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OUT OF PATIENCE



Richfield parents Cheryl Jensen, left front, Tena Amy, right front, Vic Robinson, Kayal Hubenath, and Red Hubenath, back, are concerned with the way school administrators have handled disruptive students.

Concern over teen-agers disrupts rural town

By Jennifer Sandmann
Times-News writer

RICHFIELD — Images of tragedy at Colorado's Columbine High School remain fresh in the minds of parents in this rural town.

Reports that a local teen-ager flashed a knife in class and said he wanted to become a mass murderer have brought worry and unwanted notoriety to the town.

"Two months ago our school was flying high," said Tena Amy, a mother and former School Board member. "They were state champions in 4-4 basketball. There was nothing but pride."

Now the town's reputation is tarnished, she said.

"It's drag Richfield through the dirt ... Contrary to what people might think, Richfield is a good place to live."

Amy and some other parents

think the Richfield School allowed antisocial behavior to go unchecked for too long. The school administration defends the way it handled the teen-ager and says the issue is overblown.

Parents are angry because they feel the school is not doing enough to protect their children. They are also concerned about the school's safety. They want to know if the school is safe for their children.

The town's patience with the two teens wore out at the end of April after students reported Biegler had a knife in class. Angry parents vented their frustrations to the School Board, and the same night the boys were arrested on the stolen rifle charges.

Biegler, a Canadian citizen, and Stewart now face added charges over incidents that reportedly occurred during the winter. Each has been charged with two felony counts of burglary and one misdemeanor charge of cruelty to animals relating to a pet cat missing since April.

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About 400 people live in Richfield, a farming and ranching community northeast of Shoshone. The K-12 school has about 190 students, and just about everyone in Richfield is connected in some way to everyone else.

Stewart's grandfather, Jesse West, is a School Board member. Biegler's mother, Merrie Williams, drives a school bus. And a Lincoln County sheriff's deputy is related to Stewart.

The level of community concern illustrates America's heightened sensitivity toward school safety issues, even in the smallest towns. Perhaps significantly, Richfield's sense of alarm was brought on by events that fell far short of the violence experienced elsewhere. After Columbine and other highly pub-

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HIDDEN AGENDAS?

Speaker discounts study's conclusions about potential Idaho conflicts of interest

The Associated Press

BOISE — Idaho is one of only three states that does not require legislators to reveal their private financial interests, "despite the overwhelming number of real and potential conflicts of interest," according to a government watchdog group.

In a study released today called "Hidden Agendas," the Washington, D.C.-based Center for Public Integrity ranked Idaho tied for last place in the nation — along with Michigan and Vermont — for making basic information on state lawmakers' private income, assets, and conflicts

National study — A2

of interest publicly accessible.

"As a time when the nation's 50 state legislatures wield unprecedented power, the lawmakers who run them have significant private financial interests in the laws they impose on millions of Americans," the center said in its report on a two-year investigation.

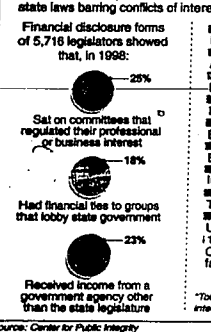
Rankings were based on the existence of financial-disclosure filings, access to those records, basic disclosure requirements and penalties on the books for late or inaccurate reports. Idaho

received one out of a possible 100 points.

But Republican House Speaker Bruce Newcomb discounted the implied criticism of Idaho's system. He said his 14 years in office has shown him no need to change the state's Ethics in Government Act to require financial disclosure by legislators.

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In their own interest



Howl of a protest

Wolf killings raise the ire of environmentalists

By M.S. Nakkantav
Times-News writer

REDFISH LAKE — About the middle of last month five wolves that had roamed the Salmon River's East Fork drainage in the White Cloud Mountains east of here were killed.

They were killed by federal officials after killing four calves belonging to two Clayton area ranchers, who run their livestock in the East Fork allotment.

Environmentalists were outraged.

"We don't have problem wolves; we have problem ranchers," said Lynn Stone of Ketchum. Earlier this year, four wolves were killed in the Clayton area north of the Salmon River, sparking a similar reaction.

The controversy and the issue of wolf recovery was one topic of discussion Saturday, during the Idaho Conservation League's annual conference at Redfish Lake Lodge on the shores of Redfish Lake in the Sawtooth National Recreation Area.

The key to successful wolf recovery lies in changing people's hearts, not their minds, J. Dallas Guggell, conservation associate with the ICL told the group.

Heading that recovery effort from his Boise office is Roy Heberger, of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

For some, wolves are more than just predators and symbols of wilderness. For others, they

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Inside today's paper

Southern Idaho Explorer 2000

Our annual guide to summer fun in southern Idaho — 56 pages of tips and ideas.

Plea agreement comes under fire

Feds made deal with confessed spy before knowing full damage

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The government struck a plea bargain that resulted in no prison time for a nuclear scientist who confessed to passing secrets to China, rather than await an analysis that ultimately concluded he "directly enhanced" Beijing's weapons program, documents disclose.

The documents, gathered by Senate investigators, detail weeks of miscommunication between prosecutors, defense officials and the FBI that led up to the December 1997 plea bargain for former U.S. nuclear labs scientist Peter H. Lee.

The miscommunication left the Justice Department off with final authority for the case unaware that his prosecutor would seek minimal prison time for Lee. As it turned out, the judge gave Lee no prison time.

"Had this been our opening position in plea negotiations, I

doubt that I would have approved it, particularly the short period of incarceration," Deputy Assistant Attorney General John Kenney told a Senate Judiciary subcommittee recently.

Lee's case has fallen in the shadows of the Wen Ho Lee spy case at the Los Alamos lab that dominated headlines for months.

But testimony, government documents, and a draft Senate report reviewed by The Associated Press detail missteps by the government that mirror those that already criticized in Wen Ho Lee's case.

THE REGION

Carnas Prairie

High: 76 Low: 61
Mostly sunny and warmer, and mostly clear tonight. Mostly sunny and warm on Monday with highs in the upper 70s.

Treasure Valley

High: 84 Low: 53
Mostly cloudy and warmer, with light winds. Mostly sunny and very warm on Monday, with highs near 90.

Sawtooth Mountains/Wood River Valley

High: 76 Low: 42
Partly cloudy and warmer today and mostly clear tonight. Mostly sunny on Monday with highs near 80.

Eastern Idaho

High: 78 Low: 47
Partly cloudy and warmer, with southwest winds 10-15 mph. Mostly sunny on Monday with highs in the 80s.

Northern Idaho

High: 81 Low: 52
Partly sunny, with southwest winds 10-20 mph. Becoming mostly cloudy on Monday.

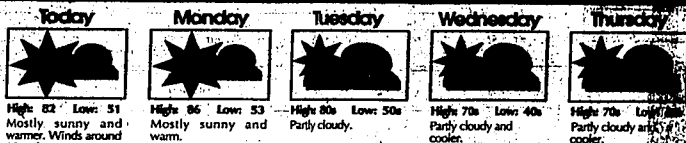
Northern Utah

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Mostly sunny and warm. The same on Monday with highs in the lower 80s.

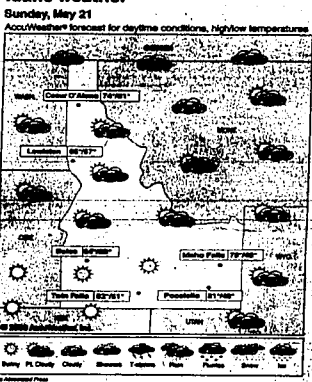
Northern Nevada

High: 80 Low: 49
Mostly sunny and warmer. Winds around 10 mph. Sunny and warm on Monday.

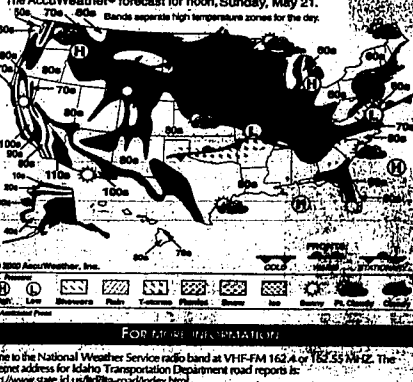
MAGIC VALLEY FIVE-DAY FORECAST



Idaho weather



National weather



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ROAD INFORMATION

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Lunar phase: Last quarter, May 26; new, June 2; first quarter, June 8; full, June 16.

SPYWATCH

Legislators' financial disclosures and political activities.

ACROSS THE NATION

Storms derailed the Northeast part of the country on Saturday, while showers also fell on parts of the Southeast. The West was fair and dry. A cold front produced severe weather across the eastern part of the nation. Showers and thunderstorms were seen across portions of Tennessee, Arkansas, Mississippi, Alabama and Louisiana. Currently, quiet and dry weather was seen across the remainder of the Southeast in Georgia, Florida and the Carolinas. Showers were located across portions of Virginia, Pennsylvania and New York, Massachusetts and Connecticut. High pressure across the Great Lakes brought fair and dry weather to the Great Lakes region and the Ohio Valley. Mostly fair and dry weather was seen across the central Plains in northern Texas, Oklahoma and Kansas. Temperatures across the lower 48 ranged from a low of 24 in Saratoga Lake, N.Y., to an early-afternoon high of 95 in Thermal, Calif. With the wind chill, it felt like 18 in Ely, Nev.

YESTERDAY'S WEATHER

Table with columns for Twin Falls, Pocatello, and Idaho Falls, showing yesterday's weather conditions and temperatures.

High/Low

Table listing high and low temperatures for various Idaho locations like Boise, Burley, Coeur d'Alene, etc.

The Nation

Table showing high and low temperatures for major cities across the United States.

Study warns of lawmakers' motives Conflicts

'You'd better watch these people... closely'

NEW YORK (AP) - Across the nation, thousands of state legislators are mixing personal and government business, despite conflict-of-interest and disclosure laws that discourage it, according to a study to be released today. The Center for Public Integrity found that at least one in five legislators help regulate their own business or professional interests, have financial ties to organizations that lobby state government, and may receive income from agencies they oversee. "You'd better watch these people very closely. Not all of them are working for the public interest. Some of them are feathering their own nests," said Charles Lewis, the center's director. "I don't think we were prepared for the unabashed audacity of these people to do personal business along with what they conceive to be their constituents' business."

Most legislators, most of them part-timers, see no conflict between the jobs they do to make a living and the work they do in the statehouse. They say their personal interests don't affect their votes. "We've got pharmacists who pass pharmacy bills, farmers who pass agriculture bills and lawyers who pass law bills," Alabama Rep. John Rogers told the center. "I don't see it cause any conflicts." The center said that Rogers, director of minority affairs at the University of Alabama-Birmingham, sponsored a bill providing \$30 million in bonds to renovate a university hall. He did not make public his job in annual financial disclosures filed with the state, as required. The center - nonprofit and non-partisan - analyzed the financial disclosures of more than 5,700 lawmakers from last year, the most recent year available. Their researchers also pored over news accounts and talked with legislators, political

observers, government and business officials. The center found that, on average: • One in four legislators sat on a statehouse committee that regulated the lawmakers' own professional or business interests. • At least 18 percent held financial ties to businesses or organizations that lobby state government. • Nearly one in four received income from another government agency, often from agencies the legislature funds. The center concluded that, due to weak laws and loopholes, the potential for conflicts may be even greater. Three states - Idaho, Michigan and Vermont do not even require lawmakers to reveal personal financial interests. States generally bar conflicts of interest, but vary in how they define it and how they handle it. The survey did not address how or how many legislators had been punished for conflicts of interest.

Continued from A1 "They need to come out here and make a case that there are conflicts, there are abuses," the Burley rancher said Friday. "There might be corruption in other states, and I suspect there is. But I haven't seen it in Idaho." Indeed, the center said its research involving the 47 states where disclosure is required found "startling conflicts of interest and other laws in the system of state government, affecting policy decisions on everything from education to nuclear waste, taxes to health care." Besides states like Idaho that require no disclosure, "several other states require so little information to make it all but impossible to determine whether a lawmaker has a hidden agenda," the report said. Without leveling any specific allegation, the Center for Public Integrity cited the failure of Democratic state Rep. David Bieter, a Boise attorney whose law firm represents local government entities and the Ada

County Highway District. Given that business relationship, the report used Bieter's opposition to a bill that would have expanded the rights of people whose property might face eminent domain condemnation for road projects in the fast-growing Boise area to highlight the potential for conflicts of interest. Bieter reportedly told the organization he had "never seen any divergence" between the interests of his legal clients and his constituents. As a result, he said the center, he has never felt the need to recuse himself from voting on such issues as the eminent domain legislation. Idaho law allows legislators to vote on proposals in which they might have a personal interest as long as they first disclose that they have a conflict. And Newcomb said in most cases lawmakers are forthcoming in acknowledging potential conflicts and voluntarily step away from voting on those issues. Idaho's is a part-time citizen

Legislature that meets only about three months a year. Lawmakers earn only \$14,769 a year, plus expenses, and almost all of them that are not retired leave outside jobs. "Recognizing that reality, there is no prohibition against legislators voting on bills that might promote the interests of the class of people from which they came, such as farmers or lawyers, as long as they or their family stand to realize no particular benefit beyond that of the entire class." The best process is your own peer review process," Newcomb said. "The only thing you've got in the Legislature is your credibility. You lose that and you're all done." Center researchers reported that only 15 of Idaho's 105 legislators responded to requests for information on their outside economic interests and activities, an attempt to gauge potential conflicts despite the lack of a disclosure requirement. Newcomb said he did not respond.

Wolves

Continued from A1 are ravaging monsters. But to the Fish and Wildlife Service, wolves are predators like coyotes or mountain lions. "Wolves are just predators," Heberger said. "They are a wild animal on the Endangered Species List, and his agency is bound by law to recover the species. Gray wolves live anywhere they can find an

adequate food supply and anywhere humans don't persecute them. "The only real problem wolves have are humans," he said. Working with Heberger is the Nez Perce Tribe. The tribe became partners in the recovery effort largely by default, tribal official Jamie Pinkham said. The Fish and Wildlife Service usually works with state game agencies

in recovery efforts. But the Idaho Legislature, perhaps hoping to derail reintroduction of the wolf, Pinkham said, blocked the Idaho Department of Fish and Game's involvement in wolf management. "When Fish and Wildlife went looking for another partner, they hooked up with the Nez Perce, who signed an agreement from 1995 through 2008 that included monitoring, education and research of the reintroduced wolves. Research so far shows unexpected results. The good news is that wolves are recovering faster than expected. And the bad news is that wolves are recovering faster than expected," Pinkham said only half joking. One of the challenges facing Heberger and the Nez Perce Tribe, who are working with

Fish and Wildlife in managing the wolves, is what to do once the animals reach a sufficient population to be removed from the Endangered Species list - something that may be a possibility within three years at the earliest. In 1995 and '96, 35 wolves captured in Canada were released in central Idaho. Today biologists estimate the population has grown to about 150 animals. The tribe doesn't want to get pushed out of the way by the state, but also must face the question of who will bear the financial burden of management. The question may loom larger in the future of the wolves, Pinkham said. "But the resolution is more of a sociological problem, Heberger said. It means resolving the conflicts between environmentalists

like Stone and ranchers who lose livestock to wolves. One of the contentious issues is the use of "bone pits" where ranchers dispose of dead animals. Some say the dead animals bait the wolves who then prey on livestock said James Wieg killed as a result. Though not viewed by federal officials as intentional baiting, the practice attracts wolves - and other predators - to private lands and livestock, Heberger said. Federal officials have to work out educating ranchers about dead animal disposal that won't attract predators. But killing wolves is not the only means of dealing with wolves that kill livestock. Officials try to discourage the animals with noisemakers, and some wolves are trapped and moved. And Heberger said he is

working to get ranchers, the authority to use rubber shotgun pellets on wolves attacking or harassing livestock as "seasonal conditioning." So far, 14 wolves have been killed in Idaho by federal officials and one wolf was killed by a rancher for killing livestock. Several more wolves have been killed illegally. Officials are not killing more wolves than anticipated, but as wolf numbers increase, so does the potential for conflict between wolves and livestock, Heberger said. Despite the problem, nothing has been changed in the way grazing is managed in areas with wolves, he said.

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NATION

TEXAS FLOODS



Author Smith, 2, looks out the door of her mobile home Saturday in Dayton, Texas. Heavy rains swept southeast Texas Friday and early Saturday, dropping nearly 20 inches in some parts. Storms halted all traffic in Houston and Dallas.

Report: U.S. missile defense plan could backfire

WASHINGTON — The U.S. intelligence community is writing a report warning the Clinton administration that construction of a national missile defense could trigger a wave of destabilizing events around the world and possibly endanger relations with European allies, a U.S. intelligence official says.

The new National Intelligence Estimate will sketch an unsettling series of political and military ripple effects from the proposed U.S. deployment, including a sharp buildup of strategic and mid-range nuclear-armed missiles by China, India and Pakistan and the further spread of missile technology in the Middle East.

A supplement to the highly

classified report also will note that the threat of attack from North Korea has eased since last fall, when Pyongyang effectively froze its missile-making program in response to U.S. overtures.

Outside critics long have argued that the proposed national missile defense could backfire and actually diminish national security and global stability. But the CIA-led analysis and updated threat assessment is the first official evaluation of how the system could generate dangerous new threats.

The administration has pledged

to decide this fall whether to proceed with an initial base of 100 "interceptor" missiles in Alaska, backed by ground-based phased radar stations and missile-based infrared sensors, in a system designed to shield the continental United States from a limited missile attack.

Proponents of the system argue that North Korea, Iran or Iraq may threaten U.S. territory with intercontinental ballistic missiles someday. Critics argue that the threat is exaggerated, that the anti-missile technology is unproven and that deployment

would undermine crucial arms control and nonproliferation regimes.

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U.S. begins anti-terror exercise

WASHINGTON (AP) — The largest-ever field test of the nation's ability to respond to a terrorist attack with chemical or biological weapons began Saturday, involving Cabinet secretaries, governors and municipal leaders in two cities.

The counterterrorism exercise called "TOPOFF" involved a simulated biological weapon attack on Portsmouth, N.H., followed by a simulated chemical weapon attack in Denver. The \$3.5 million program, mandated by Congress was paid for by the Department of Justice and the Federal Office of Emergency Management.

The Portsmouth scenario involved an explosion at a mock charity event that led to a number of "fatalities" and "injuries."

"It's a test of people's abilities to respond to what has happened," said Mike Beaman, FEMA spokesman in Portsmouth.

The test was expected to last 10 days. Attorney General Janet Reno, Health and Human Services Secretary Donna Shalala, and FEMA Director James Lee Witt, and state and local leaders were expected to take part.

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NATION

Alicia Lopez sifts through what used to be her bedroom Friday during her first visit to her Los Alamos, N.M., home since the Cerro Grande fire destroyed hundreds of houses in the city.



Returnees from N.M. blaze hope for mementos

LOS ALAMOS, N.M. (AP) — Residents of burned-out neighborhoods spent their second day Saturday searching their charred homesites, hoping to salvage something from the rubble. It was their second day home in 10 days.

"No matter what was destroyed, there's always a tiny something that survives," said Judi DeHaven, who lost her home of 23 years. "Whatever it is, a picture frame, a memento, it can help us out a lot."

The wildfire that roared across this mesa-top community

destroyed more than 200 dwellings and left 405 families homeless.

Firefighters were slowly gaining an upper hand on the 47,500-acre fire, helped by lower temperatures and favorable winds. By nightfall Friday, it was 80 percent contained, with total containment predicted for late Monday.

And Los Alamos slowly was coming back to life. Bandelier National Monument, where the fire was set May 4 to clear out underbrush, was expected to reopen Saturday. Los Alamos

National Laboratory was expected to partially reopen Monday.

On the northwest side of town, Irma Sutphin combed through the ashes with a three-tined gardening tool while her mother, Alicia Lopez, used a metal mop as a rake.

"Look at my stuff," Lopez lamented as she pulled ceramic figurines and melted jewelry from the rubble.

The mementos were all that remained from the house she has lived in since 1956.

"This is my childhood home,"

Sutphin said as she tried to gauge where some belongings might have ended up after the flames went out.

Not much remained.

Sutphin's son, Stan, 14, was excited when he found his computer, but then realized it was a toaster.

Across the city's devastated neighborhoods, insurance adjusters have spent the past several days writing checks to customers to cover temporary housing, clothing and other necessities.

Babbitt touts burn plan developed by professor

PHOENIX (AP) — The forests in northern Arizona are so dense that U.S. Sen. Jon Kyl calls them "dog hair thick."

"Even a dog would lose half its hair by scraping it on all those trees," he said.

But Kyl isn't laughing about the wildfire hazard such forests present.

Experts say decades of protecting forests from naturally occurring fires has led to forests so choked with small trees and underbrush that prescribed burns can easily escalate into wildfires. Prescribed or controlled fires are set on purpose to reduce underbrush that could fuel a major fire later.

After a series of small, controlled burns near Los Alamos, Secretary Bruce Babbitt proposed an alternative approach.

The plan developed by Northern Arizona University professor Wallace Covington

involves taking up underbrush and cutting some trees before setting fires. The areas are cut to restore the forest to its density before European settlement, Covington said.

"Had such ecological restoration treatment been done south and west of Los Alamos, the fire would have dropped down to the ground and gone through grasses and wildflowers and maybe a couple of years of pine needles — accumulation," Covington said.

Only a few prescriptions would be needed to "cut out" a blaze, he said.

Most of the burning method is done by hand. The method is called "hand-thinning."

Secretary Babbitt said the method would be used on 100,000 acres of underbrush. And he said the method would be used on 100,000 acres of underbrush.

"Nature can do what humans can't do," he said.

Fire damages sacred Santa Clara Pueblo sites

SANTA CLARA PUEBLO, N.M. (AP) — Santa Clara Canyon became the natural feature that helped firefighters contain the eastern edge of the Cerro Grande Fire last week, much to the sadness of this community's 1,600 residents.

"That is our spiritual source and our way of life in the pueblo," said Tribal Gov. Denny Gutierrez. "The canyon is very important to us. I don't think Santa Clara would be here without it."

The 47,500-acre wildfire, set May 4 to clear out brush, destroyed hundreds of homes in Los Alamos, but stopped hundreds of yards short of the Puye Cliff Dwellings.

The dwellings are a well-known tourist attraction. Fire charred more than 5,000 acres on the reservation and destroyed several sites the tribe holds sacred.

With the canyon open to the public from May to October, tribal members do not talk about

what they hold sacred in the canyon. Doing so could open the tribe to ridicule or worse, reveal the location of the site, which could lead to its destruction.

"It could be something like a rock," tribal member Robert Jenkins said. "But our sacred sites are really more a state of mind."

Many of the sites can be damaged by fire, Gutierrez said without elaborating.

Inside the canyon, miles past

the cattle guard off the main highway and past the apartment-like dwellings carved into the side of a sandstone cliff, the steep walls of the canyon are blackened.

Gutierrez likened the canyon to a church, where tribal members go to pray for the "well-being of the pueblo, our lands and our people."

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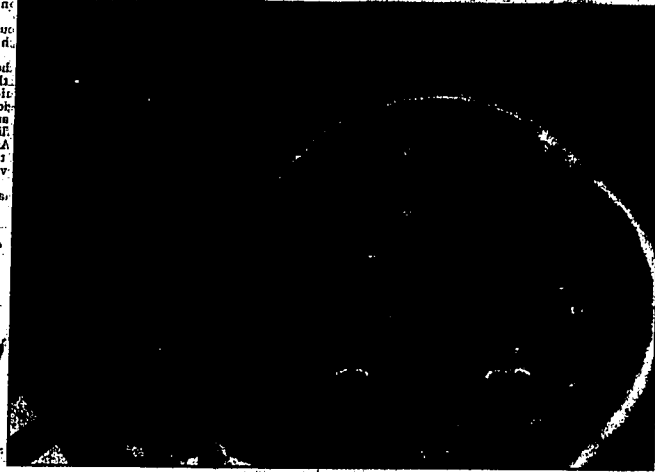
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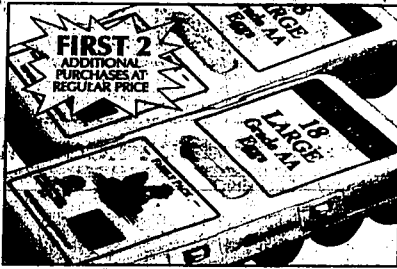
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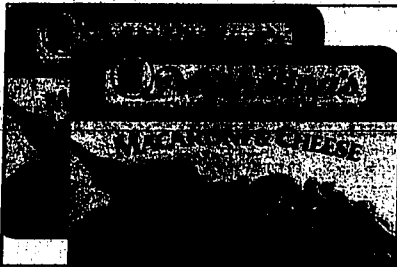
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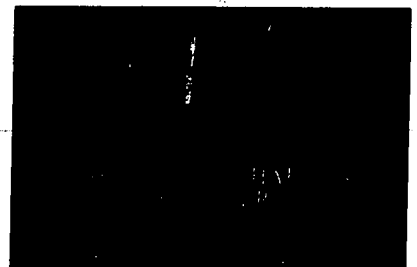
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'New' N.Y. race sparks speculation on Democratic takeover in House

Combined wire reports

WEST ISLIP, N.Y. — From the gym of his former high school on Long Island, relatively unknown Republican Rep. Rick Lazio catapulted himself Saturday into the nation's most-talked-about political campaign — the U.S. Senate race against Hillary Rodham Clinton.

"You can tell from my accent that I am a lifelong New Yorker," Lazio said in an interview with the first lady. "I don't have to fake it. ... I've never needed an exploratory committee to help me figure out where I wanted to live."

In the House, Lazio's decision to give up his Republican seat if he gets the GOP nomination immediately took that congressional district from the "safe Republican" category and placed it into the "tossup" column, fortifying an already strong



Rep. Rick Lazio

Democratic drive to win House control.

"I think this is a reason to reassess the Senate race," political analyst Stuart Rothenberg said of the mad scramble to fill New York City Mayor Rudolph Giuliani's shoes with Lazio. "You see the Democrats are possibly going to make gains and they have a chance to make great gains. A Democratic takeover is no longer impossible. Republicans ought to spend some time worrying about the Senate."

The official announcement, less than 24 hours after Giuliani dropped out of the Senate race, launched the 42-year-old, four-term congressman into the

national spotlight.

Today, he was scheduled to appear on the five major Sunday TV news shows.

Lazio acknowledged facing an uphill battle against the first lady — one poll already showed her with a huge lead over Lazio. But he sounded an optimistic note to supporters who sported T-shirts reading, "Lazio — Made in New York."

"Here in New York, we love underdogs," Lazio told the cheering crowd. "I can't call on Air Force One whenever I need a ride, but New Yorkers can count on me and call on me whenever they need something to get done."

On Friday, top Clinton adviser Harold Ickes branded Lazio a puppet of former House Speaker Newt Gingrich, House Majority Leader Dick Armey and the rest of the radical Republican leadership.

Key GOP senator: Clinton's been no friend to farmers

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Clinton administration has done too little to rejuvenate the nation's farm economy, the chairman of the Senate Agriculture Committee said Saturday.

Need to provide financial help to farmers, the Clinton administration has not focused sufficient attention on the broader problems facing agriculture," Sen. Dick Lugar of Indiana said in the weekly radio address. He owns a corn and soybean farm in his home state.

Lugar said the administration has not worked hard enough to lower barriers to U.S. food exports or to reduce energy prices. He said farmers were hurt by President Clinton's veto last year of a \$72 billion trade package.

Midwest Hispanics feel political power

CHICAGO (AP) — Conversations — most in Spanish — carry from an open doorway as dozens of people wait in lines and folding chairs for volunteers to help them fill out citizenship forms.

When Hortencia Cardridge pauses for a moment to survey the auditorium in the Teamsters union hall just west of downtown Chicago, she doesn't just see future Americans. She sees voters.

"One day, it's not going to be the White House. It's going to be the Brown House," says Cardridge, a native of Mexico who spends a few Saturdays a year volunteering for Rep. Luis Guterres, an Illinois Democrat who estimates he has helped more than 20,000 immigrants — most of them Hispanic — gain their citizenship since the early 1990s.

While it may be a few years before a Hispanic makes that sort of run for office, efforts to turn Latinos into big voting blocs throughout the country are not going unnoticed.

For months, presidential rivals George W. Bush and Al Gore have been courting the Latino vote with a fervor that political analysts say

previously was reserved for blacks. And they're not just hitting the most obvious targets — California, Texas, Florida and New York.

"They're working in the Midwest, even in states like Iowa, where just 2 percent of the population is Hispanic. 'In 1996, I had no calls whatsoever from any candidates,'" says Hector Avalos, director of the U.S. Latino Studies Program at Iowa State University. "Last year, we were contacted by almost every candidate."

Texas Gov. Bush even ran Spanish-language ads in Iowa

before January's Republican caucuses.

While hardly a foregone conclusion, recent polls have shown California and New York favoring Vice President Gore, while Bush is doing well in Texas and in Florida — a stronghold of Republican Cuban-Americans where brother Jeb Bush is governor.

If the candidates split those four big states, Hispanics in middle America could help tip a close November election — and Bush has promised to win over Hispanics generally known for voting Democratic.

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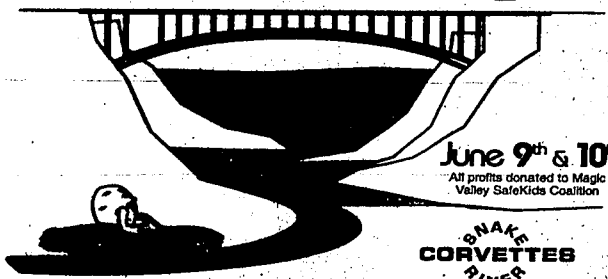
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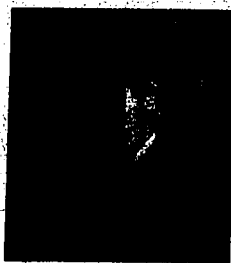
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...the school board's decision to expel Blegler...

...Christa Lucero, the school's cheerleader adviser...

...Jessica Robinson, 15, said she saw Blegler flash a knife...

...The School Board says it expelled Blegler for six months...

...Winter 2001 is the earliest he could come back...

...Vic Robinson said he feared for his daughter Jessica's safety...

...I think the thing that stressed me is that nothing was being done until the parents decided they had to do something...

...But Principal Theo Perkes said he didn't hear reports about the knife until after school Friday...

...Perkes would not refer to Blegler by name, citing confidentiality...

...The student had been suspended in the past on grounds that he intimidated teachers and students...

...He did have a scowling, glaring look on his face most of the time...

...Agreements and obligations

...Turgoose described the situation as one where adults tried to work with a student to give him a chance...

...Blegler left Richfield School in spring 1999 and briefly attended nearby Dietrich School...

...As with all transfer students who come to the school with a history of problems...

...It was a violation of our dress code and pretty far out...

...After a week talk with Simons, Blegler returned to school...

...He and his mother refused to sign the same sort of contract...

...Blegler's mother and stepfather, Merrie and Richard Williams, and his attorney Patrick McMillan declined to comment...

...School Board Chairman Everett "Buck" Ward described the school's decision as one made on the student's behalf...

...They would not sign the contract, so in the interest of the student, the administration let him back into school...

...Ward says no allegations of verbal threats and intimidation at school had been brought to the board's attention until parents attended the April School Board meeting...

...small group of boys has been staying out late and causing trouble in the community...

...Whether a stronger law enforcement presence would have helped the present problem is hard to say...

...Working toward a new community ordinance that would put pressure on parents to intervene in the lives of troubled youths...

...The stolen antique rifles belong to Alan and Marcia Paulson, who were told by Stewart and Blegler...

...According to a sworn witness, he saw Stewart smiling and choking a cat that looked like it was dead...

...Another witness, who said Blegler and Stewart asked him if he wanted to buy the rifle...

...Commented by phone, Simons' mother, Tami West, declined to comment...

...Lincoln County Sheriff Steve Southwick said he hasn't had the resources to provide the level of law enforcement coverage in Richfield he would have liked...

...recent publicity might indicate. "There are a few people up there who feel very intimidated but they are a minority," Southwick said.

...School Board member Beau Seegmiller says he wouldn't downplay the number of people who are upset...

...According to parents, by late last week 42 people had signed a petition expressing no confidence in the superintendent...

...Parents told the School Board in September 1999 that Blegler, who had not been enrolled in school at the time, had been intimidating students on campus...

...Southwick and school officials say community indignation over the boys isn't as widespread as

...The School Board has more homework to do, Seegmiller said. The board needs more information about the climate at school...

...The boy's futures will be determined by the criminal justice system. A court hearing is set for June.

...Times-News education reporter Jennifer Sandmann can be reached at 733-0931, Ext. 241, or by email at jsandmann@magicalvalley.com

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Galileo probe swoops past Jupiter's moon

PASADENA, Calif. (AP) — NASA's Galileo spacecraft zoomed by Jupiter's largest moon Saturday, taking new measurements of Ganymede's magnetic field and images of the surface.

The \$1.4 billion probe flew within 502 miles of the moon — roughly the distance between San Francisco and San Diego — at

about 4 a.m., said Jim Erickson, Galileo's project manager at NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory.

"We've passed Ganymede itself and recorded about half of the observations that we planned on this encounter already," he said. "They're safely on the tape."

Galileo's Fields and Particles

experiments are taking readings of the magnetic field around Ganymede, the only moon known to have its own. They will be compared with those taken by the Cassini probe when it flies by in December on its way to Saturn.

"The biggest objective is to set us up for the dual observations with Cassini at the end of the year," he said.

Shuttle Atlantis and team close in on space station

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — Space shuttle Atlantis and a check repair team closed in on the international space station Saturday for a 200-mile-high pickup and tuneup.

The shuttle's 17,500-mph chase to reach the space station was due to end late Saturday MDT with a docking above Ukraine.

Commander James Hartsell Jr. guided the shuttle as flight controllers in Houston and Moscow prepared the space station for the shuttle's arrival by turning up the thermostat in the chilly outpost and beginning to cleanse its stagnant air.

Hartsell and six crew members will be the first humans to enter

the space station in a full year. No one was supposed to return until a critical Russian service module was in place, but with the module grounded until at least July and the space station losing its orbit, NASA dispatched a shuttle crew to replace dying batteries and give the sagging station an orbital boost.

The repairs should allow the space station to keep flying solo, if necessary, through the end of this year.

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NATION

Controversial trade debate makes compromise a difficult proposition

WASHINGTON (AP) — As the House heads for a showdown this week on granting China permanent trade benefits, both sides agree the legislation will help shape U.S.-Chinese relations for the 21st century.

But opponents suggest it would reward human rights abusers and flood U.S. markets with cheap goods, while supporters argue it would open Chinese markets to U.S. companies and improve conditions by exporting American values.

the bill, one of President Clinton's top foreign policy priorities.

Seeking further support, Republican leaders agreed late last week to link the bill with separate legislation creating a commission to monitor human rights in China.

The trade bill has caused political turbulence, with Democrats pitted against Democrats and Clinton uneasily aligned with the same Republican leaders who voted to impeach him.

every other country.

"Establishing free and fair trade relations with China is good for American jobs, it is good for American workers and it is good for our national security," says House Speaker Dennis Hastert, R-Ill.

Counters House Democratic Whip David Bonior of Michigan, a staunch labor ally: "The China trade deal won't help us export American products — only American jobs."

Over the weekend, the dwindling number of undecided House members faced an intensive lobbying campaign, from television and radio ads to letter-writing campaigns and visits to congressional districts.

Proponents claimed momentum and said they were close to the 218 votes needed for passage. But lawmakers on both sides agreed the vote, expected late Wednesday or Thursday, could be razor close.

Approval seemed certain in the Senate, which was waiting for the House to act first.

Organized labor, joined by environmental and some labor groups, led the fight against the plan to give China permanent normal trade relations. Corporate America worked aggressively for

The president planned to promote the trade bill in a nationally televised address Sunday night from the Oval Office. He canceled the speech Friday night after hearing from congressional Democrats that such a high-profile appeal might cost him some House votes.

The legislation would end the current practice of renewing China's favorable trading status annually and extend it to Beijing on a permanent basis. The United States would give China the same access to U.S. markets it now routinely gives nearly

"After all, how many cell phones and microscopes, how many SUVs and microwave ovens, can you sell to Chinese factory workers earning 13 cents an hour? Sure, we'll see more business investment in China — but it will be to manufacture products for export back to the United States."

The annual votes on China have been used as leverage to apply pressure on human rights, religious freedom and other issues. But not once has Congress denied the trade preference to China, even after the 1989 Tiananmen Square crackdown.

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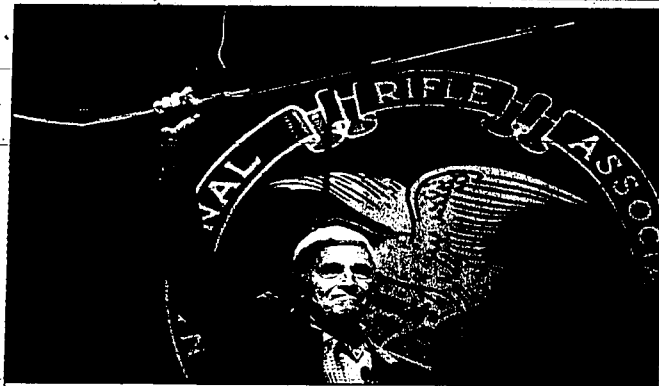
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NRA President Charlton Heston holds up a musket as he tells the 5,000-plus members attending the group's annual convention Saturday in Charlotte, N.C., that "they" can have his gun when they pry it "from my cold dead hands." He received a standing ovation.

Heston urges NRA members to keep Gore out of presidency

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) — Charlton Heston told more than 5,000 National Rifle Association members Saturday that he wants to serve an unprecedented third term as their president to complete a mission: ensuring Al Gore's defeat in November.

"George Washington hung around until the Revolutionary War was won," he said. "Roosevelt hung around until the world war was won. Reagan hung around until the Cold War was won. If you want, I'll hang around until we win this one, too."

Heston said the nation's gun owners are at grave risk of losing their Second Amendment right to bear arms if Gore wins the presidency.

He and other speakers accused the Clinton administration of plotting to confiscate guns from law-abiding citizens, then ban them, beginning with licensing and registration.

Heston said the NRA has done everything he has asked during his two terms as president, including increasing its fund raising and membership. "That leaves me with one mission undone — winning in November," he said.

His offer was greeted with a rousing ovation. He is expected to be re-elected Monday.

As Heston concluded his speech, he was handed a vintage musket, then gave an encore of his performance at his first NRA convention in 1990 in St. Louis, when he intoned the Second Amendment.

"So as we set out this year to defeat the divisive forces that would take our freedom away, I want to say those words again for everyone within the sound of my voice to hear and to heed, and especially for you, Mr. Gore."

Lifting the musket over his head, Heston grumbled: "From my cold dead hands!"

Before Heston's speech, gun advocates marched through the streets of downtown Charlotte to show solidarity.

About 400 marchers, many in T-shirts reading "Guns Save Lives," followed a bagpiper about six blocks to the center where the NRA convention is being held.

Marie Wieglib of Troutman, N.C., was pulling a wagon carrying her two young sons. "I'm doing it for them," Wieglib said, nodding to her sons Reid, 5, and Jess, 4. "I'm saving their inheritance."

Heston and other speakers never mentioned presumptive Republican presidential nominee George W. Bush, but they repeatedly brought up Gore and Clinton.

Gore's campaign said Saturday that the presumptive Democratic nominee would continue to push for stricter gun control.

NRA executive vice president Wayne LaPierre accused Gore and Clinton of lying about guns "to scare America's moms and run against the Second Amendment."

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But Sexton expressed some concern. "There was a time when Times Square was associated with a 'climate of violence and weapons. That culture and symbolism is something that we have been extremely glad to get away from," Sexton said.

"Well, it's all a big, stinking, dangerous Al Gore lie."

— Wayne LaPierre, NRA official, saying the vice president portrays all gun owners as irresponsible

Gun group plans store in N.Y.

NEW YORK (AP) — The sports-themed restaurants in Times Square might be getting a new neighbor — the National Rifle Association.

"More Americans participate in shooting sports than in basketball, hockey, baseball, soccer and other sports," NRA Executive Vice President Wayne LaPierre said at a news conference announcing a theme restaurant-store at the group's annual convention in Charlotte, N.C.

NRASports Blast will offer virtually reality trap and skeet shooting, outdoor clothing and hunting accessories. It will also feature a restaurant — The N.R.A. Grille — which will serve wild game. But it won't sell guns.

If NRASports Blast opens — LaPierre said no lease has been signed and he did not know when the store would open — it will pit itself against a slew of theme restaurants and stores in the Times Square area. Besides ESPZNzone, there's also Disney store, the All-Star Cafe and the WWF store and restaurant. Not far away is a Harley Davidson restaurant, Mars 2112, Planer Hollywood and Hard Rock Cafe.

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NATION



Sean Graves and his mother prepare for graduation ceremonies Saturday in Greenwood Village, Colo. Graves was injured during the shootings at Columbine High School last April that left 18 people dead, including the two student gunmen.

Colorado governor backs compromise on gun bills

DENVER (AP) — Four newly enacted Colorado gun laws might not have prevented the Columbine High School shootings, but they could have allowed for more charges to be filed, Gov. Bill Owens said.

The Republican governor signed the bills into law Friday, acknowledging they were the product of compromise between gun control supporters and opponents. "I think today is a reflection of Columbine. While I didn't get

all I wanted, this is a substantial improvement," he said.

The laws:

- Make it a felony for a person to purchase or obtain a firearm for another person who reasonably should know the transaction is illegal.
- Bar a person from giving a firearm to any juvenile without the consent of the parent or legal guardian.
- Make it illegal for a person not to make reasonable efforts to

prevent a juvenile from committing a crime with a handgun.

- Increase the penalty for possession of a weapon by a felon.

"These bills are small steps in the right direction, but in no way make up for the Republican majority killing meaningful legislation that would close the gun-show loophole, require safe storage of guns in the home, or stop

18-year-olds from buying a handgun at a gun show," House Minority Leader Ken Gordon, D-Denver, said in a statement.

Tom Mauser, whose son, Daniel, was killed in the rampage, said: "I think clearly they're more punitive than they are preventative. They're not bad laws, but they aren't as effective as they should be."

Wounded Columbine students earn degrees

GREENWOOD VILLAGE, Colo. (AP) — Nine students wounded in the worst school shooting in U.S. history, including two left partially paralyzed, graduated Saturday in Columbine High School's class of 2000.

Richard Castaldo, one of the students paralyzed in the attack, was relieved to get his diploma.

"Man, there were a couple of good times," Castaldo said this week. "But I'm just glad it's over."

Mike Fernandez has donated 18 gallons of blood in his 46 years because he had a cousin with leukemia. Last April, his blood went to Hochhalter.

"I owe them my life," Hochhalter said. "I feel very privileged."

An estimated 5,000 people filed into an outdoor concert venue in this suburb south of Denver, about 15 miles east of the school, for the ceremony, which marked the end of another tragic year for the school and community.

The crowd included parents, teachers, relatives and students from other Denver-area high schools.

About 435 students received diplomas in the approximately two-hour ceremony, which was closed to reporters and the general public at the request of students and teachers.

Columbine seniors Eric Harris and Dylan Klebold killed 12 students and one teacher before committing suicide on April 20, 1999.

Several tragedies followed the massacre in the past year.

Last October, the mother of Anne-Marie Hochhalter, a student partially paralyzed in the massacre who graduated Saturday, killed herself in February, in a case that remains unsolved.

Columbine students Nicholas Kunselman, 15, and his girlfriend, Stephanie Hart Grissell, 15, were shot to death while on a date at a sandwich shop. And one week after the first anniversary of the shootings, the school's star basketball player, Greg Barnes, who had watched his coach fatally shot a year earlier, hanged himself.

Saturday's ceremony followed an event Friday in which three Columbine students seriously wounded in the attack got to meet some of the people who donated blood to save their lives.

Hochhalter, Sean Graves and Michael Johnson met with 10 people who gave blood last April.

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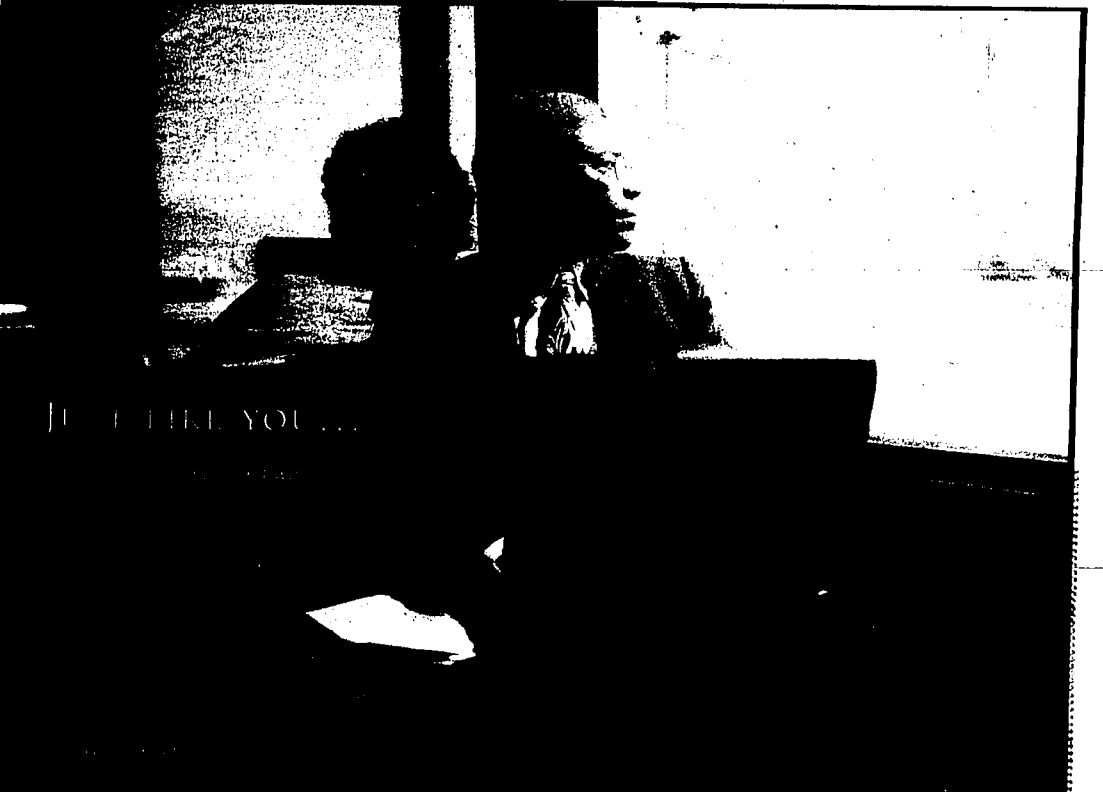
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Indonesian pirates plunder passing ships

TOLOP ISLAND, Indonesia (AP) - A Colt .45 strapped to his hip, Sgt. Marwando gazes out at the shimmering sea from a clump of palm trees, standing guard on the front line of the international war against piracy.

A few miles to the north, the Singapore skyline adorns the horizon. Between the affluent city-state and this tiny Indonesian island inhabited only by a handful of navy frogmen, lies "the world's most congested - and potentially dangerous - shipping lane."

The narrow straits of Malacca and Singapore are the most pirate-infested waterways of the world. Despite the vigilance of Marwando and his fellow look-outs, the buccaneers have exacted an increasingly heavy toll on international shipping.

When Philippine rebels on boats recently took 21 hostages from a resort island in Malaysia, the world's attention was again focused on this centuries-old problem.

Experts warn that major collisions and ecological disasters could occur, because the pirates have taken to shackling crews on their oil tankers and setting the vessels adrift.

In the most extreme cases, crime syndicates employ hardened criminals who sometimes execute entire crews. The vessels are then renamed, and their cargoes sold at distant foreign anchorages where corrupt officials can be bribed to look the other way.

Desperate to stem the brazen attacks on its side of the narrows, Indonesia's ill-equipped navy has appealed for foreign donations of high-tech equipment such as naval radars and computer systems.

"We need night-vision equipment with video cameras to film the bandits, more speedboats for our frogmen, global positioning systems, that sort of thing," said Col. Boedi Setyadi, commander of the Batam naval base that controls the Indonesian side of the straits.

But efforts to modernize the service have been crippled by the United States, Indonesia's traditional source of weaponry, which imposed a ban last year on military exports following the destruction of East Timor.

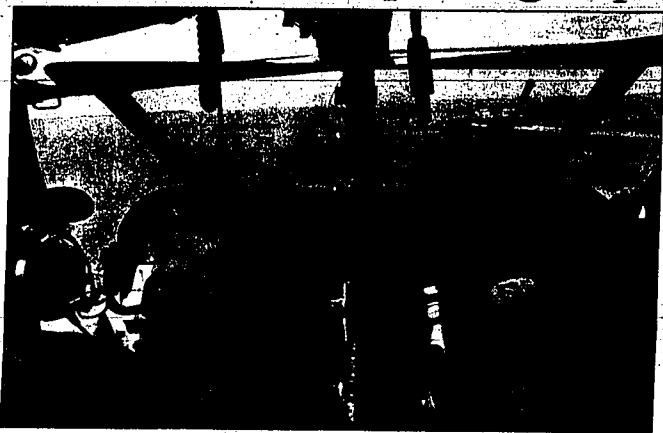
According to the London-based International Maritime Bureau's latest survey, 19 pirate attacks were recorded in Indonesia in the first three months of this year, compared to 18 cases during the same period in 1999 and 10 in 1998. That means the waterway accounts for one-third of all maritime attacks.

Every year, more than 50,000 ships ply the straits, which link Europe and Asia. An armada of tankers, container ships, liquefied natural gas carriers and other merchant vessels tail one another in short intervals as they traverse the five-mile-wide stretch of water opposite Singapore.

The pirates lurk in the countless inlets and mangrove swamps that dot the coastline of Sumatra or among the hundreds of islets and reefs near Singapore. Their speedboats quickly slip in and out of the sea lanes under cover of darkness to plunder and then run for cover.

Pulling up alongside ships, modern swashbucklers use grappling hooks to hoist themselves onto the vulnerable, heavily laden vessels. They usually surprise and overwhelm the crews, who are warned against trying to repel the invaders by force.

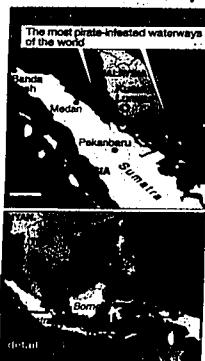
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Maritime patrol aircraft Nomad of the Indonesian Navy observes Singapore strait water during a patrol mission Friday. Indonesia's navy, working with Singapore's, continues to beef up anti-piracy patrols over Malacca, Singapore, and other vital routes for international sea trade.



Conflicted ship pilot Cho Cheong Kit beckons to reporters for an interview at Tanjung Priang prison in Riau province, Indonesia, after he was arrested in action to halt the terror and make the crowded waterway safe for seafarers. As a result, officials from 16 Asian countries agreed



The most pirate-infested waterways of the world. The International Maritime Bureau's regional office in Malaysia. "As long as there is a significant naval presence, the number of incidents will be reduced." The robberies also frequently go unreported by the victims, because police investigations entail lengthy delays for ships whose operating costs can reach \$10,000 per day.

Last week, Indonesia's navy chief of staff, Adm. Achmad Sutjipto, said his service would need to more than double its 114 vessels, many dating back to the 1940s, and 53 aircraft to deploy effective patrols.

Sutjipto also wants to create a coast guard that would focus on piracy and smuggling among Indonesia's 17,508 islands.

Recently, warships and maritime reconnaissance aircraft from Singapore, Malaysia and Indonesia have begun joint patrols of the seaway.

But without night-vision goggles, video cameras and other surveillance equipment, it's still impossible to effectively monitor the straits, said Marwando.

"Only government action can eradicate attacks in this area," said Neil Choong, a spokesman for

Fiji rebels declare new government; military threatens to strike back

SUVA, Fiji (AP) - Armed rebels holding Fiji's prime minister and other officials captive swore themselves in as the new government Saturday and vowed not to surrender despite a lack of support from the country's security institutions.

President Ratu Sir Kamisese Mara, who is not among those held, said he would use "all the authority and resources at my command" to end the standoff at the parliament building.

Prime Minister Mahendra

Chaudhry was reported to have collapsed and was in need of urgent medical care, Japan's Kyodo news agency quoted local radio station Buli FM as saying early today.

George Speight, self-proclaimed leader of the so-far bloodless coup, said there would be no surrender. "When you take up an action of this kind, you do it with conviction," Speight, bareheaded and dressed in a traditional Fiji skirt, told reporters through the iron gate of the building.

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Iran council endorses reformer's win

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Many of the winners in Tehran, the capital, are key backers of reforms that include using strict Islamic law and improving ties with the United States. The election for Iran's parliament, or Majlis, was held Feb. 18. Reformist candidates won an overwhelming victory in Tehran, but the Guardian Council - the supervisory body dominated by hard-liners - had been holding the results up with allegations of widespread fraud.

U.S. Embassy in Eritrea reads first evacuation

ASMARA, Eritrea - The United States set in motion a partial evacuation of its embassy here Saturday - a move that some feared could be the start of a general foreign pullout from Eritrea's anxious capital as troops from neighboring Ethiopia advance on the city.

Ethiopia, pushing to end its two-year-old border war with Eritrea, claimed to have moved within 60 miles of Asmara. Scattered charred corpses of Eritrean soldiers and debris of twisted tanks, spent shells and discarded ammunition lined the routes of the Ethiopian forces' eight-day-old onslaught. Ethiopia said Eritrean troops were blowing up bridges to try to slow the advance.

The United States chartered a plane expected to arrive today for the State Department-ordered evacuation of nonessential embassy staff and their dependents. Officials encouraged private American citizens to take the plane out as well.

Scores of expatriates are expected to board the flight. Twelve embassy workers will remain in the capital, embassy spokeswoman Collette Christian said.

Forces clash on West Bank for seventh straight day

RAMATH ALI, The West Bank - Violent clashes throughout the West Bank left dozens of Palestinians and two Israeli soldiers injured Saturday - a seventh straight day of fighting that threatened to hold up the transfer of three Jerusalem-area villages to Palestinian control.

Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Barak's planned visit to the United States this week was also up in the air amid the unrest. In towns around the Palestinian areas, thousands of demonstrators threw stones at police and were met with a hail of rubber-coated steel bullets. More than 100 injuries were reported in all.

The violence comes as Israel and the Palestinians are working on a final peace treaty to settle long-standing issues like the nature of a Palestinian state, the future of Jerusalem and the fate of Palestinian refugees. The Palestinians want to set up a state with traditionally Arab east Jerusalem as the capital.

World in brief

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British prime minister's wife gives birth to son

LONDON - Prime Minister Tony Blair's wife gave birth to a boy early Saturday, the couple's

fourth child. The baby will be named Leo after Blair's father, his office announced.

"He's gorgeous, he's a lovely little kid," Blair, 46, told reporters. "He's been pretty good so far."

Charlie Blair, 45, and the baby were in good health, officials at the prime minister's Downing Street office said.

Mrs. Blair is a prominent lawyer who practices under her maiden name of Charlie Booth. Despite heavy public hints from his wife, Blair has said he will not be taking parental leave, but he does plan to initially scale back his official workload.

- compiled from wire reports

Taiwanese president takes office, pledges to calm China's aggression

TAIPEI, Taiwan (AP) - Taiwan's new leader Saturday refused to give in to China's top demands, pledging in his inaugural speech not to provoke war with the neighboring communist giant by seeking independence.

President Chen Shui-bian's highly anticipated address did not satisfy Chinese leaders, who have repeatedly insisted that the Taiwanese leader agree that the island is an inseparable part of China. As expected, Chen refused to accept the notion.

Washington has long been sympathetic to Taiwan's security and

has been one of the few nations to sell defensive weapons to the island. The United States is also Taiwan's most likely defender if war breaks out, and U.S. Navy ships have cruised to the Taiwan Strait in times of crisis.

Chen's inauguration marked the first time in China's 5,000 years of history that a democratically elected opposition leader was sworn in as the leader of a Chinese state.

In a statement carried by China's official Xinhua News Agency, Beijing accused Chen of insincerity and expressed disap-

pointment that he did not explicitly say that Taiwan is part of "one China."

But Chen's 50-minute speech to thousands inside the red brick presidential palace included several assurances that were likely to calm Beijing, which is worried Chen will push Taiwan toward independence.

Since a civil war split the two sides 51 years ago, China has wanted the island off its southern coast to reunify with the mainland. Seeking independence would spark a war, Beijing has warned repeatedly.



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EDITORIAL

No one should panic over Wal-Mart's latest proposal

It's inevitable that some merchants and area residents have questions about Wal-Mart's planned store on Pole Line Road in Twin Falls.

But Wal-Mart's arrival in Twin Falls is probably every bit as inevitable. And the retailer's preferred site for the 204,000-square-foot superstore - across from Home Depot, along Twin Falls' emerging commercial strip - is as good a venue as any in town.

We don't see any looming disasters, only issues that should and can be resolved.

Wal-Mart's news is a jolt to retailers competing for a share of the Twin Falls market. With the biggest of the big-box retailers on the horizon, retailers are going to have to think more creatively about their niche.

Real estate agents and homeowners, meanwhile, are worried that a new Wal-Mart store will cut into residential property values.

None of these questions should be glossed over. But none are fatal to the Wal-Mart plan, or to the proposed site. Retailers across the country - and as nearby as Burley - have had to learn to make a living in a Wal-Mart town. It can be done; it's been done time and time again, through creative merchandising and quality customer service.

With some good planning, and appropriate buffering, the proposed Wal-Mart site can work for everyone. Commercial growth on Pole Line,

which took a major step this spring with the opening of Home Depot, can continue.

The bottom line is simple, really. In Twin Falls' evolution as a regional shopping center, it's only natural that Wal-Mart would desire to locate here. It's all about market share. A Wal-Mart in Twin Falls boosts the company's presence beyond its Burley store and its Jerome store, due to open in August.

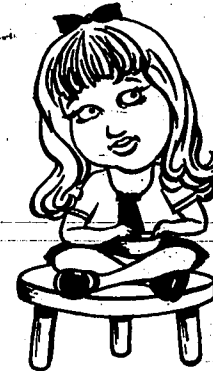
It also makes sense that Wal-Mart would look to build on the north end of Twin Falls. The location sits in the thick of Twin Falls' retail growth zone. It's an area well-suited to handle the estimated 11,700 cars per day expected at Wal-Mart. Remember, the state expanded the Pole-Line-Blue Lakes Boulevard North intersection a year ago, and will widen Pole Line west of Blue Lakes as part of its plan for a U.S. Highway 93 alternative route.

In some towns across America, neighbors have fought Wal-Mart bitterly. We have more faith in Twin Falls residents. People have done a good job of staying level-headed when discussing growth.

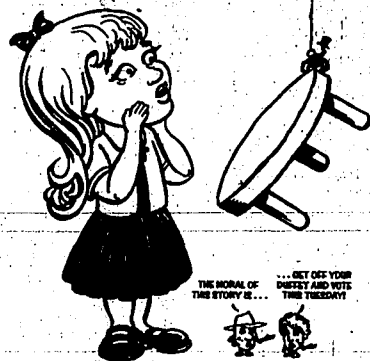
In the end, people probably will come to the right conclusions. Wal-Mart would be a plus for consumers, and for people looking for work in Twin Falls. The Pole Line Road location appears to be the right place for this big box.

Retailers across the country - and as nearby as Burley - have had to learn to make a living in a Wal-Mart town. It can be done.

LITTLE MISS MUFFET SAT ON HER TUFFET ALL THROUGH ELECTION DAY, ALONG CAME A SPIDER AND SAT DOWN BESIDE HER...



... RAISED HER TAXES, PASSED A BUNCH OF GOOFY LAWS, MADE A MESS OF GOVERNMENT, AND EVENTUALLY TOOK EVEN MISS-MUFFET'S TUFFET AWAY.



Altering the GOP's primary strategy



DAVID S. BRODER

INDIANAPOLIS - The single most important responsibility of a political party is the selection of a presidential nominee. Through most of our history, that task was performed at the conventions, where state and local party leaders and elected officials bargained over the nominations.

Beginning in 1952 and increasingly in every cycle since then, the decisive voice has shifted to grass-roots voters, balloting in presidential primaries. The parties' only real role now is to regulate the timing and manner of those primaries.

The Democrats stepped up to the challenge in the wake of their tumultuous election in 1968 and their second successive defeat in 1972. They set rules for appointing delegates and for inclusion of women and minorities on the convention rolls. And they created a "window" from March through June in which all delegate selection must be done, allowing a headstart only for the Iowa caucuses and the New Hampshire primary.

But the Democrats assigned no dates to the other 48 states, and with Republicans taking a totally hands-off stance, more and more states raced to the head of the line seeking to increase their influence in the process. The result this year was that both nominations were won by the night of March 7 - the earliest date for contested nominations in history.

Now, after two successive White House defeats, the Republican belatedly have decided to frame national party rules for the primary process. At a meeting here last week, the Republican National Committee's rules committee endorsed a plan that would radically alter the timetable for future presidential contests - if it becomes operative. It may not. Republican leaders of

most of the large states - notably California, New York, Illinois and Ohio - are critical of the proposal and will try to muster enough votes to defeat it at the Republican National Convention in Philadelphia this summer.

The reason for their opposition is that the new plan would relegate the 12 largest states to the final round of primaries, starting in May. The nominating process would begin in February with primaries in the 12 smallest states plus the District of Columbia and the territories. In this inverted pyramid plan, the next-smallest population states would vote in March and those just larger in April.

This "Delaware Plan," devised by GOP leaders of that small state and endorsed by a party committee headed by former Tennessee Sen. William V. Brock, has several goals: It is designed to reduce the entry cost to the nomination race, by allowing candidates to test their strength in small states with relatively low media expenses. And it is intended to enhance voter participation by increasing the odds that the nomination will not be settled until all the states have had their turn.

The plan is well-engineered for its intended purposes. But, as Brock is the first to concede, it is not perfect. If it succeeds in prolonging the nomination process, it is almost certain to increase the overall cost of the campaign - perhaps beyond what any but the most lavishly financed candidates can afford. And if it delays the decision, it will

extend the period of intra-party warfare and possibly make it harder to unify behind the ultimate nominee.

But the real challenge comes from those like California Secretary of State Bill Jones, who say that "the fundamental assumption" behind the Delaware Plan is flawed. Brock argues that because 47 percent of the delegates are in the final group of 12 big states, no one is likely to lock up the nomination until they vote.

But Jones says that ignores the political reality that the early contests leave few survivors. "Eight of the 10 candidates were gone by the time California voted this year," Jones told me, "even though less than 15 percent of the delegates had been chosen."

Heavy media coverage of the early primaries undoubtedly does make it difficult for trailing candidates to survive. So Jones has reason to worry that the decision could be made before California and the other big battleground states have their say.

But the Delaware Plan is such a radical redesign of the primary calendar that no one can be certain how the candidates and the media would interact. And, as many Republican leaders acknowledged here, the present rules are pushing rapidly toward what is essentially a national primary. As more and more states advance their voting dates in hopes of influencing the nomination, the rush to judgment becomes inevitable. And a de facto national primary gives an almost unbeatable advantage to a candidate with a well-known name and a big bank account, whatever his qualifications.

The Republicans deserve praise for asking themselves if there is not a better way.

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LETTERS

Don't settle for status quo

George E. Warrell Sr. is hoping to make a difference for the people of Cassia County and for the deputies that work there. There has been a ripple of contention that at times has become a tsunami between investigators and their supervisor. I left the sheriff's department in October 1999 to assist in a family daycare operation. I have worked for the Mini-Cassia area as a Burley police officer (until we merged with the sheriff's office) from 1981 to the merge in 1986, worked for the sheriff's office until 1988 to make more money for the city of Heyburn. I left Heyburn in 1998 after serving three years as its chief of police.

During my nearly 19 years in law enforcement in the Mini-Cassia area, I have seen many things change for the good and things stay the same. Wages are always low, and most we accept that because that's the way it has been. It is funny and sad at the same time to see people who I made working for the sheriff's office and to hear their response.

Do you want status quo or do you want things to get better? Do you want more law-enforcement in the Mini-Cassia area or change? There are deputies that have very little training working for Cassia County and can be or are a liability. What can Jim Hignens do as sheriff that he couldn't do as undersheriff? He has run the department for the last few years, as the sheriff has been out of touch for some time. Things could have been better, but they are not.

George Warrell is a good man, and I believe he will be a good sheriff.
MICHAEL AND ASHLEY GREEN
Burley

boy." In my book, it is where a person in power gives out favors to his friends that the ordinary citizen off the street would be denied because he isn't a member of the Good Ol' Boy Club.

Jim Weaver got off on the wrong foot with a couple of the commissioners when he short-circuited the process in his department. This terrible indiscretion was rewarded with a tightening of the purse strings for the sheriff's department. This occurrence, therefore, makes it impossible to maintain any scale of the surrounding communities, much less the city of Jerome. Low pay is more than a trivial contribution to the personnel turnover in the sheriff's department.

One thing I must congratulate the commissioners for was their funding the purchase of new bullet-proof vests. This purchase resulted in the saving of an officer's life a few months past.

GLENN COLLEY
Jerome

Keep Arkookh as commissioner

Mitch Arkookh is the most experienced and capable candidate to be Gooding County commissioner. With economic growth and clean communities both necessary, here are some compelling reasons to return Mitch Arkookh to the office of commissioner:

1. The current confined animal feeding operations in Gooding is a model for the state. Needed are good dairy operations and clean water-bath required for Gooding County. Mitch Arkookh has been instrumental in finding this balance.
2. With another commissioner not running for re-election, stability for the county is needed as the CAFO is challenged in court. Mitch Arkookh, a current commissioner and lifetime resident of Gooding, understands the needs of Gooding dairies and farmers and residents and gives that stability.
3. Because of economizing in county spending, the tax levy for the county has been dropping - Mitch Arkookh has been key in this effort.
4. Juvenile crime is dropping, and youth are being held more accountable in Gooding County courts. Again, Mitch Arkookh, a former School Board trustee with children in the public schools, has given needed assistance in this area.

While other reasons exist, this man of character should be returned as Gooding County commissioner. On Tuesday, please vote an essay written for the Drug Awareness Resistance Education program by Aubrey Jones.

DARE is a program taught by a police officer in the school about the harmful

Rethink MVRMC proposal

I was frankly appalled when I read in The Times-News last week that one of more of our county commissioners was looking at the Magic Valley Regional Medical Center as a possible source of revenue to enrich the county's coffers. This would be akin to taxing the lame and the sick. What next, a death tax on burials and cremations? Why not license wheelchairs while they're at it!

The MVRMC should be run in such a manner as to cover costs of operation and necessary upgrading to maintain the high level of care that for some reason there - which is the way I perceive it is being run now. Both my wife and I have experienced that high level of care, and it is one of the major reasons why we are presently spending our retirement years here and not in some other locale.

For the county commission to even think of making MVRMC a "for profit" medical provider for the purpose of enriching the county's budget is to me simply absurd! The commissioners could better spend their time working on the county's many problems instead of thinking of torpedoing one of the county's successes!

EUGENE FYLES
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Hignens will watch out for youths

... Drugs ruin people's lives. I think that violence is not a good way to solve problems or an argument ... I am really glad that we have the DARE program at our school. It makes us all feel safer ...

effects of drugs and alcohol. About seven years ago, Officer Hignens visited with the school district about a program to discourage the use of drugs and alcohol. Hignens did his homework and found out about the DARE program. They decided to do it. It was a good idea. Hignens who saw the need, approached the necessary parties and took action to help our children. Thank you, Jim, for caring!

DARE teaches much more than drug resistance. We feel this program has changed the attitude of children toward law enforcement. Instead of being afraid of a police officer or "hiding" because they aren't buckled up, they see the officers as "real people."

The students learn to know and trust the officers and understand their role in the community. Capt. Hignens has personally helped to set up emergency school plans in every school. He, personally, is the contact between the school district and the sheriff's department. He has given countless presentations to students, faculties and principals. For the past two years, Jim Hignens has worked on a school crisis policy. He has worked closely with school officials, deputies and the SWAT team. Their response time has improved remarkably. Because of Jim Hignens, our community is better prepared to handle a school crisis.

Capt. Hignens serves on the Juvenile Committee, which consists of individuals from Cassia and Minidoka counties. The committee meets monthly to make decisions on how to help our "at risk" youth. This committee includes Judge Duff, law enforcement officials, juvenile probation officers, county commissioners, prosecutors, detention officers and school officials. The spirit of cooperation among the above entities and the genuine concern

for our youth have made a significant difference. Jim's experience on this committee is invaluable.

Our youth are our country's future, and Jim Hignens will continue to put a major emphasis on the youth. He lives in the youth. He plans to tap into their innovative and fresh ideas.
DAVID AND VIOLA RICKS
Burley

Loeb's won't ride the fence

The Mugwump bird is a political bird. He has his mug on one side of the fence and his wump on the other side of the fence. Depending on circumstances, his mug moves and switches with his wump. Hence, we have the current election for prosecutor of Twin Falls County between Grant Loeb and his challenger, Mark Murphy.

First, we have Murphy reporting that he has allegiances with the Animal Defense League. When Murphy learns of the local negative connotation, he then changes his allegiance to the Animal Legal Defense Fund. Next, we hear of Murphy's prowess as a prosecuting attorney in Bannock County. Then he changes his position to a defense attorney in private practice. Now he wants to be the prosecutor of Twin Falls County. We have also learned of Murphy's recent position with the Democratic Party in Bannock County, yet Murphy has filed as a Republican candidate for prosecutor. Grant Loeb is a family man with outstanding values. He is a lifelong Republican and has proven himself an effective prosecutor for Twin Falls County with his hard work and accomplishments. I urge you to reelect Grant Loeb at the polls on May 23.

DAVID H. HEIDEMANN
Twin Falls

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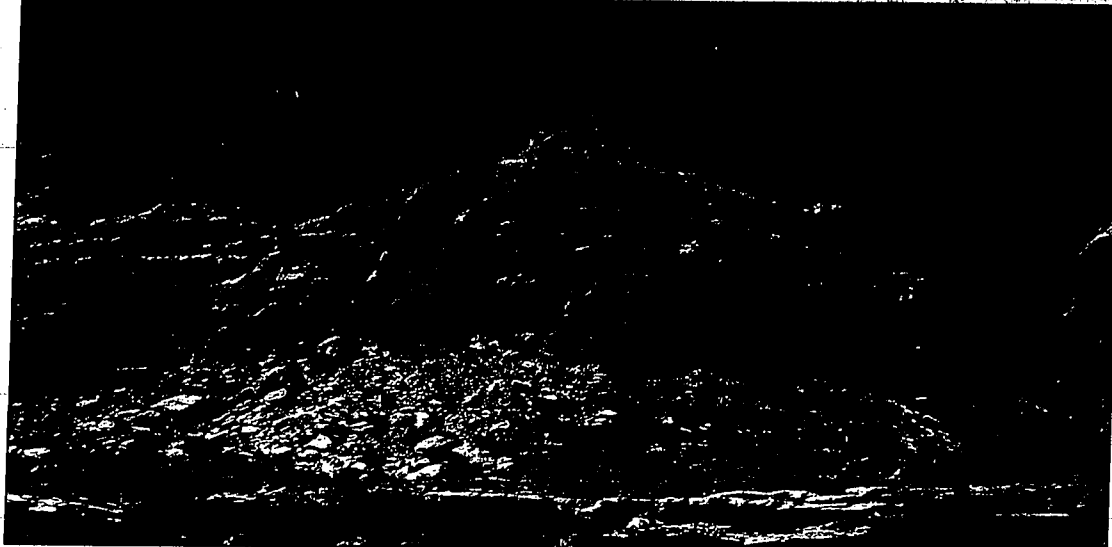
Feds seek to calm fish fears

LEWISTON (AP) - The federal government is reassuring state officials in Idaho, Oregon, Washington and Montana that it intends to leave the four lower Snake River dams in place while other salmon recovery measures are given a chance to work. "Our goal from the start has been a strategy built on the best possible science," said George Frampton, acting chairman of the council that advises President Clinton on environmental matters. "While the science suggests that dam breaching could significantly benefit salmon recovery, it also suggests that other measures might lead to recovery." The National Marine Fisheries Service is expected to release an opinion on the federal hydropower system and a document that will serve as a blueprint for Columbia and Snake River salmon recovery in late June. Frampton said the plan would be in place by early fall.

The document is expected to include performance standards for salmon recovery. If the plan fails to produce results in five to 10 years, a "trigger mechanism" would put the breaching decision before Congress. "This strategy would not slow step or delay a decision on dam breaching," Frampton said. "Rather, it would address the issue head-on by establishing firm parameters under which breaching would be pursued." Michael Rogers, Gov. Dirk Kempthorne's chief legal counsel, said the federal government intends to aggressively pursue dam breaching recovery strategies, but he did not elaborate on what those plans may mean for Idaho water, salmon and steelhead hatcheries or sport fisheries. Rogert also said Kempthorne will work closely with federal officials.

House panel takes symbolic lands vote

WASHINGTON (AP) - In a largely symbolic move against President Clinton, a House panel has voted to block funding of four new national monuments the president created in the West without congressional approval. The budget amendment approved last week by the Republican-controlled committee is the latest expression of outrage by conservatives and westerners over a flurry of environmental initiatives Clinton has launched late in his administration. The amendment, which faces an uncertain future in the full committee and full House, would hold funds for management planning, law enforcement and road maintenance for any national monuments created after 1999. Since then, Clinton has created the Grand Canyon-Parashant and Agua Fria national monuments in Arizona that total more than 2 million acres. He also has established the California Coastal National Monument, which encompasses thousands of offshore rocks and tiny islands along the California coast, as well as the Giant Sequoia National Monument in California's Sierra Nevada.



Steep walls line a canyon off the San Rafael River, along the San Rafael Swell near Castle Dale, Utah, early last month.

ATVs change face of Utah swell

Pending federal legislation won't come soon enough to protect the land, some contend

CASTLE DALE, Utah (AP) - On the San Rafael Swell - a vast uplift of land chiseled into canyons and towering rock sentinels - Butch Cassidy and his gang of bandits eluded three possees and made off with \$7,000 in gold, coal diggers' pay. Today, a horde of all-terrain vehicles would have flushed the Wild Bunch from the rugged swell, a region 35 miles wide and 85 miles long, though the landscape isn't as forbidding or solitary as rancher Lee Jeffs recalls from his youth.

Jeffs, 53, noticed the land change 15 years ago, when ATVs became popular. The land is being overrun, he complains, comparing off-road incursions to overgrazing in the West that led to the Taylor Grazing Act of 1934. Though "it tears my heart out," Jeffs, a third-generation rancher on public lands, finds himself in favor of more government controls for the San Rafael Swell.

A bill approved Tuesday by the U.S. House Resources Committee would afford some protection, though not enough for environmental groups holding out for more restricted wilderness designation.

The dispute, and how it is resolved, could become a guide for vast tracts of federal land in the West that don't enjoy national park, forest or wilderness status. Such designations put sharp limits on what the public can do on the land. But with only one Bureau of Land Management ranger to cover a region nearly the size of Connecticut, the effort so far to protect the swell is mostly symbolic. Jeffs says new BLM signposts get ripped up almost as fast as they're planted in the ground. The San Rafael Western Legacy bill would allocate \$1 million a year to manage a nearly 1 million-acre conservation area inside a 2.8 million-acre historic district. The conservation area is the heart of the swell, a kidney-shaped bulge on the earth's surface that was once an ancient ocean floor. The bill, pending in a Senate subcommittee, gives the BLM four years to come up with a



A woman drives her all-terrain vehicle on April 8 in a restricted area in the San Rafael Swell in southern Utah.

land-use plan that allows motor routes in the conservation area. It's the four-year wait that environmentalists most object to. "We need protection right now," said Heidi McIntosh, conservation director for the Southern Utah Wilderness Alliance. Sen. Robert Bennett, R-Utah, answers the criticism by saying

"there is nothing in this bill that would prevent the designation of wilderness. It is absolutely wilderness neutral." "They don't want it to be resolved," Bennett said of the wilderness alliance and the Sierra Club. The two groups are pushing for 9 million acres of red-rock wilderness across Utah. Bennett said has little chance of becoming law. McIntosh said the wilderness alliance may support a revised bill if it contains meaningful protections against off-road vehicles. "Right now, that's the primary threat," she said. "We're seeing tracks in places that didn't have tracks three weeks ago." On a sun-drenched day in early April, Jeffs surveyed his grazing lands in an area where "no vehicles" signs are losing the battle in restricting traffic to an old wagon road. Tire ruts run in all directions. "This really bothers me," said Jeffs, who doesn't leave ranch roads in his own truck. He tends his fat-flung cattle on horseback but has been reduced to a hobby rancher with just 37 cattle on the open range. Jeffs calls all-terrain vehicles "the biggest threat to my little livestock industry."

The vehicles trample fragile desert grasses, knock over livestock fences, ruin his crude water works and leave cattle gates open. That once earned him a BLM trespassing ticket because of a wandering bull. Mark Williams, 59, runs a booming ATV tour business. He is a boyhood friend of Jeffs. But they are divided by a canyon of

disagreement over how strict the government should get on off-road vehicles in the swell, which still contains no permanent settlement and remains remote if not entirely untouched. The swell's soft rocks hold fossils and ancient Indian drawings. Jeffs keeps the location of one drawing to himself, certain no one else has found it after 2,000 years. He fears ATV riders will open it to plunder or ruin. As Jeffs provides a rolling discourse in his truck cab on malicious ATV damage - "a certain percentage of folks who continually abuse the land" - Williams hardly puts up a fight. Williams allows that off-road-ers "don't need to go out and tear up the country." If he could write \$10 tickets for trail violations, "I'd be rich," he says. Nor does Williams object to BLM's closing some trails, saying "they closed the dead-ends." He guides customers, many of them retirees, on 42- and 55-mile designated loops across badlands and painted deserts. The two have forged an uneasy truce, "an agreement to disagree." Both support the Legacy bill, although they say it leaves much to be worked out. "Jeffs doesn't advocate wilderness, which could kill off his family ranching tradition or force him to ride a horse from town to reach distant grazing lands. "I'm all for multiple use, but there's been so much abuse," Jeffs said. "Fifteen years ago, I could see what would happen if the BLM did nothing. It finally got to the point where something had to be done."

"This really bothers me."
- Lee Jeffs, rancher, who worries about the influx of ATVs

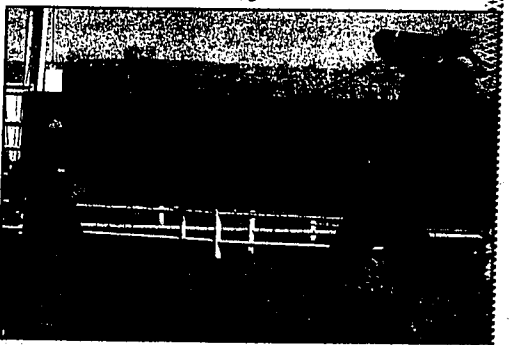
Land managers will auction wild horses by satellite

RENO, Nev. (AP) - The U.S. Bureau of Land Management is going high-tech to promote its Wild Horse and Burro Adoption program and find willing owners for animals in need of a new home. On Tuesday, the agency will hold its second satellite auction in less than a year, putting up for bid about 130 of the free-roaming mustangs and 10 wild burros removed from Western rangeland. Superior Livestock Auction of Fort Worth, Texas, will handle the bidding on the animals, most of which are at the BLM's wild horse adoption center in Palomino Valley north of Reno. The auction will be televised live to C-band satellite sub-

scribers who may view the auction in real time and make bids by telephone. "It's a new market," said BLM spokeswoman Maxine Shane in Sparks. The stars of Tuesday's show are previewed on the BLM's Web site. Since pictures of the adoptees were posted in mid-April, the site has received more than 5,100 hits, Shane said. Melanie Jackson of Front Royal, Va., bought a gelding during the BLM's first satellite auction in August. "I just thought I wanted to give a home to a horse that needed a home," she said of the pet she named Shadow. "That's why I wanted a mus-

tan." Jackson bought her first mustang the year before on a BLM Internet auction, when the bureau first moved the adoption process out of the corral into the emerging world of new technology. The idea of auctioning horses via satellite was posed by cattlemen's groups to help rid the range of an overabundance of wild horses that compete with livestock for fodder. There are roughly 1.6 million C-band users in the United States, said Joe Lichte of Superior Livestock. The company uses satellite transmissions to auction up to 30,000 head of cattle, "from Florida to Washington state and all

places in-between" on a single day. "You hit a lot of folks," he said. The BLM, which manages the estimated 44,000 wild horses around the West, said promoting the adoption program on the Internet and having live auctions has increased awareness and made it easier for people to adopt the animals. The BLM even will deliver animals purchased from the Palomino Valley site to one of the agency's horse facilities closest to home: Ridgecrest, Calif.; Piney Woods, Miss.; Ehr Creek, Neb.; Pauls Valley, Okla.; Washington, Penn.; Cross Plains, Tenn.; or Milwaukee. The first eight animals of the group to be auctioned were gathered in Wyoming and have been saddle-trained by inmates at the Riverton, Wyo., honor camp. Those horses must be picked up there.



A Wyoming State Honor Farm inmate wrangler tries to calm a wild horse on its first day at the Riverton, Wyo., livestock facility last month.



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Section B

Coming soon: 'All's well that ends wells'

Some years ago in this column, I told you about "Two Lenthmen of Jerama." Here, with apologies to William Shakespeare, is the sequel:

The Merry Wives of Wendell

Falstaff: "Wendell's clock hath struck twelve.
How much longer will I be loose?
There's speedin' tickers I ain't paid.
Got to find me a rich maid."
Misses Figley: "Bar soft! A fat dude follows hence
There, peekin' through the picket fence.
"Methinks he's keen on pitching wed.
Should I call cops, or will you?"
Misses Bulck: "Falsuffled, you? He's a moron
But we could have some fun - come on
Pretend you're rich, and on the town
We'll catch him with his britches down."
(In a loud voice):
"Mercy, me, I need a mister!"
Mine run off with little sister.
Since he's gone, I'm just a wreck.
No one on no left to tug my neck."
Falstaff: "s'cuse me, ma'am, I overheard.
They heart's a'breakin'; Oh, my word.
I'll dry thy
tears, and FDQ
My husband, he owns JC Penney
But he is always on the road
So I am in the cheatin' mode."
Falstaff: "Buy these ladies a sawspile?
Or ice cream malt, perhaps vanilla?
Or shall we cut right to the chase
And all adjourn to my place?"
Misses Bulck: "A better idea, have I got
Let's make out in the parking lot.
I'm sure it won't attract attention.
Plus we're discreet, not to mention."
(Exeunt Falstaffed, Misses Bulck and Misses Figley, enter Sir Billy Bob Balaban, the local magistrate, and Pistol, the town constable.)
Sir Billy Bob: "That polcaet Falsuffled's on the lam.
And he's hard by, for I smell SEAM."
If thou catch him - now don't scoff -
I'll give thee every Tuesday off."
Pistol: "He's good as busted; know what I mean?"
For yonder by the Dairy Queen Sits a fat man in a union suit.
Fell from a truck; ain't that a hoot?"
(Enter Falsuffled, wearing handcuffs, foot-johns and irrigator boots, and nothing else.)
Sir Billy Bob: "A cold day will dawn in Havana.
Bananas shall sprout in Butte, Montana.
Ere thou sees the sun's migration After thine incarceration."
(Enter Bulck and Figley, husbands of Misses Bulck and Misses Figley.)
Figley: "The buckshot's primed, so stand aside.
I'll ventilate this varmin's hide.
A cuckold's vengeance I avow.
If Billy could see me now!"
Bulck: "We caught up with this reprobate.
So please don't ask us guys to wait.
-We'll hang him by his hammer-foot."
And plans peonias in his nose."
(Enter Misses Bulck and Misses Figley, laughing heartily.)
Misses Bulck: "Husband, I'm a faithful spouse.
It was no rooster in thy hen house."
Me and a friend just had some singles
When a fat man runs away, he jumps."
Falstaff: "Get thy drift, or did I not? A fool you make of this old sot.
Canst damn a man to woo thy wife."
If he was leas'ing for his life."
Falstaffed: "Kepprevied from deamed dead!
-Accused falsely by these guys."

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Store plan holds controversy

Wal-Mart site has been the topic of a zoning battle before

TWIN FALLS - The site where Wal-Mart wants to build a 200,000-square-foot supercenter was the subject of a reasoning debate several years ago.

That issue sparked opposition from nearby neighbors - although Wal-Mart's first hearing on its Pole Line Road store plan last week attracted only a handful of people.

At issue is Wal-Mart's proposal to set up shop at Bridgeview Boulevard and Pole Line Road.

The global retail giant holds an earnest money agreement on 44 acres.

Wal-Mart representatives have requested a modification in the city's planned-unit development agreement for the property.

They have also requested a zoning change on 23 acres from residential to commercial. Meanwhile, 17 acres would be left residential, while 3 acres would be set aside for a park and 1 acre would be set aside for landscaping.

In 1993, Stoneybrook Partners requested a zoning change on the property from residential to light commercial. Neighbors expressed concern about commercial uses near their homes.

"There was a lot of resident input," said LaMar Orton, the city's planning and zoning director.

Part of the agreement with Stoneybrook was a cap on building size of 20,000 square feet, and language limiting signs to 10 feet in height.

Wal-Mart representatives will present their plans to the city's planning and zoning commission at 6 p.m. May 30, at City Hall.

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Stoneybrook eventually sold the property to Felipe Zaballa of Halley.

A proposed zoning change will surely bring residents back out in force, Orton said.

"Changing that agreement takes hearings and the whole ball of wax," Orton said.

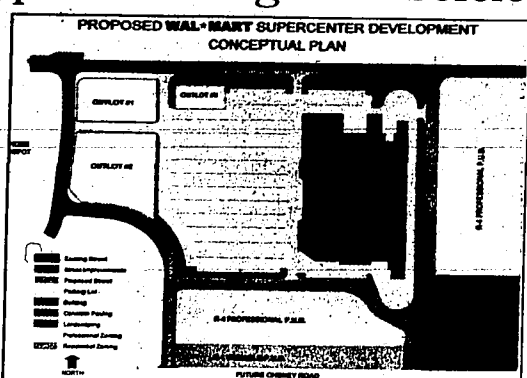
Wal-Mart representatives have already met with city staff, including Orton, to present their plans.

They will present their plans to the city's planning and zoning commission May 30.

Jay Schneider of Retail Property Acquisition LLC - the company that buys property for Wal-Mart in Western states including Arizona, New Mexico and Idaho - said recently that Wal-Mart will continue to be "flexible" with residents and the city.

Wal-Mart officials changed the color of the proposed building from a dull gray to a bright white and a southwestern architectural style building, under recommendations from Twin Falls city staff, Schneider said.

Wal-Mart has agreed to widen the section of Pole Line Road north of the site as part of the proposal. The road would be widened from its current two lanes to four lanes.



Wal-Mart representatives met Wednesday with residents living within 1,000 feet of the proposed site - the first of several neighborhood meetings Wal-Mart has planned.

While several hundred letters were sent out to residents, only about 30 people showed up.

But Wal-Mart can exempt more dialogue with residents.

Several residents at Wednesday's meeting have already said they plan to petition against Wal-Mart's proposal, including Jann Hutchinson, a real estate broker with Alpine Realty in Twin Falls, who owns property just south of the proposed store site.

Community Concepts takes free DNA samples

TWIN FALLS - People of all ages lined up at a special safety event Saturday at Gary's Westland Motors to get samples of their DNA taken.

DNA - deoxyribonucleic acid - is the basic material in the chromosomes of a cell that contains a person's unique genetic code.

It's a painless procedure. Using a cotton swab, Arlene Lane of Community Concepts, an Illinois-based company, gently takes a sample of DNA from the inside of a person's cheek.

Lane travels throughout the United States taking DNA samples, which can be used to identify missing children, adults with Alzheimer's disease who are lost, and the deceased.

Lane said DNA prints are much more reliable than fingerprints.

"Fingerprinting is shown to be ineffective unless it's done by a professional," Lane said. "The fingerprints can be altered, too."

Adults and children who had DNA samples taken on Saturday found it to be a simple and painless procedure. First, parents wrote their child's name and date of birth on a small red envelope. Lane swabbed the child's cheek and placed the cotton swabs in a vial with a preserva-



Mason Furr, 2, held by his mother Katrina, puts up a little resistance in giving up a DNA sample at a child safety event Saturday.

tive liquid. The vial was then placed in the red envelope which protects the DNA from ultraviolet rays. Lane said the DNA sample is good for up to 80 years. It is then up to the parent to

Quick facts

- \$88,000 - number of missing persons reports entered in the National Crime Information Center in 1998.
- 88 percent - percentage of missing persons that are children.
- 200 - number of children reported missing each day.

Source: Federal Bureau of Investigation DNA Print, Inc.

take the DNA sample home and store it in a safe place. Hopefully, the parent will never have to take the DNA out of the envelope again.

Jamie Womack of Jerome brought her 6-week-old son Matthew to get a sample of his DNA taken.

"When you consider if your child comes up missing, it is worth it," Womack said.

"There's so many missing children in this world," Womack added. "It's every parent's worst nightmare."

Keoki Heffernan brought his three stepdaughters - Nellie, 2, Sears, 5, and Jasmine, 4 - to get samples of their DNA taken.

"I'm trying to take all the necessary precautions," Heffernan said.

An ageless asset

Local man, 76, continues giving to his community

By Loraine Cavener
Times-News writer

RUPERT - Good health is important to someone as active as George MacDonald.

At 76, MacDonald works out at a local health club daily. He believes staying in shape is an important part of being able to stay active.

MacDonald has been involved in education as either a teacher or coach for many years and is now retired. He doesn't let his age get in the way of participating as a Minidoka County School Board member and as a board member for HealthNet Mini-Casita. MacDonald was recently presented one of 12 sunset builder awards in Mini-Casita - one of 54 throughout Magic Valley, presented by HealthNet.

He also took on another three-year term on the School Board, and was unopposed.

"We" call him "Landslide George," said Nick Hallert, superintendent.



George MacDonald exercises at a local health club. MacDonald attributes his community involvement to good health. He is a member of the Minidoka County School Board and the Mini-Casita HealthNet board.

First annual Soap Box Derby rolls with fun

By Karen Boesick
Times-News correspondent

SUN VALLEY - Twelve-year-old Veronika Haynes squeezed into the foot-wide soapbox car and scrunched down until her nose touched the foam dashboard and her eyes could just barely see the road ahead of her.

Striving aerodynamically correct, she rolled off the starting stand and was off, tires roaring over the gravelly surface at 30 miles an hour.

Two turns - one to the left and one to the right - and she cruised past the finish line way ahead of her opponent.

Victory would have tasted so sweet - if only her brakes had worked.

Screech! Unable to stop, Haynes ran off the road and did a nose-dive into a ditch, inciting calls from her fellow racers to get the jaws of life to extract her from her car.

Such is the excitement that you might have witnessed in the Wood River Valley's first soapbox derby competition Saturday.

"It can get pretty scary," acknowledged Haynes, who decided to continue competing once a sheriff's deputy had ban-

daged her scraped ankle and wiped the winces off her face.

"It feels like going down a roller coaster - your stomach even dips and everything. But it's worth it to get a chance to go to the soapbox derby in Akron. I'd like to go, but it's scary. It's like 350 kids."

Haynes, of Ketchum, was one of Wood River Valley and a handful of A.J. Foyt takes from Oregon, Washington and Utah who competed Saturday in the first soapbox derby ever held in the Wood River Valley.

The competition continues today for the local kids, one of whom will join 375 kids from across the world at the 63rd Soap Box Derby in Akron, Ohio July 17 through 22.

The double-elimination derby, designed for kids between 9 and 16, plunged about a quarter mile down Juniper Road a paved street off Elkhorn Road.

Organizers said they believe it is the only one being held in Idaho this year.

It's also on a unique course. Most race courses are straight or feature one turn. This featured two.

The race was organized by a

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SERVICES

Floyd M. Barnes of Twin Falls, a celebration of life service will be held from 2-6 p.m. today at the family home (Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home in Twin Falls).

Arlene "Ruge" Schiffer of Denver, Colo., and formerly of

Twin Falls, graveside service at 11 a.m. Monday at Twin Falls Cemetery (Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls).

Fern Edith Soderth Holmquist of Twin Falls, service at 4 p.m. Monday at Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home in Twin Falls.

Friends may call from 1-4 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Mary R. Peterson of Gooding, graveside service at 2 p.m. Monday at the Halley Cemetery. Friends may call from 4-7 p.m. today at Demaray's Gooding Chapel.

DEATH NOTICES

Jon H. Baker

EL CAJON, Calif. - Jon H. Baker, 62, of California and formerly of Fairfield, died Tuesday, May 16, 2000, at El Cajon, Calif.

A memorial graveside service will be held at 3 p.m. Wednesday at the Elmwood Cemetery. Local arrangements are under the direction of Demaray's Gooding Chapel.

Francis A. Wilson

WENDELL - Francis Alvin Wilson, 93, of Wendell, died Thursday, May 18, 2000, at the Magic Valley Manor in Wendell.

A memorial graveside service will be held at 3 p.m. Friday at the Wendell Cemetery. Arrangements are

under the direction of Demaray's Wendell Chapel.

Betty A. Clements

GREENWICH, Conn. - Betty A. Clements, 79, of Twin Falls, died Friday, May 19, 2000, at Nathaniel Withersall Hospital in Greenwich, Conn.

Arrangements are pending and will be announced by the family.

Teresa M. Manchester

BOISE - Teresa M. Manchester, 83, of Boise, died Saturday, May 20, 2000, at her home.

Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Cloverdale Funeral Home in Boise.

OBITUARIES

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RUPERT



Guylla M. Hodge
Guylla Madge Young Hodge, 65-year-old Rupert resident, was called home to our Heavenly Father on Thursday, May 18, 2000.

She was born September 25, 1934, in Duchesne, Utah, the eighth child of 10 children to Floyd and Effie Case Young. At an early age, she and her family moved to Burley. She attended school in Burley, graduating from Burley High School in 1952. After high school, she moved to Salt Lake City where she was employed by the phone company, a job she really enjoyed. On March 19, 1954, she married her neighbor and childhood sweetheart, Darrel Hodge in Burley. Their marriage was later solemnized in the Oakland LDS Temple. She then began to fulfill her purpose in this life, to be a mother. She took great pride in her family. She loved her children and always took the time to be a part of their lives. When she was with her family, she was the happiest. She was an active member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, serving in many church callings. She will be greatly missed by all who knew her.

She is survived by her husband, Darrel Hodge of Rupert; her children, Guylla (Loni) Hardy of Colorado Springs, CO; Korleen (Gregg) Beardley of Harmony, PA; Marshellia Iuara of Rupert, Lance (Gaye) Hodge of Umatilla, OR; Mark (Tonia) Hodge of Lehi, UT, and Janet (Steve) Child of Rupert; and brothers and sisters, Juanita (Allen) Bethers of LaVirk, UT; Velma Posey of Burley; Ralph Young of Parma, June Peterson of Las Vegas, NV; Enna Jo (Daniel) Barclay of Island Park; Kenneth (Carole) Young of Rexburg; and Gaylon (Loni) Young of Burley. She is also survived by 23 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, two sisters and one grandchild.

Funeral Services will be conducted at 11 a.m. Monday, May 22, 2000, at the Rupert 1st Ward Building, 806 C Street, with Bishop Richard Day officiating. Burial will follow at the Pleasant View Cemetery in Burley. Friends may call Sunday from 6 until 8 p.m. at Hansen Mortuary Chapel and one hour prior to the services at the church on Monday.

GOODING

Henry J. Wilkins
Henry J. Wilkins, 81, of

Gooding, Idaho, died May 18, 2000, at Gooding County Memorial Hospital, after a battle with cancer.

He was born May 20, 1918, in Holden, Missouri. He was the second of eleven children. He married Rena Vickers on October 23, 1938. In 1959, they moved to Ellensburg, Washington, where they lived and raised their five children. They were later divorced in 1957. He then married Lois Waterson and resided in Ellensburg until her passing. In 1986, he moved to Bliss, Idaho, where he married Mary Heath and soon moved to Gooding, Idaho, where they resided until their divorce in 1988.

Survivors include Mary (Elmer) Eslinger, Twin Falls, Idaho; Pearl (Milford) Nelsen, Elmer, Idaho; Kay O'Donnell, Milford, Connecticut; Charles (Ladonna) Wilkins, Bliss, Idaho; Jim (Betty) Wilkins, Twin Falls, Idaho; Curt (Helen) Wilkins, Twin Falls, Idaho; Wilma (Everette) Norris, Twin Falls, Idaho; Kermit Wilkins, Carbondale, Colorado; Bob (DeAnne) Wilkins, Idaho Falls, Idaho; Bill Wilkins, Gooding, Idaho; and Barbara (Ron) Bahr, Enumclaw, Washington; eight grandchildren; and twelve great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, two brothers, and two sons.

Funeral services will be held on Tuesday, May 23, 2000, at 2 p.m. at Demaray's Gooding Chapel with Rev. Charles G. Larsen presiding. A graveside service at the High Valley Cemetery in Ellensburg, Washington, will follow at a later date. Friends may call on Monday from 2 until 7 p.m. at the chapel. In lieu of flowers, please make donations to Hospice Visions Inc. at 1300 Kimberly Road #11, Twin Falls, Idaho 83301, or to Southern Idaho Regional Cancer Center at the Magic Valley Regional Medical Center, 656 Addison Ave. W., Twin Falls, Idaho 83301.

KIMBERLY

Linda Shouse

Linda Shouse, 55, of Kimberly, died Saturday, May 20, 2000, at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center.

Linda was born October 1, 1944, in Twin Falls, Idaho, to Ed V. and LaVerle Walker Stasny. She grew up in Murtaugh and graduated from Murtaugh High School. Linda raised a family of four boys and was a teacher for many. Linda was an active member of the LDS Church and served as a young women's coach.

Linda enjoyed her cabin, loved butterflies, and liked to collect candy wrappers from around the world. A resident of Mountain View Care Center in Kimberly for 21 years, she influenced many lives there and enjoyed every visitor she received. Though she was unable to walk she was a good listener.

Linda is survived by her mother, LaVerle Walker Stasny of Pleasant View, her children, Todd Shouse and his wife Susan of Nevada, Steven Shouse and his wife Angela of Bend, Oregon, Chad Shouse and his wife Jackie of Fossil, Idaho, and Cory Shouse and his wife Chantel of Virginia; three brothers, Allen Stasny and his

wife Ranae of Eden, Idaho, Brent Stasny and his wife Sue of Murtaugh, Idaho, and Glenn Stasny and his wife Tammy of West Valley City, Utah; and seven grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her father, Ed Stasny.

The funeral service will take place at 11 a.m. Tuesday, May 23, 2000, at the Hansen Ward LDS Chapel in Kimberly, Idaho, with Bishop Kevin Stanger conducting. Burial will follow at Sunset Memorial Park. Friends may call at White Mortuary on Monday from 4 until 8 p.m. The family suggests that memorial contributions be given to the National Multiple Sclerosis Society, Idaho division, P.O. Box 3518, Boise, Idaho 83702.

TWIN FALLS



Delman R. Glauner

Delman R. Glauner, a 78-year-old Rupert resident, died May 18, 2000, at the Minidoka Memorial Hospital.

Delman was born March 11, 1922, in Hagerman, Idaho, the son of Wesley B. and Elsie Jane Sant Glauner. He was raised in Hagerman. He married Alice Hansen on May 17, 1941, in Wendell, Idaho. He farmed in Bonanza, Ferry, Hagerman, Wendell, and Shoshone. He owned and operated a ranch and the Ford Motor dealership in Shoshone until 1973 when he moved to Gooding, where he retired and traveled throughout the United States, Mexico, and Canada. He later moved to Rupert in 1991, where he had since resided. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, camping, and gardening. He also had a love for animals. He loved being with his family, and especially his grandchildren. He was always willing to help anyone in need and he never met a stranger. He was a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

He is survived by his wife, Alice of Rupert; three daughters, Sharon Jane (Larry) Moore of Rupert, Donna (Ron) Sinclair of Heyburn and Nancy Darlene (Edward) Cousins of Turley; Gutierrez Chapatis, Mexico; 10 grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, two sisters, and one great-grandson.

Services will be held at 11 a.m. Monday, May 22, 2000, at the Rupert West LDS Stake Center with Bishop Alan Maxwell officiating. Graveside service will follow at 4 p.m. Monday at the Hagerman Cemetery. Friends may call from 3-6 p.m. Sunday at Hansen Mortuary Chapel and one hour prior to the service on Monday at the church.

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Some names are omitted at patients' request. Admitted: Annette Hatfield, Jack Parrott

and Cheri Ochmer, all of Twin Falls.

Nelson: Guyman and Zebbie Mitchell, both of Twin Falls; Jennifer Lemmons of Jerome; and Jerome Sutton of Buhl.

Drawdown plans draw fire from legislators

LEWISTON (AP) - Orofino legislators have aired their frustration about summer plans to increase flows from Dworshak Reservoir to help salmon migrations, taking a bite out of recreational trade.

State Rep. Chuck Cuddy told the Idaho Water Resources Board Friday he and fellow Democratic Sen. Marguerite McLaughlin were under the impression there was a proposal for the reservoir to be full between June 1 and July 31. But the National Marine Fisheries Service opted not to do that, he said.

"The issue this year is why the change in the management strategy," Cuddy said.

"The reservoir on the Clearwater River will not be full at all this summer, he said, and that hurts recreation interests."

Bill Graham of the Department of Water Resources said the fisheries service did not agree to conditions proposed by the state and Nez Perce Tribe for the federal agency to wait until after the 110 percent dissolved gas standard at Dworshak Dam to up to 120 percent.

The more dissolved gas from spilling water, the greater the chance for the fish to get the "bends" like scuba divers sometimes suffer.

The state and tribe actually wanted the reservoir refilled to full pool by June 30 and maintained there through July, he said.

They also demanded the reservoir provide 200,000 acre-feet of water for fall chinook salmon migration, Graham said. There will not be a full pool at the reservoir by July 1.

The state and tribe's proposal for growing a water involves conditions that would compromise the Dworshak fishery operation this summer, said Brian Brown, assistant fisheries service regional administrator.

His agency recommended the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers limit spill to the 110 percent standard, Brown said.

"It is not great, but it is certainly not where we were last year when we didn't fill because of spring augmentation decisions," said Erik Petersen, Dworshak's natural resources manager. "And despite the drawdown, there are tremendous recreational opportunities out there."

Cuddy said the fisheries ser-

vice needs to prove increasing Dworshak flows helps salmon runs and meets the state's water quality standards.

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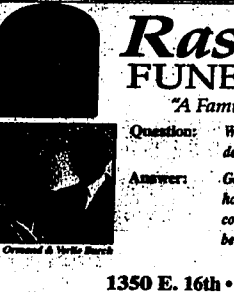
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Students reach reading goals

Bucking tradition can boost cattle profits

By Geneva Hart
Times-News correspondent

PAUL - It was they lay for five minutes with Oregon roses, reading when it blazes and looks like a blizzard.

Five stations rotated Paul Elementary School students, making them at most searching words at another. And always, there was a blizzard.

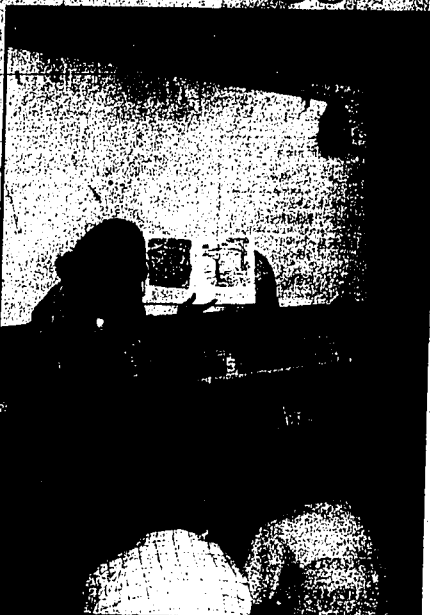
Haley Wynant's third grade classroom was the center for Sylvester. And The Magic Pebble is a voice missing when it is read.

The teacher's task of reading and the beginning of a lesson.

Sylvester's fortunes began when he found a magic pebble that granted every wish. And his troubles took him over when he forgot to think and made an unwise wish. He is saved when he is least conscious, while again and wishes to be himself.

At story's end, Wynant produced a sparkling red "pebble." While one student went out in the hall, the teacher hid the pebble. Then a chorus of young voices began chanting, "I wish I were Sylvester." As the reader got close to the concealed pebble, the volume increased as a clue to help find it.

Students stilled, cheered and answered to be hiders and seekers.



Children at Paul Elementary School celebrated their accelerated reading program recently with a variety of games, stories and treats. Third-grade teacher Haley Wynant teamed one of several stations with the story of 'Sylvester and the Magic Pebble.'

The goal is to encourage children to read and students earn points by reading books. When Evelyn Erwin, coordinator for Paul Elementary School's accelerated reading program, set the lofty goal of 45,000 points by the end of the school year, it was a big jump up from last year's goal of 40,000 points. The students didn't let her down. They slightly exceeded their goal and had fun doing it.

On Friday, the whole school celebrated.

"Even the kindergartners earned 600 of those points," Erwin said. "This is their first year of participation."

A concentration game hung over the blackboard in one classroom. In another, Idaho history came alive through bingo. Twenty questions, a word search and a scramble occupied the upper grades.

Each classroom proudly bore a sign next to the doorway. "17,048 points," one said. "3,145,4 points," said another.

School secretary Tara Mabey said the program works.

"I think the kids are very much for it," she said. "They are little people who want something for what they do. They don't understand the larger picture, of what reading will mean in their adult lives. They do understand rewards."

Part of the reward system is certification. A student can be a Panther Reader, an Independent Reader, a Super Reader or an Advanced Reader. Names are posted in the hallway on bright pieces of paper.

"There's much more interest in reading with 'AR,'" Erwin said.

"The emphasis is on comprehension, and we've seen that jump."

Back at Wynant's class, another group is preparing to rotate to another classroom. She hands each one a shiny red "magic pebble" to take along.

"Now, I don't want to hear any of you wishing to be a rock," she said.

"No," a few say. They don't want to wind up like Sylvester. A bad wish can land you out in the Strawberry Field for a year. The magic pebbles make a reminder to be careful what you wish for! And that it's rather nice to be yourself.

KIRIE (AP) - In his suit and dress shoes, Brad Foster would seem to belong more on Wall Street than on a cattle ranch in rural Idaho.

And perhaps the businessman image is more fitting to this owner of one of the West's largest cow-calf operations.

Foster does not run his ranch like a cowboy. He runs it like a stock broker. Foster and his partner-brother, Boyd Foster, have increased the size of their family operation exponentially in the last three years by doing one thing - the opposite of what Dad did.

Instead of buying new cows when prices are high, and selling off calves when prices are low, they ride the cattle cycle.

The cycle is a relatively new economic theory based on the idea that cattle prices follow a predictable 10-year pattern with five years of low prices, followed by five of increasing prices.

"When everyone was saying cattle are bad and the prices are low, that's when we were buying. You can't always be traditional. You have to be willing to change and go against the current. We don't see ourselves as cowboys. We are cattlemen, businessmen," Brad said.

Livestock marketing economist Harlan Hughes said ranchers who follow the cattle cycle are better able to take advantage in high-priced years, and protect themselves where prices are low.

"If a rancher culls his cows and buys new genetic stock when prices are low, those new heifers will calve during high-price years. Then they can sell off every calf born, take advantage of those high prices and have a good cash surplus to carry them through the next time things are lean," Hughes said.

Hughes said he is absolutely convinced that cattle prices and the size of the American cattle herd consistently follow the predictable pattern.

He said the cycle is fed partially by traditional buying and selling habits as well as demand and price fluctuations. But the largest influence is the biological makeup of the cow.

Derby

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couple grown men, who had sat around one night reminiscing about how they had always wanted to race in a soapbox derby as youngsters. Fourteen local youth got the fever and they and their families spent last weekend at a Hailey school building soapboxes for \$445 kits.

The kits were introduced a few years ago to level the playing field, said co-organizer Rick Dressell, a language arts teacher at Wood River Middle School.

People were putting \$20,000, \$30,000 into the cars they'd built from scratch, as well as aerodynamic wheels and bearings and whatever else they thought would give them an edge. Now, with the kits, the outcome depends more on the driver and less on the car, Dressell said.

Though gravity is the fuel that gets these cars going, it's not just a matter of pointing your rig downhill and closing your eyes. Skill and savvy can make all the difference in a contest where the margin of victory is often decided by less than a tenth of a second.

Kids and cars combined must weigh 230 pounds, with steel and lead plates bolted in to make up the difference. Where you put the plates can shave micro-seconds off your time. Some kids even wash their axles with Scotchbrite hoping it will



Noah Lindley, of Hailey, prepares to launch off in 'Jaws,' his entry in the All-American Soap Box Derby for Super Stock cars in Elkhorn.

make a difference.

"It's surprised me. It's pretty high tech," said Hailey resident Morgan Thomas, one of dozens of spectators who lined the racecourse.

Kids study the slant of the road and the bumps in the road to figure out how to steer straight - the tiniest swerve creates friction, which wastes precious time. And they practice on making the smoothest turn they can for those times when they must turn.

The rest is up to the bravado of the kids whose hands are wrapped around metal steering

rods tucked down inside the shiny rigs bearing such sponsors' names as Karen's Family Pharmacy, Ketchum Realty, the Kneadery and the ever-present GoodYear.

"Some of the kids were a little frightened at first when we took them out for some trial runs. But by the end of the day, I saw some pretty big grins," Dressell said.

"It provides a lot of thrills," acknowledged racer Noah Lindley, of Hailey. "It's scary but what a thrill!"

Times-News correspondent Karen Bossick can be reached in Hailey at 578-2111.

Crump

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By lawsuit I'll seek recompense. And hire me Sir Gerry Spence." Sir Billy Bob. "Beat that ray, I saw that lick it."

But what about them speeding tickets?

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Features editor Steve Crump is the Times-News poet laureat.

Ageless

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Hanks said, "Without people like George, it wouldn't go any where."

MacDonald has been instrumental in bringing guidance and wisdom to HealthNet, she said.

"His leadership has been strong in helping us integrate with schools and getting the schools to back us," Hanks said.

MacDonald often mentors young people.

"He hangs with them," Hanks said.

MacDonald also looks out for young people.

"He thinks about the kids and puts it in the context of what is right for them," Hallett said.

As a board member, MacDonald has taken steps to bring a better school climate.

An asset survey last year, which

the board supported, revealed that only 23 percent of Mendocino County students described the school's climate as "caring," MacDonald said.

"That was pretty serious," he said. The survey, administered by HealthNet, was designed to measure youth "assets" - crucial developmental building blocks. The survey assessed the extent to which youths experience these assets, and how the assets relate to their behavior.

In the survey, teen-agers also said parents aren't involved in their lives, MacDonald said.

"We wondered how this has occurred," he said. "We don't feel our teachers reflect that kind of climate."

District educators have been trying to change that image by incorporating more parental

involvement in schools, he said.

"At Heyburn (Elementary School), there has been quite a large amount of parental involvement throughout the year," MacDonald said. "The same has been true at Big Valley (Elementary School) and Acoquia (Elementary School)."

Principals at each school have been working to create a caring, encouraging climate, he said.

"The 40 developmental assets have been made a part of the school district's strategic plan," MacDonald said. "The board is solidly behind it."




The survey will be given again next year, he said. The board is hoping the district shows improvement.

"We are concerned. We want to raise the percentage considerably," he said.

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Jury finds lovers guilty of killing casino owner

LAS VEGAS (AP) - The death of casino heir Ted Binion was surrounded by a tangled web of lust, drug addiction and buried treasure. But a jury ultimately unraveled the mystery, convicting the well-known gambler's live-in girlfriend and her new lover.

Sandra Murphy and Rick Tabish were found guilty Friday of first-degree murder and other charges and could face life in prison without parole. The sentencing phase was to begin Tuesday.

Defense attorneys, who had argued that the 55-year-old son of casino legend Benny Binion died of an accidental drug overdose or committed suicide, vowed to appeal.

"This fight's not over by a long shot," said John Momot, Murphy's attorney. The twisted story began Sept. 17, 1998, when Binion was found dead in his home. Witnesses said Murphy, 28, discovered the body after returning from lunch at a posh restaurant near their home.

It looked like an overdose and the coroner agreed, although he ruled the manner of death was undetermined.

In her share of Binion's \$55 million will, Murphy stood to inherit Binion's \$200,000 home, its contents, \$300,000 in cash, and proceeds from a \$1 million life insurance policy.

The two seemed an unlikely pair. They had met in 1995 in a strip joint where Murphy was working as a dancer.

She moved into Binion's home. He gave her a Mercedes and unlimited use of his credit cards.

Murphy put up with Binion's heroin addiction. He had been kicked out of the family business for his drug use and for consorting with a mob figure.

Tabish, 35, a friend of Binion's, was a contractor and a married father of two from Missoula, Mont. He soon was introduced to Murphy.

Prosecutors say the two began a secret love affair in early 1998 - letting off to Beverly Hills, Calif., spending time in Montana - and Binion ordered her out of his will when he learned of it.

The night before he died, his attorney claims Binion called him and said: "Take Sandy out of the will, if he doesn't kill me tonight."



Sandra Murphy and Rick Tabish listen to the verdict Friday in Las Vegas.

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Program frees up money to repair mobile homes

LEWISTON (AP) — At least 90,000 owners of mobile homes in Idaho built before 1976 do not meet current safety or building codes.

So they may face a constant threat from trailer park owners who view them as a fire waiting to happen.

But a new program will free up grant money in northern Idaho to make repairs to the manufactured residences.

A new grant program from the Idaho Community Reinvestment Corporation and the Idaho Housing and Finance Association aims to satisfy the needs of both parties. The loan-based organizations expect to help more than 40 low-income owners of older manufactured homes to make repairs with \$100,000 in grant money. It will be available to residents in Nez-Percé, Latah, Idaho, Clearwater, Lewis, Benewah, Kootenai, Bonner, Boundary and Shoshone counties. The idea is to make the mobile homes safer and prevent owners from landing on the streets if they do not meet codes.

"It's like owning a condemned piece of property," said Sherri McMillen, executive director of the Community Action Agency in Lewiston.

The improvements usually cost a little more than \$1,500 per resident, but they often cannot afford them, said JoAnne Ward of the Idaho Community Reinvestment Corp.

"These are people who are already having to make hard choices every month about food and pharmacy and heat," she said. "There is just nothing left over."

Some homes may have windows too tiny to use as fire exits. They may have deficiencies such as aluminum wiring which melts quicker than copper, she said.

The program grants will correct inadequacies found in plumbing, wiring and other areas. The Community Action Agency, which has contracted with two program sponsors, will coordinate the work and hire contractors.

Bingham County opposes Fort Hall land proposal

JACKFOOT (AP) — The Shoshone-Bannock Tribes want to reintroduce native cutthroat trout to the Fort Hall Indian Reservation.

Bingham County officials argue the tribes' proposed fish hatchery would swallow up tax money and bring Indian land too close for comfort.

Tribal fisheries official Lionel Boyer hopes to use 20 federal acres near Springfield for a hatchery to release native cutthroat and redband trout back into reservation waters. McCutcher Creek is on the land, making it perfect for that purpose, he said.

But Bingham County officials said it would take away from potential tax money and would allow the reservation to extend its border across the Snake River.

County Commissioner Kay Gosling does not like the idea of reservation land encroaching on county ground.

The county would not be able to enforce county zoning laws on it nor would it collect taxes once the tribes take over, he said. The

county has not been able to receive leases from the land since the government bought it in 1998.

"I don't think the federal government should own it either. It's not in the best interest of private owners," he said.

The county received less than \$300 in taxes on the land per year before the government took over, county Prosecutor Carter Mackley said. The tribes are getting the parcel as a Bureau of Indian Affairs trust from the Interior Department. The Bonneville Power Administration bought it from Boise's North Fork Energy Co.

The hatchery would not be like the larger state-run operations because the tribes want to develop a small facility that ties in with the stream and surrounding environment.

"It will be a complement to the county," Boyer said.

It is the first phase of endeavors by the tribes to obtain county land near the reservation or buy back Indian lands sold off years ago, he said.

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Opponents: Silak doesn't understand water laws

IDAHO FALLS (AP) — Supporters of the challenger to Idaho Supreme Court Justice Cathy Silak are distributing her comments they say prove she does not understand a huge water rights adjudication case.

The comments are part of oral arguments heard before the Supreme Court in February. The case was an appeal from the Poulatch Corp. and other parties regarding water rights on the Salmon River.

Silak last October authored the court's 3-2 ruling that the federal government has a reserved right to all unappropriated water in three Idaho wilderness areas and the Hells Canyon National Recreation Area.

The adjudication is determining legal water right holders on more than 150,000 claims in 38 counties.

Backers of Judge Debra Elstrom contend Silak's questions directed to Poulatch attorney Jeff Fereday reveal she did not understand the Snake River Basin Adjudication affects all water users, not just irrigators.

Republican Rep. Reed Hansen of Idaho Falls disagrees with Silak's detractors. The former member of the state Water Resources Board said Silak could well have been attempting to clarify uses, because some minor uses are exempt. In a departure from most eastern Idaho legislators, Hansen endorses Silak. "As a whole, she has a good record. She has to follow the law, not public opinion."

In the Feb. 15 hearing, Silak asks Fereday what types of water rights of central Idaho residents would be affected. Fereday responds domestic, irrigation, municipal.

Silak then asks, "And this is because all of these water rights are in the adjudication?"

Fereday responds: "Yes. And they are all in the basin that would be covered by any water right that's in that river."

Silak then says, "I know they're in the basin, but the adjudication itself, I didn't think reached all of those types of uses."

Fereday responds: "Yes, your honor. It reaches each and every use: industrial, municipal, domestic commercial, irrigation."

When asked if she knew in February the adjudication affected all uses, Silak said, "Absolutely, certainly."

"Questions that are asked during oral arguments are often intended to draw out additional information, and they can be phrased as rhetorical," Silak said. "Water law is very intricate law. It's so easy to try and mislead voters with these little sound bites and unfortunate summaries."

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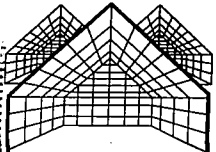
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Autonomous insects devour Utah fields

Grasshoppers, crickets launch annual invasion

TOOELE, Utah (AP) — It's that time of year again, when grasshoppers and crickets start eating almost everything the green across northern Utah.

They're back! The green-headed, Beckie-looking ones. Tooele, 30 miles southwest of Salt Lake City, where grasshoppers devoured the crops through her yard and fields last summer.

An initial spring hatch of

grasshoppers in northwestern Utah took place a few weeks ago. And the next hatch is beginning.

Utah's Mormon crickets, meanwhile, are marching out of federal lands in the Koosie Valley's south end and into farmers' fields, feasting on grain crops and alfalfa.

Farmers have started laying out traps for the crickets. Crickets are also eating alfalfa in roadside borders and in ditches. Agricultural officials, armed with federal, state and local funds, are planning a major grasshopper-spraying effort in the Tooele Valley early next month, after the second hatch.

While county and state funding is up this year, the bulk of the money is coming from Congress. Federal lawmakers do not know yet how much the war on bugs will cost, but Sen. Rob Bennett, Utah, expects the tab to hit several million dollars.

The insects were allowed to grow to adulthood in 1999 because of a funding shortfall in the state. But they were able to lay eggs deep in the region's soil, produced from windy blizzards.

Swarming grasshopper damage to the state's crops, including federal lands, at \$20 million last year. In the Tooele Valley — ground

zero in the state's bug battle — the grasshoppers are beginning to starve, Beckwee said.

"They box out of the way when you walk through they aren't flying yet. They are no bigger than the grasser on a pencil, but they are growing."

The number of grasshoppers throughout northwest Utah, and of their equally hungry cricket cousins, is formidable.

The most common of three species of Utah grasshoppers, the Hayden, can fly as an adult. Two other species known as range grasshoppers can only jump. All three are now in the nymph stages. They will become egg-laying adults in July and August.

Ogden mayor upholds ban on nude dance clubs

OGDEN, Utah (AP) — Backers of a nude dance club threatened a lawsuit after Mayor Michael Godfrey upheld a ban on the clubs in the Ogden Commercial Industrial Park.

Godfrey ruled after a 2 1/2-hour administrative hearing on Friday that deed restrictions at the business park prohibit sexually oriented businesses.

The mayor upheld an industrial park review board that on April 12 denied a permit for Jed Willhite, a builder for Roy resident Michelle Lutz, who planned

to open the alcohol-free "Tool Box" dance club.

"Such a time is not consistent with the purpose and intent of the protective covenants to promote selective manufacturing and marketing enterprises," Godfrey said.

Godfrey won't get the last word, Lutz attorney Andrew McCullough said.

"My client is fairly determined and I like clients like that. Expect big things, fireworks for sure," McCullough said.

Utah tortoise rakes in money for landowners

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Saving the endangered desert tortoise in southern Utah is an endeavor costing about \$12.500 per tortoise.

It's a price that has critics of a desert tortoise conservation area crying foul, government investigators probing alleged violations of federal law and a state-based watchdog group objecting furiously to a \$1 million donation related land deals that made millionaires out of many southern Utah landowners.

The Utah exchanges are the ultimate example of a buyer's rip off," Janice Blackoch of the Western Land Exchange Project told the Denver News in a recent story.

Investigators for the General Accounting Office and Department of Interior's inspector general are conducting separate investigations into the Washington County land deals.

For MacDonald, the newly retired state chief supervisor for the Utah Office of the Director of Land Management, prevented the Utah investigations with accusations that state and federal officials conspired to rig the deals that left Utah and private landowners with federal assets valued at 75 to 100 times greater than the value they gave up.

Federal land sales officials concede that private landowners in the project were properly appraised, and that the exchange was of equal value.

The desert tortoise conservation area is expected to cover 390 million sq ft of land, but has an original estimate of 36 million.

Proposed sales have slowed to 1996 levels, says Ron Hansen, R-Utah, a state senator who has a number of parcels of federal lands in southern Utah to be appraised as if the endangered tortoise didn't exist on them.

The rider pushed from a few hundred dollars to up to \$20,000 the value of an acre of land depressed by the endangered species act, which prohibits development.

JUST A SWINGIN'



Brothers James Iara, left, and Javier Iara enjoy the warm weather on a swing country at Spanish Mesa Park in Klamath Falls, Ore.

U.S. representative challenger hires more GOP political guns

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — U.S. Rep. Merrill Cook's Republican challenger is supplying more political guns to work for Cook's defeat in a display of hostility from his own party.

Second Congressional District GOP candidate Derek Smith has hired a Republican campaign chairman and a Republican political consultant to run the Utah Republican Party and coordinate the state's GOP effort for Sen. Bob Bennett, R-Utah.

Republicans will work with former Utah Republican Gov. Norm Bangerter, Smith's campaign chairman.

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Transit agency bans political, public service ads

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The UTA's own advertising agency calls the ban a "big mistake."

"I think it's absolutely outrageous," said Mary Dickson, director of creative services for KUED public television, a big UTA advertiser. "All of these groups that are serving the public interest are being told they're not worthy to advertise on the side of a bus."

The ban affects public-service campaigns against smoking or drinking and driving, for United Way fund raising and even first lady Jaclyn Levitz's "Immunity by Two" campaign.

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Sunday, May 21, 2000

Toumey apologizes to Minico

I'm going to let you in on a little secret. The journalism industry has a universal policy on errors.

We news folks don't talk about it much, but it's simple: When you make a mistake, issue a correction as soon as it's reasonably possible.

I identify when the error occurred ("In today's sports section,"), recall the nature of the article ("a story on the state Act 199 high school baseball tournament,"), said that, without whining or offering excuses, explain what happened ("I contained a heading that wrongly identified the winner of a game played Thursday.")

Lastly, apologize and regret the error. Then move on.

If you're a Mini-Cassia reader (and I don't think I heard from just about every one of you last week), you know where I'm going with this.

Identifying Minico as Declo wouldn't have been so bad. Calling Minico Twin Falls might have been possible. But in the land east of Eden, slapping a Burley headline over Friday's story about the Spartans' first-round win over Lewiston was tantamount to egging the pope.

Not only did we look bad as a newspaper by confusing a school with its nearest rival, we understandably offended and hurt some of our most loyal readers.

Rest assured my tail is between my ears, which is no small feat considering my foot still wedged in my mouth. And I've scrawled the word Spartan across my chest in black red and gold, determined to bludgeon myself silly with a sugar beet until I've found someone who'll read me the Rand McNally Atlas Dummies.

All kidding aside, we've taken several steps to make sure such a blatant blunder does not strike again.

And at least there was no mistaking the Spartans' heart. Congratulations to the team on a super team effort and run-up finish.

Six-month checkup: After half a year in the sports editor's back, here's what I've learned:

Jeff's Top Ten

1. Spring really is the busiest tournament season of the year.

2. Readers really did enjoy our All-Valley football team and hugely successful group photo last fall. With the hire of a new sportswriter - perhaps as soon as this week - we will feature more area teams for other sports next school year.

3. It's rewarding to oversee all of the outstanding effort being mustered on a daily basis by southern Idaho's student-athletes - not just on the field, track or gym floor, but in the classroom. As a writer rather than an editor, the story immediately before you often overwhelmed other terrific happenings around his magical valley.

4. Folks really do miss YourSports when we skip an installment. For those skipping track, our community sports page did not appear in your issue due to my being in southern Utah to cover the CSI baseball team at the Region 18 meet. Then, last Thursday, YourSports was supplanted by extensive (and usually correctly headlined) high school state journey previews and coverage.

5. YourSports will return with a vengeance this week - we have so many great sports happenings to report, in fact, that we may run four or five sections Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Stay tuned, and call me at 733-0931. Ext. 229.

6. Drop by the office - if you have commenting sports news you'd like to see in the paper.

7. Idaho springtimes are second to none.

8. The Boise valley high school tennis scene were no match for Twin Falls this year. And the school's girls' golf team, too.

9. Not having the higher seed host the Region III softball tournament probably cost the Bruins, previously undefeated in conference play, a state berth. Taking nothing away from runner-up Burley, the system that sent Highland to state as District IV-V champ needs revamping.

10. Writers Vin Cappiello and John Derr are minimalists. For the past two week-end days of track and field at Bronco Stadium, zero complaints. Vin, the valley is going to miss your on-the-run insight. Best of luck to you and your ventures back east. Oh, and John McDonald's called. They say your recliner is blocking the kitchen dispenser.

11. D.D. Solomons of Shoshone is the best running back the rest of the state's never heard of.

12. And finally, the No. 1 sports I've covered after six months as sports editor: The NCAA's are coming to BSU next week. This job has its perks.



DOWN IN FRONT
Jeff Rosen

Spartans fall in 11th inning

Spring State Tournaments

Boise, CA and B: A pair of boys' girls' track teams defend their state titles at Wendell sprinter is Magic Valley's only Saturday A-2 gold medalist.

Forbesbeck's A-1 high jump gold for Burley leads local high school contingent

Timberline nips Minico's state title hopes

By Mike Miller
Times-News correspondent

BOISE - Timberline's luck outscored Minico High School's drama 4-3 in 11 innings Saturday in the state championship baseball game at Centennial High School.

Down 3-1 with one out in the bottom of the 11th, the Wolves (27-5) tied the game on a bases-loaded double error.

Shortstop Rob Gill followed an intentional walk and a strike-out with a pop fly single that landed on the right field foul line to tally the winning run.



Minico's Ryan Jensen slides into first base to beat the throw. The Spartans lost the Class A-1 title game 4-3.

The title was the fifth straight for Timberline coach Larry Price.

Minico finished at 24-6.

"I'm proud of our kids. We just didn't get it done at the end," said Spartans coach Russ Wright, who noted that Minico's last championship team (1982) also lost in the finals the year

before.

"This provides us with the impetus to work hard this summer."

The Spartans spent most of the game trying to figure out how to get the Wolves started Ben Newton. The left-hander struck out 17 batters in nine innings.

"This is the performance of

his life," Price said. "He kept them off balance, a great effort. Ben stayed ahead of them. They didn't know what was coming."

Newton's replacement, struck out the side in the 10th, giving Timberline 20 K's for the game. First baseman Ryan Jensen (3-

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Bruin girls christen new streak

IDAHO FALLS - Nothing erases ghosts of an old winning streak like starting a new one.

Which is exactly what the Twin Falls High School girls' golf team did on Saturday at Pinecrest Municipal Golf Course, site of this year's Class A-1 high school golf state tournament.

Class A-1 state golf

Costing in on the strength of Friday's team round of 343, the Bruins' women's lowest-scoring team Saturday with a 358. But that was still good enough to leave second-place Lake City 15 strokes behind, 701-716, as Twin Falls captured its first team crown since 1996 - the final year of a three-season dynasty of state titles for the Bruins.

Sophomore Monica Venn led the way Saturday with an 87, Jenni Robinson shot a 91 and Jennifer Hedberg helped out with a 99. Emily Sterling's 101 and Karri Bertrichon's 108 rounded out the Bruins' state-title scoring.

"They just had the right mindset," said Twin Falls coach Paul Stover. "They were determined all year long to go-out and win it, and they did."

Rounding out the girls' top three were Lake City and Lewiston.

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Fonnesbeck finds gold

Jerome girls disappointing fourth in team race

By Vin Cappiello and John Derr
Times-News writers

BOISE - Christina Fonnesbeck's high jump victory early in Day 2 of the Class A-1 Idaho State High School Track and Field Championships Saturday at Bronco Stadium appeared to be a harbinger of success for Magic Valley athletes.

Unfortunately, Murphy's Law took over, and by the end of the day, Fonnesbeck's clearance of 5 feet 4 inches remained the Magic Valley's lone gold.

The girls' team title went to Skyview, who scored 72 points to beat Highland (64.5),



Emily Marshall hugs Melissa McClimore after the Jerome team was disqualified for losing its baton during the 4x400 meter relay. Jerome's girls placed fourth in the Class A-1 state track meet.

height.

"I don't worry about the other competitors, I try to focus on myself," Fonnesbeck said.

It was a disappointing day for the Lady Tigers, who were within one point of the lead after Day One. But illness kept senior Alicia McClimore from running at full strength, and a dropped baton in the 4x400-meter relay and distance ace Dusty Schwanefeld's nagging injury typified a frustrating weekend for the defending champs.

"Our girls performed well, things just didn't turn out like we wanted," said first-year Jerome head coach Elmer Musgrave. "You come to the state tournament and get a trophy, not everything went bad. It's hard when our kids are as competitive as they are and things don't go well."

McClimore, who anchored the Lady Tigers' record-setting performance in Friday night's medley, said she had been vomiting

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Lauren Drew of Ketchum Community School beat Katie Sanders of Wood River, 6-2, 6-0, during the Class B girls' singles state championship match Saturday.

Power shift

Twin Falls claims first state tennis crown

BOISE - The title is headed east.

Thanks to junior Ashley Dille's win in girls' singles and two third-place and one fourth place finish on Saturday, the Twin Falls Bruins are coming home champions of the 2000 Class A state high school tennis tournament, held at the Boise Racquet and Swim Club.

In Class B action at Timberline High School, Ketchum's Community School and Wood River finished second and third, respectively, to four-time reigning champion Bishop Kelly.

Cutthroat Lauren Drew earned her second straight girls' singles crown with a 6-2, 6-0 win over Wood River's Katie Sanders.

And the Jerome girls' doubles team of Brandi Escover and Brandi Rivins placed second.

"At the Capital Invitational, we like did really, really bad," Escover said. "We just figured that we might as well give it all we have."

Rivins said the pair just clicked.

"Our main point was playing mentally together," she said.

But it was the Bruins' day to celebrate.

"I'm shocked," said Bruin coach Jason Leforge. "I'm just really surprised. Coming in this morning, I knew we had a shot but that's amazing. I don't know what to say. They're just a great bunch of kids who worked hard."

"They deserve it."

The 56-32 four-point victory snapped reigning champion Centennial High's six-year gold-club of the title, and brings the championship home to the Magic Valley for the first time ever.

It also is only the third time in 63 years that the team title

Class A, B state tennis tournaments

departs the Boise valley.

"Wow. That's awesome," said Bruin Mark Fuller, who finished third in boys' singles. "We just came together as a team."

Senior Zach Thompson, who along with mixed doubles partner Jill Martin copped the team's other third-place finish, said going out as a champion sweetened any bitterness left from the mixed doubles competition.

"I'm just so happy for the team," Thompson said. "At first, we were playing for ourselves, but when that didn't come through, we said, 'Let's play for the team.'"

John Hieb and Bryan Hurlbut placed fourth in boys' doubles for Twin Falls.

But it was Dille's powerful and convincing 6-2, 7-6 (7-1) win over Centennial's Erin Polowski the two-time defending state champion, that propelled the Bruins over the top.

The junior broke Polowski's serve four times in the match.

"My serve was great and I just stayed mentally tough through the entire match," said Dille, her hair braided behind her.

Leforge said he was a little nervous about Dille's game going into the match, as she'd struggled with her serve on Friday.

"She just put it into high gear and didn't look back," Leforge said. "She just dropped it into overdrive and played the way she can play."

Dille came out red-hot as she won two service games and broke Polowski for an early 3-0

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Hack-a-Shaq's no help for Blazers

The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES - This wasn't just "Hack-a-Shaq." This was "Hack, hack, hack-a-Shaq and keep on hacking."

And it didn't work.

Shaquille O'Neal was 12-for-25 at the foul line in the fourth quarter to shatter the playoff record for most attempts in a quarter Saturday as the Los Angeles Lakers beat the Portland Trail Blazers 109-94 in the opener of the Western Conference finals.

O'Neal fouled virtually every time the Lakers had the ball in a four-minute stretch that began with five minutes to go, finished with 41 points, 11 rebounds and seven assists.

"He hasn't worked all year, and it ain't gonna work," O'Neal said.

He had not scored more than 23 in any of his four games against Portland in the regular season.

O'Neal was 13-for-27 at the foul line, 12-for-24 in the final 5.5

minutes.

The old record was 14 by Michael Jordan against Detroit on May 21, 1991.

Lost in the bizarre free-throw parade was a magnificent second quarter by the Lakers' bench that gave Los Angeles a 24-point lead that was just too big for Portland to overcome.

Game 2 of the best-of-seven series is Monday night at the Staples Center, where the Lakers are 7-0 in the playoffs.

The Lakers' reserves, led by Robert Horry, scored 20 of the team's 37 points in the second quarter.

Glen Rice added 15 points for Los Angeles and Kobe Bryant had 13. Horry scored all 12 of his points in the second quarter, including three three-pointers.

Scottie Pippen led six Blazers in double figures with 19. Bonzi Wells scored all 17 of his points in second half.

The Lakers led 81-57 when O'Neal made one of two free

throws with 3:22 left in the third quarter. But the Blazers, behind Wells, went on a 19-6 run to cut it to 87-76 on Wells' inside basket with 10:06 to play.

Dorfer Schreiner's two free throws, with five minutes to go, cut it to 97-88, but all the attention given to fouling O'Neal seemed to take the Blazers' out of their offense. When Shaq hit his seventh consecutive free throw with 3:52 to go, the Lakers led 104-89.

Los Angeles took command with a 26-4 blitz to start the second quarter and the Blazers never recovered. Horry's third three-pointer of the quarter capped the outburst and put the Lakers up 52-30 with 4:25 to play in the half.

Los Angeles stretched the lead to 24 twice before Steve Smith's three-pointer at the halftime buzzer cut it to 63-42 at the break.

Los Angeles's reserves were 7-for-9 from the field in the second quarter, 5-for-6 on three-pointers.

SPORTS

Car wreck takes life of Timberwolves' Sealy

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Minnesota Timberwolves swingman Malik Sealy was killed Saturday when his sport utility vehicle was hit head-on by a pickup truck traveling the wrong way on a divided highway.

Sealy, 30, died of head and chest injuries after the 4 a.m. CDT crash on Highway 100 north of a construction zone in suburban St. Louis Park.

He was on his way home after celebrating the 24th birthday of teammate Kevin Garnett, who had admired Sealy as a youth.

Timberwolves players and players' wives were at Sealy's home comforting his wife, Lisa, and young son, Malik Remington, said coach Flip Saunders and Kevin McHale, vice president of basketball operations.

"This is a sudden and devastating loss to our team," McHale said. "We're in shock. Malik was one of the most popular players in our locker room, and one of

the biggest reasons behind our turnaround and success this past season on the court."

A moment of silence was observed at the opening of the Western Conference finals between the Portland Trail Blazers and the Lakers in Los Angeles.

"Malik Sealy was a stellar contributor to the NBA, his team and his community," NBA commissioner David Stern said. "This is a tragic day for the NBA family and we extend our sympathy and prayers to his family."

At a news conference, team president Rob Moor called Sealy a "unique individual."

"His sense of humor is what I'll remember more than anything. His off-the-cuff comments; he

could take you by surprise and say the most wonderful things at the perfect time. That's something I'll certainly miss," Moor said.

Added Saunders: "Words can't express the loss that I feel today. Malik was a wonderful person who touched everybody in a special way."

Domnie Walsh, president of the Indiana Pacers, the team that chose Sealy in the first round of the 1992 NBA draft, remembered him as "a tremendous performer and a true gentleman."

The pickup driver, Souksangouane Phengsane, 43, was traveling north in the southbound lane, the patrol said. He was hospitalized in serious condition with head and chest injuries. Neither accident victim was wearing a seatbelt, police said. An airbag deployed in the truck. Sealy's sport utility vehicle didn't have an airbag.

Authorities had not talked to

Phengsane by Saturday night, as the investigation was still in its early stages, said Capt. Al Smith of the state patrol.

Sealy is the second NBA player killed in a traffic accident this year. Charlotte Hornets guard Bobby Phills died after a crash on Jan. 12, when he and teammate David Wesley were racing their Fordes at more than 100 mph after a morning practice.

Sealy was involved in a car accident on his way to practice during his first season with the Timberwolves and needed 20 stitches to close a cut on his forehead.

Sealy had just finished his eighth NBA season and his second with the Timberwolves. He averaged 11.3 points in the regular season and 12.5 in the playoffs as Minnesota was eliminated in four games in the first round by the Portland Trail Blazers. He played in only one regular season and playoff game.



Red Bullet, with rider Jeff Bailey, streaks to the finish line to win the 128th running of the Preakness at Pimlico Race Track in Baltimore Saturday. At rear is second placed finisher Fusaichi Pegasus with Kent Desormeaux riding.

Heat vs. Knicks: Winner takes all again

MIAMI (AP) — Gone is the bad blood, trash talk and brawling that once marked the rivalry between the New York Knicks and Miami Heat. What's left is hard-earned mutual respect — and another winner-take-all playoff game today.

The Knicks staged a stunning comeback Friday from an 18-point deficit to win Game 6, forcing their series with the Heat to the limit for the fourth consecutive season. And as always, the deciding game will be in Miami.

The winner of Game 7 advances to the Eastern Conference finals beginning Tuesday at Indiana. The loser spends the offseason stewing about missed opportunities in the

seesaw series.

"It's fun to be a part of it, competing with these guys," Knicks forward Latrell Sprewell said. "It means so much to both sides. It's a shame someone has to lose, but hopefully it won't be us."

Such sentiments would have been astonishing just a couple of years ago, when the rivalry was filled with bitterness and prone to violence. This year's series has been physical and hard-fought

but free of fights and filled with thrilling finishes.

Now the big question is whether the Heat can regroup from their devastating Game 6 defeat at Madison Square Garden. Miami led by 18 points in the second quarter and by 15 at halftime, then scored just 25 points in the second half as the Knicks saved their season.

"We could be on vacation right now," New York center Patrick Ewing said. "But there's still life in us."

The Heat arrived home at 5 a.m. Saturday, and coach Pat Riley gave his players the day off.

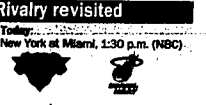
"They're a very disappointed team," Riley said. "But they have great resolve, and they'll be back

stronger than ever Sunday. I believe that ..."

The most important thing we have to do is analyze Friday's game and not talk about the game and clean our minds, rest, and conjure up the energy and disposition for Sunday."

For the Heat, the circumstances are hauntingly familiar. They were eliminated by New York in a winner-take-all Game 5 in Miami each of the past two years. Last season, when Allan Houston's shot bounced the Knicks' way in the final second.

Three years ago, the Heat eliminated New York in Game 7, also in Miami. Now, as the old song says, they'll take it to the limit one more time.



Rivalry revisited
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Flyers push Devils all the way to the brink

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. (AP) — The cries of "Bouche" and "Boo" said it all at the Philadelphia Flyers pushed the New Jersey Devils to the brink of playoff elimination again.

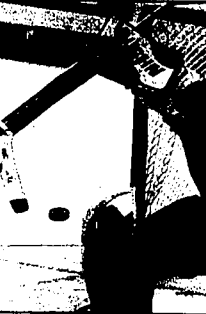
Brian Boucher stopped 24 shots in the Eastern Conference final.

Berube scored a rare playoff goal with 7:02 left in the third period as the Flyers beat the Devils 3-1 Saturday night for a 3-1 lead in the Eastern Conference finals.

The Flyers can wrap up their second trip to the Stanley Cup finals in four years by beating New Jersey in Philadelphia on Monday night.

Simon Gagne added an insurance goal for the Flyers, who have taken control of the series by winning three straight. Mark Recchi also scored for Philadelphia, which has been finding ways to win close games in this physical series between two evenly matched teams.

Bobby Holik scored for New



Philadelphia goalie Brian Boucher deflects the puck during Game 4 of the Eastern Conference finals against the New Jersey Devils in East Rutherford, N.J., Saturday.

to go, redirecting a great pass by defenseman Eric Desjardins past Brodeur, who had 18 saves.

Big mistakes led to the first two goals. Brodeur, who played poorly in the 4-2 loss in Game 3, set up Recchi's sixth goal of the playoffs with a horrible clearing pass from behind the net. He put the puck right on Gagne's stick along the left boards. Gagne immediately shot and Recchi, standing along the goal line, somehow tipped the puck over Brodeur's hip as he was trying to get his body flush against the goalpost.

The goal gave Recchi 16 points, tying him with Jaromir Jagr for most in the playoffs.

Boucher, outstanding in the last two games, made it appear that one goal was going to be enough for more than half the game. He kept the Devils off the scoreboard with nice stops on Brian Rafalski, Sergei Brylin and Jay Pandolfo in the first period. He also had good saves on Jason Arnott, Scott Gomez and Chris Kentus in the first 11 minutes of the second period before Keith Primeau betrayed him with a horrible cross-ice pass in his own zone.

Jersey, now facing another frustrating end to a playoff season after raising hopes it might have a shot at another Stanley Cup.

Berube crushed those hopes with only his third playoff goal in 86 games. Kent Manderville shot

Black, Barry take early lead at Candleridge

TWIN FALLS — Ted Black and Gordon Barry forged an early lead Saturday at the Candleridge Two-Person Best Ball, teaming for a six-under 56 headed into today's final round. Two shots back are Greg Hafer and Bill Saxton, while Tony Mannen and Kevin Jones remain in the hunt with a 59.

Dick Rees and Bob Skredrest are tied with Luke Malone and Ken Dunken at 49 in the net competition, while Pam and Gary Van Engelen and Dirk Martin and Beth Slight share low-round honors with matching 65s in the co-ed division. Cecil and Lisa Galley have a commanding co-ed net lead with a 47.

Play resumes today with the co-ed division teeing off at 9 a.m. in a shotgun start. The men's shotgun start is at 1 p.m.

Saksa holds first-round lead at Gooding Amateur

GOODING — Sun Valley's Brian Saksa holds a two-stroke lead after one round at the Gooding Amateur, shooting a 71 at the Gooding Golf Course Saturday.

Tied two strokes back in the championship flight are four golfers with matching 73s — Marc Rhoades, Roger Harris, Lynn Reiersgard and Murtaugh High School senior Brady Stanger. Dan Armstrong and James Kay lead the first flight with a pair of 75s, with Russ Arnold and Gary Daniel locked in a tie with a 79, while Bob Cordell is pacing the third flight with an 81. The championship flight leaders tee off today at 1:42.

Howa, Wood win Blue Lakes Men's Invitational

TWIN FALLS — Third-flight golfer Alan Howa and Jeff Wood won the two-day Blue Lakes Country Club Men's Invitational on Saturday, leading the field in the match play tournament.

Alan Swanson and John Singi won the first flight, with Larry Amen and Gary Burkett taking second. Ken Boer and Carl Sklavus tied with Dale Perkins and Merlye Perkins at the second flight, while Rich Alexander and Ed Mullick took second behind Howa and Wood in the third flight.

In the lower flights: Tim Andresen and Bill Burrola took fourth-flight honors; Ken Eick and Ted Applewell won the fifth flight; Ron Rogers and Whitey Simmons led the sixth flight; Dick Weatherill and Jack Jackson paced the seventh flight; Scott Standley and Dave McCollum

Badenduck, Undhjem lead ISGA; Pettit aces

TWIN FALLS — Sun Valley's Nils Badenduck and Twin Falls Virginia Undhjem led the way at the ISGA Senior Stroke Play Tournament on Saturday. Badenduck shooting a 69 in the Age 55-59 division and Undhjem firing a 78 to top the women's championship flight.

The two-day tourney continues today back at Canyon Springs Golf Course. Behind Badenduck are Walter Litzenberg (71) and Dave Cropper (73). Gary Jenkins shot a 70 to lead the Age 40-44 division by 13 strokes. In the 65-69 class, Johnny Everett shot a 74 to lead Jerome's Bob Parish by a stroke and Jim Nelson by four, while Bob Meanley's 79 leads the 70-and-over division by seven strokes.

Next closest in the women's championship flight is Canyon Springs' Lynda Wiered with an 81, while a pair of Eagle Hills golfers top the women's first flight — Gayle Lydston shot a 98, and Karen Moyer fired a 100.

But the shot of the day went to women's first-flighter Betty Pettit of Jerome.

She holed No. 11 from 116 yards out with a 5-iron, with Donna Donaldson and Mary Fulton as witnesses.

Former Minico star returns for hoops camp

RUPERT — Jim Boatwright, who graduated from Minico High School in 1970, will be back in the Minico area hosting a basketball camp June 12-16 for boys and girls in fifth-12th grade.

The camp will run from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., and cost is \$80. Space is filling up fast — for more information and to register, call Boatwright's mother in Rupert at 436-3920.

Minico basketball players welcome new coach

RUPERT — All boys interested in playing basketball next year at Minico High School are encouraged to meet newly hired coach Milton Graefe on May 25.

The meeting will be in the gym at 5 p.m. Coach Graefe will be introducing himself and discussing his summer program. Parents are encouraged to attend.

University of Idaho soccer adds two to squad

MOSCOW — Two new faces have joined the University of Idaho women's soccer team for the 2000 season.

Kim Carey, a goalkeeper from Oswego High School in Oregon, and midfielder Jamie Lewis of Eastlake High School in Redmond, Wash., both signed letters of intent this week. Both are seniors graduating this spring.

"We are really excited that both Kim and Jamie have decided to come to Idaho," said Vandals head coach Larry Foster.

Hoopsmart summer tournament invites entries

GLENN'S FERRY — The third annual Hoopsmart USA summer boys' basketball classic will be held July 6-15 and July 16-25 on the Haveland island of Oahu.

The tournaments will be held at the BYU-Hawaii campus. For more information, call Glenn's Ferry boys' basketball coach John Tucker at (208) 366-7434.

MF Arabian Horse Association hosts ride

HANSEN — All area equine riders are encouraged to participate in the Magical Moonlight Meander July 15 at dusk (or around 9:30 p.m.) at the North Cottonwood Creek area, 6.5 miles west of the Rock Creek Road at the base of the hills just south of Hansen.

The event is open to all equine-type animals and their riders. The road will be lit up by Gluecks and, hopefully, a full moon. For more information call Leslee Couch at 435-4053 in Rupert. Jan Petersen at 736-5996 in Twin Falls or Jan Weatherly at 934-9149 in Gooding.

The event is sponsored by the Magic Valley Arabian Horse Association, and a portion of the proceeds will go to benefit the Boys and Girls Clubs of Magic Valley.

Red Bullet upsets favorite in Preakness

BALTIMORE (AP) — Joe Orseno decided not to send Red Bullet after the Kentucky Derby roses. The black-eyed susan must have smelled just as sweet.

Red Bullet upset Fusaichi Pegasus at the Preakness on Saturday, meaning the Triple Crown drought will extend at least 23 years.

Orseno, Red Bullet's trainer, decided to skip the Derby after the chestnut colt finished 4.25 lengths behind Fusaichi Pegasus in the Wood Memorial on April 15 at Aqueduct.

"It just seemed like the right thing to do for the colt, and it paid off today," Orseno said.

With a crowd of 98,304 watching on a dismal, damp day at Pimlico, Red Bullet finished 3.75 lengths ahead of Fusaichi Pegasus, the 1-5 favorite.

"The strategy worked," said Frank Stronach, Red Bullet's owner.

Fusaichi Pegasus was an impressive winner in the Derby, his fifth straight victory, and he was trying to become the fourth consecutive Derby-Preakness winner. The 11th and last Triple Crown winner was Affirmed in 1978.

"Red Bullet is a very talented horse. I said that all along," said Neil Drysdale, Fusaichi Pegasus' trainer.

While the ultimate goal was the finish line, Red Bullet's jockey, Jerry Bailey, had another battle in his battle with Fusaichi Pegasus.

"I thought if I could beat him to the quarter pole, I probably could beat him to the wire," Bailey said. "And it turned out to be just that way."

Red Bullet was the first Preakness winner not to have started in the Derby since Deputed Testamony in 1963.

"We made the switch to Jerry because we knew Jerry knew how to rate," Orseno said. "And we had five weeks to school this horse to do just that. Everything turned out right for us. Give Frank Stronach all the credit you can."

"It was a tough decision to make on the Kentucky Derby, but you know we had a horse with a lot of talent and we knew to pick off spot and point for the 3-year-old championship," Orseno said.

Fusaichi Pegasus was the first Derby winner to be favored in the Preakness since Go for Gold finished second in 1994. He was the first odd-on favorite in the race since Easy Goer finished second at 3-5 in 1988. The last odd-on favorite to win was Spectacular Bid at 1-10 in 1979.

LOCAL SPORTS IN BRIEF

Compiled from staff reports.

SPORTS

Hailey racer settles in with famous Indy family

(Editor's Note: This is the first in a series of columns by Johnny Unser of Hailey, who is bidding to qualify for his fifth Indianapolis 500.)

By Johnny Unser Special to The Times News

I love coming to Indianapolis each year because the Indianapolis Motor Speedway means so much to the entire Unser family. It's taken so much away - it took my dad's life (Jerry Unser) - but it's given so much to the family. The Unseers have nine wins here and we are all working to try to get No. 10 this year. It's just awesome, having Al Junior (Robby Unser) back at Indy this year. Robby (cousin) is here, I'm here and Al Senior (uncle) is here. We all have our own motorsports parks together and it's just a neat feeling to have everybody here. Indy is something to the Unser family that is hard to explain. Some people can appreciate it until they've come to the Speedway and seen the changes and what the place is, they just can't quite understand what it really means to the Unseers. It's a special, it's a special place in the world. It's definitely a serious place. You have to have a tremendous amount of respect for it because you're going so fast. I really have a great opportunity this year. Indy Regency Racing asked me to drive for them. They



Johnny Unser

fielded a car for Aric Luyendyk in 1994 and have an extensive background in the Indy Lights series: Delco-Remy is on a board as our primary sponsor and MicroGrid.com is with us as well. A gentleman by the name of Tim Cook bought our car for us and Chuck Homier of Homier Tools (he's really been a big supporter of mine for a long time) is helping as well. Without all these people and without Sal Incandella of Indy Regency Racing putting all the pieces together, I wouldn't have this opportunity. There are a lot of people who have a lot invested in us.

This is the first year that I've come to Indy with a brand spankin' new race car. I can develop the car from the ground up, with the help of the team and from G-Force. It's taken a long time to get it all put together and we're really nine or ten days behind where other bigger teams are at the Speedway this month. Tuesday we shook the car down at around 214 miles an hour, getting the electronics figured out, getting all the systems on the car just let the car come to us and everything. Then, Wednesday we got up into the high 217's.

Unser, Hamilton fail to qualify Saturday

Unser's car is eighth in line, and Hamilton's car is 10th when qualifying begins today. Twenty-three drivers qualified Saturday for the May 28 classic.

I'm just taking it step by step and an comfortable with the car and where the team is going. Al Junior and I both drive a G-Force chassis. He's tested quite a bit and we get together a talk about what the car is doing. He's really been a big help to our team as far as the 'new car' aspect is concerned. Of course, he doesn't share all the little secrets about the car.

Having the support of the whole family really means a lot. I will get finished running the car and Al Senior will call or come by, asking how things are going, what we're going to do, what we did, and so on. He is one of my best friends!

I'm trying to take each day one step at a time. Rick Meach (four-time Indy winner) always said that you have to make the car work for you. You can't overdrive the car ... you can't make it do what it doesn't want. That's what my team and I are trying to do, just let the car come to us. Each day we've made a positive progression up the speed

chart. That's what it's all about, trimming the car and going faster. Qualifying started Saturday morning at 10 a.m. It's a big day, but I try to take it as just another run. We'll put on new tires and give it all it's got. Of course, the stakes are a lot higher, but that's why Indy is unlike any other place.

I'm also looking forward to getting back home to Idaho. I've lived there for nearly 15 years and almost feel like a local. I live up in Hailey and it's a special place where I can get away from everything. It seems to be busier and busier when I'm at home. I'm usually in my office working, but I can still get away for an hour or so to relax and go fly-fishing or mountain biking.

I have a lot of good friends there and when I get home we'll go fishing or hunting or snowmobiling. We have a great relationship. I'll ask them about their snowmobiles and they'll ask me about my race cars.

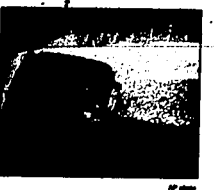
Earnhardt Jr. takes first in NASCAR all-star race

CONCORD, N.C. (AP) - Satisfied a day ago to even be included in the Winston, Dale Earnhardt Jr. became the first rookie to win NASCAR's all-star event Saturday night when he blew past Dale Jarrett with one lap to go.

Earnhardt was sixth when a multi-car collision brought out a caution with eight laps to go. He then told crew chief Tony Eury he couldn't win the car because he was driving and convinced him to give him four fresh tires.

The result was a much quicker car than the rest of the field, allowing Earnhardt to rapidly move through the traffic and pass Jarrett in turn four with one lap to go.

Earnhardt then easily pulled away to pick up a \$551,000 payout from the record \$2-million purse. "I was running real good, but we were light and I told Tony I needed four tires," Earnhardt said. "We sat there and thought about it and thought about it and finally said, 'We didn't come here to run second or third, let's take the tires.'"



John Andretti's car hits the wall in turn four during the first lap of the Winston all-star race at the Lowe's Motor Speedway in Concord, N.C., Saturday.

Authorities did not have an estimate of the number of people involved. Witnesses said bodies were lying on the ground and people were helping emergency workers attend to the injured.

Jarrett finished second, followed by Dale Earnhardt Sr., Jerry Nadeau and Jeff Burton. Earnhardt Sr., the only three-time winner in Winston history, raced to Victory Lane to congratulate his son. "I thought I could give Dale Jarrett some trouble and then I saw this kid running in 30 feet of my rear mirror and couldn't believe it," Earnhardt Sr. said. "He's just something else."

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SPORTS

Newly united Giambi brothers hit it off with the A's

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) — Jason Giambi watched from the bench as Jeremy Giambi followed his big brother's homer with one of his own three innings later.

As Jeremy rounded the bases, Jason got high-fives and fist bumps in the dugout from Oakland Athletics teammates. Then Jeremy crossed the plate to a second wave of congratulations, including a quick rap of the fists from his brother.

The two became the eighth set of brothers on the same team to homer in the same game, on May 8. And they did it in Anaheim, near their hometown of West Covina, in front of their parents and younger sister.

The whole family is relishing the brothers' first chance to play together.

"We're having a great time. We're having a ball," Jason said.

He played against his brother last season in Kansas City before Oakland united the two by trading for Jeremy in February and making him a reserve outfielder and designated hitter.

"It's nice to have somebody around to hang out with," Jason said. "We grew up with each other, watched each other's swings, so he can help me out a lot. We talk to each other all the time."

The good vibrations could soon

get even better.

Jason might be heading for his first All-Star game, hitting 16 home runs and driving in 47 runs going into the weekend, both AL highs.

After a shaky start that produced a 10-day demotion to the minors — and coincided with Jason's only slump of the season — Jeremy made 12 starts in row in right field for an ailing Matt Stairs and went 15-for-46 (.326) with two doubles, four homers and 17 RBIs.

"From the first day I went to Sacramento, I played well and put the pressure on them to call me back up," Jeremy said, referring to his stint in Triple A. "Since I've been back, I've had an opportunity to play every day and get in a little bit of a groove."

So has Jason. Following his brief slump (7-for-33, .212), he took off again, going 17-for-45 (.378) since his brother's return.

"Hey, if I'm the reason, hopefully I can stay up here the rest of the year and watch him have an unbelievable year," Jeremy said with a laugh.

When he got called back up on May 5, Jeremy moved back in with Mark McGwire's first rented digs in nearby Hayward. They take turns driving each other to the ballpark, typically hitting a



Oakland player Jason Giambi, left, and his brother Jeremy Giambi sign autographs before the game Wednesday against the Kansas City Royals at Oakland, Calif. The two brothers were traded in a preseason trade and are relishing their first chance to play together.

drive-through restaurant on the way, and often going out on the town together for dinner afterward. They've also bought a house in Las Vegas where they plan to live in the offseason.

"For the most part, we do every-

thing together, and in a way I feel like a kid again," Jeremy said.

Because of their age difference — Jason is 29, Jeremy 25 — they didn't play together on the same teams while growing up.

Jeremy said he has a new appreciation for his brother's skills now that he sees them every day.

"He's gotten better every year and hopefully, if I get my opportunity to play every day, I can get up some numbers too," Jeremy said.

Jason said Jeremy's time will come.

"He's his own player and someday, he's going to achieve that when he becomes an everyday player," Jason said.

Since rejoining the A's, Jeremy has established himself as the top outfield reserve. His new found consistency at the plate has also led to stints as designated hitter in place of injured John Jaha.

That's what general manager Billy Beane envisioned when he made the trade for the younger Giambi. "This wasn't about nepotism. The kid can flat-out hit," said.

Given the nature of baseball and economics, the brothers aren't looking very far ahead for their future on the same team. But they'll enjoy it while it lasts.

"We're making a lot of great memories," Jeremy said. "Our family gets to come up and see us at the same time instead of going to different cities, so it's easier on them. It's just been fun and exciting from the first day of spring training until now and hopefully it will continue for the rest of the year."

Nelson walks winning run across for Tribe

CLEVELAND (AP) — Jeff Nelson walked four in the ninth inning, forcing home the winning run with a two-out pass to Roberto Alomar as the Cleveland Indians finally bested the New York Yankees, rallying for a 3-2 win Saturday.

Pinch-runner Jobert Cabrera



Seattle's Ricky Henderson watches the path of his first-inning, first-at-bat home run against the Tampa Bay Devil Rays Saturday in Seattle.

American League

scored the winning run when Nelson (6-1) lost his control in the ninth, throwing 14 balls among his final 14 pitches, including a wild pitch.

Richie Sexson homered in the seventh for the Indians, who rallied to snap a five-game losing streak at Jacobs Field against New York.

Paul Shuey (3-1) struck out two in the ninth for the win.

Tigers 2, Red Sox 1

BOSTON — Juan Gonzalez hit a tiebreaking homer in the sixth inning as Detroit got past Boston.

Boston had beaten the Tigers in five of six games this year, pitching shutouts in three of them.

Gonzalez, the first batter reliever Tim Wakefield (1-3) faced, hit his eighth homer. The shot cleared the screen above the left-field wall.

Dave Mikeli (2-5) posted his second win after dropping his first five starts. He gave up one out and three hits in 5 1/3 innings.

Devil Rays 4, Mariners 3

SEATTLE — Ricky Henderson hit a home run in his first at-bat

Rob Ramsay (0-1) allowed two runs in 1 2/3 innings in the loss.

Twins 3, Athletics 0

OAKLAND, Calif. — Eric Milton pitched three-hit ball for eight innings and Minnesota beat Oakland for its third straight victory.

Minnesota's Brian Buchanan had three hits in his second major league game. The Athletics lost their fifth in a row.

Milton (3-1) struck out seven and walked two. Eddie Guardado finished with a perfect ninth for his second save.

Mark Mulder (2-1) lost for the first time in seven career starts after allowing three runs — one earned — on seven hits in seven innings.

White Sox 6, Blue Jays 2

TORONTO — James Baldwin pitched a complete game seven-hitter for his eighth straight victory as Chicago beat Toronto.

Craig Wilson went 3-for-4 with three runs scored and Frank Thomas was 3-for-3 for the White Sox, who have won five of six.

Baldwin (7-0), who won his final decision last season, is tied for the major league lead in victories. He's now 15 of his last 17 decisions.

The right-hander struck out three and walked none — he went to three balls on just two batters — for his second complete game of the season.

Toronto's David Wells (7-2), pitching on his 37th birthday, allowed six runs on 10 hits in 3 1/3 innings. Wells (7-2) entered with a birthday record of 30 and a 1.01 ERA.

National League

Cardinals 19, Pirates 4

PITTSBURGH — The St. Louis Cardinals hit three more homers, giving them an NL-leading 88, to beat Pittsburgh in their highest-scoring game since 1977.

The Cardinals scored seven runs in the eighth, highlighted by Mark McGwire's three-run double, and five more in the ninth off Pirates utilityman Keith Osler, who yielded a two-run homer to Thomas Howard an inning after hitting a two-run homer himself.

The 19 runs were the most by the Cardinals since they scored 21 against the Cubs in 1977. Mike Matheny and Fernando Vina also homered for St. Louis.

Dodgers 12, Marlins 6

MIAMI — Gary Sheffield hit a grand slam to dead center field against his former team, capping off the Los Angeles Dodgers' win over the Florida Marlins.

Eric Karros homered and drove in three runs as the Dodgers won their fourth in a row. Shawn Green had a triple, double and single for Los Angeles. Carlos Perez (4-2), who entered the game with a 7.40 ERA in five road starts, pitched six innings. Brad Penny (3-6)

gave up four runs in three innings and left because of lower back spasms.

Brewers 7, Giants 0

MILWAUKEE — Jose Hernandez's grand slam capped a six-run first inning as the Milwaukee Brewers sent San Francisco to its eighth straight loss.

Jeff D'Amico (2-1) made a remarkable return to County Stadium, allowing four hits over seven shutout innings in his first start in Milwaukee since Sept. 27, 1997. After missing all but one inning of the last two seasons with shoulder problems, he has allowed one earned run in three starts this year for a 0.43 ERA.

Milwaukee won its third straight. Six of the Brewers' first seven hitters of the game reached base against Mark Gardner (2-2).

Expos 8, Astros 7

MONTREAL — Randall White tied a team record with three doubles and Peter Bergeron homered as the Montreal Expos held off the Houston Astros.

Hieldel Tabu (2-3) allowed six hits and three runs in six innings for his first victory in his last seven starts. Tabu also drove in a run for the first time in his career with a single in the second inning.

SPORTS IN BRIEF

IRL wins qualifying battle at Indy prelims

INDIANAPOLIS — If you want to call Saturday's pole qualifying for the Indianapolis 500 the first showdown between America's rival open-wheel series, the Indy Racing League won.

Greg Ray, the defending IRL champion, knocked Juan Montoya, the 1999 CART champ and an Indy rookie, off the top qualifying spot for the May 28 race.

Montoya, the 24-year-old Colombian, set the early pace, making it look easy as he averaged 223.372 mph on his four-lap qualifying run at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway. He never came close to the speedway's menacing concrete walls, which collected six cars Saturday during practice and qualifying. All the drivers involved escaped injury.

Dallas Stars coach shakes up team's look

DENVER — Call it a motivational play or one of simple desperation.

After watching his team score three goals in the first three games of the Western Conference finals, Dallas Stars coach Ken Hitchcock appears poised to shuffle his line combinations for Game 4 today against the Colorado Avalanche.

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Houston takes Grainger 200 NASCAR pole

FOUNTAIN, Colo. — Andy Houston, coming off accident-marred finishes in his last two NASCAR Craftsman Truck Series starts, took the pole position Saturday for today's Grainger 200.

Houston, a two-time winner this year, won the pole in the pole standings, had a record lap of 133.442 mph in his Chevrolet on the mile oval at Pikes Peak International Raceway. He broke the record of 132.827 set last year by Mike Bliss.

Ayala to box featherweight champ

FORT WORTH, Texas — Negotiations for a fight between WBA bantamweight champion Paulee Ayala and WBO featherweight champion "Prince" Nemen Hamed are nearly complete.

During a Friday night news show in Fort Worth, Ayala's manager, Lester Bedford, told the crowd that a deal for the fight was 90 percent done, according to promoter Bob Arum. Hamed is a major draw among lower-weight fighters. Known for his flamboyant ring entrances and two-listed punching power, the British fighter quickly became popular in the United States after making his American debut two years ago.

Dragons edge Admirals in NFL Europe

BARCELONA, Spain — Cory Sauter threw a touchdown pass and Terry Battle added a 35-yard scoring run as the Barcelona Dragons beat the Amsterdam Admirals 21-16 on Saturday in NFL Europe.

Sauter threw a 38-yard touchdown pass to Eddie Conti in the first quarter, and the Dragons (3-3) took a 14-0 lead on Battle's TD run early in the second quarter.

Amsterdam (3-3) rallied in the fourth quarter on Bashly Levington's 89-yard kickoff return, and Ron Powlis' 16-yard scoring pass to Jason Shelly.

Seles rolls into Italian finals

ROME (AP) — A determined Monica Seles rolled into the Italian Open tennis final with a straight-set, 54-minute win Saturday over Corina Morariu of the United States.

Without the mental lapses of her three-set quarterfinal win, Seles disposed of the unseeded Morariu, 6-3, 6-1, the same result as their only previous meeting earlier this year at Amelia Island.

No. 5 seed Seles hit 17 winners, moving her opponent around the red-clay court with deep groundstrokes and an occasional dropshot.

Morariu, ranked 43rd in the WTA standings, committed 22 errors on the way to losing the final two games without a point.

Seles will face France's Amelie Mauresmo, who advanced to the final with a persuasive 6-1, 6-2 win over Fabiola Zuluaga of Colombia.

Mauresmo, the No. 12 seed, rolled over the unseeded Zuluaga, who appeared tired after a tough three-set quarterfinal win the night before.

The 20-year-old, preparing for the French Open, lost just one set en route to the finals of the Rome clay-court tournament.

Kuerten-Safin showdown set in Hamburg

HAMBURG, Germany — After losing two Masters Series finals earlier this year, Gustavo Kuerten hopes he will get lucky at the third time.

To do that and win the German Open, Kuerten will have to beat Marat Safin, a player he has never defeated before in three matches.

Safin, a 20-year-old Russian, ousted defending champion Marcelo Rios in Saturday's semifinals, winning 7-5 (8), 6-2 after saving three set points.

An Open Letter To Idahoans From Judge Eismann

Dear Fellow Idahoans,

I am a candidate for the Idaho Supreme Court in the upcoming election on May 23, 2000. The Idaho Constitution provides for the election of Supreme Court Justices because the framers of the Constitution realized that allowing the people to elect justices was less partisan than having those justices appointed. They also realized that elections are the best way to hold judges accountable. The people of Idaho have the right to choose their justices based upon the judicial philosophies of those justices.

My philosophy is straightforward. I believe that judges must interpret the Constitution and statutes as written according to the intent of the drafters, and then apply that law to the facts to reach a result. We do not need activist judges who legislate from the bench in order to promote their own agendas.

I also believe that the judicial system must hold criminals accountable for their conduct while seeking effective ways to rehabilitate offenders.

This election is important. The Supreme Court will be asked to decide many issues critical to Idaho in the coming years. Let your voice be heard and vote on May 23, 2000.

Sincerely,
Daniel T. Eismann



JUDGE DAN EISMANN IDAHO SUPREME COURT

JUDICIAL EXPERIENCE

- 1995 - Governor Phil Batt appointed him a district judge in Ada County.
- 1999 - Fellow district judges elected Judge Eismann as the Administrative District Judge for the Fourth Judicial District.
- 1986-1995 - Magistrate Judge of Owyhee County.

EDUCATION

- Graduated cum laude - University of Idaho College of Law, May 1976.
- Graduated - University of Idaho, May 1973.

DECORATED WAR VETERAN

- Served two tours of duty in Vietnam earning two Purple Hearts for being wounded in combat & three medals for heroism.
- Member of the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars and the National Rifle Association.

CIVIC CONTRIBUTIONS

- Eismann helped create and presides over the Ada County Drug Court successfully turning nonviolent drug users into productive citizens.
- Eismann helped to create "Children's Voices, Inc." to serve neglected and abused children.

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Turn to the last page of the ballot

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PERSONAL FINANCE

Graduates face money matters

The old ballgame has taken a change

The Bottom Line
Days away from graduating, University of Maryland senior Matthew Leadman is embarking on a financial education. As he waits for a job offer, he's mulling over his \$4,000 credit-card debt, a car lease that expires in January and rent in the Washington suburbs that will be at least double the \$300 he pays now. On top of that, his parents told him his health insurance will expire soon.

an employer's plan quickly. New grads planning to travel abroad should make sure their health insurance covers them in foreign countries, experts said. If you're going to work, you may be offered life and disability insurance. Life is nice, but disability is far more important to young adults who have no one dependent on their incomes but themselves, Hankin said. If you're injured and unable to work for a prolonged period, long-term disability insurance often will pay 60 percent to 70 percent of your salary while you're laid up until age 65. If they haven't done so, students should get their own car insurance policies, said Shaun Eddy, a financial planner in Columbia, Md. Not only will this keep parents' insurance rates from skyrocketing if an accident is an accident, but it will prevent the other driver from going after the party with the deepest pockets, the parents, Eddy said.

It history or a poor record at paying bills may need parents to co-sign a car loan or apartment lease. If parents do this, they will be on the hook if the child reneges on payments. "I would encourage parents to explore every alternative before co-signing," said Richard Flaherty, president of College Parents of America, a Washington association. "This is a time where you do want the student or new graduate to start establishing himself or herself as financially independent. If you do co-sign, you are holding up that process." Among the alternatives to co-signing is for the graduate to take public transportation or buy an inexpensive used car instead of taking out a new-car loan, he said.

director of the University of Maryland's Career Center. When negotiating a salary, graduates should compile a list of expenses, including future student-loan payments, to figure out how much money they will need, experts said. Don't forget to factor in benefits when weighing offers. "For a student married and with children, receiving a wonderful health package can offset a lower salary," Kenyon said.

NEW YORK (AP) - If you fail to comprehend the logic, if you of today's investor marketplace, where earnings don't matter and volatility is routine, you are not alone. In fact, you have very good company, the likes of Warren Buffett, George Soros and Julian Robertson, equal in their particular calling to the likes of Hank Aaron, Babe Ruth and Joe DiMaggio in baseball. Buffett, Soros and Robertson made their living not in sports but in money, and all three made it in the business. Hall of Fame numbers even in an age when some investors lose that much in a day. All three were trained in the old school, where you measure the possibilities of hitting big by means of time-tested standards, such as price-earnings ratios, growth rates and management.

stand the behavior of high-tech stocks and wasn't particularly interested in risking the money of his business, Berkshire Hathaway, on them. Berkshire Hathaway suffered for it, underperforming the general market last year before showing gains recently. Earlier this year, Robertson, whose profitbillion Tiger Fund had shrunk to a fraction of its former size, announced he was closing it down, conceding he was out of touch with the times. And within the past week, and after performing poorly this year, Longfint side G e o Druckenmiller resigned from Soros' \$8.2 billion Quantum Fund, and Soros said he would take a less risky approach. While they differed in specifics, all three shared a deep belief that markets were efficient and predictable, as they were perceived to be in the past. They may not have been as efficient as believed, but at least you could assess some degree of risk and take a chance. When new stocks departed from the old standards, old-time investors avoided them. For a time, but the lure of stocks that rose simply because they were rising was enticing. Even the best of the old school were lured into the trap.

Colleges will churn out thousands of graduates this month, and for some, such as Leadman, the financial realities of the real world are quickly setting in. Some schools try to prepare seniors for this by offering seminars on money management. College officials and financial experts say these are some of the issues facing new grads and their parents.

Colleges offer temporary health coverage for graduates, said seniors should check to see if their benefits are available to them, experts said. New grads also may be eligible to extend their parents' coverage under COBRA for up to 18 months, said Harriet Hamkin, an employee-benefits consultant in Malvern, Pa. "But that's an expensive way to go," Hankin said, adding that grads are better off getting onto

Taxes
Who gets the tax deduction when young adults are supported by parents part of the year and self-supporting the rest? Parents providing more than half of a child's cost of living for the year are entitled to take the deduction. If a parent makes less than \$250,000, it is almost always advantageous for the parent to claim the exemption," said Matthew Wagner, an accountant in Annapolis, Md. For example, for parents in the 28 percent tax bracket, the deduction is worth \$770 in real dollars compared with \$412 for a child who is taxed at the 15 percent rate. At incomes of \$250,000 and above, parents lose the benefits of the exemptions and the child is better off claiming the deduction, he said.

Student loans
About half of college grads leave school with debt. Among those, graduates of public colleges owe an average \$11,950 and their counterparts at private schools owe \$14,290, according to the American Council on Education. Generally, student-loan payments take six months after leaving school. If graduates have extra cash, they should put it toward paying down the loan with the highest interest rate or the one that starts accumulating interest the earliest, recommended Deborah Voso, a financial planner in Frederick, Md., whose daughter recently graduated from law school with about \$45,000 in debt. Those entering fields where companies are fiercely competing for workers should ask prospective employers if they would help pay student loans, Voso said.

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Volatility that pushes a stock to the heavens and then plunges it to the depths is hardly the environment for old-time investors, as opposed to speculators. Anticipating a fastball and getting a curve, not knowing when the strike zone is supposed to be, and uncertain about the umpiring, they strike out.

Legal matters
New grads and their roommates need to realize that whoever's name is on the lease and utilities is liable for the bills, said Alma Ferro, associate director of the Career Center at the College of Notre Dame of Maryland. Roommates may want to see if a landlord will allow more than one name on the lease to spread the responsibility, she said. Graduates with no job, no cred-

Compensation
Salaries for new graduates this year range in the upper 20s for education and nonprofit jobs to the high 20s for technical work, said Mark Kenyon, program

Saving and Investing
It's hard for new grads to secure saving with real estate security deposit, new work clothes and student loans bearing down. "It's never too soon to start planning for the future. Even if it can only be \$10," Ferro said. Financial experts recommend that young workers participate in an employer's 401(k) plan, or a Roth Individual Retirement Account.

their employees become wealthy by offering options on the company's stock instead of cash bonuses. These stock-option programs allow employees to buy their company's highly valued stock at a discounted price and sell it later for a profit. Many of these stock-market millionaires eventually cash out and launch their own companies. Stock options, however, stay meaty only as long as the company's stock price maintains its lift. With Kingston, the bonuses may have been smaller than those provided by some rivals, but they were in cash. With each round of bonuses, Tu and Sun advised their growing staff to spend the money wisely. Most did. Some bought houses or paid off college debt. Others became parents or loved ones who were in financial need. Many saved it, dreaming of starting their own companies. But the money, while abundant, by its very nature often not enough to bootstrap a new business.

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Company helps workers become own bosses

Multimillionaires see employees take flight

Los Angeles Times
FOUNTAIN VALLEY, Calif. - At a time when many companies think that top executives are leaving to start new ventures, one firm is actually encouraging it. Not only that, the founders of Kingston Technology Corp. will provide financial bonuses to employees who want to go out on their own. John Tu and David Sun became multimillionaires when they sold some chunks of the company, which makes memory chips, in 1996 and made headlines worldwide when they decided to share \$100 million of the windfall with their employees. Now they are using their personal and corporate fortunes to give employees of the Orange County company whatever they need to start their own ventures. Legal help. Business advice. Money - either a little seed money or a majority investment. Even office space. Kingston has some kind of perk for the employees to give the fledgling companies a place to operate. It doesn't matter how long a worker has been at Kingston. It doesn't matter how much the start-up have to do with technology, if anything at all. Each dream is considered viable, said Tu, so far as the proposal has some kind of merit and the employee is passionate about it. "I don't know of any other business that's doing anything close to this," said Brad Jones, a management director for the venture capital firm Redpoint Ventures, based in Menlo Park, Calif. "To say it's unusual is an understatement." So far, at least five efforts have sprung over the last year or so: A venture capital firm,

Synapse Capital, formed by two former Kingston finance officials, will invest in the start-ups of companies and also handles Tu's and Sun's personal investments. An online firm, Personal.com, which lets people rent their own fax and other applications for a small fee. An Internet e-commerce company, Kingpin.com, which remains shrouded in "start-up secrecy." A one-man film production house, 1-Tu-3, which recently screamed its first movie. And a book in progress about the black community around the world, by a young photographer who is a former Kingston employee. "It's the natural evolution of business," said Tu, 58, an engineer by training who immigrated to the United States from Taiwan. "People come here young and energetic. As they mature, they change jobs and learn new things. After a time, you do reach a point where you can't keep people interested." "David and I would rather help people find their own path - even if it's not at Kingston - than leave the Kingston family altogether." As for the money, Kingston supplies memory products to major personal-computer manufacturers, and memory boards that boost the performance of older machines. Sun and Tu attracted attention worldwide four years ago, when their unorthodox and benevolent way of doing business made their employees the envy of workers everywhere. After selling 80 per-

cent of their company to Japanese conglomerate Softbank Corp. for \$1.5 billion in cash and stock, the two set aside \$100 million to share with Kingston's then-employees, numbering roughly 450 at the time. A year later, in a remarkable move, the two decided to forgo the final \$333 million that Softbank owed them on the purchase of Kingston. Instead, Tu and Sun initiated a reworking of the Softbank deal, although the firm had no contractual obligation to do so. Then, last summer, the duo used the cash proceeds from the 1996 sale to buy back their company for \$450 million - a third of the original price. Tu said the buyback, which had been in the works for more than a year, reflected both an industry-wide change in the demand price of the memory products that Kingston makes, and Softbank's interest in focusing on Internet companies. The underlying reason of the buyback, Tu said, was to protect the interests of Kingston's nearly 1,400 employees. And industry analysts say that the pair worked with another employer might not treat the workers so well. Of the \$100 million they set aside in 1996, \$78 million has been given to workers in the form of bonuses, which for some amounted to three times their annual salaries. Other U.S. companies - from Microsoft to the scores of Internet firms that have launched hot initial public offerings in the last couple of years - have helped

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R&D workshop is set for Idaho Falls

The Three-Hours
IDAHO FALLS - A Research and Development Partnership Workshop will be held May 31 and June 1 in Idaho Falls. Sponsors are the Idaho Innovation Center, Bechtel BWXT and the Idaho Small Business Development Center. The workshop will focus on federally funded Small Business Innovation Research grants avail-

able to small businesses and individuals who are older machines. Sun and Tu attracted attention worldwide four years ago, when their unorthodox and benevolent way of doing business made their employees the envy of workers everywhere. After selling 80 per-

workshop agenda is available on the Idaho Innovation Center's Internet site. Cost is \$29 per person, which includes a dinner, lunch and conference materials. Preregistration is required, call (888) 828-3989. For more information, call Hank Ricks or Rick Rives at (208) 523-1026 or send e-mail to hanka@lictr.com or ricks@lictr.com

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21st Street Gas & Grocery, McBride Insurance Co., P.O. Box 358, Heyburn, ID 83336, retail trade.

8/Wood Construction Co., James Wood, 1150 N. 1250 E., Richfield, ID 83349, construction.

A-1 Salvage Auto Sales, Carroll Gunnerson, 100 E. 128 S., Rupert, ID 83350, retail/wholesale trade.

ABC Computer Services Inc., Shirley L. Henning, 3128 Highlawn, Twin Falls, ID 83301.

Advantage Agronomy Inc., Matt B. Payton, 1891 S. 500 W., Oakley, ID 83346, crop business, consulting, irrigation.

Ashley Furniture Home Storage — Twin Falls, Wilson Bates Appliance Stores, 102 Main Ave., Twin Falls, ID 83301, retail trade.

Air Quality Services Inc., Gery Sipe, 763 Campus Drive, Twin Falls, ID 83301.

Airwest Appraisals, Gina M. Goas, 200 S. Lincoln Ave., Oakley, ID 83346, services.

Aspen Consulting Group LLC, Byron McCurdy, 1904 Candleridge Drive, Twin Falls, ID 83301.

Aspen Sounds, Kahlan Williams, 252 Madison, Twin Falls, ID 83301, services.

Atlas Solar and Security Films, Michael Gray, 806 Pine St., Bellevue, ID 83313, services.

B & T Farming, an Idaho partnership, Brian Olmstead, 3165 E. 3500 N., Twin Falls, ID 83301, agriculture.

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Balancing Touch Massage Therapy, Kendall M. Lutz, P.O. Box 2527, Halley, ID 83333.

Bat Inc., Linda S. Brittan, 362 Second Ave. S., Twin Falls, ID 83301.

BJS Insurance, Kees Breeding, 1711 Overland Ave., Burley, ID 83318, finance, insurance, real estate.

Blaine County Bull Bonds, American Eagle Inc., 4048 The Buffs at Elkhorn, Sun Valley, ID 83353, finance, insurance, real estate.

Bob's Automotive & Tire Supplies, Bob Hyde, 729 Commercial Ave., Twin Falls, ID 83301, retail, wholesale.

Buddha Burgers Inc., M. Lynn Dunlap, 415 Addison Ave., Twin Falls, ID 83301.

Bulldog Security Services Inc., Hyong K. Pak, 219 Third Ave. E., Twin Falls, ID 83301.

Burks Excavation, Beau Burks, P.O. Box 188, Bellevue, ID 83333, construction.

Burton Construction, Burt Wright, 122 Four Mile Road, Shoshone, ID 83355, retail trade, construction.

Can The Vietnamese Restaurant, Charlie Luong Don, 3671 Woodside

Bldg. Halley, ID 83333, retail trade.

Cartledge, Michael F. Dorsey, P.O. Box 2618, Sun Valley, ID 83333.

Center for Advanced Pelvic and Reconstructive Surgery, Dr. David R. Haddock, 335 Martin Street, Twin Falls, ID 83301, services.

Chaborn Ranch, Jeff Chaborn, P.O. Box 95, Albon, ID 83211, agriculture.

Clear Creek Land Co. LLC, Miguel Goliard, 103 S. Clear Creek, Ketchum, ID 83340.

Clear Creek Real Estate LLC, Heidi Baldwin, 105 Irene Drive, Ketchum, ID 83340.

Clear Creek LLC, George R. Kirk, 333 S. Main, Suite 210, Ketchum, ID 83340.

Coldwell Banker Nannini Realty, Nannini Realty Inc., 1821 Addison Ave. E., Suite 2, Twin Falls, ID 83301, finance, insurance, real estate.

Connor Creek Diesel, Mike Tracy, 503 S. 18th, Rupert, ID 83350, services.

The Council Circle Foundation Inc., Richard K. Lum, 1121 Wolfone Drive, Halley, ID 83333, educational, promote wellness/community.

Crowley Construction and Landscaping, Stanley L. Crowley, 476 Maurice St. N., Twin Falls, ID 83301, services, construction.

Curry Crane Inc., Brent D. Huddleston, 3894 N. 2500 E., Filer, ID 83330.

D & L Farms, Leanne Stanger, 4850 E. 3400 N., Murtagh, ID 83344, agriculture.

Darcy's Learning Garden, Darcy A. Van Steeland, P.O. Box 6792, Ketchum, ID 83340, services.

Darwin Neilbar Farms, a partnership, June Neilbar, 469 W. 1000 N., Rupert, ID 83350, agriculture.

David M. Festa PC, David M. Festa, 517 E. Lake, No. 3, Jerome, ID 83338.

Deette Lindberg Designers LTD., Deette L. Lindberg, 418-N. River St., Halley, ID 83333.

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Desert Edge Inc., J. Dennis Koyle, 1500 S. Gooding, ID 83330.

Double Quarter Circle, Brian Bott, 556 N. 2000 E., Rupert, ID 83350, agriculture.

Downtown Counseling & Play Therapy Center P.A., Connie O'Marra, 3125 Overland Ave. E., Twin Falls, ID 83301, counseling services.

Draggins Tails, Mindy Mays, 114 Second Ave., Halley, ID 83333, wholesale, retail.

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Exotica, Steve Kent, P.O. Box 536, Sun Valley, ID 83353, retail/wholesale trade.

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First Choice Hospice Inc., Jacquelyn S. Brown, 147 Main Ave. E., Twin Falls, ID 83301, hospice services, supplies and service.

First Light Acupuncture Inc., Mary M. Gevon, 110 First St., No. 203, Ketchum, ID 83340.

Flower Mountain Design, Alexandria Warford, P.O. Box 3002, Ketchum, ID 83340, agriculture, wholesale trade.

Frame That Smiles, Jennifer Bolaver, 207 Buckingham Drive, Twin Falls, ID 83301.

Free Again Ministries Inc., Jane Fryer, 850 N. 100 W., Rupert, ID 83350.

Functional Ingredients Research Inc., Ewan Y.W. Ha, 1850 Bitterroot Drive, Twin Falls, ID 83301.

GIEB Properties LLC, Gregory B. Hargrave, 217 Bluebell Road, Sun Valley, ID 83350.

GG Custom Tailoring, Gigi Contardo, 619 Second Ave. N., Twin Falls, ID 83301, services.

Good Herb Finder, Wei Fen Zhou Biehele, P.O. Box 3413, Ketchum, ID 83340, wholesale trade.

Gooding Photo Packers, Larry Kimmes, 1412 S. 2200 E., Gooding, ID 83330, wholesale trade, agriculture.

Goitia Ketchum Allsports Photography, Hillary Mayberry, P.O. Box 5196, Ketchum, ID 83340.

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Green Side LLC, Dwayne R. Wagstaff Jr., 3146 Woodridge Drive, Twin Falls, ID 83301.

H & E Enterprises LLC, Scott Earle, 341 S. 220 W., Jerome, ID 83338.

HHF Feed Inc., Thomas Lee Judd, 355 W. 400 S., Heyburn, ID 83336.

Halley Ice and Road Fairfax, 14 E. Elm St., Halley, ID 83333.

Handyman Andy Lawrance Handyman Services, Andy Anderson, 538 Monroe Street, Twin Falls, ID 83301, services.

Hanscraft Custom Interiors, Vicki Hanson, 361 W. 100 S., Rupert, ID 83350, manufacturing.

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Hyde's Auto Body & Paint, James Hyde, P.O. Box 154, Richfield, ID 83349, services.

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Intermountain Commodities Co. LLC, Don McFarland, 450 Falls Ave., Twin Falls, ID 83301.

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Lindie Borton MD, FA, Lindie Borton, 180 First St. W., No. 303, Ketchum, ID 83340.

Loganberry Cottage Enterprises Stamps & Scrapbooks & Such LLC, Julia Jordan, 5711-A N. 2700 E., Twin Falls, ID 83301.

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Lucky Bucks Emporium, Benjamin E. Park, 1200 Oakley Ave., Burley, ID 83318, retail trade.

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Cellular phone users get the runaround from providers

Chicago Tribune

Victor Taylor started shopping for a new wireless phone carrier after he was charged \$18 for a single call while on a trip to New York.

His new carrier doesn't charge for long-distance calls or calls made outside its home service area.

"It's ridiculous how much those added fees raised the cost," said the Evanston, Ill., resident. "That energized my efforts to get a new deal."

Taylor's switch marked the fourth time in eight years he has jumped from one wireless company to another. He says price and service have improved every time.

Taylor is a proven example of how cut-throat competition in the wireless industry has benefited customers. He also illustrates how tough it is for carriers to hold onto those customers and make money.

Insiders say wireless carriers are particularly vulnerable to losing customers, a process they call churn. Even though the wireless business is booming, analysts say profits elude many carriers because they cannot retain customers long enough to cover their costs.

Cahners In-Stat Group, a market research firm, estimates that the wireless industry will sign up 20 million new customers by the end of this year, but that 31 million existing customers will leave their old carrier in favor of a new one. That's a churn rate of more than 150 percent—the second year in a row it has been so high.

"The industry is awash in data on churn," said Ken Berman, an analyst for Cahners. "The problem is that not enough is being done to fight churn because most carriers are too busy acquiring new customers and building infrastructure."

On average, it costs \$350 to \$400 for a wireless carrier to gain a new customer, Hyers said. But that customer will spend only \$400 to \$500 a year on cell phone service.

"It takes a year just to make enough money from your average subscriber to break even," he said. "So if you lose that customer at 12 months or 14 months, you're not really making any money."

U.S. wireless carriers lose one-fourth to one-third of their subscribers each year, and customers have little loyalty to their wireless phone carrier, research shows.

A survey in February by Peter D. Hart Research Associates found that only about half of wireless customers felt much loyalty to their carrier—less brand loyalty than they felt for their toothpaste.

In fact, most don't even know the name of the carrier, said Jeff Kohler, chief executive of Reasonware.com, an online wireless phone marketer.

"They think in terms of the company that makes the phone, not the one that supplies the service to make it work," he said. "They'll say they have a Motorola or a Nokia phone instead of naming the carrier."

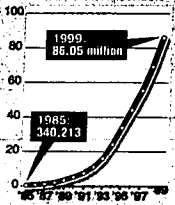
Today, about half the wireless customers aren't happy with their service and are poised to switch because of what they perceive as poor service, Kohler said.

"Five years ago people thought it was just neat that you could drive in your car and make a call at all," he said. "They accepted that sometimes you'd lose the signal or get cut off. They accepted

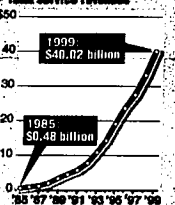
Going wireless

Many cellular telephone providers are not making money, despite signing new customers, because of the high costs of building a network and attracting new customers, despite with more competitive rates.

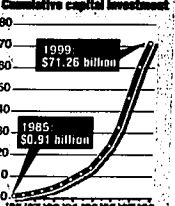
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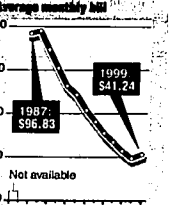
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—Average monthly bill



Source: NCTA Wireless.com
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having to pay high rates."

And in the days when most markets had only two cell phone carriers, churn didn't matter much because customers just bounced back and forth between the two. Until the end of 1996 Chicago residents, for example, could only choose between Cellular One and Ameritech.

But since the Federal Communications Commission opened up more radio spectrum for wireless phone service five years ago, options have markedly expanded.

Prices for handsets and per-minute phone charges have plummeted, and customers now

expect that wireless service will be as clear and reliable as wire-line connections.

"When someone gets a dropped call now, he's upset," Kohler said. "People have been conditioned to think wireless is as good as wireline and we're still three to five years away from that. So customers are ripe for churn."

Most wireless phone managers say their first line of defense against losing customers is to improve service and pricing plans. A few also mention deals designed to draw churn.

Kohler, who once worked for AT&T Wireless, said wireless carriers employ computer models that predict to the month when a specific customer is likely to bolt.

"The trick is to contact that customer a month or two before he's most vulnerable and offer him an inducement to stay," Kohler said. "Maybe you give him a bunch of free minutes or upgrade his phone."

In fact, AT&T Wireless did that earlier this month for its One Rate customers, the higher-end customer tier that most carriers are offering those customers 200 extra free calling minutes a month for six months—if they agree to continue as One Rate customers for at least one year, he said.

One satisfied One Rate customer is George Vlasis, an Oak Lawn, Ill., real estate agent who logs about 50 hours a month on his wireless phone. "I use the phone for my business and to keep in touch with my (grown) children," Vlasis said. "It really keeps our family together. I left the carrier I'd had for years because they didn't offer digital service and I wanted digital."

All the new competitors provide all-digital service, which typically provides free services such as Caller ID and voice mail. But while being digital may help win a new customer, it may not be enough by itself to keep a customer.

Sprint PCS has won converts from other wireless carriers and is the fastest-growing wireless company.

Sprint also has the industry's highest churn rate, losing about 4 percent of its customers a month last year, analysts said.

That is now down to 3 percent a month and falling, which is still above the industry average.

One explanation, says Sprint spokesman Mark Mahale, is that the carrier does not require customers to sign long-term contracts—good for customers but not always so for Sprint.

PrimeCo PCS also offers no-contract service. Craig Pyle, PrimeCo's Midwest general manager, said his firm has come up with a new twist on prepaid service.

PrimeCo allows subscribers to add minutes incrementally to their account, much like filling up a gas tank. Traditionally, subscribers on prepaid plans either use up all their minutes or lose them after a set period.

Wal-Mart de Mexico finds success south of the border

The Dallas Morning News

DALLAS — Wal-Mart has become the undisputed numero uno in Mexico's retail industry after nearly nine years of steady expansion south of the border.

The ranking quietly materialized on Feb. 25 when Wal-Mart de Mexico S.A. became the official owner of all 134 stores and 235 restaurants owned by Cifra S.A., a former joint-venture partner.

The same day the acquisition was announced, Wal-Mart de Mexico began trading its own stock on the Mexican stock market: Cifra officially became Wal-Mart and its shares, sold in series V and C, are now the second most actively traded on the Bolsa.

Wal-Mart de Mexico, a subsidiary of Wal-Mart Stores Inc. of Bentonville, Ark., increased its clout to 460 outlets in 43 cities, including 35 Sam's Clubs and 27 Wal-Mart Supercenters. Wal-Mart recently announced plans to open a store in Twin Falls. It already has a store in Burley and will open a store this summer in Jerome.

The company hopes to open the Twin Falls store early in 2002.

"Our goal is to keep growing," said Federico Casillas, planning director for Wal-Mart de Mexico. "We think about a country of 100 million people still offers great growth opportunities."

The former Cifra outlets, bearing such names as Aurrera, Aurrera Bodega, Suburbia, Superama and the restaurant chain VIPs, will keep their respective names, mainly because of name recognition and market niche, company officials said.

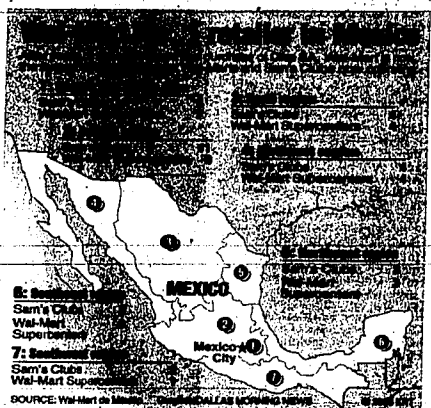
With the Cifra acquisition, Wal-Mart de Mexico cemented its place as the second-largest employer in the country with 70,700 workers—second only to Telefonos de Mexico, the giant phone company better known as Telcel.

And the retailer has no plans to stop the expansion. To the contrary: The plan is to open 47 more units by no later than next year, including five more Sam's Clubs, said Casillas.

In 2000 alone, the company plans to spend \$350 million on expansion. The amount for next year has not been disclosed. To further solidify its position, Wal-Mart Stores Inc. bought 271 million shares of Wal-Mart de Mexico stock recently for approximately \$600 million. The company founded by the late Sam Walton now owns nearly 60 percent of its Mexican subsidiary, compared with 54 percent two months ago and 51 percent in 1997.

"Wal-Mart welcomes this opportunity to acquire this block of Wal-Mart shares," Lee Scott, chief executive officer of Wal-Mart Stores, said in a prepared statement. "This share purchase demonstrates Wal-Mart's continuing commitment to Wal-Mart and its associates."

Casillas, who has been oversee-



ing the growth in Mexico, said the keys to the success of Wal-Mart de Mexico has been customer service and staying ahead of competitors.

For instance, one of the key policies at Wal-Mart de Mexico is to keep the lines at the cash register as short as possible—a goal easily achieved thanks to the abundance of workers in Mexico, especially on weekends.

Jose Luis Masrretta, the former director of the National Chamber of Commerce in Monterrey, said he remembers standing in long lines at the cash registers during the pre-Wal-Mart de Mexico days.

"If you went shopping on a Saturday or Sunday afternoon, you'd have to wait in line at least half an hour," he said. "It was frustrating."

Masrretta said that he still sees some long lines at the Wal-Mart stores in the Texas border towns of Laredo and McAllen, but not in Monterrey or anywhere in Mexico, thanks to a steady supply of workers.

Rafael Matute, executive vice president at Wal-Mart de Mexico, said he also believes that one of the best ways to stay ahead of the competition has been to offer the lowest prices and eliminate the long lines.

"When we see that a line is getting too long, we open another cash register," Matute said. "And if that doesn't solve the problem, we open as many as necessary."

That philosophy has paid off for the retailer. Wal-Mart de Mexico outlets had \$6 billion in sales last year, almost the same as the three closest Mexican competitors combined. That compared with \$5.6 billion in 1998.

But despite the rapid growth of Wal-Mart de Mexico, competitors are not conceding anything.

"We're used to the competition," said Ciriaco Landa, manager of the French-owned Carrefour store in the central Mexican city of San Luis Potosi.

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By Douglas D. Emery
"CHILD ADOPTIONS"

Question: My wife and I wish to adopt a young child. How do we go about it?

Answer: There are a series of background checks which must be completed before a prospective adoptive couple can be approved to adopt a child. Fingerprints are taken and criminal record searches are made. Once the background has been successfully completed, a "home study" is undertaken by a licensed social worker or qualified adoption case worker. During that home study, the couple is requested to specify the age, gender, race, etc. of the children they wish to adopt. Generally the adoptive couple must be at least 25 years of age or at least fifteen years older than the child to be adopted.

There are a number of adoption agencies which facilitate foreign or domestic adoptions, for a fee. Most major organized religions either operate or are affiliated with adoption agencies. The adoption placement fees and pertinent charges are sometimes assessed based upon the ability to pay. You and your wife may also consider becoming licensed foster parents. Many children each year are placed for adoption by the Dept. of Health and Welfare, in the homes of qualified foster parents.

Isho Code 16-1506 sets forth the procedure for adoption. The Dept. of Health and Welfare has thirty (30) days following the filing and service of the adoption petition to complete a thorough investigation of the matter and to prepare a statement for the court, either approving or disapproving an intended adoption. The "best interests" of the child being placed for adoption are always of primary importance.

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The Federal Reserve chairman who cried 'Inflation'

By John Cooney
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — After nearly a year of warning about inflation, a group of people haven't been able to get the Federal Reserve to face another danger this time involving its very credibility.

It is the same predicament faced by the Fed, and by Clinton's administration, and by Clinton's administration.

Despite the Fed's declaration that inflation was a clear, present and future danger, most Americans have continued to do what they've done for the past decade: that is, work, earn, borrow and buy.

When the Fed has tried to raise the Fed's hand, the raising is interpreted as a sign of weakness, it is a question since then, it had to show it meant business. Its efforts have been halfhearted, the Fed timid of more to come.

The lesson is to save the economy, but it is not inflation. It is a matter of credibility. It is a matter of credibility. It is a matter of credibility.

Such an improvement has had significant economic impact. It has lowered production costs, and thus lowered retail prices or at least kept them in check. Without productivity increases, prices would have risen.

The gains have affected the work force and wages too. The Fed had been almost certain that inflation would flare once the jobless rate fell below 5 percent. Competition for skilled workers would force wages higher. And the hiring of less skilled workers would cause output to deteriorate.

But perceptible effects hardly showed up, all the way down to an unemployment rate of just 3.9 percent. The explanation, the Fed conceded, had to lie in technology-induced productivity gains.

David Whyas, economist at

Standard & Poor's DRI explains succinctly:

"Managers are discovering that they can substitute capital for skill, not just capital for work. The importance of information technology is that it allows a high school graduate with a personal computer to do the work for which a college graduate was previously needed."

That's one explanation. Another lies in what happened 40 years and 50 years ago: the baby boom. The population bulge thus created has affected the economy ever since. Its current effect shows up now not just in high demand but also in the number and skills to fill that demand.

You can trace the aging babies clearly in the creation and expansion of technology, but also in financial services, health care, entertainment and leisure. And, of course, in the stock market; that's their retirement.

True, these are major changes,

but the Fed seems to insist that there remains one eternal truth, it being that at some point there just won't be enough manpower and other resources.

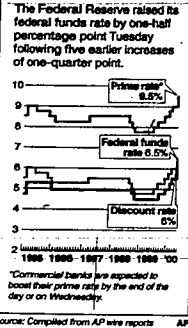
That is, there are limits for which even technological genius has no answers. Productivity gains can lift the economy to higher operating levels, but the process can continue only with diminishing returns.

Anticipating that time, the Fed more than ever insists on a slow-down to allow the nation's resources to catch up and the expansion to continue. And so it employs "prescribed burns," or higher interest rates.

When that term is used today most people think of the unfortunate events at Los Alamos, N.M., where brush fires, set intentionally with the aim of averting more serious fires, raged out of control.

Everyone wishes the Federal Reserve more success.

Interest rate hike



Casino cocktail waitresses want to give shoes the boot

RENO, Nev. (AP) — Casino cocktail waitresses fed up with reaching feet because of high-heeled shoes told the gambling industry what they think about having to wear toe-garbling, demon-causing footwear.

"It's My Foot," is the theme of a statewide campaign kicked off Monday by a coalition of workers' rights groups, who say being forced to wear high-heels is discriminatory and hurts women's health in jeopardy.

"I don't wear high-heels. I hate high-heels," said Kricket Martinez, a Circus-Circus server who is coordinator of the campaign.

Circus-Circus requires cocktail waitresses to wear 1-inch heels, which is about the limit recommended by doctors, she said.

But she has worked other places where juggling drink trays that weigh up to 40 pounds while teetering on spiked heels was the norm.

"We want some respect, we want some dignity and we want them to kiss our feet," she said to observers.

About 40 waitresses and supporters gathered on the downtown Silverlark to begin the campaign, sponsored by the Alliance for Workers' Rights, Nevada Empowered Women Project and Gender.

The demonstrators held red



Above, Kricket Martinez, coordinator of the "It's My Foot" campaign, addresses protesters in Reno Monday. Right, a pile of high-heeled shoes was symbolically "burned" with the help of a smoke machine as a protest against casinos' requiring cocktail waitresses to wear high heels, which the demonstrators blame for several health problems.

and-white signs showing a pair of high heels in a slashed circle. The signs read, "Hey Boss Kiss My Foot."

They piled well-worn, spike-heeled shoes on a simulated fire. There was no flame, just puffs from a small smoke machine.

"My question is why do women have to suffer physical pain for the visual pleasure of men?" asked Linda Kline, who has



hauled cocktails for 20 years.

The coalition, which plans a Las Vegas rally next, released an informal survey showing most casinos impose height requirements on the heels of women's shoes, some as high as 3 inches.

"It's ridiculous in this day and age," said John Petrey, a foreign language professor at the University of Nevada, Reno. "People should be able to wear whatever shoes they want."

Petrey showed up wearing rubber sandals.

Most in the crowd sported similar comfy footwear — tennis shoes, Birkenstocks, hiking boots.

Not Diane Underwood. She

wore black boots with a 1-inch heel while passing out coupons for a free magnetic stance.

But her elevated stance was by choice.

"Besides, I have magnets on, in my shoes."

About 80 women, mostly from northern Nevada, returned the survey, said Tom Stoneburner, director of Alliance for Workers' Rights.

Stoneburner said the group hopes the casino industry will abolish heel-height requirements. If not, it might seek legislation or new workplace safety regulations to make the industry toe the line.

Representatives of the Nevada Resort Association in Las Vegas said they think the anti-heel campaign is not all it's pumped up to be and note the vast majority of cocktail waitresses on the Las Vegas Strip are represented by the Culinary Union.

"I've been involved in negotiations since 1973," association lobbyist T. Ostrovsky said. "Quite frankly, I don't ever recall the union being forward a proposal to limit this shoe style."

Harrah's Reno requires a minimum of 1-inch and a maximum of 2.5 inches on the mandatory leather-style pumps with closed toes.

"That inch is not very high," Harrah's spokeswoman Kerri Garcia said Monday.

Mattel, Toys 'R' Us face changes in toy business

NEW YORK (AP) — It's been a lightning bolt of a miserable year for Mattel and Toys R Us. Once the undisputed leaders in the industry, they've lost market share and struggled with slumping sales and profits.

But analysts say these companies, by serving new CEOs, may see business turn around.

"There's been a lot of talk about the things that went wrong at these companies recently, but I don't look ahead. It could be very positive," said Jim Silver, editor of the New York-based trade publication.

There no doubt that kids love "industry" sales total more than \$23 billion last year but down 8 percent from 1998. But the kind of toys kids want and the places where their parents shop have changed in recent years, and both Mattel and Toys R Us found themselves struggling to keep up.

Much of Mattel's troubles grew out of its efforts to appeal to today's computer-literate children.

Mattel, the world's largest toy maker, is known for traditional brands including Barbie, Hot Wheels and Fisher-Price. In 1995, the company realized it had fallen behind in interactive toys and had to get into the market fast.

So it purchased the popular software maker The Learning Company for \$3.6 billion last May, expecting the new division to immediately add to its revenues. Instead, the Learning

Company lost millions and became a drag on Mattel's earnings; it's now in the process of being sold.

The division's troubles led to the departure of Mattel CEO Jill Barad in February. This past week she was replaced by Robert Eckert, who left Kraft Foods to lead Mattel.

Finding a new strategy for the high-tech market will be one of Eckert's top priorities. But Eckert also knows he can't ignore Mattel's best-known brands, the backbone of the business that has come under some sales pressure in recent years.

"We'll certainly focus on our core brands, but we'll try and embrace the emerging technologies," Eckert said in an interview with The Associated Press. "We'll be striving for that delicate balance."

Analysts seem convinced that Eckert is up to the task of turning Mattel around and keeping it the No. 1 toy maker. While at Kraft, he gained the reputation as a marketing genius who brought the nation's biggest packaged food company into modern times by cutting prices and developing innovative products.

Investors cheered Eckert's appointment, pushing Mattel's stock up sharply in the past week. A number of investment firms, believing that improved earnings were ahead, upgraded Mattel's stock.

"Toy companies have to move fast. They need to respond to changes in the market place," said Chris Byrne, a toy industry consultant in New York. Eckert "sounds like he can do that. He had to deal with the changes in

supermarkets and the growth of price clubs, and how to make Kraft work in those stores."

Toys R Us, meanwhile, is also in the process of rethinking how it does business, from the products it sells to how its stores are designed.

Just a few years ago, Toys R Us reigned as the No. 1 toy retailer, but it was dethroned in 1998 by the giant discounter Wal-Mart.

Toys R Us has also lost ground to online retailers like eToys, which offer a convenient way to shop and a broader range of merchandise.

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Stenographer helps students 'hear' sounds

BOISE (AP) — When Lori Voigt touches phonetic k, m and l keys on her stenographic machine, Billy Vail reads the word "economics" on her computer. Voigt can tap out the words she hears in Vail's microeconomics course at Boise State University at a blazing 225 words per minute — about 45 faster than normal speech.

That enables Vail to fully participate in classes. As far as Voigt knows, she's the only court reporter who does "real-time captioning" for college students in Idaho.

Vail, 22, a sophomore computer information systems major from Meridian, is legally deaf. Her hearing became limited when he was a baby, likely from a virus.

With the help of hearing aids he began studies in music, flute in the fall of 1996. But his hearing declined by the end of the semester and he dropped out. He reentered school last fall after receiving a cochlear implant the previous summer.

It allows him to hear sounds, but the words often are hard to understand. He can read lips. Of course, he can't read a professor's lips while he or she faces the blackboard. And he can't take notes and read lips at the same time.

Without Voigt's rapid translation of speech to text, Vail says he would be more difficult, said Vail, who has an A average. "I wouldn't have as good grades."

Voigt, 34, lives in Kuna with her husband, Armin, son, Colt, 14; and daughter, Chelsi, 11. In grade school in North Dakota, Voigt learned about the struggles of hearing-impaired people through a classmate — and best friend.

"We learned to communicate very well despite our differences," she said. She began captioning for Boise State students last fall when she

did 22 hours per week for Vail and another student, Adam Hamilton. In the spring semester, she did 12 hours for the two and she's set for at least 20 this fall.

In 1999, she graduated from the Boise Court Reporting Institute with a 4.0 GPA.

"Lori was an awesome student," said Tom Hewson, the institute's director. During the semester that ends with final exams this week, four other Boise State students also attended classes with the help of a sign language interpreter, said Blaine Eckles, special services coordinator.

Voigt types sounds phonetically on banks of 22 black keys. "Once you get up to the really high speeds, you can be writing what somebody is saying and you can be thinking about something totally different, like your grocery list," she says.

In Larry Reynolds' microeconomics class recently, Voigt set up her machine in the front row in a large lecture hall in the Business Building. The device was hooked up to a laptop computer on a chair in front of her. Software called Case Catalyst translates her typing into English.

Vail sat in the next seat. When Reynolds talked facing the class, Vail read his lips. But when a student in a row behind asked a question, Vail turned his eyes to the computer screen to follow her words.

Vail speaks well, and the computer-aided process enables him to ask and answer questions. At the end of classes, Voigt gave Vail a computer disc with the notes.

She would like to do real-time captioning of programs for a local TV station. She's also planning to contact local employers to see if they need her services: She's been captioning at meetings for a deal employee of the U.S. Bureau of Land Management.

A J.A. & Kathryn Albertson Foundation grant provides each year for operation goes to books as well.

But what's a kid supposed to do? This was like Christmas. First there was the cake, with multicolored icing reading "Happy Mother's Day" in neat cursive. There were trays of assorted fruit placed so perfectly that you can't resist touching them.

Then Anderl again, with books, donated by Idaho Public Television: a copy of "Have You Seen my Duffling?" for everyone in the room. Then embroidered picture frames, and a drawing for prizes.

Despite the barrage of distractions, 16-year-old Bri Burkhardt has participated in the program ever since it began two years ago — even before she had Darian, her 1-year-old.

"I started when I was pregnant," Bri said. "They encouraged me to read to my stomach. It helped him know my voice."

It also helped Bri. She says she couldn't have afforded all the books that are now in her book collection, and the group of girls does more than learn to read.

Some are from different high schools, but the girls here mostly know each other. They chat about current boyfriends, other moms they know, even buzz about expecting moms.

With Anderl and her partner Karen Schmitt for guidance, the girls have extra fun.

"We know this audience is a very fragile audience," Anderl said. "This is not always a well-taken-care-of part of our society. If we go into the school system, there's more we can offer, more we can do."

Dogs ease the fears of struggling readers

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Children who need to practice reading have a respectful audience at Hillside Middle School in Salt Lake City.

The listeners occasionally fall asleep, but they don't laugh if the children stutter, or correct the students if they mispronounce a word.

They do tend to sniff around for biscuits. They are dogs and they are among the most popular reading assistants in Salt Lake City, where they work with struggling readers like those in Elle Brady's English as a Second Language class.

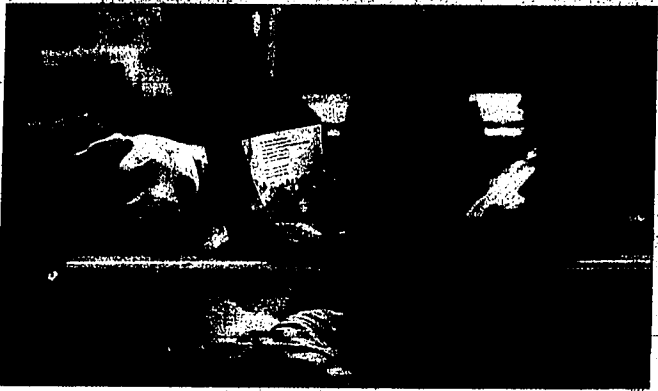
Brady teaches students new to the United States, many of them from Somalia, Sudan, Egypt, Mexico and the former Yugoslavia. Some had no schooling in their home countries and all struggle to speak, read and write English.

Reading is not their favorite subject, but they perk up when they know Bama, Toledo and Carnegie are coming to class.

Brady started using the chocolate Labrador, golden retriever and yellow lab about a month ago as reading aids. She believed the dogs would make reading fun and help build students' confidence.

"They get to sit and read to a dog without the fear of being ridiculed, without the fear of being corrected ... isolated or alienated," Brady said.

She got the idea from Intermountain Therapy Animals, which for the past year has taken 30 dogs and two cats to Salt Lake City libraries every Saturday to work with students who read below grade level. The Reading Education Assistance Dogs are so



Carnegie, a yellow lab, listens to Manuel Lagareta as he reads out loud in his English as a Second Language class Monday at Hillside Middle School in Salt Lake City.

popular that all kinds of young readers get in line at the library to practice with them, too.

The dogs are trained to be good listeners. They usually work in therapy settings, helping, for example, people recovering from injuries, children who have been abused or who are autistic. They have taken obedience courses and are tested to see if they have the right temperament to be in therapy situations.

Intermountain Therapy Animals is just starting to use its reading dogs in schools. Sandi Martin, who created the program, started taking dogs to Bennion Elementary School in Salt Lake City two months ago.

Five Bennion children each week get 20 minutes with the pets. The dogs' handlers, who volunteer their time, are trained in literacy skills and know how to help students when they come across words they can't pronounce or don't understand.

"These children are reading at a higher level and are more interested when they read," Martin said.

At Hillside Middle School, Brady uses fellow teacher Marlene Savageau's pets, two of whom are trained as guide dogs and the third as a show dog. Savageau brought the dogs to wood shop class nearly every day and had some free time after lunch, when Brady teaches reading.

Grant promotes child literacy to teen mothers

HAYDEN (AP) — When we think of libraries, we think of quiet places, of faces buried in books and stodgy librarians holding fingers up to their lips.

But on a recent Sunday, in one little corner of the Hayden Library where teenage moms gathered at a tea party for the library's child literacy program, the kids took over.

Irma Anderl helps coordinate the program, which promotes child literacy to area teen-age mothers. She did her best on this Sunday to keep everyone's attention.

But as any mother knows, that's no easy task. First Anderl announced that when the grant that funded the group expires in a year, the Kootenai-Shoshone Area Libraries have agreed to continue the program anyway as an outreach program.

One-year-old Blake Hansen apparently was so excited about that news that he jumped up and ran out of the room, waving his hands. A second later, he ran back in, not wanting to miss the rest.

Anderl continued, thanking everyone for coming, and talking more about the program. It's coordinated through two area high schools — Lake City and Project — and soon will work with Coeur d'Alene High School.

Devin Frenck paid as much attention as any 2-year-old. In a fork full of cake could. He looked up at Anderl, interested; then back to the fork, obsessed. Up at Anderl, puzzled; back to the fork. There was icing on the cake.

Not that the program isn't important. It means free books for Devin and education on good parenting practices for mom. There's a \$3,000 core collection of books, and most of the \$5,900 that

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Mill owner blames administration for failing business

DINUBA, Calif. (AP) — The owner of a 20-year-old California lumber mill is locking the front gates, forcing 105 workers to unemployment and blaming President Clinton for his decision.

Officials at Sequoia Forest Industries walked through their Dinuba mill last week, hauling out log-off notices to the entire staff. The announcement came less than a month after Clinton announced that he had commercial timber sales that had some recreational activities on Sequoia National Forest lands in the southeast.

After the workers received their pink notices, they were given a 15-minute period to pack up their belongings and leave the mill's office.

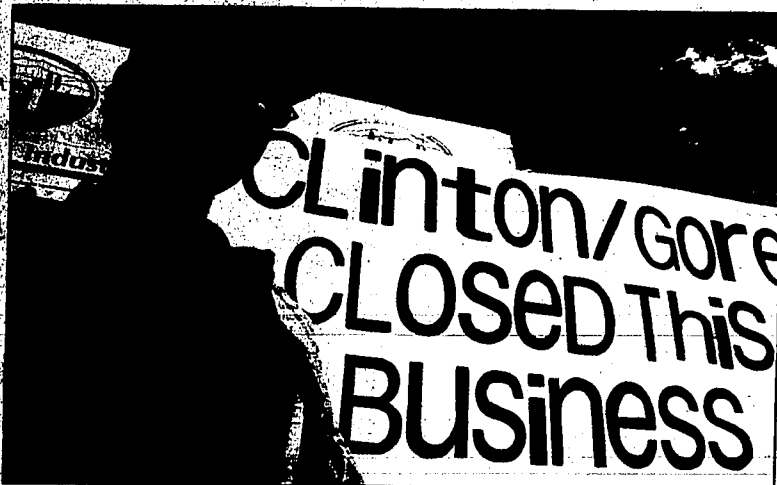
"This is one of the most painful decisions but family has over had to make," said mill owner Alan Fennel. "For most of my employees, these are the only jobs they ever had."

Dinuba is an agricultural town of about 2,000 surrounded by the orchards and fields of California's Central Valley. The Sequoia National Forest's general field work and school grant jobs that require a college education, the lumber mill is one of the largest employers in town.

Clinton's plan is intended to protect the forest habitat surrounding the giant sequoia redwoods that measure up to 80 feet in diameter. These trees are some of the oldest living things in the world.

The Dryden family has two mills, where lowering industrial machinery reduce massive trees to two-by-fours for California's booming housing markets. They take about 40 percent of their lumber working in the newly created Sequoia National Monument and the rest comes from the Sierra National Forest and private lands that are not included in the President's proclamation.

While the other mill in Terra Bella, about 200 miles to the south, will remain



Sequoia Forest Industries worker Michael Baker stands next to a sign earlier this month in Dinuba, Calif., stating employees' displeasure with President Clinton's plans to make 228 thousand acres of the Sequoia National Forest a national monument.

open, Dinuba's layoffs begin in mid-July, and the mill will shut down completely by summer's end, said Sequoia Forest Industries general manager Gary Rogers. "In my mind, they traded our mill for the green vote in L.A. and San

Francisco," Rogers said. But Clinton administration officials insist they left enough lumber on the 330,000-acre monument to support both mills until the laid-off employees can find new jobs.

"It's unfortunate anytime somebody loses a job and we have acknowledged all along that there will be an impact on the timber harvest down the road," said Elliot Diringer, spokesman for the White House Council on Environmental

Quality. "But we were very careful to ensure that there would be a sufficient supply for about two-and-a-half years," he said.

Critics accuse Clinton of desperately seeking an environmental legacy on which to build his future aspirations and those of presidential candidate Al Gore. The declaration gave Clinton perhaps the best conservation record in the Lower 48 states since Theodore Roosevelt, generally regarded as the father of the national park system. Clinton already had carved out 2.8 million acres as federal monuments in Utah, Arizona and California.

"This is not about locking lands up," the president said last month when he announced his decision. "It is about freeing them up for all Americans for all time."

But that's little comfort to mill workers like Mike Mitchell, a 30-year-old father of one who will be among the first to go.

He might find work at a giant cheese factory to be built in the next county, but that won't open for several years. For now, he despairs of finding anything nearby paying close to his current \$10.50 an hour.

"I'm worried the government is using a 100-year-old law as a political tool," Mitchell said, referring to the Antiquities Act that allows presidents to set aside national monuments without congressional approval.

General "Doc" Fennel, 65, has worked at the mill for the last 27 years and the money he earned here put all three of his daughters through college. He points to his close-cropped crop of gray hair and says he's probably too old to hire on somewhere else.

"We can't do nothin' about it. (Clinton) gonna do what he's gonna do. He's done gone over our heads," Fennel said.

Conservationist calls for small-scale cooperation on public lands

BOISE (AP) — A conservationist is backing a small-scale timber stewardship project on national forest land rather than larger ones advanced by Idaho's federal lands task force advisory group.

But that panel's coordinator, John McGee, said last week that the aims of both parties are the same — except in scale. "It would finally let the federal managers do things on the ground to help the local communities," McGee told the National Association of Counties meeting Thursday in Boise. His panel is studying

five proposals for managing federal land in Idaho. One is the Clearwater Basin Elk Collaborative Project, designed to improve the habitat for the area's renowned, but declining elk population, as well as some logging.

The advisory group will announce its findings to the Idaho Land Board in July. John McCarthy of the Idaho Conservation League said the initial 16-member federal lands task force had only one environmentalist among resource industries and legislators favorable to log-

ging. Mike Medberry of the league left the forum as a result. "It's hard to come back to the table when you continually get rolled," McCarthy said.

McGee replied the advisory panel has different members and recognizes it also has to satisfy ecological questions to succeed. McCarthy said he is involved in the proposed Stewards of the Nez Perce project, one of nine stewardships in the Forest Service's Northern Region.

The Clearwater Basin format would take in most of the north fork of the

Clearwater, he said, while his proposal would cover about 25,000 acres in the Meadows Face watershed on the south fork. Also involved are timber consultant Joe Hinson, Shearer Lumber Products of Grangeville and local residents.

McCarthy said that besides logging, stewardship also must improve water quality, recreational opportunities and habitat for imperiled salmon, steelhead and bull trout. He questioned a chief goal of the Clearwater proposal. "The species driving this is elk," he

said. "Elk are not threatened."

McCarthy added that he warned the Stewards of the Nez Perce members they should not consider it as a way to prop up the local sawmills with the expectation that a new presidential administration would clear the way for increased logging.

"Joe Hinson told me he didn't see the future as cutting over the next hill until you can't cut any more," McCarthy said. "I think some of the tension and some of the battle won't be there."

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O'Donnell garners another Emmy

NEW YORK (AP) — Maybe it isn't a perfect year for Regis Philbin after all. He was shut out of Daytime Emmy Awards Friday for his talk show and as host of "Who Wants to Be a Millionaire." Bob Barker of "The Price Is Right" and Tom Bergeron of "Hollywood Squares" were the surprise winners of the best game show host award.

"Don't feel bad, Regis," Bergeron said. "Disney chief Michael Eisner's buying you the Statue of Liberty."

"Who Wants to Be a Millionaire" won the Daytime Emmy for best game show. Even though it has transformed prime-time television since its debut nine months ago, it was shunted off to the Daytime Emmy awards when the prime-time awards show declared it had no category it could compete in.

The decision annoyed ABC producer Michael Davies and Philbin. But Davies, wearing red

The winners

<p>Best Game Show Host Game show: "Who Wants to Be a Millionaire" Performer: Children's series: "Sesame Street" "Charlie Horse Music Pizza" Talk show host: Rosie O'Donnell Younger actor, drama series: David Torn, "The Young and the Restless" Children's animated program: "The Simpsons"</p>	<p>Best Game Show Game show: "The Price Is Right" "The Young and the Restless" Pre-school children's series: "Sesame Street" Game show: "Who Wants to Be a Millionaire" Children's special: "Summer's Best" Drama series directing team: "General Hospital" Talk show: "The Rosie O'Donnell Show"</p>	<p>Best Actress Actress: "The Young and the Restless" Best actor, drama series: Anthony Geary, "General Hospital" Lead actress, drama series: Susan Flannery, "The Bold & the Beautiful" Drama series: "General Hospital"</p>
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plaid pants, ignored the controversy in accepting the award.

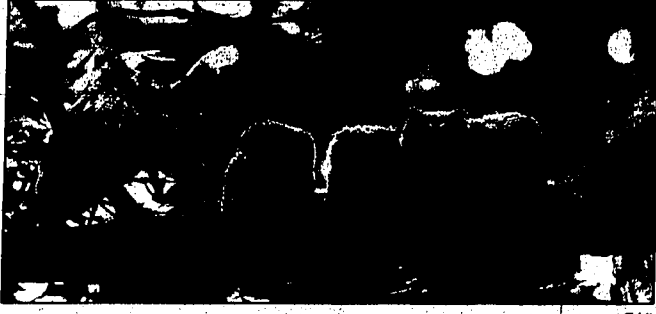
"Regis Philbin, you are a god," Davies said.

Rosie O'Donnell won her fourth straight Emmy as best talk show host. She's won the award every year she was nominated.

Longtime winner Oprah Winfrey no longer competes in the category.

"Wow," O'Donnell deadpanned, miming the tears she displayed while winning in the past. "I feel sort of like the spoiled kid who gets this too many times."

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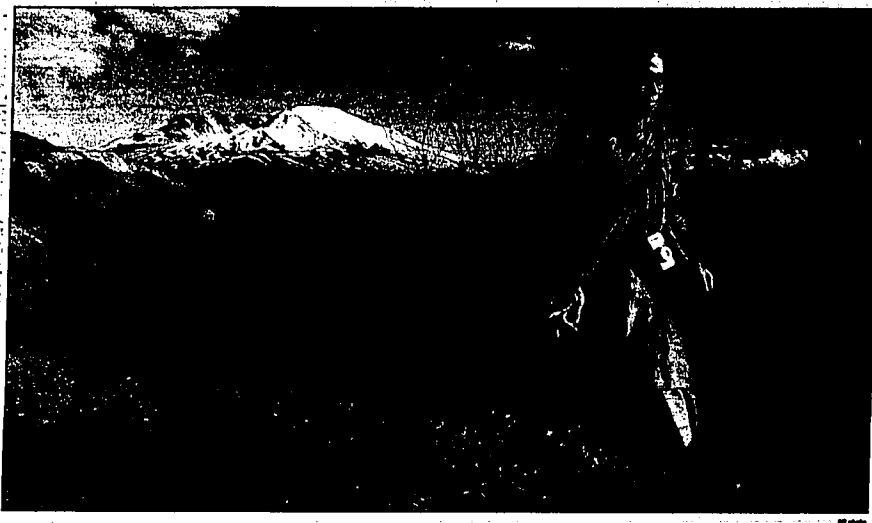
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Ven Somnathin Grongthong, a Buddhist monk from Thailand, hikes the Hummocks Trail in the Mount St. Helens National Volcanic Monument, April 21, 2000, near Castle Rock, Wash. The volcano was a scientific research area after it erupted 20 years ago, but tourism is becoming increasingly visible.

Tourism boosters eye St. Helens

CASTLE ROCK, Wash. (AP) — In the 20 years since the earth-shaking eruption of Mount St. Helens on May 18, 1980, scientists have sought to protect the delicate area around the mountain from being trampled by millions of visitors.

They carefully carved a high-way and hiking trails through the wasteland that allow visitors to view the results of volcanic force without upsetting the natural recovery and thousands of scientific study plots.

Now, 20 years after Mount St. Helens began its amazing rebound from the devastating landslides and explosions that transformed 230 square miles of landscape, tourism boosters are lobbying for more access to the national monument.

Their efforts have gained more attention this spring with Thursday's anniversary. They are:

- Backing a proposal to extend the main road through the monument, which currently dead-ends at a federal observatory directly across from the horseshoe-shaped crater, to provide easier access from Eastern Washington.

- Marketing the mountain as a destination vacation, rather than a one-day educational experience, by highlighting the availability of skiing, bicycling, kayaking and other recreational activities.

- Searching for ways to help the Forest Service keep its three visitor centers open in the face of declining budgets.

The most pressing concern involves operation of the popular Silver Lake Visitor Center. Located just five miles off Interstate 5 near Castle Rock, motorists on the busy corridor between Seattle and Portland, Ore., can stop in and learn about the 1980 eruption. The mountain itself is about 50 miles up the Spirit Lake Memorial Highway.

The Silver Lake center has operated year-round since its opening in 1983, but the Forest Service closed the facility last winter due to budget constraints and declining revenues from tourism



Sheryl Bales, right, and her mother, Madeline Varner, both of Longview, Wash., view a memorial plaque Thursday at the Hoffstad Visitors Center near Mount St. Helens. Fifty-seven people, including Karen Varner, Madeline's sister and Bales' daughter, died in the May 18, 1980, eruption.

fees. Then the service stunned the local community when it announced in March that the facility would not reopen this year.

That would have been a setback as the area geared up for all the attention generated by the 20th anniversary of the 1980 eruption.

The Forest Service relented under pressure from Washington's congressional delegation and agreed to reopen the center until this fall, when the federal

fiscal year ends. Meanwhile, long-term funding issues remain.

"We hate to have to do this, but we do have to live within our means," said Tom Knappenberger, the Forest Service's acting manager of the monument. "The problem has been a long time in the making. It didn't just show up last year."

There are a total of five visitor centers along Spirit Lake Memorial Highway — the three operated by the Forest Service and two others operated by the

Weyerhaeuser timber company and Cowlitz County, respectively. But tourism officials said Silver Lake plays a key role by enticing people to get off I-5 and learn enough to want to stay longer.

"Until a few weeks ago, it had concrete barriers blocking the parking lot. What does that say about the rest of the visitor centers? It was not a good thing," said Cowlitz County tourism director Mark Plotkin, who is in talks with the state and federal governments and neighboring counties to find more permanent solutions.

More access issues are on the horizon.

Local officials, with financial help from the state and federal governments, are studying the idea of extending Spirit Lake Memorial Highway — known on maps as State Route 504 — to U.S. Highway 12 near Randle, on the northeast side of the mountain. That would open up access to motorists coming from Eastern Washington.

But backers acknowledge that their first must answer questions about the impact on the environment and how to pay for it.

Forest Service officials said they provide as much access as possible given the huge size of the monument, the agency's limited staff and its dual responsibilities of providing information to the public while protecting the resource.

"It is a challenge because of the number of people who come and the number of studies that are out there (in the field)," said monument scientist Peter Frenzen of the Forest Service. "We worked very hard to establish a trail system that takes people where they want to go."

It's hard to say exactly how many people visit the mountain each year because the Forest Service counts a person who stops at all three federal visitor centers three times. There were 1.5 million such visits last year, which was considered a bad year because of poor summer weather.

Geologist says it'll blow again someday

KELSO, Wash. (AP) — Donal R. Mullineux, a retired geologist famous among volcano buffs for forecasting Mount St. Helens' 1980 eruption, still believes the cranky crater is the best bet among Cascade Range peaks to blow next.

"And after Mount St. Helens, Mount St. Helens," he said. "And after that, Mount St. Helens."

That's because Mount St. Helens has been 10 times more active than sister volcanoes in the Cascades over the past several thousand years, Mullineux said during a presentation last week at the ongoing observation of the 20th anniversary of the May 18, 1980, eruption.

However, with the cone of Mount St. Helens blown away, he believes the mountain today does not pose quite the same risks from landslides and mudflows that marred its 1980 blast.

Mullineux, now 75 and living in retirement in Denver, said he and fellow U.S. Geological Survey geologist Dwight R. "Rocky" Crandell "crept up slowly" on the idea that Mount St. Helens was the Northwest volcano most likely to erupt next.

He recalled finding mudflow deposits that seemed to point to numerous past eruptions. He and Crandell, whom he credited with leading the Mount St. Helens project, built their evidence from the layers of lava, ash and mud coming off the mountain in the past 4,000 years.

"Just about everything a volcano could do, Mount St. Helens had done," he said.

In 1975, Crandell and Mullineux made their eruption forecasts public in a short article in the Journal of Science, making the now-prophecy statement that Mount St. Helens likely would erupt within 100 years "and perhaps by the end of the century."

The publication generated relatively little notice then.

But in 1978, the USGS Bulletin, in what later became known as "the blue book," fleshed out their findings. In January 1979, the

USGS called a conference with local and state officials to make contingency plans, just in case the mountain blew. Those actions drew more attention, though no one had any idea of what would happen the very next year.

To this day, Mullineux refuses to gloat. In fact, he and Crandell still aren't comfortable calling their findings a "prediction" at all.

"OK, so it turned out that way, but it was not the intention," he said. "Our (statements) we would term as a forecast, a general statement of what might happen."



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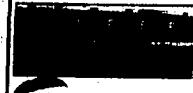
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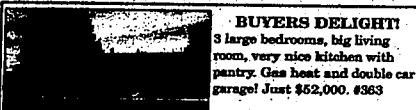
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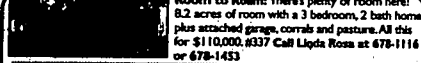
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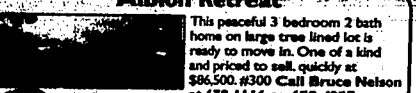


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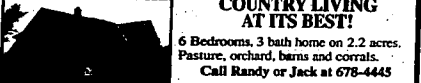
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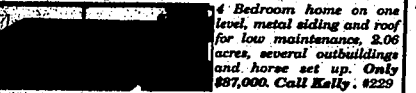


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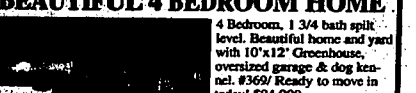
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You're really tall for a Unitarian

Don't ask a potential date, "What's your sign?" Instead, ask, "What are you driving?"

Maybe that should be my advice to singles, since I just read a study titled "The State of Relationships in the Year 2000." The study refers to a report, published in Cosmopolitan magazine, on "drive-by dating potentials."

Among other findings, the report suggests that women driving red Porsche convertibles are actually saying to men that they are both confident and "racy." And a man driving a Ferrari is saying that he would always be more interested in his car's body than in that of his mate.

This is fascinating stuff, though I would hate to see what a report like that would say about some of the cars I have driven through the years.

I was particularly interested in the suggestion that a man who drives a Range Rover could be expected to seek around and handle relationship rough spots the same way his car handles mountain roads ... and a man who drives a Chevy is not concerned about going from 0 to 60 in 6 seconds and, therefore, is willing to reserve romantic time for the woman in his life.

Of course, I wouldn't advise my children to flag down drive-by dates. But each era in history has certainly exhibited its own unique mating patterns.

In the Middle Ages, for example, girls were married at the minimum legal age of 12, to men much older, because the women lived such short lives. That's according to an internet story on the subject.

The story also explains that marriages were arranged by the girls' parents. And, once married, the women were often left in charge of the household while their husbands "went away on trips."

OK. I guess I shouldn't be surprised that today's dating world is similarly documented on Internet web sites, which contain so many dating services that you could spend Saturday night for the rest of your life just searching through them.

While I was doing a little Internet surfing of my own, for this column, I happened upon a dating joke site that contains a great joke by comedian Rita Rudner: "Men who have pierced ears are better prepared for marriage; they've experienced pain and bought jewelry."

"Some things never change. But just in case you still need some help getting love, here I want to read a book titled "Dating for Dummies," complete with a section on pick-up lines. In the list of the "worst pick-up lines of all times," "You're the best-looking son in the room." And, "If I tell you you have a beautiful body, would you hold it against me?" (Isn't that a country song?)

Or, if you want to get more specific, you can find all sorts of custom-made pick-up lines.

A few years ago, the Salt Lake Tribune published "The Top 10 Pick-up Lines among Traditional Christian Singles," as compiled by the Rev. Paul Lintern. I couldn't resist clipping it out.

Among the best: "I'm Episcopalian. What's your sign?" And, "So, worship here often?" But my own personal favorite is, "Hi, is this paper taken?" Because that's the way I got my guy.

BRACE YOURSELF

If you're a parent, there's a 7 in 10 chance your kid will need orthodontics

By Steve Crump
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - Time to put your money where your mouth is. Or your kid's, anyway.

"It's a demand for braces" reflects the economy," said Daniel Haymore, a Twin Falls orthodontist. "Right now, parents have money to spend and they're putting kids in braces."

Orthodontics is one of the true big-ticket growth industries in family-friendly southern Idaho, where the population of kids is expanding. Seventy percent of youngsters will need braces as teen-agers, according to the American Association of Orthodontics; at least half will actually get them.

And at a national average cost of more than \$4,000 for a two-year treatment, braces far outpace the cost of any other therapeutic medical treatment for younger Americans.

"It's a process that can't be rushed," said Robert Ridgeway, another Twin Falls orthodontist. "To go any faster would be to put the roots of the teeth in jeopardy," Haymore said.

Although braces are lighter and more comfortable than they were when you were a kid, the basic technology hasn't changed. An orthodontist brackets a set of metal bands on the teeth, sometimes securing them with rubber bands. That's been happening in one form or another in American dentistry for 70 years.

"Although it's better than it used to be, there's some discomfort involved," Ridgeway said. "When you're straightening teeth, that can't be avoided."

The misery, though, comes mostly at the beginning. Actually putting the braces on is a 2- or 2.5-hour process, and the patient's mouth is invariably sore for a while thereafter.

"How uncomfortable braces are depends a lot on how cooperative you are," Haymore said. "If you follow instructions and take care of your teeth, it's not bad anymore."

That's why Haymore and most other orthodontists work as closely with parents as they do with kids. When Mom and Dad are motivated to make braces work, the kids are, too, he said.



Orthodontist Daniel Haymore and his assistant Chris Mabey adjust the braces on a patient at their office in Twin Falls.

A gallery of crooked teeth

- Overbite:** The upper teeth overlap the lower teeth.
- Underbite:** The lower teeth overlap the upper teeth.
- Crossbite:** The upper teeth bite over the lower teeth on one side but under on the other.
- Open bite:** The upper and lower teeth do not meet when the mouth is closed.
- Spacing:** Gaps between the teeth.
- Rotation:** A tooth is turned around its long axis.
- Impacted:** A tooth that has not fully erupted from the gum tissue.

—Source: American Association of Orthodontics

Erica Voorhees elected to have a type of braces installed that are designed to be less noticeable.

Ridgeway said, Haymore - who gets most of his referrals from the parents of Please see BRACES, Page E2

Important facts about braces

- Stuff you should know about braces:**
 - How long?** Two years, minimum. Sometimes 28-30 months, depending on how crooked your teeth are and how cooperative a patient you are.
 - How soon?** For some orthodontists, as young as 8, although many prefer to wait until junior high school.
 - How often?** Figure on seeing your orthodontist's smiling face once or twice a month.
 - How much?** \$4,000-\$4,300 in Twin Falls; somewhat more in Boise and in Blaine County.
 - Forbidden foods?** Chewing gum, popcorn, caramel, carrots, whole apples.
 - Can I hear the radio on my braces?** It's theoretically possible. —Source: American Association of Orthodontics

Check kids before adult teeth come

used to correct still-growing jaw bones so that children won't have overbites or underbites.

It has never been more important: More than 3.5 million kids are being seen by an orthodontist - a 34 percent jump in just seven years, according to the latest statistics collected by the St. Louis-based American Association of Orthodontists.

Going early may save your children from having teeth pulled - or even having to wear braces.

It may also save your children from having jaw problems as adults or premature aging around the mouth.

"They'll have better-looking faces with wider smiles," says Dr. Ray Greenfield, a Coral Springs, Fla., board-certified orthodontist who has been leading the fight for the early treatment. He lectures in Japan, Latin America and Europe about widening children's mouths to fit in their teeth instead of pulling as many as four or eight of their permanent teeth to make room in a smaller mouth. He developed one of many devices for widening palates, wrote a textbook on straightening teeth without extraction for other orthodontists and developed a Web site - <http://www.nextortho.com> - for the general population.

Take kids, bikes one step at a time

Learning how to ride a bike, says Bob Holliday, doesn't have to mean scraped knees for the child or frayed nerves for the parent.

"A lot of times, parents just don't let the child sit through their brains," said Holliday, owner of the Bicycle Pedaler in Wichita, Kan.

With more than 20 years in the bike business, he has advised countless parents and children through the bike-riding process.

"Children learn things in steps," he said. "Before they ever walk, they stand. Then they hold on to something. Then eventually, they start walking."

Here is his step-by-step guide to teaching a youngster how to ride:

- First, make sure the child is ready. A clear sign? He asks you to take off his training wheels.
- Usually it's a peer pressure kind of thing," Holliday said. "Maybe a kid in the neighborhood recently got his training wheels off." Older brothers and sisters often act as catalysts, too.
- But a child shouldn't be pushed like that," Holliday said. "It shouldn't be something he feels he needs to do to please a parent, or anybody else."
- Think safety. Whenever he rides - with or without training wheels - a child should wear a helmet and shoes that won't slip off. Also, a beginner's bike should have a foot brake instead of - or in addition to - a hand brake.
- After removing training wheels, adjust the bicycle seat. The seat should be low enough that the child, while seated, can put his feet flat on the ground.
- Find an open, paved area with a slight incline. A parking lot with a slight grade works best, Holliday says, but even a driveway on a cul-de-sac is OK. You don't need lots of room, but you'll want to avoid traffic and other distractions.
- Take the child to the top of the incline and have him coast to the bottom with his feet dangling. At this point, the child should not try to pedal. If he feels like he's about to fall, he should simply put his feet down to stop the bike.
- "The child gains confidence doing this," Holliday said. "They get a feel for the balance that's needed." Repeat this step until the child can coast down several times with his feet an inch or two above the ground.
- Next, have the child coast down the incline with his feet on the pedals (but not pedaling). Repeat until he feels secure.
- Finally, have the child pedal the bike once or twice on the way down to get the feel for balancing and pedaling simultaneously. That combination is the tricky part for most children, Holliday said.
- As adults, we think about riding a bike as just riding a bike. We don't look at all the different things that have to happen together."
- A step-by-step approach that lets a child balance on a bike before trying to pedal makes the process less overwhelming, he said.
- Learning to ride can take less than an hour or several days, Holliday said. Just remember that it's supposed to be fun.
- "You're outside spending time together, so that's a good thing. Just enjoy it."
- Source: The Wichita, Kan., Eagle

Help us commemorate the 50th anniversary of the Korean War

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS - June 25 marks the 50th anniversary of the outbreak of the Korean War, and The Times-News plans a series of articles over the next year to commemorate that sometimes forgotten conflict.

We're looking for Magic and Wood River valley residents who participated in key events in the war, specifically:

- Task Force Smith, the scratch American unit that staged a rear-guard action against invading North Korean forces in July 1950, as well as Air Force, Navy and Marine aviators who supported them.
- Army and Marine units that fought the Battle of the Pusan Perimeter in August and September 1950, as well as aviators and sailors who supported them.
- Army and Marine units that participated in the Inchon Landings and the subsequent battle for Seoul in September 1950, as well as aviators and sailors who supported them.
- Army units involved in the fighting around Kunju-Ri in North Korea during the first days of the Chinese invasion in November 1950, as well as aviators who supported them.
- Marine units that fought at the Chosin Reservoir in November 1950 and in the retreat to Hungnam in December, as well as aviators and sailors who supported them.
- Army and Air Force units that fought in the critical battles at Chipyong-Yi in February 1951 and at Wonju two months later.

We'd also like to hear from civilians - of any nationality - who were in Korea during these events.

If you'd like to share your story, call Features Editor Steve Crump at 733-0931, Ext. 223; fax him at 734-5538; or e-mail at crump@magicvalley.com

LIFE AND TIMES Dense Turner

Denise Turner is assistant features editor at The Times-News.

'The Doctor' helps-potty trainees

Q. Our 32-month-old daughter has been daytime toilet-trained since 26 months.

At 29 months, she started getting up once a night to use the potty even though she went to sleep with a diaper on.

Shortly thereafter, we began putting her in panties at night. Now, however, instead of waking once a night to use the potty, she wakes anywhere from two to three times a night. The good news is she's had only four accidents in the two months since the switch from diapers to panties. The bad news is she wants my help using the toilet two or three times a night. I'm wondering if this will eventually take care of itself or if there's something I can do so I can begin getting a full night's sleep again?

A. OK, this is a new one on me, but I'll share a trick that works across a broad range of behavioral situations with toddlers.

Tonight, before bed, tell your very intelligent daughter that you spoke with "The Doctor" and he said when she wakes up in the middle of the night she should use the potty by her own, without waking anyone.

PARENTING
John Rosemond

Put a "totty potty" (I just made that up! Write it down, folks!) in her room and walk her through the procedure. Appeal to her vivacious sense of imagination, beginning with "pretend you're asleep and you need to use the potty." By the way, if she indicates that she'd rather use the "big potty," fine and dandy.

Walk her through the procedure that way then. Make an appeal to the "big girl" in her. Tell her The Doctor is very proud of her for not needing diapers at night any longer and now he wants her to take the next step.

Then, if she still wakes you up, remind her what The Doctor wants her to do. If, however, she resists, then don't get into a conflict with her over this in the middle of the night. Just cooperate with her. The next night, remind

her again what The Doctor wants her to do, and walk her through the "let's pretend" of it again. This may take a while to sink in, but it shouldn't take long. A year or two, no, just kidding. A few weeks, I'd guess.

And be assured, this will continue to afford her a positive attitude toward her bodily functions.

P.S.: When dealing with toddlers, invoking the authority of "The Doctor" often neutralizes potential conflict. The explanation that things are the way they are because that's the way The Doctor says they should be is immensely satisfying to most toddlers, who have already intuitively known that even their parents defer to physician authority. And fear not, this does not cause children to grow up with warped attitudes toward physicians. They get over it, just like they get over discovering there is no Tooth Fairy.

John Rosemond is a family psychologist. Questions of general interest may be sent to him at *Affirmative Parenting, 9247 N. Meridian, Indianapolis, Ind. 46260*, and at his Web site: <http://www.rosemond.com/>

Beware the dangers of melanoma

DEAR ABBY: I'm writing this a few days before I go into surgery for something I never thought was a big deal. Melanoma.

I had a flat "unthreatening" mole on my arm — sort of a large freckle — that had been there for as long as I could remember. Not too long ago, I started growing quickly enough that I began to notice the difference from one week to another. I didn't worry about it because I have freckles all over. Fortunately, a friend of mine who is a dermatologist said, "You ought to have that looked at."

My doctor biopsied the freckle, and said he was 90 percent certain it was nothing to worry about. A few days later he called me himself and informed me I would need a complete body exam, my lymph nodes examined, and further surgery to take more skin off that arm.

I quickly learned that unlike lesser serious skin cancers, melanoma has a very high rate of metastasis. It can quickly spread to the lymph nodes, the eyes, the stomach, even to the brain. It is one of the fastest-growing cancers in the United States as far as number of people affected. It can kill you, and once you've had it, you are at risk for the rest of your life. It is so serious that I will

DEAR ABBY
Miguel Varadero

have trouble getting life insurance and will no longer be allowed to give blood.

Sun exposure is one of the risk factors for melanoma. I grew up in the sun — sailing, swimming, on the beach. I've even occasionally used tanning beds. I won't be doing that anymore.

Please, Abby, tell your readers how serious melanoma is. They should watch for any changes in moles and have them checked immediately.

I'm 41, and my doctor tells me he's seen it in people as young as 20. It tends to strike younger people than other cancers do. When I think of the tons I worked so hard to get, and the sunburns I shrugged off and slathered with aloe, I cringe. If I could turn back the clock I would, and stay 11ly white.

— LAURA H. MARSHALL,
WALNUT CREEK, CALIF.

DEAR LAURA: Thank you for

your important warning. Everyone is at risk for skin cancer, regardless of his or her skin color. Summer is just around the corner, and I pray that my sun-worshipping readers will remember a few tips to protect themselves from ultraviolet (UV) rays.

About 80 percent of skin cancers could be prevented by protecting ourselves from the sun's rays. Limit direct sun exposure, especially during midday. Cover up — wear long sleeves and a hat. Use a sun screen with a sun protection factor (SPF) of 15 or higher. Be sure to wear sunglasses that block UV rays. Avoid sunlamps and tanning booths, and check your skin regularly for any changes in freckles or moles.

Some medications, such as antibiotics, can increase the skin's sensitivity to the sun, so ask your physician or pharmacist about the drugs you are taking and take extra precautions.

And remember: Babies and small children are subject to the same eye and skin problems that adults are when exposed to the sun. So, parents, make sure your youngsters' eyes and skin are protected, too, when you take them for a stroll, out to play or shopping. Their safety depends on you.

Lord, will you buy me a Mercedes?

"Happiness is not having what you want. It's wanting what you have."

— Unknown

By Ken Swamer

There's nothing like a new car in the neighborhood to bring the guys together.

"Nice car, Wayne," I said.

Mike crossed over from his house: "Hey Wayne, new or used?"

"Used."

John was two steps behind Mike: "Six or eight cylinders?"

"Four."

"Jim peeked over the fence: 'CD or cassette?'"

"Neither."

We were all impressed. Then, the new neighbor appeared out of nowhere and stole Wayne's moment.

"Wow, look at that!"

We stared with our mouths dropped open as Bob Henderson parked his new Mercedes in his driveway. We watched him walk inside.

"No kids, you know," Mike said, breaking the silence.

"Probably waiting until they've gone through their 'selfish-stage'."

"Yeah," we chimed. We had enough kids among us to field our

Chicken Soup for the Soul

A group of neighbors discover the wealth that they sometimes take for granted.

own Little League team — batboy

Jim pointed to the Mercedes. "Imagine owning a beautiful car like that with no one kidding the back of your seat."

"Ever notice how baby formula cuts through the 'new-car smell' faster than a toddler passes salsa?"

"Yeah," he said.

"I saw his wife and him going out again last night, all dressed up."

"Must be nice not paying for a baby sitter."

"We received a lovely card the other day. Our sister thanking us for the 401(k) and profit-sharing plan."

"He leaves early and comes

home late from work any time he wants."

"Wives only want us around for crowd control."

"Yeah," we chimed.

"I bet his watch doesn't get buried in the back yard like treasure."

"I don't bet he ever worked all day oblivious to a Barbie sticker on his butt."

"He can eat his dinner while it's hot."

"And not standing up."

"Yeah," we said, standing there shaking our heads.

Wayne's wife brought out a tray of lemonade. "What are you guys staring at?"

Wayne gestured across the street: "The neighbor's new car — we were just saying if they had kids it..."

"They can't have children, you know," she announced.

The five of us looked at each other.

"They're infertile." She passed out the lemonade and returned to the house. Except for the tinkling of ice against the glasses, it was quiet for a long time.

"It's a nice car, Wayne."

"I think I'll go see what my kids are doing."

"Yeah."

Web site sends posthumous e-mail

Knight Ridder News Service

Dead men tell no tales — unless, of course, they have a e-mail account.

At FinalThoughts.com, the dearly departed can send messages from the Great Beyond to anyone with an electronic address. Web site members can

pen letters — to friends, relatives, enemies, whomever — that are mailed upon their death.

Never told Uncle Harry how much those fishing trips meant? Ship him a posthumous thank-you. Still not speaking to the ex-best friend who can't keep a secret? Patch things up postmortem.

The idea for FinalThoughts.com — <http://www.finalthoughts.com/> — came to 30-year-old Todd Michael Krim during a particularly turbulent flight from Los Angeles to London. As the plane took off, Krim got to thinking about "what I would have left unsaid and undone" in the event of his demise.

Braces

Continued from E1

former patients — says brace-wearers do best when they have a sense of humor, or at least some perspective, about the experience.

And increasingly, that includes adults. They're a double-digit percentage of orthodontic patients nowadays, according to the AAO, after being a rarity just a few years ago.

"I've treated patients as old as their 60s," Ridgeway said. "As long as the bone is still there and there's no disease, there's no reason it shouldn't work regardless of age."

Both Ridgeway and Haymore say kids — and a majority of youngsters get their braces during junior high or middle school — do best when they know what they're getting into.

"And the senior prom comes along six months before the braces are supposed to come off, there's nothing I can do about it," Haymore said.

"But don't think I haven't been asked."

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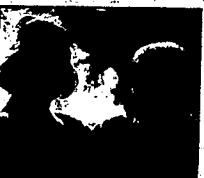
KIMBERLY - Lewis and Pamela Eilers of Kimberly announce the engagement of their daughter, Julie Christine Eilers, to Anthony Wayne Marsh, son of Mona Flisk of Anaheim, Calif. Eilers is a graduate of Kimberly High School. She attended Utah State University and the Chinese University of Hong Kong in the New York area. She works on the House, Ways and Means Committee staff as an office manager in Washington, D.C. Marsh graduated from Upland High School in California and served with the U.S. Air Force. He is with Russel Marsh and Copy Inc., a political media con-



Julie Eilers and Anthony Marsh... The wedding is planned for Friday in Annapolis, Md.

PAULSON-PEASE

(RUPERT - John and Christina Paulson of Rupert announce the engagement of their daughter, Angela Mae Paulson, to Brodie Pease, son of Linda Pease of Heyburn and Ron and Karen Pease of Pocatello. Paulson is a 1996 graduate of Minico High School. She attends the College of Southern Idaho, where she will enter the nursing program in the fall. She is employed by Albertson's in Boise. Pease graduated from Minico High School in 1997. He is employed at the J.R. Simplot Company in Heyburn. The wedding is planned for 6 p.m. Saturday at the Rupert United



Angela Paulson and Brodie Pease... The wedding is planned for 6 p.m. Saturday at the Rupert United

SMOOT-NEBEKER

GOODING - David M. and Lonna Smoot of Brigham City, Utah, announce the engagement of their daughter, Melissa Smoot, to J. Kobay Nebeker, son of J. Kelly and Lynn Nebeker of Gooding. Smoot graduated in 1999 from high school in Brigham City and attended Ricks College in Rexburg. Nebeker graduated in 1996 from Gooding High School and graduated this year from Ricks College. He served a mission from 1997-1999 for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in the Argentina Bahia Blanca Mission. He is employed at Green Seasons Landscape Co. in Canby, Ore. The wedding is planned for June 11 in the Salt Lake City LDS Temple.



Melissa Smoot and Kobay Nebeker... A reception will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. June 2 in the Brigham City South Stake Center. An open house to honor the couple will be held from 7 to 9 p.m. June 3 at the Gooding LDS Church.

LAForgeS-ARCHIBALD

OAKLEY - Grace and Angelo LaForge of Westland, Canada, announce the engagement of their daughter, Madelyne LaForge, to Brad Archibald, son of Karina and Tim Archibald of Oakley. LaForge received a bachelor of human ecology degree from the University of Manitoba in Winnipeg, Canada. Archibald graduated from the University of North Dakota in Grand Forks, N.D., with a bachelor's degree in occupational therapy. The wedding is planned for 2:30 p.m. Friday in the Idaho Falls LDS Temple. A reception to honor the couple will be held 7 p.m. Saturday at the Oakley LDS Stake Center.



Brad Archibald and Madelyne LaForge... The couple will live in Pocatello for three months and then move to Provo, Utah, while he completes field work in occupational therapy.

PEARSON-DOBREV

(TWIN FALLS - Scott and Jap Anderson of Twin Falls and Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Pearson of Jerome announce the engagement of their daughter, Lisa Marie Pearson, to Angel Andrew Dobrev, son of Valerie Jeffrey of Las Vegas, Nev. Pearson graduated from Boise State University in December 1999. She is currently employed as a payroll administrator for Desert Bell in Las Vegas. Dobrev graduated in 1997 from Keizer Military School. He is a first lieutenant in the Army National Guard. He is attending the University of Nevada-Las Vegas, where he is majoring in criminal law. The wedding is planned for June



Angel Andrew Dobrev and Lisa Pearson... A reception will be held immediately following the ceremony at the Weston Plaza. The couple will reside in Boise.

KIRKMAN-CARR

JEROME - Ray and Debra Hagley of Jerome announce the engagement of their daughter, Heather Michelle Kirkman, to James Richard Carr, son of Marjorie and Bob Rowe of Twin Falls and Rick and Julie Carr of Jerome. Kirkman graduated from Twin Falls High School and attended Boise State University. She is employed at Chili's in Twin Falls. Carr graduated from Twin Falls High School and the University of Idaho. He is employed as the human resource director at D.L. Willie Enterprises in Twin Falls. The wedding is planned for June 3.



Heather Kirkman and James Carr... The wedding is planned for June 3.

WILCOX-ASHMEAD

HANSEN - John and Catherine Wilcox of Hansen announce the engagement of their daughter, Chanda Lynn Wilcox, to Joshua Levi Ashmead, son of Jeff and Rebecca Ashmead of Wendell. Wilcox is a graduate of Hansen High School. She is employed at Albertson's in Twin Falls. Ashmead is a graduate of Camas County High School in Fairfield. He is employed by Mart Reaner Masonry in Halley. The wedding is planned for June 3.



Joshua Ashmead and Chanda Wilcox... The wedding is planned for June 3.

BEARD-RAMSDELL

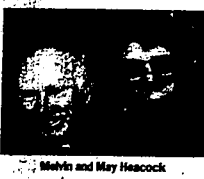
TWIN FALLS - Mr. and Mrs. Dan Beard of Twin Falls announce the engagement of their daughter, Heather Joy Beard, to John David Ramsdell, son of Mr. and Mrs. David Ramsdell of Battle Mountain, Nev. Beard is a graduate of Kimberly High School and the University of Idaho. She will begin working towards her masters degree in physical therapy this fall at Idaho State University. Ramsdell is a graduate of Battle Mountain High School. He is currently employed by the city of Twin Falls as a firefighter. The wedding is planned for June



Heather Beard and John Ramsdell... The wedding is planned for June 17 at St. Edwards Catholic Church with a reception immediately following the ceremony.

THE HEACOCKS

FAIRFIELD - Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Heacock of Fairfield will be located at an open house Saturday for their 50th wedding anniversary. Friends and relatives are invited to attend from 3 to 6 p.m. at the Fairfield Community Center, no gifts, please. Heacock and May Naser were married May 16, 1950, in Eden, Nev. He had served in the Army during World War II, joining the Air Force Reserve in 1949. He was recalled in 1950, and made the service a career. During the next 20 years, they were stationed in various places that included California, New Mexico, Washington, Guam, France and Hawaii. She babysat children for 40 years. She paints, does a variety of crafts and gardens during her free time.



Melvin and May Heacock... Upon retiring from the service the couple went to Washington and later moved to Fairfield, where they have lived for the past 20 years. The couple has two sons, Mel Heacock of Washington and Allan (Jane) Heacock of Illinois, three grandsons and one great-grandson.

THE BROWNS

TWIN FALLS - Mr. and Mrs. Devoe Brown of Twin Falls will be honored at an open house May 28 for their 50th wedding anniversary. Friends and relatives are invited to attend and dance to the music of the Do-It Band from 6 p.m. to midnight at the Weston Plaza, 1330 Blue Lakes Blvd. N. in Twin Falls. Casual dress; no gifts, please. Brown and Colleen Mooney were married May 28, 1950, in Pocatello. They moved to Twin Falls in 1983 and opened a floor-covering business. They were later involved in real estate, custom home building and land developing, in which he is still active. The greatest joy of their life has been their family and times they spend in the mountains, camping, backpacking and riding their horses. The event is being given by their children, Shelley (John) Zimmerman of Mansfield, Ohio, Kathy (Joe) O'Rourke of South Deerfield, Mass., Rhonda Nelson of Rexburg, Bobbi (Brian) Sweet of Boise and Dan (Susan) Brown of Twin Falls. The couple has 15 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.



Colleen and Devoe Brown... The event is being given by their children, Ralph (Eileen) Andrews of Filer, Larry Andrews of Colorado and Shannon (Del) Alvey of American Falls. The couple has four grandchildren.

THE ANDREWSSES

FILER - Mr. and Mrs. Everett Andrews of Filer will be honored at an open house May 28 for their 50th wedding anniversary. Friends and relatives are invited to call from 2 to 5 p.m. at the First Baptist Church in Filer. Andrews and Norma Green were married May 28, 1950, at the First Baptist Church in Filer. They have lived in California and Nevada before returning to Filer in 1957. He worked for the Southern Pacific Railroad, was involved in farming and dairy, was owner of Andrews Market, and drove truck for T&R Inc. and Circle A Construction. She worked at the First Baptist Church as secretary since 1981. They are both active in the church. He is a member of the Filer



Everett and Norma Andrews... Masonic Lodge and manages the Senior Housing Center in Filer, where Norma is secretary. The event is being given by their children, Ralph (Eileen) Andrews of Filer, Larry Andrews of Colorado and Shannon (Del) Alvey of American Falls. The couple has four grandchildren.

WEDDINGS

ESTEBAN-DOWNARD

MELBOURNE, Australia - Jeannette Esteban and Evan Downard were married March 22 in a garden setting at Kenlock Lodge in Melbourne, Australia. The bride is the daughter of Ramona Esteban of Melbourne and the late Domingo Esteban. The bridegroom's parents, Owen and Carol Downard of Halley, attended the wedding along with their daughters, Jo Ann Lanco, and her son, Moses Lanco, who served as best man. Byron Downard, the groom's uncle, also attended the wedding. The bride was attended by her friend Violet, as matron of honor. Following the ceremony, a luncheon was held in a reception room at Kenlock.



Evan and Jeannette Downard... The newlyweds spent their honeymoon in the Queensland area. They will reside in Halley, where he is employed at Tooling Express Inc. in Bellevue.



MILLUM-BRAGG

JEROME - Robert and Joanne Millum of San Diego announce the marriage of their daughter, Christine Denise Millum, to Patrick Barry Bragg, son of Barry and Wanda Bragg of Jerome. Millum graduated from Mira Mesa High School in 1995. She has been employed by San Diego City College. Bragg graduated from Jerome High School in 1995, attended the College of Southern Idaho for one year and has recently completed a four year enlistment in the United States Marine Corp. The wedding was held May 20 in San Diego. A reception to honor the couple will be held 7 from 2 to 4 p.m. Saturday at the Sawtooth Inn, West Western, 3057 S. Lincoln in Jerome. The couple will reside in Jerome.

Share your good news... The newlyweds spent their honeymoon in the Queensland area. They will reside in Halley, where he is employed at Tooling Express Inc. in Bellevue.



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