-room apartment — for \$2 a night — so he can be near the orchards where he picks fruit. Bishop Weigand, right, led religious and government leaders on a tour of area farmworker quarters.

Yuba and Sutter counties. Housing problems created by the floods persist today, said Ilene Jacobs, director of litigation for California Rural Legal Assistance.

"There is still a tremendous amount of need," said Jacobs, standing near a peach orchard.

"And the answer to so many problems is in federally and state-fund-

ed housing. People thrive when they live where they live."

As an example of how cities can better accommodate farmworkers, Weigand took the delegation — which included representatives from the offices of U.S. Sens. Barbara Boxer and Diane Feinstein, both California Democrats — to government-fund-

ed housing complexes for farmworkers. At the Mahal Plaza in Yuba City, the group toured a \$7.5 million, 98-unit housing complex built with state and federal money.

Inside the complex, multi-bedroom homes were divided by patches of finely manicured grass, a community center, and a child-care facility.

To live in the complex, applicants must be farmworkers who do not collect welfare. Rent is 30 percent of an applicant's income.

"This is dignity," Weigand said, his shoulder leaning against the doorway of a 3-bedroom Mahal Plaza home. "This is how society can provide people with a way out of poverty."



## Coalition urges panel to support plan for regional mental health centers

BOISE (AP) — A coalition of state health-care providers contends Idaho could save money and better serve families of mentally disabled patients by farming out services to regional centers across the state.

The Idaho Health Care Association delivered the plan to an interim legislative committee studying the Idaho State School and Hospital in Nampa, which houses some of the state's most profoundly mentally challenged patients.

Lawmakers are studying whether to approve the Department of Health and Welfare's request that up to \$12.5 million in bonds be issued to finance renovation of four buildings at the site or to close the

facility in favor of smaller centers around the state.

There is a growing sense of urgency. Included among the more than 100 patients are 40 severely ill sexual predators that state officials warn pose a danger to staff and other patients.

"We are very much in support of the services Idaho State School and Hospital provides," said Tony Decker, a member of the Idaho Health Care Association, which represents Idaho nursing homes and other health-care facilities.

But rather than spending so much money to rehabilitate and the Idaho State School and Hospital and add 75 new beds in four new buildings, the state should consider three regional

facilities that would be cheaper to build and extend the hospital's services to the rest of the state, Decker said.

The Legislature's interim panel, which includes citizen members representing patient-advocate and other groups, conducted its second meeting on Tuesday.

The group remains divided on the best approach to solving the problem. A group of parents and guardians of about 20 patients — as well as House Health and Welfare Chairman Dorothy Reynolds of Caldwell — favors repairs and beefed-up security, and phased out and more of its patients placed in community facilities.

No one was injured, Silverman was cited for inattentive driving and suspended without pay while the company investigated.

Late blight crops up in two eastern Idaho fields

BLACKFOOT — Two Bingham County potato fields that have tested positive for late blight are the first reported cases in Idaho this year.

And, University of Idaho agriculture officials are warning farmers to carefully watch their crops to make sure they are free of the fungus that causes decay in stems, leaves and tubers.

The cases were reported Tuesday and Friday.

University officials say occurrences of the disease are down considerably from the last two years. But they warn the fungus could be in the air.

"There's never a time when you can sit back and relax with late blight," said Bill Bohl, an extension educator in Blackfoot. Statewide, reports of late blight are down 97 percent from last year. That could mean farmers are regularly spraying fungicide or there is less of the moist weather that causes infection.

— Compiled from wire reports

## Group sues over alleged intimidation

LEWISTON — The Cove-Mallard Coalition has filed a lawsuit in federal court alleging law enforcement and logging companies worked together to execute a "campaign of terror" against environmentalists.

The suit was filed Friday against the U.S. Forest Service, the Nez Perce National Forest, Idaho County Sheriff's Department, Highland Enterprises and Shearer Lumber, two logging companies.

The coalition alleges that during a night in August 1998, protesters camping in the Otterwing area of the Nez Perce National Forest near Grangeville were harassed and then chased into the woods at gunpoint by employees of the logging companies.

Moscow authorities blame coyotes for cat killings

MOSCOW — Cats recently found mutilated throughout the city appear to have been killed by natural predators such as coyotes and raccoons.

Police Chief Daniel Weaver said at least 17 dead cats have been found dead in the city since May. Investigators initially thought a person might be responsible, but

### Idaho in brief

predator experts at Washington State University say teeth marks on cats found lately look like those of coyotes, Weaver said.

"We have a fairly large coyote problem in Moscow," he said.

Driver dies of brain tumor days after off-road accident

MULLAN — The driver of a Greyhound bus that nearly went off a northern Idaho mountain road with 50 passengers aboard has died.

Gerald L. Silverman, 56, of Woodinville, Wash., was hospitalized after suffering a seizure Friday, company spokeswoman Katherine Williams said. Doctors discovered Williams had a large brain tumor and he died the following day, she said.

"The condition was not previously known to Greyhound or to his family," Williams said. Several witnesses to the Aug. 16 incident said Silverman appeared drowsy and disoriented after he missed a freeway exit and took the bus up a dirt road. The rear of the bus slid off the road as Silverman tried to go around a Jeep parked on the side

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## North Ridge of the Grand Teton

Every now and then, I take leave of my senses and head for the mountains. This year, accompanied by an old friend, I set my sights on the Grand Teton in Wyoming. Each of us had climbed it before, but we had followed easy routes. Now it was time for a more substantial test. Rather than exploiting a weakness, we wanted to overcome one of its strengths.

We wanted to do a route on the north side - something steep, something scary, something serious. We settled on the North Ridge of the Grand Teton.

We began our adventure Friday morning, with a boat ride across Jonny Lake in Grand Teton National Park. The lake is at 6,783 feet, but we were planning to camp at 12,400 feet. The idea was to trudge uphill all day to a spot called the Grandstand, spend the night there, and then climb the final 1,370 feet to the summit on Saturday.

Leaving the lake, we hiked a few miles up Cascade Canyon, continually marveling at the ragged peaks around us. There were plenty of other hikers on the trail, but most were day trippers who were traveling lightly. By contrast, we loaded under the weight of packs bristling with ice axes, crampons, ropes and other mountain hardware.

After three miles of walking on a nice trail, we crossed the Cascade Creek and began a hateful scramble through dense vegetation toward Valhalla Canyon. We fought our way

upward through a lush tangle of huckleberry, elderberry and azalea. Branches snatched at the ropes and axes on our packs, occasionally forcing us to stop and disentangle the mess.

More than once, we encountered big piles of bear scat. Danger wears many hats in the Tetons.

The only bites we suffered were from flies, so we pressed on. The vegetation began to thin and the scree began to thicken as we

pones and axes at the second icefield. My buddy, struggling to adjust his crampons, suggested I forge ahead. I started up, unroped.

About halfway up, I hit a patch of rotten snow and began to slide. I stabilized myself, but broke free several more times. It was a spooky moment, but I kept my cool and worked past the problem.

My buddy joined me a few minutes later, but we couldn't afford to linger. Daylight was beginning to fade and the Grandstand was still high above us. We roped up and pressed on.

There was no time for formal belays, so we both climbed at the same time. My pal led the way, 50 meters ahead of me, placing protective anchors as he went. I followed, collecting the gear, moving when he moved and stopping when he stopped. By keeping the rope taught, we minimized the force that would hit one man if the other fell.

The ground was too steep and rocky for us to bivouac, so we kept climbing into the gloom. As dusk gave way to dark, we dug out our headlamps and kept going.

Shortly after 9 p.m., we reached the saddle that stretches north from the Grand Teton to Mount Owen. This was the Grandstand.

Our bivouac site was a level patch of ground not much bigger than a bathtub. It was surrounded by a crude windbreak of stones, which was essential because



**William Brock**  
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moved into Valhalla Canyon. Loose rocks shifted ominously underfoot and, now and then, a single sliding rock would blossom into a savage torrent of rolling stones.

As we ascended, a patchwork of green and brown farm fields began to appear over the top of lesser peaks to the west. We passed the first icefield without any trouble and were making steady progress up the rocky slope when a storm blew in. We donned our rain gear and tried to shelter beneath an overhanging rock, but it was scant refuge. We had no recourse but to take what nature dished out.

The rocks were slick after the rain, but we couldn't wait for them to dry off. We pressed on.

We broke out our cram-



Hugh Safford of Davis, Calif., high-steps his way up the last pitch of the North Ridge of the Grand Teton.



Brock soaks in the scenery from a belay ledge high on the Grand Teton.

*"Forward was the only way now; no more turning back. The past was wiped out, all that mattered was the future .... I believe no man can be completely able to summon all his strength, all his energy, for the last desperate move until he is convinced the last bridge is down behind him and there is nowhere to go but on."*

- Heinrich Harrer, noted Austrian mountaineer and author

### Moments of doubt

I was turning the corner on the second icefield when the rotten slush broke away beneath my boots. To my horror, I started to slide. The angle wasn't bad, but it was a slippery place and I had gravelly working against me. Below me, only about 60 or 70 yards away, was a cliff and then an airy void. Sliding over that edge would be death. I dug the front points of my crampons into the slush, then buried the edge of my ice ax. After a few feet, the sliding stopped.

It was Friday evening and I was somewhere around 14,500 feet on the north side of the Grand Teton in Wyoming. The serious climbing wasn't supposed to start until Saturday, but there I was - digging in with my ice tools, fighting for my life.

I took another step and the slushy ice broke free again. Once again, I slid a few feet. Once again, I dug in with my crampons and ax. Once again, I stopped - but now there was blood in the snow. My knuckles, flayed raw by the ice, looked like they'd been attacked by piranhas.

I probably slipped four or five times before I finally turned the corner and got back onto solid rock. I sagged to the ground, quaking with terror, and buried my face in my blood-soaked hands. At that point, climbing the North Ridge of the Grand Teton didn't seem like such a good idea. At the same time, I knew I wasn't going back down that icefield. The bridge was down behind me, so there was nowhere to go but on.



Safford rappels down the standard descent route on the Grand Teton.



Badly shaken after several life-threatening slips, Outdoors Editor William Brock carefully makes his way up the second icefield on the North Ridge of the Grand Teton.

### OUTDOORS

# Rescue of missing tourists restores faith in aloha spirit

**HONOLULU (AP)** — A happy ending to the mysterious disappearance of two Danish tourists brought cries of relief from a public that had had nine days to imagine the worst.

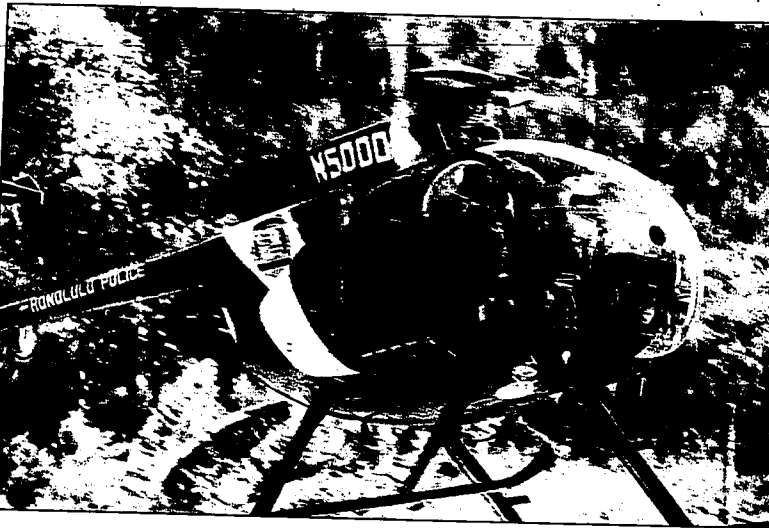
The relief went well beyond the fact that the two 20-year-old women were found alive on one of Oahu's most treacherous hiking trails. For a state that prides itself on its aloha spirit — and depends on visitor dollars for its No. 1 industry — it seemed the lesser of two evils that the women had faced a natural rather than human hazard.

Marianne Konnerup and Anitta Winther were rescued Sunday after spending eight nights trapped on a steep ridge line far back in a valley of the rugged Koolau Mountain Range. Rescuing hikers and surrounded by family Monday, Konnerup and Winther thanked the three hikers who found them and the dozens of police, fire and conservation officials and volunteers who searched for them throughout the week.

"We were so overwhelmed that everybody has been talking for us," Konnerup said. "We've heard that everybody on the island is so happy that we've been found."

The pair had disappeared with barely a trace Aug. 14, leaving their bicycles locked to a rack at a shopping center near the East Honolulu home where they had been staying.

Based on witness accounts, investigators believed the women had headed a hike on a sightseeing tour or hike on the northern or eastern side of the island. Police said there was no



Anitta Winther waves to family and friends waiting at Kahala State Park near Honolulu Sunday. Winther and her hiking companion, Marianne Konnerup, both of Denmark, were the subjects of a massive, week-long hunt and air search.

evidence of foul play in the disappearance, but relatives and many local residents feared that possibility. They have been getting a non-daily reminders that violence can come to tourists — if rarely — from news coverage of one of Hawaii's most notorious murder cases. One of three suspects is standing trial in the 1991 kidnapping, rape and murder of a 23-

year-old Virginia woman, Dana Ireland, on the Big Island. Ireland was run over by a car and kidnapped as she bicycled to her parents' vacation rental for Christmas Eve dinner.

The attack sent shudders through the visitor industry. "I think most people in the back of their mind were scared that maybe there could have been criminal activity involved, but we're so relieved of course that there wasn't," Darrell Laro, president of the Visitor Aloha Society of Hawaii, said Monday.

The 2-year-old organization, which receives some state funding, coordinates what are sometimes massive mobilization efforts to help visitors who are victims of crime, are injured or stranded. Hotel stays, meals and tours are offered, or a stolen item replaced, all through donations from businesses and individuals.

The idea is to demonstrate that those who whelm tourists are overwhelmingly outnumbered by compassionate Hawaii residents, and, if possible, to leave a lasting positive impression on the visitor.

Through the Visitor Aloha Society, the Danish women and their families have been offered free hotel stays, meals, tickets to eat and cellular phones — in case they decide to go hiking. The society has been hosting family members who flew to Hawaii from Denmark on Friday. "You have to do so much that we cannot believe," said Per Konnerup, Marianne's father, said Monday. "We feel really that Hawaii is aloha. This is a place of love."

## Grand Canyon crowds view rare condors

## Alaskan park rangers immortalize old bear

**GRAND CANYON NATIONAL PARK, Ariz. (AP)** — While thousands of visitors stare at the wonders of the Grand Canyon this summer, they're being stared at in return.

Young California condors, released in recent years at the remote Vermilion Cliffs, have been seen hovering above Mather Point on the canyon's South Rim.

"If you look like a condor, you're flying along the rim in pretty remote areas and, all of sudden, 100 people appear," said Amy Nicholas, Peregrine Fund biologist. "That's going to get you curious."

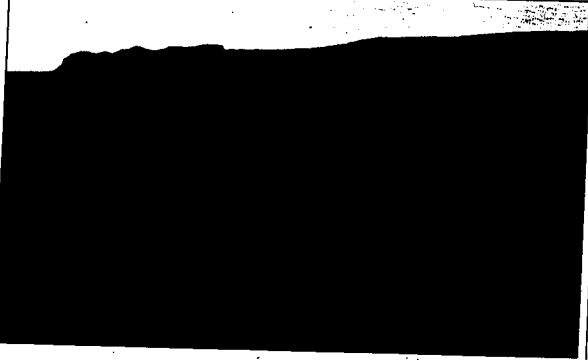
The condors originally moved into the area when they discovered a deer carcass near the canyon. The human activity and finding additional carcasses have been enough to keep them around. A carcass will usually last the condors two to three weeks.

There are about 20 wild condors in northern Arizona, and Nicholas said all of the birds have visited the area in recent months. She added that it is mostly the younger birds that remain in the park because of their continued curiosity with the crowds.

For the older condors, it's something they learn not to get attracted to, she said. They learn that the people has nothing really to offer them and it doesn't mean a carcass.

The Peregrine Fund is expecting the younger birds to learn the lesson well and officials believe the condors will only remain in the area for about another month.

Nicholas believes one reason the condors have appeared so frequently in high-use areas of the canyon, such as Mather Point, is that they have a lot of time to



A California condor soars into the twilight of a sunset along the south rim of the Grand Canyon near Mather Point earlier this month.

spare in between feeding sessions. "They can only eat about two pounds of food at a time," she said. "And this will keep them full for two weeks, so they really don't have a lot to do."

As for their tolerance of humans, a condor may appear comfortable around park visitors simply because it understands its ability to elude the humans if it feels danger is near.

"A condor feels comfortable with a human 10 to 15 feet away because they know they can't see how fast we can run and they

know they can run a lot faster," Nicholas said.

Even though condors may appear comfortable around humans, visitors to the Grand Canyon are asked to stay 300 feet away from the birds and to refrain from feeding them.

"People forget this is a wild animal, and wild animals should be avoided," Nicholas said.

Besides the danger to humans, Nicholas added that feeding the condors is detrimental to the birds themselves.

"Too many people have fed them — it's just like the other wildlife in the park," Nicholas said. "For some reason people have to feed

everything."

Nicholas added that the amount of the condor has increased among observers on the park, and the Peregrine Fund has received many questions regarding the location of the birds.

"We saw about seven or eight above the bridge in Grand Canyon Village," said Jerry Mosler of Las Vegas. Mosler said the condors circled the area, flying high above the ground at about 2,000 feet.

As for a description of the condors, Mosler said his group gave a simple but accurate description: They're big.

**BROOKS CAMP, Alaska (AP)** — People flock to this place for anglo-lingue bear viewing. And to see the Babe Ruth of Kamlay, brown bears, a portbeled old grizzly named Diver.

Season after season, he wows his fans at the Brooks River Falls and in Katmai National Park and Preserve with his favorite play: going completely underwater to catch red salmon line-driving upstream to spawn.

Park rangers figure he's around 30 years old, about as old as some male grizzlies get. So this season, they decided to do something nice for the old all-star — a series of Diver cards.

They look just like baseball cards. There are five in all. On the front are action shots. Diver searching for fish. Diver munching on a salmon. Diver standing by the falls, where leaping fish fly like silver missiles into gaping grizzly jaws.

And on the back, Diver stars and trivia: "Diver once ate 17 entire salmon in 45 minutes," card No. 4 says. "He dips 'belly holes' in the soft beach sand and digs down with his large stomach in the hole." No. 2 says.

Visitors who take float planes to watch and walk with bears at Brooks Camp, some 260 miles southwest of Anchorage, are going to get the cards — but souvenirs from one of Alaska's coarsest nature encounters.

Sitting on the porch of the Brooks Camp lodge one afternoon, Jay Leiberman of the Bronx, New York, said he'd collected two Diver cards and was looking for a star of a whole set, including a No. 5. It's the rarest, the only card with a green border instead of blue.

"It's like getting a 1952 Mickey Mouse movie card, you know?" Leiberman said.

The card series was Mark Wagner's idea. He's the National Park Service's Brooks Camp manager. He grew up in Chicago and is a big baseball fan. The Cubs, of course. He's spent six summers at this remote camp, out of range of radio and television. He gets a monthly fix of baseball news, however, with his subscription to Yinzers, the Cubs' official newspaper.

Normally park rangers don't like to engage in anthropology,

attributing human characteristics to bears. They don't even like to give them names. These are wild animals and people shouldn't be led to think the bears are all sweetness and nice."

But for Diver, it seemed right to make an exception, he said. Not only is Diver the first Kamlay bear to have his own set of collectible cards, he's also the cover boy on this summer's park magazine, Bear Force.

These days everybody is out of cards — basketball players, rock drivers, Iditarod mushers, even Playboy models. So why not Diver?

"He's really a special animal," Wagner said. "Everyone wants to see him. But he's probably getting close to the end of his life."

Rangers usually hand each visitor to the falls viewing platform one free card. But visitors have been begging rangers for a complete set. One guy was even caught pilfering a box the rangers keep at the platform for storage.

Diver was originally known as "Scar Saddle." That's because in June 1988, according to card No. 3, "Diver arrived at Brooks Camp with a gaping wound deep in the muscle of his back, possibly from a fight over a female."

The five catchers of name of Diver prevailed because of his legendary fishing prowess. Card No. 4: "He dives completely underwater in the plunge pool at the base of Brooks falls in search of sockeye salmon."

Diver cards aren't a hit with everyone.

"Even though I asked for one, I think it's one of the things we need to do without," said Larry Wierns, a high school geography teacher from Texas and a four-time visitor to the remote camp. "I just think it's one of the 'cute' things the National Park Service likes to do — wilderness areas like this shouldn't be doing. This is no Disney World."

### Tetons

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...the ground dove away sharply on both sides of the saddle. Without time to lie, rolling over in one's sleep could easily prove fatal.

After 13 hours on the move, we were exhausted. We drank some of the water, we ate with us, ate a few handfuls of food, then donned every piece of clothing in our packs. Then we crawled into our thin, nylon bivouac sacks and prepared for long night with no stove, no tent and no sleeping bags.

It rained off and on throughout the night, so the tent was wet and greasy on Saturday morning.

The first challenge of the day was a 30-foot face that led to easier ground above. My buddy swarmed up it, but paused at an overhang near the top. He shuffled left, reached up with his right hand and held the rock and was up. He disap-

peared over the bulge, found a belly stance, and called for me to start climbing.

I reached the overhang and put my left hand on a nice ledge at about shoulder height. I needed to get my feet on it, so I stretched out my right arm and scrambled for a hold. It wasn't even 7 a.m., but icy water flowed down my wrist, along my arm and into my armpit.

It was a moment of truth. I was arched over backwards, with most of my weight on my hands and not enough on my feet. My neck felt like an anvil that threatened to drag me off the rock.

Suddenly, I didn't have the strength which was predictable, given that I'd broken my right wrist two months before.

Fortunately, the rope did its job and my buddy stopped my

fall. When I opened my eyes, I was about 12 feet beneath the overhang. I could touch the rock with my feet, so I uncoiled up a peashooter on a sharp edge on my left. From there, I easily climbed to my friend's belly stance.

That was the routine for the next several hours. If I got my feet on a wet rock almost, I would feel the climbing harness head left for me to clean, then help him when he started up again.

We descend to the stannard North Ridge route and followed the Italian Crack, assuming they were easier than the stannard route.

The view got more expansive as we climbed, but the chert was rolled in and our world was reduced to greasy rock and swelling mist. The summit was still in a sea of clouds when we arrived at 2:30 p.m. We shook hands, then started down. The climbing was over, but the

descent was just beginning. We saw only half-way and just getting down was just as impossible. There were other people up near the summit, people who had climbed easier routes, and we had nearly two hours waiting for them to creep down the stannard descent route.

It was 3:15 p.m., when we put the last rope behind us, and I nearly fell when I finally reached the camp.

"One last adventure had come to its end. One again, we'd lived to see it all."

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## BRIEFLY IN MONEY

### Dreyfus, Discover extend trading hours

**NEW YORK** - In the latest move to extend the U.S. stock market's trading day, two major online brokers said they would launch after-hours trading for small investors, beginning last night.

Dreyfus Brokerage Services, a unit of Mellon Bank Corp., and Discover, a unit of Morgan Stanley Dean Witter, said they will offer a night trading session from 6 to 8 p.m. in which investors can trade 200 popular Nasdaq and New York Stock Exchange listed stocks.

All orders placed with the two brokers during the night session will be executed through the alternative trading system, MarketXT Inc., formerly known as Eclipse Trading.

The New York exchange and the Nasdaq both are considering plans to offer night trading, either late this year or in early 2000. The Chicago Stock Exchange already plans to offer trading to smaller investors in October. The online broker ETrade Group Inc. and Insidnet, the trading network owned by Reuters Plc, have announced plans to begin after-hours trading in September.

### Bondholders approve Planet Hollywood plan

**ORLANDO, Fla.** - Bondholders for Planet Hollywood International Inc. - whose shareholders include Hailey actor Bruce Willis - have accepted the company's reorganization plan, opening the door to a bankruptcy filing later this year.

The approval was pivotal to the company's financial restructuring, and it was obtained even though the only cash bondholders initially will receive is 19 cents on the dollar.

"They really didn't have any choice," said Arnold Ursner, an analyst who follows the Orlando-based company for CJS Securities Inc. in White Plains, N.Y. "If bondholders wanted to get something back on their dollar, even pennies, they had to go along and give the company a chance to get its head above water."

Robert Earl, Planet Hollywood's chief executive, announced last week he is struggling to restructure the operator would undertake a massive financial overhaul. The plan requires Earl and two other shareholders to invest \$10 million each in the company to buy time before a bankruptcy reorganization in October.

### Boise Locomotive wins \$5 million contract

**PITTSBURGH** - Boise Locomotive Co., a subsidiary of MotivePower Industries Inc. (NYSE: MPO), has received an order valued at \$5 million to manufacture seven SD40-3 locomotives for Transar Inc.'s Bessemer and Lake Erie railroad in Greenville, Pa.

The work will begin immediately at the company's facility in Boise, with delivery scheduled for the fourth quarter of 1999 and first quarter of 2000, MotivePower said Wednesday.

MotivePower Industries manufactures products for rail and other power-related industries.

Compiled from staff and wire reports



Dave Woodhead is focusing his efforts to get the Lamphouse Theatre in Twin Falls' Old Towne open as soon as possible. He said existing businesses - not a big public project - will be what anchors the redeveloping district.

## Back to the business of doing business

By Rachel Denny  
Times-News correspondent

### Old Towne business people persist despite the area's setbacks

**TWIN FALLS** - Although the demise of many small businesses may paint a bleak picture of Old Towne Twin Falls, many existing companies say they are thriving and won't go out of business any time soon.

In the past three years three businesses have stayed open in the redeveloping warehouse district: Muggers Brewpub, the Creekside Steak House and Old Towne Tribes. During that time The Old Towne Gallery, The Idaho Horseman and Take a Bough closed, and the Castle Gallery and Frame Shop relocated.

For the current businesses to thrive, many agree they need to approach to business may need change. Muggers and Vito's Old Towne Pasta House are being revamped, and Old Towne Business Improvement District Chairman Dave Woodhead has a

new philosophy for his art cinema, Lamphouse Theatre.

"We're trying to bring Muggers to the next level," manager Charlie Froke said. "We're doing quite well."

Muggers plans live bands every weekend and special promotions for Monday-night football. In the future, it wants to hold five-course brewer's dinners, Froke said.

At Vito's, basically everything is changing, he said.

"There is a negative customer thought process with Vito's," Froke said. "But we've come up with a new menu, and now everything is going to be made from scratch. We're going to do

around with the Lamphouse," Woodhead said. "If I build the Lamphouse I have improved Old Towne. To improve Old Towne you don't have to latch onto ideas like the ballpark."

"I need to get focused and forget about all this nonsense (plans for a ballpark and a skating rink). I'll achieve more than I would chasing after ideas that are good but never get accomplished," he said. "Something may come of it, but personally I have no more time to rely on it."

Creekside, Muggers and Lamphouse all can be destinations themselves, and Old Towne eventually will thrive with them, Woodhead said.

But others say something like an ice-skating rink or ballpark is necessary to Old Towne's success.

Robert W. Reed recently donated the old blue granary behind the Depot Grill on

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## Satellite company clears itself for selling in Buhl

By Virginia S. Hutchins  
Times-News writer

**BUHL** - A satellite-television company cleared up its differences with Buhl City Hall Wednesday and is free to do business in the city.

A-1 Services on Wednesday afternoon gave the city the information needed to obtain an itinerant-merchant's license. City Clerk Sharon Sheets said.

A-1 Service's lack of a current license, required by Buhl for those selling door-to-door or setting up in a public place - had involved Buhl's police department and landed the matter before the City Council this

### About A-1 Services

□ **A-1 Services**, headquartered in California, is the largest agent distributing DIRECTV products in the United States. Local manager Bill Walker said.

□ **DIRECTV** digital satellite offers 210 channels - a number expected to skyrocket in the next year - and has about 8 million customers nationwide. A digital signal gives high-resolution video and audio, Walker said.

□ A distribution office has been at 2491 Kimberly Road in Twin Falls for 120 days, he said. It's not a retail

storefront, and customers can't call the office.

□ Call 1-888-333-0002 to reach one of several customer service centers across the United States.

□ **A-1 Services** gives away a \$200 package of equipment, and clients pay for the channels they choose, Walker said.

□ **A-1 Services'** independent sales agents are picked carefully, contracted and trained, Walker said. Most

individual agents selling in the Twin Falls area come from the company's other territories and are seasoned in the satellite business.

years old, Mayor Barbara Gietzen said, and it's not uncommon among Magic Valley cities.

"This is to protect our people in the city," she said, adding that Buhl doesn't want out-of-staters coming to sell something that turns out to be fraudulent.

To issue a \$20 license, City Hall asks for the business owner's name, address and phone numbers, plus tax-identification numbers and a brief description of the products for sale, Gietzen said. It doesn't ask for warranty information.

Recipients are supposed to display the license, which is valid for a certain period of time and must be reissued each time the

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## Polish the silver

TF plant welcomes potential customers from China today

By Virginia S. Hutchins  
Times-News writer

**TWIN FALLS** - Tamara Hamilton-Harney has spared no details in preparing for the visitors she'll entertain today.

The chief executive officer of a Hamilton Manufacturing Inc. recycling plant in south Twin Falls, enlisted the help of local politicians, Idaho Department of Commerce officials and business leaders. She scheduled a tour of scenic spots and distributed etiquette tips for tonight's formal dinner - along with a pronunciation guide for her visitors' names.

"We hope our community will shine," Hamilton-Harney said.

Her visitors are seven representatives of the Shanghai Yongye Enterprise (Group) Co. Ltd. in Shanghai, China, and for Hamilton-Harney they represent a potential sales market. She met Yongye Group leaders during a March trade mission led by the Commerce Department and introduced them to her company's products.

Delegation leader Wu Yonghua, and others from the Chinese construction, renovation and development group, will tour the Hamilton plant today to learn more about cellulose insulation and hydroseeding, much made from recycled newspapers and telephone directories.

Cellulose insulation, the Twin Falls company says, is effective in reducing heating and cooling costs because it doesn't allow air to penetrate, and it's an environmentally friendly product that contains no hazardous materials.

The mulch, used for seed germination, is mixed with water, seed and fertilizer and hydraulically applied to roadsides, golf courses and lawns. Hamilton says its mulch has high water-holding capacity that gives seed a chance to grow.

With no tradition of Western-style lawns, China is greening up. Across the country, cities are planting thousands of acres of lawns, parks and golf courses, the Associated Press has reported.

China's builders aren't using insulation now, but - as in the United States a few decades ago - the Chinese are becoming concerned with energy costs and supplies, soundproofing and air pollution from coal burning.

"If they can do anything to conserve energy, then it affects a lot of different areas," she said.

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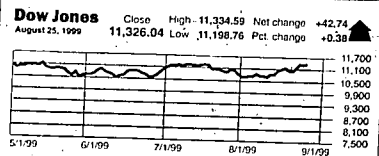
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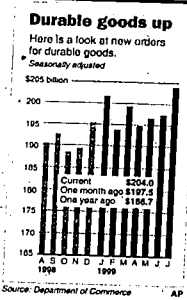
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Durable goods orders fuel economy



Technology stocks soar; Dow reaches new record

NEW YORK (AP) - Stocks moved higher Wednesday, carrying the Dow Jones Industrial Average to a new closing high, as investors grew more confident that the latest interest rate increase will enable the economy to grow without runaway inflation. The Dow rose 42.74 points to 11,326.04, topping its previous record close of 11,299.76, set Monday. Broader stock indicators also closed higher. The Standard & Poor's 500 rose 18.20 to 1,881.79, and the Nasdaq composite index rose 53.23 to 2,805.60. The Nasdaq, which lists many of the nation's leading technology com-



Source: Department of Commerce

gain in June, larger than the government had first reported. First Union's chief economist David Orr said the durable goods report confirmed the continued rebound for American manufacturing that has been battered by a global financial crisis that has cut sharply into their overseas sales and also opened them up to stiffer competition from cheaper imports.

"The third quarter is starting out on a very positive note for manufacturers," said National Association of Manufacturers economist Dave Hueber. Meanwhile, the National Association of Realtors reported that sales of existing single-family homes declined 3.9 percent in July to a seasonally adjusted rate of 5.41 million units following a record high the month before. Even with the decrease, July was the third highest sales level ever, the association said. "Overall conditions are still excellent for homebuyers, but the recent uptick in interest rates may have discouraged some from buying," said James Smith, the association's chief economist. In July, the monthly average interest rate on a 30-year fixed-rate mortgage was 7.63 percent, compared to 7.55 percent in June. In the durable goods report, the category that includes computers and machine tools, had the strongest showing in July, rising a hefty 8.4 percent in the largest increase since January 1995. That increase surpassed the previous declines of 4.5 percent and 3.9 percent in May and June, respectively. And, orders for electrical and

other electrical equipment, which ranges from semiconductors, circuit boards and telecommunications equipment to home appliances, posted a 5.9 percent gain in July, the biggest increase since December. Transportation equipment orders rose 2 percent in July after having increased 9.9 percent in May and 1.1 percent in June. The transportation sector is often volatile from month to month because it includes such big purchases as airplanes. An increase in orders for airplane and aircraft parts more than offset a decline in orders for automobile and car parts, the department said. The summer is traditionally a slow period for the auto industry as manufacturers at retail assembly lines to prepare for new models. Still, the industry expects record sales this year. Excluding transportation, durable goods orders would have risen 3.7 percent, the largest increase by that way of figuring since February 1997. One of the U.S. industries that has suffered the most from the global turmoil has been steel. Yet, primary metals, the category that includes steel, saw orders a solid 2.4 percent in July, the fourth increase in a row.

Back

Continued from D4 Shoshone Street to the city's Urban Renewal Area, along with surrounding sites and land. We need a public magnet down here," BID Executive Director Randy Bombardier said. "I think tearing down grandy is going to help some. If we can get the ballpark in Old Towne it's going to be a big

economic difference. I think there's enough demand and enough support for it. "Old Towne" he adds the ballpark as a potential savior as a leverage for other businesses. It will make other things happen," he said. The problem, however, is funding the project. "We're looking at all the

options now," Bombardier said. "If someone wants to come in and privately build a \$5 million ballpark, that's great. But we need some kind of public investment to make a magnet project." "My concern from what I've seen here in Twin Falls is the lack of protection for the existing taxpayers. If it almost appears that a laissez faire attitude

toward development represents the future taxpayers and not the current ones," he added. The best way to build the ballpark is to have it publicly funded and owned, then lease it to a private operator, Bombardier said. Whether or not Old Towne gets a public magnet, investors are hanging on and business is

improving. The area still needs to deal with the problem of minimal visibility which is one reason the Old Towne Gallery artists' coop didn't last, former member Pam Shrophshire said. "Old Towne is an area that first promised us to be a wonderful place," she said. "I think the idea is great, but as far as the

promises that were made as to what was going to happen never did. Old Towne is still on a side of town where there is not a traffic flow. Until more businesses are willing to build it up I think it's going to be a struggle." Times-News correspondent Rachel Denny can be reached in Twin Falls at 734-3780.

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Buhl

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During the first week of August, A-1 Services started setting up a tent canopy in a Buhl parking lot for the fourth time. Gretzen said each previous time city officials had asked the same satellite salespeople to come to City Hall for licenses. On this occasion when Buhl police saw them setting up for business, 'they evidently were reluctant to give the information' needed for a license, she said.

'And we have had a couple of complaints about them in the past,' said Buhl Mayor Bill Walker. So on Aug. 9, the city council voted that A-1 wasn't welcome in Buhl until it provided the any investigation, and the company hadn't set up for sales in the city since then.

Bill Walker, told the Times-News Wednesday morning his company had Buhl licenses. 'We already are on file, so

there shouldn't be any question to the Buhl government,' Walker said Wednesday morning. 'As far as I know are in complete compliance in the town of Buhl.'

Later that day, Sheets received the information she needed to issue a license, Sheets said. A day or two after the council vote, an A-1 Services independent agent came to City Hall upset over the matter, Sheets said, 'and wanted to make it up to the city because they were totally unaware of what was happening.' She said she hadn't heard from the company again until Wednesday afternoon.

A couple of other police departments around the valley have checked out A-1. Twin Falls Sgt. Jim Milden talked to an agent set up at the Twisted Hairs recently, but a Twin Falls city official said a permit wasn't required because the agent was giving away, not selling, the satellite systems.

Sgt. Lew Jones of Rupert said his department hadn't received any complaints about satellite receivers and contract sales, but a detective checked out the business anyway. 'To the best of my knowledge, everything was OK on the up-and-up, anyway,' Jones said.

China

Continued from D4 'It's just becoming a need.' China has been shielded from U.S. building techniques, Hamilton-Harney added, but communication is starting to open.

The Yongye Group's expansion strategy says it's exploring new building materials and construction techniques. 'And it just happens to be that we introduced to them our insulation, Hamilton-Harney said.

The Twin Falls business will show the Shanghai delegation a private office in Filer, where Hamilton-Harney hopes to show them she doesn't have to be in a metropolitan area to do business. 'If we want them to understand the United States is made up of all types of communities and businesses and that businesses products in twin Falls can offer just as many advantages as products in larger cities,' she said, adding that she'll show the company, top-notch work force, good product and quality workmanship to help her family's company here.

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