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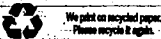
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FUZZ AT THE FAIR



Dirk Hansen, right, and Christopher Stauden, both volunteers at the fair, hold up a lost child at the Twin Falls County Fair. The child, lost during the fair, was one of the most common security problems at the fair.

Police on beat handle lost kids, health problems — and the occasional crime

By Jay Howser Times-News writer

FILER — Thousands of people will visit the Twin Falls County Fair through Monday, but fair grounds are a busy work for the officers assigned to the fairgrounds beat.

Four to six officers patrol the fairgrounds during the day, and that number goes up at night, said Cpl. Jack Johnson of the Twin Falls County Sheriff's Office. Officers even work a graveyard shift patrolling the grounds after the fair has closed.

"We like to maintain a high profile down here because we believe it cuts down on problems that way," Johnson said.

And they maintain a high profile. Officers routinely patrol the grounds on foot, doing walk-throughs in all buildings and keeping an eye out for problems. They patrol the parking lots to guard against car theft. They mount horses and ATVs to stay above people and cars for better visibility. They even perch on top of the rodeo grandstand for a bird's eye view of the fairgrounds.

Officers also work at the gate to provide security there, Johnson said.

"Their function is to prevent robberies from happening at the ticket gates and also to look for alcohol and drugs that are coming into the fairgrounds," he said.

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Radiation panel comes under fire

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A prestigious panel of scientists trying to determine the cancer risks from low doses of radiation is embroiled in controversy even before its first meeting. Critics contend the group is dominated by members beholden to the nuclear industry.

"A campaign is under way to further relax already weak radiation protection standards," more than 130 environmental, health and anti-nuclear activists wrote the National Academy of Sciences this week, protesting the composition of the review committee.

They argued that the committee does not represent the broad spectrum of scientific opinion on the issue. Scientists whose studies have found elevated cancer levels from low-dose radiation exposure at some nuclear weapons facilities were excluded from the committee, they said.

At the same time, the committee members include a significant number of scientists who have maintained that current assumptions about low-dose radiation overstate the health risks. Some of the members have asserted there is a dose threshold below which radiation is not harmful at all.

Crapo disagrees with Kempthorne on broadcast

Documentary shouldn't run at all, senator says

By Gregory Hahn Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Sen. Mike Crapo said Wednesday he disagreed with Gov. Dirk Kempthorne's decision to air a controversial documentary on Idaho Public Television.

Kempthorne last week said he wants the partially state-funded station to air "The Elementary," a show about how some American schools teach about gay and lesbian issues.



Dirk Kempthorne Mike Crapo

But that proposal doesn't go far enough, Crapo told The Times-News' editorial board Wednesday.

"I believe that it should not be aired," he said.

The senator said public money shouldn't be spent on advocacy shows — an opinion he voiced before writing the bill, but one he reinforced when he watched the documentary.

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Decision to delay — B3

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faith in Idahoans to make up their own minds."

Kempthorne believes that instead of just allowing a few officials to watch the show and develop an opinion, airing the documentary lets everybody decide, Whitlock said.

Both Kempthorne and Crapo expect the Legislature to debate the station's funding, Crapo said he hopes this agenda should be advocated by public television, though he acknowledged that restricting some funding would also advocate an agenda.

The debate over public television money has been going on for a long time, before "It's

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Scientists genetically engineer smarter mice — are humans next?

The Associated Press

Scientists have genetically engineered smarter mice, paving the way to a brave new world in which primates could — in theory, at least — learn to fly.

The breakthrough could also lead someday to drugs for treating Alzheimer's and autism.

By inserting an extra gene, researchers produced a strain of mice that excelled at a range of tasks, such as recognizing a Lego piece they had encountered before, learning the location of a hidden underground platform and recognizing signs that they

were about to receive a mild shock.

The mice — nicknamed "Doogie" after the boy genius in the TV show "Doogie Howser, M.D." — carried their enhanced intelligence into adulthood, when learning ability and memory naturally taper off, and passed it on to their offspring.

"This points to the possibility that enhancement of learning and memory or even IQ is feasible through genetic means through genetic engineering," said Joe Z. Tsien, the professor of molecular biology at Princeton University who led the research.

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THE REGION

Camas Prairie

High: 64 Low: 34
Partly cloudy today and mostly cloudy tonight. Mostly cloudy on Friday with highs near 70.

Treasure Valley

High: 73 Low: 44
Partly cloudy with light winds growing stronger in the afternoon. Mostly cloudy on Friday.

Sawtooth Mountains/Wood River Valley

High: 63 Low: 38
Mostly cloudy with a chance of showers. Mostly cloudy on Friday with a chance of showers. High in the 60s.

Eastern Idaho

High: 68 Low: 43
Mostly cloudy with a chance of showers. Winds 5-15 mph. Friday with a chance of showers.

Northern Idaho

High: 72 Low: 49
Mostly sunny in the morning with increasing clouds in the afternoon. Partly cloudy and cool on Friday.

Northern Utah

High: 76 Low: 42
Mostly cloudy with a 50 percent chance of rain. Partly cloudy and cooler on Friday.

Northern Nevada

High: 67 Low: 41
Mostly cloudy with isolated showers. A chance of rain on Friday.

MAGIC VALLEY FIVE-DAY FORECAST

Today	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday
High: 67 Low: 39 Mostly cloudy with isolated showers. West winds 10-15 mph.	High: 71 Low: 46 Mostly sunny.	High: 75 Low: 44 Mostly sunny.	High: 76 Low: 44 Mostly sunny and a little warmer.	High: 76 Low: 44 Increasing clouds with a chance of showers.

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Idaho weather

Thursday, Sept. 2
AccuWeather® forecast for daytime conditions, high/low temperatures

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Coeur d'Alene	67	38
Grangerville	65	40
Hagerman	61	47
Idaho Falls	68	36
Lewiston	62	44
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Twin Falls	62	36

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National weather

The AccuWeather® forecast for noon, Thursday, Sept. 2

TS. DENNIS

Most of the far western United States was under the influence of high pressure system, with fair and dry weather seen from Washington and Idaho, south into Nevada and California.

Temperatures across the Lower 48 ranged from a low of 27 in Mesquite, Ore., to an early-afternoon high of 91 in Yuma, Ariz. With the heat index, it felt like 104 in Marathon, Fla.

— The Associated Press

UV INDEX

Index: 75
Time: 10:00
Burn time: 30 minutes

ACROSS THE NATION

The Pacific: Showers and thunderstorms fell from Florida to Texas on Thursday. Rains also fell across the Plains and Rockies, while much of the West was fair.

Tropical Storm Dennis continued to weaken this as North Carolina. A few light showers fell in parts of the state.

Other thunderstorms were moving out of the Gulf of Mexico, into southern parts of Mississippi and Alabama.

A cold front pushing southeast across the Rockies and eastern Plains continued to bring showers and thunderstorms to parts of Minnesota, the Dakotas, Nebraska, Montana, Wyoming and Colorado.

Firm announces end of Beanie Babies

Confusion results from Internet posting

CHICAGO (AP) — The maker of Beanie Babies says it will "retire" all the cuddly creatures by the end of the year, causing kids to sigh and collectors to buy like crazy.

Is this the end of one of the hottest toy crazes of the decade? Or just a marketing ploy to revive interest in the plush, pellet-filled animal toys, the way comic books kill off their heroes, then bring them back?

The company, Ty Inc., wasn't doing much to clear up the confusion.

An enigmatic posting Tuesday on the Ty Web site listed soon-to-be-released Beanie Babies, then said: "VERY IMPORTANT NOTICE: On December 31, 1999, 11:59 p.m. (CST) All Beanie Babies will be retired — including the above!"

Company spokeswoman Anne Nickless declined Wednesday to say why the company made the decision — or whether Ty would be making any new Beanie Babies after the first of the year. Company founder Ty Warner



Amber, a Beanie Baby kitten, is shown on a store shelf Wednesday.

man. He knows how to create a product. He knows how to create demand," said Leonard Zannenhans, president of the Connecticut-based site.

Since Ty began selling the toys in 1993, the privately-owned company has distributed more than 100 characters, from dinosaurs and teddy bears to birds and zoo animals. The company's revenue was estimated at just \$1.7 million in 1995 but had ballooned to \$674 million by last year, according to NPD Group Inc., a market research firm.

Discontinued — or retired — models have been the hottest sellers, leading some toy industry experts to believe that Ty Inc. is simply trying to recede interest in the newer — and also perhaps oversupplied — toys.

"Beanie Babies right now aren't really being bought now by the pure collector, whereas they were the rage a year ago," said Jim Silver, publisher of the Toy Book, a New York-based trade publication. "I would find it shocking that they would retire while still making millions and millions of dollars."

Beanies initially became popular because their price of only \$4 to \$5 was affordable for most

Crapo

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Elementary" existed, Whitlock said, and the governor has supported public television in the past.

Crapo's meeting with the editorial board covered a wide range of issues. He said he will continue to fight user fees on public lands, thinks an Al Gore presidency would be a "disaster" for Wisconsin, and agrees with Sen. Larry Craig that Idaho should not let the salmon debate come down to a question of water versus dams.

Here are a few other highlights of Crapo's comments:

- Tax cuts: The American people aren't fully behind the Republican tax-cut plan yet, but they will be when the facts about it become known, Crapo said.
- Some are afraid it will only help the rich, while others — especially in Idaho — would rather see the government pay off the federal

Mice

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The findings were published in Thursday's issue of the journal Nature.

"To jump from this very elegant animal work to a mouse model to humans is a very, very big jump," said Dr. Robert Malenka, a psychiatrist and behavioral sciences specialist at Stanford University School of Medicine. "Nevertheless, it is a jump we can make and will make eventually. When we jump to humans, it will probably be a lot more complicated."

The improved learning and memory came from increased production of a brain protein called NR2B. The research indicated that a common mechanism lies at the root of all learning, and identifies NR2B as a key player, Tsien said.

The work could lead to a drug to treat memory disorders, such as "Alzheimer's," by increasing

Fair

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Police keep an especially watchful eye against gang-related activity, Johnson said.

"We've had clashes between different groups of kids where they've pulled guns and knives," he said. "We maintain a zero tolerance for weapons and fighting on the grounds."

Sgt. Todd Peterson agreed.

"Gang colors are not allowed. If we see people butchering, and giving the appearance of a gang, we watch them very closely," he said. "But I can't think of a year since I've been here

when we've had any big problem that took away from the fun of the fair."

Officers also are kept busy coordinating with quick response units to attend to fair goers' medical needs.

"Typically you'll have a few people go down from heat. Once in a while young people will get their foot stepped on by a horse," he said.

Officers on foot patrol also answer questions and respond to problems that come up.

"A lot of it is public relations — just being there to help peo-

ple when they need it," Peterson said.

But in the end, police also do police work.

Sgt. Dana Newsman recalled a drive-by shooting two years ago that occurred right in front of the main gate at the game Wednesday. "I would find it shocking that they would retire while still making millions and millions of dollars."

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Keeping parents and children together

Child fighting is only part of the picture. Kids get lost at the fair every day, and officers help get them back to their parents with the help of the lost kids' booth, operated this year by Magic Valley Safe Kids Coalition.

Parents can guard against losing their children by registering them with the booth where they enter the fairgrounds. Parents and children receive brackets with matching registration numbers.

"We do have a lost child we'll go find the department and they'll make a phone call and find the parent," said Blossom Matthews, director of the coalition.

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Cold War film gave Bradley a bit part

WASHINGTON (AP) — As a lone railroad track stretches across the screen, then splits into two, a man ponders the path he will follow. "Am I deluding myself about how much one person can help another 50 people?" he muses.



A 24-year-old Bill Bradley, center, talks to youths on a Harlem street in this image taken from the United States Information Agency film, "Old Young Man." The 1968 film would be little more than a relic of Cold War image-building if Bradley, then a Rhodes Scholar and basketball star, were not now running for president.

The black-and-white images and on-screen narration are from a 1968 U.S. propaganda film that would be little more than a Cold War relic — except for the fact that its subject and star, Bill Bradley, is now running for president.

"Old Young Man," a United States Information Agency film, depicted Bradley before the world as a symbol of American pluralism, idealism and compassion.

The film was translated into dozens of languages, with copies dispatched to U.S. diplomatic posts in places like Ankara and Islamabad, Rangoon and Jakarta, Kabul and Warsaw.

It is a memento of a bygone era in international relations, in which Bradley played only a bit part. It also serves as evidence of the expectations that Bradley, a Rhodes scholar and basketball star before he entered politics, has carried since his 20s.

"I grew in him a kind of wisdom beyond his years, which is where the title of the movie came from," recalled Michael Ahnemann, who produced "Old Young Man" for the USA.

"Most people I interviewed in the film said, 'Oh yeah, he's going to be president' some day."

Author John McPhee, who had profiled Bradley in the New Yorker in 1965, appears in the film remarking on the sky-high expectations Bradley is carrying.

"He is in some ways a personality before becoming a person," McPhee says. "I'd be disappointed to see him not become a leader. That's where his talent is."

Bradley was just 24 when filming began in 1968, shortly after he entered the National Basketball Association. He was already a star from his college basketball exploits at Princeton University and at the 1964 Olympics.

A 1969 memorandum from the USA, on file with the film at the National Archives in College Park, Md., says "Old Young Man" struck themes including America's "commitment to a better society" and the "dynamics of a pluralistic society."

The camera follows Bradley to Harlem, where he was active with an outreach effort for black youths. Discussing the book "Mandrill in the Promised Land" — a real-life account of poverty and desperation in New York slums — Bradley prompts one black teenager, "Lots of these scenes are familiar to you, huh?"

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Student commits suicide after bullying

FREEBURG, Ill. (AP) — A high school freshman who was bullied by several upperclassmen shot himself to death in his basement.

High school administrators said they will punish the bullies.

After school began last week, several upperclassmen apparently

locked 14-year-old Andrew Rudy in his locker and forced him to make derogatory comments about himself, Freeburg High School Superintendent John Pearson said.

Rudy killed himself on Aug. 26, several days after school began.

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Officials release nation's deadliest drunken driver

Now out of jail, man can get driver's license

LA GRANGE, Ky. (AP) — The man convicted in the nation's deadliest drunken driving accident — a fiery head-on collision that killed 27 people on a church bus — was released from prison Wednesday after 9.5 years and is free to get another driver's license.

Larry Mahoney, 46, was driven away in the back seat of a car, carrying his belongings in two brown paper bags. He said nothing.

"It is my impression that he wants to blend back into society," said state police Lt. Henry "Sonny" Cease, who investigated the 1980 crash that led Kentucky to tighten its standards for school buses.

"I think he's done the time that was due to him and it's time to move on."

Mahoney, his blood-alcohol level three times the legal limit, was driving his pickup truck the wrong way on an interstate when he smashed into a bus carrying 67 people home from a church outing to an amusement park. The bus' gas tank ruptured, and

flames engulfed the front section. The former chemical plant worker was convicted of manslaughter and sentenced to 16 years in prison but got time off for good behavior and taking courses.

After the wreck, Kentucky changed its specifications for school buses, requiring them to have flame-retardant seats, fuel tank cages, push-out windows, left-side emergency exits and escape hatches in the roof. Federal law had already required fuel tank cages on buses manufactured after 1977.

Ford also settled a lawsuit with 65 of the families, reportedly for at least \$36 million.

After Mahoney was turned down for parole in 1997, he chose to serve out his sentence and left prison with no restrictions or reporting requirements. He can even get a driver's license if he decides to do so.

Kentucky law does not prohibit convicted felons from driving, even those convicted of causing a drunken driving-related death. Driving records are expunged after five years of no incidents, so Mahoney can apply for a learner's permit and take the exam if he chooses to do so.

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NATION

Love thy neighbor?

Couple tests faith, irks neighborhood

DANVILLE, Ky. (AP) — It's a story of a neighborhood losing its innocence, of a couple testing their faith, of an ex-con seeking a second chance. But it doesn't have a storybook ending.

After 20 years in prison, Nate Sims returned in late July to Danville, the quaint college town where he had settled as a teenager. Within days, his picture was in the local newspaper; next to it were the phrases "sex offender" and "high risk." He had been convicted of rape and sodomy.

He immediately lost his new job at a packaging plant and was soon living out of his rattlercar car. Under Kentucky's newly enacted Megan's Law, named for a 7-year-old New Jersey girl murdered by a released molester living in her neighborhood, Sims was arrested for not being at the address he'd reported to parole officials.

Then suddenly everything changed. Instead of a jail cell, the 52-year-old Sims found himself living in a \$150,000 house in upscale Riverview Estates, with a couple who trusted him enough to let him down across the hall from their children's playroom.

"I was in shock," Sims said recently in a voice that seemed too soft to have come from his 6-foot-4 frame. "I ain't never had anyone lift a hand for me." Mark and Tammy LaPalme explained that they were "baby Christians," out to test their newfound, born-again faith. They decided to open their bedroom home to someone needing shelter.

"I mean, we feel like God's



Mark and Tammy LaPalme flank Nate Sims on the deck of the LaPalme's Riverview Estates home in Danville, Ky., Monday. The LaPalme took Sims into their home after he served a 20-year sentence for rape and sodomy.

blessed us in so many ways," said Mark LaPalme, 38, a gangly man with an earnest voice. "We've been so selfish with it up to now."

One day on television, Tammy LaPalme saw a tall man running from a camera crew. She recognized him from a newspaper article headlined: "Boyle (County) registers first high-risk sex offender."

"It felt like a sign from God," Mark LaPalme said.

He and his wife asked themselves the question printed on a pink and yellow cloth bracelet Jesus De'Pue:

"What would Jesus do?" Sims moved in on Aug. 12. "I told Mark and Tammy, I hope you all know what you're

getting into," Sims recalled last week as he sat at their dining room table.

"Everything happened so fast that the LaPalmes never bothered to inform their neighbors. They didn't have to."

Bright yellow fliers soon appeared everywhere in Riverview — in newspaper boxes, on street lights, even stapled to the leaves of bushes.

"BIBEWARE!! Sex Offender at Mark & Tammy LaPalme residence," they said, giving the address and phone number.

Letters started coming. An anonymous writer complained: "You say to 'Love thy neighbor,' but you are demonstrating a total disregard for our feelings, our

fears, and our safety. That's not my idea of a good neighbor."

Streets normally filled with toddlers walking and kids on bicycles were suddenly desolate. People who never locked their doors started chattering up an anger and blame into alarm systems. An elderly resident began paroling the neighborhood on his red scooter, squinting into a walkie-talkie when a strange car entered the subdivision.

One man was spotted with a pistol in his back pocket.

"It was thrust upon us big-time," said Cynthia Ellsworth, who lives a few doors down from the LaPalmes. "I think the people here have reacted as normally as people anywhere would have."

The LaPalmes responded by pulling down the notification letters and replacing them with white fliers of their own. "If he who is without sin cast the first stone," the fliers said, quoting Bible verses on forgiveness and brotherly love.

Attorney Bruce Petrie, a neighbor who describes himself as "born again," was not swayed: "My understanding of my Christian duty is first to try family."

Neighbor Jill Lee's college-age daughter began calling on a cell phone to be escorted from her car to the house and her 8-year-old son was placed under virtual house arrest.

"Any change he would have left over from lunch, he would say, 'Do you think we could give this to that man so he can go visit my friends again?'" Mrs. Lee said. "I was very sad."

White House urges tax cut compromise

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Clinton is eager to veto the 10-year, \$92 billion Republican tax cut bill to clear the way for negotiations with Congress on boosting spending for key programs and more modest tax relief, a top White House official said Wednesday.

"We believe that some tax relief is appropriate," John Podesta, the White House chief of staff, said after a National Press Club speech. "It ought to be balanced against the other important national needs."

Podesta stressed the administration's contention that the tax bill passed by the GOP-led Congress spends too much of projected budget surpluses — at the expense of Social Security and Medicare — and is improperly weighted toward wealthier taxpayers. He said Clinton would veto the measure as soon as congressional leaders send it to the White House, which will occur as early as Sept. 14.

"Please send us the tax cut bill so that we don't have to keep fooling around with the phony debate," Podesta said. "Send it down to us so that we can veto it, and then move forward."

Republicans kept the tax bill locked away on Capitol Hill during the August recess as they tried to drum up public support for the measure and demonstrate their commitment to cutting taxes as a prelude to the 2000 congressional elections.

Over 10 years, the bill would reduce all income tax rates by 1 percentage point, ease the marriage penalty on many two-income couples, eliminate estate taxes and the alternative mini-

mum income tax, reduce capital gains taxes, expand pension and 401(k) laws and provide numerous business tax breaks.

There are mixed feelings with in the GOP about whether to seek compromise with the president on a smaller tax bill. Some hard-liners would rather force a veto on the \$792 billion bill and use that as a political issue, but others believe voters prefer a concrete accomplishment even if it is more modest.

Clinton has said a tax cut of up to \$300 billion over 10 years might be acceptable, and moderate lawmakers of both parties in Congress are working on alternatives somewhat higher than that.



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Census director says bureau runs harder to stay in place

WASHINGTON (AP) — The printing presses are running and a better plan for counting America is in place, Census Director Kenneth Prewitt said Wednesday.

"If the budget process does unfold on schedule, we will have a very good census," he said at a briefing on the progress of Census 2000.

"We do have a better census plan," he said. "It is a much more sophisticated operational effort than we were able to mount in 1990. However, demography and the attitudes of the American people are running against us."

If all goes well, he said, his agency hopes to do as well as 10 years ago, when 1.6 percent of the population was missed.

"We will be pleased if our overall count reaches 98 or 98.5 percent," Prewitt said.

But, he added, the time is over for debate about how the count must be done. "We're going to have this thing in the field next March, we've got to be doing it and we can no longer be arguing about how we will do it," Prewitt said. Already 2.7 million census forms have been printed and the

presses will continue to run, 24 hours a day, seven days a week, until the end of January to complete the 426 million that are needed, he said.

The potential threat to the count lies in Congress, where decisions on funding must be made in the coming weeks.

A dispute over the use of statistical estimation methods was ended by the Supreme Court in January, with a ruling that estimation cannot be used for the basic set of numbers used to redistribute seats in the House of Representatives. But the court left open the opportunity to use statistical methods to correct that count for other uses, such as distributing funds for various programs.

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Problems delay high-speed train

WASHINGTON (AP) — The launch of Amtrak's high-speed Acela train service will be delayed until next spring at the earliest because of lingering problems with the train's wheels, company officials said Wednesday.

The 150-mph bullet train was to have gone into service later this year, but "excessive wheel wear" on the passenger coaches prompted additional refinements, said a spokesman.

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Researcher laments Mozart study results

Findings have led to tasteless hawking of the master's music

The Washington Post

Jesus had his Judas. Caesar had his Brutus. And sometimes, Frances Rauscher says sadly, it seems that Mozart has his Rauscher.

"Every time I listen to his music I feel like, 'Oh my, I never should have done this to this man,'" said Rauscher, a psychologist at the University of Wisconsin at Oshkosh.

What Rauscher did, six years ago, was discover what has since become known as the "Mozart effect." In a set of experiments on college students, she and two colleagues showed that 10 minutes of listening to Mozart's Sonata for Two Pianos in D Major could boost a person's score on a portion of the standard IQ test.

ingly authoritative self-help book. Others released extraordinary health claims: the governor of Georgia decreed that every newborn should leave the hospital with a state-purchased cassette or CD of classical music.

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—Christopher Chabris, neuroscientist

It was against that backdrop of bloated expectations and blatant profiteering that researchers last week dropped a classical bombshell. Repeated efforts to confirm Rauscher's original results had found the Mozart effect disconcertingly elusive.

"If there is any Mozart effect at all, it's really small and has nothing to do with the specifics of Mozart's music," said Christopher Chabris, a cognitive neuroscientist at Harvard Medical School who conducted one of two related studies published in the latest issue of the scientific journal Nature.

The other study, led by Kenneth Steele, a psychologist at Appalachian State University in Boone, N.C., concluded—as several

others recently have—that the sonata had no effect at all on test performance.

But proponents are not taking that requiem lying down. "Because some people cannot get used to rise does not negate the existence of a 'yeast effect,'" said a proponent in a reply published in Nature.

The controversy arose innocently enough with Rauscher's hypothesis that listening to it, could enhance people's cognitive abilities. She and her colleagues, then at the University of California at Irvine, chose Mozart in part because his music is rich in mathematically complex motifs that seem to resonate, figuratively and perhaps even literally, with the highly organized and iterative neuronal structure of the brain.

The initial study, published in Nature in 1993, found that listening to Mozart's two-piano sonata helped college students visualize the final shape of a piece of paper as it was sequentially folded and cut in various ways. The test is a small part of the Stanford Binet Intelligence Quotient test, but the researchers made a novel (and controversial) calculation that gave

the students "spatial IQ" scores of 119 after listening to the music.

Rauscher's results have been confirmed by a few others, and some studies have even hinted at broader surgical effects. John Hughes, director of clinical neurophysiology at the University of Illinois Medical Center in Chicago, conducted experiments on comatose patients whose epileptic seizures, a few minutes of Mozart radically reduced the frequency of their seizures and calmed their brain wave spikes.

By contrast, music by Philip Glass did nothing. Experiments have also shown that Mozart can improve a rat's performance in a maze. "There's just too much evidence out there that there really is an effect," Hughes said. "You can't explain this effect away."

One of the studies, by Harvard's Chabris. He conducted a "meta-analysis," which combined the results of all 16 published studies of the Mozart effect. The analysis, he found, there was little or no improvement in test scores among subjects who listened to Mozart.

One of the studies found that listening to a passage from a Stephen King novel enhanced performance more than did listening to Mozart—although only for those who enjoyed the story. Another, of 8,120 British schoolchildren, saw more improvement after listening to popular music.

Hurricane Dennis weakens, but still causes some damage

WAVES, N.C. (AP) — Reduced from its hurricane status to a tropical storm, Dennis paid a return visit to North Carolina's Outer Banks on Wednesday, its pounding waves and gale-force winds carving swaths of destruction.

The pummeling took a toll on 50-mile-long Hatteras Island, which was without electricity, telephones and in some cases water, because electric pumps were knocked out.

Up to 5,000 people, mostly residents, who stayed on the island after being ordered to evacuate Sunday were stuck when the only north-south highway became impassable. In the village of Hatteras, team radio operators reported extensive flooding.

President Clinton on Wednesday declared nine North Carolina counties eligible for federal disaster funds as rough surf and rip currents closed beaches to swimmers as far north as Massachusetts' Cape Cod.

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Survey: Teens are having less sex

Los Angeles Times

As the gap between puberty and marriage has grown over the years, most sex educators have come to see sexual activity among young people as inevitable. Recent surveys, however, report that previously unexpected rates of sexual activity among teen-agers have started to drop. Now, less than half of all high school students have had sex. In 1998, the average age of first intercourse was 15.3, up from 13.5 in 1997, according to the Dares Global Survey.

Teen pregnancies, abortions and births also have declined. On the other hand, 3 million new cases of sexually transmitted diseases are diagnosed among teen-agers each year, and half of all new HIV cases occur among those under age 25. "In general," says sex educator Lynda Madaras, "kids today have it together. But a lot more kids are slipping through the cracks that ever before."

Bummer! Bacteria close down surf beach

The Washington Post

HUNTINGTON BEACH, Calif. — The waves roll in as fast and smooth as ever, and the sun and the ocean breeze never let up. But make no mistake: There is no joy on the sands of Surf City. Miles of this famed beach, one of the nation's most popular, have been deserted for weeks for its shoreline has been declared strictly off limits until authorities can figure out why hazardous bacteria are contaminating the water.

It's a familiar Southern California drama — natural splendor under siege from relentless pollution — and by the bleak look of things, it may not end soon. That would be cause for gloom in any beach town at this peak

time of year, but few places on Earth worship the surf as much as this one. This is, after all, home of the International Surfing Museum and the world-famous Surfer Walk of Fame. The city announces itself along the Pacific Coast Highway with a grand statue of a crouched surfer riding a sculpted wave.

The discovery of mysterious bits of sewage in what long has been the heart of California's surfable beach culture is not merely an environmental mess; it's become a spiritual crisis.

Young mothers, waiting one morning this week for their daughters to finish beach volleyball practice, framed the mood as they stared in disbelief at the gleaming but empty surf.

"Totally," said another. The trouble began two months ago. It first seemed minor: Bacteria were found only along a small portion of the beach. But since then, signs of the same threat to swimmers and surfers have turned up elsewhere, leading officials to invoke a tough new California law on clean water standards. Now, more than four miles of golden coastline — and nearly all of Huntington Beach — is sealed with a long ribbon of yellow police tape snapping in the summer wind.

Work crews are tearing up asphalt parking lots near the beach to inspect underground sewer lines, which is creating a nasty stench, and scientists are poking around in the surf for signs of bacteria with drills and solar equipment.

The other lane's not always better

The Associated Press

The urge to change lanes while driving may be caused by an optical illusion that convinces people the cars in the other lane are going faster, according to a study.

The basic problem is that cars spread out when they're going quickly and bunch up when they're slow down, said Dr. Donald Redelmeier, a professor of medicine at the University of Toronto. So when you pass a bunch of slower cars in the other lane, it happens fairly quickly. But when you are passed by the same cars while your lane slows temporarily, they go by one by one.

That leads to the illusion that the other lane is moving faster. Redelmeier's advice: "Resist small temptations to change lanes." In Thursday's issue of the journal Nature, Redelmeier and a Stanford University statistician reported the results of computer simulations of traffic.

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EDITORIAL

TF Chamber of Commerce needs strong new leaders

The Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce needs a few good people to lead it into the year 2000. There's no shortage of such people in the Magic Valley, but they must be recruited to serve.

The chamber's president-elect, Ken Deibert, has moved to Nampa, so the most immediate needs are for an incoming chamber president for the year 2000. The current president, Ken Edmunds, has served his term — and is retiring — but to say we have a term is a possible option.

But stirring new blood into the leadership is another. There are senior business leaders around town who haven't been much involved with the chamber, but probably would get involved if someone asked them. Former chamber board members also should consider getting more involved.

Sound leadership at the chamber of commerce is essential for success. The organization has more than 700 members and commands a budget of around \$465,000. It is a major econom-

ic player and, along with the city of Twin Falls, it is intent on luring desirable new businesses to the area. It is equally intent on keeping existing businesses here.

Anyone who works in, or near, Twin Falls has a stake in the chamber's health.

Healthy leadership at the chamber paves the way for enhanced economic opportunities, which means more jobs, better jobs and better-paying jobs.

Healthy leadership at the chamber paves the way for enhanced economic opportunities, which means more jobs, better jobs and better-paying jobs. Over time, that means a rising quality of life for everyone.

All that's needed are motivated people who want to see Twin Falls thrive. By casting a wide net, the local chamber of commerce can attract the kind of people needed to steer it into the next millennium.

So we'll do the asking: Are you an experienced business person who wants to make this a better place to live? Do you know someone who is? By casting a wide net, the local chamber of commerce can attract the kind of people needed to steer it into the next millennium.



Whose money is it, anyway?

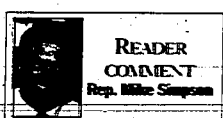
For the first time in half a century, our nation enjoys a tax surplus. It was only a few years ago that economists were predicting deficits as far as the eye could see. Now the Government Accounting Office projects a \$3 trillion surplus over the next 10 years.

Thanks to budget cuts that imposed fiscal responsibility and a robust economy, Congress now has the opportunity to decide what to do with the extra cash. Essentially, there are two different proposals on the table: spend it or give it back. These two options aren't really about taxes but fundamental philosophy.

President Clinton calls the Republican tax cuts "reckless and irresponsible." In fact, last year Clinton said he wouldn't be opposed to tax cuts if he knew Americans would spend it wisely. My question to Bill Clinton is, "Whose money is it?"

I am convinced that if the surplus stays in Washington, President Clinton will find a way to spend it. In Clinton's FY 2000 budget, he proposed 80 new government programs. Once Washington funds the new programs, they'll be around forever. Then when the economy takes a dip, the federal government will raise taxes to pay for the programs it created with your surplus.

The president says the Republicans don't care about Social Security. He implies that a tax cut would squander seniors' savings. That's not true. Republicans are working to save Social Security. To keep Social Security solvent, the House locked away \$2 trillion in



Social Security and Medicare promised for aging seniors. This will ensure that Social Security dollars are spent on seniors, not on other Washington priorities.

For every dollar in proposed tax cuts, two dollars are locked away in the trust fund. This would keep the Social Security program solvent and offer Congress the opportunity to consider major reforms in the program. However, the president has failed to endorse the lock-box concept. He wants your surplus to fund his new Medicare program, another big government solution. To gain momentum for his own spending ideas, Clinton has come up with every possible reason not to return your money. In the last week, we've heard how tax cuts will damage women's health, collapse the economy, and help the rich and leave seniors to starve. Essentially, when the debate comes down to it — the president doesn't want you to spend your money. He wants to spend it for you.

The tax cuts proposed in Congress give the money back to taxpayers so they can decide how to spend it. I call it redemption.

Americans have the highest personal tax burden in our nation's history. You'll pay more in taxes this year than for food, clothing and shelter combined! Americans work until May 11 just to pay state, federal and local taxes before leaving any money to provide for their families. In addition, you'll pay extra taxes if you marry, save for your child's education or invest for your retirement. The government even imposes taxes when you die.

The proposed tax cut reverses these unfair practices. Congress will no longer be punished for being married by increasing the standard deduction. This benefits 42 million taxpayers. The death tax is completely phased out under this plan. Parents and grandparents will no longer have to worry about their assets being taken from their children.

Americans are encouraged to save under this proposal. The bill would increase the contribution limit for education savings accounts from \$500 a year to \$2,000. To improve health care, individuals also could deduct 100 percent of health insurance premiums. In every American household, someone would also receive an income tax reduction.

It's time to stop punishing hard-working Americans with need-based tax policies. You deserve to keep more of your money to spend on groceries, family vacations or your kid's college education. The money is yours, not President Clinton's.

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Both sides of abortion debate deplore idea that abortion curbs crime

The furor over the study that attributes falling crime partly to abortion may tell us as much about America as about crime. If you missed it, the study — done by economist Steven Levitt of the University of Chicago and law professor John Donohue III of Stanford University — concluded that half the drop in crime since 1991 might reflect the Supreme Court's 1993 Roe vs. Wade decision legalizing abortion. The argument is that some potential criminals weren't born, because their mothers had abortions. Is it true? We may never know. Crime's decline is one of the great mysteries of the 1990s. Between 1991 and 1997, the murder rate fell 31 percent; the rates for all violent crime (murder, rape, assault, kidnapping) dropped 18 percent. No one predicted this or has fully explained it. Economists, Levitt and Donohue wondered whether abortion might matter. They convincingly say that their aim is an understatement: not promote abortion. What impressed them were the sheer numbers: "I don't think that people realize that (about) one in four pregnancies ends in abortion," says Levitt. But



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their inquiry is the social-science equivalent of "don't ask, don't tell." Few politicians want to cede credit for crime's decline to a distant Supreme Court ruling. The press is also uninterested. The Chicago Tribune broke the study with a front-page story, but most coverage has been minimal. This reticence, of course, reflects the bitter abortion debate. Interestingly, both sides deplore the study. If you believe abortion is murder, the idea that it's an anti-crime device is outrageous. Consider the grim arithmetic: Between 1991 and 1997, the annual number of homicides dropped by 6,500 (from 24,700 to 18,200), while abortions regularly exceeded a million a year. But abortion rights groups also dislike the study. They promote abortion as a woman's right, not as a covert

means of social control — weeding out criminals and incompetents — with racial overtones. Blacks and other minorities account for about 40 percent of abortions. There's a temptation to embrace self-censorship: Let's drop the issue. But will the public be better off if we do? Not really. The probable result is that the study's conclusion will quietly infiltrate popular wisdom — be accepted even if it isn't openly discussed — when it may or may not be true. And our understanding of crime will suffer if we can't debate one plausible cause of its decline. What's the debate, then? Well, even Donohue and Levitt don't claim that abortion fully explains lower crime. The study attributes half the drop in crime to more prisoners (between 1987 and 1997, the prison and jail population doubled to 1.7 million). But the study also presents powerful, if circumstantial, evidence for abortion's role. First, the decline in crime began in 1992, nearly two decades after Roe vs. Wade. This is just when youths who would have been born in the mid-1970s would have hit their peak crime years (between 18 and 24).

Second, five states legalized abortion before Roe vs. Wade (Alaska, California, New York, Hawaii and Washington). These states had fewer crime declines before other states. Third, states with higher abortion rates in the mid-1970s have also experienced steeper drops in crime after controlling for other factors (poverty, prison populations, poverty, unemployment). Unwanted children may suffer more from parental neglect. Or the children of poorer, less-educated parents may be more crime-prone. If abortion reduced crime, it could have other social consequences. Perhaps more people are employable. This may have aided welfare reform. But any effects will be dwarfed if abortion's connection to crime is mostly a statistical coincidence. And it might be. Economic agencies that the crack-crime epidemic ignited a firestorm of violence in inner-city neighborhoods. By the mid-1990s, this subsided as a result (perhaps of crime arrests, mothers and the declining teen rate). This might explain lower crime. Maternal neglect could have had more crime-prone offspring. The 1990s Donohue theory also

explains that youth crime rates fell in the early 1990s. But the data may not fit this. Birth rates, arrests and crime rates peaked in the mid-1990s. Drug arrests also increased. Indeed, it's possible that legalized abortion increased crime by contributing to the "broken home" in a 1996 article, two economists argued that Roe vs. Wade and contraception had helped cause the explosion of single-parent families. Men felt less responsible for the children they fathered, because women could avoid or abort pregnancies. "Shogun marriages" virtually vanished. The truth is that we don't know the truth. Even if Donohue is right, he is correct, the abortion debate should remain one of moral values. There are other ways to avoid unwanted children: abstinence, birth control. But don't delude yourself to think that abortion is without social consequences. We cannot find them unless we look. The trouble is that people often won't search for what they see there, might find.

Robert J. Samuelson is a Washington columnist.

Doonesbury



By Garry Trudeau



Mallard Fillmore



By Bruce Insley

LETTERS

Marvel should buy permits

If Jon Marvel is such a wonder, why doesn't his crying group buy Mr. Fees instead of letting the Simplot Menagerie take the last large federal grazing allotment in Nevada and Idaho? Money is the answer. Is Mr. Wonder jealous? Simplot began at an early age to accumulate money and power and bring Idaho out of the Depression.

Where were you Mr. Marvel? Do Idaho a favor, buy these allotments or get qualified to own them. I did and the powers that be challenged my rights. Even sided by the local cattle association, I had to fight and prove the qualifications. I sold both Bureau of Land Management and U.S. Forest Service rights due to hassles and mismanagement by these entities. These had been in our families since 1873.

CHARLES TWITCHELL
Malba

Use parking spaces lawfully

Ada Vogel's letter (Aug. 10) imparts excellent advice concerning the use of parking spaces for

the disabled. I would only add that the privilege of using those spaces carries with it an obligation, applicable to disabled persons and all who use vehicles having license plates with the wheelchair logo or such devices as handicapped parking placards to comply with the law.

The plates and placards are issued by the state to persons with verified disabilities who meet requirements. The parking privilege vests in those individuals, not their vehicles. Unless he or she is in the vehicle and intends to exit it after parking, a regular parking space should be used. The same is true if he/she remains in the car after it is parked; it should be in a regular space, not one reserved for disabled. Reason: reserved spaces are intended to minimize walking distances for the disabled. If he/she remains in the vehicle after parking there, the space is not being properly utilized. Obviously, it is a violation of law for any user of the vehicle other than the disabled person to use a reserved space unless accompanied by him/her and he/she exits

it upon parking.

Violators typically offer such excuses as "I'll only be a minute," protest that they are acting in the disabled person's behalf or insist that they didn't know any better. Such gibberish reflects the disabled person's failure to ensure knowledge of and full compliance with the rules by every user of the vehicle. Ignorance of the law is not an excuse and, as Ada Vogel points out, it can be expensive.

GIL ESTES
Mountain Home

Teachers don't get credit

The letter written by Donna Clark defending teachers was much too nice. I wouldn't blame teachers if they felt like scratching your eyes or snatching your build.

Since there were a number of teachers in my family and I have many teacher friends, I happen to know that, in addition to the things she mentioned, many teachers have to keep taking classes during the summer to remain certified. How about the computer literacy tests they must

now pass in order to even teach in Idaho? How about the NTE exam required?

How about the "little devils in disguise" whose parents think they can do no wrong? How about the children who have emotional problems? How about the fights teachers must settle? How about irate parents they must deal with? How about the lack of cooperation from some parents? How about the hours spent preparing their classrooms before school even starts?

How about materials bought out of their own pockets because parents are too poor or indifferent? What about the language barrier of children whose parents often don't understand the school's requirements for their class? How about a wide range of children's capabilities and skills because of mainstreaming? How about the filthy language so prevalent today? In my generation, they would have applied the "board of education to the seat of their understanding." That's child abuse now.

I often saw my (now retired)

mother-in-law come home from school absolutely drained from a rough day at school. By the end of the school term, they need a calm, relaxing summer to start the next term, but many don't get the chance. Some teach summer classes and others have a second job.

So far as salaries are concerned, don't you know you get what you pay for? Who can blame a teacher for going to

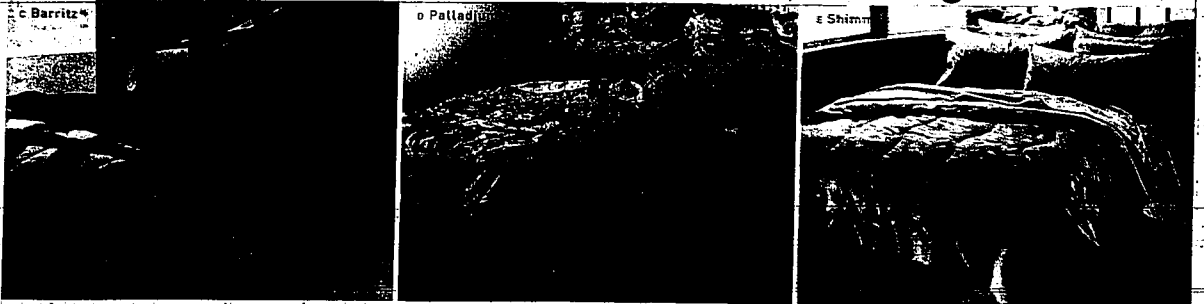
another state that pays better salaries than Idaho. Maybe we should go back to the "olden days" when kids weren't educated at all and save all that money. Then it wouldn't matter if they didn't know the difference between a comma and an apostrophe, like your paper.

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WORLD

Poland and Germany seek reconciliation

GDANSK, Poland — Six decades after Nazi troops invaded Poland to start World War II, the presidents of Germany and Poland shook hands at their border Wednesday and jointly commemorated the conflict to promote reconciliation.

Johnnes Rau of Germany and his Polish counterpart, Aleksander Kwasniewski, met on a flower-decked bridge over the Oder River separating their nations.

"The century that is ending now was a century of war," Rau said later at a ceremony in this Baltic port where the first shots of the war were fired. "Let us work together from this day forward so that at the end of the next century, Poles, Germans and all Europeans can say, 'The 21st century was a century of peace.'"

A few hundred war veterans took part in the ceremony beneath a towering concrete monument at Westerplatte, the site of a depot attacked by the German armored ship Schleswig-Holstein before dawn on Sept. 1, 1939, to signal the start of the Nazi invasion.

Fighting eventually spread through 61 countries on four continents, killing 10 million people and forever changing the world order.

World in brief

course.

At least 64 of the 100 people aboard domestic Flight 3142 were killed, said government spokeswoman Olga Rujford. The Buenos Aires-based Linces Aerreas Privadas Argentinas said 95 passengers and five crewmembers were aboard the Boeing 737-204C.

India: 22 killed as soldiers try to capture posts

NEW DELHI, India — Pakistani soldiers swooped down on Indian posts on the mountainous Kashmir border, leaving 22 soldiers dead in fierce gunbattles in the last two days, officials said Wednesday.

Indian patrols along the Line of Control, the 1972 cease-fire line that divides India and Pakistan, came under attack "several times yesterday and today," Press Trust of India quoted the defense ministry as saying.

All the attacks were repulsed, it said, but 19 Pakistanis and three Indians soldiers were killed. The army recovered the bodies of five Pakistani soldiers in combat fatigues with a rock-their expelled grenade launcher and four automatic rifles.

Taiwan puts jets on display in defiance to China

KANGSHAN, AIR FORCE BASE, Taiwan — Taiwan displayed its advanced defense assets on Wednesday amid tensions with China — advanced fighter jets that military leaders say give the island air superiority against the mainland through at least 2005.

The display of cutting-edge fighters was staged to celebrate the founding of the air force academy, but it also seemed calculated to send the message that Taiwan can defend itself and won't be pushed around.

"The air force's successful front line is the secure shield of our nation's defense," President Lee Teng-hui told air force cadets at the military base that houses the academy near the southern port city of Kaohsiung, 185 miles south of Taipei.

Thal elephant recovers from mine blast

BANGKOK, Thailand — Animal rights activists objected Wednesday to suggestions that an elephant severely injured by a land mine be turned over to her owner.

Instead, the owner should be charged with animal cruelty, they said.

The elephant, Motola, stepped on a mine while doing logging work near the border with Myanmar more than two weeks ago. The explosion shredded her left front foot, but she survived an unprecedented operation at a Myanmar hospital to cut away the destroyed flesh and save most of the leg.

—Compiled from wire reports

Militants fight fiercely in East Timor

DILI, Indonesia (AP) — Armed with homemade guns, rifles and machetes, hundreds of militia-men clashed with rock-throwing independence supporters Wednesday outside U.N. headquarters in East Timor. The violence came on the same day ballots from a historic referendum on the territory's future were being counted.

The militiamen, some wearing red-and-white headbands — Indonesia's national colors, shot and bludgeoned and mutilated a 19-year-old at the gates of the U.N. compound, killing him.

At least three others were injured in the militia-men's biggest show of force yet, and the violence raised fears that the former-Portuguese colony could slide back into lawlessness.

A company of Indonesian riot police, meanwhile, secured the museum building in Dili, where



Wounded East Timorese residents await assistance at a clinic Wednesday.

ballot counting started Wednesday. The ballot had asked the mostly-Roman Catholic East-Timorese whether they wanted to become independent or remain part of mostly Muslim Indonesia as an autonomous region.

Pro-independence activists say the size of the voter turnout on Monday — 98.6 percent — will result in a landslide victory for independence. The results of the ballot are expected next week.

East Timor has been a province of Indonesia since being invaded by the Indonesian military in 1975. After decades of human rights abuses and international condemnation, Jakarta reversed

policy in January and announced East Timor would be given the right of self-determination.

In recent weeks, leaders of several militias fighting for continued Indonesian rule vowed not to recognize a defeat in the polls and said they would demand the establishment of their own enclave. The United Nations last week flatly rejected the concept.

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POOR

MAGIC VALLEY/WEST

Crime scene unit proves its value

By Sharon Mearoff
Times-News correspondent

FORGOTTEN—The Jerome County Sheriff's Department's crime scene unit is the "baby" of Jerome resident Ray Clark, department staff and others in the community who contributed to the making of the unit a reality. Jerome County Sheriff Jim Weaver said the unit "shows what communities can do."

The county purchased the newest ambulance for St. A portable generator from the College of Southern Idaho provides the juice for halogen lights on three sides of the unit that illuminate crime scenes after dark.

A list of contributors to the project graces the unit's rear double door. The inside of the unit is stocked with plenty of evidence bags and rubber gloves, as well as snacks to keep workers going for long hours. A small refrigerator hums in the background and a wide-eyed stuffed bear rests on a shelf as if waiting for duty call. A heater warms the unit into a refuge from the winter cold.

"You could almost live in here," said Det. Sgt. Dan Kennedy.

The unit can roll on any type of crime, from homicide to burglary to execution of a search warrant. The unit will provide fingerprinting for children when it goes to the Cox Paulos lot in Jerome later this month.



Jerome County Sheriff Jim Weaver said the city's new crime scene unit 'shows what communities can do.'

Paris-themed casino opens on strip

LAS VEGAS (AP)—Beneath a 50-story replica of the Eiffel Tower, next to a casino featuring slot machines tooting "Le Jacques Hot," guests began registering Wednesday at this gambling opus's latest effort to go global.

Invited guests began checking into the 2,916-room Paris Las Vegas Hotel and Casino and checking out copies of the Arc de Triomphe and The Louvre.

Guests invited to an opening night party included actress Catherine Deneuve, musical conductor Michel Legrand, French composer Charles Aznavour and French actress Line Renaud.

The \$785 million megaresort is the latest of four to open here in the past 11 months, with Bellagio opening in October, Mandalay Bay in March and The Venetian in May.

"What's wrong with re-creating the most wonderful city God ever created?" Arthur Goldberg, chairman of parent Park Place Entertainment Corp., told a midday news conference Wednesday.

Goldberg pitched the idea of Paris re-creation five years ago when discussing with company executives a new resort on a valuable piece of land next to their Bally's hotel-casino.

Discussing possible themes, Goldberg asked "What about Paris?"

"As soon as we conducted focus groups and research, the idea got better and better," said Paul Fusarini, president of the new resort.

Goldberg said the project came in "on budget and on time."

"We're not going to have to have three grand openings," Goldberg quipped, notwithstanding reference to delays in opening



Paris Las Vegas security officer David Waz patrols near the casino Wednesday.

The new \$1.5 billion Venetian. The price (Bellagio cost \$3.6 billion, Mandalay Bay nearly \$1 billion) has been a hit with casino analysts.

Jason Adler, senior managing director for Bear Stearns, said Paris should generate the highest annual return on capital invested among the four new resorts—14 percent to 16 percent vs. 10 percent to 13 percent for the other three.

"Paris is an exciting and amenity-rich property that was a bargain in developing," by Vegas standards, Adler said. "In recent years, Vegas hotel-casino building costs have soared as owners chased lavish themes to lure visitors."

Times-News correspondent Sharon Mearoff can be reached in Goshute at 934-5292.

SERVICES

Olga J. S. Zurek, of Buhl, services at 1 p.m. today at the LDS Church on Fair St. in Buhl. Friends may call one hour prior to services at 10 a.m. today. (Farmers Funeral Chapel in Buhl).

Eva E. Johnson, of Carey, services at 2 p.m. today at the Carey LDS 2nd Ward. The family will meet with friends one hour prior to services at the church (1000 N. Carey, Idaho Falls).

Diana L. Davis, of Rupert, Mass of Christian Burial at 11 a.m. today at St. Nicholas Catholic Church in Rupert. (Hansen Mortuary-Rupert Chapel).

Danielle T. Johnson, of Jerome, services at 10 a.m. today at the Twin Falls Reformed Church, 1621 Grandview Drive N. (Hove-Rubenstein Funeral Chapel).

Wyle C. Phillips, of Rupert, a viewing is from 6 to 9 p.m. today. Services Monday, Aug. 30, at the church. No funeral services will be held.

Wyle E. M. Olander, of

Gooding, memorial graveside service at 11 a.m. today at the Elmwood Cemetery in Gooding (Demary's Gooding Chapel).

Merrietta B. Jones, formerly of Gooding, services at 2 p.m. Friday at the Elmwood Cemetery in Gooding. Friends may call from 7 to 9 p.m. today at Demary's Gooding Chapel.

Susan Taylor, of Elba, 11 a.m. Saturday at the Elba LDS.

Church; friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday at the Payne Mortuary, 221 W. Main St. in Burley; and from 10 to 10:45 a.m. before the funeral Saturday at the church.

Robert H. Lyndard, Jr., of Kimberly, services at 2 p.m. Friday, at the Twin Falls Reformed Church, 1631 Grandview Drive N. Friends may call from 7 to 8 p.m. today at Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls.

DEATH NOTICES

William C. Biser
EUGENE, ORE. — William C. Biser, 66, of Eugene, Ore., and formerly of Twin Falls, died Monday, Aug. 30, 1999, in Eugene. Arrangements were under the direction of Chapel of Memories Funeral Home in Eugene, Ore.

Falls. Services are at 2 p.m. Saturday at Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel. Friends may call from 7 to 9 p.m. Friday at the chapel, and one hour prior to services on Saturday.

Howard L. Morgan
RUPERT — Howard L. Morgan, 74, of Rupert, died Monday, Aug. 30, 1999, at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls. Services are at 2 p.m. Saturday at Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel. Friends may call from 7 to 9 p.m. Friday at the chapel, and one hour prior to services on Saturday.

William H. McKenzie
BRIGHAM CITY, UTAH — William Henry McKenzie, of Brigham City, Utah, died Wednesday, Sept. 1, 1999, at his home, following an extended illness. Services are pending and will be announced by Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home.

HOSPITALS

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Admitted
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Discharged
Ana M. Zavala, of Rupert.

OBITUARIES

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SALEM, ORE.

Robert E. Bailey
Robert E. Bailey, 77, of Salem, Ore., died Saturday, Aug. 21, 1999. Mr. Bailey was born May 19, 1928, in Twin Falls, Idaho. He served in the US Army during World War II, and was honorably discharged in 1946. He was married to Mrs. Margaret Bailey from 1952 until her death in 1982. Mr. Bailey was an insurance representative for many years, retired in 1985. After her death, he resided with Bailey's daughter, Mrs. Sumter, in Gresham, Ore. He was a member of the Salem Presbyterian Church and the Salem Senior Center. He was preceded in death by his wife, Margaret Ruth Wickmer, in 1982. Survivors include his daughter, Mrs. Sumter, of Gresham, Ore., and Mrs. Robert E. Bailey of Modesto, Calif.; a son, Zack Smith of Gresham, Ore.; a sister, Shirley Bailey of Portland, Ore.; a brother, a physician and one great-grandchild.

TWIN FALLS

Michael A. Winkler
Michael Albert Winkler, 49, of Twin Falls, was called to be with the Lord for eternity on Monday, Aug. 30, 1999. Spread your wings and fly. Let the wind soften your feathers. Let the clouds be your guide. Always watch over us and protect us from up above. Your love will always feel. And your smile will never be forgotten. Our hearts will hold you forever!

Michael was born on June 24, 1950, in Romona, Calif. He was a strong, proud man, with a soft spot for children. A warm heart and a loving soul, I, Donna Kirkpatrick, will miss him forever. Michael is survived by his brother, Danny Ivano Winkler, of Twin Falls; his daughters, Donna and Gina, both of California; his special loved one, Dawn Joan Kirkpatrick of Twin Falls; and several grandchildren. Michael was preceded in death by his parents, Ivano and Margaret Winkler, and a sister, Linda Diane Winkler. Arrangements for services are in the works, and cremation is under the direction of Reynolds Funeral Chapel. A brave warrior has left this earth.

Mayor hopeful might have broken election regulations

SALT LAKE CITY (AP)—In an effort to put a Republican in the mayor's office, candidate Steve Harmsen may have violated a city campaign law.

This week 9,000 postcards were sent out to city voters identified as Republicans in an effort to get GOP voters on board for the Oct. 5 primary. The mailer was sent under the Salt Lake County Republican Party's name.

County GOP chairman John Rosenthal confirmed Harmsen's mayoral campaign paid for the mailing. But Harmsen's name does not appear on it despite a new city campaign finance ordinance requiring every advertisement made for a political purpose to disclose the name of the political committee responsible.

Harmsen sees no problem with the matter. "It talks about Republicans getting involved in the election. It's a party message, not mine."

Assistant City Attorney Boyd Ferguson said his office will take a look at it.

The mayor's race is officially nonpartisan. Ballots will not identify a candidate with any political party.

ENGAGEMENT

WEST-BAILEY

BURLEY—John and Judy West of Paul announce the engagement of their daughter, Amanda Tarra West, to Frederick G. Bailey, son of Terry and Tina Bailey of Elmhurst.

West is a 1996 graduate of Minico High School. She is majoring in nursing at the College of Southern Idaho.

Bailey graduated from Buhl High School in 1994. He is employed as a Renegade Concrete in Burley. The wedding is planned for 6 p.m. Friday at the Burley Best Western Inn, 800 N. Overland Ave. A reception to honor the couple will follow at the inn. The couple is registered at Ace Hardware in Burley. The newlyweds will reside in Paul.

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Gay issues film will air an hour later

BOISE (AP) — Idaho Public Television officials say they will air a documentary about how schools deal with homosexuality one hour later than originally announced, following the suggestion of Gov. Dirk Kempthorne.

PTV General Manager Peter Morrill said Wednesday the documentary "It's Elementary," would be shown at 11 p.m. in both the Mountain and Pacific time zones on Sept. 7, one hour later than its original scheduling.

"The move is in response to Gov. Kempthorne's recommendations that the citizens of the state should have the opportunity to view the program," Morrill said.

"That was one of the requests he made with public testimony that they take into consideration that there might still be children who would be watching it," Morrill spokesman Brian Whitlock said of the governor.

"We think it's a good decision."

Proponents of the film say it helps teachers know how to deal with homosexuality when the subject is brought up in the classroom.

room or on the playground. Opponents argue it creates privacy issues, but supporters say it is acceptable to normalize it.

Kempthorne last week said he shared the concerns of the religious right and some legislators who wanted a one-hour program, including and in some instances, mainly, advocates of homosexuality.

But he believes many parents will benefit from seeing what goes on in some public and private schools in their states where the documentary was filmed, probably since that state had none of its kind and a state Board of Education member has introduced the program on the air.

Morrill said board member Karen McGee of Pocatello will fill that role.

Kempthorne, executive director of the Idaho Republican Caucus, earlier called on Kempthorne to "take the next step and pull the program out of the state."

And a number of lawmakers,

including several members of the budget-setting Joint Finance Appropriations Committee, had introduced bills to repeal the program.

While groups such as the Idaho Christian Coalition oppose the show, some members of the clergy have expressed support.

"As people who have been persecuted throughout our history, we believe it is appropriate to stand up to others who are persecuted," said Rabbi Daniel Fink of Congregation Ahavath Beth Israel in Boise.

The board of directors voted unanimously to acquiesce to "Elementary," because it opens a long way in countering the ignorance and fear that underlie hate.

"By agreeing to talk about our differences and to listen, we may be able to get out some of those fears," said Harry Bushnager, bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Idaho.

"Way focus on the things that separate us when we share so much common ground."

Minidoka County denies pit protest

By Loraine Conway
Times-News writer

RUPERT — Despite public outcry, Minidoka County commissioners denied the appeal made by neighbors of the Triple-C gravel pit, which was temporarily approved by Minidoka County Planning and Zoning.

"There is little doubt there is an impact," Commissioner John Rensberg said. "We are concerned with what is happening in that area."

There are about 7,200 trucks carrying gravel out of the area each year, he said.

"It is a gem of our community along the river that we need to preserve," Rensberg said.

But issues such as setbacks and hours of operation should

be handled by the planning and zoning department, he said.

"Planning and zoning has not made the final decision on the 150 acres," said Paul Aston, head of Minidoka County Building and Zoning Department.

Aston has drafted a proposed set of standards for gravel pits with about 10 requirements, he said.

"We need better guidelines," Aston said.

If approved, the guidelines would apply to the seven-acre parcel county planners have temporarily approved.

"Restrictions should be on the on-site pit," Aston said.

Restrictions would also apply in an 8-acre gravel pit, he said.

"Stripper's and the highway

District will all be on the same playing field when they come back for new gravel pits," he said.

The issue will be reopened at the next planning and zoning meeting, Aston said.

"They have a right to appeal this to district court," Aston said.

Adrian Amara, a neighbor of the gravel pit, was not happy with the decision. She said the area was supposed to be zoned for residential or agricultural use only.

"I don't understand how they are getting rid of the residential zoning," she said.

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A HELPING OF COOPERATION



Rick Bellar, Rupert city and Minidoka County attorney, serves Jean Beaman, director of the West-Central Chamber of Commerce, a slice of turkey at a picnic Wednesday in Rupert Square. A group of leaders gathered at the picnic in basketball for ways to facilitate more cooperation between members of county and city government agencies in West-Central.

Company honors clean-up contract

KELOGG (AP) — IT Corp. will begin covering a giant pile of toxic mining wastes at the Burker Hill Superfund site this week now that a federal lawyer has rejected a challenge of the contract award.

Envirocon, the second-lowest Army Corps of Engineers' decision to select Renton, Wash.-based IT Corp. for the \$11.4 million contract.

Missoula, Mont.-based Envirocon

complained IT Corp. intentionally submitted a crummy-bidding bid as a result of underestimating.

Rebecca Rasmussen, a Corps of Engineers attorney who reviewed the complaint, said the final bidding was sound.

Dwight Gennett, IT's project manager, said Minidoka the company didn't underbid.

"If we maintain the high productivity rate than we based our estimate on, we can make a reasonable margin on it," he said.

The difference between profit and loss will hinge on what IT Corp. wants for the massive amount of soil needed to cover the 250-acre site on Kellogg's west side.

Envirocon said the company is still seeking a source for the soil.

The work involves regrading and piling mine tailings and adding crushed rock on the pile's sides. Next year, the pile will be covered with thick plastic sheeting, soil and grass.

Rupert will swear in a new police officer today

The Times-News
RUPERT — The city of Rupert will swear in a new police officer

Andrew Charles Egan at the City Council meeting at 7 p.m. Tuesday.

Egan will also receive an

award from the College of Southern Idaho.

The meeting is open to the public.

Take the first step on the trail to adventure. Read today's OUTDOORS pages.



Cassia County Weed Supervisor Gordon Edwards explains the difficulties of combating noxious weeds in the lower Raft River area. Edwards is surrounded by about 100 acres of perennial pepperweed in wildlife refuge habitat.

Cassia battles noxious weeds

By Ruth Streeter
Times-News writer

RAFT RIVER — Noxious weeds continue to be a problem in Cassia County and officials and residents have come together to keep the weeds from taking over more land than they already have.

The solutions are not simple, nor can they be solved by a limited few, which is why the Public Lands Committee invited a group of people with varied areas of expertise and interests on a weed tour Wednesday to introduce them to some of the weed problems the county faces.

The tour group included Bureau of Land Management and Fish and Wildlife officials, county commissioners, Public Lands Committee members, property owners, ranchers, farmers, local media and business people — all who can play a role in the management of noxious weeds.

"It's going to take people being educated, sitting down and trying to find a solution," said Gordon Edwards, Cassia County weed supervisor.

Weeds cause untold harm by damaging wildlife habitat, choking waterways, hindering the growth of beneficial plants and plants palatable to animals and contributing to fire hazard.

Edwards first led the tour group to an area of prime Fish and Wildlife habitat to show how five acres of perennial pepperweed had spread within a four-year period to cover about 100 acres — overrunning the native grass, and even beginning to take over a riparian area, an area of vegetation along a river.

"This (plant) has the capability of really moving," Edwards said.

Different methods for combating the weeds were tossed around, as well as the potential problems with some of the pro-

posed solutions.

Tractors have a difficult time when pepperweed, for example. Fire can be used in many cases depending on the ability to keep it under control. And using airplanes to spray chemicals would need to take into consideration the effects on farmers on either side of the wildlife area.

In areas where multiple weeds thrive, each type of weed may need to be sprayed at different times of the year, increasing the time devoted to a single area.

Many people acknowledged that sprays only provide a temporary solution. Glen Secrist pointed out the necessity of bringing in competitor plants, such as tall wheat grass, that would overtake the pepperweed, or any weed that could arise in the future.

"You'll be battling this forever if you just use an herbicide approach," Secrist said.

With weeds such as pepperweed, herbicide must be reapplied every year because it does not destroy the plant at its root. The spray will only translocate so far, a group member explained, because as the herbicide descends toward the root, the plant pushes nutrients up, preventing the herbicide from reaching the root.

In another area, Edwards said he hopes to drill down into the ground and figure out how far chemicals need to go to get into the root system of certain weeds, and to determine which chemicals will do the best job penetrating the root system.

Noxious weeds have become a significant economic problem over the last 20 years. Seeds are transported via people, trucks, wind and water. When the Raft River valley floods every year — sometimes with 18 inches of water deposited — it is carried over the land and deposited, along with noxious seeds, in areas where native species are located. The noxious

weeds then compete with the native species for resources.

One solution may be dredging up a half-mile section of the soil where the Raft River lies in order to provide a basin where it can collect so it is not collected throughout the valley.

One problem with this would be disposing of the soil that contained weed seeds once it's dug up to create a basin. Both the soil and the trucks that would transport the soil could contaminate other areas.

Miriam Austin, a biological researcher with Red Willow Research, said because seeds can live for up to 20 years in the ground before germinating, it is difficult to eradicate a weed species within a short period of time.

Secrist also suggested the possibility of sheep grazing on public lands as a tool in weed management, but Fish and Wildlife officials said the impacts of grazing are not compatible with their objectives.

Fish and Wildlife officials said three or four years ago sheep grazed during the winter and fall in order to clean off the top of the weeds and manage vegetation, but because of the impacts of grazing on wildlife, it has been decades since the area was used for grazing during the spring and summer.

Then there are those weeds which cannot be controlled by grazers because they are not palatable to animals, Austin said, such as Russian knapweed.

Edwards stressed the need to keep a number of solutions possible.

"Whether we use livestock, fire ... we have to look at all the options," Edwards said.

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Holiday travelers will pay more for fuel

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Americans who take to the highways for the Labor Day weekend will pay dearly to fill their gas tanks.

Since late June, the average price of gasoline nationwide has climbed 11.5 cents per gallon to \$1.31, according to an Aug. 20 Lungeberg Survey. The increase followed an 8-cent jump in March and a 14-cent spike in early April.

California motorists, who use more costly blends designed to reduce pollution, have been hit even harder. The average price has risen 14 cents since late June to \$1.47, according to Lungeberg figures.

"Gas prices are so high. It's ridiculous," said Eric Swanger, 21 of Los Angeles as he filled up

at a Mobil station, where a gallon ranged from \$1.41 to \$1.61.

However, relief from nearly seven months of increases may be in sight. The end-of-summer holiday traditionally marks a drop in demand, and U.S. refinery break-downs that squeezed supplies appear to be under control.

"The price is going to drop slowly," said Bill Bernstein, a petroleum industry analyst and publisher of the Price Pump Report. "It will drop more quickly on the East Coast because there's more price competition. It will drop more slowly if you go west of the Mississippi because there are fewer refiners and fewer gasoline stations."

Oil companies have blamed the increases on market forces,

including refinery problems and cuts in world production.

The increases have prompted the Federal Trade Commission to launch an investigation of West Coast prices. Attorneys general in California and Nevada are cooperating in a separate probe of gas prices in their states.

In the community of Cassia in northern Los Angeles County, Jesus Benavidez of Norwalk, Calif., filled two personal vehicles at a Shell station where prices for self-serve gas ranged from \$1.60 to \$1.78.

"It's just going higher and higher, you just can seem to get a break," Benavidez said.

But like other holiday travelers, Benavidez was prepared to spend more to enjoy his trip.

Lotto

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with an increase in its average attendance of 30 students in 1998-99.

Lottery proceeds over the past 10 years have paid for many school roof repairs, new carpets and remodeling projects, work usually bankrolled by property owners who provide money for building construction and maintenance. This year local schools again will use lottery revenues for a variety of projects.

Blaine County School District is considering using the money for expansion, Treasurer Mike Chatterton said. Last year nearly \$121,000 helped buy a modular classroom building in Carey.

Dietrich schools will use their \$8,500 in lottery revenues this year for remodeling and buying new equipment, clerk Jeffrey Southwick said.

A couple of good Powerball runs helped fuel the lottery's second-best year, said Steve Woodall, the lottery's deputy

director for administration.

With each \$1 ticket they buy, lottery players funnel 58 cents into the jackpot, 23 cents to schools and other public buildings, 10 cents to lottery administration, 6 cents in commission to retailers, and 3 cents to lottery marketing and promotions.

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Suspect admitted to killing horse, detectives say

VIRGINIA CITY, Nev. (AP) — One of the Marines accused of shooting 34 wild horses near Reno last winter confessed to killing one Mustang and later returned to the scene to hide evidence, a detective testified Wednesday.

Defense lawyer Scott Freeman began to question detectives about other suspects investigated in the case, including a man named Neal Carroll, who "had the availability of a number of weapons."

Brendle was based at Twenty Nine Palms outside Los Angeles and Brock at Camp Pendleton in San Diego when they were arrested. They since have been given the equivalent of a dishonorable discharge.

Deborah Ellsworth of the Redding Horse Sanctuary in Carmel, Calif., said she cried during the testimony about the maiming of the horses.

POCATELLO (AP) — November sentencing dates are set for a local man convicted of five other people who pleaded guilty to federal charges that they were involved in a south-eastern Idaho methamphetamine ring.

before the trial, Melissa Leigh Bird of Chubbuck and Jose Llamas-Flores of Pocatello pleaded guilty to their roles in the trafficking ring.

Make one of four teachers a cop, says gun group

SALT LAKE CITY — The solution to firearms in schools is to train at least a fourth of all teachers to be police officers, said the head of a leading gun rights group.

Furthermore, she said, most parents would be terrified to send their kids to a school where 25 percent of the adults carry guns.

Also at issue was Utah's current concealed weapons permit law. Gunn told Rotarians Utah lawmakers must recognize that the constitutional right to bear arms can not impose on a person's right to control his private property.

Guns rights lobbying is generally credited with killing a special legislative session on guns proposed by Gov. Mike Leavitt.

Sentencings set for drug ring case defendants

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — An inmate who walked away from a work crew Tuesday afternoon was captured less than 17 hours later.

Police nab escapee from jail work crew

Gallegos said Rolfe ran when he spotted investigators. They chased Rolfe on foot for about one city block before he surrendered.

Negotiations continue over Indian gambling

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) — Negotiations resumed Wednesday between California Gov. Gray Davis and tribal leaders who are insisting on revisions to his plan to expand Indian gaming.

Indians rejected those demands, and said they want more slots than what the governor's point-man offered Tuesday in a meeting with about 300 people representing 64 of California's 107 tribes.

Richard Milonovich, tribal chairman of the Agua Caliente Band in Palm Springs, added there may be some division among the various tribes but "we all are working toward one goal. We all want an equitable compact."

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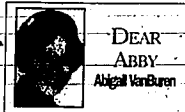
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Sometimes, do-gooders just do wrong

DEAR ABBY: I hope you will publish my letter. Do-gooders will stop and think before they do more harm than good.

I used to love my backyard. It was so beautiful, but my husband is gone and I am elderly. However, the yard was mine. The flowers my husband planted gave me great joy - until a well-meaning neighbor decided to bring her five teen-agers over one day, when I was not home, to "neaten up" my yard. She was trying to teach them concern for others.



DEAR ABBY
Abby Cadabby

I like these people. They were so happy about "surprising" me by cleaning up my yard that I didn't have the heart to tell them that the "weeds" they had pulled up were my lovely perennials

that were about to bloom! And the "overgrown" evergreens were there to block the view of the neighbor's messy dog run. Now they are trimmed down to almost nothing, and the view is disgusting!

Please remind your readers that if they want to help, they should ask first - and not just take over.

-HURT BY GOOD INTENTIONS IN MICHIGAN

DEAR HURT: Your point is

well taken - and I'm printing your letter as a warning to well-intentioned people who may be tempted to make the innocent mistake your neighbor made.

Now dry your tears, call your well-meaning neighbor, and tell her that you have one more job for her and the kids - to take you to a plant nursery to select replacements for the perennials your beloved husband had planned that gave you so much joy each summer. It will be a learning experience for all of you.

Watch for opportunity, Taurus; stay calm, Leo

IF SEPTEMBER 2 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: You are sympathetic to needs of family. You are your own most severe critic. Capricorn natives play major roles in your life and could have these things running away. Martial status activities accelerate this year. During November you could get away by running away. Martial status could change as result. You might move in December.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): You have more strength than many would have guessed. Self-confidence is re-stored. In any battle, you win. Taurus, Scorpio persons play dramatic roles. **TAURUS (April 20-May 20):** There will be many money-making opportunities - don't let them slide through the cracks. Love relationship gets too hot to cool down. Virgo involved.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Cycle high, domestic adjustment achieved in connection with where to live and marriage. Taurus, Libra persons figure in scenario, have gifts to present.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): People who previously were indifferent will now show enthusiasm. Play waiting game. Don't rush to finish line. Pisces, Virgo persons are in picture, play dynamic roles.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): What might have been disastrous turns out to be a false alarm. Maintain emotional equilibrium. Astrology backs you, promotion is offered as result. Capricorn represented.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Plan ahead for trip which will take considerable time. Look beyond the money in reach out for your own future. Foreign language will be spoken. Aries plays role.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): You attract other individuals despite new start in different direction. You're inspired, by confidence placed in your ability by one you respect. Avoid heavy lifting.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): You're asked to make up your mind concerning partnership, marriage. Find out about what's cooking. "Cancer" native declares, "You're much better than people

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credit you."
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Focus on that section of your horoscope associated with legal affairs, marriage. Decide on course

that enables you to have a more full social life. Gemini featured.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): There may be some rough edges in an opportunity, but take it anyway. You're on-precise-of-fame-fortune. You win friends and influence people. Scorpio involved.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Read, write, disseminate information. You exude aura of sensuality,

sex appeal. Some people ask, "How did you get all this talent, attraction?" Say, "Just lucky, I guess."

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Emphasis on home, family, ability to win contest. People insist, "You are psychic." You are highly impressionable and often can predict what will happen, when and where.

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A British outfit provides cover stories for two-timers

An outfit in England charges fees to provide cover stories for unfaithful matrimonial mates. The Albri Agency, it's called. And membership runs \$12. Plus it charges specific fees for each phone call it handles, each dummy invitation it sends, each fake itinerary it prepares, each fake-believe emergency it arranges, each "must" business meeting it feigns. Cover-up for a typical weekend fling reportedly runs about \$100.



WHAT'S WHAT
L.M. Boyd

Those chickens called Rhode Island Reds really were first bred in Rhode Island. In 1854, it was. They pretty much started the American poultry industry.

Actual performance is at its lowest during the years she's having children. Later, she brightens up considerably, he said. But a man's peak intellectual power, he said, comes in his twenties, then dissipates. I do not know when Lang was at his intellectual peak.

Italian Proverb No. 352C: "Rice born in water must die in wine."

Q-You said recluses, those people who hole up, refusing to go out into the world, are indifferent to food. What did that famous hermit pair, the Collyer brothers of Hatem, eat?

A-Almost nothing but peanuts and oranges.

Q-How any societies sanctioned individual murder?

A-Indeed, many. In Brazil, for example, a husband historically could murder an adulterous wife without fear of punishment.

Q-Of interest to medical researchers is the intriguing fact that the lampry can regenerate its spinal cord.

Average birth weight of a gorilla is 4 pounds 14 ounces.

Do you recall when that scholar named Theodore Lang said no woman ever invented a good musical instrument? Were you able to contradict it? It was Lang, too, who said a woman's intel-

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Researcher pushes habitat protection

CORWIN SPRINGS, Mont. (AP) - Federal protection for more than 9,000 acres next to Yellowstone National Park will help preserve the largest ecosystem in the lower 48 states, a conservationist said Tuesday.

Mike Clark, director of the Greater Yellowstone Coalition, joined top federal park officials and representatives of the Church Universal and Triumphant to celebrate the \$13.5-million deal.

Congress earlier this year approved \$6.5 million for the first phase of a plan to buy the church's Royal Teton Ranch. Another \$6.5 million was appropriated to complete the buyout, which includes a combination of conservation easements, land and easement outright purchase of about 6,700 acres.

The government will obtain private water rights for the bison and rights to underground water which, if tapped, might disrupt nearby geysers and hot springs. In exchange, the church will receive rights to surface water.

"As conservationists, what we increasingly hear is not the call of the wild, but the cry of the wild as wildlife habitat in this region continues to shrink due to our rapidly growing human population," Clark said. "At stake is the viability of the largest, mostly intact ecosystem in the lower 48 states."

The land is intended to protect an important migration corridor for elk leaving the park for their winter range. The area is also considered important grizzly bear, pronghorn antelope and mule deer habitat.

The federal acquisition has also raised hopes it will help resolve the management of bison leaving the park.

Bison leave Yellowstone in search of winter forage. About half test positive for brucellosis, a disease that can cause cows to abort. Montana slaughters bison that test positive for the disease to prevent its possible spread to domestic cattle.

More than 1,200 bison that left Yellowstone have been shot or shipped to slaughter in the last three years, mostly in the winter

of 1996-97. "There are many things that we can, and will do, to enhance quality of life for man and nature," said church Vice President Murray Stelaman.

"In particular, I am looking forward to the day when we resolve the bison conflict that has engulfed us for too long," he said.

Also on hand for the dedication were Montana Gov. Marc Racicot, Interior Secretary Bruce Babbitt, Sen. Max Baucus, D-Mont., and Gary Wolfe, president of the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation.

"It's because these lands are so integral to our lives that this land acquisition is so important," Baucus said. "These lands are part of our Montana legacy - a legacy that will be enjoyed by our children and grandchildren."

Babbitt on Tuesday also signed a separate agreement that gives the U.S. Forest Service the first right of refusal for grazing leases on about 5,000 acres of property when the current leases expire in 2002.



U.S. Sen. Max Baucus, D-Mont., center, with Greater Yellowstone Church Universal and Triumphant Vice President Murray Stelaman, left, to Interior Secretary Bruce Babbitt, near Corwin Springs, Mont., Tuesday.

Layoffs leave rangers' morale sagging in Yellowstone Park

The Idaho Falls Post Register

YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK (Wyo.) Like any policeman, Pete Webster spends his time pulling over speeders; responding to accidents and busting people for drugs.

As a law-enforcement ranger at Yellowstone National Park, he's also called upon to identify small purple wildflowers and settle minor disputes about the distance between elk and buffalo dung.

"It's a job he loves, the only one he's ever considered doing. But the budget shortfalls this year have affected every part of the nation's first national park, from potholed roads to faulty sewers, and taking their toll on employees, too.

Short staffing has contributed, in part, to an accident rate among Yellowstone employees 40 percent higher than the rest of the Interior Department. Despite an ongoing program to replace trailers and temporary housing, some workers still live in abominable conditions.

For the first time this year, one-third of the park's permanent law-enforcement rangers were forced to take time off without pay. Webster was laid off for two weeks, and next year, the 10-year park-service employee could be laid off longer.

"It hurts not to get a paycheck, but it's more a pride kind of deal," said Webster, 32. "It's kind of a demotion in some sense because some people are working year-round, and you can be spared."

The temporary layoffs are one effort to cut expenses and stretch the \$23 million in operating funds Yellowstone National Park received from Congress this year.

After decades of rising costs, increasing visitation, aging infrastructure and relatively flat budgets, the park has a \$500 million backlog in maintenance projects and an estimated operating shortfall of \$15 million a year.

Each department, from biologists fighting exotic trout to rescuers with outdated radios to crews that pave roads, claims to have a long list of problems and no money to solve them.

"They all fight for what's left in the pot," Webster said. "This year the rangers didn't do so well."

About one-third of Yellowstone's permanent law enforcement rangers, including Webster, are only guaranteed six months work a year.

Throughout the National Park Service, about 9 percent of rangers fall into that category. Until now, Yellowstone has had enough money to keep law enforcement rangers working 12 months of the year.

Increased visitation during

winter and fall has translated into a heavier workload for law enforcement rangers - more snowmobile accidents, lost jackknives, and illegal vehicle attacks victims who need to be transported to the hospital in bad weather.

This year, for the first time, there isn't enough money in the budget to pay those salaries. All-23 rangers who are "subject to furlough" were laid off for an average of four weeks.

"It's just means that the ones left behind have to work that much harder," said Yellowstone's Chief Ranger Rick Obernesser. "I don't know if one ranger who doesn't feel behind the power curve all the time."

Webster's territory is 100,000 acres of forest and 18 miles of road in the park's busiest area, which he patrols from late afternoon to well after midnight.

He said he's concerned about what could happen if there's a major car wreck or the inn catches fire while critical people are off the clock.

His night shift partner - the only licensed Emergency Medical Technician at Old Faithful - shouldn't be on the list of people who can be let go, he said.

In a typical shift, Webster helps a couple from Texas jump start a dead car.

He happens upon a clump of tourists who have chased a bear into the woods, which he sternly advises them not to do again.

He helps three women from North Dakota who have misplaced their car keys. He patrols a geyser basin and answers questions about Yellowstone's unique flora and fauna.

He stops at residence halls for concession workers, whose the night before a group of drunken employees duct-taped the dorm-counselor to the Coke machine in the lounge.

Sometimes, the calls are adrenaline-loaded and life-threatening - car wrecks, seizures, bison goings and people who have stepped off the boardwalks and scorched themselves in the thermal pools.

His partner recently arrested a concession employee on felony charges of dealing heroin and cocaine.

"We do more of the police-oriented stuff," he said. "The day people do more of the friendly

ranger stuff." Some law-enforcement rangers in the park take furloughs voluntarily. It gives them a chance to have time off, travel and do other things a few months of the year.

Webster isn't one of them. He and his wife, Dawn, have an 11-year-old son, Kyle, already rankly and growing out of his green overalls with moose on the pockets.

The ranger was originally told he'd have to take 10 weeks without pay, although the furlough was later cut to two weeks.

The couple is expecting another child in December, and they're a little nervous about what might happen with their finances next year.

"If the budget were to crash and he got the full 10 weeks, we would not be in a good position," said Dawn Webster, who gave up a full-time interpretive ranger job to move to Yellowstone with her husband. She now works six months a year as a clerk in Old Faithful's maintenance department.

He said it's not the lost money that bothers him most. After clawing his way up the Park Service's career ladder for a decade, taking on more responsibility with each new job, being furloughed makes him feel undervalued.

He's wanted to work for the park service since he was 10 years old. His family lived in Glacier National Park, and his dad got him an application, which he tucked away.

"It was kind of my treasure," Webster said. "Every time I'd clean my closet, I'd pull it out and think, 'What do I need to do to be a ranger?'"

He started doing seasonal and backcountry ranger work in the late 1980s. He went to law-enforcement school after college, after he saw people camping illegally, poaching fish, taking their dogs into places where they could harm wildlife.

"I ran across a lot of things and could only say 'please don't do this,'" he said. "I didn't care for that."

He bounced from park to park - Glacier, Yellowstone, Mt. Rainier, Death Valley, Big Cypress. He finally graduated from seasonal status and got his first permanent job in

Alaska in 1996. When he took the Yellowstone position, he was told technically he could be furloughed for up to six months. He was also told he shouldn't worry about that because it never happened.

That's why the furloughs this year, when budget officials started looking for new ways to cut costs, caught him by surprise.

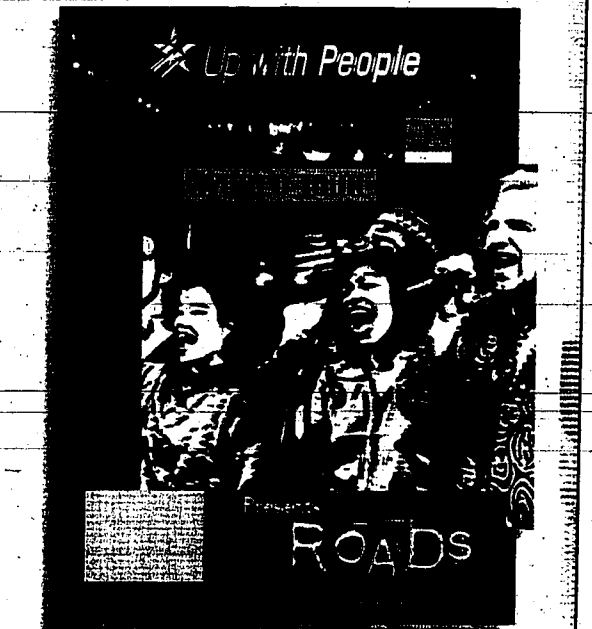
"We lived on seasonal salaries for so long, it's hard to write about being laid off," Webster said. "I just came here expecting to work year-round and be a big part of our operation."

Yellowstone's laid-off rangers said they know the furloughs are frustrating, but not getting fair monthly stipend checks for his employees, the most difficult people he

knows, who can't predict how much money they'll make from one year to the next.

"It's not the easiest way to run a railroad," Obernesser said. "They're not much in better shape than the seasons and it's hard to manage their lives. We're squeezing and tucking and shoeing and living with the money. We have to do the best we can."

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Section C

Sittin' on top of the world



With powerful binoculars and a view that stretches away to tomorrow, fire lookout Jim Sheridan keeps a sharp eye on things from the summit of Mount Harrison.

Mount Harrison fire lookout has seen a lot over the years

By Mark Weber
Times-News correspondent

Located south of Burley — but more than a mile above the Magic Valley — sits a tiny fire lookout on the wind-swept summit of 9,265-foot Mount Harrison. The cramped outpost is what Jim Sheridan calls his "home away from home." Every summer for the past 15 years, he has spent 24 hours a day, five days a week in the lofty perch.

It's an impressive place where clouds often scud past at eye level. Cool winds caress the slopes, causing wildflowers to tremble in the breeze. On a clear day, Sheridan can spot landmarks more than 100 miles away.

On most days, he's looking for smoke. A recent visit found him on the radio, calling in details of the first "smoke" of the day. Located south of the Goose Creek Reservoir, the fire emits a small column of brown smoke. Thanks to Sheridan's vigilance, a ground crew is already on its way to assess the burn.

It's pretty exciting for a visitor, but for Sheridan it's just another day at the office. The tiny fire lookout offers little in

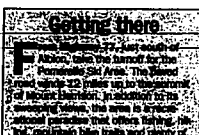


Jim Sheridan

the way of creature comforts or privacy. The building is little more than a 12-by-12 room with four huge windows for walls. A special transit — used for pinpointing fires — is mounted in the center of the floor. Next to this, a wooden table is adorned with a large map, a protractor, ruler and a set of powerful binoculars. A small refrigerator, stove and a modest couch that doubles as Sheridan's bed consume the remaining floor space.

The radio squawks to life every few minutes with details of an unfolding plan to fight the growing blaze. It's a routine that Sheridan knows inside out.

After 81 years of living, there isn't much that he hasn't seen. In 1975, he landed his first job with the U.S.



Getting there

Forest Service working, appropriately enough, on a fire crew. Since then he has fought and directed fire crews to scores of blazes.

The average fire season runs from early July through October, and in a typical season, Sheridan spots about 20 fires. Some days are busier than others, and he once reported six blazes in a single afternoon.

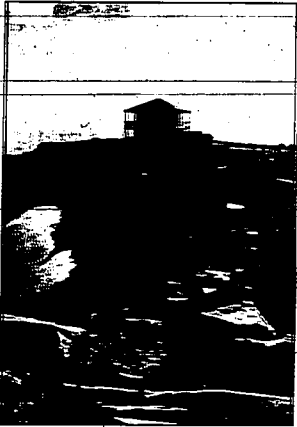
Although most fires are started by lightning, a few are human caused. One of the worst was the 1997 Elba fire, which began as a controlled burn. During that conflagration Sheridan was the only non-firefighter allowed to remain on the mountain. It's where he belongs.

Sheridan has spent most of his life in the area and knows it inside out. He knows it so well that the error directed a fire crew through a series of fences and gates while jiving in bed late one night.

Spotting fires is his primary duty, but Sheridan also manages to entertain curious visitors. In an average season, he sees around 1,000 visitors.

His "official" workday begins at 9 a.m. and ends at 5 in the afternoon. During this time, Sheridan welcomes people from all walks of life — Ray and Gid Sears, hikers, families out for a Sunday drive, and even hang-glider pilots who stop by for a pre-flight chat. He enjoys the company and graciously fields questions about the lookout's equipment, fires and the weather. On Tuesdays and Wednesdays, which are his days off, he can be found relaxing at home in Almo — in the shadow of the mountains he knows so well. His days off are reserved for his wife and helping his sons with ranching chores.

"When asked what could make life better at southern Idaho's only fire lookout, Sheridan smiles and suggests something that most folks take for granted: "Daily newspaper delivery."



The Mount Harrison fire lookout is in a heavily outcast at 9,265 feet.

BSU grad student hunts for spotted frogs

By Janelle Brown
Boise State University
News Services

Janice Engle slowly wades through a shallow creek in a remote and rugged section of the Owyhee Mountains in southwestern Idaho, her eyes scanning the clear water and marshy banks for signs of movement.

The Boise State University graduate biology student is looking for Columbia spotted frogs — small, speckled amphibians that fit in the cusp of her hand — that inhabit the waterways and ponds in this arid mountain range.

The spotted frogs are part of a population classified by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service as a candidate for threatened or endangered status. Engle's project, funded by a number of state and federal agencies, focuses on learning more about the frogs and how they move throughout their range.

"It appears that these frogs are naturally isolated from other populations because their habitat is surrounded by desert," Engle says. "There are only small areas in the Owyhees where they can exist. That puts them at greater risk to become locally extinct."

Engle wants to find out how far individual frogs are moving throughout their range and whether they are recolonizing "new" areas. The information would give scientists important clues about the population's long-term viability. And it could also be used to help develop land management strategies that would encourage the frogs to disperse.

"If the frogs move a lot, that's



Boise State University biology graduate student Janice Engle searches for Columbia spotted frogs in a pond in the Owyhee Mountains.

good for the species because they can recolonize areas where an earlier population has died out," Engle explains. "It helps keep the population healthy."

Frogs are a good indicator of the environmental health of an area, Engle adds, because as they transform from tadpoles to adults they move through different levels of the food chain and are affected both by water conditions and air quality.



Columbia spotted frogs inhabit isolated waterways and ponds in the Owyhee Mountains.

to decide whether the frogs should be listed as threatened or endangered.

Engle spends her days slowly walking up creek beds in sandals or waders, standing knee-deep in isolated ponds and scouring the banks for signs of spotted frogs. She sleeps in a tent at night and cooks her meals on a small propane stove. Her 15-year-old son Robby accompanies her on many expeditions. So do other Boise State University students who are helping Engle with her research project.

When Engle spies a frog, she catches it with a net, weighs it, records its size and takes other measurements. Then she carefully inserts a small electronic device, about the size of a grain of rice, under the frog's skin. The Passive Integrated Transponder, or PIT tag, includes a 10-digit bar code that Engle can scan electronically. Each time that frog is recaptured, Engle can identify it and track how far it has traveled.

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General elk season opens along Nevada state line

By M.S. McWhorter
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — While Idaho's wildlife biologists struggle to boost elk numbers in northern parts of the state, they are trying to keep elk out of the southern end.

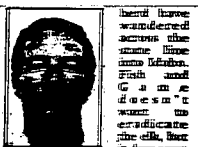
A general elk season opened Wednesday in Units 45 and 47, which run along the Nevada state line from about the Humboldt River to Salmon Falls Creek. It's open season on any kind of elk — cow, calf or bull — with any legal weapons from Sept. 1 through Nov. 30.

The season is the result of a deal Idaho made with Nevada's Division of Wildlife and landowners and grazing ranch holders in the area about 10 years ago, said Randy Smith, regional wildlife manager with the Idaho Department of Fish and Game in Jerome.

An exchange for ranchers and landowners supporting the reintroduction of elk into the Terrible Mountains in Blaine, Fish and Game agreed not to allow an elk herd to become established in Idaho's Owyhees.

To participate in this year's hunt, a hunter must trap a wild Idaho hunting license and a wild elk tag, which costs \$12.50. But hunters shouldn't have high expectations. They can spend a lot of time roaming the high end of the mountain for a sign of an elk, Smith said.

He estimates that 25 to 30 elk from the 2000 herd will be



Randy Smith

heard have wandered across the state line into Idaho. Fish and Game will use a portion of the money to eradicate the elk, but it does want to encourage age permanent status near the border.

"It's not because an elk steps into Idaho, doesn't mean it's automatic," Smith said. "This year may be the last open season an elk in the area. The Idaho Fish and Game management plan outlines the agreement with Nevada, which expires at the end of this year. Any change in Idaho's elk management would require public input."

Smith has found no cooperation of elk competing with livestock for grazing. But he has gotten a lot of complaints about the season. He says the elk are not doing well because of the cull in that they understand the reason for the hunt. But if there's an elk, they should be hunting it. They're not hunting it. They're not hunting it. They're not hunting it.

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OUTDOORS

Boards make waves in Montana rivers

MONTICELLA (AP) — A tool designed for saving lives in swift-water rescue situations may become the latest craze in the wild west world introduced by whitewater thrill-seekers.

River boards — an adaptation of the popular "hoogie boards" designed for playing in ocean surf — have been making a splash recently at the area's coolest whitewater hamlets, like "Fang" and "Whitewater" rapids on the Clark Fork River's Alberton Gorge.

"It's kind of like sledding down the river," says Mike Johnston, owner Montana River Guides, a Missoula river rafting business.

Johnston, who is the only certified swift-water rescue instructor in Montana, has been using river boards in his river guide and rescue classes for the past four years.

"It gives the guides a better idea about how to read the water," Johnston says. "It tells people in rescue classes that reading the water, and understanding how river features work, is the most important piece of information they can have in a rescue. The river board gives them a chance to experience the water three-dimensional, so they have a better idea of the river winds, how currents work and river banks."

But there was an unexpected side benefit of the boards, according to Johnston.

"They make a lot of fun, as well as being a good rescue tool," he says. "Guides have used them for fun recreational rafting over the years."

This summer, for the first time, Johnston's rafting business has been offering paid board trips as an option for their customers.

Since mid-July, Montana River Guides has had almost 100 peo-



Mike Johnston bails off a rock into some rapids on the Clark Fork River near the Alberton Gorge, near Alberton, Mont., earlier this summer.

ple take them up on the offer, which costs \$85 for a half-day and \$105 for a full day. That price includes all the gear — board, wetsuit, life vest, helmet and swim fins — plus instruction and a guided river-board trip down the Alberton Gorge.

River boards evolved from the sawed-off surfboards known as body boards or hoogie boards used for playing in the ocean, according to Johnston.

"They make a lot of fun, as well as being a good rescue tool," he says. "Guides have used them for fun recreational rafting over the years."

There was an increasing need for such a tool in river emergencies, Johnston says.

"Firefighters were getting injured in soft-water situations, in some places, more often than in structural fires," he says. "In river rescue clinics, I have people who haven't a lot of river rescue experience. They're often firefighters and search-and-rescue personnel."

River rescue specialists, needing more buoyancy in a rescue craft, developed a board three times larger than the ocean boards. River boards are con-

structed of high-density foam, about 4 inches thick, 2 feet wide and 4 feet long, with a smooth plastic laminate on the bottom for durability. Four plastic handles, allowing more control and safety for rescue work, are another deviation from ocean body boards.

"Our rafting customers have seen us using them, and said, 'That looks like a blast. Can we do that?'"

Just about anyone can quickly learn to handle a river board, he says.

"They require less skill than a kayak," says Johnston. "It's kind of like sledding on snow compared to telemark skiing. You can take someone who's reasonably fit, and comfortable swimming, and with a little bit of



Jeff Riser hangs on while taking a run through some rapids at the Alberton Gorge section of the Clark Fork River. An advantage the board has over a raft is the ability to take a run through rapids, then turn around, push upstream and run them again.

instruction and guidance, take them out and turn them loose on the river. It makes whitewater more accessible to people. They're extremely maneuverable. You basically use swim fins and your hands to maneuver. You can actually go and play in places where rafts and kayaks want to avoid."

Watching people play on river boards is like watching an otter frolicking on the waves.

The boards are particularly effective for surfing upstream on

river waves, a technique developed by kayakers.

"It seems like you're going uphill on a board, but you're actually stable," says Johnston.

After an initial instruction period on the river, the same clients are made for the Swanee, where the Alberton Gorge can dish up.

"In Tarnishewitz, that's the biggest rapid on the gorge, they just rapids through it," he says. "These things have the function of eight life preservers."

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Antelope decline baffles biologists, hunters

Idaho Falls Post-Register

Biologists and hunters don't know why antelope are struggling.

The theories range from too much hunting to too much rain during the last few years. Some people believe there are too many predators. Others claim the habitat has changed badly, making it hard for the five-foot animals to survive.

The situation with antelope is becoming more of the western United States, from Yellowstone to New Mexico," Scott says. "Hunters, Idaho Department of Fish and Game's chief of wildlife."

"We're not sure what is going on."

In eastern Idaho, hunters believe fish and game is hunting antelope too much in order to

appease landowners.

For the most part, biologists disagree. While some areas are hunted hard to keep antelope out of farm fields, the number of tags issued each year has dropped 56 percent since 1993, they said.

"And we don't have any deer-fawn hunts," said Greg Painter, landowner sportsman coordinator in the Salmon Region. "Those hunts keep populations down. Buck hunters don't determine population size."

If hunting was the problem, the hunted population in Yellowstone National Park should be thriving, said Mike Scott, Fish and Game's wildlife manager in Salmon.

Yet, "a steep decline in Yellowstone's antelope has park biologists scrambling for clues, Scott said.

Another common theory about the struggle of antelope is the recent spate of wet springs. In the Pahsimeroi Valley, Fish and Game counted 1,300 antelope in 1996 and 650 in 1999. Scott said roughly 400 were shot by hunters in the last three years. "That tells me we've had no recruitment," Scott said. "Normally, they have a high reproductive potential."

"The department trimmed hunts in the Pahsimeroi, but that hasn't helped, Scott said. "We should have seen a bounce in the population right after we cut back on harvest. That should happen if we have the right weather, which apparently we don't."

Yet another theory for the decline is neglect, said Justin Naderman, wildlife biologist in Idaho Falls, Idaho, for example,

hasn't had an antelope expert since the early 1980s. And over the last few years, the number of aerial surveys has dropped dramatically. With no advocate, problems fester and the antelope suffer. An example is subtle changes in habitat that nobody notices until it is too late, Naderman said.

"When nobody is guarding the chicken coop, little things occur that could hurt species like antelope," he said. "Little things the health of habitat change and nobody is there to see it."

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Frogs

She uses a GPS unit, or Global Positioning System, to record the exact longitude, latitude and elevation where the frogs were found.

So far, Engle has tagged about 1,400 frogs with the PIT units. She's recognized 500 of them, some as many as nine different times. Slowly, she's been able to create maps that show the frog's movements.

While her data is still preliminary, Engle says several distinct patterns are emerging. Some frogs stay within a small area. Others travel a circuitous route, including and inhabiting in areas they return to again and again. Engle also has tracked frogs that appear to move to new areas during wetter years — a behavior she says because those frogs could be searching new habitats. What Engle hasn't found is frogs leaving a stream or pond in a new water source, although she says it's possible that is also occurring.

Engle will complete this field survey, which will last until mid-November or when the roads are

impossible, and then write her thesis. A former high school biology teacher and college geology instructor, she decided to return to college and earn a master's degree in biology because she wanted to pursue a career as a researcher or field instructor.

Yet, "a steep decline in Yellowstone's antelope has park biologists scrambling for clues, Scott said.

Engle says she hopes her research will broaden the scientific understanding of the spotted frogs and their environs. "I still have a lot to learn," she says.

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OUTDOORS

Kayakers get a thrill and a workout without a river

By Tom Hickey
The Prudhomme Journal

NORWICH KINGSTOWN, R.I. With our sterns scraping the beach and our bows pointed into Narragansett Bay, we waited for the command — a rainbow array of 28 kayaks bobbing on tiny waves.

A racer named Tim, who had driven from Connecticut with his kit-built wooden boat, asked two coxswains to our left to move over slightly so we'd have a straighter shot off the beach. But they had their race faces on. They ignored him.

"Three, two, one!" A loud clap shot across the beach as paddle blades dug in. All the pre-race tension flowed from my arms as I cracked hard, the noise of my 13-foot fiberglass kayak slicing through the flat, gray water like a selenite.

"Go, go, go, my brain screamed. Sea kayaking is often pitched as a sedate activity where you glide through marshes at a quiet, leisurely pace, poking around corners and surprising herons stalking the bank. Many kayak outfitters offer guided tours with covered meals. Camaraderie is essential, civility the rule.

But as the popularity of kayaking soars, more people seem to be finding themselves jockeying for position at a starting line somewhere, wanting to test the limits of their boats — and bodies.

Those who succumb to their competitive nature quickly discover that kayak racing is a great way to get in shape.

It requires a combination of upper-body strength and cardiovascular endurance to sustain you mile after mile across open, and at times rough, water.

For many, racing provides the long-sought incentive to finally lace up those running shoes and start some resistance training, the benefits of which far exceed the hours spent paddling.

Of course no amount of training is enough to make the hurt if you're racing hard.

It's at such moments — like the Seda race off Wickford, in June, when four of us broke from the pack at the start — that I question my choice of recreation. I blame those moments on Joe Baer.

I bought my first kayak from Baer's River Workshop, now out



Not all kayakers paddle down river rapids. This woman enjoys the still water of a lake, and others enjoy the challenge of racing on ocean waters.

of business, eight years ago. It was a short plastic boat, just under 14 feet long and wide at 24 1/2 inches. Its subtleness provided good maneuverability in the surf, and its generous beam a confident stability for the green kayaker I was, one who liked to fish beyond the waves.

"It's a good starter boat," Baer said, "but you'll eventually want to trade up. Everybody does."

I didn't think so. I was content. I had what I wanted.

Contentment lasted six years. Then, like every other boater or golfer or fly-fisherman who dreams of the grand possibilities awaiting him if he only had that bigger boat, that new set of irons, that \$500 Orvis trout rod, I suddenly needed a faster boat.

On a cold March day last year, I brought my plastic Dagger to a kayak store in Rowley, Mass. Two hours later, I drove off with what the proprietor called "a rocket ship" precariously strapped to my pickup truck.

The used Seda Glider is long (18 feet), narrow (22 inches) and, because it is fiberglass, rigid — three necessities for fast travel across water.

Soon after I had it home, I donned my wetsuit and launched that rocket ship into a pond rimmed with ice. It was then, with those first accelerating strokes, with the feel of the water rushing under me and snowflakes blowing across the kayak's red deck, that I set my sights on the Blackburn Challenge.

Each summer, the race attracts some 150 obsessed rowers and paddlers from around the country for a 20-mile marathon that circumnavigates Cape Ann, Mass.

I had four months to get into shape. Having no idea how to go about it, I called a race organizer. Talk to Tom Mailhot, he said.

A Gloucester carpenter who played semipro hockey until 1990, Mailhot has competed in the Blackburn Challenge six times. He has won the solo kayak division three of those years. Last year, he and a partner took first place in a tandem kayak.

Mailhot's paddling obsession has evolved from playing a plastic boat through the salt marshes of nearby Essex, Mass., nine years ago, to planning a trans-Atlantic race in a rowboat he will build.

For Mailhot and most other kayak racers, training is a combination of road work and weightlifting.

"I do a lot of running, every

other day, with bulk," Mailhot says. Each run is about four miles. "and I try to keep it at seven minutes a mile or less."

Weight training is focused on upper-body muscles. He uses an incline bench press to build up his chest, and a one-arm rowing exercise that's great for strengthening biceps and shoulders — two muscle groups that endure the brunt of paddling.

in long races. The one-arm rowing exercise is done with a dumbbell placed on the floor by the weight bench. You bend down over the weight, placing one knee and a hand on the bench, pick up the weight with the other hand and pull it up to your chest.

Pull-ups are another favorite of Mailhot's. These target muscles in your back, shoulders, arms, and those all-important abdominals. Many novice paddlers mistakenly power their kayaks solely with their arms. This form of locomotion will suffice for a short excursion. But the relentless pushing and pulling of the paddle will use you on long trips.

Experienced paddlers know that torso muscles play a huge role in proper paddling. By leaning off your bottom and recruiting your upper body with every stroke, those torso muscles power the paddle blades through the water, extending the life of your arms and muscles.

The best exercise for strengthening abdominals is good old-fashioned sit-ups.

Lie on the floor with your legs bent. Put your hands behind your head and raise your body. As you come up off the floor, twist your body so that your right elbow touches your left knee (and vice versa).

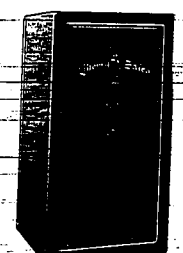
As with your weight training, mix up your sit-up routine occasionally. Some days work a full set of repetitions with the same arm-and-knee combination before switching over. On other days, alternate with every sit-up.

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BRIEFLY IN MONEY

Ketchum company completes merger

KETCHUM - Thomas Gillespie, president and chief executive officer of Aqua Vie Beverage Corp., Wednesday announced Aqua Vie (OTC BB: AVBCE) has completed a merger with Barhill Acquisition Corp., an Exchange Act fully reporting company.

The merger was effected in lieu of the intended acquisition of Epilogue Corp., in consideration of Barhill's longer reporting history and recent current filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission, Ketchum-based Aqua Vie said.

"I am delighted that Aqua Vie has finally achieved the objective of becoming a fully reporting company. Coincidentally, this was achieved after a successful production run in late August, which utilized the new tubular and AVBC water formulas," Gillespie said.

The company expects the "E" to be removed from its stock symbol, and the combined entity intends to apply for trading of its common stock on the Nasdaq as soon as practicable.

Albertson's Inc. declares quarterly dividend

BOISE - Albertson's Inc.'s (NYSE: ABS) board of directors declared a regular quarterly cash dividend of 18 cents per share. The dividend will be payable Nov. 10 to stockholders of record Oct. 15.

The Boise-based retail food-drug chain operates more than 2,400 retail stores in 38 states across the United States, including ones in Burley and Twin Falls.

Arbitrator orders J.C. Penney to pay \$533,000

PLANO, Texas - An arbitrator has ordered J.C. Penney Co. to pay fired executive Kay Baker \$533,000 in accrued stock options and compensatory damages, ending a three-year legal battle.

The arbitrator also ordered Penney, which had accused Baker of altering sales figures to inflate her annual bonus, to change her firing from a "summary" or for-cause, dismissal to a "disciplinary" dismissal. That would remove all references to the alleged wrongdoing from her personnel file.

The arbitrator dismissed Baker's claim of defamation against Penney, a retail chain with department stores in Burley and Twin Falls.

"I feel that I've won a tremendous moral victory," Baker said Tuesday after disclosing the 5-week-old ruling. "Would I do anything any differently? Absolutely not."

In a written statement, Penney said the arbitrator upheld Baker's dismissal, though he also ordered the company to change the terms under which she was let go.

"Kay Baker was given a full hearing of her claims under Penney's arbitration program," the company said. "We have abided by the arbitrator's decision in all respects."

Compiled from staff and wire reports



POWER Engineers' Bruce Truxal, left, superintendent John Reagle and grade checker Jim Byrd, right, put their heads together Wednesday to discuss the best approach to take during construction of the new St. Luke's Wood River Medical Center south of Ketchum.

Valley rises with hospital

St. Luke's Wood River Medical Center construction boosts local economy

By Barb Nelwert
Times-News correspondent

KETCHUM - One of the largest construction projects to come to the Wood River Valley has created a huge opportunity for local contractors to showcase their expertise and services.

At the same time, the local economy is getting a boost. As the steel framework is molded to blend with its mountain setting, St. Luke's Wood River Medical Center is taking shape south of Ketchum. Total cost for the new facility is \$30 million, including land, construction, equipment and supplies. Of that amount, roughly \$20 million is construction costs. And businesses in the Wood River Valley and Magic Valley have garnered about a \$4 million piece of the

pie, or 20 percent of the total construction cost.

"The majority, if not all, of the subcontractors are Idaho-based companies," said Bill Bodnar, vice president of corporate development for St. Luke's. "We've traditionally found competitive bids without going outside of Idaho."

Competitive bids, knowledge, expertise and performance are the main factors the St. Luke's Community Council looked for when awarding bids for the hospital.

"The donors, as well as St. Luke's, very much want to see a high-quality facility that's built at a fair cost," Bodnar said. While St. Luke's has hired more than half of its contractors from the Wood River Valley and at least one from the Magic Valley, the remainder of the 25 subcontractors have come from other commu-

nities, including St. Luke's own construction-management company.

Sometimes the local contractors don't have the manpower, time or expertise to do the job, Bodnar said. From a business standpoint, that requires awarding work to others.

However, there is a qualified pool of businesses to choose from locally, and the hospital has awarded bids to many local contractors.

POWER Engineers of Hailey is responsible for all of the environmental, civil, mechanical, electrical and structural engineering during design of the hospital, and it is supervising construction of the project. Architects from McLaughlin and Associates of Ketchum worked with a national hospital design firm to localize

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Labor Day puts employees under microscope

By Dana Kunde
The Dallas Morning News

Labor Day used to be a time for picnics, raffles and speeches. Still is, in some quarters.

These days, though, it has also become a time to put the American worker under a microscope. Studies and surveys get unfurled on the week before the holiday like flags at a union parade.

"What we have here is a realization that in the information-age, high-technology economy, we're more reliant on the knowledge and skills of our workforce to expand that economy. That's one reason" for the scrutiny, said Carl E. Van Horn, professor and director of the John J. Heldrich Center for Workforce Development at Rutgers University.

The second is that, in a tight labor market, it becomes incumbent on employers to focus on the needs and concerns of indi-

Businesses work to understand U.S. workers

vidual workers," he said. "Now, one would hope employers are always like that. But they're not perfect, none of us are. Let's say there's a highlighting, each interest group and business that studies the 139 million-member U.S. labor force has its own focus. With that caveat, here are some of the more interesting findings to emerge this Labor Day."

The AFL-CIO hired pollster Peter D. Hart Research Associates to survey younger workers, ages 18 through 34. Some of the findings should send a red flag to employers and policy-makers. (Hart Research says the margin for error in this national survey of 752 young workers is plus or minus 4 percentage points.) Young workers still subscribe to the

American Dream, more so than their older counterparts, the survey found. Fifty-eight percent agreed with the statement that "with education and hard work, you can do well and get ahead," while 35 percent said hard work wasn't

enough anymore because employers aren't loyal. Those numbers were 42 percent and 51 percent, respectively, for a comparable group of older workers.

And 54 percent said they would probably or definitely join a union, up from 47 percent in a 1996 survey.

Rutgers University focused the fourth in its series of worker surveys on the political season. It found Americans are generally happy with their work, especially about the content of their jobs and the workers who labor next to them. Ninety-

one percent of employees surveyed as part of ongoing research at Rutgers reported being satisfied with their jobs - about the same as the 90 percent who answered that way in a year-ago survey.

Republican candidate George W. Bush led the presidential pack in this representative survey of 1,000 adult workers. Thirty-two percent of workers said they vote for him, as opposed to 23 percent for Vice President Al Gore. The survey has a 3 percent plus or minus margin of error.

Workers strongly supported increasing the minimum wage from \$5.15 to \$6.15, a position much more identified with the Democratic party. Eighty-three percent of workers in the Rutgers survey supported the increase, up from 65 percent in an earlier poll. Seventy-six percent of the young workers surveyed by the AFL-CIO wanted the minimum wage raised.

More workers than ever are apparently finding that the best boss is themselves. The staffing firm Aquent, formerly MacTemp Inc., estimates 24 percent of

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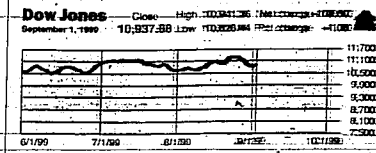
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Dow closes higher for the first time in a week

NEW YORK (AP) - Technology issues lent some strength to Wall Street Wednesday, driving most stocks higher and helping the Dow Jones industrial average to its first advance in a week.

The Dow rose 108.60 to 10,937.88 after having lost 496.76 over the previous four sessions. The index had not closed higher since last Wednesday, when it rose 42.74 to an all-time high of 11,262.04.

Broader stock indicators also gained Wednesday. The Standard & Poor's 500 rose 10.66 to 1,331.07, and the Nasdaq composite index was up 11.45 to 2,750.80.

Intel was among the high-tech issues to receive a market that has sagged under interest rate concerns. The chip maker, up 1.25 to 83 7/16, led the Nasdaq and was among the strongest components of the S&P 500 as it unveiled a new microprocessor intended for use in devices that route information across the Internet.

Analysts said the development raised expectations that the Internet boom will feed continued growth at computer companies. Analysts also noted that the growth of e-commerce is expected to continue, with some analysts predicting that it will reach 2.7 billion dollars by the end of the year.

But analysts remained somewhat skeptical about how strong the market really is, with summer volatility and continued worries about higher interest rates combining to keep many investors on the sidelines.

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the workforce, or 33 million people, for themselves. The workforce is still growing, but at a slower rate than in previous years, with many workers in the 50 and older age group.

Demographically, the two groups are very similar. The thing that splits the two groups is this: In the younger group, the spirit of the age is inherent in the lifestyle, said Bernhardt.

Bernhardt Whitman, who led the research effort by polling firms PennShaw & Heffland, said that the younger group is more likely to be in the workforce, and that the older group is more likely to be in the workforce.

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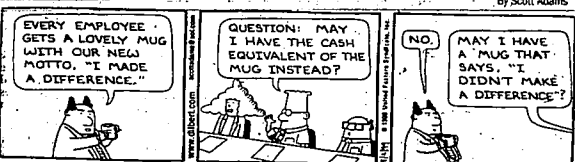
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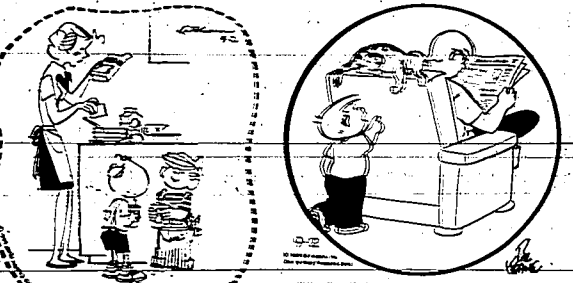


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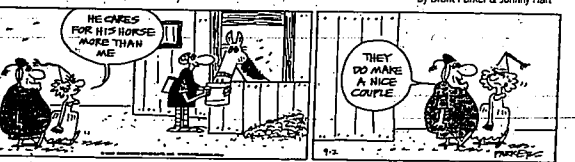
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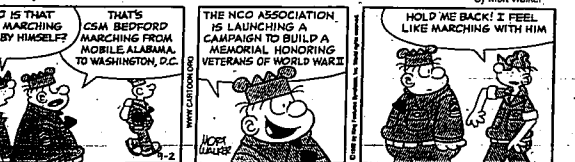
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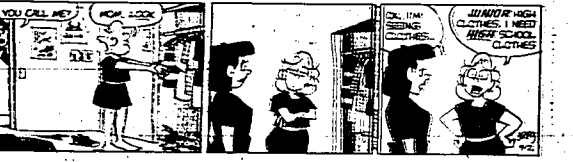
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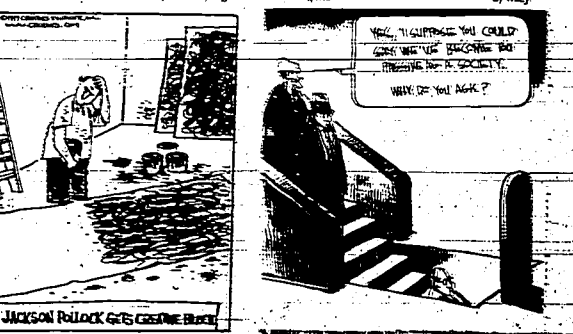


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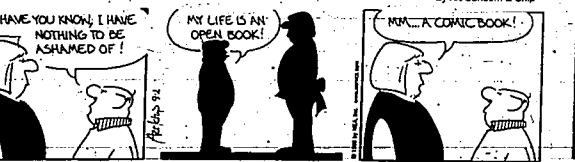
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COMMUNITY

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Scrvng the Magic Valley

Rodeo royalty

Wagon Days crowns queen, teen queen

KETCHUM - New Wagon Days royalty will be crowned at the festivities to be held Labor Day weekend in Ketchum.

The Wagon Days Queen and Teen Queen were chosen Aug. 28 in preparation for the annual event. Melissa Sullivan of Jerome was chosen Wagon Days Queen and Jan Wally Studer of Rupert was chosen the Teen Queen after judging for horsemanship at the Sawtooth Arena in Idaho and interviews at the Ketchum Kentwood Lodge.

Erin Murphy of Castleford received the award for Miss Congeniality. Melissa Sullivan won the horsemanship award and Shannon Williams of Boise won the Mayor's Speech Award. Six contestants competed in the all-day affair, with four vying for queen, and two competing in the teen queen category.

Judges were Blaine County residents Lee Ann Ferris and Will Norvall, and Johanna Verwerk, a Magic Valley resident. The day's competition was hosted by outgoing Queen Meghan Tanner, now of St. George, Utah, and Sarah Sullivan, Teen Queen of Jerome, who also is Melissa Sullivan's younger sister. Miss Rodeo Idaho Selbi Ann Borad of Hailey also assisted at the event.

Miss Sullivan is the 20-year-old daughter of Barry and Carolyn Sullivan of Jerome. She is a junior at Boise State University, pursuing a dual major in elementary education and secondary mathematics. Sullivan is also an honor student, who received dean's list honors.



Michelle Studer

Sullivan also was the 1997 valedictorian at Jerome High School, and was recognized four times in Who's Who of American High School Students, and received the National Mathematics, Scholastic, and Leadership Award. Her hobbies include rodeo, showing, riding horses, playing the flute and piano and reading.

Studer is the 16-year-old daughter of Jan and Wally Studer of Rupert. Studer's hobbies include swimming, snow skiing, playing the piano, reading and riding horses. She is an active member of Mane Attraction, a local 4-H Club, and the Idaho State Horse Showing Association. She is also a member of the high school Pep Band, varsity bowling team, Ski Club, M Club, and National Honor Society at Minnie High School.



Erin Murphy



Shannon Williams

awarded to the queen and teen queen, incorporating the Wagon Days logo into the design. Queen Melissa Sullivan also won a saddle, on display at Silverado Western Wear until Saturday and Studer won a horse blanket and hood.

Ketchum's Wagon Days royalty will be officially crowned at the Bullrider's Rodeo on Friday at the Sawtooth Arena in Hailey. They will appear on KTVE, Channel 7, Saturday morning with Larry Gebbert at the Papoose Club Flapjack Breakfast, and ride in the Wagon Days Parade at 1 p.m. Saturday. The royalty will appear a second time Saturday night at the Rodeo. Wendy Jaquet, Wagon Days coordinator for the city of Ketchum, commended the quality of applicants for this year's events, and thanked the judges, reigning royalty, and staff members, Amber Nielson and Mary Fauth at the Sun Valley/Ketchum Chamber of Commerce, for their work and dedication to the event.

WORKING FOR HISTORY



Above, Norman Dayley lays new tile in the general store at the Cassia County Historical Museum. Dayley's effort followed his restoration of hospital chairs at the museum. Below, Weldon Beck gathered children from his neighborhood to help chip old tile off the floor of the Cassia County Historical Museum's general store. The group is, from left to right, front row: Kaci Carpenter, Koby Carpenter, Kord Carpenter and Kade Carpenter; and back row: Sam Barress and Beck. The Cassia County Historical Society's annual membership dinner begins at 6 p.m. on Thursday at the Cassia County Historical Museum. Tickets for the dinner are \$11 and reservations should be made before Friday. Annual dues are \$8.50 for an individual or \$12.50 for a family. For more information or reservations, call the museum at 678-7172.

THANK YOU LETTERS

Business makes hit with scoreboard donations

The city of Twin Falls Parks and Recreation Department would like to thank Coca-Cola Bottling Co. for the donation of two new scoreboards at Frontier Field and for Twin Falls Sign Co.'s donation of the installation costs. I would also like to thank the Magic Valley Church League for getting this project started in the first place.

DENNIS J. BOWERY
Parks and Recreation Specialist
Twin Falls

Clinic staff members make deep impression on patient

I recently returned from a short stay at the Twin Falls Clinic and I'd like to give the nurses and staff my sincere thanks for the wonderful care and kindness they gave me.

Every person with whom I had any contact made a deep impression on me with their genuine concern for the patient.

ELLWOOD R. WERRY
Shoshone

Newspaper provides hints, ideas, strategies for classroom

To Denise Turner:

Thank you for making my Times-News internship valuable. With each experience, I came away with hints,

ideas and strategies that can be incorporated into my classroom. I am going to use modified versions of the "weekly planning meeting" and "centerpiece planner" to promote quality interaction between student and teacher. And ... because I had a chance to be a writer again, I will be a better teacher of writing.

The professionalism and commitment to quality that is displayed by The Times-News is impressive. Your willingness and interest in improving education is greatly appreciated.

TAMI MAHLKE
Twin Falls

Teen-agers commit act of kindness at county fair

The Jerome American Legion Post 46 wishes to thank those teen-agers who were so helpful to one of our members in helping to unload his pickup at our booth at the Jerome County Fair. It is wonderful to see such a kind act.

ROD TATE
Commander
American Legion Post 46
Jerome

Contributors help lawn, garden show bloom into success

Junior Club of Twin Falls would like to thank the community for making the Lawn and Garden Show successful. Proceeds will go to the Twin Falls

Library Foundation

Thanks to Dave Duhaime and Joyce Ballard, J. Francis and Betsy Florence, Kevin and Debbie Kraal, Chad and Jennifer Colvin, Gary and Debbie Koutnik, and Bill and Michele Merritt for allowing us to use their homes; the individuals from the Twin Falls Library Foundation who donated their time; Gary Koutnik and Bill Merritt did great on their presentations; Richard Kelley and Kelley Garden Center for their support and the peaches. Thanks again.

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SHERRY KELLEY
Event Chairman
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CSI offers courses on Spanish, dolls, computers

WENDELL - Conversation Spanish, creating a porcelain baby doll and honing computer skills are among the courses offered through the College of Southern Idaho North Side Center.

Conversational Spanish instructor Eldora Miller will teach proper pronunciation and basic vocabulary, how to recognize and use common words and basic phrases and how to answer simple questions. The class will meet on Wednesdays from 7-9 p.m. from Sept. 22 to Nov. 10 at the Wendell High School. The cost is \$50 plus the book.

Creating porcelain dolls, taught by Shirley Peterson, will guide students through the complete process of making dolls, from the cleaning, firing, and painting the greenware to making the body and adding the special features that make your doll

unique. The class will meet on Thursdays from 6:30-9:30 p.m. starting Sept. 23 through Oct. 28 at the Idaho School for the Deaf and Blind in Gooding. The cost is \$50 plus supplies, many of which may be purchased from the instructor.

Computer repair and upgrading provides advanced knowledge of the workings of your computer. Instructor Jerry Allen will teach you how to diagnose hardware and software problems, install and delete software, find and update drivers via the Internet, install peripherals, and maintain the system. The fee for this non-credit course is \$30 and pre-registration is required.

The class will meet on Thursday evening Sept. 23 and 30 from 6:30-9:30 p.m. at the Wendell High School. For information, call 934-9678.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Snake River Astronomy Association meets at library

JEROME - The Snake River Astronomy Association meets at 8 p.m. Tuesday at the Jerome Public Library. The association meets the first Tuesday of every month at the Jerome Public Library. Participants are asked to use the back entrance. The October meeting will be at 7:30 p.m. For more information, call Patty Bryant at 324-2678, or e-mail at pbryant@mspiclink.com, or SRAA@mag.ictlink.com.

University of Nebraska alumni, fans gather for games

TWIN FALLS - Area alumni and fans of the University of Nebraska Cornhusker football team are meeting during football season at the Pressbox, 1749 Kimberly Rd. in Twin Falls.

Interested parties can meet for the 10 a.m. kickoff this Saturday, as the Huskers match up against Iowa.

Jerome County Historical Society announces membership meeting

JEROME - The Jerome County Historical Society is having a general membership meeting at 7:30 p.m. Thursday in the Jerome Civic Club Memorial Library.

For more information, call 324-5641.

Mini-Cassia Homeschool Group hosts picnic Friday at park

BURLEY - The Mini-Cassia Homeschool Group will host an opening social at 6 p.m. on Friday at Neptune Park in Rupert.

Participants should bring a family picnic supper. New members are welcome to join the

Gooding County Senior Citizens serve up breakfast Saturday

GOODING - The Gooding County Senior Citizens Center will serve breakfast from 7:30-10 a.m. Saturday at the center, 308 Senoak Ave.

The menu includes coffee, eggs, sausage, pancakes, biscuits, gravy, juice and milk. The cost is \$2.50.

A flea market will be held from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sept. 10, and starting at 9 a.m. Sept. 11. Household items, soup, salad, homemade cinnamon rolls, and beverages will be available, and individuals can rent space to display and sell their wares.

The center also hosts bingo every Friday night at 6:30 p.m. The public is invited to attend.

For more information, call the senior center at 934-5504.

FOCUS ON PEOPLE

Brother earns master degree; sister receives college honors

RAND Stover, son of Paul and Kathy Stover of Twin Falls, and the grandson of Rosie Stover and Betty Anderson of Ketchum, was awarded a master of science degree in sports pedagogy on Aug. 6, from the Kinesiology Department at Louisiana State University, in Baton Rouge, La.

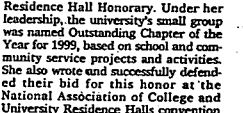
Stover is an athletic trainer and sports medicine specialist for the Greater Flint Sports Medicine Clinic. He and his wife, Andrea, live in Fenton, Mich. He is a 1993 graduate of Twin Falls High School.

His sister, Nikki Stover, received several honors at the University of Utah in Salt Lake City where she is a senior. She was chosen as a delegate to the Intermountain Association of College and University Residence Halls conference in Flagstaff, Ariz. and selected to represent the university at the Golden Key National Honor Society leadership conference in Seattle in March.

Nikki Stover also was inducted into Alpha Epsilon Delta, the premedical, honor society and served as president of the university chapter of the National



Rand Stover



Nikki Stover

Residence Hall Honorary. Under her leadership, the university's small group was named Outstanding Chapter of the Year for 1999, based on school and community service projects and activities. She also wrote and successfully defended their bid for this honor at the National Association of College and University Residence Halls convention in La Crosse, Wis. in May.

She was also named as a national executive board member for the organization. She served as the university student host for two years and was named the outstanding student host for 1998-1999. Stover is a 1996 graduate of Twin Falls High School.

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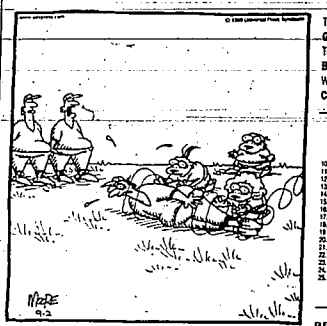
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IN THE BLEACHERS By Steve Moore



"Once Scott learns to deal with the motion sickness, he'll be an excellent role model for the kids."

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For many ump's, it's 'Yer out'

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — For 22 umpires, baseball's final message to them Wednesday was "Yer out!"

Effective today, 22 of baseball's 68 umpires will lose their jobs, stemming from their union's failed attempt earlier this summer to try to force an early start to negotiations for a new labor contract.

The union couldn't prevent their terminations but reached an agreement with baseball Wednesday night that guarantees them full pay and benefits for the rest of the year and their right to try to win their jobs back in arbitration.

In addition, owners agreed that all umpires on staff as of Friday — there will be 71 of them — are entitled to a postseason bonus, an amount that totals \$1.42 million for 71 umpires.

In exchange, the umpires dropped their court fight and agreed to accept practice charges against baseball.

The Football Forecast



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Oakley at Murtaugh	Murtaugh	Oakley	Murtaugh	Murtaugh	Murtaugh
Hillcrest at Jerome	Hillcrest	Jerome	Jerome	Jerome	Jerome
Minico at Pocatello	Pocatello	Pocatello	Pocatello	Pocatello	Minico
Hagerman at Wendell	Hagerman	Hagerman	Hagerman	Hagerman	Hagerman
Dietrich at Carey	Carey	Carey	Carey	Carey	Carey
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Utah at Wash. State	Wash. St.	Utah	Wash. St.	Wash. St.	Utah
Notre Dame at Michigan	Michigan	Michigan	Notre Dame	Michigan	Notre Dame
Seattle at Indianapolis	Seattle	Seattle	Seattle	Indianapolis	Seattle
Jacksonville at Dallas	Dallas	Jacksonville	Dallas	Dallas	Jacksonville
San Francisco at Denver	S.F.	S.F.	Denver	S.F.	S.F.
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Selections are made by Times-News sports-writers Darren Clow, Jeff Rosen, Kevin Hall, Matt Peterson, Vin Coppello and John Don. Each week we will randomly select 10 local high school football games, and pick five games of local and regional interest from the NCAA and NFL.

SPORTS IN BRIEF

Camas County sweeps Shoshone

DIETRICH — The visiting Camas County Mustangs swept a series of two close games Wednesday in a 4-4 Northside sub-division volleyball, beating Dietrich 15-8, 15-13.

"We started pretty tired," said Dietrich coach Trevor Wilson, "but was a growing experience, and it's something that we will learn from."

The Blue Devils (1-3) travel to Richfield next Tuesday. JV score: Dietrich led, Camas County 16-4, 15-2.

Local runners compete in Hood to Coast relay

TWIN FALLS — The Twin Falls Hood to Coast relay team of Kent Ains, Armand Eckert, Dave King, Lisa Lindstrom, Kacie Lucas, Tom Lucas, Jamie Martin, Scott McClure, Jim McDonald, Larry Spencer, Byron Stutzman and Heidi Stutzman finished 25th at 1,000 teams in the Aug. 27-28 event.

The 12-person team completed the 135-mile race in 26 hours, 2 minutes and 15 seconds. Beginning Friday afternoon at Mt. Hood, the team ran through the night, finishing in Seaside, Ore., Saturday evening.

Arizona golfer hits hole-in-one at Chandler

TWIN FALLS — Fourteen-year-old Chad Wigington of Chandler, Ariz., made his first hole-in-one on the par-3, 129-yard No. 3 with an 8-iron at Chandler Golf Course.

Todd Wigington witnessed the shot.

Canyon Springs holds final fun night

TWIN FALLS — The Canyon Springs Men's Golf Association will hold its final fun night of the year tonight with a two-man Champion with add money by the Association.

Play will start at 5:30. For more information, call the pro shop at 734-7609.

Rupert C.C. holds best-ball

RUPERT — Steve Studer, Bob McClain, Denny Stumpson and Glenn Kelsey shot a 134 this weekend to win the Rupert Country Club's Four Person Best-ball by one stroke over Chandler Grassens, Charlie Warren, Ron Jones and Alan Goodman.

The first flight went to Ah Heine, Rich Blincoe, Kendall James and Jim Larsen at 252, one stroke ahead of Doug Bailey, Jeff Barn, Lyle Uzoala and Chuck Jones.

The second flight went to Bill Bacon, Ted Berg, Jim Kelley and Ken Martuch with a 163, four strokes ahead of Ted Sumfard, Brenda Sanford and Rick and Laura Jolley.

There will be a scotch-ball nine-hole tournament Friday at 9-45 p.m. and a men's day Saturday at 9 a.m.

Entry fee in Friday's tournament includes pizza and salad following golf.

For more information, call Bob Lantz at 436-9568.

Boise Hawks honor little leaguers

BOISE — The South Central Boise Little League All-Stars will be the guests of honor at Friday's Boise Hawks-Everest Aquas Sea game.

The All-Stars, who went 1-2 at this week's Little League World Series in Williamsport, Pa., will be honored on the field prior to the game and will be treated to a barbecue with their families. There will also be awards of memorabilia from the series, the Boise Hawks and the Anaheim Angels.

Tickets for the six-day, seven-game homestead can be purchased at the Memorial Stadium box office or by phone at 325-5000.

Compiled from staff and wire reports.

Stakes are higher for Michigan vs. Notre Dame

Night Rider News Service



CHICAGO — By the time Bo Schembechler stepped down as Michigan's athletic director in 1990, he had come to wonder whether playing Notre Dame every year was such a bright idea.

It certainly hadn't helped Schembechler's career winning percentage as a head coach — he went 4-6 against the Fighting Irish and 190-423 against everyone else. His own record notwithstanding, Schembechler thought it was difficult to play such an emotionally draining game before the Big Ten season opened.

"There are only so many games where you can really get your team up to a fever pitch," Schembechler told an interviewer in "Natural Enemies," a book on the ND-Michigan rivalry. "I don't know whether it's in the

best interests of Michigan, because Michigan should be rotating to Iowa, or Michigan State, or Ohio State. Those games are much more important to have to be otherwise drop out of the conference. What if you beat Notre Dame and lose the conference title? What have you done?"

Flash forward nearly a decade. One of Schembechler's assistants, Lloyd Carr, is running the Wolverines and he wants to win the Big Ten title every bit as much as his gruff mentor did. But there has been a subtle shift in Michigan's priorities since the Big Ten joined the Bowl Championship Series last year.

That move freed the conference champion to play for the national title.

The stakes already were fairly high in this bitter and storied rivalry between the school with the most victories in college football history (Michigan: 786) against the school with the highest winning percentage (Notre Dame: 757).

But the BCS has raised the ante for the seventh-ranked Wolverines as they prepare to meet No. 16 Notre Dame on Saturday in Ann Arbor.

"Times are different," said Indiana coach Cam Cameron, a member of the Michigan staff from 1984 to 1993. "Bo's thinking was always: the Big Ten championship was the goal and he wanted to prepare the team for that. You could go 0-3 in non-conference and still win the Big Ten championship."

"Now you have the implica-

tions of the Bowl Championship Series. Yeah you have to win the Big Ten. But you also probably have to win your three or four non-conference games to have a shot at the national title."

Carr led the Wolverines to the No. 1 ranking in the AP (media) poll in 1997, the last year before the Big Ten joined the BCS. After celebrating a national title, a conference championship can seem a mere door prize. But it might be the only reward left for Michigan if it loses to the Irish.

"I was telling someone the other day (that) one of the downsides of this rivalry is that it probably precludes at some point these teams from ever meeting in a national title game," Carr said. "That would be something really special. But a loss, as we all know, puts you very much at a disadvantage in terms of winning the national title."

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U of I hits road with I-A hopes

By Staff Writer Susan Sarver

SEATTLE — For the University of Idaho, the road to the big time was a 9-mile stretch of carry, two-wheel drive.

It begins in Moscow, home of the Idaho Vandals, and ends in Pullman, at Washington State's Martin Stadium.

With Idaho administrators, coaches, players, alumni and fans alike, the link pays off in its permanent NCAA Division I-A status for the Vandals. They are operating as an temporary I-A member of the Big West Conference on a waiver granted by the NCAA.

In addition, the I-A status, the Vandals must secure a Division I-A minimum of 17,000 fans for home football games for one season or play in a 30,000-seat stadium and average 17,000 once every four years. Because their stadium, the indoor Kibbie Dome, has a capacity of 16,000, something had to be done.

What Idaho did was rent WSP's 37,600-seat Martin Stadium for its four home games for \$200 per game, plus expenses. One of these "home" games is Sept. 18 against WSU, meaning the Cougars will go on the road, not off, to play in their home stadium.

Idaho's other home games are against North Texas on Oct. 9, Utah State on Oct. 23 and Boise State on Nov. 20. The Oct. 9 game will begin at 6 p.m. and is the highlight of an annual Fallfest. The other two are WSU plays. Shattower, Louisiana at 1 p.m.

the same day. Meeting the attendance goal won't be easy. The Vandals averaged 13,289 fans in four home games at the Kibbie Dome in a season in which they went 9-3, won the Big West championship and beat Southern Mississippi in the Humanitarian Bowl.

A key element of this season's ticket-selling plan is a "12th Man" promotion, the goal of which is the sale of 20,000 individual tickets. If the goal is met, that would leave 48,000 tickets to be sold in more conventional ways.

Kathy Clark, senior associate athletic director, said the "12th Man" effort through mid-August had generated sales of 15,000 tickets, primarily to corporations and fans in southern Idaho unable to travel to the games but willing to help.

Idaho's move to Division I-A began in 1996, the year after it left the Division I-AA Big Sky Conference for the Big West. It was a move dictated, in part, by Idaho's need to keep pace with rival Boise State, also a Big West member.

"There were issues within the state in terms of state politics, just like in the state of Washington," Clark said. "To have the Huskies and Cougars operating in different spheres probably, from either of their perspectives, wouldn't be a particularly palatable situation."

"We have a similar situation with respect to Boise State and Idaho. Just like the Huskies and

Cougars, Boise State is in a geographic setting with a set of circumstances that lends itself a lot easier to large crowds compared to us."

Because being a Division I-A school requires more money, Idaho is playing a series of "money" games on the road.

The Vandals lost at Louisiana State 53-20 last year, but came away with a big paycheck. They open their 1999 season against I-AA Eastern Washington tonight in Spokane, then play at Auburn on Sept. 11. They play games at Washington and West Virginia next year, at Arizona and Arkansas in 2001 and at Washington and Oregon in 2002.

The future? Achieving the home-attendance minimum is the Vandals' No. 1 goal.

Down the road, their alliance with the Big West appears doomed. Nevada is leaving the seven-school league after this season. That move is expected to be followed by the league deciding to drop football in favor of a basketball conference.

"We're not ready to hold the funeral (for the Big West) but obviously there are challenges in front of us," Clark said.

A recent meeting in New Orleans could result in Big West members Boise State, Utah State, New Mexico State, Arkansas State, North Texas and Idaho joining Southwestern Louisiana, Louisiana Tech, Middle Tennessee State and Northeast Louisiana in forming a 10-team Sun Belt football conference.

A-1 looks to take it south

The Times-News

The last time a District 4 school won the Class A-1, Div. I state football championship was the 12th of never.

In the lifetimes of many of the players that will be contending this year's titles, the only times the Magic Valley has ever seen those trophies are when they're passing through on their way to Boise or Pocatello.

Cross-town rivals Highland and Pocatello have combined to win nine of the last 12 state championships, with the other three going to Centennial and Capital.

District 4 is just as represented among Div. II champions, where the list is a little more diversified — but still no Magic Valley. Eagle won its first title last season, beating out three other semifinalists who were looking for their first state title. Idaho Falls and Skyline have four titles each — the Tigers stopped the Grizzlies' three-peat attempt in 1987; the Grizzlies did the same to Idaho Falls in 1992.

This year, the four Magic Valley teams hope to stop reading the record books and start entering them: Burley is off to a good start with an 18-0 whipping of Hillcrest, but that was the Bobcats' first win since Oct. 10, 1997 and building a tradition might take longer than building a new gym.

Minico is still testing the waters in Div. I, and Twin Falls has brand new jobs to take on old hat foes Highland and Centennial. A coach is making a return to Jerome, and the Tigers hope to make a run at the playoffs.

Burley Bobcats
Coach: Art Roper, 3rd year
1998 record: 0-9

Key players: sr. QB Jake Thomas, jr. RB Tyler Bell, jr. RB Kody Hill, sr. RB Casey Aldrich, sr. WR Tim Ulrich, sr. WR Adam Hope, sr. WR Richie Evans, sr. WR Kent Jensen, sr. WR Preston Otte, jr. G Matt Beck, jr. G Jeremy Horton, sr. T Bret Felton, sr. OL/DL Chris Freese, G Reggie VanTassel, sr. G

Fall sports preview



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

Brady Nicholls, sr. OL/DL Jonathan Price, sr. OT/DE Troy Holland, sr. OL/DL Dave Bartolome, jr. TE/DE Chad Koval, jr. TE Seth Robins, jr. TE Josh Garza.

Outlook: The Bobcats went winless last season, then beefed up their training facilities in the offseason. Roper immediately had the players in the weight room at zero hour and kept them there through summer morning lifting sessions. It paid off last week as Burley won its opener, 18-0 over Hillcrest, behind tailback-turned-quarterback Jake Thomas, who threw a 42-yard strike to Tim Ulrich and a 16-yard touchdown to Seth Robins, and a Bobcat defense that allowed under 100 total yards. Coach says "If we're not going to be the biggest school in Div. II, we'd better be the strongest."

Jerome Tigers

Coach: Eric Anderson, 1st year
1998 record: 2-7

Returning starters: sr. QB Joe Atkin (6-0, 160), sr. RB Jim Shockey (5-10, 155), sr. WR Casey Bauer (5-10, 155), sr. T Darryl Hutchison (5-11, 210), G Paul Stewart (6-1, 300), sr. LB Zach Schaffler (6-0, 185), sr. LB Cody Brigham (6-0, 170), sr. LB Andrew Bradley (5-7, 160), sr. DB Jonathan Roberts (5-9, 150). Others: sr. RB DJ Perry (5-10, 155), sr. RB Alma Buhler (5-9, 180), sr. WR Todd Cahps (6-3, 175), sr. TE Sam Dickson (6-3, 200), jr. T Ryan Nixon (5-10, 185), jr. G Tomas Hernandez (6-0, 210), jr. C Ryan Diehl (6-1,

215), jr. DL Ryan Eryngaza (5-11, 215), jr. DL Thomas Betts (5-10, 185), sr. DB Terrence Glass (5-8, 170), jr. DB Blake Thompson (5-11, 170), jr. P Dusty Allison (6-0, 195).

Outlook: The junior class did an excellent job with conditioning and weight training in the summer, and Anderson, who last coached the Tigers in 1992, hopes it should set the example for the underclassmen. The Tigers have speed at running back but the skill positions lack size and depth — only two varsity players and 20 junior varsity players.

Coach says "Convincing the team they can play with anybody in the A-1 Division II ranks will be the coaching staff's hardest job."

Minico Spartans

Coach: Tom Perrigo, 4th year
1998 record: 2-7

Returning starters: sr. RB/K Jared Price, sr. RB/LB Bill Wrigley, jr. WR Sejar Scott, sr. T Derek Kutz, sr. T Salvador Delacruz, sr. G Joe Sibbert, sr. DL Matt Smith, sr. DL Aaron Canmull, sr. DB K.C. Gosola. Others: jr. QB John McKenna, jr. RB Brandon Gee, sr. WR Blake Smith, jr. WR/JF Josh Bartolome, jr. TE Jacob Martin, jr. TE Ryan Rucker, jr. T Adam Cox, jr. T Ethan Railey, jr. T Derek Torix, jr. C Cody Cooper, sr. DL Brian Gee, jr. DL Dirk Torix, jr. DL Jacob Zamka, jr. LB Zack Smith, jr. LB Justin Reed, jr. DB Cole Meiners, sr. DB Mike Berenger, sr. DB Aaron Hepworth, sr. DB Jason Conrad.

Outlook: The Spartans finished five games under 500 in their first season in Div. I against the largest schools in the state. Price was a workhorse in the backfield — and opponents weren't fooled. This year, Perrigo hopes to balance the running and passing games with a pair of quarterbacks, the senior Uscola and the junior McKenna.

Coach says "We should be able to put a lot of points on the board."

Mountain West teams face tough tests

The Associated Press

The Mountain West Conference could be accused of easing into its seasonal routine.

Sure, the league knows games such as South Florida and North Texas are on the schedule, but the

league will get its first chance to make a strong statement Saturday when Wyoming travels to defending national champion Tennessee, and Colorado State faces No. 10 Cal State.

"We've got two national television games that are going to be live in front of 100,000 people. That's what it's all about," WAC Commissioner Craig Thompson said Wednesday.

"We're jumping right into it, real difficult situations. You might as well face the very best right out of the box."

Technically, the Mountain West's inaugural football game will be tonight as UNLV plays at North Texas.

The game will be another milestone in the short history of the WAC, which was formed last summer when eight schools — citing travel costs and the loss of regional rivalries — broke away from the 16-team Western Athletic Conference.

"I know the coaches are ready to go. The players are ready to go," Commissioner said. "We in the league office are anxious. We've

been planning and preparing for a long time to finally see some activity."

In other non-conference games Saturday, Villanova plays at Air Force, Utah travels to Washington State, South Florida is at San Diego State, and New Mexico visits WAC holdover Texas El Paso.

Brightman Young, picked to win the Mountain West title, is idle. The New Mexico-UTEP matchup is intriguing because UTEP was left behind when the eight Mountain West teams announced that summer they planned to leave the WAC-UTEP had been with the WAC for 30 years before the conference expanded to 16 teams.

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Cooper wants third WNBA championship for Perrot

NEW YORK (AP) — Cynthia Cooper looks to win her third WNBA championship for teammate Kim Perrot.

"It's extremely important," Cooper said. "I'm proud of the team and how they stuck together in tough times. It seems like every season it's something."

Perrot, who helped lead the Houston Comets to consecutive WNBA titles, died of lung and brain cancer on Aug. 19. Among those at her side was best friend and two-time MVP Cooper.

Cooper's mother, Mary, fought breast cancer during the last two WNBA seasons. She died in February, the same month that Perrot announced her diagnosis.

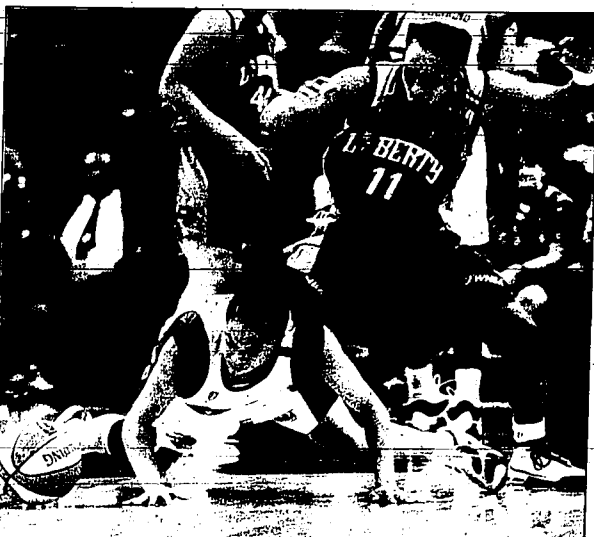
With heavy hearts, Perrot's Houston meets the New York Liberty in the best-of-three championship series that begins tonight at Madison Square Garden. Thoughts of Perrot are not far from the players' minds.

"Emotionally, we're OK," Cooper said. "We're not exactly where we ideally would want to be. It's been extremely tough. But this season we hung in there and came away with the best record in the WNBA. We're looking to win this championship."

The Comets finished the regular season 26-6 and defeated Los Angeles 2-1 in the Western Conference Finals. New York picked to finish fourth in the Eastern Conference, finished first with an 18-14 record and defeated Charlotte 2-1 in the playoffs.

The series is a rematch of the inaugural one-game 1997 WNBA championship, which the Comets won 65-51.

Houston coach Van Chancellor is looking forward to exciting front-court play. Cooper, the league's scoring leader for the third time with a 22.1 average, faces Teresa Weatherspoon, the two-time WNBA defensive player of the year.



Charlotte Sting's Dawn Staley loses the ball as New York Liberty's Teresa Witherspoon (11) towers over her in their WNBA playoff game Friday.

"It's Cooper, the ultimate offensive player, against Weatherspoon, the ultimate defensive player," Chancellor said. "It's a tremendous matchup. Both are the inspirational leaders of their teams: It's a matchup second to none."

The teams split two games this season, each winning at home. New York won 74-71 before 19,563 at Madison Square Garden on Aug. 8, holding the Comets to a WNBA low one offensive rebound.

The Liberty avenged an embarrassing 65-50 loss to Houston on July 3. New York scored just 15 points at halftime and set league records for futility in field goals

made (14) and shooting percentage (21.8).

The challenge for New York is to contain the Comets' "Big Three" of Cooper, Sheryl Swoopes and Tina Thompson. They averaged a combined \$2.6 points during the regular season.

"They all bring a problem, not just one," Weatherspoon said. "We just have to be ready for the Big Three. Houston is a totally different team than Charlotte. You can be up by 20 points, and it's not enough."

When Rebecca Lobo went down with a season-ending knee injury 42 seconds into the opener, the Liberty's future looked bleak. But veteran Sue Wicks and rookie

Tamika Whitmore went to work on the boards and Crystal Robinson, the Liberty's first-round pick, shot 43.7 percent from behind the arc.

Known for defense, the Liberty have shown offensive spark during the playoffs.

New York shot a playoff-record 55 percent in Game 2 against Charlotte and followed with a 54-percent performance on Monday. But the Liberty will have to overcome the emotional strength of the Comets, who are driven to win for Perrot.

"Even at the beginning of the season, we wanted to dedicate our season to Kim," Sheryl Swoopes said.

Sacramento's Griffith takes most valuable player award

NEW YORK (AP) — Yolanda Griffith of the Sacramento Monarchs completed a triple on Wednesday when she was selected the WNBA's Most Valuable Player.

She earlier won the Newcomer of the Year and Defensive Player awards.

Griffith beat out Sheryl Swoopes of the Houston Comets in the voting for the MVP award. She received 397 points and 23 first-place votes. Swoopes got 364 points and 15 first-place votes.

Swoopes' Houston teammate, Cynthia Cooper, the MVP the first two years of the league's existence, got 324 points and 13 first-place votes.

"Yolanda is a great person and an exceptional ball player," Cooper said. "She deserves it. She brought Sacramento back. They had never had a winning record and they made the playoffs. She plays both ends of the court."



Yolanda Griffith wins the MVP award

Griffith averaged league-best averages of 11.3 rebounds and 2.52 steals and also finished second in scoring (18.8 points a game) and field goal percentage (54.1).

The Monarchs, 8-22 last season, were 19-13 this season and lost to Los Angeles in the playoffs.

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Rockets get Francis under contract

HOUSTON (AP) — The Houston Rockets signed rookie guard Steve Francis to a contract Wednesday, five days after acquiring his rights from Vancouver in the largest trade in NBA history.

Francis, the second overall pick in the June draft, had refused to sign with the Grizzlies, setting in motion a three-team, 11-player trade. Houston made the deal under the presumption it would be able to get Francis under contract.

"I've been waiting for this opportunity to come for a long time," Francis told Houston television station KRIV. "I think I really worked hard to get myself into this position and no matter what the money, I'm still the type of person who loves to play basketball and have a love for the game."

Although terms were not disclosed, Francis is due a three-year contract worth about \$9 million under the rookie salary cap. The parameters of the deal would have been the same in Vancouver.

"Steve is a special player," Rockets coach Rudy Tomjanovich said. "I don't think you see a guy with his kind of talent come around often. We feel blessed to have the opportunity to bring him here and make him a big part of our future."

Francis joins a lineup of Scottie Pippen, Hakeem Olajuwon and Charles Barkley, although Barkley hasn't re-signed with Houston yet.

Earlier this week, Francis said that with those guys as his teammates he should lead the league in assists.

"If I don't ... something will be wrong," said Francis, Houston's projected starting point guard.

Along with Francis, Vancouver sent journeyman forward Tony Massenburg to Houston for forwards Othella Harrington and Antoine Carr and guards Michael Dickerson and Brent Price. The Rockets also gave the Grizzlies an undisclosed amount of cash plus a first-round draft pick over the next three years.

Orlando sent Don MacLean and a future first-round pick to

Houston in exchange for the Grizzlies' Michael Smith, Lee Mayberry, Rodrigue Rhodes and Makhtar Ndiaye. The Magic also dealt their 2002 second-round pick to Vancouver.

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PUBLISHED September 2, 1999

GRADUANCE NO. 2626
ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE MAYOR AND THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TWIN FALLS, IDAHO, VOTING TO REPEAL THE ORDINANCE...
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NAME: Home One, Inc., Industrial Supply, Inc., an Idaho corporation
ADDRESS: P.O. Box 576, Twin Falls, ID 83403-0576
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PARCEL II:
NAME: Walter E. Russell, a single man, and Wanda K. and Caroline K. Wall, husband and wife
ADDRESS: P.O. Box 466, Twin Falls, ID 83403-0466
A parcel of land located in the SE1/4 SW1/4 of Section 14, Township 10 South, Range 17 East, Boise Meridian, Twin Falls County, Idaho...

PARCEL III:
NAME: Stephen J. Hugin, an individual, LLC
ADDRESS: P.O. Box 466, Twin Falls, ID 83403-0466
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PARCEL IV:
NAME: Smith, H. Philips, a single man
ADDRESS: P.O. Box 466, Twin Falls, ID 83403-0466
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On Friday, the 17th day of DECEMBER, 1999, at the hour of 11:00 o'clock, A.M., I, said Trustee, will sell at public auction...

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Parcel 1: A parcel of land located in Lot 11 in ORCHALARA SUBDIVISION, according to the plat recorded in Book 1 of Plats, page 81, records of Twin Falls County, Idaho, more specifically described as follows: From the Southeast corner of said Lot 11, ORCHALARA SUBDIVISION, a distance of 249.54 feet on a bearing of North 03° 31' East to the POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE a distance of 204.36 feet on a bearing of North 03° 31' East;

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF TWIN FALLS
TO: John Muirhead
YOU HAVE BEEN NAMED as the biological father of a child born to Dawn Michelle and John Muirhead on July 29, 1999 in Dawn Michelle Brown at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls, Idaho.

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THE ACES ON BRIDGE

Bobby Wolff

The chess club was... they think of... they should not lose...

South was the first to reach... the small for establishing... the machine play...

What happens to the machine... plan in today's layout... the diamond queen...

To catch him, South... should lead his diamond five... instead of his queen...

ANSWER: Three hearts. It's... enough to make North to guess... South should pass only if he has...

IF YOU WANT THE FIRST... diamond... South has many... diamonds...

WEST ♠ 10 8 7 3 2
♥ J 9 8 7 6 5 4 3 2
♦ K Q 10 9 8 7
♣ A 5

EAST ♠ 5 4 3 2
♥ A J R T
♦ A J 2
♣ J 8 7 6

SOUTHS
♦ K Q 10
♥ A K 5 3
♦ A 5
♣ A J 2

North ♠
♥
♦
♣

South ♠
♥
♦
♣

AKNSWER: Three hearts. It's... enough to make North to guess... South should pass only if he has...

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FREE 1986 & Female Lab Chesapeake mix, 8 mo old. Call 734-0329

WHEELS & TIRES... one set... \$200. Used red decorative ground cover... \$200. Call 734-3404

MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS
ARTLEY Clarinet, \$200. Conn saxophone, \$400. Conn trumpet, \$400. Call 430-3892

CLARINET, Yamaha, purchased new, used 1 year. Call 544-5331

CLARINET, Yamaha, good condition, \$175.00. Electric piano, \$200. Call 738-7336

PIANO, Beautiful, walnut case, \$500/offer. Call 734-7381

SAXOPHONE, Bundy, great condition, \$500. Call 544-5366

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LABRADOR RETRIEVERS, AKC reg, yellow & black, \$200. Call 734-5853

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