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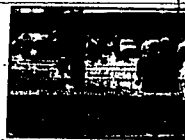
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Fires ravage Los Alamos

Blaze started as prescribed burn; lawmakers want to know why

The Associated Press

SANTA FE, N.M. — The fire that raged out of control and rolled into Los Alamos was the result of a major miscalculation by the National Park Service, and it could cost the government dearly.

It started Thursday, when the park service placed Roy Weaver, superintendent of Bandelier National Monument, on leave pending investigation of fire. While flames from the 18,000-acre blaze charred homes and forest Thursday — by some estimates, up to 400 homes, members

of Congress demanded a federal investigation and suggested the government consider compensating families who lost their homes and belongings.

The fire began when the Park Service set a "controlled burn" to clear brush near Bandelier National Monument, but high wind and dry weather caused it to grow. Just as the National Weather Service had warned might happen.

"Somebody made a mistake and obviously we have to find out who," Sen. Pete Domenici, R-

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A charred car sits in the driveway of the remains of a home in Los Alamos, N.M., early Thursday morning.

Out of control

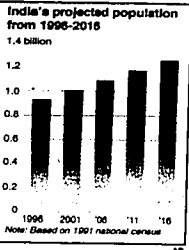
Swirling winds pushed a fiery inferno through abandoned Los Alamos Thursday, charring up to 400 homes and licking the boundaries of the Los Alamos nuclear laboratory. See page B5 for more on these stories.

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RIVER LANDING



Halley businessman Peter L. Sturdivant hopes to taxi his plane in his bay near his property on the Snake River in Hagerman. The idea doesn't fly with neighbors, who say the landing and takeoffs would pose a safety hazard and disrupt wildlife.



India greets its billionth resident

The Associated Press

NEW DELHI, India — A bouncing baby girl named Astha officially pushed India's population over the 1 billion mark Thursday. Her birth was greeted with both fanfare and concern over the nation's escalating growth rate.

Astha, "Faith" in Hindi — was born to Anjana and Ashok Arora at 5:05 a.m. Thursday, making India only the second nation after China to exceed a billion people.

With an estimated 4,200 births per day in India, it was impossible to know exactly where the billionth baby would be born, but the government staged the event as part of a public campaign to encourage Indians to have smaller families.

Astha, weighing, was wheeled out with her sari-clad mother just nine hours after she was born to face a crowd of government ministers and a horde of journalists at Safdarjung Hospital in the Indian capital. She weighed six pounds 13 ounces, doctors said.

"I feel fine," said the mother, Anjana, weak and overwhelmed by the chaotic reception. "I'm happy," said Ashok Arora, who works in an automotive spare parts shop for a salary of \$50 per month. "Don't rush the baby," Sumera Mahajan, the minister for women and child welfare, screamed as nearly 200 journalists swarmed over the mother's bed. Hospital guards climbed onto the father's bed and beat back the journalists with wooden truncheons.

Pilot's proposal hits turbulence

By N.S. Noldskovred
Times-News writer

HAGERMAN — A Halley businessman's request to land a small plane on the Snake River has landed him in troubled waters with neighbors.

Peter L. Sturdivant, 55, two

years ago bought some property along Billingsley Creek where it runs into the Snake River north of Hagerman. He hopes to be able to land on the river near his property and taxi into the 15-acre bay formed by the confluence of the creek and the river.

But his neighbors are concerned about the safety of boaters and wildlife.

"I can't comprehend how he thinks he can land safely with all the recreation, to say nothing of the wildlife," said Dina Yost, who lives nearby.

Sturdivant maintains that a small plane can safely land on

the river. It would be compatible with other users, and it's commonly done all across the country in places more congested than the Hagerman Valley, he said.

Federal aviation officials support that point.

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Coalition pushes landmark conservation bill

Proposal to buy open space passes House

Knight Ridder News Service

WASHINGTON — An unusual coalition of left and right pushed through the House of Representatives Thursday a landmark land conservation bill that would require the government to spend \$3 billion a year for the next 15 years to buy open spaces.

"It's the biggest commitment the Congress has made to the conservation of resources in, I don't know, 50 years," said Rep. George Miller, D-Calif., the bill's chief author along with Rep. Don Young, R-Alaska. "We've done a lot of regulatory things — clean air, clean water, cleaning up after

our mistakes — but this is forward-thinking."

Young, a staunch conservative who rarely agrees on environmental issues with the liberal Miller, said: "On a bipartisan basis this Congress has approved one of the most comprehensive conservation bills in decades."

Although the House passed the measure by more than a three-to-one margin, it still faces a fight in the Senate. There, some conservatives attack it as a land-grab and oppose committing \$3 billion a year for 15 years. Some liberals, meanwhile, contend it doesn't do enough, tolerates too much coastal road-building, and concedes too

Breakdown by state

Money that would be received by Western states under the \$3 billion-a-year Conservation and Reinvestment Act:

- Arizona, \$51,778,910
- California, \$324,256,887
- Colorado, \$44,078,427
- Idaho, \$29,218,967
- Montana, \$48,327,824
- Nebraska, \$50,643,633
- New Mexico, \$39,209,139
- Oregon, \$52,429,235
- Utah, \$38,633,915
- Washington, \$54,724,767
- Wyoming, \$30,080,903

much to property-rights advocates.

However, the bill is being pushed by the Clinton

Administration, Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott, R-Miss., and Senate Energy and Resources Committee Chairman Frank Murkowski, R-Alaska.

"This would be the most major advance in conservation funding in the last 20 years," said Russ Shay, public policy director of the Land Trust Alliance, a Washington open-space advocacy group. "It's an area that has been very neglected by the Congress in the past."

For years, the federal budget has set aside \$900 million a year — in a trust account funded by off-shore oil drilling royalties — for land and water conservation purchases. For the last decade, Congress has appropriated only a few hundred million dollars.

FBI: Foreign spies gain access posing as journalists

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — An FBI official told a House hearing Thursday that foreign spies have unescorted access to the department by working undercover as news correspondents.

Hours after the disclosure by Timothy D. Berezney, an FBI section chief, Secretary of State Madeleine Albright ordered an investigation.

"Obviously we don't want spies posing as journalists," Albright said, speaking at a joint news conference with French Foreign Minister Hubert Vedrine. "If you are spies, then identify yourselves." President Clinton agreed that the issue



"If you are spies, then identify yourselves."

— Madeleine Albright, U.S. secretary of state

should be looked into and said it was the first time he had heard the allegation. The revelation came amid unprecedented concern over security at the State Department, owing to a number of lapses over the past two years. The most serious

is the disappearance this past winter of a laptop computer from the State Department Bureau of Intelligence and Research.

It contained information on the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction and on technologies for launching such weaponry.

Berezney, testifying before the House International Relations Committee, implied that some of the foreign agents with press credentials represented foreign powers.

He said the FBI does not customarily provide other agencies with lists of intelligence officer identities in order to protect sources and sensitive cases.

"If asked, the FBI would be willing to identify to the State Department permanent media badge holders identified as hostile intelligence officers so that their access could be restricted or their visits monitored," Berezney said.

However, another federal law enforcement official, speaking anonymously, appeared to contradict Berezney when he said the FBI does an annual survey of foreign spies and distributes it to the State Department and other agencies.

The official would not identify which countries use news media cover for its spies but said the practice has been widely known and publicly discussed for decades.

THE REGION

Camas Prairie
 High: 51 Low: 32
 Partly cloudy with a twenty percent chance of snow showers in the morning.

Treasure Valley
 High: 58 Low: 43
 Partly cloudy and warmer with light winds. Mostly clear tonight. Mostly sunny tomorrow.

Sawtooth Mountains/Wood River Valley
 High: 46 Low: 27
 Partly cloudy with a slight chance of snow in the mountains. Partly cloudy tonight and tomorrow.

Eastern Idaho
 High: 50 Low: 29
 Partly cloudy with some clearing today. Mostly clear and colder overnight.

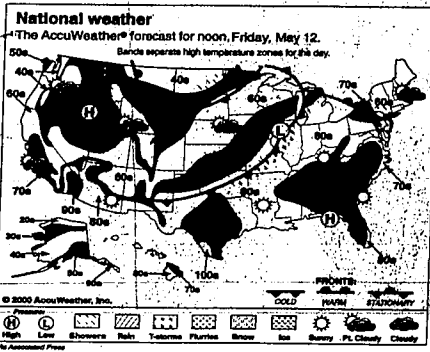
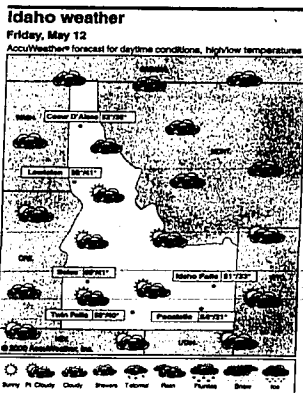
Northern Idaho
 High: 55 Low: 36
 Partly cloudy with chance of light snow. Same tonight and tomorrow.

Northern Utah
 High: 61 Low: 40
 Partly cloudy and cool. Mostly clear tonight and warmer.

Northern Nevada
 High: 59 Low: 40
 Partly cloudy and cool. Mostly clear tonight and warmer.

MAGIC VALLEY FIVE-DAY FORECAST

Today	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
High 58 Low 40 Partly cloudy with light wind.	High 66 Low 42 Mostly sunny and warmer.	High 60s Low 40s Partly cloudy.	High 60s Low 40s Partly cloudy.	High 60s Low 40s Mostly cloudy with chance of rain.



YESTERDAY'S WEATHER

Twin Falls	Precipitation
Yesterday: 53/34	Yesterday in Twin Falls: 0.00
Last year: 59/45	Month to date: 0.00
Normal: 73/41	Normal year to date: 0.00

Idaho	High/Low
Boise	54/37
Blackfoot	52/34
Coeur d'Alene	54/34
Grangeville	m/m
Hagerman	m/m
Idaho Falls	59/29
Lewiston	40/08
Malad	m/m
Maui	m/m
McCall	36/23
Pocatello	59/32
Salmon	43/32
Stanley	38/20
Sun Valley	m/m

The Nation	High	Low
Albuquerque	68	48
Anchorage	54	34
Atlanta	68	48
Boston	68	48
Chicago	73	53
Dallas	71	51
Denver	68	48
Honolulu	84	74
Houston	88	74
Indianapolis	68	48
Kansas City	68	48
Las Vegas	77	57
Los Angeles	77	57
Memphis	68	48
Miami Beach	86	76
Milwaukee	66	46
Minneapolis	61	41
New Orleans	66	46
New York	70	50
Oklahoma City	90	72
Orlando	81	61
Phoenix	84	74
Pittsburgh	73	53
Portland, Me.	55	35
Portland, Ore.	55	35
Reno	87	67
St. Louis	87	67
Salt Lake City	51	31
San Francisco	57	37
Seattle	57	37
Spokane	68	48
Washington	80	60
Yama	85	65

Canadian Cities	High	Low
Calgary	38	24
Edmonton	35	21
Toronto	62	44
Vancouver	69	48

UV INDEX ROAD INFORMATION

UV INDEX
 Index: 6 (moderate)
 Burn time: 30 minutes

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SKYWATCH

Sunset today: 8:50 p.m.
 Sunrise tomorrow: 6:18 a.m.
 Last day of Full, May 18; last quarter, May 26; new, June 2; first quarter, June 6.

ACROSS THE NATION

Nation: A storm system over the Plains moved into the western Great Lakes and western Ohio Valley on Thursday, producing severe thunderstorms in Minnesota, Iowa, Illinois and Wisconsin. Showers fell across Maine, Vermont and New Hampshire early, then diminished during the afternoon. Fair to partly cloudy skies were observed over the remainder of the Northeast.

Fair, dry and mild conditions were felt from the Mid-Atlantic and Southeast states, back into the southern Plains. Winds were gusty over the southern Plains—Kansas, Oklahoma and western Texas reported wind gusts between 30 and 50 mph. A disturbance over the Northwest brought snow showers to the higher elevations of Montana and Utah and scattered rain showers across the remainder of the region.

Hot and dry conditions covered the Desert Southwest and southern Rockies.

The hottest spot in the continental United States was Red Oak, Iowa, which registered a midday high of 93. Truckee, Calif., reported a morning low of 14.

—The Associated Press

Turbulence

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Sturdivant has asked Idaho Power Co. for a permit to land on the reservoir formed by the Snake River above the Lower Snake Falls Dam. The reservoir behind the dam is considered under the control of Idaho Power, and state law requires a pilot to have company permission to land.

He wants to land three or four times a week. He would come down in the morning and fly out in the afternoon and occasionally stay over, he said. Landing and taking off takes several minutes.

The small plane he plans to fly—an Aviat Husky—can carry only the pilot and one passenger. It is equipped with pontoons and wheels to land on water or land. The plane requires about the length of a football field to take off and less to land.

But that doesn't reassure neighbors.

Ronda Crist, who lives on the river upstream of Sturdivant, is concerned about safety of boaters, swimmers, fishermen and anglers. "I certainly don't want my children run over by an airplane," she said.

There's already too much going on along the river, she says, and if one plane is allowed, others will follow.

"You gotta say no somewhere," she said.

But the Federal Aviation Administration has no concerns over safety of landing on water also used by boaters and other recreationists.

"He's just like a boat once he hits the water," said Lewis

Sanders, assistant manager of the FAA's Boise flight standards office.

The pilot can see well when landing, but during takeoff it may be a little more dangerous.

"Our rules are written in blood," said Sanders, pointing out that FAA regulations, typically are written in response to accidents.

Small planes land on congested waters all across the country without problems—from the Hudson River in New York to Seattle's Union Bay, plans a far busier than the Snake River, he said.

But safety is not the only concern with Sturdivant's plans. Before it responds to Sturdivant's request, Idaho Power has contacted several state and federal agencies with interests in the area. The company will wait for their answers before responding, and that could take 45 to 60 days, company spokesman Dennis Lopez said.

Dave Parrish, an environmental specialist with the Idaho Department of Fish and Game in Jerome, said his agency also is concerned with effects on waterfowl.

A small plane landing or taking off probably would be no more disturbing than the boats and jet skis that already ply the river, but he would land and take off during

nine or 10 months of the year and during waterfowl nesting season, Parrish said.

The National Park Service, which administers the Hagerman Fossil Beds National Monument along the river, is concerned with noise and disturbance to visitors.

In a management plan for the monument, the area's natural quiet was identified as one of its valued natural resources, Superintendent Neil King wrote in a letter to Idaho Power.

"Using this unique public park and recreation area as a private landing site seems unconditionally inappropriate," King wrote.

Sturdivant maintains that noise is not much of an issue with the plane he plans to use. Landing and taxiing would be no more noisy than many boats that regularly ply the river—and King noted that 20 to 30 boats use the six-mile-long reservoir. And it can't be any more annoying than the jet skis that come in the bay and zoom around and around, he said.

The 180-horsepower engine is noisier during takeoff, but that takes as little as six seconds, he said. Taxiing out into the river and taking off would take about five minutes, he said.

Sturdivant recognizes neighbors' concerns, and said he's willing to work out time limits and a

landing zone that would reduce the effects on neighbors and wildlife.

"I think we just have to sit down and work out a use plan," he said.

"But his neighbors are less willing to see the disturbance to visitors."

"I don't think we should have to accommodate him," Crist said.

Gooding and Buhl have airports, she said. And Sturdivant is building his own private airstrip above Hagerman.

State law requires a pilot to have permission of the landowner to land on the ground or water—except in an emergency, said Larry Hippler, aviation technician with the state Aeronautics Advisory Board in Boise.

For Sturdivant, the flight would be a much shorter commute from his Halley home to the farm on the river. But he knows getting permission may take some doing.

"I don't expect it to be easy," Sturdivant said.

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The earliest migrant

The discovery of skull fossils in the Republic of Georgia shows that early humans migrated from Africa about 1.7 million years ago, much earlier than previously believed. The fossils have been identified as early Homo erectus, a human ancestor that first appeared in Africa.

Evolution of early humans:
 Early modern humans
 Neanderthals
 Archaic Homo sapiens
 Homo erectus
 Homo habilis

Source: Science, The Cambridge Faculty

Skulls suggest an early migration from Africa

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Two fossil skulls unearthed in the Black Sea republic of Georgia are the oldest human ancestor remains ever found on the Eurasian land mass and probably represent part of the first migration out of Africa by human ancestors, researchers reported Thursday.

An international team of scientists said the two skulls are 1.7 million years old and show close similarities to contemporary fossils from East Africa, while having little in common with remains found later in Europe and Asia.

"They were able to leave Africa by the Levantine corridor, travel through the Near East and into Georgia," said Georgia State Museum paleontologist David Lordkipanidze, who leads the excavation at Dmanisi, 50 miles southwest of the Georgian capital, Tbilisi. Results of the team's research are reported in today's edition of the journal Science.

The Dmanisi find is the best evidence yet of an early departure from humankind's point of origin in Africa at a time when ancestors there had just evolved into long-legged species capable of walking long distances.

Team member Susan Anton, a University of Florida anthropologist, said the fossils — one "skullcap" and one nearly intact skull — "look very much like" contemporary remains of a species known as Homo ergaster.

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Blaze

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N.M., said in Los Alamos. "Did someone do something that should not have been done, considering the dry conditions and the wind?"

Even if political pressure falls to deliver money to some of the 18,000 people forced to evacuate because of the fire, the federal courts could.

Under the federal Tort Claims Act, the government is generally liable for negligent acts by its agencies and employees, said Turner Branch, an Albuquerque lawyer who met Thursday with potential clients from Los Alamos.

"You can't keep a tiger in your back yard and not be responsible if it gets out," Branch said. "In this instance, the tiger is a fire and they were not ready."

He said a lawsuit also might focus on whether the Forest Service responded quickly enough to fight the fire once it raced out of control.

Earlier this week, the superintendent of Bandler National Monument, Roy Weaver, took

responsibility for the blaze.

The Park Service had planned to burn 100 acres to clear brush and reduce the potential for a catastrophic fire. Weaver said winds became higher than expected and the humidity was lower than anticipated.

But the National Weather Service has said it faxed a special forecast to Bandler shortly before the fire was started. The forecast, a copy of which was obtained by The Associated Press, told park officials there was maximum potential for fire growth: winds and temperatures were about to increase and there was a diminishing chance for the usual rise in nighttime humidity.

The forecast was headlined: "6 HAINES INDEX THROUGH FRIDAY WITH POOR NIGHT-TIME RECOVERY..." RH stands for relative humidity.

The Haines Index is a measure of stability of atmosphere and potential for fire growth. It ranges from zero to six.

Weaver said he never saw the forecast.

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China warns U.S. about missile shield

BEIJING (AP) — China's top arms negotiator warned Thursday that a proposed U.S. system to shoot down missiles could neutralize Beijing's nuclear arsenal, presenting a serious threat that may force China to deploy more warheads.

Sha Zukang, director of arms control and disarmament at China's Foreign Ministry, said other possible options to counter the deployment of a U.S. National Missile Defense could be to improve the accuracy of Chinese warheads or consider using countermeasures to overcome the missile shield.

Sha stressed that China, as a developing country, does not want to spend precious resources on ways to counter the proposed U.S. system. But he said Beijing could not merely rely on U.S. assurances that the missile shield would be aimed at protecting the United States from attack from smaller countries like North Korea that Washington considers rogue states.

If the United States goes ahead with the system, "we cannot sit on our hands, watching our interests compromised, security interests compromised. Impossible."

Sha's comments went further in

their detail than previous Chinese statements, which have mainly warned that a U.S. missile shield could spark a costly and destabilizing arms race. China has also warned against including Taiwan, which Beijing regards as its territory, under a U.S. missile shield.

Including Taiwan would gravely violate Chinese sovereignty and "surely meet with strong opposition from the Chinese people," Foreign Ministry spokeswoman Zhang Qiyue said today.



District of Columbia Mayor Anthony Williams, left, speaks with J. Thomas Cochran Executive Director of the U.S. Conference of Mayors Thursday, by the "Wall of Gun Deaths" in Washington that list names of 4,001 alleged victims of gun violence.

Drop the weapons: Thousands will rally for gun control on Mother's Day

WASHINGTON (AP) — Standing before a list of shooting victims, representatives of the U.S. Conference of Mayors Thursday urged supporters of gun control to "listen to the mothers of America" and join Mother's Day rallies Sunday for a national handgun license and registration system.

"What has been needed is a grass-roots effort," said Mayor Scott King of Gary, Ind., endorsing the main "Million Mom March" on the National Mall and smaller rallies planned across the nation.

King and Mayor Anthony Williams of Washington, both Democrats, joined to front a "Wall of Death" listing 4,001 victims of gun violence since 12 students and a teacher were killed April 20, 1999, at Columbine High School near Littleton, Colo. They represented the organization of

mayors, which includes numerous cities that have sued gun manufacturers. Williams, whose mother, Nana, will speak at Sunday's rally, said gun deaths are reaching "the magnitude of a war — a silent war in America's communities."

At her weekly news conference Thursday, Attorney General Janet Reno praised the marchers for "their concern, their conviction and their commitment."

Reno said it's "just simply plain outrageously wrong" that House-Senate conferees on new gun legislation "have only met once since last May, and no substantial progress to get the bill to the floor." A bill approved by the Clinton administration would require child safety locks and background checks on purchasers at gun shows.

"The bill has languished in conference for nine months while over 20,000 people have been

killed by gunfire in America," Reno said. "Gun violence does not have to be a fact of our life. In the period between 1992 and 1996, there were 100 gun homicides in Toronto, in a city of equal size. Chicago, there were 3,063."

"This is one of the most violent countries in the world. It doesn't have to be," Reno said.

Reno said she hopes to get to one of the local marches Saturday after she gives a commencement address in Illinois.

While the rally will attract a number of celebrities, sponsors of the demonstration emphasized that a small group of moms conceived of, and planned the event. Donna Dees-Thomases, the founder of the rally, who appeared with the mayors at a news conference, said many of the planners "never organized anything more complicated than a car-pool."

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Connecticut bishop serves as new archbishop

NEW YORK (AP) — Bishop Edward Egan of Bridgeport, Conn., an uncompromising defender of traditional Vatican teachings, was selected by the pope Thursday to succeed Cardinal John O'Connor as spiritual leader of the New York Archdiocese's 2.4 million Roman Catholics.

Egan, 68, will become the 12th archbishop of New York when he is formally installed June 19. He is also widely expected to be elevated to cardinal by Pope John Paul II.

At a news conference, Egan said he hoped to gain the same acceptance in New York that the Philadelphia-born O'Connor had achieved during his 16 years in the church's most prominent American pulpit.

O'Connor died last week of a brain tumor at age 80.

"I can tell you there is no place in the world that is quicker to accept someone who wants to be a New Yorker," said Egan, who worked in the New York Archdiocese earlier in his career. "I want to be a New Yorker, and I guess I am officially one."

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South Carolina House votes yes to remove flag; issue goes to Senate

COLUMBIA, S.C. (AP) — South Carolina's House gave final approval Thursday to a bill to remove the Confederate flag from the Statehouse dome as opponents, in a last-ditch effort to derail the compromise, warned against giving in to "economic terrorism."

The president of South Carolina chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People had said earlier the compromise was not good enough and the organization's tourism boycott of the state would continue.

"It's really just an insult to us," James Gallman said. "Certainly,

this will not bring resolution to the issue."

The Republican-controlled House voted 63-56 late Wednesday to approve a Senate compromise bill to remove the flag from the dome and place a similar banner at a Statehouse monument to Confederate soldiers. The numbers changed only slightly — 62-48 — in Thursday's procedural third reading vote after opponents such as Rep. Ron Fleming, a Jonesville Republican, told colleagues "I don't think we need to do this today. I don't think we need to give in to economic terrorism."

The bill now returns to the

Democrat-controlled Senate, which has to approve House changes. Democratic Gov. Jim Hodges has said he would sign any bill the Legislature passes that would remove the flag.

The House version lowers the flag July 1. The Senate bill would lower it as soon as the governor signs the measure.

"We are one giant step closer to ending the flag debate," Hodges said Wednesday night.

White House spokesman Joe Lockhart called the vote "a positive step. People in good faith on all sides worked through and came to a positive conclusion here."

Car crash kills four Wisconsin teen-agers

KAUKAUNA, Wis. (AP) — Investigators were trying to determine what caused a crash that killed four teen-agers after their car apparently ran a stop sign and was broadsided by a pickup truck in southeastern Wisconsin.

The pickup driver and a girl in the car were injured in the wreck Tuesday afternoon.

No drugs were found in the car, but police found a marijuana pipe, said Calumet County Deputy Lt. John Byrnes. He said authorities were conducting blood tests victims. None was wearing a seat belt.

The pickup driver told authorities he didn't see anything until the teens' car was right in front of him, Byrnes said.

Pronounced dead at the scene were Jeremy J. Johnson, the driver, and Philip J. Lauer, both 17, and Jennifer Marie Laux, 16. Charles E. Tinkham, 17, died at a hospital Wednesday morning.

Another passenger, April M. Schmidt, 15, remained in fair condition today, and authorities expected to interview her, Byrnes said. The truck's driver, Michael A. Schultz, 34, was treated and released.

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Report shows no gunfire on Waco video

WACO, Texas (AP) — The final report on a simulation of the Branch Davidian siege indicates that flashes seen on a videotape were sunlight reflecting off debris, not government gunfire as claimed in a wrongful death lawsuit.

Vector Data Systems, the British firm that conducted the

March 19 simulation at Fort Hood, submitted its conclusions this week to U.S. District Judge Walter Smith Jr., who is presiding over the Branch Davidian lawsuit. A preliminary report says the Smith last month gave similar conclusions.

"We were unable to identify any gunfire, either from govern-

ment forces or from Davidians from within the (inspired) tape or other collateral imagery available to us," the report stated.

The report also states that no one was seen prior to the breakout of two fires that consumed the compound on April 29, 1993. At least 80 people died during the fires.

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Study: Prenatal care shows disparities among minorities

ATLANTA (AP) - White women are twice as likely as black and Hispanic ones to see a doctor in the first few months of pregnancy, a disparity that leads to more health problems for minority mothers and infants, the government reported Thursday.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said more women are seeking early prenatal care,

but a review of 13 states indicates Hispanic and black women wait longer for checkups. If they get to the doctor at all. In 1997, the percentage of babies born to mothers whose first medical exam was more than three months into their pregnancy was 27.7 percent for black women, 26.3 for Hispanic women and 12.1 percent for white women, the CDC said.

In Washington, Surgeon General Davidatcher called for research into why the disparities exist. He pointed out that black women are nearly four times as likely to die of pregnancy-related causes as white women.

"Studies estimate that at least half of these deaths are preventable based on current medical knowledge," Satcher said.

Women who don't see a doctor until after the first three months of pregnancy risk complications such as premature delivery and low birth-weight babies, CDC epidemiologist Suzanne Zane said.

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EDITORIAL

Mud-wrestling with the Idaho Christian Coalition

A questionnaire distributed by the Idaho Christian Coalition couldn't be more transparent if it were printed on cellophane.

The coalition — self-appointed monitors of what is pure and impure in Idaho politics — is asking candidates whether they believe God inspired the writing of the U.S. Constitution. The coalition also wants to know if candidates have ever flunked a drug test, paid for an abortion or owned a strip club.

This is the kind of peep-show politics that cheapens the process for candidates and voters alike. It would be bad enough if the coalition's motives were pure, but misguided. Unfortunately, its motives don't even meet that test.

Shake the coalition's family tree and the first thing that falls out is its former executive director, Dennis Mansfield. These days, Mansfield is spending his time in a classy and nasty Republican primary battle in Idaho's 1st Congressional District.

His chief rival, Lt. Gov. Butch Otter, has a long resume of service and a lot of support from party insiders. There also are a few blemishes on Otter's record; he was convicted several years ago on a drunken-driving charge and has a reputation as a ladies' man.

Enter the Christian Coalition, with a questionnaire obviously designed to sandbag Otter while propping up Mansfield.

Voters in the 1st District should see through these shenanigans. They should recognize that Otter is well-suited to a job in Congress because of

his knowledge about resource and international trade issues, which are pivotal to the entire state. Voters should also remember that Otter was contrite about his drunken-driving conviction.

At the same time, voters should remember that Mansfield is a divisive character with a narrow, sanctimonious agenda. Rigid in tone yet shallow in intellect, he would be a disaster in Washington.

Idaho doesn't have enough seats in Congress to throw one away on a holier-than-thou ideologue. Trouble is, this isn't just the 1st District's problem.

In addition to making Idaho politics more acrimonious, the questionnaire has the effect of making public office less attractive to candidates.

It's a no-win situation for candidates, who must tell all — or catch heat for refusing to take part. Even a good person, with little or nothing to hide, couldn't be blamed for staying out of the fray.

This is an age-old conundrum that newspapers wrestle with continually. How far do we go in quizzing candidates? When does a candidate's sex life matter? What past indiscretions (if any) cast doubts on a candidate's fitness for office?

Americans are weary of the obsessive focus on candidates' personal lives. They know character matters, but they have little patience for voyeurism passed off as voter education.

It's a subtle distinction, but an important one. This questionnaire demeans its creators far more than those it seeks to smear.

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LETTERS

Time is running out!

Do you have an opinion about the May 23 election? We'd love to publish it. The deadline for election-related letters is 5 p.m. Wednesday. These are several ways you can deliver a letter:

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assured him they loved him, and then handed him over peacefully! The fact is that the relatives created the atmosphere in which the boy was turned over to his father. Even now, the relatives continue to complain that the boy is not really happy with his father. I would not let any of these relatives ever have custody of a child. They seem more interested in getting a picture taken in a closet than protecting the child they claim to love.

We are living in a society where everyone claims their "liberties" are being taken away. You have to be allowed to skateboard on private property because it's your liberty! It seems that all the liberties are going to criminals and those that would deny "others their liberties." If the only way you can achieve liberty is by taking someone else's, perhaps it's time to look at yourself and see what kind of person you really are.

— KIMBERLY SHARR-Kimberly

Vote for Cowboy Will

I couldn't help but laugh aloud while reading what my friend Will Buhler was quoted in reply when asked by a Times-News writer about whether or not the Democratic allegations had merit in reference to Republican mischief in re-creating the apparent appointment of an unopposed Republican legislator replacing Randy Hansen. Hansen, you remember, withdrew from the election one business day after the March 31 candidate filing deadline. Will, his characteristic wit aside, stated, "He simply didn't know and maybe I just didn't want to know."

Will is very much the charismatic personification of a decent, well-mannered, well-informed, ranch-educated westerner. A "cowboy," if you will, of the Will Rogers-Charles Russell genre. Someone both shrewd and knowledgeable, knowing precisely what it means to run as a Democrat, much less a write-in legislative candidate here in District 23.

I encourage you to get acquainted with Will. Invite his attendance at your civic, social or club agenda and, most certainly, vote for him in the primary this May 23. Almost by accident of fate, Mingie — a highly decorated and decorated candidate willing to take a controversial position, if necessary, but as yet "unbranded" by the local media as simply another "Democratic activist."

A scientific education as a microbiologist, serving as both chemist and water-quality specialist with the South Central

Everyone deserves a voice

Why is it labeled "politicking" when a person of faith becomes involved in politics? As a born-again, conservative Christian, I find it insulting to be told I am "sticking my nose in politics" if I attempt to promote a biblical truth or even (gasp) voice an opinion on a political subject just because I am a Christian. Since when does my faith deem me ineligible to be involved in the political arena?

The truth of the matter is that Americans feel that the "Christian right" is a threat to this country simply because people of faith are standing up for what they believe in, daring to go against the status quo of liberal ideology. It's sucking the brains out of a partially delivered baby something that someone who says they believe in God should just keep mum about? We, too, have to speak up when we can and, oftentimes, politics is the most viable means of getting something done. (It's OK when a corporation gets involved in politics, but when "church-folks" do, we are considered "un-American bigots.")

I personally don't know of any Christian who wants America to become a theocracy. No church has the right to infringe upon someone else's freedom to live as they believe, but to demand Bible-believing Christians for living and speaking out as they believe is just as evil. To take a stance against something I disagree with is just as much my right as someone who doesn't believe in God at all. Bigotry against Christians, or religious bigotry against other folks: both are wrong.

KRISTEN KECK Wendell

Relatives brought it on themselves

I just knew that someone would write about the way the federal agents entered with guns drawn to take Elian Gonzalez out of his relatives' home in Florida. I had long felt that Americans are destroying the moral fiber of this country by crying every time they get their hands slapped for sticking it in the cookie jar.

This was a custody case. Who should have custody, the father or the relatives? I would hate to think that if my child was taken to Cuba that I could not get my child back because that country doesn't like our country. I think the wife, Elain's relatives handled this was the problem.

They had been told to hand the child over for return to his father. The relatives dug in and forced a situation. The agents were even aware that the relatives had guns in the house to protect their "liberties." For heaven's sake, what were the relatives doing hiding in a closet with a photographer standing by to take the picture? Did they think the agents would not look in a closet? How stupid are they? They seemed smart enough to take a photographer into the closet.

They forced the situation and then complained when it happened. If these relatives had truly been concerned for the child, they would have considered what was best for him. They should have prepared Elian for leaving,

District Health Department, speaks to Will's professional career. While his Montana ranching roots speak to a person of admirable openness and personal strength.

Here in Legislative District 23, the political dogmas of the quiet past are no longer relevant, adequate nor need be tolerated. We need and should expect much from all our public servants. We need to support a candidate with a proven personal agenda of openness, someone opposing exclusivity of political, economical or social powers. I urge you to write-in Will Buhler, Democratic candidate for state representative, Legislative District 23, in the May 23 primary.

GARY WRIGHT Buhl

WERC opposes killing wolves

Experience tells us that balance is crucial if we are to come to an agreement on controversial issues. In last week's Mountain Express, George Wuertner, a professional for whom I have had great respect over the years, made several comments concerning the Wolf Education and Research Center in connection with the recent killing of the White Clouds pack, a tragic event that might have been avoided.

WERC does not, never has and never will recommend killing wolves. In 1995, WERC supported, along with other wolf recovery organizations, the terms and conditions of the wolf reintroduction process adopted by U.S. Fish and Wildlife, referenced as the Final Rules: Special Rules of Experimental Populations. It was a political reality for that agency, given regional opposition, adopting those terms and conditions made beginning the process of reintroduction possible. Fish and Wildlife, together with the Nez Perce Tribe, have managed wolf recovery since in accord with those Final Rules.

From the beginning, WERC board and staff have worked with Fish and Wildlife in facilitating wolf recovery. Should Fish and Wildlife encourage the ranchers to handle the calves kept in a controlled area that protects them from predation? You bet, and we're hopeful that will happen, and we will work toward that kind of measure being taken.

Gina Patton, a WERC field associate, widely respected for her work in wolf recovery and public education on the recovery role of the wolf, has always complied with WERC support of the Final Rules. Again, WERC does not endorse or recommend killing wolves and never has, whether to pacify ranchers or for any other reason.

George suggested in his letter to take measures as sheep operators do, using shepherds and guard dogs and penning salvaging cows for protection. Wolves have been an essential role as predators for thousands of years, long before livestock took over much of our public lands. We humans are connected with all of earth's species. It is time for us to learn how to live with the natural world around us.

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LETTERS

Support Higgins for Cassia sheriff

Cassia County has an opportunity this election to have more than one candidate for the position of Cassia County sheriff. I keep hearing that it is time for a change, a big change. Is this really what we want or just what others want to hear? Do you take your car in and have a complete engine overhaul when all you need is an oil change?

Jim Higgins is the correct man for the job of Cassia County sheriff. Jim Higgins has experience in all areas of police work. Jim Higgins has been a policeman on patrol, he has experience in the administrative part of police work, and he has experience working with the political area of law enforcement. Jim Higgins has been responsible for many of the positive changes in Cassia County during the last 15 years. Jim Higgins has been responsible for organizing Cassia County Sheriff's Citizens on Patrol and helped organize the Citizens Academy.

The crime rate, as reported by both Burley papers in Cassia County has been going down the last 10 years. Let us vote Jim Higgins for Cassia County sheriff.

One additional thought — Billy Crystal changed his mind about running for sheriff. He is running as an independent in the general election in November. His name will not be on the primary ballot in May. Don't be confused by his change.

DEVON RUCKER Burley

Mark Murphy's the man for the job "Ourselves insure for county seat" was the headline in a May 6 Times-News article. I must take issue with the mislead-

ing nature of this title. Mr. Loeb's, formerly of Pocatello, has only been in Twin Falls County since October 1993. He came here just over six years ago after applying, unsuccessfully, for a position with the Bannock County prosecutor's office in his hometown of Pocatello.

I was born here and have lived here all of my life. My family has been in the Magic Valley for more than 75 years. Most of my extended family still lives and works here: How extensive are Mr. Loeb's local family ties?

Mark Murphy came to Twin Falls County with no intentions of running for prosecutor but to start a private practice and to marry me. He was, however, approached by many to run for office and, upon further investigation, realized need for change. Idaho's highest crime rate and an excessive dismissal and reduction rate are but a few of the things Mark will change for the better.

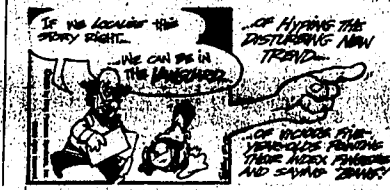
Having established we have two former Bannock County residents running for Twin Falls County prosecutor, we must decide which one is the best candidate. You can probably guess how I will vote, but there are many reasons: Mark has the experience, integrity and the dedication to be our prosecutor. He led a drug task force, tried a large number of complicated jury trials, received praise throughout the last decade from virtually every law enforcement agencies and police throughout the region.

I strongly urge you to look at the records of both of these men and cast your vote on May 23 for Mark Murphy, the most qualified. SHEANNA STUTZMAN Twin Falls

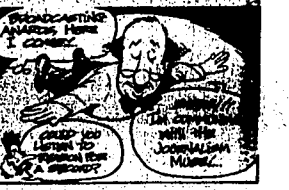
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By Bruce Tinsley



Police charge three with despoiling food

SCOTTSVILLE, N.Y. (AP) — Three teenage Burger King employees were charged with putting urine, spit and caustic products like Easy-Off oven cleaner in the food for eight months. No injuries or illnesses were reported, the Monroe County Health Department said. "To do it for such a long period of time — it's simply bizarre," Kristine Smith, a state Health

Department spokeswoman said. Scott B. Savino, 19, an 18-year-old man and a 17-year-old girl were arrested this week and charged with tampering with a consumer product. The two younger defendants were not identified because of their ages. The three were accused of using such cleaning products as Easy-Off, Kote Sol Shield and Comet wet bleach.

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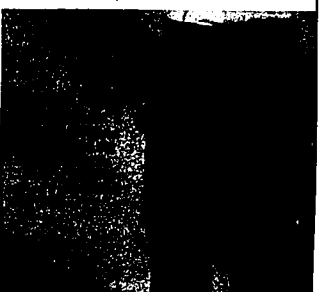
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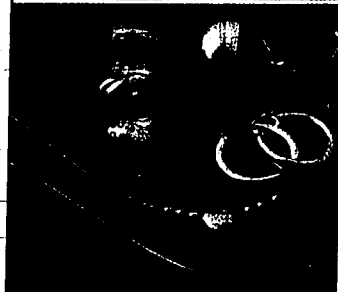
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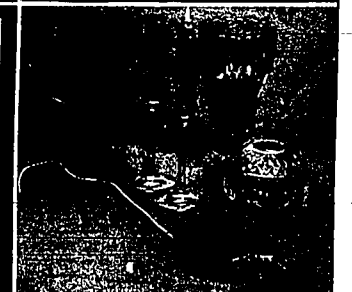
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AROUND THE VALLEY

Landfills offer free disposal of tires

TWIN FALLS - Used tires and old propane tanks can be disposed of free of charge Saturday, during a special "smasher" day at area landfills and waste transfer stations. Old, worn-out tires from cars and light trucks will be accepted free of charge - a savings of \$2 two per tire. Tires must be removed from their wheels and there's a limit of four tires per person.

Regular disposal fees will be charged for large truck and tractor tires.

Propane tanks must be no larger than 10 gallons and should be empty. Larger tanks, or tanks containing propane, can be listed on the Southern Idaho Waste Exchange web site for sale.

Call 886-7941 or your local waste transfer station for details. All tires received during the Waste Tire Amnesty Day will be recycled into fuel for cement plants in Idaho and Oregon. Propane tanks will be recycled as metal scrap.

Valley school schedules kindergarten registration

HAZELTON - Valley Elementary School will hold kindergarten registration today.

Children who will turn 5 before Sept. 1 can register. Parents or guardians should bring immunization records, a birth certificate and the child's Social Security number.

The school requires students to be screened before they enroll in kindergarten, and screening will be held during registration. Screening lasts about 30 minutes for each child and is used to match students with classes and services. It includes school readiness skills such as color identification and pre-writing abilities, and surveying of speech abilities.

Registration hours will run from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

If your child needs immunizations, Family Care will be at the school from 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. The cost is \$5 for children under 6 and \$7 for children 6 and older. The price is the same no matter the number of immunizations a child needs.

Wendell science/math teachers win grant

WENDELL - Wendell High School teachers Stuart Blair and Connie Horgan teamed up to win a \$15,000 grant for their math and science curriculum.

Blair, a science teacher, and Horgan, who teaches math, were among 70 two-person teams selected nationally for the Growth Initiatives For Teachers award.

A news release from grant sponsor GTE announced. The teachers will use \$7,000 for professional development and \$8,000 for a school enrichment project in the coming school year.

The two teachers are invited to join other grant winners in June for a seminar in Boston and Washington, D.C.

The Wendell teachers are Idaho's only winners this year, the news release said. Their project, "AstroTech 2000," will integrate math, space science and technology with components of history, geography and English composition. The project promotes critical thinking and problem-solving skills. Students will study life on Earth and in space, making extensive use of technology. Students will build rockets and study their role in space travel.

Blaine P&Z schedules discussion on gravel pit

HAILEY - A public hearing to discuss a commercial gravel pit in Ohio Gulch will be held at 6:45 p.m. today at the old courthouse at 206 First Ave. S.

The Blaine County Planning and Zoning Commission will consider the application to operate the pit.

Compiled from staff reports

All for one and one for all

Two-generation family celebrates graduation together

By Brandon Flais
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - Four graduates. Two generations. One family.

For Denise Koch, her daughter Andrea Koch, son Andrew Koch, and daughter-in-law Desiree Koch, Saturday night will mark their success working together.

"I thought it was a great experience to work with my children," said Denise Koch, of Gooding. "All these years I've helped them with schoolwork, and now my children have been helping me."

The Kochs are among 475 people who will graduate with General Education Development diplomas through the College of Southern Idaho. About 160 students are expected to attend the graduation ceremony.

Denise Koch quit school at age 15. Andrew Koch, 17, quit during his junior year in 1998 after suffering a concussion from a car accident. Andrea Koch, 17, stopped attending during her junior year. And Desiree Koch quit after her junior year when she was pregnant.

"I've been trying to graduate for about 24 years," Denise Koch said. "I dropped out at age 15 because of a baby and after that I got a job to support the baby. There was always something that stood in the way."

With the support of her husband of 21 years, Mitchell Koch, Denise Koch decided in September that it was time to graduate. While she has not had trouble finding jobs, because she has solid references, her children have had trouble.

"Some employers told my kids they



Denise Koch, foreground, her daughter Andrea Koch, left, her son Andrew Koch, right, and Andrew's wife, Desiree Koch, background, will all graduate Saturday at a General Education Development graduation ceremony at the College of Southern Idaho.

might as well go back to school because they weren't going to hire them," Denise Koch said.

Now the four are getting their GEDs and High School Equivalency diplomas. That diploma comes after completion of

the five sections of the GED and passing a test about government.

"We at CSI encourage people to get the HSE," said Jane Brumbach, director of adult basic education at CSI. Some colleges or employers will require

certain scores on the GED, or a High School Equivalency diploma.

"The Kochs were a wonderful, hard-working family," Brumbach said.

And a unique one, too.

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CSI launches class 2000 commencement season

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS - The commencement season in southern Idaho begins tonight, with ceremonies at the College of Southern Idaho.

One of Idaho's newest members of the State Board of Education will speak at CSI's graduation.

Severina Haws, known by her family and friends as "Sam," attended a semester of classes at CSI about 20 years ago. She is the branch manager/vice president of Springs Bank in Boise.

The commencement will be held at 8 p.m. in the CSI gymnasium.

Here's a rundown of graduation dates for Magic Valley public high schools.

• Camas County, 8 p.m., Saturday, high school gym.

• Glens Ferry, 7 p.m., May 19, high school gym.

• Valley, 2 p.m., May 21, the school.

• Minico, 6 p.m., May 23, football field. Alternative school students will graduate with Minico.

• Declo, 7:30 p.m., May 23, high school gym.

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• Oakley, 8 p.m., May 23, high school gym.

• Hagerman, 7 p.m., May 24, old gym.

• Burley, 8 p.m., May 24, high school gym.

• Raft River, 8 p.m., May 24, high school gym.

• Shoshone, 8 p.m., May 24, high school gym.

• Wendell, 8 p.m., May 24, high school gym.

• Murtaugh, 7:30 p.m., May 25, high school gym.

• Richfield, 8 p.m., May 25,

high school gym.

• Idaho School for the Deaf and the Blind, 10:30 a.m., May 26, school gym.

• Gooding, 7 p.m., May 26, gym or outdoors.

• Kimberly, 7 p.m., May 26, CSI gym.

• Bliss, 7:30 p.m., May 26, Ruby Gym.

• Castelford, 8 p.m., May 26, high school gym.

• Dietrich, 8 p.m., May 26, school gym.

• Hansen, 8 p.m., May 26, high school gym.

• Jerome, 1 p.m., May 27, high school football field.

• Filer, 7:30 p.m., May 27, CSI gym.

• Twin Falls, 7 p.m., May 29, CSI gym.

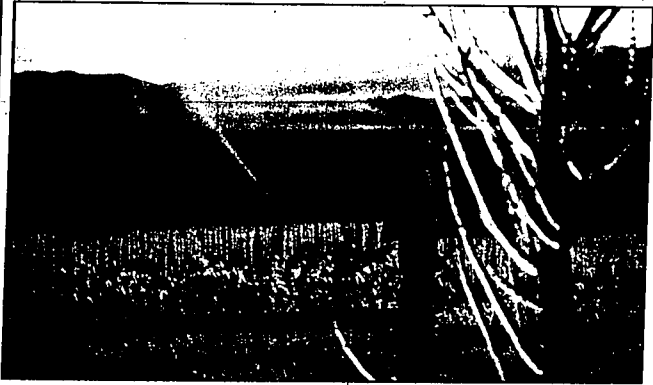
• Magic Valley High School, May 31, 7 p.m., CSI Fine Arts Center.

• Buhl, 7 p.m., June 2, middle school gym.

• Carey, 8 p.m., June 8, school gym.

• Wood River, 7 p.m., June 9, high school gym. Tickets only.

THE UNCERTAINTY OF SPRING



Iceicles form on branches of a tree near Malta early Thursday after temperatures dipped to the low 30s. Mini-Cassia residents can expect similar weather today, with lows in the mid-30s and highs in the upper 50s.

Burley man sought after scuffling with deputy

By Ruth Streeter
Times-News writer

BURLEY - Cassia County sheriff's deputies are still looking Thursday for a Burley man who allegedly punched a deputy Wednesday night.

According to a sheriff's report, Deputy Joyce Green went to a Burley apartment complex Wednesday to serve an arrest warrant on 28-year-old Francisco Tarin, Bessie Ellen Radabaugh, 22, of Burley, answered the door and after some delay, told Green that Tarin was in the apartment, the report said.

Tarin eventually came downstairs and ordered Green to move, but Green blocked his path to the front door and told him he was under arrest, the report said. According to the report, Tarin resisted, ran upstairs and attempted to leave through the upstairs window. Green ran outside and saw him try to escape, the report said. Tarin then went back inside,

ran down the stairs and charged Green just as she approached the door, according to the report.

When Green grabbed Tarin's collar, he punched her on the left side of her face, the report said. While still holding onto his collar, Green attempted to hit him with her left hand. She was holding a flashlight, the report said.

Tarin began to run, dragging Green with him until she lost her grip and footing, the report said. Neither she nor her backup officer could locate Tarin. The Heyburn Police Department loaned sheriff's deputies the use of its K-9 police dog, but deputies still couldn't find Tarin.

Tarin is now wanted on a charge of battery on a peace officer and resisting arrest. He is described as a Hispanic male, 5 feet 7 inches tall, weighing 225 pounds.

Radabaugh was charged with obstructing justice and delaying a peace officer.

Cassia County School District holds annual supplemental levy election

By Lorraine Cawyer
Times-News writer

BURLEY - The Cassia County School District will hold its annual supplemental levy election Tuesday.

The levy will not raise taxes, said Jim Pehrson, director of finance and operations for the district. The district is allowed to raise the levy 5 percent every year, he said, but instead the levy has gone down.

The levy was lowered 10 per-

cent to \$623,435 about four years ago and it has stayed the same ever since, said Bruce Bowen, chairman of the Cassia County School Board.

The drop in the levy came when the district's \$22 million building bond issue passed, Pehrson said. The money supplements the general fund.

"It is not earmarked for any one thing," said Pehrson, noting the levy money could be used for teachers' salaries, books and equipment. "The district needs a little help to meet obligations."

When and where

When: 7 p.m. Tuesday, May 16, at the Burley High School gymnasium. Where: Burley High School gymnasium, 1000 N. Main St., Burley. For more information, call 733-0931, ext. 236.

Mountain View Elementary School, Burley Irrigation District office, Raft River, Declo, Alton and Alma elementary schools, the Leroy Nelson Middle School in Juniper, and the Webb Brothers Dairy in the Raft River area.

The district's biggest need is to stay current with technology, Superintendent Jerry Doggett said.

District officials are encouraging people to not take the outcome of the election and the levy for granted.

"It is a critical thing to help the district function," Pehrson said.

The levy needs only a simple majority to pass.

The Minidoka County School District held a supplemental maintenance and operation levy last month, which passed with a 75 percent majority.

The Cassia district has held the election every year for about 35 years. In that time, the levy failed only once, Pehrson said, and that year, it was run a second year and passed.

MAGIC VALLEY/WEST

Nevada mining industry leads nation in toxic pollutant releases

RENO, Nev. (AP) - Nevada mines released nearly 1.3 billion pounds of toxic pollutants in 1998, more than the entire U.S. chemical manufacturing industry combined, the Environmental Protection Agency said Thursday.

Nevada leads the national pollutant list, eclipsing Texas, as a result of the toxic releases from the mining industry, which surpassed utilities and chemical manufacturing as the top polluting industry in the country.

"For over a decade, the industry has hid behind a reporting exemption. Now we know what we've long suspected - the mining industry is the nation's biggest toxic polluter," said Stephen D'Esposito, president of the Mineral Policy Center in Washington D.C.

School graffiti blasts North Idaho group

KAMIAH (AP) - Officials quickly cleaned off graffiti condemning the North Central Idaho Jurisdictional Alliance that was spray-painted this week on the Kamiah High School gymnasium and on several Idaho County political signs.

Wendell looks for ways to cut cost of sewer project

By Gina Mulder Times-News correspondent

WENDELL - With the west-side sewer project scheduled to begin next month, a few residents are looking for ways to make the transition from septic to sewer a little less costly.

When they meet

of \$1,300. However, those switching from a septic system have the option of spreading the \$1,300 fee over a three-year period.

OBITUARIES

For obituary rates and information, call 733-0931, Ext. 278, between 2 p.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday. Deadline is 4:30 p.m. for next-day publication. Death notices are a service and can be placed until 5 p.m. every day.

GOODING

Mary L. Fulkerson
Mary L. Fulkerson, 89 of Gooding, passed away on Thursday, May 11, 2000, at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls.

Edna was born and lived on the Ross just for her only 31 years. She married Ray Blick in Twin Falls on December 29, 1941. She worked and operated the ranch even before her marriage. She loved riding horses and loved to watch wild flowers bloom.

He was preceded in death by his parents, two brothers, and one half-brother; and by two grandsons, Jimmy Dean and Timmy Ross; and by a great-granddaughter, Shasta Lyquest.

was the sunshine of our lives. She brought us great joy, taught us to respect, forgive our weaknesses and was always there for us. She loved life and laughter.

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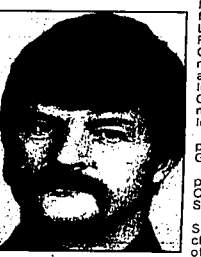
Larry T. Garrison
Larry Garrison, 16, of Glen Carbon, Ill., died Saturday, May 20, 2000, from injuries sustained in an automobile accident.

He was preceded in death by his paternal grandfather, Harold Garrison.

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TWIN FALLS



Michael K. Olson
Michael Kelly Olson, 39, of Twin Falls died Wednesday, May 10, 2000, from injuries received in an auto-motorcycle accident.

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THREE CREEK

Edna Mae Blick
Edna Mae Blick, 91, of Three Creeks, died Tuesday, May 9, 2000, at Twin Falls Care Center, following a short illness.

He was preceded in death by his father, grandparents; several aunts; nephews; and one sister, Diane Olson of Twin Falls.

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Services

Elinor Hazel Bolyard of Twin Falls, service at 1 p.m. Saturday at Sunset Memorial Park in Twin Falls. Friends may call from 4-8 p.m. today at White Mortuary in Twin Falls.

Lila Mae Nedelak of Twin Falls, service at 1:30 p.m. today at White Mortuary Chapel in Twin Falls.

Phyllis E. Wiswell of Jerome, memorial service at 11 a.m. Saturday at Hove-Robertson Funeral Chapel in Jerome.

Frederick J. Zeller of Bliss, service at 11 a.m. Saturday at Sunset Memorial Park in Twin Falls.

Edna Ruby Whitney Ireland of Mountain Home, and formerly of Hollister, service at 1 p.m. Saturday at White Mortuary in Twin Falls.

Lois Boothe of Burley, service at 11 a.m. today at Payne Memorial Chapel at 221 W. Main St. in Burley. Friends may call from 10-10:30 a.m. before service today at the chapel.

Leah Dillon
JEROME - Leah Dillon, 28, of Jerome, died Thursday, May 11, 2000, at her home in Jerome. Services are pending under the direction of Hove-Robertson Funeral Chapel in Jerome.

Judy Navarette
TWIN FALLS - Judy Navarette, 49, of Twin Falls, died Wednesday, May 10, 2000 at her home. Services are pending and will be announced by White Mortuary in Twin Falls.

Chester V. Nunzel
TWIN FALLS - Chester Valentine Nunzel, 86, of Twin Falls, died Thursday, May 11, 2000, at his home. Services are under the direction of White Mortuary in Twin Falls.

Martha Cummings
Jerome - Martha Cummings, 72, of Jerome, died Wednesday, May 10, 2000, at her home. Cremation services are under the direction of Farnsworth Mortuary of Jerome.

DEATH NOTICES

MAGIC VALLEY REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER
Some names are omitted at patients' request.

Admitted
John Hepworth of Halley; and Echo Dalos of Twin Falls.

Released
Cindy Bloxham of Pocatello; and

Sharon Gailey of Twin Falls.

MINIDOKA MEMORIAL HOSPITAL
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Admits
Dalea Lesback of Rupert.

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For more information call 733-1654.

EDEN

Ross C. Lewis
Ross C. Lewis, 82, of Eden, passed away Tuesday, May 9, 2000, at Mt. View Retirement Center in Kimberly, Idaho.

He was preceded in death by his father, grandparents; several aunts; nephews; and one sister, Diane Olson of Twin Falls.

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Heyburn truck and parking ordinance meets opposition

By Dan Day
Times-News correspondent

HEYBURN - The third reading of an ordinance amending vehicle parking and a truck route met with opposition and more questions from the City Council on Wednesday.

Councilman Cleo Gallegos said he would like to see the entire length of 21st Street remain part of the truck route.

Councilman Dee Ray Bailey agreed with Gallegos and added that he would like to see 21st Street left alone until after the stop signs are installed at 21st and O streets and the traffic light is up on Highway 30. Bailey couldn't vote on the ordinance because it was not of interest.

Mayor Cleo Cheney discussed

one of the sections of the ordinance that refers to truck parking in residential zones. The word "authorized" was deleted in the amended ordinance to allow maintenance and utility vehicles to park there when work is being done in the area.

The council tabled the ordinance.

Also Wednesday, the council approved raising garbage fees to \$5.25 per month. P&T Waste Systems recently increased its rates.

The council also increased fees for irrigation valves and parts from \$50 to \$121.

In other action Wednesday, the council awarded a \$439,000 contract to low-bidder Harris Construction of Focatello to construct the new City Hall. The

city will also pay the construction company \$4,500 for the demolition of the existing building up to the wall of the police station.

Other City Council business:

- The council authorized City Superintendent Roger Denker to get prices for a storage shed for yard equipment and supplies at the RV park.
- The council approved the city to sponsor two high school students to attend a youth rally at Albion College.
- Fire Marshal Mike Brown asked the council to join forces with several other local, state and federal entities in signing a weed control agreement.

Times-News correspondent Dan Day can be reached in Burley at 677-4042.



Malen Beck performs a trumpet solo Thursday during Burley Junior High School's spring jazz festival. The event originally was supposed to be held in front of City Hall, but was moved to the junior high because of inclement weather.

Habitat for Humanity meets tonight

TWIN FALLS - Twin Falls Habitat for Humanity will hold its annual business meeting at 7:30 tonight at the Webb, Federson and Webb law office at 155 Second Ave. N.

Habitat for Humanity is seeking applicants in need of low-cost housing. Potential Habitat volunteers donate 500 hours of labor or "sweat equity" toward the construction of a future Habitat house to qualify for ownership of the most recently built home. Homeowners are selected according to need, ability to pay and willingness to participate in the construction work on the current house.

Habitat homeowners buy their homes through regular mortgage payments, but the "sweat equity" replaces down payments neces-

sary for traditional financing, Habitat spokeswoman Carol Robertson said.

Those interested in applying should call Robertson at 734-8349 or write to her at P.O. Box 3034, Twin Falls, Idaho 83301. For more information, contact Robertson or Loryne O. Smith at 733-3521.

Woman looks for help with fencing TF canals

TWIN FALLS - Laura Baxter is looking for volunteers and donations to help her continue her work to fence off some of the more dangerous parts of the canals that run through town.

Baxter has been working to make canals safer ever since her 2-year old daughter, Jordan, drowned in a canal eight years ago. A story about Baxter's efforts appeared in Thursday's Times-News.

Volunteers are needed to help out with a safety campaign organized by Baxter to remind parents about the dangers of canals. Those interested are asked to meet at 9:30 a.m. May 20 at the covered picnic area in Harmon Park.

For more information, call Baxter at 733-4736 or Duane Luchinsger at 734-5777.

Donations can be made to the Jordan Baseline Memorial Fund at U.S. Bank. Those interested may call 737-5000.

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Valley in brief

relating to road management, it is impossible for the state to ascertain what the eventual impact of all related initiatives will be once implemented," the governor and Lanza said in comments submitted to the Forest Service on Thursday.

They maintained that the proposed management strategy along with the recently announced roadless initiative

Kemphorne, Lance blasts administration road policy

BOISE (AP) - Gov. Dirk Kemphorne and Attorney General Al Lanza blasted the Clinton administration proposal for a National Forest road management strategy, claiming the president is violating federal environmental law by splitting the overall road policy issue into three segments.

"Without being able to review the entire package of initiatives

Sheriff's candidates debate office morale, incumbent performance

By Ruth Streeter
Times-News writer

BURLEY - Morale at the Cassia County Sheriff's Department is high, three Republican sheriff's candidates said Thursday night, but one candidate says he's never seen it worse.

Morale is an individual issue for every officer, said sheriff's Capt. Jim Hignens at a candidates' forum. But the crime rate in Cassia County is the lowest it's been in 10 years, he said, "and that says something for the morale."

Hignens, Mini-Cassia Criminal Justice Center Administrator Dennis Dexter and Burley farmer Lynn Blauer all gave the department high marks for morale. But the fourth candidate, George Warrell Jr., a full-time sheriff's deputy since 1994, said the morale was worse than he's ever seen it.

"I've got a morale as bad as it's been," Warrell said.

The four Republican candidates for Cassia County sheriff, who will square off in the May 23 party primary, discussed other issues - including the job performance of the current sheriff, Billy Crystal.

Three of the candidates said Crystal's job performance has deteriorated. Blauer - the sole candidate who has not worked alongside Crystal in a professional capacity - was the only candidate who didn't share that assessment.

Crystal - the county's long-time sheriff, who has filed to run for re-election as an independent - did not attend Thursday night's forum. A woman who answered the telephone at Crystal's house Thursday night said Crystal had no comment.

Here's a sampling of what the

Debate schedule

A second candidate debate will be held at 8:30 p.m. on Thursday at the Magic Valley Arena at Burley High School.

who said he was almost embarrassed to testify in court because of his minimal narcotics training.

Candidates gave high marks to officer response time to non-violent situations.

When asked about department rapport with city officials, Warrell said there has been a lack of communication.

In talking with outlying cities, Dexter said, Burley isn't the only city that's unhappy.

Hignens acknowledged there have been "rocky roads," but that once the department knew about concerns, it could address them.

Burley Mayor Doug Manning said during an intermission that communication has improved, and is good now.

A roomful of residents and local officials crowded Burley City Council chambers Thursday night to hear the candidates' opinions on various issues, and ask questions.

One person asked candidates to pick a key focus, among issues such as domestic violence and gangs.

Warrell said he could not really pinpoint one, since they are all important.

Hignens, however, said "the bottom line is drugs." It is the root of many burglaries, assaults and homicides in the community.

Dexter agreed, and said there should be drug and alcohol counseling programs that help people before they are arrested.

Blauer emphasized the need to keep young people out of trouble.

Thursday night's forum was sponsored by the South Idaho Press.

Republican candidates said about other issues:

They had varying opinions about the cooperation between department divisions.

Blauer said he had heard patrol and investigations divisions tended to go "their separate ways."

Dexter said he noticed "normal competition" that can be healthy in working relationships, as did Hignens, who added that divisions could always work together better, but for the most part, they help each other on the scene.

Warrell agreed help at the scene is good, but cooperation is not good in the long run.

"I don't feel we have a working relationship amongst the whole department," Warrell said.

In-house officer training was a concern.

It's hard to find money and available classes, and hard to free up officers, Hignens said, but the county has been doing a good job of "cross-training" officers, certifying certain officers in certain areas so they are qualified to instruct other officers.

Warrell gave the county slightly lower marks on training.

Blauer said he'd need to keep himself adequately trained if elected.

Dexter said he didn't believe there was a minimum amount of annual training for officers, as there is for jail employees, and said he knew of one investigator

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Family

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"I've never had a mother and two children graduate together," Brumbach said. "I've had a grandmother and grandson but never a mother and two children. I really admire the whole family, especially Denise. She exemplified for her children exactly what to do, and it was wonderful that they were able to study together."

The family also inspired others.

"They inspired another mother's team," Brumbach said.

With graduation Saturday, the family's excited.

"My wife feels more complete now that she's done this," Mitchell Koch said. "Since we've been married I've pushed for it."

After seeing young people who dropped out of high school go nowhere, Mitchell Koch also is

About the program

excited to see his children graduate.

Denise Koch, who has worked at a preschool, said she is now considering further study in education. Andrea Koch and Andrew Koch haven't decided if they want to go to college, or what

kind of work they want.

For the short term, though, Denise Koch is preparing to speak at Saturday's graduation ceremony.

"I want all of the graduates to know that we can handle anything life throws at us," she said.

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Candidates for Jerome County Sheriff

Incumbent Jim Weaver will face challenger Bill Field in the May 23 Republican primary for the four-year Jerome County sheriff's seat. The nominee will face challengers Wayne Childers and Jerry Martinez, who will run for the seat in November as independents. The sheriff's job is a full-time position paying \$38,765 annually.

Table with 3 columns: Personal Information, Why are you running for sheriff?, What are your views on community policing?, What would you do to address turnover at the Jerome County Sheriff's Department? and 3 columns of candidate responses for Jim Weaver, Bill Field, and Wayne Childers.

Two more out-of-state groups weigh in against Otter

BOISE (AP) - Two more out-of-state organizations have entered the 1st District congressional campaign with the aim of undermining the front-running status of Lt. Gov. Burch Otter. This week's involvement in the Republican primary of the Club For Growth based in Washington and the Council For Responsible Government in northern Virginia along with Americans for Limited Terms in Wisconsin pushes the independent financial supporter benefiting leading challenger Dennis Mansfield to more than \$250,000. That easily compensates for the Otter campaign's superiority in direct campaign support. Otter had raised over \$240,000 through March, the period covered by the most recent finance disclosure reports, while Mansfield took in just over \$114,000. Meanwhile, another Republican District hopeful called on Mansfield to rein in his backers because they clearly were responsible for the Council For Responsible Government's new radio and television spots attacking Otter. "These ads are reducing this campaign of issues to one of slander and mudslinging. People in Idaho are sick and tired of it,"



Burch Otter

former Idaho GOP chairman Ron McMurray said. "Mr. Otter has got to get his supporters to stop the negative ads and clearer assassination." Mansfield did not return a call from The Associated Press on Wednesday. The Club for Growth, a conservative group that specializes in bundling contributions for targeted candidates, began airing an advertisement in the Panhandle on Monday touting Mansfield's adherence to its positions on key issues like lower taxes and private investment of Social Security. Spokeswoman Lolla Burt said as much as \$50,000 could be spent to help Mansfield. The Council For Responsible Growth began airing an attack ad against Otter on Tuesday in southwestern Idaho, contending that he is soft on pornography. Its postcards critical of the four-term lieutenant-governor were also delivered in some areas at the same time. There was no telephone listing for the council, but there were indications that the amount of time bought to air the ad was significant. Those two combine with the independent advertising effort comprising calling Mansfield the logical successor to retiring GOP Rep. Helen Chenoweth-Hage that have been aimed for over a month in both the Panhandle and southwestern Idaho by Americans for Limited Terms, which reportedly plans to spend \$150,000 in Idaho by the May 23rd primary. The Otter campaign contends the accusations that he supports pornography, is soft on drugs and flip-flops on economic policy are unfounded and mischaracterize his record.

Board of Education member steps down to serve LDS calling

BOISE (AP) - Harold Davis of Idaho, who is resigning after five years on the state Board of Education to work as a welfare representative for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in the Philippines. Davis, 70, majority owner of Electrical Wholesale Supply in Idaho Falls, submitted his resignation to Gov. Dirk Kempthorne on Tuesday, effective June 26. "On behalf of Idaho's schoolchildren, I thank Harold for his service to the state and to education, and I wish him every success in his new assignment with the church," the governor said in a statement Tuesday. Kempthorne in January reappointed Davis to a second five-year term but the eight-member board, and Davis said in his letter that he and the governor at that time, and discussed the possibility that he would resign sooner. He said he had been called by the church to serve for 18 months as assistant area welfare agent based in Manila. He and his wife, Edna, will enter the Senior Missionary Training Center in Provo, Utah, on June 27. "Our focus is to help the Philippine people in areas of employment and humanitarian needs," wrote Davis, who served a similar mission with his wife to Romania from 1990 to 1992. Mrs. Davis, a licensed counselor and social worker, also is resigning from her position on the State Counselor Licensing Board. Her husband said he was honored to have been on the Board of Education. "What an outstanding opportunity to have served on the board and then this last year to have

served as the board president. The educational providers in this state are well led and your policies will help that continue." He praised the board's current membership and what he said was the governor's support. Legislature's dedication to adequately funding education in Idaho. But he also warned that many challenges lie ahead, including implementation of new standards for what students should know and be expected to do before leaving high school. Davis was appointed by then-Gov. Phil Batt in 1995 in the midst of a struggle between the University of Idaho and Boise State University over engineering programs.

VOLE advertisement for Larry Compton, Republican-Twin Falls County Commissioner. Includes contact information and a list of qualifications: Bachelor Degree in Business Administration, 25 years experience in Business, Finance and Real Estate, 12 years Agriculture experience, a strong background to be an effective Twin Falls County Commissioner.

Bush attacks Gore on dam-breaching

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) - Seeking to gain an edge over his Democratic rival in a closely contested state, George W. Bush criticized Al Gore for not taking a clear stand on breaching dams to save dwindling Snake River salmon runs. "The fact that he will not make any indication what kind of president he will be," Bush said Thursday in an interview with Portland station KGWV. Gore planned a speech today at Portland Community College, before about 150 invited students and their families. Oregon has voted Democratic in the last three presidential elections, but Gore and Bush are in a statistical dead heat. And while assisted suicide and dam-breaching are pressing issues for Oregonians, so far Gore isn't touching them. A bill in Congress would block the Death With Dignity Act, Oregon's groundbreaking law that allows the terminally ill to take their own lives with help from a doctor's prescription. Oregon's two U.S. senators are split over the issue. Democrat Ron Wyden has threatened a filibuster to stop the legislation, while his friend Gordon Smith joined his fellow Republicans



Gov. John Kitzhaber and Vice President Al Gore

ther study. The longer he stays in the fray, they say, the more Bush can claim that Gore is waffling on the subject. "What the American people want is a leader who doesn't try to take polls and focus groups to decide an issue," Bush said Thursday. "I believe that we should not breach the dams in eastern Oregon and western Washington," the Texas governor said. "We can figure out ways to use our technologies to enhance the salmon, while understanding the human needs, the human concerns and the benefits that those dams bring to eastern Oregon." U.S. Sen. Slade Gorton, R-Wash., chimed in Thursday, telling Gore to "come clean" about his views. "He's quite comfortable telling the people of South Carolina what flag to fly over their statehouse," Gorton said on the Senate floor. "But when it comes to an issue of vital importance to our regional economy, the vice president pretends that he hasn't made up his mind when I fear he has." "I expect Vice President Gore will once again dodge the issue, saying he can't comment until after the November election."

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Houses fall to raging fire

Federal officials estimate 400 homes burned

LOS ALAMOS, N.M. (AP) - Driven by swirling wind of up to 55 mph, fire rolled from block to block in abandoned Los Alamos on Thursday, burning scores of homes down to their foundations in the town where the atomic bomb was built.

Firefighters rushed to save houses as orange flames and billowing smoke rose over the town. Whole neighborhoods were reduced to ruins, with everything from trailers to mansions going up in smoke in a blaze that had been set by the government to clear away brush in the wilderness but raged out of control over the weekend.

The wildfire first reached Los Alamos on Wednesday - forcing the evacuation of the entire town - and exploded in size from 3,700 acres to 18,000 Thursday, fanned by blower wind so strong it made parked cars sway.

"I can't believe how many homes are gone," said Don Shatkin, a fire battalion commander from Albuquerque who came

to Los Alamos to help.

At the Los Alamos nuclear weapons laboratory, flames scorched a research building, rolled over concrete bunkers containing high explosives, and came within 300 yards of a plutonium storage facility. But lab officials insisted that dangerous materials were protected in fireproof facilities strong enough to withstand a crash of a 747 jetliner.

"We can assure the country and New Mexico that our nuclear materials are safe," said Energy Secretary Bill Richardson, a former New Mexico congressman.

Fire crews with hand tools and bulldozers worked feverishly to protect homes by clearing away vegetation and cutting firebreaks ahead of the flames. Helicopters dropped water on the blaze, while airplanes bombarded it with pink fire retardant.

County Manager Joe King estimated that 100 homes burned. Rep. Tom Udall, whose district includes Los Alamos, said federal officials estimated 300 to 400.

Canyon prescribed burn spreads

GRAND CANYON NATIONAL PARK, Ariz. (AP) - Flames driven by brisk winds burned through about 7,000 acres on the North Rim of the Grand Canyon by midday Thursday.

The Outlet fire, which is in the Grand Canyon National Park and Kaibab National Forest, was set by park officials April 25 as a prescribed burn to eliminate dead underbrush and reduce the threat of larger fires.

Officials planned to burn about 1,500 acres within the park, but winds drove the fire

out of control Wednesday. By Thursday, with winds gusting up to 50 mph, it had grown out of the park into the Snake Mountain Wilderness area of the Kaibab National Forest and was working its way northeast.

Some park employees and visitors were evacuated from the North Rim Wednesday and Highway 67 was closed, but the fire was not threatening any structures, park spokesman Tom Pitzinger said.

"This is still pretty much wilderness areas."



Evacuees face tough choices as they flee

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POJOAQUE PUEBLO, N.M. (AP) - Zap, the mixed-breed mastiff who belongs to Richard and Lesley Olscher, got to go. So did the pet birds and the many paintings and drawings by the Olschers' friends.

But the aquarium, which held angel and other types of delicate fish, had to stay behind. As they fled their homes in the middle of the night because of a raging fire in the hills, the Olschers and thousands of White Rock residents had to make quick, sometimes painful decisions about what to take with them.

"Something like this makes you realize what's really important to you. ... I feel numb," Richard Olscher said this morning as he and his wife packed their cars. "The worst thing is just leaving the house."

In a scene that played out twice in less than 12 hours, cars carrying wildfire refugees crept many miles down the road leading out of the town on the mesa top. Most were headed for shelters that had popped up at a casino, schools and gymnasiums in nearby Espanola, Pojoaque and Santa Fe.

The fire was ignited a week ago, but it wasn't until Wednesday that things turned desperate in Los Alamos County. First, about 11,000 fled Los Alamos about 1:30 p.m. as high winds pushed the fire across the trees. About 12 hours later, the 7,000 residents of nearby suburban White Rock were kicked out, many after watching



Richard and Lesley Olscher discuss the fire approaching their home early Thursday in White Rock, N.M. They're wondering what to bring if they have to leave.

house after house in Los Alamos explode and burn on live television.

On Wednesday afternoon, 11-year-old Jennifer VanVessem stared intently at the burning houses on the TV screen in the hotel lobby.

"Mama, is that our house?" It wasn't, her mother told her. But Carol VanVessem couldn't provide any more assurance than that as fire raged across their neighborhood at the western edge of Los Alamos.

"That's the house that's right next door to my father-in-law," she said, looking at the charred remains of a home on the street

next to hers.

"When we couldn't see anything but pure smoke, my husband hooked up the trailer and we left," VanVessem said.

The family - including Carol's husband Alan, 8-year-old Jesse, Sandy the golden Labrador retriever, and 13, the guinea pig - spent the night in their 22-foot recreational vehicle in the Cities of Gold Casino parking lot. They ate dinner at the Red Cross shelter set up in the casino's bingo room.

Bad news trickled in through the night - at least 100 homes burned and thousands more evacuations. Few know what has

befallen their homes and possessions.

"The uncertainty is just dreadful. It's hard not to be really sad," said Jane Zengler, who with her husband Layle left their Los Alamos home and then evacuated again hours later from White Rock.

The Los Alamos Monitor in White Rock managed to publish Wednesday's paper even as the rest of Los Alamos fled. Editor Sarah Meyer said only a few stayed to get the paper out. "My heart was racing when we got that evacuation notice for the whole community. It was terrifying."

Luxury hotels in Santa Fe have offered discounts to evacuees: \$25 a night for rooms that normally go for as high as \$239. Many people offered their homes as shelter and donated food, clothing and blankets.

Nature can send prescribed burns haywire

By Mark Warbit
The Associated Press

BOISE - Like every "prescribed burn" that federal land managers undertake, the New Mexico fire that has forced the evacuation of Los Alamos was planned in advance with scientific precision.

Then nature stepped in. "This fire has experienced some severe wind events that were not totally forecasted," said Tom Zimmerman, a National Park Service fire science and ecology program leader at the National Interagency Fire Center.

Science can't yet control the weather, but experts have some say over how the fire behaves.

Each plan includes a description of the area to be burned, a statement about what land managers are trying to accomplish and a "prescription" - a set of size and intensity parameters within which the fire will ideally burn.

The parameters are based on what experts know about fire behavior.

Prescribed burns also take into account "firing patterns." "For example, if you light a fire at the base of a hill, you get the maximum speed of movement and maximum intensity because it moves up the slope," Zimmerman said.

"If you want to light that same fire at the top of the hill, you would expect what we call a backing fire, which moves much lower and with much less intensity as it moves down the slope."

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Idaho candidate faces another complaint

Prominent Democrat denies partisanship in questioning GOP challenger for court seat

COEUR D'ALENE (AP) — A second ethics complaint has been lodged against state Supreme Court challenger Daniel Eismann in a supposedly nonpartisan campaign that has become increasingly partisan.



Daniel Eismann

Coeur d'Alene attorney and prominent Democrat Scott Reed has asked the state Judicial Council to determine whether Eismann violated rules of judicial conduct when he answered an issues questionnaire circulated by Idaho Christian Coalition.

The survey for the coalition's "2000 Voter Guide" sought candidate views on such things as abortion and gun control, whether candidates view themselves as liberals or conservatives and if they believe God inspired the writing of the U.S. Constitution.

Eismann, a 4th District judge since 1995, answered the questionnaire — incumbent Supreme Court Justice Cathy Silak, who has served seven years on the high court and is seeking another six-year term, did not, citing ethical concerns.

In his complaint, Reed cited the August 1998 letter written by Council Executive Director

Robert Hamlin to the Supreme Court candidate Michael Wetherell, who asked about the propriety of responding to similar questionnaires during that campaign.

"It is not appropriate for a judicial candidate to respond to such questions or surveys," Hamlin wrote. "However, a candidate may respond to general questions concerning the candidate's background, education, qualifications, experience and general philosophy on the law."

Eismann, who has secured the backing of a number of arch-conservatives including retiring Republican U.S. Rep. Helen Chenoweth, defended his actions.

"I don't know of anything that says a judge can't express his religious beliefs," Eismann said during a swing through Coeur d'Alene this week.

He called the complaint a "political attack."

But Reed countered that the issue was not partisanship. "It's about the questionnaire," Eismann said he did not answer all of the coalition's questions, emphasizing that in his view some merely sought to determine if the candidate would be fair and impartial.

And he countered Reed's attack by attacking Silak for a lecture she gave earlier in the week in Coeur d'Alene on the school district lawsuit for the state to begin financing local school buildings. The case has been in court for the better part

of the last decade.

Eismann was handling it until the Supreme Court reversed his attempt to dismiss it in favor of the state. He immediately recused himself, biasing the high court for what he said was rewriting the Constitution.

He called into question Silak's discussion of the suit, suggesting it improper.

But according to published reports of Silak's comments, she discussed only the history of the case and made no substantive comments on pending legal questions.

Utah city puts fluoride on ballot

LOGAN, Utah (AP) — The Logan Municipal Council voted 3-1 to place the issue of fluoridation of the city's water supply on the November general election ballot.

"If we put it to a vote, it would give the city the right to choose," said Logan Councilwoman Janice Pearce.

Councilman Alan Allred dissented on Wednesday's vote. He urged the council to table the issue for another week until implementation costs could be addressed.

But the time is too short and the

issue too important, said Councilwoman Karen Borg.

"I have to consider how important the issue is," she said. "Is it as important as the Parks and Recreation General Obligation Bond? Yes. This is a public health issue. We need the next six months for education and open debate, not for spending it in a redundant process of petition."

Opponents of fluoridation disagreed, stating that if the public wants fluoride, it can put forth the effort to get it.

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Niger Hammer of Brigham City, Utah, checks the original campaign photograph Wednesday to make final adjustments to a re-creation of the meeting of the eastern and western branches of the transcontinental railroad at Promontory Summit in the state.

Chilled crowd revels in railroad celebration

PROMONTORY SUMMIT, Utah (AP) - A cold wind blew across Utah's west desert, chilling the crowd that gathered to celebrate the 131st anniversary of the completion of the Transcontinental Railroad.

With steam engines No. 119 and Jupiter whistling and steaming for the annual reenactment of the joining of the rails, author Stephen Ambrose recalled the original event Wednesday.

"This spot was improbable and indistinguishable," said Ambrose, who read excerpts from his upcoming book on the building of the railroad, "Nothing Like It in the World."

"No one ever lived there and, shortly after the first ceremony, no one would ever live there again."

The desolate spot on the northern edge of the Great Salt Lake is largely unchanged since it became the unlikely site for the joining of the rails.

Union Pacific and Central Pacific were racing cross-country from opposite directions, driving their immigrant workers to lay

down track as fast as they could. Rushing to capture the busy but untapped market in Salt Lake City, they actually passed in northern Utah, grading almost 200 parallel miles that were as little as ten feet apart in some spots.

But Congress, fearful of having to subsidize two railroads, decided the tracks should connect exactly midway between the two endpoints, then 50 miles apart. That spot was Promontory Summit.

On May 10, 1869 - with the two competitor's engines facing each other on the tracks - the final spike was driven as the country listened via the brand-new transcontinental telegraph.

"From Confederates and from Yankees, the ceremony brought together all North Americans," Ambrose said.

On Wednesday, Boyd Young of Brigham City tapped out the role of Western Union Operator W.N. Schilling while other members of the Golden Spike Association filled in for the original ceremony participants.

Survey work near tortoises worries preserve manager

IVINS, Utah (AP) - An official with Red Cliffs Desert Reserve has reprimanded the State and Institutional Trust Lands Administration for conducting survey work too close to some protected tortoises.

Bill Mader, the administrator for the Red Cliffs Desert Reserve, sent a letter last week to SITLA after learning they had conducted the survey on property considered an "incidental take area," in Ivins.

"The survey was done without following protocol outlined in the area's Habitat Conservation Plan, Mader said.

Because incidental take areas are usually near the edges of the reserve, they often provide habitat for tortoises or other protected species.

This means the land has to be examined and tortoises and other animals must be removed from the area before any development can take place, including moving heavy equipment onto the property.

According to Mader, SITLA hired an engineering company to conduct tests on the property, which included taking in a backhoe, without first contacting the county. SITLA also failed to fill out the proper forms, Mader said.

SITLA officials said they were not aware of the policy.

"We're giving (SITLA) the benefit of the doubt," Mader said. Mader attached a copy of the protocol document to the letter he sent to Don Levait, realty specialist for SITLA.

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WEST

Fowls ruffle feathers

Chickens appear to rule the roost

FAIR OAKS, Calif. (AP) — Welcome to Fair Oaks Village, where dozens, if not hundreds, of chickens roam the town free. Nostalgia conjures up a more bucolic era — a time when cute chicks skittered after hens in the village green, a time when folks could slow down to appreciate the vibrant colors of a Rhode Island red.

Unfortunately, nostalgia doesn't contemplate the foul realities of modern life. Or the ruffled feathers that follow a rooster attack.

The folks of Fair Oaks aren't farmers anymore. They're suburbanites, with SUVs and a clogged freeway a mile away. So no one takes care of the chickens, which have been declared wild by county animal control.

A rooster recently went on a pecking attack at the playground. A half dozen times each summer, one of the clumsy birds flops out of an oak tree into someone's escargots at the four-star Slocum House restaurant. Minivans stop in the middle of the street as the impetuous poultry strut across, blocking traffic.

Despite the inconvenience of the birds, most people here say they love them. The village is one of the few working relics of California's 19th century. People flock from their tract homes to the charming downtown on weekends, filling the antiques stores and quaint coffee shops. Having chickens around is "good business."

"I like that they're here because it's not so sterile," said LoAnn Olin, a visitor from Santa Rosa who comes frequently and was waiting for her lunch at a vegetarian restaurant. "It makes it more human, for some reason."

The village merchants association is even considering a chicken festival, complete with a barbecue contest.

"It is something we kick around to capitalize on the chicken thing," says David Hill, 41, owner of Fair Oaks Hardware and a town native.

Chicken paraphernalia is ubiquitous in local businesses. The Slocum House has a chicken-themed mailbox. The hardware store carries chicken planters and "chicken crossing" signs. The chamber of commerce drums up the chicken theme at its annual fair, with events such as the rubber chicken toss.

Everywhere you go in and around Fair Oaks, chickens are there — outside the dentist's office, laying eggs in barrels of nails at the hardware store, crowing boisterously across from the firehouse.

Most locals say artist Hugh Gorman, a creator of vast pastel murals, was the original chicken liberator here. That was 1977, he recalled, when he was a member of the wife-swapping artists' colony on Harmony Hill, an area since converted to an office park.

A free spirit who can't stand to chain his dog, Barely, Gorman wouldn't coop his four hens and rooster despite neighbors' complaints.

So they roamed free, roosting in low branches and sleeping in scratched-out depressions in the dirt.

The chickens thrived, growing into a population of eight to 10 flocks. The birds have become a tourist attraction, just as they are in Sonoma, another Northern California town where wild fowl roam the central green.

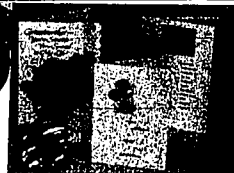
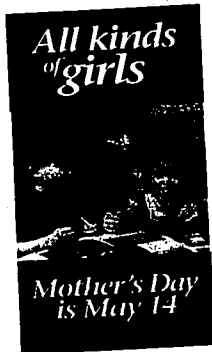
The chickens may have overstayed their welcome in Sonoma, however. Earlier this month, the city council voted to remove a dozen boisterous roosters after attacks on five children.



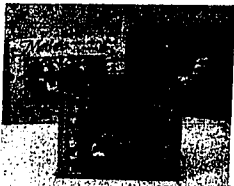
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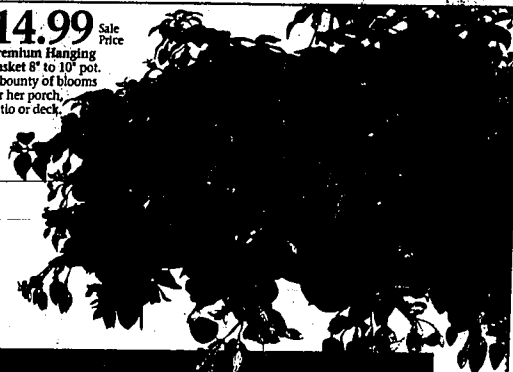


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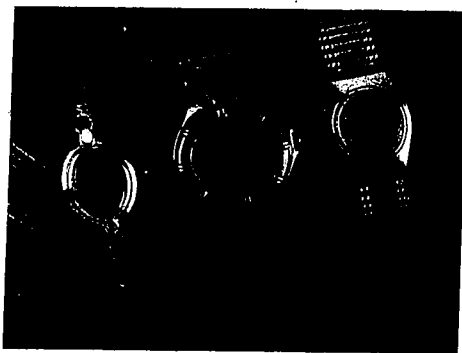
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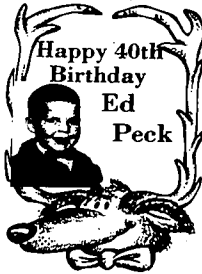
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Mating dance: 'Center Stage' depicts a love triangle between three dancers.

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Friday, May 12, 2000

What's going on



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12/Today

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Allison Holman and Scott Myers will present the premiere of their musical, "Freedom's Song," 8 p.m., Eighth Street Center, Buhl. Tickets, which are \$10, are available at Kurt's Pharmacy and Everybody's Business in Twin Falls, or by phoning 734-8735. Those who attend are asked to wear semi-formal attire.

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14/Sunday

The ninth annual Twin Falls Cinco de Mayo celebration will be held from noon to 6 p.m. in City Park, with food, music and games. Free.

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Every week, 'What's Going On' lists entertainment events in south-central Idaho. To get an item listed in the calendar, send it to Features Department, The Times-News, P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls 83403. Deadline is noon on Wednesday.

Who's coming to Boise and Salt Lake during this concert season, and how to get tickets

By Steve Crump
Times-News writer

It's not Woodstock, but it's not bad.

Living between the Boise and Salt Lake City metropolitan areas gives Magic Valley rock, country, folks, jazz, blues and classical music fans lots of concert options between May and September.

Take your pick:

Today - Boise

Third Eye Blind will perform at Boise's Bank of America Center at 8 p.m. Tickets, which are \$22.50, can be reserved by phoning Select A Seat at (208) 426-1766.

Sunday - Boise

Styx/REO Speedwagon and Survivor will play the Idaho Center in Nampa at 6:30 p.m. Tickets, which are \$19.50, \$26.50 and \$33.50, can be reserved by phoning Select A Seat at (208) 426-1766.

Monday - Boise

Tony Bennett will sing at the Pavilion on the campus of Boise State University at 8 p.m. Tickets, which are \$45, can be reserved by phoning Select A Seat at (208) 426-1766.

Tuesday - Utah

Tony Bennett will play Salt Lake City's Abravanel Hall at 8 p.m. Tickets, which are \$45, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (800) 888-TDXX. Abravanel Hall is located at 123 West South Temple in downtown Salt Lake City.

Tuesday - Utah

Trisha Yearwood will sing at the Dee Events Center on the campus of Weber State University in Ogden, Utah, at 7 p.m. Tickets, which are \$24.50 and \$29.50, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (800) 888-TDXX.

Tuesday - Utah

Styx/REO Speedwagon and Survivor will perform at the E Center in West Valley City, Utah, at 7 p.m. Tickets, which are \$18.50, \$31.75 and \$40.25, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (800) 888-TDXX.

Wednesday - Boise

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Wednesday - Utah

Smashing Pumpkins will play Saltair Resort in Magna, Utah, at 8 p.m. Tickets, which are \$30, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (800) 888-TDXX.

Wednesday - Boise

The Newsboys will perform at the Boise Towne Square Mall at 7 p.m. Tickets, which are \$17.50, can be reserved by phoning Select A Seat at (208) 426-1766.

May 19 - Utah

Sugar Ray, Melissa Etheridge



White-hot rock trio Black 182 plays concerts in Nampa on June 17 and in West Valley City, Utah, on June 17.



Melissa Etheridge will perform along with Sugar Ray and Enrique Iglesias at the E Center in West Valley City, Utah, on May 19.

Etheridge and Enrique Iglesias will sing at the E Center in West Valley City, Utah, at 6:30 p.m. Tickets, which are \$25, \$35 and \$40, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (800) 888-TDXX.

May 26 - Boise

Smashing Pumpkins will play the Bank of America Center in Boise at 8 p.m. Tickets, which are \$25.50, can be reserved by phoning Select A Seat at (208) 426-1766.

Getting there is half the fun

- **Boise Center**, 5000 Century Blvd., Nampa. Take the first Nampa exit off Interstate 84.
- **Bank of America Center**, located three blocks south of the Idaho Statehouse, between Front and Main streets and Capitol Boulevard and Ninth Street in downtown Boise. Take Capitol Boulevard.
- **Meridian Center**, on the west end of the Boise State University campus. Take Capitol Boulevard.
- **Pavilion**, on the east end of the Boise State University campus adjacent to Bronco Stadium. Take Broadway Avenue.
- **Sandy Point Beach**, located just downstream of Lucky Peak Dam on the Boise River eight miles northeast of Otter on U.S. Highway 21.
- **Delta Center**, located at 301 West South Temple in downtown Salt Lake City.
- **Ballpark**, located just outside Magna, Utah, 30 miles west of Salt Lake City. Take Interstate 80 West, Exit 104.
- **E Center**, located at 3200 South Decker Lake Drive in West Valley City, Utah, eight miles southwest of downtown Salt Lake City. Take Interstate 15.
- **Ed Kinsley Amphitheater**, located at 403 N. Wasatch Drive in Layton, Utah, 10 miles north of Salt Lake City off Interstate 15.
- **Capitol Theater**, located at 50 West 200 South in downtown Salt Lake City. — The Times-News

May 29 - Utah

World Championship Wrestling WCW Thunder will play the E Center in West Valley City, Utah, at 5:30 p.m. Tickets, which are \$16, \$26 and \$36, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (800) 888-TDXX.

May 30 - Boise

World Championship Wrestling WCW Thunder will play the Idaho Center in Nampa at 7 p.m. Tickets, which are \$12.50, \$18.50 and \$12.50, can be reserved by phoning Select A Seat at (208) 426-1766.

May 30-31 - Utah

Red Hot Chili Peppers and the Foo Fighters will perform at the E Center in West Valley City, Utah, at 7 p.m. nightly. Tickets, which are \$38, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (801) 888-TDXX.

June 2 - Utah

311 will play Saltair Resort in Magna, Utah, at 7:30 p.m. Tickets, which are \$24, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (800) 888-TDXX.

June 4 - Utah

The Cure will play the E Center in West Valley City, Utah. Please see CONCERTS, Page C2

Oscar-winner 'American Beauty' hits video stores this week

The Associated Press

Now and then - far too infrequently - a film comes along that offers a sliver of legitimate wisdom about the condition of the family in 20th-century America.

Robert Redford's "Ordinary People" (1980) did it. So did Ang Lee's "The Ice Storm" (1997). Now, director Sam Mendes' "American Beauty" takes its place among the best family dramas of recent decades. (And good enough to win the best-picture Academy Award for 1999).

Subtle and harrowing, full of cockeyed humor and visceral pain, "American Beauty" explores a modern family - what makes it tick, and how each tick can herald the entrance of a time bomb moving inexorably toward detonation.

Lester Burnham (Kevin Spacey), writer for a booster-oriented ad magazine, is coping with early middle age. A comfortable, suburban life has left him self-indulgent and a bit disoriented.



Kevin Spacey

"I know I've lost something," he says, "but I don't know what it is."

His wife, Carolyn (Annette Bening), is insouciant and self-pitying, driven inside her frosty shell by years of rising anger at her husband and her lot. A real-estate agent who dresses and furnishes like a bon vivant, she nonetheless is so emotionally evanescent that, when she cries, she simultaneously upbraids herself for doing so.

Their high-school-age daughter, Jane (Thora Birch), is hovering near the juncture of adulthood and troubled teen - certain she's ugly, thoroughly disgusted at her parents' suburban artificiality.

named Angela (Mena Suvari) and you have a potboiler that could go any direction.

And it does. Lester encounters Angela, Jane's cheer-leading buddy, and falls immediately and obviously in lust with her, much to his daughter's disgust. Jane catches Ricky watching her and is both repelled and fascinated. Carolyn flirts with her competitor (Peter Gallagher, at his odliest), Ricky's Marine Corps father grapples with the presence of a gay couple in the neighborhood. Little lust blossom.

If all this seems dizzying and disjointed, that's sort of the point. What unifies all is Lester, who is either falling apart or finally waking up. His attraction for Angela and the confusion it produces sends him on a journey of self-destruction and discovery.

He melts convulsively from a randy Walter Mitty into some sort of rampaging suburban John Belushi, energized by the very things that should hurt him, watching his life unravel even as it becomes enjoy-

able again.

As matters hurtle toward their conclusions, it is Lester who - with both his wices and his formidable attempts at being honorable - pushes them along.

In his Oscar-winning role, Spacey is a wonderful, terrible junk pile of whimsy and rage, self-doubt and resurgent hormones. And Bening, who deserved a break after an unrelentingly script scouted her fine work in January's "In Dreams," gives a career performance here.

What makes the film such a desolate snapshot of American life is the normalcy of its dysfunction: Everybody's horrible and everybody's normal. "American Beauty" is American tragedy. In it, we can recognize ourselves. And the mirror is not only cracked; it's shattered and cannot be fixed.

"American Beauty," a Dreamworks release, is written by Alan Ball and produced by Bruce Cohen and Dan Jinks. It is rated R.

Concerts

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at 8 p.m. Tickets, which are \$33, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (800) 888-TDXX.

June 5 - Boise

Creed will play the Idaho Center in Nampa at 7 p.m. Tickets, which are \$25 and \$32.50, can be reserved by phoning Select A Seat at (208) 426-1766.

June 17 - Boise

Blink 182 will perform at the Idaho Center in Nampa at 7 p.m. Tickets, which are \$24, can be reserved by phoning Select A Seat at (208) 426-1766.

June 17 - Utah

nine inch nails will play the E Center in West Valley City, Utah, at 8 p.m. Tickets, which are \$45.50, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (800) 888-TDXX.

June 24 - Lava Hot Springs

Bachman/Turner/Overdrive will perform at Triangle Park in Lava Hot Springs at 7 p.m. Tickets, which are \$19.50, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (888) 800-TDXX. Lava Hot Springs is located southeast of Pocatello on U.S. Highway 30.

June 25 - Boise

The Dixie Chicks and Patty Griffin will sing at the Idaho Center in Nampa at 7:30 p.m. Tickets, which are \$29.50 and \$37.50, can be reserved by phoning Select A Seat at (208) 426-1766.

June 28 - Utah

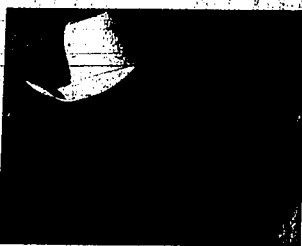
Blink 182 will play the E Center in West Valley City, Utah, at 7 p.m. Tickets, which are \$25, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (800) 888-TDXX.

July 1 - Boise

Roger Waters, formerly of Pink Floyd, will play the Idaho Center in Nampa at 8 p.m. Tickets, which are \$50.50, can be reserved by phoning (208) 426-1766.



Trent Reznor and nine inch nails will play the E Center in West Valley City, Utah, on June 17.



Toby Keith, Keith Urban, and Dani Leigh will sing at the Dee Events Center on the campus of Weber State University in Ogden, Utah, on July 13.

ing Select A Seat at (208) 426-1766.

Aug. 18 - Utah

Maureen McGovern will sing at the Sundance Theater outside Provo, Utah, at 8 p.m. Tickets, which are \$20, \$30 and \$40, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (800) 888-TDXX. Take Exit 275 off Interstate 15, travel east on 800 North to the mouth of Provo Canyon, and turn right onto Highway 189, then drive seven miles and turn left.

Aug. 26 - Utah

Gordon Lightfoot will sing at the Sandy City Amphitheater in Sandy, Utah, at 8 p.m. Tickets, which are \$13 and \$18, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (800) 888-TDXX. The Sandy City Amphitheater is located at 1250 East 9400 South.

Sept. 13 - Utah

Sergio Mendes and Brasil 2000 will perform at the Ed Kenley Amphitheater in Layton, Utah, at 8 p.m. Tickets, which are \$18 and \$25, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (800) 888-TDXX.

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July 3 - Boise

Van's Warped Tour, including Green Day, Suicide Machines, Mighty Mighty Bosstones and two dozen other bands, will play the Idaho Center in Nampa at noon. Tickets, which are \$24.50, can be reserved by phoning Select A Seat at (208) 426-1766.

July 4 - Utah

Alabama will perform in Cougar Stadium on the campus of Brigham Young University in Provo, Utah, at 8 p.m. Tickets, which are \$12, \$17, \$21 and \$24, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (800) 888-TDXX.

July 4 - Utah

Chicago and They Might Be Giants will perform at Rice-Eccles Stadium on the campus of the University of Utah in Salt Lake City at 8 p.m. Tickets, which are \$12, \$18 and \$24, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix (888) 800-TDXX.

July 8 - Utah

Don Henley will sing at the E Center in West Valley City, Utah, at 8 p.m. Tickets, which are \$49 and \$69, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (800) 888-TDXX.

July 8 - Utah

Van's Warped Tour, including Green Day, Suicide Machines, Mighty Mighty Bosstones and two dozen other bands, will play the Utah State Fairpark in Salt Lake City at 4 p.m. Tickets, which are \$22, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (800) 888-TDXX. The Utah State Fairpark is located at 155 North 1000 West.

July 17 - Utah

Glen Campbell will sing in the Ed Kenley Amphitheater in Layton, Utah, at 8 p.m. Tickets, which are \$18, \$25 and \$35, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (800) 888-TDXX.

July 17 - Utah

No Doubt will perform at the E Center in West Valley City, Utah, at 7:30 p.m. Tickets, which are \$28, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (800) 888-TDXX.

July 18 - Boise

No Doubt will play in concert at 7 p.m. at Sandy Point Beach on Lucky Peak Reservoir northeast of Boise. Tickets, which are \$26.75, can be reserved by phoning

ing Select A Seat at (208) 426-1766.

July 19 - Utah

Toby Keith, Keith Urban and Dani Leigh will sing at the Dee Events Center on the campus of Weber State University in Ogden, Utah, at 7:30 p.m. Tickets, which are \$18.50 and \$20, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (800) 888-TDXX.

July 22 - Boise

John Hiatt will perform at 7:30 p.m. at Sandy Point Beach at Lucky Peak Reservoir. Tickets, which are \$23.75, can be reserved by phoning

by phoning Select A Seat at (208) 426-1766.

Aug. 1 - Utah

The Smothers Brothers will play the Ed Kenley Amphitheater in Layton, Utah, at 8 p.m. Tickets, which are \$18, \$25, \$35, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (800) 888-TDXX.

Aug. 15 - Boise

Tolson, Chinderella, Dokken and Slaughter will play the Idaho Center in Nampa at 5:30 p.m. Tickets, which are \$19.50 and \$26.50, can be reserved by phoning

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City Park sees Cinco de Mayo, Mother's Day bash

By Steve Crump
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - You could call it Catorce de Mayo.

Cinco de Mayo was a week ago, but the celebration is traditionally combined with Mother's Day in Twin Falls and organizers are expecting about 2,000 people to the day-long celebration Sunday in City Park.

Weather, of course, permitting, "You never know in May," said Jerome restaurateur Rosa Paiz, one of the organizers of the event, who has seen a few of the annual fiestas rained out. It's the ninth annual Cinco de Mayo festival in Twin Falls, fea-

turing music, games and food and attracting folks from throughout southern Idaho. It's historically the largest ethnic-heritage celebration in the Magic Valley.

"People like to have something to eat, have a Coke or drink a beer, and meet people," Paiz said. Cinco de Mayo - a national holiday in Mexico celebrating a famous victory by peasants over an occupying French army in 1862 - will be marked by bands from Salt Lake City and Idaho Falls, dancers from Glenns Ferry and continuous music.

Sunday's fun will also include cherry pie and jalapeno-eating contests and train rides and games for kids.

A variety of food will be available, including fajitas, tacos, hot dogs and cotton candy. The music starts at noon. Admission is free and everyone is welcome. "We want people to come have a good time," Paiz said.

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Danny Marona performs at Cactus Petes this week

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W. A. R. P. C.
Saturday and Sunday
 Danny Marona will perform at 8 p.m. dinner show and an 11 p.m. cocktail show, Cactus Petes, Resort Center, 3200 Decker Lake Drive, Twin Falls.
Monday - Boise
 Dinner show, prices start at \$14.99 tonight, \$19.99 on Saturday.
 There's a \$7.50 cover charge tonight and Sunday; \$10 on Saturday. For reservations and information, call (800) 821-1102.

Tonight and Saturday
 Night Fire will play from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Oasis, 1007 Blue Lakes Blvd. N., Twin Falls.

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 Third Eye Blind will perform at the Bank of America Center at 8 p.m. Tickets, which are \$22.50, can be reserved by phoning Select A Seat at (208) 426-1766. The Bank of America Center is located at 233 S. Capitol Blvd.

Monday - Boise
 Bizz/RBO Speedwagon and Survivor will play the Idaho Center in Nampa at 6:30 p.m. Tickets, which are \$19.50, \$25 and \$33.50, can be reserved by phoning Select A Seat at (208) 426-1766. The Idaho Center is located at 5000 Garrity Blvd. on Nampa's east end.

Tuesday - Utah
 Bizz/RBO Speedwagon and Survivor will perform at the E Center in West Valley City, Utah, at 7 p.m. Tickets, which are \$18.50, \$21.25 and \$40.25, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (800) 888-TIXX. The E Center is located at 3200 Decker Lake Drive.

Shooking Pumpkins

Wednesday - Utah
 Shooking Pumpkins will play Salsar Resort in Magna, Utah, at 8 p.m. Tickets, which are \$30, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (800) 888-TIXX. Salsar is located 30 miles west of Salt Lake City off Interstate 80 West, Exit 104.

Thursday
 The Jill Cohn Band of Seattle will play at Hot Rocks, 170 S. Park Ave., in Twin Falls. The music starts at 10 p.m.

May 19 - Utah
 Sugar Ray, Melissa Etheridge and Enrique Iglesias will sing at the E Center in West Valley City, Utah, at 6:30 p.m. Tickets, which are \$25, \$35 and \$40, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (800) 888-TIXX. The E Center is located at 3200 Decker Lake Drive.

May 20 - Boise
 Shooking Pumpkins will play

the Bank of America Center in Boise at 8 p.m. Tickets, which are \$26.50, can be reserved by phoning Select A Seat at (208) 426-1766. The Bank of America Center is located at 233 S. Capitol Blvd.

May 30-31 - Utah
 Red Hot Chili Peppers and the Foo Fighters will perform at the E Center in West Valley City, Utah, at 7 p.m. nightly. Tickets, which are \$38, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (800) 888-TIXX. The E Center is located at 3200 Decker Lake Drive.

June 2 - Utah
 311 will play Salsar Resort in Magna, Utah, at 7:30 p.m. Tickets, which are \$24, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (800) 888-TIXX. Salsar is located 30 miles west of Salt Lake City off Interstate 80 West, Exit 104.

June 4 - Utah
 The Cure will play the E Center in West Valley City, Utah, at 8 p.m. Tickets, which are \$33, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (800) 888-TIXX. The E Center is located at 3200 Decker Lake Drive.

June 5 - Boise
 Creed will play the Idaho Center in Nampa at 7 p.m. Tickets, which are \$25 and \$32.50, can be reserved by phoning Select A Seat at (208) 426-1766. The Idaho Center is located at 5000 Garrity Blvd. on Nampa's east end.

June 17 - Boise
 Blink 182 will perform at the Idaho Center in Nampa at 7 p.m. Tickets, which are \$24, can be reserved by phoning Select A Seat at (208) 426-1766. The Idaho Center is located at 5000 Garrity Blvd. on Nampa's east end.

June 17 - Utah
 Nine inch nails will play the E Center in West Valley City, Utah, at 8 p.m. Tickets, which are \$45.50, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (800) 888-TIXX. The E Center is located at 3200 Decker Lake Drive.

June 24 - Lava Hot Springs
 Bachman/Turner/Overdrive will perform at Triangle Park in Lava Hot Springs at 7 p.m. Tickets, which are \$19.50, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (888) 800-TEXX. Lava Hot Springs is located 28 southeast of Pocatello on U.S. Highway 30.

June 28 - Utah
 Blink 182 will play the E Center in West Valley City, Utah, at 7 p.m. Tickets, which are \$25, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (800) 888-TIXX. The E Center is located at 3200 Decker Lake Drive.

July 1 - Boise
 Roger Waters, formerly of Pink Floyd, will play the Idaho Center in Nampa at 8 p.m. Tickets, which are \$50.50, can be reserved by phoning (208) 426-1766. The Idaho Center is located at 5000 Garrity Blvd. on Nampa's east end.

July 3 - Boise
 Van's Warped Tour, including Green Day, Suicide Machines, Mighty Mighty Boostones and two

dozen other bands, will play the Idaho Center in Nampa at noon. Tickets, which are \$24.50, can be reserved by phoning Select A Seat at (208) 426-1766. The Idaho Center is located at 5000 Garrity Blvd. on Nampa's east end.

July 4 - Utah
 Chicago and They Might Be Giants will perform at Rice-Eccles Stadium on the campus of the University of Utah in Salt Lake City at 8 p.m. Tickets, which are \$12, \$18 and \$24, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix (888) 800-TIXX.

July 8 - Utah
 Don Henley will sing at the E Center in West Valley City, Utah, at 8 p.m. Tickets, which are \$49 and \$63, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (800) 888-TIXX. The E Center is located at 3200 Decker Lake Drive.



July 8 - Utah
 Van's Warped Tour, including Green Day, Suicide Machines, Mighty Mighty Boostones and two dozen other bands, will play the Utah State Fairpark in Salt Lake City at 4 p.m. Tickets, which are \$22, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (800) 888-TIXX. The Utah State Fairpark is located at 155 North 1000 West.

July 11 - Utah
 No Doubt will perform at the E Center in West Valley City, Utah, at 7:30 p.m. Tickets, which are \$28, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (800) 888-TIXX. The E Center is located at 3200 Decker Lake Drive.

July 18 - Boise
 No Doubt will play in concert at 7 p.m. at Sandy Point Beach on Lucky Peak Reservoir northeast of Boise. Tickets, which are \$26.75, can be reserved by phoning Select A Seat at (208) 426-1766.

Country & Western

Tonight and Saturday
 Cobalt Blue will play from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Boot cooters, 1539 Fillmore St. N., Twin Falls. Doors open at 7 p.m. Cover charge is \$3.

Tonight and Saturday
 Rockin' Horse will play from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Honker's Place, 121 Fourth Ave. S., Twin Falls. Cover charge is \$3.

Saturday
 Dusty and the Nomads will play from 8 p.m. to midnight at

Spanbauer's - Barn on U.S. Highway 93, east of Jerome. Cover charge is \$5. Call 324-7366.

Monday except Sunday and Monday
 Pure Country will play from 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. at Weston Inn, 1350 Blue Lakes Blvd. N., Twin Falls.

Tuesday
 Free dance lessons will be given from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Dee Events Center, 121 Fourth Ave. S., Twin Falls.

Tuesday - Utah
 Trisha Yearwood will sing at the Dee Events Center on the campus of Weber State University in Ogden, Utah, at 7 p.m. Tickets, which are \$24.50 and \$29.50, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (800) 888-TIXX.

Wednesday - Boise
 Trisha Yearwood will perform at 7:30 p.m. in the Pavilion on the campus of Boise State University. Tickets, which are \$19.50 and \$29.50, can be reserved by phoning Select A Seat at (208) 426-1766.

June 25 - Boise
 The Dixie Chicks and Patty Griffin will sing at the Idaho Center in Nampa at 7:30 p.m. Tickets, which are \$29.50 and \$37.50, can be reserved by phoning Select A Seat at (208) 426-1766. The Idaho Center is located at 5000 Garrity Blvd. on Nampa's east end.

July 4 - Utah
 Alabama will perform in Cougar Stadium on the campus of Brigham Young University in Provo, Utah, at 8 p.m. Tickets, which are \$18.50 and \$20, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (800) 888-TIXX.

July 19 - Utah
 Toby Keith, Keith Urban and Dani Leith will sing at the Dee Events Center on the campus of Weber State University in Ogden, Utah, at 7:30 p.m. Tickets, which are \$18.50 and \$20, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (800) 888-TIXX.

Pro Wrestling

May 29 - Utah
 World Championship Wrestling WCW Thunder will play the E Center in West Valley City, Utah, at 5:30 p.m. Tickets, which are \$16, \$26 and \$36, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (800) 888-TIXX. The E Center is located at 3200 Decker Lake Drive.

May 30 - Boise
 World Championship Wrestling WCW Thunder will play the Idaho Center in Nampa at 7 p.m. Tickets, which are \$12.50, \$18.50 and \$12.50, can be reserved by phoning Select A Seat at (208) 426-1766. The Idaho Center is located at 5000 Garrity Blvd. on Nampa's east end.

MUSIC

Wednesday
 The Twin Falls High School Band, directed by Ted Hadley, will present their Pops Concert at 7:30 p.m. in the TFHS John W. Kopper Auditorium. Special guests will be the OZ easy Junior High Jazz Band, directed by Dennis Bortz, the TFHS Jazz Band and the TFHS Drum Corps. A variety of marches, overtures, popular medleys, and features will be presented, including Beethoven's "Egmont Overture," "Salute to Duke Ellington," "Black Granite March," "Primo of Egypt," "Oye Como Va" and University of Idaho composer Dan Bukvich's "Electricity." Admission is free with donations accepted.

May 19-20 - Utah
 Jose Feliciano will sing with the Utah Symphony at 8 p.m. in Salt Lake City's Abravanel Hall. Tickets, which are \$19, \$23, \$29 and \$36, can be reserved by phoning (801) 355-2787. Abravanel Hall is located at 123 West South Temple.

July 17 - Utah
 Glen Campbell will sing in the Ed Kenley Amphitheater in Layton, Utah, at 8 p.m. Tickets, which are \$16, \$25 and \$35, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (800) 888-TIXX. The Ed Kenley Amphitheater is located

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Wednesday - Boise
The Newsways will perform at the Boise Towne Square Mall at 7 p.m. Tickets, which are \$17.50, can be reserved by phoning Select A Seat at (208) 426-1766.

JAZZ

Tonight - Utah
Chuck Mangione will perform with the Utah Symphony at 8 p.m. in Salt Lake City's Abravanel Hall. Tickets, which are \$18, \$26, \$34 and \$42, can be reserved by phoning (801) 355-2787. Abravanel Hall is located at 123 West South Temple.

Monday - Boise

Tony Bennett will sing at the Pavilion on the campus of Boise State University at 8 p.m. Tickets, which are \$45, can be reserved by phoning Select A Seat at (208) 426-1766.

Tuesday - Utah

Tony Bennett will play Salt Lake City's Abravanel Hall at 8 p.m. Tickets, which are \$45, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (800) 888-TIXX. Abravanel Hall is located at 123 West South Temple.

GOSPEL

June 3

Nell Carter will sing with the Seattle Men's Chorus at 8 p.m. in the Morrison Center on the campus of Boise State University. Tickets, which are \$25 and \$30, can be reserved by phoning Select A Seat at (208) 426-1766.

OPERA

Saturday, Monday and Wednesday
Utah Opera will present Franz Lehár's "The Merry Widow," 7:30 p.m. in Salt Lake City's Capitol Theater. Tickets, which range from \$40 to \$174, can be reserved by phoning ArtTix at (888) 451-2787. The production will continue May 19 at 7:30 p.m. and May 21 at 2 p.m. The Capitol Theater is located at 50 West 200 South.

NEW AGE

Saturday - Boise
Pianist David Lantz will perform at the Morrison Center on the campus of Boise State University at 8 p.m. Tickets, which are \$17.50-\$28.50, can be reserved by phoning Select A Seat at (208) 426-1766.

DANCE

Tonight
The LDS singles and alumni are sponsoring a potato bar dinner and a dance at 667 Harrison

St., Twin Falls. Dinner begins at 7 p.m.; bring your own table service. Cost for the dinner is \$1. The dance starts at 8:30 p.m. with music by The Gems (Flora). Admission to the dance is \$2.50 per person. Married couples are invited.

Saturday
The Old-Time Fiddlers will play from 8 to 11 p.m. at the West End Senior Citizens Center, 1010 Main, Buhl. Cost is \$3 per person.

SUNDAY

The Twin Falls Senior Citizens Center will hold a public dance with music from 2 to 5 p.m. at the center, 616 Eastland Drive, Twin Falls.

SHOWS

Through June 1
The Buhl Arts Council presents "Still Life & Porcelain" exhibition by John McClusky at the Eighth Street Center, 200 N. Eighth, Buhl. For more information, call 543-2888.

THEATER

Tonight and Saturday
The Twin Falls High School Drama Department and the Northside Playhouse, a local community theater group, will present Moscow playwright Micki Panttaja's "Conversation of My Mother." The fictionalized history of Panttaja's family begins in 1890 with the immigration of a young girl from Sweden and embarks on a journey through the generations of the women in her family from that era to the present. The production, under the direction of Howard Miller or Dietrich, includes a cast of seven young actresses from the Magic Valley high school and college community. Performers include Rhiannon Rodriguez, Christian Gold, Shanna Jacobson, Christine Velasquez, Alicia West, Maberly Brown and Stacie Wallin. Dane Martens, a Twin Falls High School senior, is production manager. Curtain time is 7:30 p.m. The production will continue May 17-20 in Drama Room D-5 at the Twin Falls High School. Tickets are \$5 for adults and \$3 for students and senior citizens. All proceeds will be used for production expenses and for possible travel expenses to Boulder. For more ticket information, call Miller's office at TFFHS, 733-6551, Ext. 3059, or visit the e-mail site, tffstheatre@hotmail.com.

Tonight and Saturday

Alison Holman and Scott Myers will present "Freedom's Song," 8 p.m., Eighth Street Arts Center, Buhl. Tickets, which are \$10, are at Kurt's Pharmacy and Everybody's Business in Twin Falls. Any tickets left over will be sold at the door.

Tonight and Saturday - Boise
Hailey's Company of Fools, in

cooperation with Boise State Theater Arts Department, will present David Mamet's "Oleanna" at 8 p.m. at the Morrison Center on the campus of Boise State University. Tickets, which are \$15 general admission and \$12 for students and senior citizens, can be reserved by phoning Select A Seat at (208) 426-1766.

KARAOKE

Tonight
Karaoke will be featured from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Cavanaugh's Canyon Springs Hotel, 1357 Blue Lakes Blvd. N., Twin Falls.

Nightly except Sunday and Monday
Karaoke will be featured from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Clover Klub, 402 Main N., Twin Falls.

Tonight, Saturday and Wednesday
Full Moon Music Madness will play from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the 610 Club, 1054 Overland Ave., Burley.

Tonight
Kroakers Karaoke will be featured from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Blue Room, 613 Fremont, Rupert.

Saturday
Kroakers Karaoke will be featured from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Big Kahuna, 9 E. Main, Declo.

Sunday and Tuesday
Full Moon Music Madness will play from 5 to 8 p.m. at the Riverside Bar and Resort, west of Burley.

Monday through Thursday
Karaoke will be featured from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Oasis, 1007 Blue Lakes Blvd. N., Twin Falls. No cover charge.

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ALL FESTIVAL

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de Mayo celebration will be held from noon to 6 p.m. at City Park, featuring food, music and games. Free.

C. MUSIC

Tonight
Daron Novotny will play from 6 to 8 p.m. at 8px Fifth

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Bob Nora Band will play from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at 8px Fifth Avenue, 213 Fifth Ave. S., Twin Falls.

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'Battlefield Earth,' 'Screwed,' 'Center Stage' hit the big screen

Combined wire services

Movies playing in south-central Idaho this weekend. Opinions are by Los Angeles Times and Knight-Ridder Newspapers reviewers. Ratings by the Motion Picture Association of America are: (G) for general audiences; (PG) parental guidance urged because of material possibly unsuitable for children; (PG-13) parents are strongly cautioned to give guidance for attendance of children younger than 13; (R) restricted, younger than 17 admitted only with parent or adult guardian; (NC-17) no one younger than 17 admitted.

'Battlefield Earth'
Based on a sci-fi book by Scientology founder L. Ron Hubbard, "Battlefield Earth" is a good-versus-evil tale set in the year 3000. Young Goddoy Tyler (Barry Pepper) lives high in the Rockies among the last free remnants of the human race until he is captured by the aliens who have conquered Earth. He's soon engaged in a battle of wits with Teri (John Travolta), the aliens' chief of security for this backwater planet, with the fate of the Earth at stake. As characters and motives spring out of nowhere, the hero and villain engage in a series of poorly lighted scuffles. The special effects aren't particularly impressive, and Travolta's merely adequate as the villain Teri. Grade A drivin'. PG-13. 117 min.

'Center Stage'
This story of aspiring young ballet dancers in New York features inventive, exquisitely choreographed dance sequences. It also has some lousy acting. Many of the main characters are portrayed by dancers from the American Ballet Theater and other top companies. But just because they can dance, doesn't mean they can act. The plot is predictable, but the dancing makes getting there bearable. Peter Gallagher, one of the few true actors in the cast, plays an outstanding, two-dimensional dance academy director. Rated PG-13.

'Erin Brockovich'
The difference between "A Civil Action" and this based-on-fact story of a law firm that risks everything in taking on a giant corporation is two words: Julia Roberts. She's the title character, an angry single mother armed with indignation and Wonderbra-assisted cleavage, who bullies lawyer Albert Finney into hiring her and pursuing the case against a utility company that may be contaminating the water. It's a conventional movie for director Steven Soderbergh, but a break-through for Roberts, who proves she's more than a movie star; she's an actress, too. Rated R. Language. 2 hours, 10 minutes.

'The Flintstones in Viva Rock Vegas'
This sequel to the 1994 "The Flintstones" is hysterical and feels more like a cartoon (and when you're dealing with modern Stone Age families, that can only be a plus). This low-cost comedy tells the tale of how Fred and Barney (Mark Addy and Stephen Baldwin, respectively) meet and fall in love with Wilma and Betty

Big box office

1. "The Matrix" (MGM) 10.1 million
2. "The Hitman's Bodyguard" (MGM) 7.1 million
3. "The Hitman's Wife's Bodyguard" (MGM) 6.1 million
4. "Frequency" (New Line) 5.1 million
5. "Where the Heart Is" (Fox) 4.1 million
Source: Exhibitor Relations Co.

(Kristen Johnston and Jane Krakowski), (13). PG for immaturity and brief language.)

'Frequency'
An effective but finally over-reaching science fiction thriller directed by Gregory Hoblit ("Primal Fear") that explores what happens in the present if you find a way to redo the past. The story about a police detective (Jim Caviezel) who communicates with his long-dead father (Dennis Quaid) is rather enjoyable until the greedy final section. (1.57. PG-13 for intense violence and disturbing images.)

'Gladiator'
Director Ridley Scott's latest is a supremely atmospheric film that ably mixes traditional Roman movie elements like Senators in carefully pressed togas and fighters who say "We who are about to die salute you" with the latest computer-generated wonders. Intensely masculine actor Russell Crowe, who seems to have the patent on heroic plausibility, is commanding as the heroic gladiator Maximus. But the movie — too long at a full two and a half hours — is not as nimble outside the arena as inside. With Joaquin Phoenix as the ruthless young emperor Commodus, Richard Harris as Marcus Aurelius, Connie Nielsen as Commodus' shrewd sister Lucilla, Djimon Hounsou as the gladiator Juba and, in his last screen role, Oliver Reed as a former gladiator named Proximo. (2.30. R for intense graphic combat.)

'Ghost Dog: The Way of the Samurai'
Hunched down somewhere between fantasy, philosophy and farce is the latest curiosity from indie pioneer Jim Jarmusch. Forest Whitaker plays a computerized urban hit man who lives by the ancient code of the Japanese samurai; unfortunately for him, he's in the employ of a woman. Jarmusch's loyalties are more fluid than his own. Jarmusch's absurdist style contrasts, probably intentionally, with Whitaker's seriousness, but the director doesn't seem to know if he believes this samurai stuff or just finds it macho-ridiculous. Rated R; violence. Language. 1 hour, 45 minutes.

'God's Army'
A well-made, moving and (mostly) realistic independent movie about a 19-year-old Mormon missionary (Matthew Brown) from Kanab adjusting to life in Los Angeles. The film offers a good examination of the search for God and meaning in our largely secular world and the difficulties faced by those who are called to teach others. Written and directed by Richard Dutcher who plays the 29-year-old elder the other missionaries call "Pops." (1.45. PG for themat-



The romantic struggle between world-class ballet star Cooper (Ethen Stryfer, left), aspiring dancer Judy (Amanda Schull) and wannabe ballet student Charlie (Sophie Radelety) is at the heart of the Columbia Pictures presentation 'Center Stage,' which follows the hopes and dreams of young dance students as they try to make a name for themselves in the fiercely competitive world of professional dance.

ic elements and some language.)

'High Fidelity'
John Cusack plays a thirtysomething record shop owner whose tendency to put more effort into compiling Top 5 lists and making mix tapes than his relationship with girlfriend (Iben Hjejle) leads him to reevaluate his priorities — via a Top 5 list, of course. Faithfully adapted from Nick Hornby's witty novel, the film has a fine and funny performance from Cusack (who also cowrote the script), a scene-stealing turn from Jack Black as an aggressive rock 'n' roll snob, and, not surprisingly, a great soundtrack. Rated R; sexual situations, language. 1 hour, 53 minutes.

'I Dreamed of Africa'
Based on the memoir of a well-to-do Italian woman who made a

new life for herself and her son in Kenya, this Kim Basinger-starring romantic fantasy is so forbiddingly genteel it makes "Out of Africa" play like "Zulu Dawn." (1.52. PG-13 for a scene of nudity/sensuality and some violent/traumatic episodes.)

'Keeping the Faith'
Edward Norton directs and co-stars in this potent romantic comedy about a young rabbi (Ben Stiller) and a young priest (Norton), lifelong friends whose lives are turned upside down when their best pal from the eight grade re-enters their lives in the stunning and witty form of Jenna Elfman. (2.08. PG-13 for some sexuality and language.)

'The Legend of 1900'
"Cinema Paradiso" director Giuseppe Tornatore aims for an



Jonny Lee Miller and Frances O'Connor star in Patricia Rozema's 'Mansfield Park.'

allegorical epic with this tale of a piano prodigy (Tim Roth) who is born at sea and never sets foot on land. But even as a fable, this is pretty feeble, never following up on any of the themes — the turn of the century, immigrant rootlessness, the siren song of the ocean — it pretends to raise. Taylor Pruitt Vince is a narrator who keeps telling us we'll never believe his story, and he's right. Rated R; language. 1 hour, 56 minutes.

'Love and Basketball'
Romance hits the hardwood in this engaging and exhilarating first feature film from director-actor-writer Gina Prince-Bythewood. It follows two basketball players from their next-door driveways to the Bigs. Omar Epps is a cocky coach from the crib competitor, and Sanaa Lathan is a stubborn talent who can be her own worst enemy. As their love for the game and each other is threatened by various outside distractions, the movie keeps its eye on the ball. Rated PG-13; language, sexual situations. 2 hours, 4 minutes.

'Return to Me'
This is so hokum-saturated it should probably come stamped with a surgeon general's warning: Widower David Duchovny's inex-

plicable attraction to a working-class woman (Minnie Driver) very unlike his late wife may be attributable to her having the wife's transplanted heart. But director and co-writer Bonnie Hunt (who also co-stars) carefully avoids any metaphysical implications. She concentrates instead on the dilemma itself and the intimacy between the stars and some sentimental but satisfying comic business involving a group of poker players, bickering old romantics that includes Robert Loggia and Carroll O'Connor. Rated PG; language. 1 hour, 58 minutes.

'The Road to El Dorado'
A pair of Spanish con men (voices of Kenneth Branagh and Kevin Kline) go searching for the City of Gold in this animated comic adventure inspired by the Bing Crosby-Bob Hope road movies of the '40s and '50s. The blending of hand-drawn and computer animation is somewhat less successful than in recent Disney movies ("Road" is from Disney's primary competition in that arena, DreamWorks) but it's still impressive to look at and moderately entertaining. It's also pretty forgettable. PG; violence. 1 hour. Please see MOVIES, Page C6

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WEEKEND

Movies

Continued from C3
28 minutes.

'Screwed'
The screenwriting team of Scott Alexander and Larry Karaszewski ("The People vs. Larry Flynt," "Man on the Moon") make their directing debut with a comedy about a chauffeur (Norm Macdonald) who kidnaps his employer's dog. (PG-13 for crude and sex-related humor, nudity, language, some violence and brief drug content.)

been here before. The support group includes a gay cyborg, an angry pessimist, a vulnerable teen-ager and a major league ballplayer (Viggo Mortensen) who might as well be wearing a sign saying "romantic interest." Bullock again attempts to get by on cheeky charm; maybe it's time for a little professional behavior modification. Rated PG-13; language, brief nudity. 1 hour, 43 minutes.

'U-571'
An American sub crew is dis-



Denny DeVito plays creepy mortician Grover Cleaver in Universal Pictures' revenge comedy 'Screwed.'

'The Skulls'
As part of the initiation rite of a secret college society that will stop at nothing to preserve its privileges, pledges are locked in a cage and compelled to tell their deepest secrets: "What's the worst thing you've ever done?" demands conflicted Joshua Jackson of snooty rich kid Paul Walker. "Be in this awful movie!" we expect him to answer, but he lies, of course. Rated PG-13; violence, language. 1 hour, 51 minutes.

'28 Days'
Booze-and-everything-addicted Sandra Bullock is sent to court-ordered rehab in a movie more by-the-numbers than any 12-step program. As she discovers a lot about who she is and what she wants, you may feel as if you've

patched to capture a German encrypting device from a disabled U-boat in an action thriller so old-fashioned the sailors hardly curse. But if the film never gets far below the surface, director Jonathan Mostow has learned enough from other sub movies — most obviously "Das Boot" — to ensure an underwater thrill ride both exciting and intense. Rated PG-13; violence. 1 hour, 58 minutes.

'Where the Heart Is'
Treach and caricature threaten to drown Natalie Portman's affecting portrait of an abandoned, pregnant teen-ager who builds a life for herself in a small Oklahoma town. With Ashley Judd, Stockard Channing, Sally Field and Joan Cusack. (158. PG-13 for intense thematic material, language and sexual content.)

TFHS band director to offer music classes

The Times-News
TWIN FALLS — Music classes, open to students from elementary to adult, will be held June 12-23 in the band room at Twin Falls High School.
The following classes will be taught by TFHS Band Director Ted Hadley.
• Summer beginning band is for students who have never played a brass, woodwind or percussion instrument. The class meets at 11-11:40 a.m. or 1-1:40 p.m. Monday through Thursday.
• Piano keyboard class is for any student who would like to learn how to play melodies and chords on piano, electronic keyboard, synthesizer and keyboard percussion. The class will meet from 10-10:40 a.m. Monday through Thursday.
• Drum class is open to students who have had at least one year of band or who can read music. Basic stick technique, rudiments, counting, African drumming and introduction to the drum set will be covered. Students must provide their own

28 site sticks. The class meets from 9-9:40 a.m. Monday through Thursday.
• Swap band is for students or adults who have had at least one year of musical training on any instrument. Students who wish to learn to play an instrument different from their regular band instrument or adult beginners are welcome in this class. Arrangements must be made before the class to secure the new instrument (swap with a friend or use a school instrument). The class will meet from 8:10-8:50 a.m. Monday through Thursday.
• Recreation band is for students who have had at least one year of band. Students will play concert and other fun music; small ensemble playing will be introduced. The class will meet from noon to 12:40 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Thursday.
A \$40 fee will allow the student to take as many classes as he/she may wish to attend. For more information, call Hadley at TFHS, 733-6551; Robert Stuart Junior High, 733-4875, or 733-1079.

What's Playing

Battlefield Earth, Twin Cinema
"Center Stage," Twin Cinema
"Erin Brockovich," Twin Cinema
"The Flintstones in Viva Rock Vegas," Twin Cinema
"Frequency," Twin Cinema
"Gladiator," Twin Cinema
"I Dreamed of Africa," Twin Cinema
"Keeping the Faith," Motor-Vu Drive-In
"Liberty Heights," Lamphouse Theater
"Love and Basketball," Grand-Vu Drive-In
"The Road to El Dorado," Twin Cinema
"Return to Me," Twin Cinema, Motor-Vu Drive-In
"Screwed," Twin Cinema
"The Skulls," Grand-Vu Drive-In
"The Tiger Movie," Twin Cinema
"28 Days," Twin Cinema
"U-571," Twin Cinema
"Where the Heart Is," The Orpheum
No movie listings were provided to The Times-News by Reel Theaters.
"Battlefield Earth," Jerome Cinema
"Flintstones in Viva Rock Vegas," Jerome Cinema
"Gladiator," Jerome Cinema
"U-571," Jerome Cinema
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WEEKEND

Get 'The Straight Story' from video stores

Washington Post

New videos in Twin Falls area have this week:

'The Straight Story'

Based on the true story of Alvin S. Karpis, a 73-year-old man who journeyed hundreds of miles on a riding mower to visit an ailing brother, David Lynch's delicate movie chugs through an American heartland ripened to bursting with human goodwill. Sincerely bereft of postmodern cynicism, the movie stays that way, too, as Alvin (Richard Farnsworth) travels all the way from Laurens, Iowa, to Mount Zion, Wis., at an operating land speed of 5 mph. At the end of this emotionally affecting six-week odyssey, if the conclusion doesn't leave tears, it will certainly draw your admiration. Farnsworth gives the performance of his life, and Sissy Spacek, who seems to get better each passing year, is terrific as his straggling daughter, Rose. Lynch and writers Mary Sweeney and John Rosch revel in the subtle nuances of the great Midwest, from the omnipresent bluffs to the rushing of wind through the trees. Contains nothing objectionable. Rated G.

Events

- Tonight**
Missing Josephine will play from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Muggers Brewpub, 516 Second St. S., Twin Falls.
- Saturday**
Guitarist Jon B. Albertson will play from 7 to 9 p.m. at Creekside Steak House, 233 Fifth Ave. S., Twin Falls.
Randy Egner will play from 7 p.m. at Sax Fifth Avenue, 213 Fifth Ave. S., Twin Falls.
Bob Nora Band will play from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Sax Fifth Avenue, 213 Fifth Ave. S., Twin Falls.
- Sunday**
Super Jam session will be featured from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Sax Fifth Avenue, 213 Fifth Ave. S., Twin Falls.
- Tuesday**
Saxophonist Brian Blandford will play from 6 to 8 p.m. at Sax Fifth Avenue, 213 Fifth Ave. S., Twin Falls.
- Wednesday**
Missing Josephine will play from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Sax Fifth Avenue, 213 Fifth Ave. S., Twin Falls.
Jam Session featuring the Sons of Kane and Brian Aratcheev will be held at 7:30 p.m. at Dunkery's Draught House, 102 Main Ave. N., Twin Falls. No cover charge.
- Wednesday**
Guitarist David Santistevan will play from 6 to 9 p.m. at Sax Fifth Avenue, 213 Fifth Ave. S., Twin Falls.
- Wednesday**
Bob Nora Band will play for ladies night from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.

Hot videos

- New DVD Series**
1. "Galaxy Quest," DreamWorks Home Entertainment.
2. "Dogma," Columbia TriStar Home Video.
3. "The Sixth Sense," Hollywood Pictures Home Video.
4. "Being John Malkovich," USA Home Entertainment.
5. "End Of Days," Universal Studios Home Video.
- Source: Billboard magazine

'Bringing Out the Dead'

Twenty years after "Taxi Driver," Martin Scorsese and Paul Schrader have pulled us back into New York's hell again. This time, the central character is ambulance driver Frank Pierce (Nicolas Cage), who's pulling round-the-clock duty with various partners (including Ving Rhames, Tom Sizemore and John Goodman), almost psychotic with insomnia, as he tries to save the wounded, the dying and the drunk.

When he's called to a cardiac arrest case and brings the victim back to life, however, Frank's

flaming spirit feels a flicker of hope. He feels something even finer for Mary Burke (Patricia Arquette), the cardiac victim's daughter. Contains obscenity, profanity, violence, nudity, sexual scenes and overall emotional intensity. Rated R.

'Mystery, Alaska'

In this adult Disney drama, a hockey team from Mystery, Alaska, faces the New York Rangers at a publicity stunt. For the Rangers it's just another game. For the Mystery folks, it's a display of small-town pride. Despite an array of salty characters who indulge in extramarital affairs, drinking binges, public fights and choice obscenities, this movie, which stars Russell Crowe, Hank Azaria, Colin Hanks and Lina Romo, is basically an R-rated "The Mighty Ducks." It never strays from Disney's formulaic rink. The ensemble's struggles, trials and tribulations are mere preludes to an inevitable orgy of affirmation. We know the story will conclude with a crescendo of frozen-north hallelujahs. Cheering is endemic to Disney. They can't help themselves. Contains sexual situations, nudity, obscenities and cheering. Rated R.

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WEEKEND

WEDDINGS

WHITE-HANSEN

BURLEY - Jay and Janis White of Sykesville, Md., announce the marriage of their daughter, Erin Leanne White, to Adam Kim Hansen, son of Kim and Patricia Hansen of Burley.

White graduated with a family science degree from Brigham Young University in Provo, Utah.

Hansen graduated from Burley High School and served a two-

year Brazil Fortaleza Mission for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. He is continuing his business major at Brigham Young University in Provo.

The couple married May 5 in the Washington LDS Temple in Washington, D.C., with a reception that evening at the White residence in Sykesville.

A reception to honor the couple will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. Saturday at the Hansen residence, 962 Sandy Glen Lane.

The couple will reside in Provo.



Erin White and Adam Hansen

THE WOODS

BUHL - Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Wood of Buhl will be honored at an open house Saturday for their 50th wedding anniversary.

Friends and relatives are invited to call from 1 to 5 p.m. at Clear Lake Country Club, 1575 F Clear Lake Grade in Buhl. No gifts, please.

Wood and Latha Cartee were married May 21, 1950, at the Methodist Church in Buhl.

They have lived in Buhl,

Torrance, Calif., and returned to Buhl in 1978.

They have been active in the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, National Electrical Contractors Association, Veterans of Foreign Wars, AF&AM, and Shriners.

The event is being given by their children, Ron (Diane) Wood, Carlynn (Grady) Dutton and Lennie (Jean) Wood.

The couple has five grandchildren.



Doyle and Latha Wood

HANSEN-BURDEN

BURLEY - Kim and Patricia Hansen of Burley announce the marriage of their daughter, Ashley Lynn Hansen, to Daniel Scott Burden, son of Gerald and Jean Burden of Blaine, Wash.

Hansen graduated from Burley High School. She is majoring in geography at Brigham Young University in Provo, Utah.

Burden served a two-year South Carolina Columbia Mission

for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. He is a construction management major at Brigham Young University in Provo.

The wedding was held April 29 in the Salt Lake LDS Temple in Salt Lake City, Utah.

The couple will be honored at an open house from 6 to 8 p.m. Saturday at the Hansen residence, 962 Sandy Glen Lane. An open house to honor the couple's planned for May 20 in Blaine, Wash.

The couple will reside in Provo.



Daniel Burden and Ashley Hansen

SORENSEN-JENSEN

RUPERT - Charles and Becky Sorenson of Downey announce the engagement of their daughter, Katie Jo Sorenson, to Clinton E. Jensen, son of Frank and JoAnn Jensen of Rupert.

Sorenson is majoring in nursing at Utah State University in Logan, Utah. She is employed at JC Penney in Logan.

Jensen graduated from Minico

High School. He is majoring in medicine at Utah State University in Logan and is employed by Lee's Grocery in Logan.

The wedding is planned for 11:30 a.m. today in the beautiful LDS Temple in Bountiful, Utah. A reception to honor the couple will be from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Saturday at the Heyburn 2nd Ward building, 230 Villa Drive.



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Friday, May 12, 2000

Dixie spoils b-day gift

ST. GEORGE, Utah - What a splendid present it would have been.

The suddenly underdog Golden Eagles celebrate their baseball coach's birthday with two round-trip wins to open the 2000 Region 18 Baseball Tournament, the first 7-2 drubbing of North Idaho College for Gem State bragging rights, the second narrow victory over the top-seeded junior college pitcher in the country and the Spokane Dixie College Rebels.

They, the thought was there.

Sophomore pitcher Danny Walker's 57th special on Thursday, taking a two-litter into the ninth inning of CSI's opening-round fight with North Idaho. The Cardinals tallied a late triple, but

that didn't stop the ace right-hander from collecting his third complete-game victory in as many weekends and passing a Hallmark birthday girl about two inches south of Walker's wraparound shades.

The merriment lasted exactly three hours before Rebel ace Brandon Lyon crushed the party. In an 8-0 Dixie stomping, the sophomore phenom showed the stuff that has made him famous nationwide.

Lyon entered the game having walked only six batters all season, and issued just two more free passes Thursday. He struck with an 0.33 ERA and reared it down a notch allowing no runs. He'd struck out 121 this season and walked 12 more against CSI.

Party proper.

It hasn't been quite a year since CSI edged the Rebels 7-6 in the semifinal round of the 1999 tournament. If you look close enough, Bruce Hurst Field still seems to bear the welt left by Mike Gillies' two-out Texas Leaguer.

The RBI difference is a slugfest of a baseball game, the game-winner last spring for the Golden Eagles and one more chapter in the best small-college rivalry west of the Mississippi. It left an impression on more than just the grass.

"Mike threw Lyon because it was Southern Idaho," Walker said. "He respects us. He knows what we're capable of."

If last year's odds were stacked tall against CSI, they're somewhat less so today. As the No. 2 seed last postseason, Walker and Co. rode a first-round bye into the tournament. They won their first game, and thus played just once on Friday. The game ended in Salt Lake Community College's favor, setting up a three-game best-of-three series.

These were, like those 12 Southern Idaho conference titles since 1977, history. The Golden Eagles beat the No. 1 Rebels and the odds bright and early Saturday, then whipped Salt Lake twice Saturday afternoon.

But much has changed since then. Littlewood, one of the conference's junior slippers little more than half Walker's age, now coaches not only the Rebels but the minor league Zon Pioncerz, with whom Dixie shares Bruce Hurst.

Some is hard-boiled CSI pitcher Nick Aiello, last season's tourney MVP with two mammoth wins on the scoreboard Saturday. A recent father, he's playing out his final two college seasons at the University of Nevada.

Walker? He's bearing down on his 1,000th win, but he's also a year older. His father passed away last fall, a loss that prompted him to re-evaluate his priorities. Those close to Walker know he's sharper than ever, and that his competitive fire burns no less brightly than it did when he started at CSI a quarter century ago.

Those two things make his Golden Eagles a dangerous bunch, especially when they're thinking about birthday presents. They'll have to win two games today and two more on Saturday to repeat as SWAC champs, but anything can happen.

"You never know," Walker said. "You just never know."

Times-News sports editor Jeff Rosen is at the Region 18 Baseball Tournament in St. George, Utah.

Golden Eagles win once, lose once

By Jeff Rosen
Times-News sports editor

ST. GEORGE, Utah - The College of Southern Idaho's bid to repeat as conference champion was intact after one game Thursday but clearly on the ropes after two at the Region 18 Baseball Tournament.

After sending North Idaho College into the losers' bracket with a 7-2 victory, Dixie College ace Brandon Lyon sent the Golden Eagles reeling with an 8-0 shutout win, striking out 12 and allowing only two hits through seven innings.

Wally Stadsen's two-run single made it final: A run-rules Rebel win in seven innings.

Region 18 Tournament

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 CSI vs. UVSC, 1 p.m.
 UVSC/INC winner vs. CSI/UVSC winner, 4 p.m.
 SLOC vs. Dixie, 7 p.m.

"We're coming together at the right time," Lyon said. "We haven't had a lot of motivation lately. Now we do."

Ironically, it was Lyon, drafted last summer by the Toronto Blue Jays, who took the loss last year when the second-seeded Golden Eagles bounced Dixie, top seed then too, from the tourney.

"That kind of pumped me up tonight," Lyon said. "I was really psyched in the bullpen when I was warming up. We were so heartbroken to lose last year. It all happened so fast. I set it in my mind to win this game."

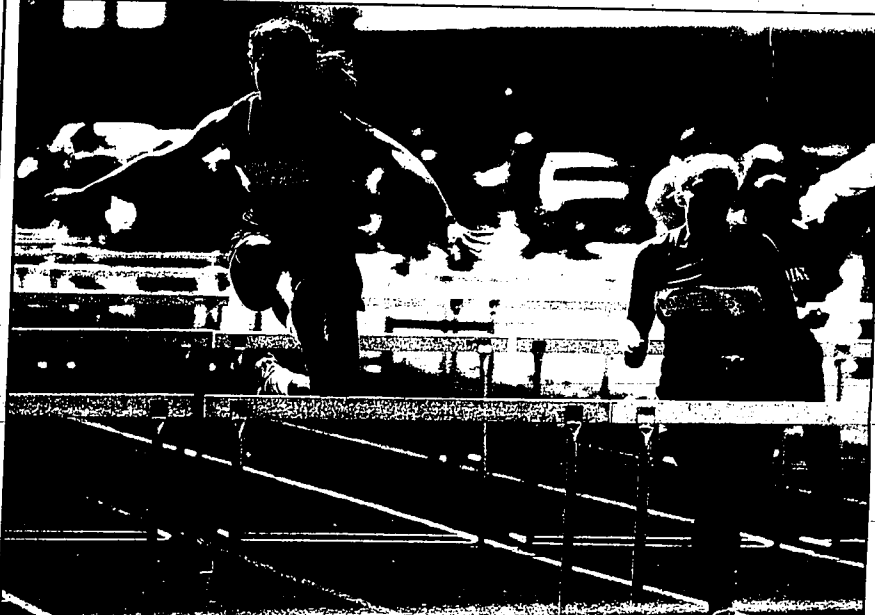
With the loss, fifth-seeded Southern Idaho faces a must-win situation against No. 2 Utah Valley State College at 1 p.m. today. Beat UVSC, and the Golden Eagles

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Golden Eagles' pitcher Josh Gold tosses the ball toward home in the College of Southern Idaho's 8-0 loss to No. 1 Dixie State College.

Filer, Gooding take district titles



Filer's Jesse Lesson wins the 100-meter hurdles with a time of 18.5 seconds during the Class A-2 and A-4 District IV track meet in Gooding Thursday afternoon.

Declo dominates A-3 meet

By Matt Peterson
Times-News writer

RUPERT - The Class A-3 District IV track meet is less than half over, but one thing is already certain.

The Declo Hornets will be well represented at state.

In the event finals contested during Thursday's first day of competition at Minico High School, Declo qualified eight boys, as well as its medley relay team, for the state track meet to be held May 19.

20 at Boise State University. The Hornets girls were equally impressive, as six athletes, and the medley relay team, qualified for state.

Not surprisingly, the strong first-day showing has both Declo squads atop the team standings. The boys' team, with 42 points, leads second-place Valley (11) and third-place Glens Ferry (8), while on the girls' side, the Hornets (33) lead Valley (12) and Glens Ferry (1).

"We're really pleased (with how it's going)," said Declo coach Kelly Kidd, whose team got standout performances Thursday from Ty Cahoon (shot put), Tyler Heward (high jump) and Danielle West (long jump).

Heward cleared 6 feet, 6 inches in the high jump, while West won the long jump with a leap of 17.3 1/2.

Cahoon finished second in the shot put with a throw of 46.7 1/2. While the mark set a personal best for Cahoon, it fell well short of Bernabe Ortiz's first-place throw of 51-11. The Glens Ferry senior hadn't broken 50-feet all season, but all three of his final throws cleared the mark easily.

"At first I thought I was messing up - like my form was off," Ortiz said. "But the measuring tape doesn't lie, so I guess I wasn't."

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Senators' Chris Patterson rolls to victories

By Vin Cappallo
Times-News writer

GOODING - Chris Patterson's job is to do more than just score points. Or so he says.

"I try to get the ball rolling at the beginning of the meet," said the Senator senior, who capped the Class A-2, District IV track and field meet at Idaho School for the Deaf and Blind Thursday

Class A-2, District IV track and field

by winning four events.

"Maybe give the crowd a show."

That he did, kicking off the two-day event Wednesday by winning the 3,200-meter run in 10:35.5 and anchoring the Senators' winning medley with

an 800-meter anchor split of 2 minutes, 1 second. He came back to win the open 800 Thursday in 2:06.2 and the 1,600-meter run in 4:40.8.

Despite Patterson's prowess, the Senators weren't able to catch Filer, which outpointed the hosts 149-136 for the team title. But the Gooding girls, behind Carin Patterson's distance triple win, captured the team trophy

over the Lady Wildcats 156-135.

The top three individuals and the winning relays automatically qualified for the state meet May 19-20 at Bronco Stadium in Boise.

Chris Patterson found himself pushed in the 1,600 as Kimberly's Wes Hopwood and Jene Prudent kept on the pressure through three laps. But Patterson's steady

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Burley knocks Bruins out of state contention

By Holly Key
Times-News writer

POCATELLO - Finishing the season with a perfect 12-0 Region III record, the Twin Falls Bruins went in to the regional softball tournament in Pocatello expecting to play like they had all season. True to form they came from behind to roll over Minico Wednesday.

However, a combination of factors led to the defeat - and eventual elimination - of the No. 1-ranked team Thursday.

The Bruins opened the day against third-seeded Highland for the championship, and Lindsay Cusser led off for the Rams with a home run to deep left. Twin Falls called the next three batters out, but the damage had been done.

Lindsay's home run set a tone of "We can do this," said Highland coach Tisha Colvin.

For the next three innings the

Class A-1, Region III softball

Bruins got runners on base but failed to bring them home until Debbie Dadds scored in the third. The Rams scored three in that inning off two hits and a couple of walks.

Both teams went scoreless until the fourth when Twin Falls started a rally and scored one off an Amanda Buhler single and an error. Then the Bruins had runners on first and second with Christie Deagle up to bat. Deagle grounded to shortstop, and the first baseman dropped the ball on the throw. However, the umpires called interference on baserunner Jenny Guzman, who was going from second to third, so the inning was terminated, along with the Bruins' spirit.

Proof? Highland scored 11 runs in the next frame for the win.

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Sad song for the Utah Jazz

Portland takes 3-0 lead in series

The Associated Press

SALT LAKE CITY - The Portland Trail Blazers, solid at every position, are solidly in control of the Utah Jazz.

Arvydas Sabonis scored 22 points and Steve Smith had 21 as the Trail Blazers beat the Jazz 103-84 Thursday night for a 3-0 lead in the Western Conference semifinals.

Boni Wells scored 10 of his 19 points in the fourth quarter to help the Blazers hold off a second-half Utah surge, leaving the Jazz one game from being swept in a best-of-seven series for the first time in franchise history.

"If we allowed this team to win this game, I think they'd feel like they could win the series," Portland's Scottie Pippen said. "This game has put some doubts into their minds."



Portland guard Damon Stoudamire, left, locks up Utah's John Stockton Thursday during the second quarter in Salt Lake City.

Game 4 is at the Delta Center on Sunday, with Utah trying to become the first team in NBA history to rally from a 3-0 deficit. The odds don't favor it, and the Jazz sounded like they knew it. "Sunday is just a pride game for me," said Karl Malone, who

scored 28 points but was held to two in the fourth quarter. "I don't think anyone wants to end the year getting swept."

The capacity crowd of 19,911, boisterous for much of the second

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SPORTS

Wilkins looks for coaching position

WASHINGTON (AP) — Lenny Wilkins, the winningest coach in NBA history, said Thursday night he has been offered the Washington Wizards coaching job by Michael Jordan.

From Sports Net. Wilkins also said he was interested in the vacant Vancouver Grizzlies position, calling it a "very attractive situation."

Jazz

Continued from D1. Half, began filing out with three minutes to play.

"If I was in the crowd, I'd have left too," said Jeff Hornacek, who scored 24 points. "If we'd have lost these games by one or two or four, I'd think there would be more hope."

"The Jazz, who played for the NBA title in 1957 and 1998, trailed by 21 points in the second quarter but trimmed the margin to 55-49 at halftime and then led it three times in the third quarter."

Utah to 40 percent shooting. Hornacek, whose 14 years in the NBA will end if the Jazz lose Sunday, played like his career was at stake, shooting 9-of-17.

Utah had beaten Portland in 10 of the previous 13 playoff games in Salt Lake City, but the Blazers weren't intimidated. Now, they've won 10 of their last 12 against the Jazz.

"All I know is it's 3-0 in the series," Blazers backup point guard Greg Anderson said. "The team is too good for us to allow any complacency to creep in on our part. We've got to play even better on Sunday."

Agassi falls to Hrbaty at Italian Open

American hopes game improves for French Open

ROME (AP) — Top-ranked Andre Agassi failed to raise his game and find that "cooler level" Thursday, falling in straight sets to hard-hitting Dominik Hrbaty in the third round of the Italian Open.

The American lost 6-4, 6-4 to the No. 15 Hrbaty in just over an hour, drawing disapproving whistles from the capacity center crowd at the Foro Italico. A double fault on match point seemed to sum up Agassi's futility.

"If a match goes like this a couple weeks from now, it's a big problem," Agassi said, looking ahead to May 29 and defending his championship in the French Open.

"He played too well, and closed me out," Agassi said of Hrbaty, after earlier saying, "I feel like I had another level there waiting for me."

Hrbaty set the pace throughout and hit aces and service winners that kept Agassi from getting back in the match. "I probably could have changed it up a little bit more," Agassi acknowledged, "but he was hitting it with conviction and hitting it pretty consistently."



Andre Agassi returns a ball to Slovakia's Dominik Hrbaty during the men's Italian Open tennis championships Thursday in Rome.

Tennis

quickly in the rankings, moved into the quarterfinals with a 7-6 (5), 2-6, 6-3 victory over No. 7 Thomas Enqvist.

No. 4 Gustavo Kuerten, the defending champion, advanced when No. 14 Younes El Aynaoui

withdrew with a heel injury a few hours before their match.

Unseeded Mariano Puerta moved ahead after a grueling 7-6 (5), 3-6, 6-4 victory over No. 16 Juan Carlos Ferrero. Puerta, an Argentine, ousted second-seeded Evgeny Kafelnikov of the day before.

Hings, Huber advance at German Open BERLIN — Defending champi-

on Martina Hings reached the quarterfinals of the \$1.08 million German Open and ran her winning streak to 12 with a 7-6 (3), 6-3 victory over Siljiva Talaja of Croatia on Thursday.

But on a hot summer-like day, Hings had to fight off two set points while uncharacteristically muffing some easy shots before staying unbeaten since returning from a month-long layoff.

Germany's Anke Huber, seeded eighth, also advanced and improved her record to 13-1 on clay this year, beating Spain's Magui Serna 6-2, 6-7 (6), 6-4.

South Africa's Amanda Coetzer, seeded 10th, upset No. 4 Julie Halard-Decugis of France 6-2, 6-2.

France's Sandrine Testud, the fifth seed, advanced to a quarterfinal meeting with Hings, beating the Czech Republic's Denisa Chlávková 7-6 (0), 6-2.

Spain's Gala Leon Garcia, who beat Anna Kournikova in the second round, defeated Chanda Rubin of the United States 6-1, 6-7 (5), 6-3.

Spain's Conchita Martinez, the No. 3 seed, defeated Argentina's Paola Suarez 6-4, 6-3.

South Africa's Joannette Kruger stopped the run of 17-year-old Bianca Lamde, 6-0, 6-3, after the German teenager had beaten two top-60 players while playing in the main draw of a WTA event for the first time.

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SPORTS

The longest game

Brewers club Cubs in record-setting contest

CHICAGO (AP) - Mark Loretta went 5-for-5 and Jeremy Burnitz had three RBIs Thursday as the Milwaukee Brewers beat the Chicago Cubs 14-8 in the longest game in National League history.

The 4-hour, 22-minute game featured 35 hits and 19 walks as the teams tied the major league record for a nine-inning game set by Baltimore and the Yankees in a 13-9 game on Sept. 5, 1997.

The longest previous NL game took 4 hours, 20 minutes, including Los Angeles and Colorado on June 30, 1986.

David Weathers, the 10th pitcher, struck out Sammy Sosa with the bases loaded on the 427th pitch of the game to finish it.



Milwaukee catcher Henry Blanco wraps up Chicago's Damon Buford for an out at home to end the fourth inning Thursday in Chicago.

Reds 11, Padres 9

CINCINNATI - Aaron Boone's two-run homer with one out in the ninth off Matt Whisenand (2-2) finished off a deflating day for San Diego, which completed only its third 0-6 road trip in the franchise's 32-year history.

Boone's brother, Bret, had two home runs for the Padres, including an inside-the-park homer that got wiped away by the Padres' latest misfortune.

San Diego suffered a more serious setback in the eighth while trying to protect a 9-8 lead. Reliever Rodney Myers gave up a single to Michael Tucker and then awkwardly twisted his left knee while planting his foot to field Fokee Reese's bunt.

Danny Graves (4-0) gave up a double to Bret Boone in the ninth but got the win.

Marlins 5, Braves 4

MIAMI - Young Jason Grilli and 37-year-old Joe Strong, both making their big-league debuts, combined to pitch eight innings as Florida overcame a triple play to beat Atlanta.

Strong became the oldest player to make his major-league debut in nearly 40 years when he took the mound in the seventh. He pitched 1-3 hitless innings.

The Braves turned their first triple play in nearly 14 years in the fifth, going around the horn on Mike Lowell's grounder to third.

Phillies 6, Expos 4

MONTREAL - Montreal third baseman Michael Barrett error with two outs in the seventh inning allowed the go-ahead run to score in Philadelphia's win.

Randy Wolf (2-2) allowed four runs - three earned - and seven hits in six innings as the Phillies won for the sixth time in their last eight games.

Wayne Gomes, who allowed three runs in Tuesday's 3-2 loss for his second blown save,

Major League Baseball

pitched the ninth for his sixth save.

Carl Pavano (3-1) took the loss.

Mets 3, Pirates 2

PITTSBURGH - Al Leiter pitched an eight-inning and Todd Zile had a solo homer and two RBIs.

Leiter (4-0) allowed seven hits and two runs - one earned - and struck out eight as the Mets improved to 7-0 when he starts this season.

The Mets had lost 10 of 14 and were 4-8 on a season-long 13-game road trip until Leiter pitched his first complete game of the season.

Jimmy Anderson (1-1) took the loss.

American League

Red Sox 11, Orioles 4

BALTIMORE - Andy Sheets, after replacing Nomar

Garciaparra, drove in the go-ahead run with his first hit of the season during a six-run sixth inning that lifted the Boston Red Sox to an 11-4 victory over the Baltimore Orioles on Thursday night.

Carl Everett, who entered the game in a 2-for-14 slump, went 3-for-5 with a homer and four RBIs. He leads the Red Sox with 12 homers and 33 RBIs.

Garciaparra was replaced by Sheets in the first inning after aggravating a hamstring injury while running out a grounder. Garciaparra missed two games last weekend with a tight left hamstring.

Brady Anderson homered and drove in three runs for the Orioles, who have lost eight of nine.

Devil Rays 1, Yankees 0

NEW YORK - Steve Trachsel extended his scoreless-innings streak to 17 and Fred Griff knocked in the only run with a seventh-inning homer for Tampa Bay against New York.

It was the second straight 1-0

victory for Trachsel (3-2), who gave up three hits, smudged out and walked one in seven innings before being relieved by Albie Lopez. He allowed one hit the last two innings to get his first save.

McGriff, who had not homered in 67 at-bats, hit a 2-1 pitch from Orlando Hernandez (4-2) into the right-center field bleachers with one out in the seventh, his fourth homer of the season.

Indians 16, Royals 0

CLEVELAND - Manny Ramirez's first-inning grand slam got Cleveland rolling and Jarret Wright pitched 7 2-3 shutout innings in the Indians' 16-0 rout of Kansas City.

The shutout was Cleveland's most lopsided in 45 years, when the Indians beat the Boston Red Sox 19-0 on May 18, 1955.

Ramirez added a two-run homer in the sixth and David Justice and Jim Thome hit solo shots as Cleveland took out some frustration while snapping Kansas City's five-game winning streak.

One title isn't enough for Stars

DALLAS (AP) - The Dallas Stars don't want to be remembered as just another team that won the Stanley Cup.

The Stars go into the Western Conference finals driven to become back-to-back champions so they can grab a spot among hockey's all-time great teams, and hopefully the same recognition that didn't follow last year's title.

"We got our rings and our trophy last year," coach Ken Hitchcock said. "Now we want the respect that goes with being a two-time champion."

Dallas' quest continues Saturday night with the opener of a best-of-seven series against the Colorado Avalanche. The Stars won a thrilling seven-game series last year, then beat Buffalo for the first title in franchise history.

Both teams have advanced this far by going 6-4 at home and splitting their road games. Dallas went through the bottom two seeded teams (Edmonton and San Jose), while Colorado faced tougher foes in Phoenix and Detroit.

"Dallas is a great team," Colorado's Peter Forsberg said. "The series all get together as you go along in the playoffs, so it's going to be that much tougher for us than it was against Detroit."

The Avalanche are seeking a second Cup in five years. Colorado won in 1996, then the Red Wings joined the elite group

NHL Playoffs

Hitchcock mentioned by winning championships in 1997 and '98.

Consecutive titles used to be the norm in the NHL. From 1974-88, the Cup was shared by only four clubs and all but one of their titles was followed by another.

Philadelphia began it off in '74-'75, then Montreal and the New York Islanders each won four straight. Wayne Gretzky led Edmonton to four championships the next five years, with the Canadiens interrupting the streak. Before Detroit, the only other repeat performance was Mario Lemieux's Pittsburgh clubs in '91-'92.

Should Dallas pull off the feat, the Stars would likely be remembered as Mike Modano's team. Although he isn't the captain nor did he win the Conn Smythe Trophy last year, his superb two-way play embodies Dallas' approach.

The Avalanche have been on a roll since adding Ray Bourque and seem inspired by his quest for the first title of his wonderful career. Goaltender Patrick Roy has played at his highest level in years.

Defense leads Devils into conference final with Flyers

WEST ORANGE, N.J. - There's no secret to the New Jersey Devils' success in the playoffs. It's all about a defense that has frustrated opponents and given goaltender Martin Brodeur a vacation in the postseason.

While opponents call it the neutral zone trap, the Devils prefer to leave it nameless.

It's more mysterious that way, and that's just what the Devils want heading into the Eastern Conference finals against the Philadelphia Flyers, starting Sunday.

"I just think we are playing good positional hockey," Devils center Bobby Holm said. "I don't see the trap being created that much. We play well in our end and we play well in their end. We're responsible with the puck. People can watch it and name it whatever they want, whether they like it or not. We like it, we're winning."

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SPORTS IN BRIEF

Canyon Springs to hold couples' night

TWIN FALLS - Canyon Springs Couples will play tonight. The entry fee of \$25 per couple includes a buffet dinner. Deadline for registration is Friday at 2 p.m. For more information, contact the Pro Shop at Canyon Springs Golf Course, 734-7609.

Country club announces ladies' winners

JEROME - For Ladies' Day April 26, the Play of the Day was Low points.

The winners for first flight included Joy Alett, Janet Guilford and Fran Loman. Second flight champs were Naomi Stansell, Nelda Hurd and Sharon Robinette. Alice Bradford, Shirley Ridgeway and Pearl Skimmer took third flight honors.

All Jerome Country Club ladies are invited to a Kick-Off Mixer Tournament this morning with tee offs at 8 a.m. Coffee and rolls will be provided prior to play, and the \$15 fee includes lunch. Call the pro shop for registration.

Rupert Ladies Day winners announced

RUPERT - Colleen Kerbs won first place in the Rupert Ladies Golf Association Flag Tournament Tuesday at the Rupert Country Club. Elvera Rihan took second, Wilma Shockey third and Judy Cutler fourth. The Ladies' Invitational Tournament will be May 17. To sign up, call the Rupert pro shop at 436-9168. Men's Day will be Saturday at 10 a.m.

Course accepts golfers for beginners' class

BURLEY - Ponderosa Golf Course will offer a six-week golf class for beginning golfers starting May 16 at 6 p.m. Earl Stimpson, PGA golf professional, will instruct players. For more information, call 679-5730.

Metcalfe records second hole in one

TWIN FALLS - Most golfers never hit one, let alone two, but Jerry Metcalfe stored his second career hole in one on Tuesday at Canyon Springs Golf Course.

Using a 9-iron, Metcalfe aced the 144-yard, No. 8 hole as Duane Tuckan, Howard Tennant and Bob Benefield witnessed the shot.

Anderson, Devey place in Canada

MISSION, British Columbia - Diana Anderson drove her 1967 Chevy II (The Buz) to a fifth-place finish Sunday at the Northwest National Hot Rod Association regional points meet.

Anderson competed against 60 other drivers and was the No. 3 qualifier at 10.90 seconds and 140 mph.

But nearing the end of the competition, the rear end of her drag car broke on the start line and she was defeated by the eventual winner.

Also competing but in the Top Comp category was Jeff Devey, who was fourth out of 32 competitors, clocking 174 mph in his reast engine dragster.

Tews Ranch completes fun shoot

SHOSHONE - Scott McCracken of Jerome posted a score of 90 to win the Tews Ranch Sports Clays Eighth Annual Spring Flight last Saturday.

Following McCracken were Drew Mason (89) and Rori Hiddleston (88) of Boise. "A" Class winners were Jerry Israel of Boise, Tim Norris of Twin Falls and Cliff Hinton of Jerome. "C" Class winners were Steve and Dennis Cramer of Buhl, with Steve winning by three targets.

The junior division was won by Caleh Hinton of Jerome, with Jeremy Rosser of Hailey second.

The ladies' class was dominated by Linda Norris of Twin Falls, followed by Karen Meyers of Boise and Camille Malles of Gooding.

The next event is for novice and beginners on May 28. Call 886-2100 for more information.

Tracy gets first ace in 25 years of golfing

BURLEY - Heyburn's Mark Tracy scored a hole in one at Burley's Ponderosa Golf Course this week.

Tracy's ace was the first hole in one this season at the par 3 course. It was hit on the 90-yard second hole with a 9-iron. The shot was his first in 25 years of golfing.

All-star basketball team holds fund raiser

TWIN FALLS - The Southern Idaho Basketball Club will be having a car wash and a garage sale Saturday, May 13 at 9 a.m.

The events will be held at the Washington Federal Savings and Loan parking lot, at the corner of Blue Lakes Boulevard and Filer Avenue. The basketball team is trying to raise money for its trip to Reno, Nev. to play in a Memorial Day tournament.

For more information about the team, call coach Steve Ayres at 733-5375.

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Midget madness strikes Magic Valley Speedway

The Times-News
TWIN FALLS - A night of midgets and Modifieds, trucks and Pony stocks highlight the racing schedule at Magic Valley Speedway Saturday night.
Anticipation runs high as the Mountain Dew Modifieds points race heats up with only 16 points separating current leader Steve Jones and defending champion Bruce Quale. Quale returned to form with a convincing victory - his first of the season - last Saturday.
But maybe even more anticipated is the first of five showings by Idaho's

Midget racers. The exciting open-wheel cars are a treat to watch, especially when they round the corners with their right front wheels in the air.
Also in action will be the second of eight races for the Western Custom Race Trucks. Jason Newhouse displayed his racing moxie April 29 by leaving everyone in his dust for the checkered flag. Close behind was brother John Newhouse. Both operated perfectly in tandem as they wove their way in and out of the field of nine trucks until Jason broke away for the win.
John Newhouse will be

pulling double duty, as he also drives the No. 26 Modified.
The NAPA Pony stocks continue their season as well for the fifth consecutive week. Four different winners have emerged on top and bragging rights for the first repeat winner are up for grabs. Only five points separate the top three drivers - defending champion David Caldwell Jr., Alan Larson and Gene Goodfellow - and each have already won in the four-cylinder class.
Heat racing begins at 7 p.m. with time trials starting at 6 p.m.

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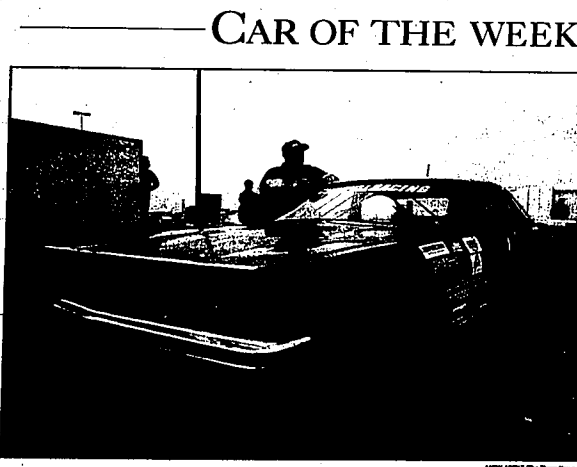
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Top speed: 80 mph, average "around 70"
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Comment: "It's come a long way since the first week, but seems to more forgiving than my other car."

Olsen survives the rough stuff in the trucks

By Kevin Hall
Time-News writer
TWIN FALLS - He's the young strapping guy that's always beneath the hood or behind the wheel of his red No. 7 Ford truck, trying to figure out what to do next.
But Gregg Olsen is hardly ever without a beguiling smile.
And if he's not at the Magic Valley Speedway, you're most likely to find him at the Blue Lakes Country Club chasing behind a golf ball.
Olsen digs the challenge both sports present.
"Racing's extremely complex and similar to golf," Olsen said. "There are so many factors involved. But the feeling of satisfaction after

At a glance
Name: Gregg Olsen
Age: 26
Hometown: Twin Falls, Idaho
Occupation: Construction
Business: Olsen Bros. Construction
Class: Western Custom Race Trucks
Car: No. 7
Sponsors: Valley Engine, Kidd Performance, Oesta Stop 'n Go Texaco, Jerome Cheese, Twin Falls
Favorite music: Bluegrass
Favorite TV: Sports Illustrated
Favorite food: Burgers and hot chili
Favorite drink: Mountain Dew
Favorite color: Blue
Favorite car: 1967 Ford Mustang
Favorite truck: 1978 Ford F-100
Favorite race: The Wood brothers race
Favorite driver: Steve Jones
Favorite track: Magic Valley Speedway
Favorite time of day: Night
Favorite time of year: Summer
Favorite season: Fall
Favorite month: October
Favorite day: Saturday
Favorite weekend: The weekend of the Wood brothers race
Favorite holiday: Labor Day
Favorite vacation: The Wood brothers race
Favorite sport: Racing
Favorite game: Football
Favorite team: The Wood brothers
Favorite player: Steve Jones
Favorite coach: Steve Jones
Favorite manager: Steve Jones
Favorite executive: Steve Jones
Favorite politician: Steve Jones
Favorite actor: Steve Jones
Favorite singer: Steve Jones
Favorite author: Steve Jones
Favorite scientist: Steve Jones
Favorite inventor: Steve Jones
Favorite explorer: Steve Jones
Favorite discoverer: Steve Jones
Favorite mathematician: Steve Jones
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Favorite literary theorist: Steve Jones

years. He drives in the Western Custom Trucks class, one of the most competitive fields that run at the oval.
"You're at the bottom, but you can go from champ to chump at any time," Olsen said.
Olsen knows all about being at the bottom. Not that he's a bad driver, he's just always running into some obstacle: walls, fenders, mechanical breakdowns - you get the picture.
He's won one race - in only his third time out - and he was leading for over half of the series' first 40-lap main event of the season April 29, until he tasted the wrath of the brothers Newhouse.
"I got put in the Newhouse sandwich," he said. "I got hit

in the right front fender by Jason and John. I got a fender to prove it."
It ended up costing him the race, where he finished eighth out of nine drivers.
Undeterred, Olsen said that's what makes it racing, and fun, whether or not he crosses the finish line first. He'll have a second chance on Saturday when the race trucks return to the speedway.
"The Newhouses are good for the sport, they like the rough racing and that's what the fans like," he said. "For me, it's a lot of hard work, dedication, and some luck."
That last point is key, he said.
"I'd rather be lucky than good."

Fan Tips

■ Fans headed to Martinsville, Va., should plan on taking a 30-mile jaunt through the hills to Stuart, Va., and a visit to the Wood brothers race shop.
At the shop is a racing museum filled with more than 40 years of memorabilia, photos, trophies, and even race cars depicting the saga of one of NASCAR's most famous and successful racing families. In addition to the trail-blazing Wood brothers (Glen and

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Appeals court hears Elian's case

Is 6-year-old enough to understand application for asylum?

ATLANTA (AP) — Three federal appeals judges listened skeptically to both sides in the Elian Gonzalez case Thursday, questioning whether a 6-year-old boy can comprehend an asylum application and whether it's in his best interest to be raised in a communist country.

With the chants of sidewalk demonstrators audible in the packed courtroom, the judges' persistent questioning of lawyers for the government, Elian's Miami relatives and his father pushed the hearing to an hour and 20 minutes, double its scheduled length.

The panel of the 11th Circuit U.S. Court of Appeals, one step below the Supreme Court, said it would take weeks to decide whether Elian is mature enough to seek asylum despite the father's wishes to take him back to Cuba.

Circuit Judge Charles Wilson, the panel's only Clinton appointee, peppered lawyers for the Miami relatives about the boy's ability to understand complex questions on an asylum application they filed for him. "I'm sure Elian Gonzalez is a very bright and intelligent 6-year-



Carded Oliva, protesting Thursday in Miami, wants Elian Gonzalez to be granted asylum in the United States.

old, but he didn't even have the ability to sign his last name on the asylum petition," Wilson said.

Before the government's lawyer could begin stating his case, Circuit Judge J.L. Edmondson fired off "the two problems" he had with the decision to deny Elian an asylum

hearing. Edmondson, a crew-cut Reagan appointee, noted that the boy's great-uncle, Lazaro Gonzalez, had custody of the child when the asylum application was filed, while his father was still in Cuba. Also, Edmondson seemed particularly worried about Elian's fate in

Cuba, twice calling it "a communist, totalitarian state."

Edmondson added that it is not uncommon for courts to rule that the best interests of a child override parental rights. He likened Elian to children whose parents reject medical care for religious reasons.

President: Women need money for equal pay

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Clinton appealed for new federal money to help narrow the wage gap for women in the burgeoning high technology field on Thursday, saying equal pay is not a political issue anywhere but Washington.

Clinton wants Congress to approve a \$20 million program at the National Science Foundation to help advance the careers of women scientists and engineers — two highly paid fields where women are underrepresented.

He is also asking Congress to fund a \$27 million program to attack the wage inequality problem in general. Both requests are part of Clinton's budget for 2001.

"This is not a political or a partisan issue anywhere else," Clinton said during a White House commemoration of Equal Pay Day, the theoretical point in the year when women and better-paid men begin earning equal pay for equal work.

"Whether we do something or not, and whether what we do is meaningful or is not a political or a partisan issue in America, and it shouldn't be here."

House Education and the Workforce Committee Chairman Rep. Bill Goodling said Clinton is repackaging old ideas and requests.

*President Clinton's comments

today imply that equal pay and related issues are not a high priority for the 106th Congress," said Goodling, R-Pa. "Obviously, the president hasn't paid close attention," to GOP ideas, Goodling said.

Nationally, women earn about 75 percent as much as equally qualified men, according to a variety of government and independent studies. The results are about the same for the information technology industry, even though that industry has experienced a dramatic growth in jobs and wealth.

A White House economic report released Thursday singled out the high-tech industry as an area where there are too few women earning too small a share of the potential wages.

"Fewer than one in three of these high-tech, high-wage jobs are women," Clinton said. Clinton called the disparity "another digital divide," the term he uses to describe the shortage of computer skills and access in poor and rural areas.

Information technology work, which includes computer programming, design and engineering, is growing at a furious pace. Since 1983, employment in the industry grew 81 percent, according to the White House report, while job growth in the general economy was 32 percent.

High schools might have to admit military recruiters

WASHINGTON — Public high schools would have to give military recruiters the same access they give colleges and private-sector representatives under a provision attached to a \$310 billion defense bill headed for Senate action.

Sponsors of the measure expressed alarm at what they said was an increasing number of high schools that are denying access to military recruiters just as the services are struggling to meet their recruitment goals. High schools barred such recruiters more than 19,000 times last year, said the Senate Armed Services Committee.

"It's very common," said Sen. Tim Hutchinson, R-Ark., chairman of the Armed Services personnel subcommittee. "Lack of access to high school students is the biggest problem faced by military recruiters."

Army finds support for sexual harassment charge

WASHINGTON — A charge by the Army's highest-ranking woman that she was sexually harassed by another general has been substantiated by Army investigators, senior defense officials said Thursday.

The finding, in support of an allegation by Lt. Gen. Claudia J. Kennedy against Army Maj. Gen. Greg Lovett, will be reviewed by the Army's vice chief of staff, Gen. John Keane, who will determine whether to take disciplinary action against Smith. Keane also asked the investigators to look further into the incident, which happened in 1996, and resubmit their report, officials familiar with the case said.

Officials would discuss the matter only on condition of anonymity, reflecting the sensitivity of the matter.

Student, officer wounded in exchange of gunfire

PRAIRIE GROVE, Ark. — A police officer and a seventh-grader who left his school after an altercation Thursday exchanged gunfire in a hay field north of the campus, police said. Both were wounded, but neither suffered life-threatening injuries.

The 12-year-old boy, armed with a shotgun, was hit in the abdomen during the exchange with Sgt. Greg Lovett, a city officer assigned to the rural school district, state police spokesman Bill Sadler said.

Lovett was hit in the face, back and chest but did not require surgery.

Clinton goes on political attack against Bush

WASHINGTON — President Clinton took on the role of political attacker Thursday, charging that George W. Bush would pursue "nuclear arms race" policies as president, let polluters regulate the environment and appoint judges bent on repealing abortion rights.

In his toughest criticism yet of the presumed Republican presidential nominee, Clinton also contended that Bush would bring back budget deficits and higher

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interest rates by pushing big tax cuts and Pentagon spending increases.

Bush's campaign shot back that Clinton was "continuing his transition from commander in chief into his role as campaign manager in chief" for Vice President Al Gore, the Democratic candidate.

With Gore trailing in the polls, Clinton opened up on Bush in a radio interview with Diane Rehm of National Public Radio. While Clinton often has professed reluctance to be dragged into the presidential race, he jumped in enthusiastically.

Gore increasingly is turning to surrogates for help in attacking Bush, as some advisers fear that the vice president's own full-throated criticisms are backfiring with voters who say they don't like negative campaigning. Health and Human Services Secretary Donna Shalala criticized the governor's health care plans Tuesday.

Pol: Bush pulls even with Gore in women's support

WASHINGTON — George Bush has pulled even with Al Gore in women's support, helping the Republican edge ahead in a broader survey of likely presidential voters. Americans say they also feel Bush is more charismatic, has a better sense of humor and is more inspiring.

On the other hand, people in the new polling said they find Gore, the Democratic vice president, more attractive and more caring about people. Campaign polls out Thursday suggested that Bush, the Texas governor, has largely recovered from his slump in the polls in March and has made gains among several key voter groups.

Bush has made significant progress with many voter groups, according to a Voter, Community and Battleground poll, which showed him doing especially well among women and better than he had been among union households.

Klansman apologizes to worker as part of settlement

WASHINGTON — A former Pennsylvania Ku Klux Klan leader agreed Thursday to pay a mother and daughter 10 percent of his annual income for a decade and apologize to them on his cable television program to settle a federal discrimination lawsuit.

The lawsuit against Roy E. Frankouser, 60, was filed by the Department of Housing and Urban Development on behalf of Bonnie Joubert, a former fair-housing specialist at the Reading-Berks Human Relations Council in Reading, Pa.

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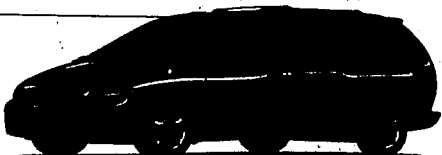
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Sierra Leone cease fire was a fragile peace

UNITED NATIONS (AP) — Efforts by U.N. peacekeepers to disarm Sierra Leone rebels and U.N. advances into rebel territory — including diamond centers that have earned the rebels an estimated \$200 million a year — appear to have sparked the current crisis there.

Diplomats, U.N. officials and regional experts also say the rebels may simply be taking advantage of the power vacuum created with the withdrawal of a Nigerian-led intervention force to challenge the still-deploying U.N. force.

Rebels are rebuffing what had been somewhat successful attempts by the United Nations to move across Sierra Leone to implement the country's peace agreement and disarm rebel fighters, they say.

The UN scattered resistance has exploded into a crisis in the United Nations, the West and Sierra Leone. At least 500 U.N. peacekeepers were being held hostage, and thousands of civilians fled Wednesday into the capital to escape a reported rebel advance.

U.N. peacekeepers, Sierra Leone's army and government militias established defenses around Freetown on Wednesday, preparing for an expected rebel attack. Thousands of refugees poured into the capital, fleeing fighting in the countryside.

While few will speculate on the reasons behind the extraordinary United Front's attacks, reports that leading up to them indicate that rebels were beginning to feel squeezed by U.N. forces, who like the Nigerians, were moving into rebel-controlled territory.

"It is certainly a plausible hypothesis that their actions were reactive to our progressive deployment," said Secretary-General Kofi Annan.

The United Nations hasn't done a full analysis on how the crisis began and whether there was what had gone wrong. There was, however, speculation that the rebels had little intention of honoring the peace agreement.

"It is equally possible that this was a premeditated action aimed at undoing the peace agreement or at capturing power or simply at thwarting the peacekeepers before they could be fully deployed," Tharoor said.

In the days and weeks leading

up to the start of the crisis May 1, there were increasing attempts by the United Nations to implement the July peace agreement and stepped up resistance from rebels.

Two days before the first hostages were taken, the commander of the U.N. peacekeeping mission, Maj. Gen. Vijay Kumar Jeylet, told reporters in Freetown that a Zambian contingent would deploy to the rebel-held town of Koidu, seat of the rebels' diamond-mining center in the eastern Kono district.

On several occasions before the announcement, rebels prevented U.N. troops from conducting reconnaissance missions to Koidu, where hundreds of open-pit diamond mines can be seen from the air, U.N. officials said. Only unarmed U.N. observers — not armed peacekeepers — were allowed by rebels to spend the night in the town, and then only on several occasions.

The London-based organization Global Witness, which has tracked illegal diamond sales in Africa, estimated in an October report that rebels earned \$200 million a year between 1994 and 1999 from diamond exports that paid for weapons.

But the new agreement signed by RUF leader Foday Sankoh called for fighters to give up those weapons.

On April 17, two weeks before the crisis began, the United Nations opened five new camps to allow fighters tired of war to turn in their weapons and get back to civilian life. Two of the camps were in the central rebel-held towns of Makeni and Magburaka.

In five other camps, peacekeepers disarmed an estimated 23,000 fighters over the past several months.

But as the U.N. presence intensified in rebel territory, the camp in Makeni became a flashpoint for a first incident in which rebels became angry that comrades had chosen to comply with the peace agreement and give up their guns. When the United Nations refused rebel demands to return 10 fighters, the rebels took peacekeepers hostage May 1.

"It's the disarming of these people that's the most difficult thing," said Janis Herakovits, a senior lecturer on international law at the University of New York at Purchase and an expert on the region.

Philippine rebels have violent reputation

MANILA, Philippines (AP) — They display the accoutrements of devolution: Zapattista-like masks, Afghan-style rolled cloth hats, dark sunglasses, a clenched fist salute and big guns.

Now holding about 30 hostages, including 10 Westerners, they are fighting the Philippine army in the desperately poor region of Mindanao, where Muslim rebels have struggled for a generation for a separate Islamic state.

But the demands of Abu Sayyaf — Father of the Sword — yearn beyond the high-minded and the purely lucrative. Some critics question whether they are even Islamic separatists or merely bandits.

The lines blur in Mindanao, a region with a third of the Philippines' land mass and about a quarter of its population where rebellion frequently grows more from a sense of desperation than from strict Islamic ideology.

The Muslims in Mindanao take pride in their centuries of resistance to Spanish and then American colonial rule of the heavily Roman Catholic Philippines.

They live in the poorest part of a poor country, and the creation of a Muslim semi-autonomous region almost a decade ago has provided few benefits.

In the face of discrimination and economic pressure caused by Christians moving into the region, some have adopted Spain's term for Muslims, calling themselves Moros, or Moors.

The largest guerrilla group, the Moro National Liberation Front, signed a peace treaty with the government in 1996, and its leader is now governor of the semi-autonomous region. But two



Members of the Muslim extremist group Abu Sayyaf are shown March 23 at their hideout in Basilan, about 660 miles southeast of Manila.

others, the Moro Islamic Liberation Front and Abu Sayyaf, are still out in the hills.

The Moro Islamic Liberation Front walked out of peace talks last month after the army began air and ground attacks on rebels holding a Mindanao highway near their headquarters. Fighting and bomb attacks continue.

The smaller and more extreme Abu Sayyaf is notorious for its brutality. Its rebels beheaded two Filipino hostages as a "birthday present" for President Joseph Estrada. Wounded soldiers have been decapitated or had their eyes gouged out.

There are reports that a slain female hostage's breasts were cut off. Rebels have attacked churches and kidnapped and killed for-

eign missionaries. They are blamed for a 1995 attack on a town that killed 53 people and injured 100 others.

Abu Sayyaf emerged in 1991 as an offshoot of a group founded in 1972 by Iranian fundamentalists.

It took the nickname of founder Abdurajak Abubakar Janjalani, a former Moro National Liberation Front member who studied Islam in Libya, Syria and Saudi Arabia and fought in Afghanistan. He was killed in a clash with police in late 1998.

The group, already weakened by casualties and defections, deteriorated further as members jostled to succeed him. Ultimately his brother Khadaffy took control.

The Philippine military says



Galib Andang, Abu Sayyaf leader

Abu Sayyaf has links to wealthy Saudi exile Osama bin Laden, accused by the United States of planning the 1998 bombing of two U.S. embassies in Africa. They have demanded the release of Ramzi Yousef, the mastermind of the 1993 New York World Trade Center bombing.

The group gained world attention when it snatched 21 people from a Malaysian diving resort on April 23 and took them to the Philippine island of Jolo, about an hour's boat ride away.

They are also holding about eight Filipinos in nearby Basilan, mostly children. That group is all that remains of about 50 hostages taken from schools on March 20. The captives' ranks were thinned by killings, rescues and releases.

The Jolo hostages include three Germans, two French, two South Africans, two Finns, a Lebanese, nine Malaysians and two Filipinos. Their plight has drawn a top European Union diplomat and a Libyan envoy to the Philippines. Demands for their release are unclear.

The demands in the Basilan kidnapping included the release of three terrorists from U.S. jails and the banning of foreign fishing vessels from southern Mindanao.

But the group freed a Filipino bank employee on Saturday, a man kidnapped more than two months ago, after his family paid a \$5,000 ransom, officials said.

President Vladimir Putin moves to rein in Russia provinces

MOSCOW (AP) — In his first major policy initiative, President Vladimir Putin on Thursday launched a crackdown on the powers of regional governments as he moved to assert control over Russia's unruly provinces.

Putin has made reclaiming Moscow's control over the

provinces one of his top policies after years of growing autonomy. The new president claims that strong central control is essential to avoid the breakup of the country.

But some opponents say the ex-KGB officer wants to restore Soviet-style central control.

Liberal critics claim that Putin is not committed to democracy and could reverse the country's newly won rights. In what will be seen as a related development, masked police commandos armed with machine guns raided the Moscow offices Thursday of a prominent

media group that has been critical of Putin.

Officials of the Media-MOST company claimed the raid was designed to stop criticism of the government and discourage journalists from probing alleged Kremlin corruption.

Filipino student surfaces in 'Love Bug' virus case

MANILA, Philippines — A computer student sought by investigators in the "Love Bug" virus case emerged from hiding Thursday, saying he may have accidentally released the malicious program that disrupted computer systems around the world.

Onel A. de Guzman wore dark glasses and covered his face with a handkerchief as he met reporters, declining to say whether he wrote the virus but exclaiming "my exuberance" may have been to blame.

The program released last week sent a flood of e-mails with the subject line "I LOVE YOU" spreading through computer systems worldwide. Opening the attachment destroyed saved files, and sent the virus along to other addresses in the user's e-mail file. Experts say the rogue program may cost up to \$10 billion, mostly from lost productivity.

College officials have said de Guzman helped develop programs that may have been combined to produce the e-mail virus. Investigators wanted to talk with de Guzman and others, but have not said whether he is suspected of any crime.

Serbs mob U.S. soldiers working with peacekeepers

PRISTINA, Yugoslavia — Serbs mobbed U.S. soldiers with the Kosovo peacekeeping force, slightly injuring one of the Americans before dispersing early Thursday, NATO said. The commander of the peacekeepers denounced the attack.

Elsewhere, thousands of ethnic Albanians packed a hillside just outside the southern city of Prizren for the funeral of a former commander of the Kosovo Liberation Army who in the past months had turned to creating peace in the province before being gunned down Monday.

The slaying of Ibrahim Khasja, better known as Drit, was seen as a setback to U.N. and NATO attempts to reduce tensions in Kosovo. Drit had cooperated with German peacekeepers in the Prizren area and had considerable influence with the region's ethnic

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Albanian population. American soldiers make up 5,500 of the 37,000 NATO-led peacekeepers in a year ago.

Beijing sees replay of earlier Falun Gong demonstration

BEIJING — Police on Thursday tackled, kicked and dragged away dozens of devotees of the banned Falun Gong sect who attempted to mark the birthday of their movement's founder in Beijing's central Tiananmen square.

Sect followers who dropped to the paving stones to meditate or tried to unfurl banners were swiftly snatched up by plainclothes and uniformed security officers and forced inside waiting vans. Police kicked several followers after they were shoved into the vans and one woman who ran from officers was tackled and sent sprawling.

The protest seemed much like a replay of the confrontation between sect members and police on April 25 when followers gathered for the first anniversary of a demonstration by 10,000 practitioners. The 1999 demonstration had shocked China's leaders, and three months later they banned the group as a public menace and a threat to Communist Party rule.

Israeli court sentences Jewish settler to life

JERUSALEM — Israeli courts Thursday sentenced a Jewish settler to life in prison for smashing the skull of an elderly Palestinian farmer and denied early release to another settler convicted of shooting a handcuffed Palestinian.

The Tel Aviv District Court sentenced Gur Hamel, 35, for killing Mohammed Zaidat, 65, with a blow to the head while the victim was kneeling in prayer. The killing took place in October 1998.

Defense attorney Yair Berger argued that a settlement of a defense and was temporarily insane at the time of the killing.

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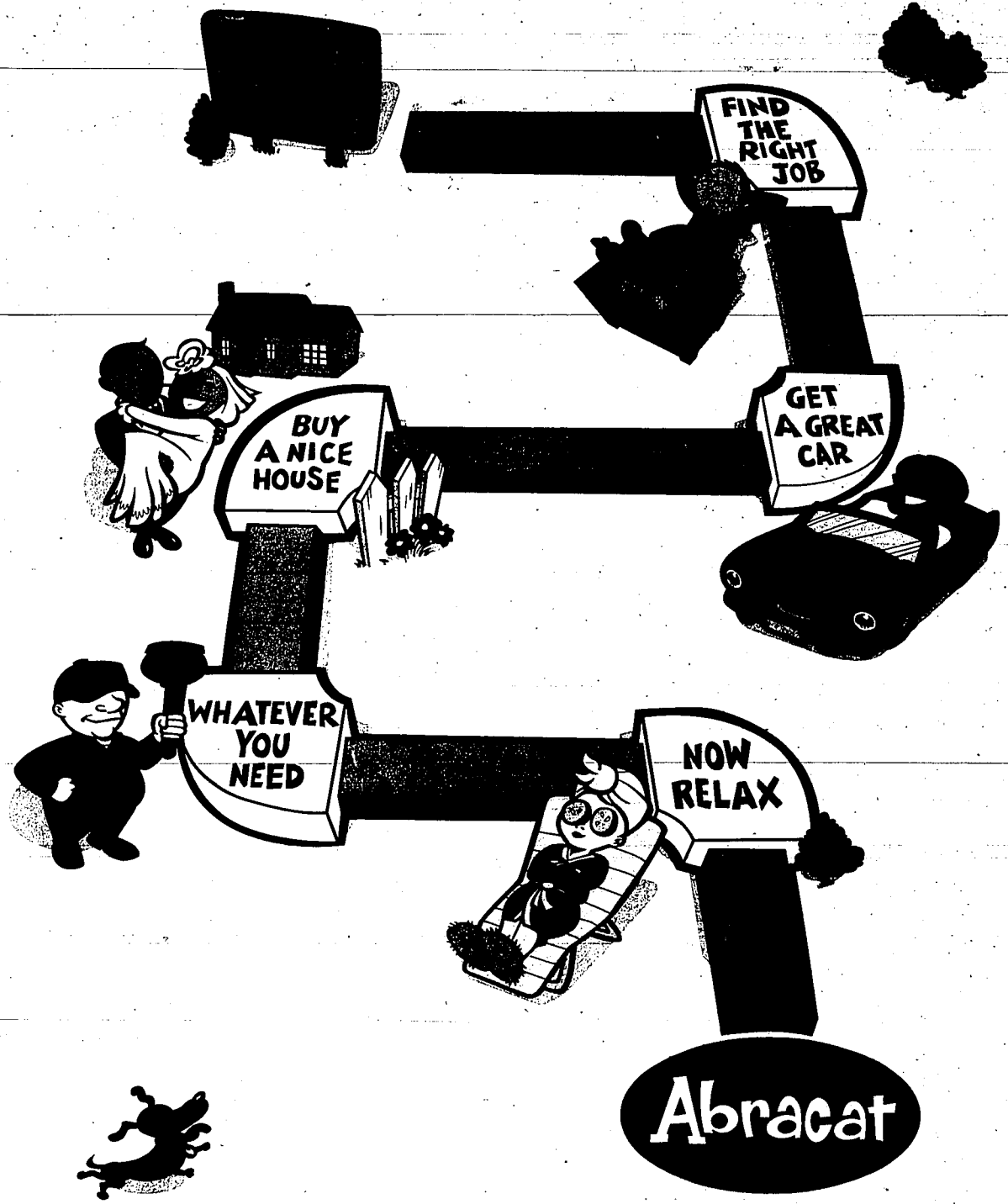
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Losses prompt Xerox to fire chief executive

STAMFORD, Conn. — Rick Thoman was fired Thursday after just 13 months as chief executive of the troubled Xerox Corp. Thoman was asked by members of the board of directors to resign, a source told The Associated Press. An announcement from the company was expected after the stock market closed, said the source, who spoke on condition of anonymity.

Xerox spokeswoman Crista Carone said the company had no immediate comment. Xerox has struggled for more than a year with slumping sales and a balky sales force restructuring. Its stock is trading at less than half its 52-week high of \$62.55.

Thoman, former chief financial officer at IBM, was hired as the No. 2 executive at Xerox in 1997 and became CEO in April 1999. A cost-cutter at IBM who helped reverse that company's declining fortunes, he was seen as someone who could help Xerox regain its leadership position in the small and large office machine markets.

The Stamford-based company, best known for its photocopiering machines, has struggled against Hewlett-Packard and Canon in the small- and home-office markets. Last month Xerox reported a \$243 million first-quarter loss, which followed an announcement in March that the company would lay off 5,200 employees and close several plants.

There was no immediate word on a successor to Thoman.

Coeur d'Alene Mines hopes to offset losses

COEUR D'ALENE — Coeur d'Alene Mines announced during its annual meeting that the company plans to boost gold production and lower costs over the next year.

Company officials hope for a record 11.5 million ounces of silver production in 2000, despite a slow start in the first quarter. Officials also hope to boost gold production to 160,000 ounces, 5 percent more than last year.

The Coeur d'Alene-based company lost \$32.3 million in 1999. An exploration program at the Galena Mine in the Silver Valley has located potential new ore reserves in the lower levels of the mine. Chairman and Chief Executive Officer Dennis Wheeler said Tuesday. The drilling will also target upper areas of the mine previously passed over, but which potentially contain ore that could be developed quickly for mining, he said.

Coeur d'Alene Mines also said this week it will use a "Dutch Auction" tender offer to purchase up to \$27.8 million of 6 percent convertible debentures due in 2002.

The debentures have been trading at \$400 less than their \$1,000 face value. The mining company intends to purchase the debentures at a price between \$720 to \$640.

The tender offer expires June 8.

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Americans in Paris



American tourists Whitney Perkins, 21, right, from Chester, N.J., and Kirstyn Perkins, 23, from New York, relax by a water fountain in the courtyard of the Louvre museum in Paris Thursday. This year the old world is far cheaper for holders of U.S. dollars, and more and more Americans are cashing in on European vacations.

Tourists ride strong dollar through Europe

The Associated Press

PARIS — As the elevator begins its climb up the Eiffel Tower, the voices in one corner have a Texas twang. Nearby are a couple from New York and two women from San Francisco.

Americans visiting Paris — and Europe as a whole — are hardly unusual. But as this year's tourist season gets underway, the old world is far cheaper for holders of U.S. dollars, and more and more Americans are cashing in on European vacations.

The European Travel

Commission estimates that a record 12 million American tourists will visit Europe this year, spurred by a strong dollar and bargain airlines. That would top 1999's record 11.6 million.

In the past, Americans have found some European countries more affordable than others, due to different currencies. Now, they're almost uniformly cheaper.

A depreciating euro — the single currency for 11 European nations — has shed roughly 25 percent of its value since its creation 16 months ago.

While the euro doesn't go into circulation until 2002, local currencies are pegged to it. That means travelers exchanging dollars for currencies fixed to the euro can stuff their wallets with one-quarter more foreign cash.

"Americans are getting most of Europe at the best prices we've seen in 12 years or more," said Einar Gustavsson, U.S. chairman of the New York-based European Travel Commission, which represents 29 European countries. England, whose currency is not linked to the euro, is among the exceptions.

One American woman who travels frequently called it the sale of the century.

"We were just in Italy ... It was a gold mine," Susan Goodwill of San Francisco said while circling an observation deck at the Eiffel Tower.

Treasures were found at design houses Chanel and Hermes, where the 54-year-old consultant said she paid the equivalent of \$240 for a designer diary that costs \$400 in San Francisco.

"The jewelry at Cartier was a

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Retail sales fall for first time since '98

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Dreary weather, stock market volatility and rising interest rates helped pull Americans back from their free-spending ways in April, making retail sales fall for the first time since August 1998.

But economists said the weaker-than-expected sales won't stop the Federal Reserve from boosting interest rates again next week.

Sales at retail stores nationwide declined 0.2 percent last month to a seasonally adjusted \$266 billion, following a brisk 0.5 percent increase in March, the

Effect on stocks — E2

Commerce Department said Thursday.

April's performance surprised many economists who predicted sales would rise moderately.

The unexpected decline marked the first time retail sales have fallen since August 1998 and was the biggest decrease since a 0.8 percent drop in July 1998.

"The surprise decline ... may be the first indication that higher interest rates and faltering stock markets are causing con-

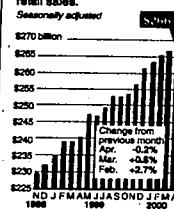
sumers to cut back a little on their spending," said economist Joel Naroff of Naroff Economic Advisors.

Investors liked the report. The Dow Jones industrial average was up 150 points and the Nasdaq gained 67 points in afternoon trading.

Economists widely expect that Fed policy-makers, which have boosted interest rates five times by a quarter-point each since June 30, will push rates higher when they meet Tuesday. A growing number of economists are predicting a more aggressive half-point increase even in light of Thursday's report.

Retail sales down

Here is total retail sales, seasonally adjusted.



Source: Department of Commerce

Gold fund surge could lose luster

By Doristan Priat
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — A recent surge in the performance of mutual funds that focus on gold and other precious metals offers investors a clear example of why short-term gains and losses should be ignored.

Twelve of the top 20 performing mutual funds for the week ended May 4 were gold funds, funds that invest in the stocks of gold mining companies, according to Lipper Inc., a New York firm that tracks fund performance. As a sector, gold funds rose 8.3 percent for the week, more than any other category.

The sudden and unexpected boost follows a 10-year period during which gold funds were arguably one of the most unpopular sectors for mutual fund investors.

A quick look at some longer-term statistics shows why: gold funds are down 12.2 percent since Jan. 1; down 20.8 percent from a year ago; and off 13 percent over the past five years.

Mutual fund analysts say investors should be wary of sharp increases in industry figures. Indeed, many industry professionals have decried an apparent shift by investors away from long-term investment strategies in favor of a short-term mentality that seeks quick gains by jumping in and out of hot sectors.

The recent selloff in the technology sector and subsequent meltdown of many formerly high-flying technology funds has been held up as an example of investors who failed to compile a diverse portfolio. The same thing could happen to investors who are seduced by the recent performance of gold funds.

Market analysts cite several factors in explaining why gold funds have improved so quickly.

The main reason is that the prices of gold stocks were undervalued for months and are now returning to a more realistic level, said Todd Hinrichs, an analyst at ABN AMRO, a Chicago investment banking firm.

Hinrichs said the price of gold stocks fluctuate in accordance with the value of gold. And since gold has been extremely cheap in recent years, gold stocks have suffered accordingly.

While there is no indication that the price of gold is poised to take off, some investors are overly speculating that gold will return to favor if inflation accelerates, triggering an end to the 12-year-old bull market on Wall Street.

The threat of additional interest rate hikes, which could slow U.S. growth, has likely served as additional motivation for some investors to channel money into gold stocks.

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Credit card bills rise with rate hikes

By Joyce M. Rosenberg The Associated Press

NEW YORK — As the Federal Reserve pushes interest rates higher, many consumers are seeing the interest they pay on credit card balances moving up. But with some smart shopping, they might be able to pay less to use plastic.

The Fed has already raised short-term rates 1.25 percentage points since last June, and it is widely expected to implement another half-point increase on Tuesday. Since the rates on many credit cards are tied to short-term rates such as the prime rate, they are likely to continue their advance in coming weeks.

For consumers carrying balances from card month to the next, the rate hikes are getting expensive. Over the course of a year, an increase of 1.75 percentage points translates to nearly \$3,000 in interest on a \$5,000 average balance.

Brian O'Connor, managing editor of bankrate.com, which researches credit card rates, said the national average for fixed-rate and variable rate credit cards is now about 16 percent. He said it's getting harder to find good deals on credit cards and that fixed-rate cards with rates that fluctuate with interest rate changes, are becoming more scarce.

O'Connor said that if you're searching for a better rate, the place to start might be in your wallet.

"The best deals that people can look for are in many cases with institutions that have relationships with," O'Connor said.

If you know your bank or card

Impact of rising interest rates

The Federal Reserve is expected to raise interest rates again, hoping to slow the economy and stem inflation. How this plan has worked so far...

What the Fed has done: Raised the overnight interest rate five times in less than a year.

June 30, 1999 4.75% Now 6.0%

Borrowing costs more: Banks pass along higher interest costs to consumers.

Variable rate for standard card: June 1999 15.77% Now 16.57%

New car loan: 48 months, \$16,000 June 1999 8.54% Now 9.37%

Home equity loan: June 1999 8.08% Now 9.01%

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Not consumers' best spending

Some companies are courting their very best customers with attractive rates for balance transfers, in which a consumer takes out an advance on one card to pay off another. Some lenders are offering rates as low as 5.9 percent. But until a transferred balance is paid off — a much better deal than the lender rates of 2.9 percent or 3.9 percent that expire after six months.

But O'Connor noted that these

offers — as well as any credit card deal — should be examined carefully to see what kind of fees or penalties might be attached. He noted that some ultra-low rate offers can have high late payment fees, or they can punish late payers by upping the interest rate on the account all the way into the 20 percent range.

If you're surfing the Internet, you're likely to find plenty of credit card offers that look great — 5.9 percent, 3.9 percent, even zero percent. First, remember that these may be teaser rates that will last just a short time. Moreover, O'Connor warned, some applicants find when they receive the card that they've been assigned a higher rate than they expected.

Sometimes that happens because an applicant's credit rating is not as good as they think it is, or because their credit balances are too high. In general, the better your credit rating, the better your chances for getting a lower rate. But even if you don't have a good rating, you should still shop around.

O'Connor said credit unions and small local banks are likely to have better rates and easier terms than big national credit card companies. "It pays to get off the beaten path," he said.

One way to find smaller institutions that offer better deals is the bankrate.com site (www.bankrate.com). You don't need to live near one of these companies; many have toll-free numbers.

Of course, the best way to ultimately lower your interest bill is to pay off your balance. If you can get a lower rate — or even if you can't — financial advisers say the best thing to do is to start chipping away at what you owe.



Retail report sparks rally

NEW YORK (AP) — Stocks rose broadly Thursday after a report of a slowdown in retail sales calmed investors who have been selling stocks in a fear about rising interest rates. Blue chip shares led the advance.

The Dow Jones industrial average was up 178.19 at 10,545.97 and the broader composite index was up 114.85 at 3,469.58.

Broader stock indicators were also higher. The Standard & Poor's 500 rose 24.76 to 1,407.81. But volume remained light, leaving market analysts unimpressed of the rally's underlying strength.

"We had a really good start to the week," said Bob Dickey, man-

aging director of technical analysis at Dean Runnells Wessels. "So at this point, calling this an overall bounce is about as bullish as we can get."

Still, the market's gains were spurred by good news on the economic front. Stocks rose after the Commerce Department said retail sales fell 0.2 percent. Economists had expected an increase of 0.4 percent.

Analysts were quick to cite bad weather in April that kept many Americans out of the stores. But better expectations about the Fed's Reserve's series of interest rate increases is succeeding in slowing consumer spending.

Kmart's first-quarter earnings drop

NEW YORK — Kmart said first-quarter earnings fell 55% amid weak sales in the Easter holiday selling period in April. The retailer's first profit decline after 15

earnings reports since 1997. Kmart warned last week that weak April sales would drag earnings below year-end. The Wall Street estimates of 10 cents a share. April same-store sales for many U.S. retailers met or fell below expectations. Cold, rainy weather dampened some hopes that the latest retail production had reduced earnings projection. But shares of Kmart still closed down, slipping 12.5 cents, or 1.64%, to \$7.50. That compares with a 52-week high of \$18.1675.

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New loan program could help students

BOISE (AP) - As more and more Idaho students pile up huge debts to get their degrees, a nonprofit organization announced a new education loan program on Wednesday that will save financially responsible graduates significant amounts of money.

Called Idaho Students First, the program provides significant interest rate reductions for graduates who take specific steps to assure the money is repaid on schedule. And to encourage student borrowers to finish school, the program will make the first loan payment for up to 10 percent of the loan.

Pointing out that the state spends two-thirds of its general tax budget on public education, Kemppainen stressed the importance of the council's charge to foster high-paying technology jobs throughout the state.

The 23-member council is charged with developing a strategy to attract and retain industries

Utah might give airline tax refund

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) - Delta Air Lines and 29 Utah counties have agreed to a tax valuation settlement that reportedly will refund millions to the air carrier.

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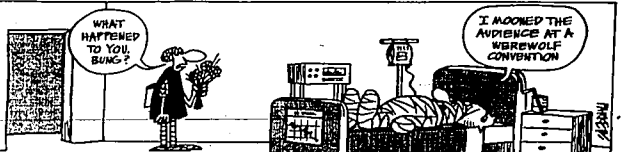
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TWIN FALLS (S)

THE TIMES-NEWS CURRENTLY HAS THE FOLLOWING INDEPENDENT NEWSPAPER ROUTES ON THE WEST SIDE OF TWIN FALLS

ROUTE 100
Skyline/Trailer Park
Alpen Street
Cottonwood Street
Skyline Drive

ROUTE 101
Phasant Rd. West
Twin Circle Drive
Vista Loop
Vista Drive

ROUTE 102
Callejas Drive
Callejas Drive
Callejas Drive
Callejas Drive

ROUTE 103
El Corvino Ave.
El Corvino Ave.
El Corvino Ave.
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ROUTE 104
Lacy J. Trailer Park
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ROUTE 105
200-700 Bld. 2nd Ave. W.
300-800 Bld. 3rd Ave. W.
200-600 Bld. 4th Ave. W.

ROUTE 106
400 Bk. Casswell Ave.
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ROUTE 107
200 Bk. 500 4th Ave. N.
200-600 Bk. 5th Ave. N.

ROUTE 108
100-600 Bk. 7th Ave. N.
100-600 Bk. 8th Ave. N.

ROUTE 109
800 Bk. Bolton
200-500 Bk. Flare Ave. W.
100-500 Winding Way

ROUTE 110
400 Bk. Locust Ave. W.
100-200 Bk. Carney
Casa Grande Court
500 Bk. Shoop Ave. W.

ROUTE 111
Park Meadows Circle
1000-1100 W. Meadowbrook Drive
Park Way Circle
1000-Park Way Drive

ROUTE 112
500 Bk. West Ave. C
200-800 Bk. W. Ave. D
200-400 Bk. W. Ave. E
200-800 Bk. W. Ave. F
300-800 Bk. S. Fir St.

ROUTE 113
200-400 1st Ave. W.
300-400 2nd Ave. W.
300-400 3rd Ave. W.
200 Lincoln Ave.
200-400 W. Main Street

ROUTE 114
100-400 East Ave. D
200-400 East Ave. E
415-500 S. Filmore St.

ROUTE 115
100-400 West Ave G
200 West Ave I
200 West Ave J
1288 Lincoln

ROUTE 116
800 Bk. Elm St. N.
700-800 Bk. Walnut St.
1200-1400 Bk. Wilmore Ave.

ROUTE 117
700-800 Bk. View Drive
2018-2100 Bk. Rancho
2100 Bk. Vista Dr.
500-800 Bk. Paradise Blvd. North

ROUTE 118
1100-1400 Bk. Fremont Dr.
1100-1400 Bk. Lynwood Dr.
500-600 Bk. Spruce Ave.

ROUTE 119
2100 Bk. Crestwood Dr.
600-700 Bk. Del Mar
2100 Bk. Sherry Dr.

ROUTE 120
Boulder Circle
Whitcomb Circle
1000 Bk. Mt. View Dr.
900 Bk. Wood River Dr.

ROUTE 121
1261 St. E. 18th St.
D. St. Sharon Heights

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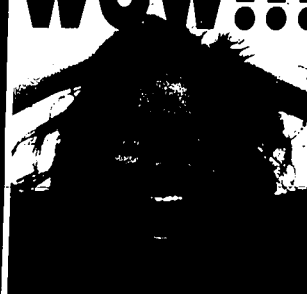
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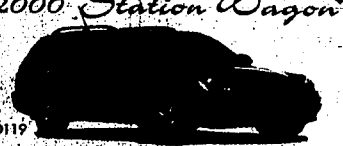
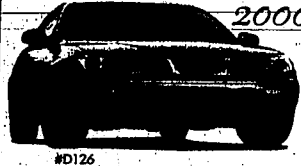
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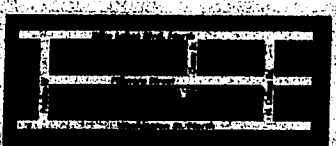
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1995 TOYOTA PICKUP 4X4 Sharp III Stock #223A. WAS \$11,995, NOW	\$9,746	1999 DODGE RAM 1500 EX-CAB 4x4, V-8. Stock #170. WAS \$24,995, NOW	\$22,360
1997 DODGE 1500 EXTEND CAB V-8. Stock #2013. WAS \$18,995, NOW	\$16,674	1998 CHEVY SILVERADO 2500 V-8. Stock #859. WAS \$24,995, NOW	\$22,505
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