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Roadless review



Twin Falls police officers Dennis Pullin, Cory Bammett and Shane Stephens and police dog Wolfgang watch over Thursday night's public hearing on the U.S. Forest Service's proposal to protect roadless lands. The hearing at the College of Southern Idaho on the controversial roadless proposal was tame, however; about 50 people attended.

Locals weigh in on forest plan

By N.S. Norkkavred Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Roadless areas would remain that way, under a U.S. Forest Service proposal. But many people fear the proposal means they would lose access to those lands and the natural resources they contain. And they said so at a public hearing Thursday evening.

The proposal would ban road building on about 8 million acres of roadless land in Idaho and more than 40 million acres nationwide. Several people supported the proposal, a few said it didn't go far enough and suggested a ban on logging, and several people expressed concern about continued access to their favorite camping, riding and hunting areas.

Mark Alexander of the Magic Valley Trail Machine Association. "The only thing that would not be allowed under the Forest Service proposal is a new road," Alexander said. National Forest Supervisor Bill LeVerre told the group. All other uses would still be allowed, including hiking, hunting, livestock grazing, four-wheeling, horseback riding and some logging.

Want to be heard?

Written comments on the Forest Service's proposal to protect roadless lands may be submitted until July 17. The environmental impact statement is available at local Forest Service offices and on the Internet at: www.roadless.fs.fed.us. Comments should be sent to USDA Forest Service, CAET, Attn: Roadless Areas Proposed Rule, P.O. Box 221090, Salt Lake City, Utah 84122. Or they may be sent electronically to the comment section at www.roadless.fs.fed.us. Comments may also be faxed to (877) 703-2494.

allowed under the Forest Service proposal. See ROADLESS, Page A2

IDAHO REGATTA

Today's Regatta events

- 9 a.m.: Boat display and racers' breakfast, Albertson's parking lot.
- 10 a.m.: Parade starts at Albertson's.
- 11 a.m.: Testing, course.
- 2 p.m.: SS qualifying, course.
- 5 p.m.: Happy Hour race, course.
- 7 p.m.: Live concert, race site.

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First racers arrive to check out the scene — D4 water in pre-race Scramble — D5

Diving teams ready to jump into action

By Corren Hart Times-News correspondent

BURLEY — Just in case there's trouble, two scuba diving teams stand ready to pluck people out of the Snake River during this weekend's Idaho Regatta.

heats, the divers will be close by. Four rescue divers — from the Minidoka and Cassia county sheriffs' marine division and Intermountain Dive and Rescue — will be suited up, and four more will be on standby.

Clinton sees no reason for gasoline price hikes

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Clinton, confronting a political firestorm over soaring gasoline costs, said Thursday "there is no economic explanation I can think of for the run-up in the prices." He promised the government would wage an aggressive inquiry.

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Wholesale gasoline prices have dropped more than 25 cents a gallon over the past week in cities where prices at the pump are still over \$2 and rising. The industry says retailers just haven't yet caught up to the decline.

—NINETY-SECOND RESPONSE—



Lt. Dan Kindig, of the Minidoka County Sheriff's Department, climbs aboard a boat after a practice rescue in the Snake River. The sheriff's department is one of two rescue teams that are providing their services for this year's Idaho Regatta.

'Shovel Brigade' to go on

Elko County to decide on road agreement

By Karen Terrell Times-News correspondent

ELKO, Nev. — Despite a proposed settlement designed to break the impasse over the South Canyon Road, the self-proclaimed "Shovel Brigade" still says it will be at work next month trying to dig out the disrupted road.

After months of mediation, a proposed settlement agreement on the South Canyon Road has been reviewed by all the parties involved — the U.S. Forest Service, Elko County and three organizers of the so-called "Jarbridge Rebellion." Rebellions organizer and local attorney Grant Gerber said he won't sign his name on that agreement.

Rebellion organizer and local attorney Grant Gerber said he won't sign his name on that agreement. And the volunteer "Jarbridge Brigade" will still head up to the canyon July 3-4 to "turn over shovels of dirt," volunteer Marian McKenzie said.

Gerber said he disagrees with the proposal on two key issues. The agreement does not turn over the road to the county, and the road will not be repaired unless government agents decide to repair it.

After an injunction and three tireless months in mediation the federal government has drafted a proposed settlement agreement for the Jarbridge South Canyon Road to which I am not in agreement," Gerber said at a news conference

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Documents detail NEA's political activities

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The nation's largest teachers union, which reports to the IRS that it spends no union dues on politics, spent millions of dollars to help elect "pro-education candidates," produce political training guides and gather teachers' voting records, internal documents show.

The National Education Association documents reviewed by The Associated Press provide a rare window into the internal workings of one of the most powerful unions in the country. The union said Thursday it believes it complied with the law.

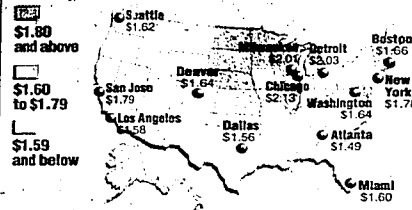
The documents state that the union since 1994 has budgeted or spent money from its general account — funded by about \$290 million a year in teachers' dues — on activities ranging from recruiting teacher-friendly candidates to helping state affiliates raise political action committee funds.

A July 1999 strategic plan states the union budgeted \$4.9 million for the 2000 election for such things as "organizational partnerships with political parties, campaign committees and political organizations." Part of the money, the document said, would be spent on a "national political strategy" that

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Where gas prices pinch

Record-high gas prices have beleaguered consumers, especially those in the Midwest. Average price per gallon for regular gas Thursday:



SOURCE: American Automobile Association Research/WT CATRI, Graphic/DIANA GORDON © 2000 RPT

THE REGION

Carnas Prairie

High: 79 Low: 38
Mostly sunny and breezy in the afternoon. Mostly clear tonight. Sunny Saturday.

Treasure Valley

High: 86 Low: 51
Mostly sunny. Northwest winds to 15 mph. Mostly clear tonight. Sunny Saturday.

Sawtooth Mountains/Wood River Valley

High: 79 Low: 41
Mostly sunny today into Saturday. Mostly clear tonight.

Eastern Idaho

High: 84 Low: 47
Mostly sunny with south-west winds to 20 mph. Mostly clear tonight. Mostly sunny tomorrow.

Northern Idaho

High: 77 Low: 50
Mostly sunny with south-west winds to 15 mph. Mostly clear tonight and mostly sunny tomorrow.



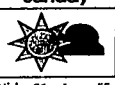
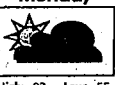
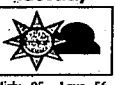
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Partly sunny today with chance of afternoon thunderstorms.

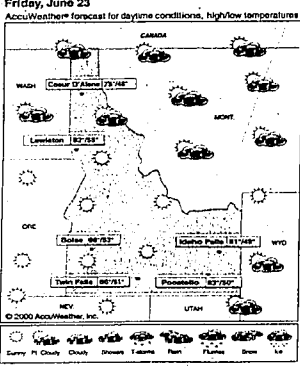
Northern Nevada

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Mostly sunny today with mostly clear tonight and sunny tomorrow.

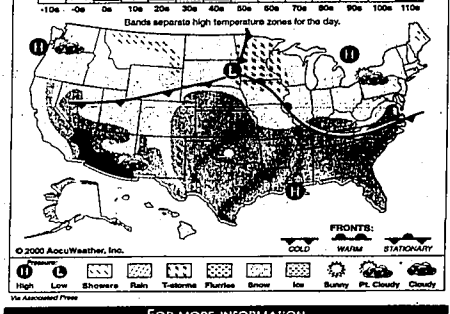
MAGIC VALLEY FIVE-DAY FORECAST

Today	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
				
High: 86 Low: 53 Mostly sunny and breezy.	High: 89 Low: 52 Sunny.	High: 91 Low: 55 Mostly sunny.	High: 92 Low: 55 Partly cloudy.	High: 95 Low: 56 Mostly sunny.

Idaho weather



National weather The AccuWeather® forecast for noon, Friday, June 23.



Tune to the National Weather Service radio band at VHF-FM 162.4 or 162.55 MHz. The internet address for Idaho Transportation Department road reports is: <http://www.state.id.us/idtra-road/index.html>

UV INDEX

Index: 3 (high)
Burn time: 20 minutes

ROAD INFORMATION

Call the following number for road conditions in Idaho: 1-888-IDA-ROAD (1-888-432-7623).

SKYWATCH

Sunset today: 9:19 p.m.
Sunrise tomorrow: 6:01 a.m.
Lunar phase: Last quarter, June 25; new, July 1; first quarter, July 8; full, July 16.

ACROSS THE NATION

Nevada Low pressure stretching across the central Appalachians into the Plains dumped more rain in flooded Oklahoma and scattered showers fell in the South, Northeast and Great Lakes on Thursday.

Illinois Rain fell from southern Virginia to Alabama and west to southeast Oklahoma. The thunderstorms dumped as much as four inches in Oklahoma's Coal and Hughes counties, and caused some flooding. Parts of the state were trying to dry out from Wednesday, when six inches of rain fell. Moderate flooding was expected along the Illinois River near Watts. The river was expected to reach 22.4 feet before receding. Flood stage is 13 feet.

Ohio Valley and the northern and central Plains were fair and dry, as was the West Coast. Monsoon moisture spread clouds over the Southwest and southern Rockies.

Arizona The high temperature by midday Thursday in the Lower 48 was 95 degrees in Phoenix and Las Vegas, and the morning low 36 in Jackson, Wyo. With the humidity, the temperature in Deslin, Fla., felt like 110 degrees.

- The Associated Press

YESTERDAY'S WEATHER

Precipitation	Twin Falls
Yesterday in Twin Falls	Yesterday 90 56
Month to date: .09	Last year 81 52
Normal mo. to date: 5.48	Normal 84 50
Water year to date: 8.85	
Idaho	Highs/Lows
Boise	High: 90
Burley	High: 88
Coeur d'Alene	High: 79
Grangeville	High: 88
Hagerman	High: 88
Idaho Falls	High: 90
Lewiston	High: 88
Malad	High: 81
McCall	High: 73
Pocatello	High: 92
Salmon	High: 81
Stanley	High: 76
Twin Falls	High: 82
Low: 38	Low: 36
Low: 51	Low: 48
Low: 53	Low: 50
Low: 52	Low: 48
Low: 55	Low: 52
Low: 55	Low: 52
Low: 56	Low: 52

The Nation

City	Max	Min	Pcp
Albuquerque	90	60	0.00
Anchorage	50	50	0.00
Atlanta	91	74	0.00
Boston	82	63	0.00
Chicago	82	63	0.00
Dallas	93	71	0.00
Denver	82	60	0.00
Des Moines	82	60	0.00
Detroit	78	65	0.00
Honolulu	86	76	0.00
Houston	75	75	0.00
Indianapolis	85	65	0.00
Kansas City	81	62	0.00
Las Vegas	101	85	0.00
Los Angeles	81	66	0.00
Memphis	87	77	0.00
Miami Beach	89	77	0.00
Millwaukee	76	68	0.00
Minneapolis	88	62	0.00
New Orleans	93	73	0.00
New York	80	71	0.00
Oklahoma City	88	65	0.00
Omaha	81	62	0.00
Phoenix	95	76	0.00
Pittsburgh	81	63	0.00
Portland, Ore.	81	63	0.00
Portland, Me.	81	63	0.00
Reno	87	66	0.00
San Jose	87	66	0.00
San Lake City	87	66	0.00
San Francisco	87	66	0.00
Seattle	87	66	0.00
Spokane	87	66	0.00
Washington	87	66	0.00
Yuma	106	84	0.00

Roadless

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Service's preferred alternative.

Other alternatives considered in the impact statement would limit or eliminate logging, and the action alternative would leave things as they are now.

The proposal would affect areas greater than 5,000 acres and inventoried as roadless in the late 1970s and early 1980s, as part of an effort to identify areas with potential for designation under the Wilderness Act.

Under the proposal, management decisions on other roadless lands of less than 5,000 acres would be left up to local forest managers.

But some criticized the proposal as a one-size-fits-all policy and said decisions are better made locally on a case-by-case basis.

"I believe we want more than a top-down legacy by President Clinton," said Art Selin, a retired Forest Service official.

But these areas remain roadless for a reason, said John McCarthy of the Idaho Conservation League. If they had a lot of trees and were accessible, somebody would have built roads there already.

Others criticized the process, saying the Forest Service is cutting out the public.

Lance McKown, state deputy attorney general, said Attorney General Al Lance is concerned about effects on state lands, and the location of uninventoried roadless lands.

Lance filed suit over the proposal last fall and lost. He has threatened to file again "because

the Forest Service is not listening to the public, to Idahoans," McKown said.

"And this time the state of Idaho will win," he said.

The Forest Service is conducting more than 300 meetings across the country this spring to explain the proposal and to take public comment on the draft environmental impact statement.

Last November and December, the Forest Service held 180 public meetings nationwide attended by more than 16,000 people, generating about 365,000 responses on the scope of the roadless area conservation proposal.

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Shovels

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Thursday morning. "Although this so-called agreement is being pressed upon me by the largest law firm in the world and the camp of 88 percent of Nevada land, I refuse to submit to the federal government's terms. This government proposal will not bear my name."

The U.S. District Court ordered the mediation last fall after Gerber, Elko County Republican Party Chairman O.Q. "Chris" Johnson and Nevada Assemblyman John Carpenter, Elko, organized a group of volunteers to reopen the road. The work party canceled those plans after being served with a restraining order from the U.S. Justice Department. The three Jarbidge Rebellion organizers, along with Elko County, were also served with a federal lawsuit for work performed on the road and ordered to mediation.

Justice Department attorneys agreed the mediation should resolve a second potential lawsuit asking the county to pay fines for violations of the Clean Water Act, and to pay \$4,000 for the damage the county supposedly caused when county crews attempted to open the road in July 1998. A draft complaint prepared by federal attorneys says the county could be subject for civil penalties of up to \$27,500 per day for each violation. Fines now total about \$19 million. If the county signs the proposed settlement agreement,

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involves "candidate recruitment, independent expenditures, early voting, and vote-by-mail programs in order to strengthen support for pro-public education candidates and ballot measures."

Two former top Internal Revenue Service officials said the documents raise questions about whether the group has properly accounted for political activities on its tax returns.

The NEA, which represents 2.5 million teachers, reported no political expenses on its returns for each year from 1993 through 1998.

"When you engage in assistance in the election of candidates, once you identify the kind of candidate you want to assist, then I think you're in the elec-

tioning arena," said Milton Cerny, who headed IRS tax-exempt organizations rulings division for 27 years.

"Somewhere along the line, that should be reported," Cerny, who reviewed the documents at AP's request, said they should "certainly cause a high-level of sensitivity" within the IRS and he expected "the service may want to take a look at it."

Marcus Owens, who just retired as director of the IRS tax-exempt organizations division, agreed. "Those do sound like political expenditures. The key is did they actually occur and did they actually occur in the way described," he said.

The NEA says it is confident it followed the law, noting the IRS concluded in May 1999 that an

audit of its 1993 tax returns found no problems. NEA officials said the union engaged in similar activities in subsequent years.

"It comes down to a legal question. And that is something that we have taken a position on that we have disclosed everything properly. And that is what we stand by," NEA lawyer Richard Wilkof said.

IRS questions aside, the NEA discloses its spending plans to teachers at annual conventions and in annual reports.

"We do not try to hide from the members that we are engaged in the activities that were engaged in," Wilkof said.

Those expenses include \$397,461 in 1994-95 for a "Political Databases and Services" project that among other things purchased voter registration records, a November 1995 document shows.

The document states the union gleaned "voter history data" and added it to "membership files" in the database. The union uses the information to target its communications with members.

labor. The county would be issued the right-of-way to the road and would be responsible for maintaining the road.

The proposed agreement is in the hands of Elko County commissioners, who will vote on it at a public meeting Wednesday.

The outcome could rest with Commissioner Nickolas Nannini and Roberta Skelton, who has spoken in favor of the agreement. Two commissioners, Brad Roberts and Tony Lesperance, have been critical of the mediation process.

Johnson and Carpenter, the other two Jarbidge Rebellion organizers, also seemed unhappy.

"I resent the fact that we (county) by government fiat would be made to sit down at a table and be subject to the will of Washington," Johnson said. "I resent what our federal government has become."

In a news release, Carpenter said he "is not in full accord with the proposed agreement."

Assistant U.S. Attorney Steve Myhre described the mediation as civil and professional. Only the parties that sign the agreement will be dropped from the litigation, he said.

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Wednesday, June 21, 2000

POWERBALL
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Wednesday, June 21, 2000

WILD CARD
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 WILD CARD: Queen of Hearts

Thursday, June 22, 2000

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Meeting

Elko County commissioners will meet at 8:30 p.m. Wednesday at the Elko Convention Center to decide whether to accept the proposed settlement agreement on the Snake Canyon Road near Jarbidge.

Joe Jarbidge, a mediator from Denver, will discuss the mediation process and representatives from the state of Nevada and the federal government will be on hand to answer questions. There will also be an opportunity for the public to comment.

The lawsuit and fines would be dropped.

Under the proposed agreement, the U.S. Forest Service would complete an environmental impact statement within one year to examine the road from the watershed out section near Pine Creek Campground to the Snowslide Trailhead. The impact statement would include provisions for building the road to protect bull trout and other habitat.

After the study is completed and it is determined the road can be opened without violating Environmental Protection Agency guidelines and without endangering the bull trout, the federal government would move ahead to rebuild the road, said Bob Vaught, supervisor of the Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest.

Elko County would contribute \$150,000 — in cash, materials and

about 28 feet at its deepest point in the Regatta area, although points at Lake Walcott are about 50 feet deep. The water temperature is in the 60s, a break for the divers.

And at least one Regatta rescue is glad to see qualified help wading in, just in case.

"It is very impressive that rescue crew puts in the amount of hours that they do practicing and rescuing," said Bob Whittington, driver of an SS-211 boat. "We naturally hope we keep the boats right side up, but it is comforting and reassuring, knowing that sheriff's deputies and mountaineers and divers are out there."

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Counsel won't charge Hillary Clinton

Prosecutor finds not enough evidence in travel office firings

WASHINGTON (AP) — Independent Counsel Robert Ray said Thursday there is "substantial evidence" that Hillary Rodham Clinton played a role in White House travel office firings, contrary to her denials, but he won't bring charges against her.

Ray said he could not prove beyond a reasonable doubt that "any of Mrs. Clinton's statements and testimony regarding her involvement in the travel office firings were knowingly false."

The independent counsel has declined prosecution of Mrs. Clinton, Ray said. The prosecutor also criticized the White House for what he called "substantial resistance" to providing "relevant evidence" to his investigators.

The White House asserted unfounded privileges that were later rejected in court, Ray said. White House officials also conducted inadequate searches for

documents and failed to make timely production of documents, including relevant e-mails.

Ray issued the statement after closing out the investigation into the 1993 firings of all seven employees of the White House travel office, which spurred one of the first major controversies of President Clinton's tenure.

The announcement comes less than six months before the election. Mrs. Clinton is seeking to become a U.S. senator from New York.

When Ray recently announced the closing of the FBI files investigation, he praised the White House for cooperation and emphasized there was no "substantial" evidence of wrongdoing.

But in Thursday's statement, Ray challenged the veracity of Mrs. Clinton's account of the firings. She has repeatedly stated she did not play a role in them.

Mrs. Clinton "has discussions with Deputy White House Counsel Vince Foster, Chief of Staff Mack McLarty and longtime friend and adviser Harry Thomsen," he noted. Ray also said a direct telephone conversa-



Hillary Rodham Clinton

tion she had with David Watkins, then the White House administration chief, ultimately influenced Watkins' decision to fire the travel office employees.

Nevertheless, the evidence was insufficient to prove to a jury beyond a reasonable doubt that any of Mrs. Clinton's statements and testimony regarding her involvement in the travel office firings were knowingly false," he said.

The White House travel office workers who were fired served at the pleasure of the president and could have been terminated without any reason. But a White House lawyer who worked for Foster contacted the FBI to pass along rumors of financial improprieties before the workers were fired.

Republicans accused the White House of using the FBI to justify the firings.

Foster later committed suicide. The White House conducted an internal review and issued a public apology, saying the firings had been mishandled. It also reprimanded four presidential aides while recommending that five of the seven former employees be given new government jobs. The former head of the office was prosecuted and acquitted of financial wrongdoing.

Ray's predecessor, Kenneth Starr, zeroed in on the travel office in January 1996 when a memo by Watkins surfaced stating that Mrs. Clinton had been behind the firings.

A year and a half earlier, Mrs. Clinton had denied ordering the dismissals in written answers a White House lawyer submitted on her behalf to the General Accounting Office, the investigative arm of Congress.

"We ... knew that there would be hell to pay if ... we failed to take swift and decisive action in conformity with the first lady's wishes," Watkins wrote in his unadmitted memo, adding that he had been "as protective and vague as possible" in his own answers to investigators.

Last minute appeals fail to halt Texas execution

HUNTSVILLE, Texas (AP) — Cary Graham, subject of the most contentious Texas death penalty case since Gov. George W. Bush began running for president, was executed Thursday night for a 1981 murder he said he did not commit.

Graham, 36, received a lethal injection for the killing of a man in a holdup outside a Houston supermarket. The state parole board and appeals courts rejected his arguments that he was convicted on shaky evidence from a single eyewitness and that his trial lawyer did a poor job.

He made a long, defiant final statement in which he asserted his innocence, said he was being lynched and called the death penalty a holocaust for black Americans. He asked to be called Shaka Sankofa to reflect his African heritage.

Bush said he supported the execution and pointed out that Graham's case had been reviewed by 23 state and federal judges.

"After considering all of the

facts I am convinced justice is being done," Bush said after final appeals were denied. "May God bless the victim, the family of the victim, and may God bless Mr. Graham."

When the Texas parole board, made up of 18 Bush appointees, refused to block the execution, that left the Republican governor with no options. The single 30-day reprieve a Texas governor may unilaterally give a condemned inmate was issued to Graham by Bush's predecessor in 1993.

The Supreme Court, a federal judge and state appeals court also turned down Graham's last-minute appeals, which delayed the execution for more than two hours.

The nation's high court turned down Graham's appeal on a 5-4 vote along its conservative-liberal ideological fault line. Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist and Justices Sandra Day O'Connor, Antonin Scalia, Anthony M. Kennedy and Clarence Thomas voted to reject the appeal.

Justice official suggests Gore investigation

WASHINGTON (AP) — A top Justice Department prosecutor has recommended a special counsel be appointed to investigate Vice President Al Gore in the 1996 campaign fund-raising controversy, government officials said Thursday.

The recommendation came from Robert Conrad, supervising attorney for the Justice Department task force investigating 1996 fund-raising abuses, said the officials, speaking on condition of anonymity.

Conrad interviewed Gore and President Clinton in April. Conrad signaled activity in the investigation on Wednesday when he declined to answer a senator's questions about the vice president and the president.

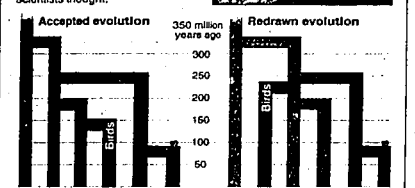
"Officially said Sen. Arlen Specter, R-Pa., recently learned about Conrad's recommendation. "I have reason to believe that Mr. Conrad has made a recommendation that an independent counsel be appointed to matters related to Vice President Gore," Specter said in a telephone interview.

"Gore, while campaigning for president in 1996, said he didn't know anything about a recommendation regarding a special counsel.

"You're privy to news I don't have," Gore told reporters.

Redraw evolution?

A new discovery of a fossil, shown at right, is believed to be of a feathered reptile from about 220 million years ago. This could mean that birds evolved from dinosaurs but from reptiles, and making birds much older than scientists thought.



Source: Science: From So Simple A Beginning

Fossils challenge theory of dinosaur origin of birds

WASHINGTON (AP) — The fossil of a small lizard-like, flying reptile with a complex set of feathers challenges the theory that birds evolved from dinosaurs, a new study says.

Researchers say the feathered reptile lived 225 million years ago, proving that feathered animals evolved millions of years before the appearance of the dinosaurs that most experts say are the ancestors of modern birds.

The fossil has been called Longisquama and is thought to be

an archosaur, a member of a reptile group that later gave rise to dinosaurs, crocodiles and birds. The first known bird, Archeopteryx, appeared about 145 million years ago, some 75 million after the date for Longisquama.

"Here you've got an animal that isn't a bird and it isn't a dinosaur, and yet it has feathers," said Nicholas R. Geist, paleobiologist at Sonoma State University and co-author of a study appearing Friday in the journal Science.

Government buys back more national debt

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Treasury Department bought back \$2 billion of the national debt Thursday, the latest in a series of debt reductions.

Because the outstanding 30-year Treasury bonds carry higher yields than the current market yield on comparable securities, the department paid sellers \$678 million in premiums to cash in early.

Treasury bought back 11 issues of 30-year bonds maturing between February 2015 and August 2019. The bonds carried yields ranging from 7.500 percent to 11.250 percent.

In March, Treasury initiated the first buyback of debt in 70 years and has now conducted seven such operations. The department hopes to buy back up to \$30 billion of debt this year.

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Three meat inspectors die in shooting

SAN LEANDRO, Calif. (AP) — A sausage factory owner who had claimed he had been harassed by the government over health violations allegedly shot and killed three meat inspectors who had come to examine the plant.

Stuart Alexander, 39, chased down another inspector before quietly surrendering to police Wednesday afternoon, police said.

"He was a good man, but pressure, pressure — everybody blows up under pressure," said Michael Smith, a friend.

Alexander, a former candidate for San Leandro mayor who had run into financial and legal trouble, was booked on murder and attempted murder charges.

Killed were two inspectors from the U.S. Department of Agriculture and one from the state. It was unclear Thursday whether Alexander would face federal charges; under federal law, he could get the death penalty for the murder of a government employee.

Alexander's plant in San Leandro, just south of Oakland, had been closed and recently reopened. The factory had been cited for not properly heating sausage that was labeled as fully cooked and for not using inspection dates on meat, the San Francisco Chronicle reported.

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Waco testimony reveals tear-gassing plans

WACO, Texas (AP) — Federal agents who tear-gassed the Branch Davidian complex in 1993 strayed from the plan approved by Attorney General Janet Reno when they used tanks to smash through holes in the building, former FBI officials testified Thursday.

Attorneys for Branch Davidian survivors and family members said the FBI's on-scene commanders ordered the dismantling of the Davidians' complex with tanks

less than five hours into the tear-gassing operation. The plaintiffs say the Reno-approved plan called for FBI agents to use tank booms to gradually insert tear gas in the building and permit systematic destruction only 48 hours after a determination that the tear-gassing plan had failed.

In videotaped testimony in the \$675 million wrongful death suit, retired deputy assistant FBI director Danny Coulson said he was surprised when he saw a

tank deeply penetrating the cult's building on April 19, 1993, the final day of the Waco siege.

"I don't recall that the plan contemplated this activity," Coulson said. "It would appear to be inconsistent."

Coulson said he watched the events unfold on a monitor in Washington, D.C., and remembered saying, "I hope that's a bad camera angle."

Larry Potts, former assistant FBI director, said in a videotaped deposition he wasn't sure what

the tanks were doing. He said he wondered "Is there some kind of an emergency? I wasn't sure what the reason was."

Reno's videotaped deposition on the plans to tear gas the complex was expected to be shown to the jury later Thursday.

Cult leader David Koresh and about 80 of his followers when fire engulfed the rickety wooden building hours after FBI agents began the tear-gassing operation. The government contends that the cult set the fire.

Plan to change hours for truckers' stirs criticisms

WASHINGTON (AP) — An administration attempt to change long-standing rules on truckers' hours of service was assailed on all sides in House hearings Thursday as being too complex, too costly and ultimately counterproductive.

Among the criticisms: • The trucking industry contended the Transportation Department's proposed rule changes could be economically crippling and put more inexperienced drivers on the road.

• Union representatives said drivers would spend even less time with their families.

• Safety advocates said the changes don't go far enough in getting fatigued, potentially dangerous drivers off the road.

There was little dispute on the need to change the current hours-of-service system, adopted in 1937, before the interstate highway system existed. Those rules were based on an 18-hour

cycle of 10 hours driving and eight hours off. Since the rules didn't account for the other six hours of a day, a driver could be behind the wheel for 16 hours in one 24-hour period.

Those long hours are partly responsible for the 755 annual fatalities and nearly 20,000 injuries resulting from crashes involving fatigued commercial drivers, said Clyde Hart, acting deputy administrator of the Transportation Department's newly created Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration.

Hart told a House Transportation Committee panel that his office understood that reducing hours of operation and requiring more off-time could be an economic hardship for motor carriers that might have to hire another 49,000 drivers. "But we still think that getting tired truckers off the road is the highest priority."

Court convicts lawyer in smear plot

MOBILE, Ala. (AP) — A lawyer aligned with the Democrats was cleared of bribery Thursday but convicted of witness tampering and criminal defamation stemming from allegations he paid a former call girl to accuse a GOP candidate of rape.

Garve Ivey, 48, was found guilty after nearly two days of deliberation.

• 36 percent of all schools used portable classroom trailers.

• 20 percent of all schools held classes elsewhere such as in the gym or the lunchroom.

Melissa Myers Bush to make false claims against Steve Windom and destroy his 1998 campaign for lieutenant governor.

The scheme failed — Windom was elected lieutenant governor — and the woman admitted the allegations were false.

He and private investigator Wes Chappell were charged in what prosecutors alleged was a scheme to pay former prostitute

They could get up to year in jail and \$2,500 in fines. No sentencing date was set.

"The evidence cannot possibly support a guilty verdict, and we will appeal," said his lawyer.

Report says many schools are over capacity

WASHINGTON (AP) — Parents in Murfreesboro, Tenn., don't need a study to tell them their schools are overcrowded.

"There are about 15 portables in the school yard, kids are eating in the hallway, sitting cross-legged on the floor," said Stacey Grasky, a parent who led a charge for a new school to ease conditions at Walter Hill Elementary School.

The school is swelling with 1,096 K-8 pupils — nearly 200 more than were enrolled seven years ago. "It's an unhealthy environment," Borasky said. "We pack them into the building like sardines."

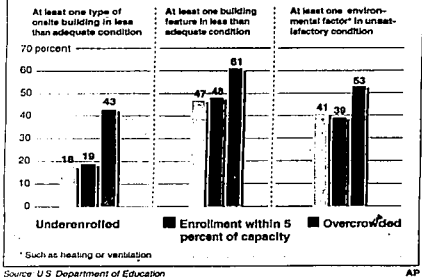
More than one-fifth of the nation's schools have more students than they were built to serve, the Education Department said Thursday in a report suggesting that overcrowding and crumbling buildings go hand in hand.

In 1999, the study said, 17,400 U.S. schoolhouses (or 22 percent) were at least 6 percent over capacity, which the department deems overcrowded. Two-thirds of these schools, which enroll nearly 18 million children, had roofs, plumbing and other building features that needed constant maintenance, violated building codes, or required outright replacement, the study said.

The report was released as President Clinton pushed for congressional approval of his \$1.3 billion emergency school-repair bill. "Rising enrollments and years

Overcrowded, crumbling schools

More than one-fifth of U.S. schools have more students than they were built to serve. Overcrowded schools report being more likely than other schools to have problems with building space, features and climate control. Here is a look at the wear-and-tear that rising enrollments put on schools.



of deferred maintenance have taken a serious toll, jeopardizing our children's health and the quality of their education," Clinton said as the Senate opened debate on fiscal 2001 education spending.

Republicans oppose Clinton's wish to set aside grants and loans to fix 5,000 of the worst schools each year. They plan, instead, to put the construction money into a

pot with other programs.

"Parents have a right to expect that their children go to schools that are in good condition," said Education Secretary Richard Riley, saying that although school repair is a local issue, voters support the federal help.

But Sen. Arlen Specter, R-Pa., who heads the Appropriations Committee's panel that oversees education spending, said, "We're

prepared to take to the American people the basic concept that if school systems do not need additional buildings, they ought to be able to use their share for something else."

The spending fight has focused on overall school repair, less on roofs, flooding toilets and collapsing walls that have dogged districts saddled with schoolhouses averaging 40 years old. But Thursday's report documented a trend that paralleled the aging of schools: record public school enrollment overcrowding and increasing wear and tear on buildings.

The report said:

• 53 percent of overcrowded schools reported problems with heating and other ventilation systems, compared with 39 percent of schools with normal capacity.

• 36 percent of all schools used portable classroom trailers.

• 20 percent of all schools held classes elsewhere such as in the gym or the lunchroom.

• 8 percent of all schools — 6,200 buildings — were severely overcrowded, enrolling 25 percent more children than they were built to hold.

The first-ever survey asked 903 public schools last year about building space and the condition of roofs, plumbing, heating, ventilation and other features. The margin of error for all schools was plus or minus 0.9 of a percentage point.

Opponents call for missile test inquiry

WASHINGTON (AP) — More than 50 House Democrats urged the FBI on Thursday to investigate "serious allegations of fraud and cover-up" in development of a national missile defense system.

Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott, meanwhile, said he is "not going to be outraged" if President Clinton leaves a decision on the system to the next president.

Critics of the system have been pushing for Clinton to give the go-ahead this year for a system to protect all 50 states from limited nuclear missile attacks. Lott is the first high-ranking Republican to suggest that a delay might be acceptable.

Support for the system has been mixed among Democrats, with opponents citing recent reports questioning whether the planned system of interceptor missiles would work and whether the Pentagon is objectively weighing test results.

"If we're relying on this technology to protect the United States and the technology is being advanced with false information,

the people have a right to know," said Rep. Dennis Kucinich, D-Ohio, holding up a black umbrella full of gaping holes.

Kucinich appeared at a news conference on the Capitol lawn with several other Democratic members and with physicist Robert L. Park, who said the limited testing conducted by the Pentagon is inadequate to ensure a viable system.

Park said scientists with the American Physical Society strongly support an FBI inquiry.

Earlier this week, Defense Secretary William Cohen indicated he might recommend going ahead with the system even if a July 7 test fails. The test involves a missile collision over the Pacific. Incoming missiles would be destroyed by impact rather than by an explosive device, requiring a precise hit.

Fifty-three Democrats signed the letter to FBI Director Louis Freeh. The letter cited concerns of scientists from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and alleged a cover-up of a failed

experiment of the system. "Public scrutiny of the evidence for these allegations has recently been greatly impeded by the decision of the Department of Defense to classify that letter and attachments," the congressional letter said.

The Democrats quoted from a New York Times report on the scientists' letter which said the system could not tell the difference between warheads and decoys.

"The American people need an independent investigation of this matter to determine if the well-documented and serious allegations of fraud in the National Missile Defense system are true and if a cover-up of that fraud has taken place," the letter said.

On a possible delay in the presidential decision, Lott, R-Miss., told reporters, "You are talking about only a few months there, and so I'm not going to be outraged if he dodges this decision."

Lott said he expected Clinton might avoid the decision "because he doesn't want it to cause problems for Al Gore."

Lawmakers forge spending agreement

WASHINGTON (AP) — House and Senate leaders broke a spending impasse on Thursday, agreeing to free \$12 billion in long-delayed funds to help Colombia's war on drugs, pay for U.S. troops in Kosovo and provide natural disaster relief.

The agreement came as the Senate voted to 95-4 to endorse a \$13.4 billion foreign aid bill. The legislation contained just under \$1 billion in anti-narcotics assistance to Colombia. However, under the new agreement that amount will now be increased to \$1.3 billion.

That would bring it closer to a \$1.7 billion Colombia package approved by the House in March.

Sen. Paul Coverdell, R-Ga., a proposed sponsor of the bill, said a proposal, called the final vote "a major victory toward stopping the spread of illegal narcotics into the United States."

But it was rising pressure from the Pentagon, as much as anything, that appears to have contributed to the breakthrough.

Housing secretary says he'd take vice presidential spot if offered

JERUSALEM (AP) — U.S. Housing Secretary Andrew Cuomo said Thursday he would agree to be Al Gore's running mate, if asked.

Cuomo, son of former New York Gov. Mario Cuomo, is one of many Democrats whose names have been mentioned as possible vice presidential candidates.

Cuomo, 42, also said he might seek his party's nomination for governor of New York in 2002.

The housing secretary was in Israel to create a commission of Israeli and U.S. experts to look for ways to increase the supply of affordable housing in both countries. Cuomo and his Israeli counterpart, Housing Minister Yitzhak Levy, signed an agreement to form the commission Thursday.

Asked whether he would accept the spot on the Democratic ticket, Cuomo said: "Yes, I would accept."

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Albright pushes China's president to try to reconcile with Taiwan

BEIJING (AP) — Secretary of State Madeleine Albright urged Chinese President Jiang Zemin to "seize the moment" and hold reconciliation talks with Taiwan, but her appeal was turned down.

In two sets of talks Tuesday, what lasted an hour and three-quarters, Jiang insisted that Taiwan must first acknowledge there is one China, a senior U.S. official said reporters afterward. He said the issue dominated the talks in the Chinese leadership compound.

On most other fronts, U.S. relations with China appeared to improve. Jiang, for instance, thanked Albright for the Clinton administration's effort to lower trade barriers for Chinese goods.

Together, they discussed the results of the North-South Korean President Kim Jong Il



Madeleine Albright was quoted as telling Albright: "The road is still long before they solve their difficulties."

On Taiwan, however, Jiang and other senior Chinese officials held fast to the view that President Chen Shui-bain of Taiwan must recognize the "one China" principle, which suggests Taiwan must remain its own way.

Suggesting talks with Taiwan

could proceed below summit-level, Albright said at a news conference. "It is very important for them to find an appropriate level and channel."

But, Albright said, the officials she talked to Tuesday had doubts about President Chen. "They are questioning, basically, who he is, what his motives are," Albright told reporters.

Chen, taking a cue from a summit meeting between leaders of North and South Korea, sent an invitation Tuesday to President Jiang, saying they should meet "to shake hands and reconcile in creating a historic moment."

Albright said lowering tensions between the two sides had top U.S. priority. And she urged China to consider its dismissal of the overture.



Russian President Vladimir Putin, right, and Prime Minister Mikhail Kasyanov attend a ceremony at the Unknown Soldiers Tomb at the Kremlin wall in Moscow Thursday. The ceremony was to mark the 59th anniversary of the Nazi invasion that ravaged the country and left 27 million Soviet citizens dead.

U.S. Embassy in Jordan warns of terrorist attack

AMMAN, Jordan — The U.S. Embassy in Jordan announced Thursday that it may be a target of a terrorist attack and warned American citizens in the Arab kingdom to be vigilant.

A message on the embassy's Web site said the U.S. government "has information concerning terrorist targeting" of the Amman embassy.

"While the U.S. has full confidence in the Government of Jordan's demonstrated ability and willingness to address security threats, the full dimensions of the threat are not known," the announcement said.

Dozens arrested in U.S. Navy's Vieques range

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico — Security guards arrested 49 people Thursday who walked onto the U.S. Navy's Vieques training ground to protest plans to resume bombing practice this weekend.

The protesters were being taken to the Roosevelt Roads Naval Station on the main island of Puerto Rico to be cited for trespassing, said Navy spokesman Robert Nelson.

Starting Saturday, ships and airplanes attached to the USS George Washington Battle Group are expected to begin bombing and shelling on the range using inert weapons.

Poll shows candidates are statistical tie in Mexico

MEXICO CITY — An election poll published in a leading Mexican newspaper Thursday as the third in two days to show the two leading presidential candidates in a statistical tie.

The Reforma poll — its seventh of the year and the last before the July 2 election — showed ruling Institutional Revolutionary Party candidate Francisco Labastida favored by 42 percent of those surveyed, compared to 39 percent for Vicente Fox of the center-right National Action Party and 18 percent for Cuauhtemoc Cárdenas, of the leftist Democratic Revolution Party.

The results nearly echoed those of a poll released Wednesday by a political consulting firm and a private Mexican university showing Labastida with 42 percent, Fox with 38.5 percent and Cárdenas, 18 percent. Both polls had a margin of error of 2.5 percentage points, making the results a statistical dead heat between Labastida and Fox.

Chinese plane crashes in thunderstorm, killing 42

BEIJING — A Chinese domestic

World in brief

airliner flying in stormy weather was struck by lightning and crashed Thursday in central China, killing all 42 people aboard, state media and officials said.

The Wuhan Airlines flight, carrying 38 passengers and four crew members, came down at 3 p.m. local time in a rural suburb of Wuhan, an industrial center and capital of Hubei province.

"We lost contact" with the plane, said an official at Wuhan's Wugangliang Airport who refused to give her name.

The state-run Xinhua News Agency said the plane, a domestically made YUN-7, was descending for landing when lightning struck. It said all 42 people were killed.

Four people on the ground were missing, Xinhua said. It said the plane's "black-box" flight data recorder has been found and an investigation was under way.

China passenger ship sinks; 59 people missing or dead

BEIJING — A ship overloaded with as many as 200 passengers capsized Thursday after hitting rocks on a foggy, turbulent stretch of the Yangtze River and Chinese state media said 59 people were either dead or missing.

Thirteen bodies and 51 survivors were recovered after the ship sank Thursday morning in Hejiang county in southwestern Sichuan province, the China News Service said. It said 46 people were still missing.

Investigators believe "the accident was caused by turbulent waves and overload," the state-run Xinhua News Agency said.

Iran will spare lives of Jews accused of spying for Israel

TEHRAN, Iran — None of the 13 Iranian Jews accused of spying for Israel will be sentenced to death, a judiciary official said Thursday.

The defense had said previously the charges do not carry the death penalty, but it was the first time an Iranian official representing the prosecution has ruled out death sentences for the accused.

"According to the law, none of the 13 accused are expected to get the death penalty," said Hossein Ali Amiri, the judiciary chief of Fars province, where the trial is being held.

China cancels publication of novel 'Waiting'

The Washington Post

BEIJING — A Chinese publishing house has canceled plans to publish a translation of "Waiting," the National Book Award-winning novel by emigrant writer Ha Jin, after it was attacked in the Chinese media as a "tool used by the American media to slander China."

The decision to stop publication of Ha Jin's book was part of a cultural clampdown under way in China for the last year. Dozens of publishing houses are being investigated for publishing pornography and books on politically or culturally sensitive topics. Scores of books have been banned. And several leading editors have been booted from their posts.

Ma Li, a spokeswoman for the Beijing Publishing Group, said her firm has "given up plans" to publish "Waiting." Another official at the publishing house said the firm dropped its plans because a Beijing University professor attacked the book and because it feared government reprisals if it printed the novel.

"Reached at his home near Atlanta, Ga., Ha Jin said he is saddened by the news. "It's really too troubling to think about," he said. "If this was in the United States, we could toss this attack in the wastebasket, but in China it really scared the publishers."

Suzanne Williams, a spokeswoman for Pantheon Books in New York, said her firm and the Beijing Publishing Group had a verbal agreement over the rights to "Waiting" but that as of yet no contract has been signed. "It's amazing that such a ridiculous essay could cause this problem," she said. "It was totally wrong."

The clampdown seems to stem from propaganda officials in the Communist Party who are concerned that China's society is becoming more free and that topics like sex, nihilism, social criticism and alternative lifestyles are being discussed too openly.

The concern reflects a growing gap between the elderly officials who head the party and the rest of Chinese society, which is changing at a breakneck pace and undergoing a wrenching transition from a socialist economy to a version of market economy. That transition has been complicated by the almost complete collapse of traditional value systems.

Russia remembers wartime

MOSCOW (AP) — With wreaths, candles and church services, people across the former Soviet Union on Thursday solemnly marked the 59th anniversary of the Nazi invasion that ravaged the country and left 27 million Soviet citizens dead.

At 3:55 a.m. — the moment German troops are said to have crossed into Soviet territory — several hundred veterans and members of youth groups held candles during a minute of silence at Russia's Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in Moscow.

Russian President Vladimir Putin laid a wreath at the tomb, next to the Kremlin, later in the morning.

War memories are strong in Russia, where losses touched almost every family. Putin's older brother, for instance, died of typhoid in besieged Leningrad, now St. Petersburg.

Russian churches held memorial services for the estimated 27 million dead, though an exact count is impossible.

Belarus and Ukraine, both former Soviet republics which became independent in 1991 after the Soviet breakup, lie to the west of Russia and bore the brunt of the invasion.

In Belarus, honor guards lowered wreaths into the Bug River, near the Brest fortress on the border between Poland and Belarus, and watched them float away. The fortress' Soviet defenders held out for 28 days after being overrun in the first hours of the war.



Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Barak, left, meets with the U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan in Barak's office in Tel Aviv Thursday. Barak and Annan met Thursday for the second time as Annan continues his tour of the Middle East.

U.N. chief calls for West Bank land-for-peace trade

RAMALLAH, West Bank (AP) — U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan promised the Palestinians on Thursday that he would work hard for the implementation of U.N. resolutions calling for Israel's withdrawal from lands it occupied in the 1967 Mideast war.

Annan spoke after a one-hour meeting with Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat in the West Bank town of Ramallah. The Palestinians hope to establish a state in the areas Israel seized in 1967 — the West Bank, the Gaza Strip and east Jerusalem.

Annan's pledge came during a crucial phase in Israeli-Palestinian negotiations on the terms of Palestinian statehood. Israel has said it is willing to make far-reaching territorial concessions, but that it will not withdraw to the pre-1967 borders.

Both sides have accepted U.N. Security Council Resolutions 242 and 338, which call for an Israeli withdrawal from occupied lands, as a basis for the talks.

However, Israel says the resolutions don't stipulate a pull-back from all of the disputed areas.

Many problems afflict Ethiopian hunger centers

Los Angeles Times

DENAN, Ethiopia — In the small regions of southern and eastern Ethiopia, up to 80 percent of the 6.1 million cattle are believed to have perished for want of food and water, according to a United Nations survey.

"Even the camels in my village died two months ago," said Adra Abdi, 50. She walked 30 miles to the Doctors Without Borders center in Denan, where her 1-year-old granddaughter was receiving injections of oral rehydration salts and enriched milk every 10 minutes through a nasogastric tube.

The fact that the unavailability of food in remote areas is driving the hungry toward feeding stations and population centers poses new problems. The arrivals must be provided with drinking water, so it has to be found somewhere, chlorinated and trucked in, usually by the same hard-pressed aid agencies that are trying to supply food.

There is a lack of doctors, nurses and other qualified personnel in the Somali regions, where many people from other areas of Ethiopia do not feel welcome.

"We're working day and night," said Dr. Tedbabe Degfie, a physician who came from Addis Ababa, Ethiopia's capital, to work with Save the Children USA in Gode.

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EDITORIAL

Presidential hopefuls show their important differences

Presidential campaigns can be tiresome, but they serve a purpose. Day by day, voters are learning how differently the presidencies of Al Gore and George W. Bush might influence America's future.

Item 1: The Republican Bush recently waded into the treacherous waters of Social Security reform, asserting that workers should be allowed to put part of their pension money into the stock market. Such a plan could let Social Security become a true retirement investment, instead of a simple transfer of wealth from current taxpayers to retirees.

Bush alone is asking why American workers must contribute to a retirement system in which their money does not significantly grow.

The Democrat Gore, unwilling to let Bush hog the limelight, rolled out his own idea this week. He proposed creating a tax-sheltered retirement account, in which workers could voluntarily contribute. The government would provide tax credits as an incentive for worker contributions.

The differences between these plans are stark. Gore's plan provides modest tax sheltering (\$2,000 a year, tops) of retirement funds — essentially duplicating the existing IRA and 401(k) accounts. But Gore would not lessen the government's stranglehold on Social Security funds.

Bush alone is addressing the basic question: Why must American workers contribute to a retirement system in which their money does not significantly grow?

Item 2: Gore, the Internet's self-proclaimed inventor, has long promoted the idea of providing computers to

schools in poor communities. This week, Bush offered his own vision for computers in school. He proposes a \$400 million plan for prodding schools into making the most productive use of classroom computers.

Technology cannot make students learn," Bush said. Just so, Computers are a tool of education, not a goal.

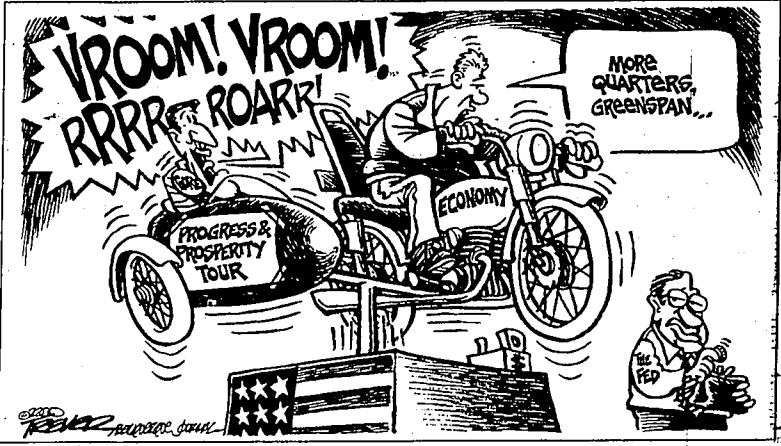
So when the government spends money to equip classrooms with whiz-bang electronic gadgets, Bush wants assurances that the spending will produce real improvements in student performance.

Bush's plan includes money for research on the best use of computers, and it requires states to hold schools accountable for how they spend the money.

The basic difference is: Gore, in classic liberal fashion, focuses on what resources taxpayers can put into schools. Bush is talking about what results we can get out.

Item 3: The Supreme Court said this week that school districts cannot allow students to lead public prayers before high school football games. The court ruled 6-3 that such prayers undermined the religious freedom of "non-adherents" who might be sitting in the grandstands.

We won't presume to argue with the court. We merely note that presidents appoint Supreme Court justices. The outcomes of presidential elections may affect public policy long after the candidates themselves have passed from public life.



Our schools have forgotten some ideals

WILLIAM J. BENNETT

This month Potomac Elementary, the top-rated elementary school in Montgomery County, Maryland, accepted the resignation of its principal and suspended a teacher for providing the answers on state achievement tests to students. Their actions were discovered after Potomac fifth-graders notified their parents of their principal's and teacher's conduct during state exams.

The principal reportedly encouraged some students to recheck answers to questions they'd missed, allowed extra time to complete tests, and even held up a map and pointed to the country about which the students were being quizzed. Unfortunately, this isn't an isolated incident. In New York City, 32 schools and dozens of teachers are under investigation for cheating. Similar incidents have occurred in Texas, Florida, Ohio, Rhode Island, Kentucky and Virginia.

Most public school teachers, including those at Potomac, are honest and hard-working. But the fact that we've seen so many recent examples of educators acting dishonestly is telling — and it should be cause for worry.

So, should the reaction we've seen from some quarters.

"Perhaps this should be a warning to the county and state boards that they are putting too much pressure on schools for standardized testing," one Potomac parent told The Washington Post. Karl K. Pence, president of the Maryland State Teachers Association, blamed testing "hysteria" and the "celebratory way" the state releases test scores every year, which "encourages the competition." Alfie Kohn, a leading anti-testing advocate, argues, "We don't have the luxury of piously condemning individual teachers when the real villain here is an overemphasis on test scores at the expense of real learning."

In other words, the blame should be placed not on those who cheat but on those who advocate testing and standardized tests there are too many tests in some schools, and that not enough tests are of sufficiently high quality.

But even a legitimate complaint about a particular testing regime cannot be used as a justification for cheating. The pernicious idea advanced by testing critics — that holding people accountable to their meet high standards permits them to act unethically — eviscerates the concept of moral accountability.

And consider the premise of the anti-testing critics: standards that push people to excel, and that might in the process cause anxiety, are inherently flawed. By this logic, we should do away with such things as driver's license tests, gun permits, drug tests and medical school exams.

Something larger is going on here, however. During the past three decades or so, we've lost sight of education's fundamental purpose and the key role teachers and principals have in meeting it. It's worth recalling that, beginning in the mid-19th century, a diverse group began to work for public support of what was then called the "common school," the forerunner of the public school. The common schools were to be charged with the mission of moral and civic training; their advocates believed it was imperative we have a common institution that inculcated virtue.

They believed public education was about the architecture of souls. This ancient, honorable understanding is one to which we must repair. How is this to be done?

First, teachers and principals must be willing to articulate ideals and convictions to students. Second, the character of a school, its ethos, must be determined not only by the articulation of ideals and convictions but by the behavior of authority figures. Which means we must have principals and teachers who know the difference between right and wrong, and who themselves exemplify good character.

The first without the second is insufficient. For example, displayed in Potomac

Elementary's lobby is a "Character Counts Board," which posts virtues such as "responsibility," "self-discipline" and "honesty." This is inadequate. Beginning three decades ago with the "values clarification" movement, the professional education world has promoted a view of teaching that is devoid of large moral purpose. And while character education has made something of a comeback in recent years, in too many places it's still a token effort.

Thankfully, many principals and teachers hold firm to the notion that educators must be good role models. They understand that authentic character education consists of much more than a special course or a few hands-on activities. They believe a good school is bound by a set of moral ideas. And they recognize that a central task — perhaps the central task — of education is steadily leading students' hearts and minds toward the good.

These estimable men and women have had to do so without the active support of much of the education world, where we still find perpetual moral tentativeness. Until that changes — until "Jefferson's belief that improving one's 'moral' and 'faculties' once again animates our deep understanding of American education — we're likely to see many more Potomac incidents.

The Potomac scandal is not a story without honor. During the past few years, we've seen prominent public figures demonstrate contempt for the truth. Here we have six fifth-graders who told their parents, at some risk, that their popular principal was cheating. These youngsters stood up for their convictions. So did their parents.

But this, in turn, raises a larger question: Do we really want to put 10-year-old children in a position where we have to rely on them to turn in dishonest educators?

William J. Bennett, secretary of education during the Reagan administration, is a co-director of Empower America. He wrote this commentary for The Washington Post.

Put the 'Magic' back in valley

As residents affected by the deterioration of the environment, we respond to recent publications concerning the industrial dairy operations in this now "Smelly Valley."

Last readers' op-ed on-target comments by Phuung Smith in The Times-News were overstated, we challenge them to follow the actions of the Twin Falls County Commissioners and Planning and Zoning administrator. The Haflinger and Dutch Touch dairies are south of Filer where rural and Filer residents are affected. Questions need to be answered:

• Were proper procedures implemented — should the Dutch Touch dairy proposal have been heard before planning and zoning and persons affected given opportunity to address their concerns? • Were proper geological surveys done to determine proximity of those dairies to Cedar Draw?

• Why would the commission and planning and zoning administrator grant permission for confined animal feeding operations so close to populated areas previously approved by the commission and planning and zoning?

Commissioners and planning and zoning have ignored the damage to area residents by accommodating industrial operations that pollute what had been a desirable place in which to reside. The Haflinger family does not reside on the Haflinger Dairy. We accepted farming activities when we opted to build in an agricultural zone, but we do not accept multimillion-dollar CAFOs as normal agricultural enterprises.

If Twin Falls officials persist in the present course, the brain drain of our intelligent young people will escalate. Do we need the tax revenue from the CAFOs at the price of air and groundwater pollution? No desirable industries

will locate in an area where the residents and governmental entities have "soiled their own beds."

We must strive to mitigate our damages by demanding a moratorium on CAFOs. We have suffered compensable damages in the loss of clean air and property value. In the future, we will experience an insufficiency of water (due to thousands of gallons required daily by the industrial dairies), and what water we have will be polluted. Be assured any future damages suffered by us due to the CAFOs will be dealt with.

Please accept your responsibility as voters and elect people who can differentiate between desirable family-farm agricultural enterprises and CAFOs such as Haflinger and Dutch Touch dairies. Change Smelly Valley back to Magic Valley. HELEN M. MCCracken, RICHARD L. MCCracken, Filer

LETTER

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LETTERS

Thanks for helping us out

Please let me extend heartfelt appreciation to one of your local businessmen, Jerry Hubbard of Jerry Hubbard Repair. In mid-April, my husband and I were traveling to Washington's Olympic Peninsula in a new-to-us little recreation vehicle, a Ford van conversion with a set of new tires. After spending a very pleasant Friday night in Twin Falls, we set out Saturday afternoon. About 20 miles west of town on the interstate, one of the new tires lost its tread. AAA sent help from Canyonville. Towing a well-trained young man changed the tire, putting the damaged one on the tire rack on the back of the van.

We went back to town to buy a new tire; however, a power tool stripped the bolt and it was not possible to remove the wheel from the tire rack, and by now it was late Saturday. So we enjoyed another night in Twin Falls.

On Sunday morning, a young man at Speedy's Tires called a friend, Jerry Hubbard, and it was he who not only did a wonderful job of getting the old tire off and fixing the rack so that it is more accessible, he charged his very reasonable regular rate, even though it was a Sunday morning.

Despite our delay, we were lucky to encounter the fine workmen who helped us. Twin Falls can be proud of the staffs

at Jerry Hubbard sets as representative of the auto body repair business. CLOVER B. GOWING Sequim, Wash.

The Boy Scouts could get it done

If the county building inspector, together with the county planning and zoning director, cannot determine distance relative to a construction site (Times-News, June 20, page B-1), does that not place every applicable construction measurement during their tenure in question?

I suggest that there is adequate expertise for such measurement in any Boy Scout troop harboring an elementary triangulation measurement merit badge recipient. Then, most persons completing plane geometry in the grades would recall the similar triangle premise. As to GPS inconsistencies, when technology fails, simple resourcefulness triumphs.

Responding to Commissioner Brockman ("If I have to go out there, I will"), maybe he should have done just that long ago.

With Director Crafton's suggested solution by variance (granted, of course, by the county commissioners), just maybe the county residents need a "variance" in county officials.

JACK WENDLING Filer

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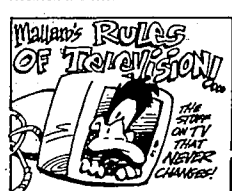
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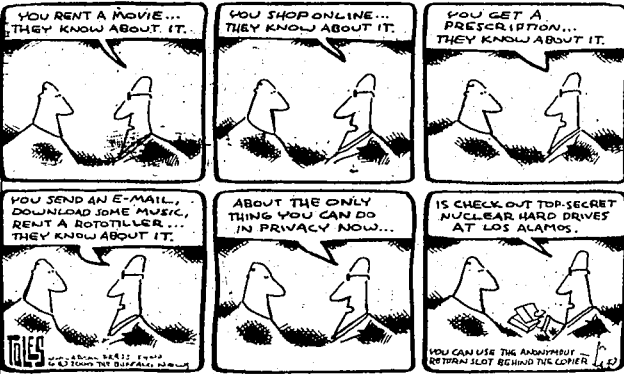
By Garry Trudeau

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OPINION



Hydro dams must pay to stay

During the next decade, many privately owned hydropower dams in Idaho must obtain new operating licenses from the federal government. These licenses will last up to 50 years. Thus, the new licenses will affect Idaho's economy, environment, water quality and recreation opportunities for generations. Because relicensing is so important, power companies, agencies, tribes and conservation groups must focus on common values rather than our differences. Stakeholders must be willing to talk honestly about the costs of hydropower dams. Companies must be willing to compromise on mitigation requirements. One heartening example of collaboration and cooperation was the relicensing of the Clark Fork dams in northern Idaho and western Montana. These dams are owned by Avista Inc., a forward-thinking company that went out of its way with an innovative, responsible approach to relicensing. Because of Avista's open, collaborative attitude, everyone worked together on relicensing rather than fighting it out later in court. Stakeholders crafted an excellent agreement and Avista received a new license a full year before the old one expired.

Conservation groups, agencies and companies are now involved in relicensing other hydropower projects in Idaho, including dams on the Bear River and the Mid-Snake River. But the granddaddy of them all is the license for Idaho Power's Hells Canyon complex, the nation's largest privately owned hydropower facility, producing 40 percent of the electricity Idaho Power sells.

In every relicensing process, citizens and conservation interests strive to allow dams to continue operating, while improving facilities, flows and operations to reduce the damage done to fish, wildlife, water quality and recreation. Many old dams (like Hells Canyon) use obsolete technologies and hardware, based on old

READER COMMENT
Tom Stuart

licenses that ignored damage done to rivers and wildlife. With Idaho Rivers United supporting the removal of four other dams in southeast Washington state to save Idaho salmon, some people misrepresent IRU's position on Hells Canyon. For the record - IRU is not seeking removal of Hells Canyon dams, despite the fact that they eliminated all salmon in upstream waters like the Boise River, the Lower Payette River, and the Owyhee River. A huge population of Snake River fall chinook (now endangered because of the loss of too much habitat) was eliminated in the Marsing reach alone.

But operated better, the vast majority of dams (including Hells Canyon) can continue for years to come. Only those few whose environmental costs outweigh benefits (like four federal dams on the lower Snake River in Washington) should be removed. Again, IRU is not seeking removal of the Hells Canyon dams. We do, however, seek responsible mitigation for damage done to fish and wildlife and changes in dam operations to undo part of it. Expensive TV advertisements run by Idaho Power (funded by hundreds of thousands of customer dollars) do not mention these responsibilities.

In relicensing, stakeholders review the negative impacts of dams and provide input. Mitigation is a cost of doing business on publicly owned rivers, ensuring that companies take cost-effective steps to reduce damage. Experience shows that environmental stewardship does not threaten companies. Notably, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission has found that relicensing brings dramatic environmental improvements at an average cost of only 1 percent of generating capacity. Responsible hydropower companies still earn

huge profits from the virtually free use of Idaho's rivers - public assets - but in exchange for relicensing, improvements are required. For any decision lasting 50 years, this is only reasonable.

Dams damage rivers, fish and wildlife. New studies indicate that hydropower may even contribute to global warming through increased greenhouse gases caused by reservoirs. Even so, Idaho Rivers United acknowledges the need for low-cost power. And IRU will continue to work with Idaho Power and others to achieve a better balance between power production and the conservation of the beautiful rivers in our state.

Tom Stuart is a Stanley businessman and the current board president of Idaho Rivers United.

LETTERS

Nice to see all our grads
How wonderful to see the pictures of the high school graduates throughout the Magic Valley published recently in The Times-News. The people of this valley are not isolated in our small towns but know each other well through our work, churches and recreational activities. How nice to know that the children and grandchildren of friends both in Twin Falls and other Magic Valley cities have reached a milestone in their lives!

Thanks to the many businesses who paid to advertise so that we could acknowledge all of the graduates of the valley.
CINDY JARDINE
Twin Falls

Comic strip was offensive
I was very offended by John Derringer's comic strip, "Strange Brew," published June 13, containing the headline "Multiple Personality Conventions," featuring a man wearing several name tags introducing himself as six different people.

In this day and age, how can such unconscious references to mental illness find their way into the funnies and expect to be considered acceptable, much less humorous?

I can't provide statistics on the number of people diagnosed with MPD in this country but suspect it's many more than most of us realize. And while I do not wish to "shoot the messenger," I would encourage you and your staff to censor, in the future, any such similar example of extreme ignorance and poor taste.
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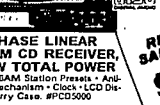
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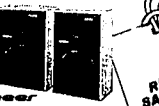
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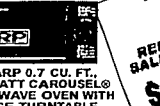
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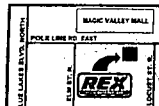
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AROUND THE VALLEY

U.S. 26 resurfacing will cause delays

SHOSHONE - Starting today, U.S. Highway 26 will be resurfaced from Gooding to Shoshone, to repair 16 miles of highway, the Idaho Transportation Department said.

Work will begin in Gooding at milepost 150 and will run on both lanes to milepost 156 during the first phase. The rest of the project will run to Shoshone.

One of two lanes will be open from milepost 150 to 156 during the project. Flaggers and a pilot car will guide drivers. Motorists can expect 15-minute delays. Two-way traffic will be maintained at night.

Western Construction Company of Boise is the contractor for the \$2 million project. Work is scheduled for completion in August.

Event features boating instruction, river tour

TUTTLE - This weekend's third annual "WaterWise" event at Malad Gorge State Park will offer instruction on boating safety followed by a boating trip down the Snake River.

About six acres of the park will be flooded in 1 1/2 feet of water. Instructors from the College of Southern Idaho Outdoor Program will join other sponsors to teach boating skills from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday. The class will give participants information on all kinds of boats, from kayaks to canoes. Instructors will also demonstrate personal flotation devices and other safety equipment and self-rescue techniques.

Some sponsors will provide equipment and boating experts will be on hand to provide information on what to buy, how to get started and good places for boating. Prizes will be presented in hourly raffles and food concessions will be available. Participants are also welcome to bring a picnic lunch to eat in the area of the park that is not flooded.

New to the event this year is a Snake River tour Sunday from Banbury Hot Springs to Sligars Thousand Springs Resort where everyone will be treated to a Dutch Oven lunch. Participants must register for the river tour on Saturday and there will be a \$10 fee per person.

For more information, call Park Manager Kevin Lynott at 837-4505.

Filer public meeting will focus on dairies, CAFOs

FILER - A public meeting has been scheduled for next week to discuss dairies and Concentrated Animal Operations and their impact on private water wells and public water systems.

The meeting will start at 7 p.m. Thursday at the Filer Middle School.

Those wishing to attend are asked to call 326-6403.

Twin Falls hospital offers valet parking after July 1

TWIN FALLS - The Magic Valley Regional Medical Center is offering valet parking starting July 3. The service is free and available to patients and visitors from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Patients and visitors who want to use valet parking must pull in at least one car into the main entrance on the north side of the hospital. When leaving, patients and visitors may call ahead and have their car waiting for them.

"Valet parking is just one more way we can make our patients' visits to the hospital much more convenient," hospital marketing manager Rhonda Bright said in a news release. "When someone is checking into the hospital or coming to visit a sick friend, the last thing they want to do is search for a parking spot and then walk an extended distance into the building. Now, they can hand their keys to one of our attendants and walk right in the front door."

Clinic offers discount on cat spaying, neutering

FILER - The LaRue Veterinary Clinic will offer discounts on cat spaying and neutering Thursday.

There will be special discounts for kittens 10 to 14 weeks old. Pet owners can make an appointment by calling 326-8646.

Jerome council suspends police chief

Places department under investigation

By Brian Haynes
Times-News writer

JEROME - The Jerome police chief's rocky ride hit another bump this week when the City Council suspended him without pay for two weeks.

After meeting in executive session late last week, the council voted to suspend Chief Bill Reid for insubordination, Councilman Joe Skaug said.

The suspension stemmed from Reid's refusal to follow a direct order from acting mayor Charlie Correll, city attorney Rob Williams said.

Skaug and Williams would not provide further details about what happened, but Williams

said another law enforcement agency is investigating allegations of wrongdoing at the department, and an officer's conduct.

Mayor Dennis Moore and Correll said they would not comment on the issue, calling it a personnel matter.

Reid said he didn't find out he was suspended until he received a registered letter Tuesday. He refused further comment.

Since being hired in September 1998, Reid has struggled to hold onto the job. A problem with certification by Idaho's Peace Officers Standards and Training academy began his tenure. This problem lingered until April, when Reid received his certification.

When the council voted in early May on whether to reinstate him, Reid threatened to sue the city if it didn't keep him.

The council ultimately voted to reinstate Reid to his \$37,000-a-year job through December 2001.

In last month's December primary Reid ran for Jerome County sheriff, losing to incumbent Jim Weaver.

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Suzanne Hartwich, of Sun Valley, takes her first stab at bird-watching during the first of the new nature walks being offered this summer along the Harriman Trail north of Ketchum.

Windows to nature

Trail guides help people to see MV's backyard residents

By Karen Bossick
Times-News correspondent

KETCHUM - Cathy Baer reaches down and fingers a scarlet gilia growing along a path near the Big Wood River.

"You can predict what kinds of birds you're going to see based on the habitat," she said in a hushed tone befitting a detective who's about to crack a case. "This particular flower attracts hummingbirds. You can find yourself in a territorial battle sometimes when you come across them."

Baer, a Ketchum naturalist, was leading the first of a series of summer nature walks along the 18-mile Harriman Trail north of Ketchum. The idea: to open a window onto the birds, wildflowers and other residents in our backyard.

The first was devoted to bird-watching, which has been touted as one of America's favorite pastimes, according to sporting good

Not just for the birds

Free nature walks along the Harriman Trail are scheduled throughout the summer. All start at the Sawtooth National Recreation Area headquarters, seven miles north of Ketchum on Highway 75.

10 a.m. June 28 - Wildflowers
10 a.m. July 12 - Mountain goats
7:30 p.m. July 26 - River mammals
7:30 p.m. Aug. 2 - Birding
10 a.m. Aug. 16 - Geology

and recreational surveys. "My brother's a birder so I thought I'd come out and see what it's all about," said Suzanne Hartwich, of Sun Valley.

The pursuit is simple enough to get involved in, said Baer. All birdwatchers need is a pair of binoculars, a guidebook - her favorite is Peterson's - and the ability to slow down and decipher what you're seeing in the world around you.

Bird-watching is likely to see the most in the morning and evening - all wildlife is more active when it's cooler and darker. Birds, in particular, are more active those times of the day because the insects are more active then.

"You never know what you're going to get. It's pretty much who wants to present themselves to us," Baer said.

Bird-watching sees different birds further south - along the Wood River Trail between Bellevue and Hailey. Go further south still, and they might think they've walked into a Twilight Zone regarding birds.

"I went on a birding outing in Arizona a couple Marches ago and people so excited because they had seen an American robin. They weren't used to seeing robins in the desert," Baer said.

Birds help people see the environments around them in a new light. All of a sudden, the wind-damaged cottonwoods along the Big Wood River become smogcatchers for nutcrackers and woodpeckers who peck through the decaying bark to get at insects.

Bird-watching begins to see the gravel on the trail as the finches' equivalent of Tums, and see the birds swallow pieces that will roll around in their stomachs and help them digest food.

Baer spots a violet-green swallow buzzing by trying to catch insects in its open beak as it flies. A red-shafted flicker, one of 16

different kinds of flickers and woodpeckers, catches her eye next, with its brown polka-dotted white chest and the distinguishing red mark on its cheek.

Flickers can be pests for log homeowners, who have to put wiring underneath eaves to discourage them from destroying the house with their jackhammer pecking.

Magpies, big black and white birds that are easy to spot, are prolific because they are scavengers - they're willing to eat anything, Baer added.

Baer said she especially gets a kick out of watching birds in life-altering rituals, such as learning to fly. Some birds can get their act together in a couple hours. Others take several days, their parents having to keep track of a nest full of chicks dumbly trying to take the plunge.

"They'll squawk all night," she said. "But that's part of why I'm such a nature freak. I think it's wonderful to know a little more about where you live, and observing the birds helps me do that."

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

Advocacy group gives H&W some more time

By Ruth Streeter
Times-News writer

BURLEY - An advocacy group for low-income families, pushing the Department of Health and Welfare to streamline access to state subsidized child care, says it can wait until the department gets public comment from the entire state.

The Idaho Community Action Network met with department officials earlier this week regarding a report that says low-income families, who are eligible for child care benefits, are not receiving those benefits.

The group met with state director Karl Kurts and other department officials in Boise,

and Kurts was receptive to the group's concerns, said Ian Ramirez, the group's state chairman.

Kurts said he wouldn't make a decision until the Child Care Oversight Committee has made its recommendations, and Ramirez said his group is willing to give the department the time it needs.

The oversight committee began a series of public hearings earlier this month to get public comment on child care accessibility and affordability. The hearings opened June 12 in Lewiston, and will conclude June 29 in Boise. Two hearings are scheduled next week in the

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Official questions evaluator's credentials

The Times-News and The Associated Press

LEWISTON - A Magic Valley legislator has raised questions about the credentials of consultants hired by the Idaho Department of Lands to evaluate five land management proposals - one of them in Twin Falls and Cassia counties.

The Department of Lands Director Stan Hamilton says the consultants in Moscow and Carson City, Nev., hired to evaluate five proposals involving collaborative management of federal lands, are competent. Sen. Laird Noh, R-Kimberly, the state Senate Resources and

Environment Committee's chairman, has questioned the qualifications of contractors for the Federal Lands Task Force Working Group, and whether the pub-

'Both Northwest Management and Resource Concepts are capable, competent consultants in the natural resource management field.'

- Stan Hamilton,
Department of Lands director

lic has been kept apprised of proposals. Hamilton said the working group and its coordinator, John McGee, decided they needed natural resource experts to help evaluate the proposed projects

to allow the state to manage activities on federal land, such as grazing, limited logging or rehabilitation.

The department issued a contract for up to \$12,000 to Resource Concepts Inc. of Carson City to evaluate a proposal by two local managers for rangeland management in Twin Falls and Cassia counties. Resource Concepts is owned by Bruce Scott and John McLean.

The firm's evaluation of the so-called Twin Falls-Cassia resource management trust proposal was authored by Boise forestry consultant Bill R. Bachman, who served on the initial Federal Lands Task Force.

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Ricks no more

Educators foresee opportunities at new BYU-Idaho

By Jennifer Sandmann
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - After surprise reactions to the Mormon Church's announcement that it will convert its Rexburg junior college into a four-year university, educators and other public commentators about what the change could mean for education in Idaho.

Ricks College will become Brigham Young University-Idaho, Mormon Church President Gordon B. Hinckley made the unexpected announcement in Salt Lake City on Wednesday. The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints will phase in new academic programs at BYU-Idaho. It will phase out sports and won't offer graduate programs, but other than that the church hasn't announced a timeline or more details.

Ricks' advancement is welcomed and congratulated by representatives of Idaho's public higher education system who see opportunities and growth ahead after potential bumps.

State Board of Education member Curtis Eason, a Twin Falls banker, described his reaction to the news.

"First of all, surprise. Secondly, I know that BYU is an excellent school and I would expect them to run Ricks in a high caliber manner. Third, there will be repercussions in Idaho public post-secondary schools, at least in the number of students who transfer," Eason said.

Eaton wants to review the potential economic impact to Idaho's public higher education system, at least in the number of students who transfer," Eason said.

A new university will bring out competition and sharpen the focus of Idaho's higher education system, Eaton said.

"I think having another four-year university in the state gives the entire university system a boost," he said.

More than 8,600 students attend Ricks. Most graduates transfer to Utah schools, including BYU and Utah State University. In Idaho, Boise State University sees about 140 Ricks transfer students in the fall. But Poentello's Idaho State University gets the most.

Kent Tinney, ISU vice president, said he would be pleased to see Ricks, Page B3

MAGIC VALLEY/WEST

Nez Perce bless hatchery site

LEWISTON (AP) - The promise of 18 uncertain years materialized for the Nez Perce Tribe when more than 150 people gathered to bless the land and water at the future Nez Perce Tribal Hatchery. Drum beats and native song filled the air on Wednesday on the banks of the Clearwater River as people waited for the blessings of Nez Perce tribal elder and spiritual leader Horace Axtell.

Penney said. He added that strategies involving other recovery measures will be required to bring back runs to harvestable levels. "The ability to supplement wild fish is an idea we've all cherished," said guide speaker Todd Maddock, Idaho representative for the Northwest Power Planning Council. "We should all be able to share in the results."

cept of supplementation produces fish that return and spawn in the wild rather than relying on the hatchery to breed successive generations. Final approval for the project came last year after months of debate. The \$16 million salmon hatchery is funded by the Bonneville Power Administration and, ultimately, Northwest ratepayers. Construction of the central hatchery begins next month on the north side of the Clearwater River.

OBITUARIES

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

TWIN FALLS

Janet Lorna Grimm Flores

Janet Lorna Grimm Flores passed away June 21, 2000, at the age of 51. Janet was born to Lorna McCimans-Bohanan and Earl Grimm on January 1, 1949. She attended and graduated from Idaho State School for the Deaf and the Blind in Gooding. She lived her life in the Magic Valley, working for Everitt Mattress Factory for 29 years. She enjoyed her wild dogs, her cats, and her ceramic pig collection. She also enjoyed gardening, flowers, puzzles, and her nieces and nephews, who brought her great happiness. She married Antonio Flores on July 6, 1996.

HEYBURN

Ora Charles Easton

Ora Charles Easton, 87-year-old Heyburn resident, died Thursday, June 22, 2000, at the Cassia Regional Medical Center in Burley. He was born June 26, 1912, in Haigler, Nebraska, the son of Ora A. and Della Seaman Easton. He received his education in Nebraska. Ora married Olive Pearl Reynolds on November 29, 1938, in Burley. She preceded him in death on April 15, 1997. They owned and farmed in the View area until moving to Washington in the late 1940's. After residing in Washington for two years, they moved back to the Ernsden-Paul area, where he resided until the time of his death. Ora worked for Amalgamated Sugar Company during campaign for 20 years. He was past president and an active member of the Good Sam Club in Burley. He loved farming, horses, and spending time with his family. Survivors include a son, Lonnie (Karen) Easton of Paul, two brothers, Orve Easton of Burley, and Myrl Easton of Zillah, Washington; 11 grandchildren, and 11 great-grandchildren.

JEROME

Carlton J. Johnson

Carlton James Johnson, 78, of Jerome, died Wednesday, June 21, 2000, at St. Benedict's Family Medical Center Long Term Care Unit in Jerome. Carlton was born Sept. 12, 1921, in Delmar, Ark., the son of John and Orpha Johnson. He was raised in Arkansas, and he entered the Army in 1942. He received several medals in active service, and received an honorable discharge in December of 1945. He was in the Military Police while serving in New Guinea and the Philippines. Carlton also received Good Conduct medals. He married Sylvia Starbuck and a World War II Victory Ribbon. He moved to Jerome in 1952, and spent the rest of his life in and around Jerome, working at various jobs. Carlton is survived by his wife, Edna Johnson; children, Donald J. Johnson, Brenda Jane Holt, Peggy Ferguson, Jerry Johnson; grandchildren, Bobby Burgyne and Frances Waymont; brothers and sisters, Cleo Bartlett, Elsie Henderson, Ruby Clark, Ardona Futer, Dore Johnson, and Billy Johnson; and many nieces, nephews, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his mother and father. Private funeral services will be held for family members at Hovro-Robertson Funeral Chapel, Jerome. Arrangements are under the direction of Hovro-Robertson Funeral Chapel and Crematory in Jerome.

ALBION

Jesse Dean Perry

Jesse Dean Perry, 62-year-old Albion resident, died Wednesday, June 21, 2000, at his home. He was born on May 27, 1938, in Rupert, the son of Jesse and Nilsa Black Perry. He was raised on a farm in the Rupert area until 1949, when the family moved to Albion. After graduating from high school, he attended Albion State Normal College, and then graduated from the Salt Lake School of Electronics in August of 1961. On September 1, 1961, he joined the U.S. Air Force, serving as a ground equipment repairman until he was discharged as Airman First Class on December 22, 1965. He returned to Albion while working for a Utah-based construction company, putting in telephone lines for the Albion Telephone company. On February 13, 1966, Dean married Betty Elizabeth Roberts in Elko, Nevada, and they went to work for the Albion Telephone Company on August 15, 1966. Dean and Betty have two sons, Samuel Dean Perry, born July 20, 1969, and David Lee Perry, born on February 16, 1972. They raised their sons with a love for the outdoors. Camping, hunting, and fishing were always Dean's favorite pastimes. Dean retired from the Albion Telephone Company on December 31, 1998, after 32 years of service. He is survived by his wife, Betty of Albion; his sons, Samuel, David (Joan) Perry of Pocatello, and

POCATELLO

Ernest H. Kearl

Ernest H. Kearl, 73, died Tuesday afternoon, June 20, 2000 at his home. He was born November 4, 1926, the only son of Ernest H. and Edna Kearl. He grew up in the Cache Valley area. He married Harriett Schwanovolt on Dec. 7, 1955, the Logan T. Temple. He served in the U.S.

MORMON PRESIDENT

looks ahead to the future on his 90th birthday

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ALBUQUERQUE

Frances Helms Troxel

Frances Helms Troxel, 82, of Albuquerque, N.M., formerly of Hazelton, died Wednesday, June 21, 2000, at her daughter's home. Services are pending and will be announced at a later date.

ALBUQUERQUE

Charles E. Ford

Charles E. Ford of Twin Falls, service at 11 a.m. today at the Ninth Ward LDS Chapel on Elizabeth Blvd., in Twin Falls. Friends may call from 10-10:45 a.m. today at the church (White Mortuary in Twin Falls).

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ALBUQUERQUE

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SERVICES

Sharon Rae Carver of Bellflower, Calif., and formerly of Twin Falls, service at 3 p.m. Saturday at the Ogden City Cemetery in Ogden, Utah.

Elizabeth Blvd., in Twin Falls. Friends may call from 10-10:45 a.m. today at the church (White Mortuary in Twin Falls).

Martin J. Albrethson of Boise and formerly of Hailey, open house from 2-5 p.m. Sunday at 2308 N. Carissa Place in Boise.

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Dorothea "Dot" Nelson Jansen of Jerome, service at 11 a.m. Saturday in the Jerome Third Ward Chapel at 825 E. Ave. B. in Jerome; viewing from 6-8 p.m. today at Farnsworth Mortuary at 1343 S. Lincoln in Jerome for friends and family, and one hour prior to service Saturday at the ward.

Helen Claire Smith Bingham of Dietrich - Helen Claire Smith Bingham, 70, of Dietrich, died Thursday, June 22, 2000, at her home. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Monday, June 26, 2000, at the Church of Jesus Christ of

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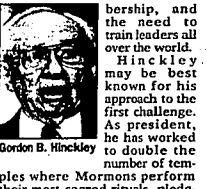
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HOSPITAL

Released Charlotte Cox of Paul; and Wallace Glasgow and Alta Lett, both of Buhl. Some names are omitted at patient's request.

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"I'll be a great night of entertainment," Hinckley said, grinning with the excitement of a child. For a 90-year-old, especially one just returned from an 11-day trip through Japan, Australia, Thailand, American Samoa and Fiji, Hinckley is still exceptionally spry. And when asked about his trademarked flip humor. "My answer to that is: go to bed at night and get up the next morning," Hinckley quipped. "Adding that to the fact that he'd make it to 90. He is equally flip when asked what he expects his legacy as head of the American's seventh-largest denomination to be. "I don't know and I don't care," Hinckley said. "That's not my concern. I'm not trying to build some legacy of some kind. I'm just trying to move the work forward the best way I know how."

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Police identify man who drowned Tuesday

BLACKFOOT (AP) - A local horseman who drowned in the Snake River on Tuesday has been identified as 61-year-old Tate Fowler. Fowler ran into the river after his boat drifted away from the landing at the Old West Bridge about 5:30 p.m. Police said that while running after it Fowler stepped into a deep hole of water and was carried away by the current. He was not wearing a life jacket and was still wearing his shoes

when police divers found him. He was taken to Bingham Memorial Hospital and pronounced dead. Fowler raised horses in Idaho, Washington and Arizona for racing, said his younger brother, Roger Fowler. "In his second life, Tate said he would be a fishing guide and not a horse trainer," he said. "He said that since the time we were boys, I certainly hope that's what he's doing." Meanwhile, Jefferson County

officials continued searching for the body of Dennis Webb, 53, of Menan, who fell into the Snake River on Sunday. Webb was fishing when his boat hit a logjam and he was knocked into the swift, 50-degree water. And the search for William T. Danford, who drowned in the Teton River on Saturday, was called off Monday until the current slows down. Danford had been kayaking in an area with heavy rapids.

High court ratifies ruling, voids sex abuse settlement

BOISE (AP) - The Idaho Supreme Court on Tuesday upheld a lower court ruling that voided settlement of a sexual abuse damage claim against one of the founders of True Joy Inc., clearing the way for a trial on the allegations. The high court majority held that the attorney for Arthur Troutner overreached his authority when he advised Joseph Hop-

kins that his claim for compensation for the alleged physical and sexual abuse he suffered from Troutner in the early 1990s was only worth between \$3,000 and \$4,000. Fourth District Judge Thomas Neville ruled that while he believed attorney Brian Julian had acted straightforwardly in dealing with Hopkins, "Julian inappropriately offered Hopkins

legal advice upon which Julian should have expected Hopkins to rely since he was unrepresented at the time," Chief Justice Linda Copple Trout wrote for the majority. Justice Gerald Schroeder was the lone dissenter, arguing that Hopkins had made a decision to represent himself and characterizing Julian's statement as legal advice was unrealistic.

MAGIC VALLEY

Making 'Cosmic Connections'

Idaho first lady supports summer reading program with M-C youths

By Dan Fields
Times-News writer

BURLEY — She knew the answer, but still wanted to ask the question. "Do any of you know how to cha-cha?" Idaho first lady Patricia Kempthorne asked about 60 elementary school-aged children at the Burley Public Library Thursday.

Kempthorne's visit was part of a program designed to promote summer reading programs throughout the state. Most of the children sat Indian-style and were attentive as Kempthorne read two books, "Angels On a Pin" and "June 29, 1959."

"She's visiting libraries throughout the state of Idaho to read to children in local communities and to encourage them to read throughout the summer and school year," said Jennifer Hayes, Kempthorne's spokeswoman. Kempthorne participated in a similar program in Shoshone earlier in the day.

The program's theme at the Burley library is "Cosmic Connections." Library director Julie Woodford said the program is popular with the children and



Idaho first lady Patricia Kempthorne reads 'Angels On a Pin' Thursday to children at the Burley Public Library. Kempthorne visited the library to lend support for a program that encourages children to read during the summer months.

provides many benefits. "For one thing, they have a lot of fun," Woodford said. "It helps them keep up their reading levels so they do not decrease. The library has had a summer reading program for a number of years."

The Boise Cascade Corp. has partnered with the Idaho State Library to provide neon pencils, inscribed with the phrase "Summertime Fun! Your library has it!" The pencils are given to children who complete a certain amount of reading.

BLM teaches fire safety this week

By Corren Hart
Times-News correspondent

BURLEY — Idahoans can take steps to control wildfires. It's sometimes just a matter of staying out of a fire's reach.

"If you live in the desert, or in the woods, or any wild area, you need to build a defensible space around your property," Curtis Jensen of the Bureau of Land Management said Thursday. "The things you've done to help us out help you, and help the firefighters to defend your home."

Jensen — an educator with Living With Fire, a program funded cooperatively by Nevada, Idaho and other states — said some people think they'll be told to remove all the trees around their houses.

To get a permit

Free burning permits are required from May 20 to October 20 each year. Call (800) 874-2373 a few days before you plan to burn.

"Not true," Jensen said. "A few trees may be left with no problem. But wildfires are a part of life in Idaho. So they need to maintain a green lawn around the house and keep the weeds down. In 20 mph winds, flames can be blown up to 55 feet, so you do need that distance between your house and the sagbrush."

Smokey Bear made an appearance Thursday at the Snake River Plaza to caution children about playing with fire. Smokey handed out coloring books and pencils as he warned them to tell

a grownup if they see children playing with matches.

Safe burning rules include clearing the ground for 10 feet all around a burn pile or burn barrel, having adequate water and fire tools available in case a fire escapes, burning only during hours specified on a permit, not burning on dry and windy days, and keeping an adult in attendance until the fire is completely out.

The presentation will move to the Magic Valley Mall today and Saturday. "We're working all this week to get the message out," BLM assistant Sommers Hunt said. Money for the presentation came from the University of Nevada-Reno, grants from the Cooperative Extension Joint Project and Sierra Front Wildlife Co-operators, and other contributors.

Blaine commissioners to review tower plans

The Times-News

KETCHUM — The community will have to wait a week longer to see developers' plans for the proposed tower on the Christiania

building, which is destined to replace the existing Christiania Lodge on Sun Valley Road.

Wednesday's hearing before the Ketchum Planning and Zoning Commission was postponed for lack of a quorum. Commissioners will review plans at 5 p.m. Monday at Ketchum City Hall.

The meeting is open to the public.

Lands

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Resource Concepts last year conducted a study for a Three Creeks ranches a proposed increase in grazing in western Twin Falls County.

The department also issued two contracts for up to \$35,000 to Northwest Management of Moscow to evaluate four proposals in the Clearwater and Nez Perce national forests, Boise National Forest, St. Joe area and Priest Lake, Hamilton said. Vincent Corrao of Moscow is Northwest's president.

"Both Northwest Management and Resource Concepts are capable, competent consultants in the natural resource management field," Hamilton wrote in a June

9 letter to Noh and obtained through a public records request.

Northwest Management specializes in forest oversight, while Resource Concepts specializes more in range issues, Hamilton said.

Last year, the Lands Department awarded a one-year contract worth up to \$75,000 to McGee — a former aide to Gov. Dirk Kempthorne when he served in the U.S. Senate — to coordinate the working group.

Hamilton said a one-year contract extension has been requested for McGee, but it is contingent upon Idaho Division of Purchasing approval.

In a letter to Hamilton, Noh asked why local officials, legisla-

tors, the media and others have not been kept apprised of the working group's efforts after a proposal for state management of federal lands in Cassia and Twin Falls counties was reported.

But Hamilton said McGee and the working group have kept the media advised about their activities. They sent several dozen letters to a variety of interest groups and citizens asking for information, he said.

"They have worked to bring an environmental interest to the table — unfortunately with no success."

The working group and McGee plan to present their final report to the Land Board Aug. 8, Hamilton said.

Ralphs wins Miss M-C pageant

The Times-News

BURLEY — Charmaine Ralphs of Burley was selected Thursday as the winner of the Miss Mini-Cassia pageant.

Ralphs, 18, the daughter of Eldon and Charmaine Ralphs, was chosen over nine other contestants by a panel of judges. The event took place at the King Fine Arts Center.

Ralphs performed a piano solo for the talent portion of the event. Other criteria the contestants



Charmaine Ralphs

were judged on included evening wear, interview and platform and swimsuit. The event was sponsored by the Burley Rotary Club.

First runner-up was Emily Koyle, 18, of Burley, the daughter of Ray and Cheryl Koyle. Second runner-up was Charly Child, 22, of Burley,

the daughter of Mike and Christa Child.

The Miss Mini-Cassia pageant and its mentor, the Miss America Organization, offer experiences for young women to build self-confidence, cultivate social skills and serve their communities by encouraging them to fulfill their dreams.

Ralphs will now represent Mini-Cassia in the state pageant. The winner of that pageant will represent Idaho in the annual Miss America pageant, held in Atlantic City, N.J.

Time

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Magic Valley. The hearings were not a result of the Idaho Community Action Network's concerns, made known to the department just before June 11 demonstrations at department offices in Burley and Boise.

"That timing is coincidental," department spokesman Bill Walker said. Kurtz assigned the oversight committee last fall. It includes legislators, representatives from the governor's office, the Hispanic community, Indian tribes, the J.A. and Kathryn Albertson Foundation and child care providers.

Health and Welfare is committed to making sure child care is available to everyone eligible, and agreed to forward the Idaho Community Action Network's report to the oversight committee, Walker said. After the hearings, the committee will give its recommenda-

Hearing planned
Public hearing on services provided by the Idaho Child Care Program.
When: From 6:30 to 9 p.m.
Where: In Twin Falls Tuesday at the Idaho Mini-Cassia Plaza, 1599 Blue Lakes Blvd. N., and in Burley Wednesday at the Burley Inn and Convention Center, 800 N. Overland Ave.

tions to Kurtz. Both Ramirez and Walker said many of the committee's recommendations resemble the Idaho Community Action Network's proposals.

"It sounds like the concerns around the state are what we're concerned about," Ramirez said.

In its report, the group made several recommendations: simplifying the application process, providing adequate training to department staff and informing parents about the opportunity to receive child care subsidies.

The report cites various ways

the department discourages applicants, either intentionally or unintentionally.

It also cited a study that says only one of every six eligible children in Idaho used the subsidized child care program during mid-1998, as state welfare reform was taking effect. That's about 6,500 out of some 40,000 eligible children.

But Health and Welfare says the number of children served has tripled since 1997, from just under 3,000 in July 1997 to 9,043 in April of this year. In 1998, \$11.6 million was spent on child care, the projection for this year is \$21 million.

Ricks

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dent of advancement, said the university sees just under 300 Ricks transfer students a year. Ricks graduates account for more than 7.5 percent of ISU's population. A little more than 1,000 Ricks students contribute to ISU's total enrollment of about 13,000.

Those numbers have fostered a relationship that will continue between ISU and Ricks, Tingey said. BYU-Idaho will mean less Ricks transfer students for ISU, but Tingey said he expects ISU eventually will come out ahead by gaining more graduate students. And the new four-year school brings unique possibilities for expanding higher education in Idaho Falls where ISU and the University of Idaho operate University Center, Tingey said.

From an economic development standpoint, Karl Tueller, deputy director of the Idaho Department of Commerce, said the draw of the BYU name can benefit eastern Idaho.

And an expanding school opens the door for opportunities by nurturing a well-trained and educated population which bodes well for economic develop-

Side by side: Ricks and BYU

	Student profile	Transfer students
Ricks	36%	64%
BYU	31%	69% (with 7% from Idaho)

1999-2000 undergraduate tuition
Ricks \$2,100/year
BYU \$2,830/year

Academic admission requirements
Ricks does not require a minimum high school grade point average or score on a college entrance exam.

But because more students apply than can be admitted, the college reports that academic records are becoming more competitive. In fall 1999, the average student came with a 3.5 grade point average and an ACT score of 24 out of a possible 36.

BYU encourages new freshmen to apply if they score in the mid-20s on the ACT and have a high school grade point average of 3.4 or higher. Transfer students should have a college grade point average of a B+ or higher.

ment, Tueller said. Dr. Brad Hobbs, president of the Twin Falls Idaho Stake for the LDS Church, said BYU-Idaho will provide more students with a four-year program in a church environment. "I think it has great potential for students in Idaho, because it broadens the scope of what is available at Ricks," he said. It's more difficult to get into BYU, but Ricks' admission standards also have become more competitive as more students apply than can be accommodated. As many as 2,000 freshmen are turned away from Ricks every year. BYU-Idaho does not want to become an exclusive school either in cost or admission requirements, said Don Sparhawk, press relations coordinator at Ricks. "In the past it's been known as a place where people can get a second chance, and we want to preserve that as long as we can," he said.

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U.S. Navy honor guard sailors carry flags beneath a monument of General Douglas MacArthur at a ceremony Thursday to remember the Inchon, South Korea Naval landing in 1950 that MacArthur led.

Veterans gather in South Korea

Sunday marks 50th anniversary of Korean War

INCHON, South Korea (AP) — American Navy veterans gathered Thursday beneath a bronze statue of U.S. Gen. Douglas MacArthur to honor comrades slain during the Korean War.

In a ceremony marking Sunday's 50th anniversary of the start of the war, several dozen veterans dedicated a plaque recalling a daring amphibious operation led by the famous American general.

The Inchon landing in September 1950 undercut troop advances by communist North Korea, which had invaded the South and pushed so far down the peninsula that U.S. and South Korean soldiers were boxed in around the port of Pusan.

"There were heroes. There were a lot of heroes, a lot of medals, justifiably so," said retired Rear Adm. William T. Thompson, who commanded a destroyer during the 1950-53 Korean War.

The veterans, many wearing caps with the names of the ships on which they served, were assembled at Freedom Park on a hill in Inchon, west of Seoul, overlooking the west coast shore where the Inchon landing took place.

A U.S. Army band played the U.S. and South Korean national anthems, and six honor guards marched and stood at attention, holding the South Korean, American, U.S. Navy and Marine flags.

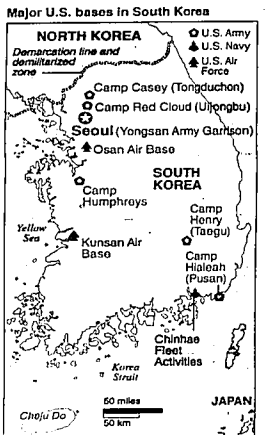
The U.S. commitment to Korea

American veterans plan to return to South Korea for the 50th anniversary of the Korean War's outbreak. June 25, 1950. As the two nations move toward improving relations, some Koreans question the necessity of the future deployment of the U.S. troops still stationed in South Korea.

Current U.S. forces in South Korea

During the Korean War, U.S. military presence reached 325,000 soldiers. Today, there are nearly 37,000 U.S. military personnel.

Army: 27,918
Navy: 287
Marine Corps: 105
Air Force: 8,580
TOTAL: 36,890



Sources: U.S. military in Seoul, Defense Department. Wm. J. Castilo, S. Hoffmann/AP

Most of the aging veterans participating in the ceremony served aboard ships that carried troops and weapons between Japan, Hawaii and Korea.

Some expressed support for last week's historic summit between North and South Korea and remarked on the difference between the industrialized South today and the war-torn, poor

nation that it once was.

"Korea was in need of help. Children had nothing to eat. We helped preserve the Republic of Korea. And I am proud of that," said veteran Fred Machordo, 68, of Fresno, Calif.

At their summit in Pyongyang, South Korean President Kim Dae-jung and North Korean leader Kim Jong Il agreed to pro-

mote peace and pursue eventual reunification. The leaders also said they would try to reunite families separated by the Korean War.

South Korea agreed Thursday to hold Red Cross talks with North Korea on reuniting relatives on North Korea's Mount Diamond instead of the border village of Panmunjom. South Korea's Red Cross proposed the four days of talks starting Tuesday.

During the summit, the two leaders also developed an "understanding" that the nations should open a military hot line to prevent armed skirmishes along their border, Unification Minister Park Jae-you said Thursday.

Following the meetings last week, South Korea canceled a military parade and battle reenactments to commemorate the war's anniversary — a gesture designed to improve ties with the North. Some angry South Korean veterans accused their government of trying too hard to please North Korea.

The United States suffered 140,000 casualties in the Korean War. Under a defense treaty, Washington still keeps 37,000 troops in South Korea to guard the world's most heavily fortified border.

U.S., Japanese and South Korean officials will meet in Hawaii on June 29-30 to coordinate their North Korea policies in the aftermath of the summit, the South Korean Foreign Ministry reported Thursday.

After the summit, Washington eased economic sanctions against North Korea, and Pyongyang promised to maintain a moratorium on long-range missile tests. North Korea also said this week that it was ready to normalize ties with Japan.

Gas station owners try to stem rise in drive-offs

The Associated Press

Last summer, each of Bill Douglass' nine convenience stores lost an average of \$50 a month to motorists who drove off without paying. This summer, he expects his losses to be at least 10 times higher.

"Overall we're averaging \$500, but in our largest store it's up to \$1,000 per month," the Sherman, Texas, businessman says. "We're taking all kinds of measures, installing video cameras, photographing license plates. This is a very serious problem."

With prices at the pump soaring, convenience stores and service stations are seeing more and more motorists gassing up and driving off without paying.

"It's the price of gas and misdirected consumer anger. They may not blame the gas store for the rise in drive-offs, but they take it out on them because they can't take it out on OPEC or others who have been brought into the conversation about high prices," says Jeff Lenard, a spokesman for the National Association of Convenience Stores, based in Alexandria, Va.

Drive-off cost retailers roughly \$2,600 per store last year, based on a gas price of \$1.13 per gallon. We expect that

will significantly increase this year.

Gas prices have climbed to well over \$2 per gallon in the Midwest and are at record levels in other parts of the country.

Lenard says the drive-offs appear to be spread across the country, rather than being concentrated in any one region.

The thefts are especially high at stations along interstates or in big cities, where people may be more confident that they get away with it by blending into the crowd, according to Lenard. Thieves tend to be young men, though reports of women stealing gasoline are on the rise.

Legal options for the gas stations are few.

Most states that allow self-service at the gas pump, including Texas, make a drive-off a misdemeanor, and authorities often do not have the time or resources to pursue such low-level offenses.

"We've had limited success prosecuting people. It's not too often you get a license plate, but if you do, you turn it over to the police, and if you're talking about \$10 to \$20 theft, it doesn't get too much attention," says Richard Onechiger, who owns two convenience stores in Denver.

No pump price decrease in sight from OPEC's increase

VIENNA, Austria (AP) — By raising its official production ceiling by 3 percent, OPEC avoided a cut in output over high oil prices with the United States while ensuring that it doesn't stifle long-term demand for crude.

OPEC members agreed Wednesday to boost output by 708,000 barrels a day. It was the second time in three months that the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries voted to raise its quota in an effort to stabilize prices.

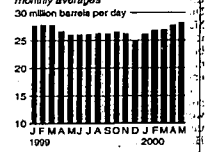
However, industry analysts said the decision would do almost nothing to help U.S. drivers, who now face record-high prices at the pump.

"Throwing crude oil at the gasoline problem in the U.S. is not going to solve it. Refiners are already producing as fast as they can to meet existing demand," said Leo Drollas, chief economist for the London-based

OPEC oil production

The Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries agreed Wednesday to boost oil production in July.

OPEC crude oil production million averages



Source: International Energy Agency

Center for Global Energy Studies' OPEC ministers approved the increase as pressure built in the United States for relief from sharply higher gasoline prices.

Man dies after being sprayed by police

NORTH PORT, Fla. (AP) — A man fanning nude around his neighborhood died after police restrained him during a struggle in which he was pepper-sprayed and given an injection to calm him.

Police said Brandon M. Jackson stopped breathing shortly after receiving the injection from an emergency medical technician. However, North Port Fire and Rescue spokesman Ellen Kehoe said Jackson didn't have a pulse and wasn't breathing when the rescue unit arrived.

Authorities did not say what the injection contained.

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State's top court reverses part of ruling in school shooting

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (AP) — One of the two boys who killed five people in the Jonesboro schoolyard ambush should have been allowed to claim incompetence before he went to trial, the Arkansas Supreme Court said Thursday.

It was unclear whether Andrew Golden would get a new trial as a result of the ruling, which reversed part of a Craighead County juvenile court decision.

Golden was 11 on March 24, 1998, when he and Mitchell Johnson, then 13, used stolen high-powered rifles to gun down four classmates and a teacher and

wound 10 others at Westside Middle School.

Johnson pleaded guilty. Golden's lawyer acknowledged his client's participation, but Circuit-Chancery Judge Ralph Wilson refused to allow an insanity plea or to grant the boy a competency hearing.

"We hold that a juvenile must be allowed to assert incompetency and have his competency determined prior to adjudication," the Supreme Court said in a 6-1 ruling. However, the high court affirmed Wilson's ruling that neither due process nor equal protection gives a juvenile the right to

an insanity defense, leaving uncertain the effect of the ruling.

Val Price, Golden's attorney, said he was disappointed that he can't use the insanity defense, but he was pleased that the court reversed Wilson on the matter of competency.

"I anticipate there will be further proceedings in this matter," Price said.

Prosecutor Brent Davis did not immediately return a call to his office.

Debbly McDaniel, who represents the families of some of the victims in a civil suit, said it was important that the court found that Golden's rights to an insanity defense were not violated. "It would appear that he will remain incarcerated," he said.

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Communities discuss return of Amtrak

Task force urges Portland to Boise run

BOISE (AP) — Small eastern Oregon towns are coming to helping support a resumption of Amtrak rail service, and larger cities in southwestern Idaho appear poised to do the same.

Both Boise City Mayor Brent Coles and Boise City Councilman Jerome Mapp said they want to financially support the effort to bring rail service back to the valley.

Coles and Mapp appeared before the rail task force charged with trying to find the cash to finance Amtrak re-establishing service between Boise and Portland at a profit. Sen. Mike Crapo, R-Idaho, and Sen. Ron

Widen, D-Oregon, established the task force last year.

The two senators also met on Thursday with Amtrak Chairman and Wisconsin Gov. Tommy Thompson in Washington, D.C.

Crapo said the three discussed several issues, also addressed by the task force, including service expansion, community and state transit subsidies and scheduling.

Task force members reached no definitive decisions but pledged to continue trying to resolve both economic and passenger demands to help make rail service feasible.

Federal operational support for Amtrak will end in two years under a government mandate and some routes have incorporated shipping freight into their budgets as a way to replace federal subsidies.

But some rail enthusiasts said

they fear they will get the brunt of poor scheduling because Amtrak would be too focused on getting freight to its destination. Crapo and task force members said they would explore the issue.

Service on Amtrak's former Northwest route, the Chicago-to-Seattle Pioneer, was cut off when the company ended the run in a budget crunch in May 1997. The Pioneer's demise left a large part of Oregon east of the Cascade Mountains with no mass transit service, except for buses.

The task force currently wants to reinstate service only between Portland and Boise, a proposal that concerns members of the Association of Oregon Rail and Transit Advocates. They want a route beyond Boise to Texas through Salt Lake and Denver.

Crapo reminded them the task

force is charged with serving eastern Oregon and southwestern Idaho, but he and Widen remained open to suggestions.

"Let's work on the Boise-Portland first, then expand," he suggested. "Help us identify options to extend the route."

Coles, meanwhile, called for more local participation. He said other cities are making rail work and that as newly elected President of the U.S. Conference of Mayors, he will seek support from his colleagues.

"One of our platforms is bringing rails back to America," he said.

He said Boise will help underwrite the valley's transit system. And nine eastern Oregon towns already have committed to paying what they can to bring rail service to their areas.

Race for high court was costliest in state history

BOISE (AP) — This spring's contentious race for an Idaho Supreme Court seat was not only the most partisan but also the most expensive in state history.

Campaign finance disclosure statements on file Thursday with the secretary of state showed defeated incumbent Justice Cathy Silak and successful challenger Daniel Eismann combined to spend nearly \$290,000. Silak spent \$149,000 and Eismann \$140,000.

And the tens of thousands of dollars spent independently of the Eismann campaign to defeat Silak pushed the total outlay during that campaign to more than \$330,000.

Silak was the first woman appointed to the appellate bench in Idaho and became the first sitting Supreme Court justice to be defeated at the polls since 1944.

The tenor of the campaign set by people not directly linked to either candidate has prompted

some re-examination of the way Idaho selects its judges. Some have suggested that the deciding election in future two candidates for the bench at least be moved to the November election where turnout is twice that of the spring primary.

The most expensive judicial race before this spring was the 1998 three-way campaign to replace retiring Justice Byron Johnson. Less than \$190,000 was spent by three candidates in the race that was won by former Republican Attorney General Wayne Kidwell over former state Democratic Chairman Michael Wetborell. Franklin County Magistrate Lowell Castleton finished third.

County drops conspiracy charge, immediately refiles

CALDWELL (AP) — A Canyon County magistrate has dismissed a murder conspiracy charge against the estranged wife of Christopher Reidy, who was shot to death in his family's home.

But Prosecutor John Christensen said Wednesday he expected the decision because key out-of-state witnesses could not be brought to the hearing in time.

The charge against Carlene Doty, 33, was immediately refiled after she remains in custody in the county jail, Christensen said.

Magistrate William Dillon could not find evidence of an agreement between Carlene and two other suspects, a necessary component of the charge of conspiracy to commit murder.

A hearing on the refiled charge is expected within two weeks, Robert Taylor, 33, was arrested within minutes of the shooting and is charged with first-degree murder. Authorities accuse him of being the gunman in a July 19 preliminary hearing.

Officials agree to limitations on pesticides for grasshoppers

POCATELLO (AP) — Three Idaho environmental groups and a retired professor have reached an agreement with the U.S. Bureau of Land Management that allows continued, limited spraying to control grasshoppers.

The Committee for Idaho's High Desert, the American Lands Alliance, the Idaho Watersheds Project and former Cornell University biologist Tom Cade of Boise said they went to court because the BLM is relying on outdated insect control measures.

"As far as I can tell, there are no real studies as to what the effects of the pesticide program are," Cade

said Wednesday. "It's based on an environmental assessment produced in 1987. To have them look at that is the main goal."

Their initial request for a stay preventing the BLM to spray was denied last week by the Interior Board of Land Appeals. The BLM agreed to the settlement Wednesday.

"We can treat grasshoppers. There are some rules we have to follow," said LeRoy Cook, BLM resource coordinator. The agency will not use any more malathion this year.

"We can use dimilin and carbaryl, but if it use carbaryl we have to notify the plaintiffs when we reach 5,000 acres," he said.

Wildlife institute on the move

LEWISTON (AP) — Seeking stability and long-term financial security, a renowned wildlife organization is leaving Moscow for Montana.

The Hornocker Wildlife Institute, founded by the University of Idaho in 1986 by Maurice Hornocker, is known for its work with cougars, black bears and Siberian tigers. It will move to Bozeman by month's end.

It also will continue to support students and maintain its close working relationship with the university, said its president, Howard Quigley.

"We expect to continue our sci-

entific collaboration into the future just like we have in the past," said Charles Hatch, dean of the College of Natural Resources.

At Bozeman, the institute will team with the larger Wildlife Conservation Society. That will provide financial stability, greater access to air travel and closer proximity to wild areas such as Yellowstone National Park.

"Moscow and even Lewiston are difficult places to get in and out of and they aren't necessarily in the heart of the kind of wild areas we use as our natural laboratories," said Quigley.

The family of Lynn Crowley wishes to express our heartfelt Thank You to all the people who called, stopped by, dropped a card, or sent flowers or food after our wife and mother passed away. It is so wonderful to live in a community like we do. To Mike Bulkeley, your comforting words and thoughts during your beautiful service were appreciated more than you can know. We would like to thank all the people who helped with the delicious dinner after the service. We also would like to recognize and thank the Castletree Quick Response Unit for their caring assistance.

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Oregon tribe to share meteorite

NEW YORK (AP) — The heads of the Museum of Natural History and an American Indian group signed an agreement Thursday to share custody of a 10,000-year-old meteorite that's a centerpiece of the museum's new planetarium.

"What a milestone it is to have reached this agreement here," said Kathryn Harrison, chairwoman of Oregon's Grand Ronde Tribal Council, after the deal was finalized at a news conference at

the museum.

The 16-ton meteorite became a central attraction in the planetarium when it opened in February. But the tribal council claimed ownership of the rock, which holds tremendous religious significance to the Clackamas tribe, part of the council.

Under the agreement, the meteorite will remain in Manhattan, but the tribe will receive access for an annual ceremonial visit to the museum.

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BRIEFLY IN MONEY

Aqua Vie obtains movie placement

KETCHUM — Aqua Vie Beverage Corp. said Thursday that on the heels of the company reaching agreements for product distribution in southern California, Aqua Vie Hydrators have been slated as a product placement to be featured in the Spanish Cinema production of *No Turning Back*, being shot in Los Angeles during June and July.

Filmmakers Julia Montejio and Jesus Nebot, who also stars, are the film's directors. Ketchikan-based Aqua Vie said. The film showcases the talents of director of photography Ian Fox. *No Turning Back* is a feature developed in the United States and being produced in English for mainstream audiences under the banner of Zokalo Entertainment. In addition to Nebot, widely known in Latin America and Spain, also starring in the film are Lindsay Price, Vernee Watson Johnson, Susan Haskell and Joe Estevez.

Also on the marketing front, the company has engaged Washington, D.C.-based International Trade Services Corp., a specialized trade advisory firm, to assist Aqua Vie in strategic planning and management related to international distribution of the company's products made from spring water. ITSC is expert in regulatory, customs, tariff and other issues affecting international trade, Aqua Vie said.

Fleetwood sees lower first-quarter earnings

RIVERSIDE, Calif. — Fleetwood Enterprises Inc., a maker of recreational vehicles and manufactured housing, said Thursday it expects first-quarter earnings well below year-ago levels because of weakness in its markets.

The Riverside, Calif.-based company — which has retailers in Wendell, Filer and Heyburn — projected earnings to be slightly above break-even, compared with 72 cents a share a year earlier and a consensus analyst forecast for the period of 55 cents a share, according to First Call Corp.

Nelson W. Potter, Fleetwood president, said the company's outlook remained clouded by an uncertain retail financing environment, but the market for motor homes will improve after the transition in August to the new 2001 model range.

Mexico aide expects Citibank dispute resolved

WASHINGTON — The dispute between Citibank and the state-run Mexican insurance agency (IPAB) over a stake in Banca Confinia will be resolved by the end of the current administration, Mexican Finance Undersecretary Carlos Noriega said. He also confirmed Citibank had proposed to reverse the original deal.

"I am optimistic that we will be able to solve our differences. There is good will on the part of Citibank and good will on the part of Mexico," Noriega said on the sidelines of a World Bank conference here. "I'm sure that before the administration is over we will be able to sort out our differences."

Elections take place in Mexico July 2, but the new administration will not take over until Dec. 1.

Monday sources told Bridge News a Mexican federal judge had accepted Citibank Mexico's request for an injunction against a decision by IPAB to prepay a promissory note worth 24,844 billion pesos owed to IPAB by Confinia, which Citibank bought from the Mexican government in 1998.

Prepaying the debt saves the government an estimated \$350 million over the remaining six-year life of the loan.

The Mexican government says it arrives at the \$350 million estimated savings by subtracting interest earned at current rates in the local money market from the interest the bond would have paid to Confinia during the next six years.

While the interest rate was set to decline over that time, just before the May prepayment announcement the bond was paying an interest rate equal to the Interbank Equilibrium Interest plus 3.5 percentage points, and it was the most expensive of IPAB's books.

Noriega confirmed Citibank proposed to reverse the original deal (handing Confinia back to the government), which would mean giving up \$800 million Citibank has invested over the past two years.

Compiled from staff and wire reports

Small towns, self-help is the best way

State can only give the tools, task force leader explains

By Virginia S. Hutchins
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Certain Idaho towns — such as Kimberly, whose chamber of commerce disbanded last winter for lack of leadership candidates — might be beyond the help of a statewide effort to rethink economic development, the project's chairman said Thursday.

"A community will not renew itself if the business community doesn't believe in itself," Larry Eastland told The Times-News' editorial board Thursday.

Eastland, long prominent in Idaho business and GOP politics, is leading Gov. Dirk Kempthorne's task force on

value-added industry, which aims to find the tools struggling Idaho cities can use to reinvent their economies. Such tools might include federal grant programs redefined to apply in Idaho's information age, or universities that teach entrepreneurial skills instead of traditional corporate business.

But the action will have to come from the inside, he said, not from the Legislature. Otherwise, no number of tools will be of use.

"You've got to have a few people who are willing to say, 'This is my town and I won't give up,'" Eastland said.

The task force held its first six monthly meetings in May, preparing to present Kempthorne with eight or 10 recommendations on economic development. The governor will decide which to pursue.

The group will examine whether industrial revenue bonds, urban renewal districts and Community Development Block Grants might be applied in New

Economy ways, Eastland said. It will encourage local entrepreneurs, who create the jobs for a huge percentage of the population.

The panel will look at industries Idaho already has and ask how the state can expand them. One success case is Magic Valley cheese factories taking advantage of the valley's dairy industry.

The state, Eastland said, also needs to streamline identification of economic assets — such as Burley's stretch of the Snake River, a fabulous resource for tourism and recreation.

"Right now it's treated like a drain ditch," he said.

Some Idaho products exit the state before Idaho has milked all their potential. A new strain of wheat developed in Idaho, for example, is going overseas for noodle manufacturing.

"Why can't we produce it here in Idaho?" Eastland said.

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Microsoft sets sights on the Net

Software giant has plans to start Internet services

The Associated Press

REDMOND, Wash. — Microsoft Corp. chairman Bill Gates on Thursday unveiled an ambitious effort to transform his company's software products into Internet-based personal services.

The initiatives, called Microsoft.NET, will allow individuals to access data from a wide array of devices, including personal computers, handheld organizers and cell phones. The devices will communicate behind the scenes, coordinating between themselves and constantly updating each other, Gates said.

"We have the opportunity to take this vision of a digital world and apply the magic of software to make this a reality," Gates said.

Previews of these new services — which will include online versions of Microsoft's popular Office software and features of its Windows operating system — will begin in 2001, but full services will not be widely available until at least 2002, Gates said.

Thousands of developers have been working for nearly a year on Microsoft.NET, though company officials would not say how much Microsoft has invested.

"You could say it's a bet the company thinks," Gates said, adding that it is "far more ambitious than anything we've done in the past."

Some analysts have said the kind of integration needed to make Microsoft.NET a reality could run afoul of the company's antitrust battle, however. Microsoft is fighting a court-ordered breakup in appeals court after a federal judge found that it broke antitrust laws.

There are also a number of proposed restrictions on Microsoft's business practices that, if upheld, could severely hamper progress on Microsoft.NET.

With Microsoft.NET, the company will take its popular software products, such as the Windows operating system, Microsoft Office and the Microsoft Network online service, and make their features readily available over the Internet.

Thus, with Office.NET, Microsoft's proposed online business software service, a user could write Microsoft Word documents and integrate them with Excel spreadsheets or other Microsoft software, all through a Web browser on a handheld organizer with a link to the Internet.

The user later could access the same documents from a different computer, since the material is stored in a central computer and accessible from anywhere over the Web.

Microsoft Network Web sites and services will become MSN.NET, and will continue to offer such services as online e-mail, bill paying, appointment management and instant messaging. These services will be integrated with Windows.NET, Office.NET and a suite of tools that customers can use to build their own products.

Microsoft has already received backing from Compaq Computer Corp. and Dell Computer Corp., among others. Marc Andreessen, founder of Netscape Communications Corp. and now the chairman of Loudcloud Inc. — and, in the past, a vocal opponent of Microsoft — also supported Microsoft.NET "because it is directly in line with our vision of a world of networked services."

Microsoft is the latest entrant into the market for Web-based



Bill Gates, chairman and chief software designer of Microsoft, talks with reporters Thursday during Forum 2000 at Microsoft headquarters in Redmond, Wash. Gates gave a sneak peek of the company's vision for the next generation of the Internet, dubbed ".Net" software.

services. Oracle Corp. has invested heavily in providing similar services to corporations, while

Sun Microsystems Inc. will unveil a Web-based office software suite by the end of the summer.

Diageo considers partial float of Burger King

Bridge News

LONDON — U.K. food and drinks company Diageo PLC said Thursday it is considering a partial floatation of its Burger King fast-food restaurant chain on the New York Stock Exchange, which could lead to a demerger of the unit.

Diageo gave no indication of the float price, but analysts believe the home of the Whopper hamburger could be worth around 2 billion sterling (\$3 billion).

Dennis Malamatinas, chief executive of Burger King, has stepped down to return to the U.K. and Diageo is now looking for a new worldwide head to lead the floatation of the Miami-based company.

Colin Storm, currently CEO of Guinness PLC, will be appointed acting CEO of Burger King.

With 10,200 outlets, 80 percent of them in the United States, Burger King is the world's second-largest restaurant chain after McDonald's Corp., but its 22 percent share of the U.S. restaurant industry lags behind McDonald's 41 percent.

John McGrath, group CEO of Diageo, said a number of options for Burger King had been considered. "We believe that a partial floatation of the company, which opens the possibilities of a demerger or a full floatation at a future date, is the option we must now develop."

"We are therefore taking the necessary

preparatory steps, the first of which is to provide the management continuity which a successful floatation will require."

Burger King contributes about 10 percent of Diageo's group operating profit.

Goldman Sachs recently estimated Burger King's 2000 trading profit will be 199 million sterling, mostly thanks to a 167 million sterling contribution from its North American operations. Turnover is expected to be 922 million sterling this year.

Most analysts agreed Burger King appears well positioned to deliver double-digit earnings growth going forward.

Diageo's shares closed 1.84 percent lower at 587 pence on the London Stock Exchange.

Farm equipment giant anticipates second-quarter losses

Knight Ridder News Service

RACINE, Wis. — Racine-based farm equipment giant CNH Global NV said it will post moderate losses for the second quarter.

The main culprit is sagging commodity prices that have made farmers unwilling to buy new equipment, but CNH is facing other difficulties too.

Bill Masterson, the company's spokesman, said uncertainty in the farm equipment market brought on by company divestitures and a changing playing field in Brazil are also contributing to CNH's troubles. Case Corp. and New Holland NV merged last November to form CNH.

Besides the slowdown in farm equipment, the company is seeing the first hint of a slowdown in the construction equipment side of its business as interest rates

climb and construction activity begins to slow, especially in the housing sector. Housing construction last month hit its lowest level in nearly a year, dropping 4.2 percent from April.

"We're still expecting CNH to post a 30-cent per share gain in its second quarter, which ends June 30. CNH now says its losses will be moderate, but that earnings for the year will improve from 1999."

"The long-term story didn't change," said James R. McCann, an analyst with Merrill Lynch Global Securities in New York, who said he isn't changing his "near-term accumulate" rating on CNH stock.

"I think they'll come out the other side of this in good shape," McCann said, noting that hard times often are a mixed blessing for a company. He said the lean times in the farm equipment

market will force CNH to work harder and more quickly on integrating Case and New Holland."

Patricia Yee, an analyst with Dresdner Kleinwort Benson in New York, still is rating the stock a buy. "We're still looking at this as a one-time occurrence," Yee said, adding that her firm is considering CNH for the long haul and believes the company's 2001 earnings will be "much better."

Besides the market working against CNH, analysts said that confusion introduced into the farm equipment market as a result of the Case-New Holland merger has also hurt.

Just last week CNH announced it had agreed to sell its New Holland Versatile, Genesis and G170 series four-wheel and two-wheel driver tractor lines, and its Winnipeg, Manitoba, plant to Buhler Versatile Inc., a subsidiary of Buhler Industries Inc.

Bigotry online?

Suit claims bank used the Internet to discriminate

The Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — In a new twist on a familiar allegation against home lenders, Wells Fargo & Co. is accused of using the Internet to discriminate against minorities and encourage racial segregation.

The allegations center on Wells Fargo's "Community Calculator," an online search tool designed to help prospective home buyers shop for suitable neighborhoods.

The problem, according to a federal lawsuit amended Wednesday, is that the search tool uses racial descriptors to categorize neighborhoods depicted as downtown.

Those descriptions include "low income" neighborhoods, defined as an area where 36 percent of the residents are blacks who "tend to purchase fast food and takeout food from chicken restaurants."

"They are including some of the worst racial stereotypes possible," said Michael Daniel, an attorney who filed the amendment on behalf of the Association of Community Organizations for Reform Now, or ACORN, a nonprofit group.

The lawsuit also alleges that the Community Calculator steers people of the same ethnic background into the same neighborhoods.

In a statement, Wells said the bank is only trying to help home buyers find the right place to live.

The Community Calculator "is designed to help customers make informed buying decisions using criteria such as education levels, housing characteristics, household type, crime index and population," said the lender, which has bank branches in the Magic Valley. "The Community Calculator is not designed to use race as a tool to guide home buyers' decisions on where to live."

Other neighborhood categories include "Middle Class Urban Families," where 90 percent of the residents are black and white coolers are popular, and "West Coast Immigrants," where 70 percent of the population is Hispanic and speaks Spanish at home.

In a sample submission made by The Associated Press on Wednesday, these three categories also appeared next to "distressed neighborhoods," where 40 percent of the residents receive some type of public assistance and 25 percent are unemployed.

"With all the fuss about police profiling, can you imagine what would happen if all the cops that were on a cop Web site?" Daniel asked.

The original lawsuit was filed in April in Dallas federal court by a woman who alleged Wells' lending practices discriminated against minorities.

Daniel amended the lawsuit Wednesday to include ACORN, which has 125,000 members, as a plaintiff and introduce the allegations that Wells is using its Web site as a discriminatory tool.

The amended lawsuit alleges violations of the Fair Housing Act and seeks a court order forcing Wells to remove the racial descriptions from its Web site and "any other appropriate relief."

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Micron beats expectations

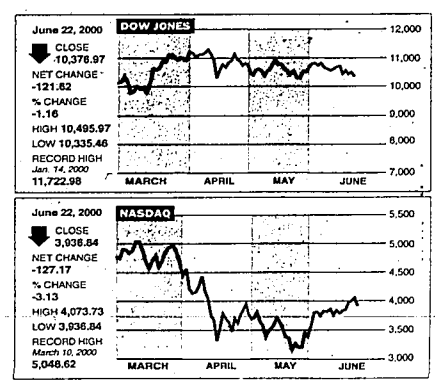
BOISE (AP) — Computer chip maker Micron Technology Inc. announced its second quarter earnings Thursday, posting dramatically strong profits for the third straight quarter.

AMRO Inc. in San Francisco predicted the stock is yet to announce. If there are price gains, prices go down 20 percent quarter-over-quarter, imagine what it would be if prices went up 20 percent quarter-over-quarter.

likely some profit-taking before the end of the year. Analysts at Mischo and Hans Mosemann of Prudential Securities Inc. in San Francisco both expect Micron to cash in on the developing chip shortage that should enhance what is traditionally strong demand during the second half of the calendar year, driven by back-to-school consumer purchases and corporate buys at year end.

Nasdaq's hot streak tapers off

NEW YORK (AP) — The Nasdaq ran out of gas Thursday, cutting short a five-day winning streak that had brought the average above one important milestone — 4,000 points — and nearly above another, where it began the year.



New jobless claims are ticking up

WASHINGTON (AP) — The number of Americans filing new claims for unemployment benefits edged up unexpectedly last week, suggesting that the supercharged economy that has been cranking out jobs may be slowing a bit.

The nation's unemployment rate ticked up to 4.1 percent in May from 3.9 percent in April, and employers actually cut jobs, something economists viewed as good news to the Fed, which has been particularly concerned that the United States' tight labor market will eventually lead to wage and price inflation.

The biggest losses included Mid-Michigan, which fell \$5.75 to \$85 as traders worried that the chip maker's earnings, due after the close of trading, might fall short of expectations. The earnings report actually beat analyst estimates, however.

Qualcomm's shares rose \$3.78 to \$68.25. Neither company returned calls seeking comment. Heading into Thursday's trading, the Nasdaq index had climbed for five straight sessions. The Nasdaq, which was close to breaking even for the year on Wednesday, remained below its Dec. 31, 1999, finish of 4,069.31. But it has come back from its low point on May 23, when the Nasdaq was down 28.6 percent from the end of last year.

tighten credit further to keep inflation in check. "I think we're digesting the gains of the Nasdaq over the past four weeks and looking ahead to the Fed meeting and the likelihood of several earnings confessions next week," said Tom Galvin, chief equity strategist at Donaldson, Lufkin & Jenrette Securities. Traders said there was little effect from a rumor, quickly denied by the Fed, that the central bank's chairman, Alan Greenspan, was in an auto accident. Declining issues outnumbered advancing ones by an 11-to-6 margin on the New York Stock Exchange, where a consolidated volume came to \$1.22 billion, down slightly from 1.21 billion shares Wednesday.

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

Table with columns: Name, Div, Last, Chg, %Chg. Lists various stocks and their performance.

MARKET SUMMARY

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

INDEXES

Table showing indices like Dow Jones Industrials, S&P 500, etc., with columns for High, Low, Name, Last, Net, % Chg, YTD % Chg.

STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST

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

NASDAQ NATIONAL MARKET

Large table listing NASDAQ national market stocks with columns: Name, Div, Last, Chg, %Chg, YTD %Chg.

HOW TO READ THE MARKET REPORT

Here are the 825 most active stocks on the New York Stock Exchange, the 400 most active on the Nasdaq National Market and 100 most active on the American Stock Exchange. Mutual funds are listed in the Current dividend rate paid on stock, based on last quarterly or semiannual declaration. Name: Stocks are listed alphabetically by the company's full name (not its abbreviation). Company names made up of initials appear at the beginning of each line.

AMERICAN STOCK EXCHANGE

Table listing American Stock Exchange stocks with columns: Name, Div, Last, Chg, %Chg, YTD %Chg.

MARKETS

CLOSING FUTURES

Table of closing futures prices for various commodities including soybeans, corn, wheat, and oil. Columns include contract name, price, and change.

MARKETS

Table of market prices for various commodities including soybeans, corn, wheat, and oil. Columns include contract name, price, and change.

NEW YORK (AP) - While most investors in international mutual funds are getting hammered this year, those who put their faith in Canada have been handsomely rewarded.

Consider that U.S. funds devoted to Canadian stocks have risen an average of 48.5 percent since the start of 1997, according to Lipper Inc., a New York company that tracks mutual fund performance. Canada's closest competitor in this year's Lipper's world equity fund sector is European region funds, which have risen an average of 2.7 percent through mid-June.

Canadian funds quietly gain investors' attention

Pacific region funds are down 16 percent. Recent history has shown that Canadian funds aren't flash-in-the-pan. Excluding 1998, when virtually all international funds plunged, Canadian funds have provided double-digit gains in each of the past five years. And they have risen an average of 50 percent during the past 12 months, according to Lipper.

BEANS

Table of bean prices for various types including soybeans, pinto beans, and navy beans. Columns include price and change.

CHEESE

Table of cheese prices for various types including cheddar, mozzarella, and parmesan. Columns include price and change.

FOSSIL FUELS

Table of fossil fuel prices including oil, natural gas, and heating oil. Columns include price and change.

Help

The group he's leading wants to pinpoint any impediments to making value-added manufacturing profitable here, he said. As it stands, even Micron computer chips leave Idaho to be built into finished products.

GRAINS

Table of grain prices for various types including wheat, corn, and soybeans. Columns include price and change.

POTATOES

Table of potato prices for various types including russet, red, and yellow. Columns include price and change.

METALS/CURRENCY

Table of metal and currency prices including gold, silver, and various currencies. Columns include price and change.

Loss

Low prices for other agricultural commodities — may be near 20-year lows — are keeping many farmers on the lookout for equipment. Among the markets particularly hard-hit are those for large four-wheel-drive tractors and combine harvesters.

WHEAT

Table of wheat prices for various types including hard red winter, soft red winter, and white. Columns include price and change.

SUGAR

Table of sugar prices for various types including white granulated and brown. Columns include price and change.

LIVESTOCK

Table of livestock prices including cattle, hogs, and sheep. Columns include price and change.

MUTUAL FUNDS

Table of mutual fund prices for various categories including equity, bond, and money market funds. Columns include price and change.

Large table of mutual fund prices and performance data, including fund names, prices, and changes. Columns include fund name, price, and change.

best bets

in entertainment



Monster tour

The biggest names in hip-hop - Eminem, Dr. Dre, Snoop Dog and Ice Cube - will play Nampa's Idaho Center Monday night as part of their Up in Smoke Tour.

Gotta regatta

Boat-racing isn't the only diversion at this weekend's Idaho Regatta in Burley. There's a parade this morning at 10, starting at Albertson's in Burley; live music tonight at 7 at the race site at the Burley Marina, and a dinner party with live music Saturday night at the Burley Inn.

Red, white and you

The city of Hazelton will touch off some Independence Day fireworks Saturday night, a little earlier than everybody else. There's a parade, too, starting at 6 p.m.

Hometown hoedown

Come listen to an afternoon of country music Sunday in Twin Falls' City Park, the True Value Country Jamboree, starting at 2 p.m. It's free.



Belles of Nashville

The Dixie Chicks, country music's hottest girl group, will play Nampa's Idaho Center Sunday night.

Summer sounds

Boise's 10th annual River Festival wraps up this weekend, with free concerts by Frankie Avalon and Art Garfunkel, monster parades and a Sunday night fireworks display.

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HIT REWIND



Brad Richards says the biggest effect DVD technology has had is to lower the price of VCRs. As a result, customers are choosing to replace rather than repair their video equipment.

That old VCR of yours might go the way of the 8-track

By Steve Crump
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - Used to be that Brad Richards made a living fixing VCRs. Now he spends much of his time repairing expensive, big-screen TVs.

"It's not that VCRs have stopped breaking down, but they're about to get scarcer," Richards said. "There are better alternatives available, and the technology is becoming more affordable."

Hard-disk recorders, also known as personal video recorders, use a massive version of a personal computer's hard disk to morph into a super-charged VCR. They're dream machines that allow viewers to pause, rewind, fast-forward, freeze-frame, use slow motion and make their own instant replays - and that's while you're

watching a program live. You can even get up and answer the phone without missing any action.

Panasonic's ShowStopper PV-HS2000, typical of the state of the art, now sells for \$599. It can store up to 30 hours of programming and the hard drive is a monster - 30 gigabytes, one for each hour of storage capacity.

Hard-disk recorders are always on. As you watch a program, the recorders store analog video, digitized and compressed. So if you turn on the TV five minutes into your favorite show, you can back-track immediately to the beginning and watch it from start to finish.

And sales of movies on disk are booming.

More than 10 percent of total home theater sales in 1999 came from sales of DVD players, according to the Consumer Electronics Association - nearly a billion dollars worth.

"A DVD will last as long as the plastic lasts," Richards said. "That's not the case with videotapes."

Still, there's an awful lot of videotape still out there. "I think a lot of people assume they're going to buy a DVD player at some point and copy what's on their videotapes," Richards said. "It doesn't work that way."

The technology of the two systems is different, and much of it is encrypted to discourage copying. Besides, why would you want to?

"If you copy a videotape onto a DVD, you're going to get a grainier movie," he said.

Still to be determined is whether the practice as we know it of walking into a video store and renting a movie will disappear. Soon vast film libraries will be available online, downloadable. The only question is how consumer will play for those services.

"You'll just be able to burn a DVD (on your computer)," Richards said.

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A dazzling adventure with feet of clay

By Robert W. Butler
Knight Ridder Newspapers

First you notice the teeth. Of course, teeth play an important role in all the films of English animator Nick Park, whose body of work is a veritable paean to the shortcomings of British orthodontia.

But chickens are birds. They don't have teeth. Except, of course, in Park and Peter Lord's



Ginger and Rocky must find a way out of the pie machine before they are turned into chicken pot pie.

'Chicken Run'

- Who's in it? The voices of Mel Gibson, Julia Sawalha, Miranda Richardson.
- What's it rated? G.
- Where's it playing? Twin Cinema, Century Cinema of Burley, Jerome

role of the Allied P.O.W.s and the human husband and wife who run Tweedy's farm filling in for the Nazis (they wear rubber Wellingtons instead of jack boots).

Cinema, Magic Lantern of Ketchum. Should you go? Over the past decade animation has become such a big business that it's starting to feel jaded and calculated. "Chicken Run," on the other hand, feels like nothing so much as a spontaneous outburst of giddy creativity.

It's a clever idea, but most of today's kids have never seen that old Steve McQueen/James Garner film and won't appreciate it.

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Filer pumps up the volume on its summer fun festival

The Times-News

FILER - OK, they're only Filer's second- and third-biggest parties of the year.

But the Filer Kiwanis decided it made sense to combine its late winter Bean Festival and the town's traditional early summer Fun Days into something a bit grander.

The result will be the expanded Filer Fun Days this weekend, complete with mule show, antique show, concessions, crafts and kid games, along with a parade, street dances, food of all descriptions - and more particularly, beans.

The Bean Festival, a bean-growers' promotional event that has been held on the first Saturday in March for a decade, won't change format even as it switches seasons: The traditional bean cook-off for bean recipes of all descriptions will start at 10 a.m. (entries are due by 9) at the Twin Falls County Fairgrounds. A chili feed, with beans and the trimmings, will follow at noon.

And the Bean Festival will be paired once again with the Kiwanis' Farm Toy Show - this year a two-day event during which collectors can buy, show, sell and swap ruralian gee-gaws.

Fun Days highlights

- Community barbecue - Tonight, 5-8 p.m., Twin Falls County Fairgrounds. Tickets: \$6 for adults, \$3.50 for children.
- Pancake breakfast - Saturday, 7-10 a.m., Twin Falls County Fairgrounds. Tickets: \$3.50 for adults, \$1.50 kids, \$12 per family.
- Farm Toy Show - Saturday, 8 a.m. 6 p.m., and Sunday, noon-4 p.m. Tickets: \$2 for adults; kids get in for \$1.
- Bean Festival - Saturday, Twin Falls County Fairgrounds. Judging at 10 a.m., chili feed from noon to 2 p.m. Tickets: \$3, including chili, bean dessert and drink.
- Parade - Saturday, 11 a.m.
- Community street dance - Saturday, 8 p.m. midnight.

There will also be free stage entertainment Saturday from noon to 5 p.m., a classic car and motorcycle show from noon to 4 p.m. that afternoon, and a community church service from 10:30 a.m. until noon on Sunday.

For more information, call Russell Sheridan at 326-5000 or Joy Fort at 326-4345.

WEEKEND

T. G. Sheppard performs two shows a night at Catcus Petes

COUNTRY MUSIC

Tonight, Saturday and Sunday T.G. Sheppard will perform two shows a night at Catcus Petes Resort... There's an 8 p.m. dinner show; shows start at \$14.99 tonight and Sunday and at \$19.99 on Saturday.

The cocktail show starts at 11 a.m. Cover charge is \$7.50 tonight and Sunday and \$10 on Saturday. For reservations and information, call (800) 821-1103.

Saturday Dusty and the Nomads will play from 8 p.m. to midnight at Spambauer's Barn on U.S. Highway 93, east of Jerome... Cover charge is \$5. Call 324-7366.

Saturday Common People will play at 9:30 p.m. at Burren West Resort at West Magic Road, located north of Shoshone, off of Idaho Highway 75 at West Magic Road.

Sunday The True Value Country Jam will be held from 2-6 p.m. at the bandshell in Twin Falls City Park. Free.

Sunday-Dixie Chicks and Patty Griffin will play Nampa's Idaho Center at 7:30 p.m. Tickets, which are \$31.50 and \$40, can be reserved by phoning Select A Seat at (208) 426-1766.

July 8 - Utah Pam Tillis and Mark Willis will be singing at Rocky Mountain Raceways in West Valley City, Utah, 7 p.m. Tickets, which are \$16.50, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (800) 888-TIXX.

July 17 - Utah Toby Keith, Keith Urban and Dana Leach will sing at the Dec Events Center on the campus of Weber State University in Ogden, Utah. Tickets, which are \$18.50 and \$20, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (800) 888-TIXX.

July 22 - Pocatello Merle Haggard will sing at the Bannock County Fairgrounds in Pocatello at 8 p.m. Tickets, which are \$23, are available at the Music Exchange in Twin Falls.

Aug. 4 - Utah John McEuen and Jim Bobeson, two of the founding members of the Nitty Gritty Dirt Band, will headline the Starlight Music Festival at the Murray Park Amphitheater in suburban Salt Lake City at 5 p.m. Tickets, which are \$16, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (800) 888-TIXX.

ROCK 'N ROLL

Saturday - Lava Hot Springs Bachman/Turner/Overdrive will perform at Triangle Park in Lava Hot Springs at 7 p.m. Tickets, which are \$19.50, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (800) 888-TIXX.

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

July 3 - Boise Van's Warped Tour, featuring Green Day, Suicide Machines,



Mighty Mighty Bosstones and two dozen other bands will play the Idaho Center in Nampa at noon. Tickets, which are \$24.50, can be reserved by phoning Select A Seat at (208) 426-1766.

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

July 5 - Utah Motley Crue, Megadeth and Anthrax will play the E Center in West Valley City, Utah, at 7 p.m. Tickets, which are \$28 and \$35, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (800) 888-TIXX.

July 5 - Boise Dan Fogelberg will sing in the Morrison Center on the campus of Boise State University at 7:30 p.m. Tickets, which are \$25, can be reserved by phoning Select A Seat at (208) 426-1766.

July 7 - Utah Dan Fogelberg will play the Sandy City Auditorium in Sandy, Utah, at 7:30 p.m. Tickets, which are \$25 and \$30, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (800) 888-TIXX.

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

July 8 - Utah Van's Warped Tour, including Green Day, Suicide Machines, Mighty Mighty Bosstones and two dozen other bands, will play the Utah State Fairpark in Salt Lake City at 1 p.m. Tickets, which are \$22, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (800) 888-TIXX.

July 11 - Utah The Indigo Girls will play the Deer Valley Ski Resort in Park City, Utah, at 7 p.m. Tickets, which are \$31, can be obtained by phoning Smith's Tix at (800) 888-TIXX.

July 16 - Pocatello Eve 6 will play the 2020 club, 150 N. Main St., 5 p.m. Tickets, which are \$15, are available at the Music Exchange in Twin Falls, or by phoning 734-2758.

July 16 - Pocatello (hed)p.e. will perform at the 2020 club, 150 N. Main St., 10 p.m. Tickets, which are \$12.50, are available at the Music Exchange in Twin Falls or by phoning 734-2758.

July 2 - Boise The Leatherman 138 Main Avenue South Twin Falls 734-4818

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

July 18 - Utah Paula Cole will sing in Salt Lake City's Zephyr Room at 10 p.m. Tickets, which are \$15, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (800) 888-TIXX.

July 26 - Boise Kiss with Ted Nugent will play Nampa's Idaho Center at 7 p.m. Tickets, which are \$36.50 and \$46.50, can be reserved by phoning Select A Seat at (208) 426-1766.

July 26 - Utah Sting will perform at the E Center in West Valley City, Utah, at 7:30 p.m. Tickets, which are \$33 and \$53, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (800) 888-TIXX.

Aug. 3 - Boise Weird Al Yankovic will play the Morrison Center on the campus of Boise State University at 8 p.m. Tickets, which are \$25, can be reserved by phoning Select A Seat at (208) 426-1766.

Aug. 4 - Boise Korn will perform at the Idaho Center in Nampa at 7 p.m. Tickets, which are \$33.50, can be reserved by phoning Select A Seat at (208) 426-1766.

Aug. 15 - Boise Poison, Cinderella, Dokken and Slaughter will play the Idaho Center in Nampa at 5:30 p.m. Tickets, which are \$19.50 and \$26.50, can be reserved by phoning Select A Seat at (208) 426-1766.

Aug. 18 - Utah Maureen McGovern will sing at 8 p.m. in the Sundance Theater, Sundance Ski Resort east of Provo, Utah. Tickets, which are \$20, \$30 and \$40 can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (800) 888-TIXX.

Aug. 19 - Boise Ben Harper and Innocent Criminals will play Sandy Point Beach at Lucky Peak Reservoir northeast of Boise, 7:30 p.m. Tickets, which are \$23.75, can be reserved by phoning Select A Seat at (208) 426-1766.

July 23 - Caldwell Buy Idaho's Jazz at the Winery; featuring the LA Connection and the Idaho All-Stars, will be held from 1 to 6 p.m. at the Ste. Chapelle Winery in Caldwell.

July 24 - Boise Allen Vizzutti will headline Jazz Under the Stars, 8:15 p.m., Boise State University Centennial Amphitheater on the BSU campus. Tickets, which are \$11, can be reserved by phoning Select A Seat at (208) 426-1766.

July 17 - Utah Glen Campbell will sing at the Ed Kenley Amphitheater in Layton, Utah, at 8 p.m. Tickets, which are \$18, \$25 and \$35, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (800) 888-TIXX.

July 23 - Caldwell Buy Idaho's Jazz at the Winery; featuring the LA Connection and the Idaho All-Stars, will be held from 1 to 6 p.m. at the Ste. Chapelle Winery in Caldwell.

Tonight Rosalie Sorrels will perform in concert at 8:30 p.m. at Sun Valley's Elkhorn Resort.

ing the Sun Valley Center for the arts at 726-9491, or at the door.

Today and Saturday - Weiser The 48th annual National Oiling, Fishers' Contest. In addition to competition in eight different divisions in the Weiser High School gymnasium, a golf tournament, barbecue and parade are planned for June 24.

Saturday The sixth annual Smiley Creek Folk Music and Arts and Crafts Festival will be held at Smiley Creek Lodge, 36 miles north of Ketchikan on Idaho Highway 75.

Aug. 19 - Boise Ben Harper with the Innocent Criminals will play Sandy Point Beach at Lucky Peak Reservoir, 7:30 p.m. Tickets, which are \$23.75, can be reserved by phoning Select A Seat at (208) 426-1766.

Aug. 26 - Utah Gordon Lightfoot will sing at the Sandy City Amphitheater in suburban Salt Lake City at 8 p.m. Tickets, which are \$18 and \$18, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (800) 888-TIXX.

MISCELLANEOUS

Tonight Daron Novotny will play from 6 to 8 p.m. at Sax Fifth Avenue, 213 Fifth Ave. S., Twin Falls.

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

Tonight and Saturday Marcus-Eaton and the Lobby will play from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Muggers Brewpub, 516 Second

St. S., Twin Falls. No cover charge.

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

Tonight and Saturday 1984 will play from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Oasis, 1007 Blue Lakes Blvd. N., Twin Falls. No cover charge.

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

Tonight and Saturday Twist Falls band, Lynx, will play from 9 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. at the Roundup in Emmett.

Tonight and Saturday Local band Desert Rain will play from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Salmon River Inn in Salmon.

Saturday Randy Egner will play from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Sax Fifth Avenue, 213 Fifth Ave. S., Twin Falls.

Saturday Eddie Kirkland will play from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Sax Fifth Avenue, 213 Fifth Ave. S., Twin Falls.

Sunday Rob Harding will play from 9 p.m. to midnight at Sax Fifth Avenue, 213 Fifth Ave. S., Twin Falls.

Monday Jam session will be featured from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Sax Fifth Avenue. Please see EVENTS, Page C3.

CRAZY DAYS COSTUME CONTEST IS BACK! JULY 13-14-15 Remember when Crazy Days was really Crazy? Well, it's time for us to get Crazy again. Fill out the entry blank below and let us know if you would like your business to be judged in The Times-News Crazy Days Costume contest. We will give away a 1/2 page, 1/4 page and 1/8 page in The Times-News for first, second and third place winning participating businesses. So come join in the fun...and get crazy again with The Times-News Crazy Days Costume Contest. THE TIMES-NEWS CRAZY DAYS COSTUME CONTEST ENTRY FORM

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Tuesday
 Missing Josephine will play from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Sax Fifth Avenue, 213 Fifth Ave. S., Twin Falls.

Wednesday
 Guitarist David Santistevan will play from 6 to 9 p.m. at Sax Fifth Avenue, 213 Fifth Ave. S., Twin Falls.

Wednesday
 The Nora Band will play for ladies night from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Sax Fifth Avenue, 213 Fifth Ave. S., Twin Falls.

Thursday
 Flat Jimmy Cooper will play from 6 to 8 p.m. at Sax Fifth Avenue, 213 Fifth Ave. S., Twin Falls.

Thursday
 A guest band will play from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Sax Fifth Avenue, 213 Fifth Ave. S., Twin Falls.

July 2
 "When the Lights Go On Again," a patriotic program in celebration of Independence Day, will be held at 6 and 8 p.m. at the King Fine Arts Center in Burley. The program features a combined choir from the Burley, West Burley and Oakley stakes, conducted by Jeff Rasmussen, singing patriotic songs interspersed with narration. The choir will sing an arrangement of the "Star Spangled Banner" written by Burley resident Debra Barlow. Special numbers will center on World War II. A highlight of the program is a four-person piano section of "Stars and Stripes." Admission is free.

July 7-29 - Boise
 Boise State University's SummerFest 2000 series will be held at 8:15 p.m. Friday and Saturday evenings at the Centennial Amphitheater, located on the south bank of the Boise River. The first event scheduled for July 7 will feature Handel's "Fireworks Suite" and the Boise State SummerFest Orchestra performing music by Mozart and Hummel. Other concerts are set for July 21-22 with the SummerFest Concert Band playing American classics, and on July 28-29 the Boise State SummerFest Orchestra will perform songs from Broadway. Season tickets, which are \$25 general admission and \$19.50 for students and seniors, can be reserved by phoning (208) 426-1264. Single tickets, which are \$10 general admission and \$8 for students and seniors, can be reserved by phoning (208) 426-1266.

KARAOKE

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

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

Saturday
 The first regional Magic Valley Karaoke Finals will be held at 10 a.m. in the Magic Valley Mall in Twin Falls. Contestants may enter without a sponsor and pay a \$10 entry fee. Finals start at 1 p.m. For further information, call

Frank Herman at 734-5585.

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

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

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

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

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

HIP HOP MUSIC

Monday - Boise
 Eminem, Dr. Dre and Snoop Doggy Dog will play the Idaho Center in Nampa at 7 p.m. Tickets, which are \$39.50, can be reserved by phoning Select A Seat at (208) 426-1766. The Idaho Center is located at 5000 Garrity Blvd. on Nampa's east end.

BLUES MUSIC

July 6
 The 2000 Twilight Blues Series debuts with a tribute to Gene Harris, featuring the Gene Harris Quartet, pianist Paul Tillotson, guitarist Frank Potenza, bassist Luther Hughes, drummer Paul Kreibich, tenor saxophonist Red Holloway and singer Nike Harris, 6:30 p.m., Trail Creek Cabin, Sun Valley. Tickets, which are \$21, can be reserved by phoning (208) 726-9491.

July 18
 Guitarist Buddy Guy will perform at the second Twilight Blues Series concert of the summer, 6:30 p.m., Trail Creek Cabin, Sun Valley. Tickets, which are \$25, can be reserved by phoning (208) 726-9491.

July 20 - Utah
 John Mayall will perform at Salt Lake City's Zephyr Club at 10 p.m. Tickets, which are \$15, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tire at (800) 888-TDXX. The Zephyr Room is located at 301 South West Temple.

Aug. 24
 John Mayall will perform at the Trail Creek Cabin Grounds, Sun Valley Resort, the final installment of the Sun Valley Center for Arts' Twilight Blues Series. Tickets, which are \$25, can be reserved by phoning (208) 726-9491.

CAR SHOW

Today, Saturday and Sunday
 The annual Cool Classic Cruisin' car show will kickoff with a street party from 9-10:30 p.m. tonight in downtown Twin Falls. The cruise itself is scheduled from 7:30-9:30 p.m. from the College of Southern Idaho parking lot at 9 p.m., followed by an

after-cruise party at 10 p.m. at Muggers Brewpub. Cruise awards will be handed out at 12:30 p.m. in Twin Falls City Park, and there will be show and shines tonight at 6 p.m. at Fred Meyer. Saturday at 2 p.m. at Randy Hansen Auto Plex, Saturday at 4:30 p.m. at Revul Auto Body and Paint, and Sunday from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. in Twin Falls City Park.

THEATRE

Tonight, Saturday and Sunday
 The New Theater Company will present Margaret Edson's "Wit," 8 p.m. through Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday, nextStage Theater, Ketchum. Tickets, which are \$15 for evening performance and \$12.50 for the Sunday matinee, are available at Read All About It bookstore in Hailey and Chapter One bookstore in Ketchum.

Tonight, Saturday and Sunday - Boise
 The Idaho Shakespeare Festival's season will present Linda Alper, Douglas Langworthy and Penny Metropoulous' adaptation of Alexander Dumas' "The Three Musketeers," 8 p.m. tonight and Saturday and 7 p.m. Sunday in the Idaho Shakespeare Festival Amphitheater, 5657 Warm Springs Ave. Tickets are \$20 tonight and \$23 Saturday and Sunday, and kids get in for \$10. For reservations and information, call (208) 366-9221. "The Complete Works of William Shakespeare" will play Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday nights.

Tonight and Saturday
 Glens Ferry's Historic Opera Theater will present a dinner-theater production of "Just Desserts" at 7 p.m. on Friday nights through Aug. 25 and "Run to the Roundhouse ... He Can't Come You There" at 8 p.m. on Saturday nights through Aug. 26 at the theater, which is located at 210 E. Idaho St. Tickets are \$15 for adults and 4 for children for the Saturday night shows. For information, call 366-2744.

Tonight and Saturday
 The Mount Harrison Heritage Foundation will present a summer melodrama, "Dust and Dynamite in Little Tree (The Bank Goes Boom)," 7:30 p.m., West Minico Junior High School, Paul. Tickets, which are \$3, are available the door. The production will continue June 26, 30, July 1, 3 and 7-8.

Saturday - Idaho Falls
 Charlton Heston and his wife, Lydin Clarke, will star in "Love Letters," 8 p.m., Colonial Theater. Tickets, which are \$48, are available by phoning at the Idaho Falls Arts Council at 522-0471 and from 10 to 4 p.m. on Saturdays. The Colonial Theater

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Wednesday
 Company of Fools, as part of its six-week residency at the Community School Summer 2000 session, will offer three play readings this summer. The first reading will be Paul Zindel's Pulitzer Prize-winning play, "The Effect of Man-in-the-Moon Marriage" at 1 p.m. at the Community School Theater, 181 Dollar Road in Sun Valley. Upcoming readings are scheduled for July 5 with Donald Margulies' black comedy on marriage, "Dinner With Friends," and on July 12 with Michael Brady's haunting romance, "To Gillian on her 37th Birthday." The readings are free and the public is invited. For more information, call 788-6520.

July 14-15
 Junior Musical Playhouse with present "Cinderella," 8 p.m., College of Southern Idaho Fine Arts Center auditorium; Twin Falls Tickets, which are \$6, are available at Everybody's Business, Kurt's Pharmacy & Hallmark, Blue Lakes Cyclery, from any cast member or at the door.

FIGURE SKATING

Saturday
 Reigning world professional pairs champions Elena Leonova and Andrei Khalkov will headline the Sun Valley Ice Show, 8:30 p.m. on the rink behind the Sun Valley Lodge. Tickets, which range from \$33-\$41 for bleacher seats, \$27-\$48 for Sunroom seating and \$61-\$79 for the buffet, can be reserved by phoning 522-2231.

COMMUNITY FESTIVAL

Today, Saturday and Sunday - Boise
 The 10th annual Boise River Festival highlights: Daylong entertainment all three days in Julia Davis and Ann Morrison parks, culminating in a free

concert by Frankie Avalon from 8:30-10 p.m. tonight and by Art Garfunkel from 8:30-10 p.m. Saturday in Ann Morrison Park; Albertson's Nite-Light Parade, tonight from 10:30 p.m. to midnight down Capitol Boulevard; the Idaho Statesman River Giants Parade from 9:45 a.m. until noon down Saturday down Capitol Boulevard; and a fireworks display from 10:30 p.m. Sunday in Ann Morrison Park. Most River Festival events are free.

Today, Saturday and Sunday
 Boat-racing isn't the only diversion at this weekend's Idaho Regatta in Burley. There's a parade this morning at 10, starting at Albertson's in Burley; live music and a free picnic tonight at 7 at the race site at the Burley Marina, featuring

country-western singer Lydia Miller, and a dinner party with live music Saturday night at the Burley Inn.

Today, Saturday and Sunday
 For the first time, Filer combines its two largest community celebrates - Filer Fun Days and the Filer Bean Festival - in one event. Highlights include a community barbecue from 6-8 p.m. tonight at the Twin Falls County Fairgrounds, a pancake breakfast Saturday from 7-10 a.m., the bean festival and chili feed from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday, a parade at 11 a.m., food, crafts and games from noon to 7 p.m. Saturday, a community street dance from 8 p.m. until midnight, and the Filer Kiwanis Farm Toy Show from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday and from noon to 4 p.m. Sunday.

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ENGAGEMENT

BLAUER-HEREM

BURLEY - Lynn and Kathy Blauer of Burley announce the engagement of their daughter, Jennifer Blauer, to Larry O. Herem, son of Larry and Connie Herem of Burley.

Blauer attended Burley and Declo high schools. Herem is a graduate of Burley High School and will attend college next year, studying orthodontics. He is employed by Mycro Welding in Burley. The wedding is planned for Saturday with a reception following at 7 p.m. at Dr. Joe Peterson's office, 1344 Highland.



Larry Herem and Jennifer Blauer

ANNIVERSARY

THE STOKERS

BURLEY - Delores and Delores Stoker of Burley will be honored at an open house today for their 50th wedding anniversary. Friends and relatives are invited to call from 7 to 9 p.m. at the View LDS Church. The couple was married June 14, 1950, in the Idaho Falls Temple. They have made their home in the Burley area, where they have been engaged in farming. They have been active in the LDS Church, serving many different positions. They served a mission in Texas and are currently serving in the Boise Temple. Their children are LaNan Neilson, Karla Harman, Diane



Delores and Deloss Stoker

Flockiger, LaVal Stoker, LaRae Cruise and Brent Stoker. The couple has 42 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Local jazzmeisters Fox, Crider cut new CD

By Jennifer Boyd Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS - Inspired by legendary jazz bassist Charlie Haden, local musicians Jeff Fox and Brian Crider have produced a new album.

Haden is known for his accessible, laid-back style and his tunable melodies; Fox and Crider have tried to capture the essence of his musical spirituality in their disc, "Haden's Corner."

Fox heard Haden speak at an International Association of Jazz Educators seminar in Anaheim, Calif.

"Whenever he plays, if he needs to know how to do something, then he practices that, otherwise he just goes out and plays," Fox said of Haden.

He also talks about music as a vehicle for self-expression. Fox and Crider have played with Concepts Jazz for several years and wanted to branch out using the idea that there is a spirituality in improvisation, and that music is a vehicle for which to express ideas.

"Haden's Corner" includes jazz standards such as, "My Funny Valentine," "Besame Mucho," "Someday My Prince Will Come," and 13 other classics. Guest performers include Amy Trail and Sarah Barborika.

Trail will graduate from the College of Southern Idaho with her associate's degree in music in a couple of months. She's an award-winning vocalist and songwriter.

"I'll probably use some of the songs on the disk for college auditions," Trail said. "I'm trying to get my band off the ground right now but if that doesn't work out, my backup plan is to go to a school and get my jazz degree."

Trail's band, Missing Josephine, will release its first



Jeff Fox, left, and Brian Crider practice their specialty - jazz.

CD in mid July.

Barborika is an experienced jazz vocalist and pianist.

Her fiancé, Jim McMahon, is an accomplished jazz trumpeter and vocalist as well. The two will be moving to attend the University of Mary in Minot, N.D., this fall.

"It's kind of weird, you know, when we first made it Brian and I had enough money saved from various gigs to buy some studio time and that was it," Fox said.

"So we recorded these and I got the masters from Sound Trax in Gooding where we recorded and we were simply going to burn some CDs and give them to friends; we weren't going to sell them or anything."

"One of the friends we gave them to called and said, 'I want 12 more copies,' and I said, 'I'm sorry, this is just a gift.' Truly it was a labor of love, just a gift for our friends and their families. So this person called and said, 'I want more,' and I said, 'Well, I didn't do that. They're not available that way. So she called back the next day and asked, 'What would it take to get more?' I said,

"You're talking production cost, I can do the artwork, royalties, probably two grand anyway. OK, check's in the mail," she said, and that was it."

As for as publicity goes "it doesn't really matter," Fox said. "We decided we're going to donate all the profits to the Episcopal church music fund. The main thing is, we conceived it as a gift and it's got to stay that way."

Fox has also started a new group called the Canyon Side Jazz Orchestra, an eight-piece throwback dance band that provides rumbas, fox trots and waltzes for people who like to dance. All the arrangements are done by local pianist Gene Conely.

"It's not very challenging in terms of improvisation, but it's fun for ensemble work and providing something for the community," Fox said.

Fox and Crider have been working together for several years. They began playing at Java, a local coffee house, with a group called Concepts Jazz, and their Java performances enabled students and various other musicians to sit in, getting experiences

they otherwise wouldn't have gotten.

"For us, playing music is not simply a gig, it's not simply a matter of going out playing - because that gets boring," Fox said. "It's a matter of saying something and producing something with a group of people; it's unique - and you play it that night and it's gone."

Fox started out playing trumpet in high school in California. He admits he wasn't very good, but it was there that he developed a passion for jazz.

In college, he quit the trumpet and moved to Japan for a couple of years, and it was there that he really began truly listening to the music and understanding it, he said. After moving back to the United States, Fox picked up the saxophone in 1992.

Taking lessons from Larry Curtis and others, Jeff learned what he needed to get where he is today. Music is actually a hobby for Fox; he teaches English and Japanese at CSI and is also very involved with the Ascension Episcopal Church.

Crider has started playing guitar since he was 11. "I started playing jazz about 10 years ago," about the same time; Twin Falls got KILON, a public radio station that plays all jazz, he said. "I do most of my playing at church."

He started out playing with the CSI Swing Band years ago, but now does mainly small-group playing. Born and raised on a farm in southern Idaho, Crider is very active in the Nazarene church.

"Haden's Corner" is available the CSI Bookstore, the Lamphouse Theater, the Ascension Episcopal church, or the Leatherman in Twin Falls. It sells for \$15.

Times-News correspondent Jennifer Boyd can be reached at 733-4413.

Classic cruisers returns to Twin Falls this weekend

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS - The annual Cool Classic Cruisin' is scheduled for this weekend around Twin Falls.

It starts with a show-and-shine from 6:30 p.m. at Fred Meyer, 705 Blue Lakes Blvd. N., followed by a downtown street party from 8-10:30 p.m.

On Saturday, events will start with a pancake breakfast from 7-10 a.m. at the Twin Falls County Fairgrounds in Filer as part as Filer Fun Days. Cruisers will also participate in the Fun Days parade at 11 a.m.

An ice cream party is planned from 1-2 p.m. at the A&W restaurant, 200 Addison Ave. W. in Twin Falls, followed by show-

and-shines from 2-4 p.m. at Randy Hansen Auto Plex and from 4:30-6:30 p.m. at Revai Auto Body and Paint, 1196 Addison Ave.

Cruisers will take a test lap at the Magic Valley Speedway at 6:45 p.m., and a pre-cruise party is scheduled for the College of Southern Idaho parking lot from 7:30-9 p.m.

The cruise itself begins at 9 p.m. from the CSI parking lot, and an after-cruise party is scheduled for 10 p.m. at Muggers Brew Pub, 516 Second St. S.

On Sunday, another show-and-shine is scheduled for 10 a.m.-2 p.m. in Twin Falls City Park, with cruise awards to be handed out at 12:30 p.m.

Chicken

Continued from C1

are the many visual jokes based on it - including one sublime moment involving a chicken, solitary confinement and a baseball.

Not to worry. Ardman's patented droil humor permeates the entire production. There's something so inherently amusing even in the designs of these characters that they can entertain when not doing a blessed thing.

The story cooked up by Park and Lord centers on Ginger (voiced by "Absolutely Fabulous" Julia Sawalha), a hen who can't abide captivity and is always being thrown in isolation when her escape plans go bad.

The only way to get out of Tweedy's, Ginger reluctantly concludes, is to fly. But chickens are lousy flyers.

Enter Rocky (voiced by Mel Gibson), a Yank rooster who comes sailing through the air and right into the farmyard. In return for being treated like the only Rooster in the hen house (which he is), the self-designated "Lone Free Ranger" agrees to teach Ginger and the others how to get airborne.

Their timetable for flying the coop has to be moved up when the enterprising Mrs. Tweedy

(voiced by Miranda Richardson) buys a huge Rubie Goldberg-ish contraption that automatically kills, plucks, processes and preserves a chicken in a flaky crust.

"Chickens go in," notes Mrs. Tweedy, "pies come out."

One of the film's highlights is an extended sequence in which Ginger and Rocky find themselves taken for a sort of deadly thrill ride through the innards of the fiendish machine.

"Chicken Run" is very funny, especially in the way it sets up and deflates various British character types. Park and Lord find just the right tone for their movie, one that eschews all forms of sentimentality and any trace of mean spiritedness.

But there's something more going on here - an almost palpable joy in the ability of the animators to turn colorful clay into charming, amusing characters.

Sing karaoke Saturday at Magic Valley Mall

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS - The first regional Magic Valley Karaoke Finals will be held Saturday with about 70 contestants at the Magic Valley Mall.

Contestants will be judged in three categories: singles, duets and Elvis Presley impersonators. Each contestant will sing a total of two songs.

The top five finishers will be announced and have one more chance to perform for the judges' final votes. Judges will base their votes on overall performance, voice quality and audience response.

The amount of prize money awarded will be based on the number of contestants with or without a sponsor.

Each sponsor will hold its own karaoke contest before Saturday's finals, choosing three contestants for the singles, one set for the duet, and one Elvis impersonator. Sponsors are the Klover Klub, Hot Rocks, The Oasis, Mr. Bill's, 610 Club, Ramona Lounge, Cavanaugh's, The Press Box, The Cow and McDonald's.

Contestants may enter without a sponsor and pay a \$10 entry fee. Before the main competition at 1 p.m., there will be a two-hour trial for contestants without a sponsor, beginning at 10. The top five contestants in the trials will perform during the main competition.

Amber Gold of Buzz 99.9 will serve as emcee. For further information, call Frank Herman at 734-5585.

Zeb Bell to lead talk show

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS - Talk show host Zeb Bell will lead a discussion about retirement centers and care for the elderly Sunday night on his "Magic Valley Tonight" TV program.

Guests will include Chris Schwamb of Heritage & Woodstone retirement centers; Dr. Roy, director of the College of Southern Idaho Office on Aging; and Mike Morgan of Morgan Insurance.

Issues will include planning for retirement and what to look for

in a retirement center. Mary Martinet will provide information and tips on how to stay fit over 50.

BJ Olson of BJ and Friends will provide the music.

"Magic Valley Tonight" aired 5 p.m. on KDDI-TV, channel 55 in the Twin Falls area, and five more times during the week.

Radio's 'Mr. Mom' signs books in Burley

The Times-News

BURLEY - Sandra K. Ellis, author of "Dr. Mom" and "Dr. Mom II," will be a guest of a call-in radio program from 9 to 10 a.m. today at KBAR Radio in Burley, followed by a book-signing from 1 to 5 p.m. at Kitchen Knolls, 329 E. 5th N. Ellis will be speaking at a seminar from 8

a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday at the American Heritage Academy, 1226 Parke Ave.

Cost of the seminar is \$75 each or \$100 for couples, which includes a free "Dr. Mom I" book and lunch.

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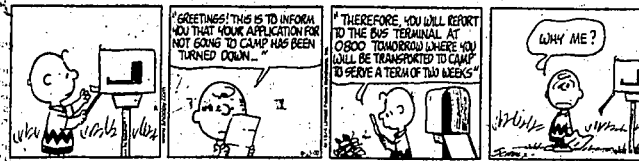
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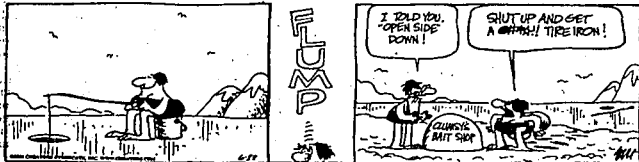
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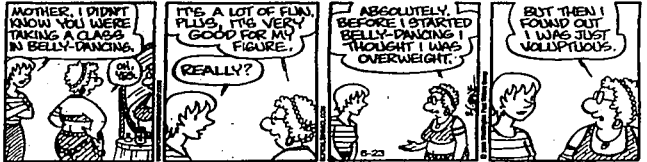
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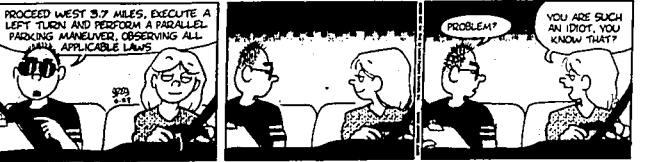
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WEEKEND

Jim Carrey lets comedy soar as a trooper in 'Me, Myself and Irene'

Combined news services

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

'The Big Kahuna' In this David Mamet-style character drama, three mismatched businessmen attempt to land a big sale. Rated R; profanity. 1 hour, 30 minutes.

'Big Momma's House' Flip Wilson may be dead, but the comic's spirit is hanging out in this new Martin Lawrence comedy. Mostly, you're going to laugh, even while the movie lingers on the lard. The pretend-plot puts an FBI agent (Lawrence) undercover in hefty-guy bloomers and a dime-store wig to catch a killer. Rated PG-13; language, violence, sexual situations. 1 hour, 39 minutes.

'Boys and Girls' A romantic comedy with more complexity and depth than you might expect from a summer release. A spontaneous Claire Forlani and a serious Freddie Prinze Jr., students at the University of California, Berkeley, fall into such a deep friendship it imperils the possibility of love. The couple's neurotic tendencies are underlined by their even more neurotic roomies, Jason Biggs and Amanda Detmer, respectively. Self-consciousness threatens to escalate into emotional paralysis in this very modern romance. (1.34. PG for sexual content.)

'Center Stage' The usual array of stereotypes in rights are competing for places in the American Ballet Company, and boy, do their feet hurt. Perky Amanda Schull is the Midwest girl with more spunk than form, and Ethan Stiefel is the brilliant Baryshnikov-style lothario who takes her for a ride on his big sexy motorcycle. The movie ballet is set to Michael Jackson, which is all you need to know. Rated PG-13; language, sexual situations. 1 hour, 54 minutes.

'Chicken Run' A delightful story of danger, resourcefulness and thrilling escape ... and it's about chickens. The tale is told with ingenious clay animation by the folks who created the Wallace & Gromit shorts. Hens are trying to escape an egg farm run by the evil Mrs. Tweedy (voiced by Miranda Richardson). The ring-leader, Ginger (voiced by Julie Walters), orchestrates failure after failure. She finds hope when a cocky rooster named Rocky (voiced by Mel Gibson) shows up, but ultimately it's Ginger's ingenious plan that works. Kids and grownups will enjoy the story and the loony scenes these chickens create. G. 90 min.

'Dinosaur' Though the amazing computer-generated imagery makes its recreation of the Cretaceous Period seem utterly, wondrously real, this story of a iguanodon who challenges the cruel leadership of a dinosaur herd remains more

Big box office

- 1. 'Shaft,' Paramount.
2. 'Come In 60 Seconds,' Disney.
3. 'Big Momma's House,' Fox.
4. 'Mission Impossible 2,' Paramount.
5. 'Titan A.E.,' Fox.

Disney than Darwin. Not only does it depict a world in which dinosaurs and furry mammals can peacefully coexist, it avoids the subject of extinction altogether. Yet for all its kid-friendly cuddliness, it's a fantastic accomplishment. After a few minutes of marveling, you'll fall right into its prehistoric world. Rated PG; violence. 1 hour, 22 minutes.

'Fantasia 2000' A sequel that was 60 years in the making, a blending of animation and classical music that is more ephemeral than epochal. A pleasantly enough diversion that doesn't leave much of a residue. (1.15. G.)

'The Flintstones in Viva Rock Vegas' We need another live-action 'Flintstones' movie like we need a club to the head, but this prequel to the 1994 feature almost lives up to its theme song by delivering a good, if not gay old time. The mix of its fresh cast, corny jokes and high- and low-tech special effects should keep kids and parents equally entertained. Rated PG; sexual innuendo. 1 hour, 32 minutes.

'Frequency' Depressed Queens cop Jim Costello (Dennis Quaid) hooks up his long-dead dad's old ham radio, and gets the old man himself (Dennis Quaid) on the line. After preventing the elder's impending demise, they hook up to catch a serial killer who has done them both serious damage. A good script and economical direction, along with old-fashioned wit and fulfillment - what if we could again talk to our dead parent? - help overcome a lingering feeling we saw this once on 'The Twilight Zone.' Rated PG-13; violence. 1 hour, 57 minutes.

'Gladiator' We march back into the Colosseum for the first sword-and-sandal epic in nearly 40 years, and it looks like nothing has changed. We do get a better class of fighter; Russell Crowe really does some Roman general who runs amok of a pasty, runty Caesar (Joaquin Phoenix) and ends up enslaved and fighting for his life. But there are no Spartacus-style epiphanies in director Ridley Scott's genre revival, just time-tested conventions and the arena action we came for, now digitalized and in Dolby. Rated R; 2 hours, 34 minutes.

'Come In 60 Seconds' Remake of H.B. Toby Halick's 1974 cult classic about a legendary car thief (Nicolas Cage)



Jim Carrey as Charlie enjoys the open road in 'Me, Myself and Irene.'

who is drawn out of retirement to save the life of his younger brother (Giovanni Ribisi), also a car thief. The movie, which co-stars Angelina Jolie, features some fine driving but the problem is not what 'Come' does on the straightaways; it's how it maneuvers through those hard-to-handle character curves. (1.57. PG-13 for violence, sexuality and language.)

'Me, Myself & Irene' The Farrelly brothers, Bobby and Peter, who pushed the borders of taste to undreamed-of levels in the comedies 'Dumb and Dumber' and 'There's Something About Mary,' do it again. Crude, outrageous and often uproarious, 'Me, Myself & Irene' gives Jim Carrey the chance to demonstrate his seemingly unlimited comedic talents. He plays a Rhode Island state trooper who overly polices in his private life and public duties. But the bad guy who lurks within finally breaks out, and the cops fly. Renee Zellweger is the perfect foil for Carrey - bright, beautiful and funny. The Farrellys directed and wrote the script with Mike Cerrone. Where can they go next?

'Mission Impossible 2' The sequel to the 1996 action film, based on the popular 1960s television series, dispenses with the core idea of a spy team whose members all have a special talent. All it needs is a grinning Tom Cruise who does it all, from donning remarkable disguises to high-rise breaking and entering to martial arts fighting. This all happens as he attempts to save the world from a deadly virus and rescue his girlfriend (Thandie Newton) from the clutches of an evil villain (Dougray Scott.) The signature action sequences and shootouts of director John Woo remind us we're watching a movie; all the rest is superstar marketing. Rated PG-13; violence. 2 hours, 4 minutes.

'Road Trip' A blatant attempt to replicate the gross-out goofiness of 'American Pie,' sending fresh-faced Breckin Meyer and three pals on a mission to retrieve incriminating videotape before his lifelong girlfriend sees it. Disgusting and depraved behavior ensues, but none of it inspires us

to set comic standards aside and go with it. Prominently advertised Tom Green, MTV's provocateur of poop-poo, is the film's narrator, but he barely appears on screen. That, along with the gratuitous nudity, qualifies it as an actual exploitation movie. Rated R; sexual situations, nudity, language. 1 hour, 35 minutes. Rules of Engagement' The film's first half, graphically depicting a firefight in Vietnam and a daring rescue at a besieged American embassy in Yemen, has the detailed, nerve-ending intensity of 'Saving Private Ryan.' The second, in which military lawyer Tommy Lee Jones defends Samuel L. Jackson on court martial charges he murdered civilians in the embassy assault, is a 'A Few Good Men'-style debate on the nature of soldiering. Yet the film transcends the clichés with good directing by William Friedkin, fine acting and actual ideas. Rated R; violence, language. 2 hours, 3 minutes.

'Shaft' Director and co-writer John Singleton's updated take on the 1970s detective who was 'Hotter Than Bond, Cooler Than Bullitt' benefits greatly from a galvanic performance by Samuel L. Jackson in the title role. Otherwise this is standard issue cops-and-crooks fare, not particularly interesting or involving. With Vanessa L. Williams, Christian Bale and Tasi Collette. (1.38. R for strong violence and language.)

'Shanghai Noon' It turns out all the West really

needed to get wild was Jackie Chan, who, with costar Owen Wilson, turns this by-the-numbers action comedy into a light-hearted delight. Chan is a member of the Imperial Guard sent to 1860s Nevada to rescue a kidnapped princess. Wilson is an inept outlaw with whom he reluctantly, and comically, teams. Chan's self-choreographed fights and stunts are only part of the attraction; his charm, coupled with his real chemistry with the verbose Wilson, makes this one of the summer's more pleasant surprises. Rated PG-13; language.

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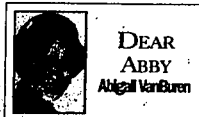
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New stepfather gets eye-fowl from daughter



DEAR ABBY
Abby VanBuren

DEAR ABBY: I have a beautiful 20-year-old daughter. She's currently home from college for a break. She spends a great deal of time in our back yard swimming by the pool and swimming. This is fine, but my concern is that she's doing it in the nude.

Now I am far from a prude, Abby, and do most of my own sunning and swimming in the nude as well. My concern is that I am recently remarried, and my daughter doesn't bother to cover up when my new husband is home. She seems just as comfortable nude in front of him as she is in front of me. This seems odd, because this is only the third or fourth time my daughter has met him.

I am further conflicted because my husband obviously enjoys looking at my daughter while she's naked. She has a great body. My husband has been constantly aroused, and this has been leading to some of the best sex I have ever had. When I thought we were falling into a rut, all of a sudden we're making love twice a day. I love it!

My daughter is home for one more week. I'm not sure whether to say anything to her or not. I'm certainly enjoying the side benefit of her exhibitionism. Should I just enjoy this week knowing that she'll be back at summer school soon?

-CONFUSED BUT ENJOYING

DEAR CONFUSED: Speak up now. By allowing this to continue, you are playing with dynamite. While your daughter has probably learned the habit of swimming and sunbathing in the nude from you, the fact that she is doing this in front of your new husband - whom she has only recently met - is extremely inappropriate.

Consider the future. What if your daughter decides to spend other vacations with you? You won't be able to let your husband out of your sight. And if he surprises you, and turns out to be capable of making love three times a day, it could mean the end of your marriage.

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I brought his mom to live with us two years ago. She's almost 88 and could no longer take care of herself. This has totally changed our life. She had been living in another state where her other son is. He comes up to see her every month or so - that's all he does for her.

She went to stay at his home last summer for one week so we could get away. We want to go away again this summer and would like for him to take her. He and his wife are giving us excuse after excuse why they can't. We are upset and feel this is unfair.

Abby, they should work it out. We do everything for Mom and brought her back to better

health. What do you suggest we do?
-UPSET IN PENNSYLVANIA

DEAR UPSET: I agree that taking Mom for one week in the summer so that you and your husband can have a week of respite should not be too much to ask. However, since your brother-in-law and his wife have made it plain that they are not prepared to do so, your other option is to find someone who's willing to come in and be a companion for Mom while you're away.

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Women: Fewer husbands could mean more children

Working women slightly overweight receive on average 6 percent lower salaries than slimmer women. Working men slightly overweight receive on average 7 percent higher salaries than slimmer men. Or so computerists report. Claim is weight discrimination is more prevalent than gender bias.



WHAT'S WHAT
L.M. Boyd

Women married once have more children than women married twice.

The baby bird of India doesn't like the dark, evidently. With bits of moist clay it attaches feathers to its nest. Word is the bird's nest at night looks like a streetlamp.

Why is a cat more likely to survive a 20-story fall than a 10-story fall.

If that's true as some insist, it's thought to be because a falling cat tends to relax and spread all four legs to create wind resistance after it reaches peak velocity.

Playing the saxophone raises the player's blood pressure significantly. So much so that prolonged performance can become a notable threat to the health of the saxophonist. So reports the authoritative British Medical Journal. Statistics indicate musicians tend to die at an earlier average age than many other professionals. However, nothing in the data at hand suggests saxo-

phone players are generally the first to go.

Did you ever find out why Boston has more heavy drinkers than other big town?

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In the balloon sport, the cooler the atmosphere, the less hot air is needed for lift. A mild winter is dandy. The balloon stays up longer with less fuel on cold days.

At one time in Hartford, Conn., any soul with a penchant for the plug needed a permit from a doctor to chew tobacco.

If Maryland were an Australian sheep ranch, it wouldn't be the biggest.

Four typical elephant goes a pound of brain to 1,000 pounds of body.

At night, if you want to see the chicken without the chicken seeing you, use a red light.

What did Egypt's King Menes die?

A. A hippo ate him.

Don't take offense, Virgo - it's good to stand out

HOROSCOPE

Sydney Omar

IF JUNE 23 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: You have natural instinct for psychology, writing, solving puzzles. You are attractive, dynamic, sexual. Gemini Virgo, Sagittarius persons play major roles in your life - could have these letters, initials in names: E, N, V. You will be involved in mystery during July. You will combine business with pleasure during a journey in October.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Those who thought you were locked up are in for rude awakenings. You will find ways of getting manuscript out and to the public. Gemini plays role.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Your wishes, no matter how grand, are close to fulfillment. Elements of timing, luck ride with you. This could be the beginning of a winning streak. Libra involved.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Don't accept defeat. Check Aries message. Top executive seeks your counsel. Be cooperative without snickering. See people,

travel, variety. Almost nothing, will be the same. Virgo involved.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Do your best because some of the best people are watching. Important domestic adjustment due - could involve home and marriage. Money spent redecorating is worth it.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Cycle high. Wherever you are, will be where the action is. Scales, ability spurs; name your own price. Virgo and another Pisces will play outstanding roles.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Focus on creativity, variety of sensations. Some will proclaim their love. Accept with a grin. You will entertain and be entertained. Sagittarius features.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Be aware of details, fine print. Learn rules before breaking them. Some people regard you as prime candidate for high office. Taurus figures prominently.

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WEEKEND

'Sweet and Lowdown,' 'Liberty Heights' reach local video stores

Combined wire services

New videos in Twin Falls-area stores this week:

'Sweet and Lowdown'

In Woody Allen's sweetly amusing comedy, Sean Penn is Emmet Ray, a jazz guitarist second only to Django Reinhardt. When he's not fretting over Reinhardt's superiority, performing or chasing women, Emmet's idea of a good time is shooting rats at the dump.

Allen creates an authentic jazz atmosphere and compiles a solid soundtrack featuring music of the era. He adds to the verisimilitude with a 'mockumentary' lineup of jazz historians and music experts, including himself, Nat Hentoff and Ben Duncan, who relate apocryphal Emmet Ray stories.

It's an engaging mixture of period authenticity and sheer fun, as we follow the fictitious ups and downs of Emmet, who's torn between his obsession to outplay Reinhardt and his love for Hattie (Samantha Morton), a sweet-natured mure who's the only woman to steal his rakish heart. Contains sexual situations and strong language.

Hot videos

1. "American Pie," Universal
2. "The World Is Not Enough," MGM
3. "Stuart Little," Columbia
4. "Star Wars Episode I: The Phantom Menace," Fox
5. "The Matrix," Warner
6. "Galaxy Quest," Dreamworks
7. "Pokemon: Water Blast," Pioneer
8. "Dragonball Z Trunks: Prelude to Terror," Funimation
9. "Pocahontas," Buena Vista
10. "Dragonball Z Trunks: Mysterious Youth," Funimation

'Liberty Heights'

When Ben Kurtzman (Ben Foster) develops a crush on his high school's first black student (Rebekah Johnson) in the 1950s, he learns what it means to cross racial and cultural boundaries on the eye of desegregation. In Barry Levinson's affecting drama, Ben's family members, too, find themselves dealing with a changing America. His father's (Joe Mantegna) illegal numbers racket leads to desperate dealings with a black, petty gangster (Orlando Jones); and Ben's brother Van (Adrien Brody) becomes infatuated with Dubbie (Carolyn

Rentals

1. "The Green Mile," Warner
2. "G.I. Interupted," Columbia TriStar
3. "Bioassassinal Man," BV/Touchstone
4. "Next Friday," New Line
5. "Sleepy Hollow," Paramount
6. "American Beauty," Dreamworks
7. "Play It to the Bone," BV/Touchstone
8. "Man on the Moon," Universal
9. "The World Is Not Enough," MGM
10. "Sixth Sense," Buena Vista

- Source: Video Business magazine

Murphy), a blonde gentile who hangs around exclusively with WASPs. This film demonstrates what writer-director Levinson does best: evoke the sights, smells and atmosphere of his youth with intelligence, humor and a keen sense of social perspective. And as with "Diner" and "Tin Men," he animates his characters with charm and hilarious dialogue. Contains obscenity, racial epithets, sexual situations and violence.

'Topsy-Turvy'

Mike Leigh's brilliant, delicate screwcomedy follows the 19th-cen-

tury Gilbert and Sullivan team, librettist William Schwenck Gilbert (Jim Broadbent) and musical composer Arthur Sullivan (Allan Corduner), during a crucial time. Sullivan wants out, so he can write grand operas and critics are calling Gilbert's lyrics formulaic. Time for someone to come up with 'The Mikado.' While this crisis rolls on, we get to know an enormous but charming ensemble, including Gilbert's sweet-natured wife Kitty (Lesley Manville), and hilariously neurotic troupe actors Richard Temple (Timothy Spall) and Durward Lely (Kevin McKidd). Writer-director Leigh gives us so many wonderful moments, you won't appreciate them all in one sitting. And if there's one performer who defines this movie, it's the haggard Broadbent, who mutters some of the most memorable lines. Contains nudity and strong language. Some French with subtitles.

'Anna and the King'

Jodie Foster is Anna Leonovs, an English school teacher who accepts invitation to Siam to tutor the 58 children of King Mongkut (Chow Yun-Fat).

But the movie isn't much more than a one-dimensional romance of opposites between uptight Anna and patriarchal King Mongkut. As if to make up for his formulaic emptiness, there's a lot of spectacle: the Siamese palace, gorgeous vegetation, big elephants and so forth. Another problem: There's only one heart between the principals, and it beats solely in Chow's chest. He's more sensitive and feminine than Foster, who's a good, but not particularly warm actor. Contains off-screen violence.

'Duce Bigalow'

Yes, it's from 'Big Daddy' producers Adam Sandler and Jack

Giarraputo. Yes, it stars Rob Men Behaving Badly' Schneider. What distinguishes this from the usual crop of sophomoric comedies by SNL alumni is its — get this — feminist world view: the tale of a reluctant male hooker (Schneider) who pleases his clients not by slugging them but by making them feel good about themselves actually answers the age-old question of what women really want.

As hapless fish-tank cleaner-cum-Iothario Bigalow, Schneider never grates, while love interest Arjia Barelkik strikes just the right balance between sexy and funny. Contains obscenity, naked detritus, sexual innuendo and a recurring joke involving a wet T-shirt.

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New York Mayor Rudy Giuliani's message to fans planning violence if John Rocker makes good on his pledge to ride the No. 7 subway line to Shea Stadium when the Braves play the Mets next week

State high school rodeo nears final showdown

POCATELLO - Less than 24 hours from now, high school rodeo cowboys and cowgirls from the Fifth and Sixth districts will be up to their belt buckles in suspense as the 2000 Idaho State High School Finals Rodeo reaches the championship rounds. Before then, however, a few more preliminary performances remain to be settled at the Bennecko County Fairgrounds.

Whitney Wines took fourth in the pole bending with a 21.536, and Gooding teammate Turner was fourth in the steer wrestling with a 12.15. Dietrich's Brown won the calf roping performance with a 12.26, while Shoshone's Jazz Harris was fourth in the breakaway roping with a 6.24.

Chamberlain, 21.255, 4.0. Pina, 21.222. Steer wrestling: B. Smith, 12.167; J. Turner, 12.167; C. McArthur, 12.177; J. G. ...

Wednesday's Fourth Performance
Rider: J. Zorn, 10:25. Steer: S. Stewart, 10:25. Rodeo: J. Zorn, 10:25. ...

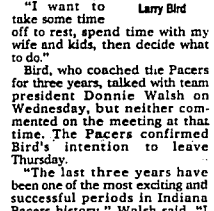
IDAHO REGATTA



For California racer Dennis Rankin and his crew, the 2000 Idaho Regatta got off to a bad start. During a warm-up lap, his engine suffered a damaged camshaft.

Bird flies the coop in Indy

INDIANAPOLIS - Larry Bird has rejected an offer to remain with the Indiana Pacers as head of basketball operations. "After taking time to think about it, I have decided not to return to the Indiana Pacers or the NBA in any capacity for at least a year," Bird said in a prepared statement Thursday.



Bird, who coached the Pacers for three years, talked with team president Donnie Walsh on Wednesday, but neither commented on the meeting at that time. The Pacers confirmed Bird's intention to leave Thursday.

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

- High school rodeo
State Finals, at Pocatello
Seventh performance, 10 a.m.
Eighth performance (end 2nd go), 7:30 p.m.
Swimming
Sagebrush Swim Meet, at Elkhorn, 9 a.m.
Region baseball
Minico AA at Boise Gems
Twin Falls AA at Las Vegas tournament
Donnelley's Class A Invitational, at Twin Falls
Buhl vs. Burley at Bruin Field, 8:30 a.m.
Kimberly vs. Caldwell at Harmon Park No. 1, 8:30 a.m.
Twin Falls vs. Wood River at Bruin Field, 11 a.m.
Jerome vs. Marsh Falls at Harmon Park No. 1, 11 a.m.
Caldwell vs. Twin Falls at Bruin Field, 1:30 p.m.
Buhl vs. Jerome at Harmon Park No. 1, 1:30 p.m.
Bear Lake vs. Kimberly at Harmon Park No. 2, 1:30 p.m.
Marsh Falls vs. Brigham City at Bruin Field, 4 p.m.
Brigham City vs. Burley at Bruin Field, 6:30 p.m.

IN BRIEF

TF's Jones joins Hall of Fame inductees
TWIN FALLS - Bill Jones, a former Twin Falls High School coach and the current principal at Magic Valley High School, will be one of four Gem State individuals inducted into the Idaho High School Activities Association Hall of Fame later this summer. Jones, who has coached, officiated and administered high school football, wrestling, basketball, baseball and track and field for 34 years, will join Pocatello's Jim Chatterton and Peggy Peterson and Treasure Valley's Luminary Warren "Moke" Strong in an induction ceremony Aug. 2 at the 21st Annual Hall of Fame Banquet in Boise. Jones is slated to be honored in August in Twin Falls' Paul Ostyn, who will receive the District IV Distinguished Service Award. For tickets to the event, call (208) 375-7027.
Minico baseball alumni game will be July 3
RUPERT - A Minico High School baseball alumni game will be Monday, July 3 at 7:30 p.m. at Warburton Field. Barring cages will be opened at 6 p.m. All former Minico baseball players are welcome. Those interested in playing should call Trent Ferrin at 678-5507.
Compiled from staff and wire reports

Doing the Donnelley

Wood River, Bear Lake, Brigham City stay unbeaten

By Kevin Hall and Ryan Bevan
TWIN FALLS - The boys of summer are kicking up dirt in the annual Donnelley Invitational. Ten Class A American Legion teams make up this year's field, with games played Thursday through Saturday at Bruin Field and Harmon Park. Saturday's championship and three-place games cap the tournament at Bruin Field. R o u t s opened the tournament early Thursday as host Twin Falls used an 11-run victory to down Kimberly 18-2 at Bruin Field before Matt Zachary and the Wood River Wolverines

Nationally renowned player returns as CSI's assistant volleyball coach

By Kevin Hall
TWIN FALLS - He's a celebrated volleyball hero in his native China. And though Jing 'Jason' Hou returns to the College of Southern Idaho volleyball program this season for a second stint as assistant to head coach Ben Stroud, he's a relative unknown outside of the sport's inner circles. "It's like having Michael Jordan come here to be my assistant coach," Stroud said. "Jason brings a ton of knowledge and experience about the game." Hou, 35, is a former setter for the Chinese national men's team who assisted the Chinese national women's team through two World Championships, World Cup and a silver medal finish at the 1996 Atlanta Olympiad. He's returned to Twin Falls looking for a new start. Hou replaces Giselle Barbosa beside Stroud in a position he temporarily held in 1997 before visa problems forced him back to China. After working for Saint Louis University on a work visa in 1997, Hou assumed he could move to Twin Falls and reapply for the visa. But Southern Idaho offers only student visas. The college tried working a switch with Boise State University, which offers work visas. But time didn't allow Hou to remain long enough for the paperwork to be completed. But Hou says his visa problems are in the past. He currently



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Funny football

Comedian Miller, QB Fouts join Monday Night Football
The Associated Press
NEW YORK - Are you ready for some wry observational comedy with your football? Dennis Miller - yes, THAT Dennis Miller - is bringing his ranting schtick to "Monday Night Football" as the wild card in ABC's bid to overhaul a program with declining ratings. Miller and Hall of Fame quarterback Dan Fouts, a straight Xc-and-Os analyst, will join holdover play-by-play announcer Al Michaels in the broadcast booth this season. Monday Night Football was not as special as it used to be and that's why we've taken the dramatic steps we've taken," ABC Sports president Howard Katz said Thursday. "We wanted to remove some of the sameness. We wanted to reinvent a little bit." Miller was a regular on NBC's Please see FOOTBALL, Page D2

Camp with the Eagles
The College of Southern Idaho volleyball program is hosting a series of camps beginning next week. Three different camp options are available to young players this summer - some including room and board. Costs range from \$75 to \$155. For more information or to register, call (208) 734-8583.

SPORTS

Rigby's Reed leads IGA Amateur

The Times-News

IDAHO FALLS — Rigby's Lindsey Reed... Thursday to take the first-round lead at the 2000 IGA Women's Amateur at Pinecrest Golf Course.

Local sports

At a first-day 73, while Shelley Hess of Idaho Falls was in third with a 74.

On the first flight, Katie Higham of Shelley grabbed the early advantage with an 83, but Buhl's Linda Fennan was one of five golfers who recorded opening-round 94s.

Burley's Doris Ellingham shared the first-round lead with Mountain Home's Marianne Bate.

Ashton's Ravette Lalonde opened with an 86 to lead the third flight, as Buhl's Kathy Borchard fired a first-day 95, and Belva Wynne and Ted Farris.

Martha Arrington of Idaho Falls led the fourth flight with a 94, and Buhl's Georgia Cantrell had a 96.

Gooding — Buhl's Oleta Roberts shot a 76 this week to win the championship flight gross title at the 2000 Women's Amateur at Gooding Country Club.

Justine Messerich carded a net 60 to win the net title, and Jeanne Alban had a net 68.

Wood River, meanwhile, came up with two crucial runs in the bottom of the seventh to deal Kimberly its first loss of the day.

Donnelly

Continued from D1... stopped Caldwell, 12-2. In morning play at Harmon Park, Jerome edged Burley in a shootout, 19-12.

At Bruin Field in the afternoon, Buhl took the first two games, but wins of the day with a 10-2 rousing of Caldwell and a 12-9 decision over Twin Falls, the latter win thanks to a three-run home run from Smith.

Heading into today's second round, Brigham City, Wood River and Bear Lake are the only unbeaten teams remaining. Pool play resumes today with games again starting at 8:30 a.m. at both venues.

Twin Falls 18, Kimberly 2

With four of his starters away at football camps and vacationing in Mexico, Kimberly coach Terry Bohan thought he was in for a long day. Five lopsided innings confirmed his fears as the Bulldogs fell to a ho-hitting Cowboys team, 18-2.

Besides pitching the complete game win, left-hander Matt Colvin ripped a three-run, inside-the-park home run to highlight Friday's 11-run fifth that broke wide open what was a 7-1 contest.

Four Cowboys had at least two hits for 13 total as Twin Falls was aided by six Bulldog errors. Brett Miller went 3-for-5 with 3 RBIs and two runs scored. Colvin had two hits with two RBIs and three runs scored. Brett Baldwin led Kimberly with a triple, a walk

McDowell set to qualify for Top Fuel license

The Times-News

JEROME — Part-time professional drag racer Mitchell McDowell is pleased by his return to the major leagues.

Out since April when his Nitro Funny Car experienced undetermined fuel system problems at the Hot Rods and Association Summit racing event in Las Vegas, McDowell has left the Funny Cars behind and stepped up to the Top Fuel Dragster division.

Recently putting the finishing touches on a 34-foot, Brad Hadman-designed Top Fuel Dragster, the Jerome native and his crew will make their maiden runs in the new dragster Friday at Salt Lake City's Rocky Mountain Raceways.

A degree of pressure will exist for McDowell when he makes his runs, however, as he must qualify as licensed driver in the car. Two Top Fuel Dragster pilots will arrive to observe McDowell's runs — 300-foot, quarter-mile, half- and full-track — and how he reacts to his new car. To receive the NHRA Top Fuel license, McDowell must exceed 280 mph in 5.30 seconds or better.

If all goes well, McDowell said he'll put the dragster to the test in Denver in July at the NHRA Mile High Nationals, where he is expected to top 310 mph in less than five seconds.

After McDowell hit the 6,000-horsepower motor at his shop recently, he talked about why he

switched classes. "I'm not really sure myself," he said. "I know it will be a new challenge because the dragster will handle a bit differently than the Funny Car, and also it's a bit faster. My dad (car owner Don McDowell) likes the dragster because the engine is behind me."

"If the motor explodes, it's nice to have the fire going away from you instead of in your face."

After appearances at tracks in Utah and Colorado, McDowell will compete in Seattle, Wash., Spokane, Wash., Topeka, Kan., and Canada. He'll end the drag racing season in November in Los Angeles at the NHRA World Finals.

Wells first to 12 with win

Major League Baseball

Twins 3, Rangers 2

ARLINGTON, Texas — Butch Huskey scored from second as teammate was caught in a rundown in the ninth inning, lifting the Minnesota Twins over the Texas Rangers.

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recovered from a three-run, first-inning retiring 14 of 15 batters after Bruce Aven's two-out, RBI double gave the Pirates a 3-0 lead.

Brewers 6, Marlins 1

MIAMI — John Snyder pitched two-hit shutout ball over six innings, and Charlie Hayes hit a two-run homer, leading Milwaukee over Florida for a second time in three series.

Snyder (3-2), who has won his last three starts, gave up just two singles. He struck out four and walked six. Luis Lopez hit a solo homer in the first and Hayes, who ended an 0-for-20 skid Wednesday, ripped a two-run homer over the left-field scoreboard in the fourth for a 3-0 lead.

Mets 5, Phillies 4

NEW YORK — Jay Payton hit a go-ahead, two-run homer in the sixth inning as the Mets avoided a three-game sweep by the Phillies.

Payton's homer off starter Cliff Politte appeared to skim the top of right fielder Bobby Abreu's glove and go over the wall. Derek Bell and Melvin Mora also homered, and Glenn Rusch (5-5) pitched seven strong innings for the Mets.

Astros 6, Dodgers 3

HOUSTON — Scott Elarton stayed unbeaten in four decisions at home and Lance Berkman went 3-for-3 with three-run homer as Houston beat Los Angeles.

Gary Sheffield hit his fourth homer in three days against the Astros, raising his season total to 24.

Reds 5, Rockies 3

CINCINNATI — Ken Griffey Jr. homered and Steve Parris (3-10) got his first victory since May 9 for Cincinnati.

Cincinnati won for only the third time in 15 games, a slump that's dropped the Reds deep into second place in the NL Central.

and one run scored.

Twin Falls 18, Kimberly 2... Wood River 12, Caldwell 2

Under crystal-clear skies at Bruin Field, Wood River ace Matt Zachary scattered his hits while Kimberly toraled 12 of their own to down the Caldwell Bobcats 12-2 in a five-inning, run-rule affair.

Wood River jumped on Caldwell starter Anthony Hollis for five runs in the first for all the support Zachary would need in the win.

Buhl 19, Marsh Falls 1

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Wood River 5, Kimberly 4

The Bulldogs were just two outs away from their first win of the tournament, but Wolverines outwitted Kimberly to come from behind and steal the win.

After six and a half innings, Kimberly held a 4-3 lead. But Tyler Nice opened the bottom of the seventh inning with a single, and Matt Paisley walked.

Kimberly pitcher Matt Woodmansee then struck out James Cordes for the first out, but with the count full threw a pitch just low to walk Wood River's Cory Coicoetchea and load the bases.

"We had good discipline at the plate today," said Wood River coach Matt Nelson. "When the bases are loaded, it's pretty easy."

Matt Smith came in to relieve Woodmansee, but walked. Andy Beck on another full count, bringing Nice home and tying the game. Matt Zachary then hit the game winner — a grounder that went right past second base, scoring Paisley as the Wood River bench erupted in a cheer.

"We fell asleep for a couple of innings, then battled hard," Nelson said. "The kids always save it for the end. I guess it's a little dramatic to the fifth, when we need to focus a little better tomorrow... get back to fundamentals. I hope the bats wake up early."

"We competed well," Bohan said. "When you're undermanned, that's the bottom line — that you competed well."

Bear Lake 12, Twin Falls 9

The Cowboys produced four runs in the first inning and held a steady edge to the fifth, when Bear Lake tied the game at 8.

After that, the Bears held Twin Falls to just one run in the final four innings.

"We showed we can play with

anybody," said Twin Falls coach Matt Rasmussen. "Bear Lake is one of the top teams of our league and we're getting better every day. They (the team) are playing hard and I applaud that."

The Cowboys regained their lead at 9-8 as Brett Miller fly ball to left field that was caught as Bear Blackwood tagged up at third base and beat the throw from left field home.

In the top of the eleventh, Twin Falls pitcher Jacob Eldredge faced Smith with runners on second and third and two out. When Smith saw the 1-0 pitch come to the outside right corner, he crushed the ball just fair over the left field wall to give the Bears their first lead of game at 11-9.

"I was excited for the opportunity," Smith said. "I was juiced when I felt the ball leave my bat, I knew it was gone."

"We got away from our game plan at the plate," Rasmussen said. "We froze when we saw two strikes and weren't aggressive enough. We've lost four games like this. We need to catch a break, and one of these days we will."

Other Thursday scores

Jerome 13, Burley 12

Dayton 10, 12-10... Burley 15, Marsh Falls 10

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Dayton 10, 12-10... Burley 15, Marsh Falls 10

Brigham City 11, Buhl 6

Dayton 10, 12-10... Burley 15, Marsh Falls 10

Bear Lake 10, Caldwell 2

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SPORTS IN BRIEF

Former Bronco holds advantage at trials

DALLAS — Boise State alumnae Charles Burton finished second at the U.S. National trials but now he is prime position to win the Olympic trials at Reunion Arena this weekend.

Burton moved out of the Challenge Tournament and into the top seed for the 187.25-pound freestyle class after 2000 U.S. Nationals champion Les Gutches received an extension to compete at the Olympic Wrestling Team due to a persistent back injury.

Burton, 27, was not expecting this change of plans, will compete in the best of three series against the winner of the Challenge Tournament on Saturday.

Geddes is good at LPGA Championship

WILMINGTON, Del. — A perfect shot was part of a perfect day for Jane Geddes, the leader after the first round of the LPGA Championship. Geddes made her third career hole-in-one, a 6-iron from 158 yards, and birdied her final two holes for a Sunday-par 66 on Thursday and a two-stroke lead over some of the biggest names in women's golf.

Boyd leads PGA Club Pro Championship

EDMOND, Okla. — Bob Boyd of Wilmington, N.C., shot a 2-under-par 69 on Thursday to take a one-stroke lead after the first round of the 33rd PGA Club Professional Championship.

Swimmers won't be able to wear bodysuits

FEDERAL WAY, Wash. — American swimmers will not be allowed to wear bodysuits in the Olympic Trials in August. USA Swimming, concerned some competitors might not have access to the high-tech suits that are revolutionizing the sport, voted Thursday to ban them in the Aug. 9-16 trials in Indianapolis. Bodysuits have been approved by the sport's national governing body, so American swimmers will be allowed to wear them in Sydney.

Fast Scelzi leads NHRA Top Fuel qualifying

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Compiled from wire reports

Football

Continued from D1 "Saturday Night Live" and now has an HBO comedy show, while Fouts has shown a low-key style in his work for ABC on college football and for CBS on the NFL.

Asked about the disparity in ages between Visser and Stark, the show's producer, Don Ohlmeyer, dismissed the question as a relatively minor issue.

Visser, who joined ABC in 1994, covered a variety of sports, including college football, figure skating, baseball and thoroughbred racing's Triple Crown.

"Football is not played in St. Peter's," said Fouts. "People watch football to have some fun. We want a telecast that's relevant, successful and unpredictable," Ohlmeyer said.

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SPORTS

LETTERS

Concerned about CSI track

I sports editor: I am writing this letter with my concern of the recent decision to drop the track and field and cross-country programs at the College of Southern Idaho.

but I did not write a letter. Now I wish I had. CSI has dropped its track and cross-country programs. Track and field is not a money-maker. It is, however, one of the last bastions of true sport.

Ron Behagen comes to mind as one from my era. The head-stomping incident he performed on national television is a good example. CSI's coaches always had competitive programs even without the facilities, equipment and support that I believe they needed.

Thank you, Times-News Sports editor: The State High-School Rodeo Finals have only just begun, and already The Times-News has more coverage than all of last year.

constant and the parents, as no support comes from the schools. There is the expense of travel to and from rodeos and the expense of owning and maintaining a good horse.

Many more contestants from the valley were also-qualifiers for nationals! and I am sorry that I cannot remember all of their names. All made a very respectable showing at the national level.

BASEBALL

AL BOXERS TWINS 3, RANGERS 2. Minnesota 3, Detroit 2. Cleveland 2, Chicago 1. Tampa Bay 2, Florida 1.

AL Standings. East Division: Boston 37, Tampa Bay 36, Toronto 35, Yankees 34, Red Sox 33, Orioles 32, Blue Jays 31, Angels 30.

NL Standings. East Division: Atlanta 43, Cincinnati 42, Pittsburgh 41, Milwaukee 40, St. Louis 39, Philadelphia 38, Chicago 37, Houston 36.

WHITE SOX 6, INDIANS 0. Cleveland 2, Detroit 1. Tampa Bay 2, Florida 1. Minnesota 3, Chicago 2.

NL Standings. West Division: San Diego 43, Los Angeles 42, Colorado 41, San Francisco 40, Oakland 39, Anaheim 38, Houston 37, Texas 36.

BLUE JAYS 7, TIGERS 4. Detroit 2, Cleveland 1. Tampa Bay 2, Florida 1. Minnesota 3, Chicago 2.

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RED SOX 4, YANKEES 2. Boston 37, Tampa Bay 36, Toronto 35, Yankees 34, Red Sox 33, Orioles 32, Blue Jays 31, Angels 30.

NL Standings. West Division. San Diego 43, Los Angeles 42, Colorado 41, San Francisco 40, Oakland 39, Anaheim 38, Houston 37, Texas 36.

ASTROS 6, DODGERS 3. Houston 37, Tampa Bay 36, Toronto 35, Yankees 34, Red Sox 33, Orioles 32, Blue Jays 31, Angels 30.

NL Standings. West Division. San Diego 43, Los Angeles 42, Colorado 41, San Francisco 40, Oakland 39, Anaheim 38, Houston 37, Texas 36.

SCORES AND STATS

IN THE BLEACHERS By Steve Moore



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ON THE AIR TELEVISION

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RACING

NFRA Qualifying. 1. Can. Slew 1:58.20, 2. American Pharoah 1:58.20, 3. American Pharoah 1:58.20.

TRANSACTIONS

COACHES: Mike Piazza to Yankees, Greg Maddux to Dodgers. FREE AGENTS: Tim Lincecum to Mariners.

ATHLETICS 30, ORIOLES 3

BALTIMORE: Athletics 30, Orioles 3. Athletics 10, Orioles 0. Athletics 10, Orioles 0.

BASKETBALL

NBA Draft Eligibles. NEW YORK: Knicks 1, Cavaliers 1, Pistons 1, Bulls 1.

ST. JUDE CLASSIC

PGA TOUR. St. Jude Classic. Tiger Woods 1, Vijay Singh 2, Fred Couples 3.

CALM BEFORE THE STORM



Nearly a dozen boats were on display on the town square in Rupert Thursday night. Members of the public got the opportunity to vote for their favorite boat.

First racers arrive to check out the scene

By Matt Peterson
Times-News writer

BURLEY - Hours before he needed to officially check in Thursday, Super Stock driver Dennis Rankin took his red, white and blue boat out on the Snake River.

Then promptly suffered a breakdown. "We were just trying a radical cam shaft and it went flat," Rankin said, standing near his boat at the Burley Golf Course Marina Thursday evening. "We lost it. So we've got to try and replace that. It was kind of an iffy deal - it's either gonna run real hard, or she's gonna go, and we got the short end of the stick this time."

The second-year driver from Hacienda Heights, Calif., was one of a handful of racers hanging out at the Marina Thursday, nearly one full day before they needed to be there.

With racing not scheduled to begin in earnest until Saturday,



Ty Newton puts a wax job on his boat, Never-E-Nuf.

Rankin said he wanted to get an early look at the course and do some fine-tuning to his engine.

But those plans have been put on hold, at least temporarily. "Another friend of ours down

there, he's going to get us another cam," Rankin said. "We'll pull it out, then do it again (tomorrow)."

Parked next to Rankin's craft, glistening with a fresh coat of wax, sat Ty Newton's

orange, flame-covered boat named Never-E-Nuf. Though he hadn't done any testing Thursday, Newton said he wanted to get to the course early for a variety of reasons.

"We just came up here a little early to get our spot in for the pits and do some other maintenance work on the boat that we didn't get done during the week," said Newton, who left his house in Arizona Wednesday night to arrive in Burley Thursday afternoon. "And we have to be here tonight for registration - to register the boat and get it ready for tomorrow's run."

This year, Newton's crew, as well as the boat, sport a unique look.

Both go heavy on the orange. "We just got (the boat) repainted and redone this year," Newton said. "We went from a yellow to like a blue and yellow - kind of an old paint

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SCHEDULE

Today
9 a.m. Boat Display and Racer's Breakfast, Albertson's Parking Lot
10 a.m. Parade, starts at Albertson's
11 a.m. Testing, at the course
2 p.m. SS Qualifying, at the course
5 p.m. Happy Hour Race, at the course
7 p.m. Live Concert, at race site

Saturday
10 a.m. Qualifying and Testing, at the course
10:45 a.m.-6 p.m. Elimination Finals, at the course
7 p.m. Dinner Party w/ Live Music, at Burley Inn

Sunday
10 a.m. Qualifying and Testing, at the course
10:45 a.m.-6 p.m. Elimination Finals, at the course
6 p.m. Duck Race, at the course

Calm

Continued from D4

job, and we just kind of new-aged it. We put on a little orange and some flames and did some trick stuff so it stands out a little bit. Then we all dyed our hair (orange). It's like the same deal with the paint. We kind of stand out."

While both Newton and Rankin have competed at sites across the West, each said the Regatta ranks high on their list of favorite places to race.

"It's fun, the people here are great," Newton said. "We love this place. The fans are terrific here. They just get totally involved."

Rankin agreed. "I really like the course," he said. "It's unique - unlike any other race course I've ever been on. I've never driven a boat here, but of all the races I've been to, this is my favorite one. The fans, everybody's really into it. They make a big deal out of it, with announcers and all."

Regatta activities begin this morning at 9 with a boat display in the Albertson's parking lot. A racer's parade will follow at 10 a.m., with testing beginning at 11.

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Chance Robbins, 7, and his mother, Wendy Robbins, spend some time looking at the high performance boat in Rupert.

Golfers hit water in pre-race Scramble

By Matt Peterson
Times-News writer

BURLEY - With boat racing still a day away, the only things rippling the surface of the Snake River Thursday were errant tee shots.

Eighteen four-person teams took to the links at Burley Golf Course for the 2000 Idaho Regatta Golf Scramble - the first major event on the Regatta weekend schedule - on a sunny, windless morning ideal for play. Though a few golf balls found the water Thursday, overall scores remained low because of the tournament's best-ball format.

Walking away with low gross honors was the team of Pete Delis, Nick Lynch, Shaylon Shaffer and Brian Wagman. The four combined for a 12-under-par 60, beating the second-place team of Rachel Godfrey, Kim Lee, Charlie Michaels and Marv Owers by two strokes.

Winning low net was the team of Cary Darling, Lori Huff, Dick McIntyre and Jeff Milton. With a combined 6.5-handicap, the four turned in a 54.5 net score to best two teams by half a stroke.

Both winning teams received new putters for their efforts. The scramble, which began at 9



Harold Blakeslee rolls one close to the hole during Thursday's Idaho Regatta Golf Scramble at Burley Golf Course. Blakeslee's team fired a 3-under-par 69 and finished tied for ninth in the 18-team field.

a.m., proved a perfect start to the weekend, said Regatta organizer Mark Maier.

"This is only the second time we've had a tournament in coordination with the event and it has

just grown every year," said Maier, whose team shot a 2-over-par 74 Thursday. "People come out and have a real good time and it just gives us momentum to carry through to the rest of the weekend."

Like last year, the tournament featured a full 18-team field, but this year some new names dotted the leader board.

"It was about the same as last year, although we had some different faces," Maier said. "We had some boaters come in, and that's great."

While the top teams earned prizes, some less-than-spectacular performances also earned awards. Wes Parr, for example, took home a collapsible, canvas chair for winning the day's shortest drive competition on the 18th hole.

"I hit a tree about 50 yards out," Parr said, laughing. "The funny part is, my playing partner was five yards farther than I was - we both hit the same tree."

Asked if he tried to get the award, Parr said no chance. "No way," he said. "That was a full-blown swing."

Troy Christensen earned the day's long drive title with a 290-yard-plus bomb on the 455-yard, par-5 No. 14.

Rachel Godfrey won the women's long drive competition, while Chimene Smith took the short drive title.

2000 Idaho Regatta Golf Scramble results

Oliver, 1. Paul Datta, 2. Matt Lynch, 3. Shaylon Shaffer, 4. Dan Wagman, 5. 7. Charles Delis, 8. Nick Lynch, 9. Brian Wagman, 10. 11. Dan Huf, 12. Dick McIntyre, 13. Jeff Milton, 14. Cary Darling, 15. Lori Huff, 16. Kim Lee, 17. Charlie Michaels, 18. Marv Owers, 19. Rachel Godfrey, 20. Wes Parr, 21. Troy Christensen, 22. Harold Blakeslee, 23. 24. 25. 26. 27. 28. 29. 30. 31. 32. 33. 34. 35. 36. 37. 38. 39. 40. 41. 42. 43. 44. 45. 46. 47. 48. 49. 50. 51. 52. 53. 54. 55. 56. 57. 58. 59. 60. 61. 62. 63. 64. 65. 66. 67. 68. 69. 70. 71. 72. 73. 74. 75. 76. 77. 78. 79. 80. 81. 82. 83. 84. 85. 86. 87. 88. 89. 90. 91. 92. 93. 94. 95. 96. 97. 98. 99. 100.

Weekend weather
BURLEY - Weekend weather forecast for Burley (source: the Weather Channel).
Today
Partly cloudy, high 83
Saturday
Mostly sunny, high 88
Sunday
Partly cloudy, high 90

On the Net
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2. Rick Corbridge	481	3
3. Bruce Qualls	476	2
4. Harold Warlick	447	4
5. Dano Pruett	416	5

O-N Sportsman

1. Jeffrey Meads	510	1
2. Dale Miles	487	2
3. Thomas Powell	444	3
4. Brian Welch	436	4
5. Kelly Chappell	431	5

NAPA Pony Stocks

1. Alan Larson	438	2
2. David Caldwell Jr.	433	1
3. Mike Prata	429	3
4. Gene Goodfellow	420	4
5. Cory Kohrer	404	5

Dairy Queen Thunder Stocks

1. Jay Van Holland	396	2
2. Kenny Vanzant	353	1
3. Natalie Wheeler	352	3
4. Kevan Larson	317	7
5. William Rice	316	6

Western Custom Race Trucks

1. Nick Lynch	389	2
2. John Newhouse	389	1
3. Greg Olson	345	3
4. Jason Newhouse	330	5
5. Randy Hadlock	329	4

Fan Tips

Michael Holigan, who sponsors the No. 25 Chevrolet driven by Jerry Nadeau, has made NASCAR racing a crucial part of his business, a Dallas-based group of companies whose primary purpose is providing building supplies and services to builders, contractors, sub-contractors and consumers through the Internet at MichaelHoligan.com.

"When we decided to focus on selling building supplies and services, I realized I would need to spend a lot of time with thousands of homebuilders and contractors," Holigan said. "I chose to do it through NASCAR Winston Cup racing because other sports don't offer a way to spend eight hours building relationships with potential customers."

"The number one goal of our NASCAR program is to spend quality time with 4,000 contractors across the country."

CREW OF THE WEEK

Peter Scoppizzo, who headed Jeremy Mayfield's pit crew, opted to change two tires on the final pit stop, but so did Kevin Hamlin with Dale Earnhardt's crew, and it was the Earnhardt crew that got its driver out of the pits in first place. Mayfield and Earnhardt settled the issue on the racetrack, with Mayfield winning, but the not for one of the week's goes to Hamlin and the Goodwrench team.

NASCAR this week

SPEEDWAY SPOTLIGHT

Mr. Excitement shows his racing appreciation

By Kevin Hall
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — In 10 years of racing stock cars in the Magic Valley, Randy Price has seen it all. All, except, for the checkered flag.

Dubbed "Mr. Excitement" for the way he motors through track traffic, Price, 46, has been in more than 100 races at Magic Valley Speedway and the former Thunder Bluff dirt oval, yet he's never won a race.

"Of course I'd like to win," said Price, following another long day manning the machines at the Glanbia Foods plant in Twin Falls. "It's really almost disheartening. But that's racing."

It's not that Price is a bad driver. With 30 years behind the wheels of a variety of cars, he knows his way around a track.

He often leads or is near the front of Grand National Sportsman class main events at Magic Valley Speedway. Eventually, however, his 1981 Chevrolet Monte Carlo (No. 74) is usually overtaken.

But that doesn't stop the genial racer from making the weekly trek to the track from his home in Shoshone.

"It's the one day of the week that I can get together with my friends," he said. "We look at it as our time to go play. We're racing each other, but were trying to have fun."

Price moved to Idaho in 1977 from California. He raced go-karts there as a teen before graduating to dragsters, Super Modifieds and a Formula One car. He and his crew even tried qualifying for the granddaddy of all races — the Indianapolis 500 — but just missed.

"We missed it by just a few thousandths of a second," he

Randy Price

Age: 46
Nickname: "Mr. Excitement"
Family: Wife Margaret, daughter Anita
Home: Shoshone
Business: WPC operator at Glanbia Foods
Classes: Grand National Sportsman
Car No. 74, an 1981 Chevy Monte Carlo
Sponsors: Glanbia Foods, Jim's Repair & Machine, Maxine Price, Bozzuto's Furniture, John's Auto Repair, Magic Cuts Salon, Economy Automatic Transmission, Looking Glass Daycare, Ward Farms of Dietrich, Perkins' Restaurant, Peterson's Automotive
Year at Speedway: 10
Hobbies: Water sports, fishing, hunting
Pit crew: Dave Harley, Jamie Holland, wife Margaret
Best Speedway experience: "Dale Miles got in front of me and I was running him down. He'd never won a main event, but he ended up winning that main event. It was a shootout for that checkered flag. That was a good race."
Worst Speedway experience: "When I snapped an axle in Turn 3 and dam near flipped my car (1998)."
Outlook on season: "Going up. My car's coming on strong and getting more and more competitive."
Current standing: 10th place in points



decided to build the "Speedway. It was transferred almost overnight."

Price said the current track is as nice a place to race as any he's seen.

"There's almost no comparison to the quality of the surface," he said.

Price said the racing would be even better if it were only drivers who caused spinouts that got moved to the back during competition. "Current rules mandate that any driver involved in a yellow flag — spinout or not — be moved to the back."

"We have come men and a flagman and spotters and we have the tower," Price said. "Out of all those people, they should see whether it was deliberate or an accident. The one who causes it should be penalized, not the victim."

It's an unfair rule, but that's the way it's set and I don't think it's ever going to change."

Beyond the racing, Price said he just enjoys the camaraderie of the racers, the fans and the communities.

So much so, in fact, that he and his crew even teach modified auto shop to Shoshone kids each week.

"My car is almost like a community car," he said. "There are some teenagers who are learning mechanics and I show them. It teaches that you can put something together as a team to make it go. The more we can communicate, the better it runs."

Finally, Price said he simply appreciates the supporters of racing: the fans and drivers.

"I just really enjoy when they show up at the track and I can go talk to them," he said. "I think it's great that we can talk and it's like a big family. The fans are the greatest here."

Stanley came up on top of me, and hit me in the driver's door. My cage broke loose and my legs got tangled up between the cage and body."

Price said a snapshot of the wreck still gives him shivers.

"The left front fender was sitting on top of the engine. That hurt."

Thunder Bluff dissolved around 1984 following the tragic death of Jan Jones, one of its promoters and the mother of current Mountain Dew Modified points leader Steve Jones.

"It didn't feel right," Price said. "It didn't seem right and the sport just kind of died out with Jan. But then it was

Price told of one time when he almost met his maker.

The craziest was when I came out of Turn 4 and Phil Blick had lost both of his rear axles," Price said. "I was in the middle of pack of five cars and I T-boned him. Mark

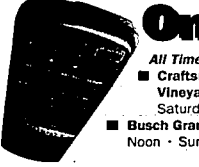
2000 WINSTON CUP SCHEDULE

Date	Track	Location
July 2	Darlington International Speedway	Darlington, S.C.
July 9	New Hampshire International Speedway	Loudon, N.H.
July 23	Michigan International Speedway	Brooklyn, Mich.
Aug. 5	Indianapolis Motor Speedway	Indianapolis, Ind.
Aug. 13	Wallops Island International	Wallops, Va.
Aug. 20	Michigan Speedway	Brooklyn, Mich.
Aug. 28	Atlanta Motor Speedway	Doraville, Ga.
Sept. 3	Darlington Raceway	Darlington, S.C.
Sept. 9	Richmond International Speedway	Richmond, Va.
Sept. 17	New Hampshire International Speedway	Loudon, N.H.
Sept. 24	Dover International Speedway	Dover, Del.
Oct. 1	Marionville Speedway	Marionville, Va.
Oct. 8	Charlotte Speedway	Charlotte, N.C.
Oct. 15	Talladega Superspeedway	Talladega, Ala.
Oct. 22	Road America Speedway	Road America, N.C.

Trackside Trivia

- Who has been Winston Cup rookie of the year and Indy Racing League champion?
- Who won four Indianapolis 500s and the 24 Hours of Le Mans?
- Whose father was CART's chief steward?

ANSWERS
1. Wally Dallenbach Jr.
2. Tony Stewart & A.J. Foyt
3. Wally Dallenbach Jr.



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TOP TEN

- Weekly rankings by NASCAR This Week writer Monte Dutton. Last week's ranking is in parentheses.
- (2) Dale Earnhardt
 - (1) Bobby Labonte
 - (3) Ward Burton
 - (4) Tony Stewart
 - (5) Dale Jarrett
 - (6) Jeff Burton
 - (7) Mark Martin
 - (8) Rusty Wallace
 - (9) Matt Kenseth
 - (10) Dale Earnhardt Jr.

First time in a while

Randy days got him down
Maturity and consistency
The Tiger continues to roar
Rarely dominant these days
Rough times at Roush
Mark's malaise
Another wreck, another pole
Going to the Matt
Going where he's never been

2000 POINTS STANDINGS

WINSTON CUP	BUSCH	TRUCK
1. Jeff Green, 2,240	Jeff Green, 2,493	Greg Biffe, 1,892
2. Dale Earnhardt, 2,183	Todd Bodine, 2,194	Jack Sprague, 1,863
3. Dale Jarrett, 2,125	Jason Keller, 2,028	Mike Wallace, 1,838
4. Ward Burton, 2,096	Ron Hornaday, 1,995	Andy Houston, 1,798
5. Jeff Burton, 2,019	Kevin Harvick, 1,990	Kurt Busch, 1,667
6. Rusty Wallace, 1,999	Eton Sawyer, 1,917	Dennis Setzer, 1,622
7. Tony Stewart, 1,976	Randy Laloue, 1,874	Randy Totoma, 1,596
8. Ricky Rudd, 1,975	David Green, 1,796	Steve Grissom, 1,594
9. Mark Martin, 1,958	Matt Kenseth, 1,788	Owen Hartke, 1,584
10. Jeff Gordon, 1,874	Casey Atwood, 1,738	Rick Crawford, 1,550

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Rafter makes quick work of Dutchman

DEN BOSCH, Netherlands (AP) - Defending champion Patrick Rafter took less than 15 minutes to finish off Dutchman Sjeng Schalken when their rain-suspended, second-round Heineken Trophy match resumed Thursday.

Rafter was up a set and ahead 2-1 when rain forced play to be halted Wednesday. He won 6-3, 6-2.

Rain fell again Thursday after the Rafter-Schalken match, causing a delay in play between two-time tournament winner Richard Krajicek and Martin Damm. That helped Damm, and the unseeded Czech upset the Dutchman 3-6, 7-6(2), 6-4.

In other second-round play, American Michael Chang, the fifth-seeded player, beat Frenchman Jerome Golmard 1-6, 6-4, 6-3.

World No. 1 Martina Hingis reached the semifinals with only 36 minutes on court. The Swiss star had a bye in the first round, dropped just two games in a second-round demolition of Jana Nejedly and was handed a quarterfinal walkover Thursday when Zimbabwean Cara Black withdrew with a virus.

In the semifinals today, Hingis will play fourth-seeded American Jennifer Capriati, who downed Patty Schnyder of Switzerland 7-5, 7-5.

Black, Gambill advance at grass-court tournament

NOTTINGHAM, England - On a day delayed by rain, Byron Black of Zimbabwe and American Jan-Michael Gambill won their quarterfinal matches Thursday in the Nottingham Open grasscourt tournament.

Black beat Englishman Arvind Parmar 6-4, 6-4 and Gambill defeated Italy's Gianluca Pozzi 6-4, 6-4. Black and Gambill will meet in the semifinals.

Parmar, who won a set off Pete Sampras last week and ousted defending tournament champion Cedric Pioline from the first round, couldn't get it going in a match that started two hours late because of rain.

"I found it tough out there," Parmar said. "My feet were not moving that well and it was hard to adjust. Byron returned my serves better than anyone the last two weeks and there was a lot to admire in his play."

Davenport stalls on road to Wimbledon repeat

EASTBOURNE, England - The

Tennis



AP photo

American Lindsay Davenport lost to Belgian Dominique Van Roost Thursday at Eastbourne.

wind and Dominique Van Roost combined Thursday to stall Lindsay Davenport's preparation for the defense of her Wimbledon title.

Van Roost calmed her nerves, if not the wind, and pulled off her second straight upset of the top-seeded Davenport 4-6, 6-3, 6-4 to advance to the semifinals of the Eastbourne grasscourt tournament, a Wimbledon warm-up.

Eighth-seeded Chanda Rubin of the United States ousted No. 4 Anna Kournikova of Russia 7-5, 0-6, 6-3; Anne Kremer of Luxembourg beat No. 3 Amanda Coetzer of South Africa 3-6, 6-0, 6-3; and No. 6 Julie Halard-Decugis defeated No. 2 Nathalie Tauziat 6-4, 6-4 in an all-French battle.

Rios withdraws from Wimbledon citing injury

WIMBLEDON, England - Marcelo Rios of Chile, who admits he hates to play on grass, withdrew Thursday from Wimbledon with a reported upper leg injury.

The Chilean, who was the runner-up in the 1998 Australian Open, withdrew from Wimbledon last year with a last-minute injury. In three Wimbledon appearances, he has made the fourth round once and has been beaten twice in the first round. The Wimbledon Championships begin Monday.

Moon's career wanes into retirement

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) - Kansas City chiefs quarterback Warren Moon plans to make this season his last in the NFL, saying he's accomplished everything he hoped for in his 22-year career except winning an NFL championship.

Moon on the Net
Warren Moon's Web site is accessible through: www.kcchiefs.com

"This decision is pretty final," Moon said in a videotape posted Wednesday on his Web site.

Moon, 43, signed a two-year free agent contract with the Chiefs in April, 1999, joining the team as a backup to injury prone Elvis Grbac. He appeared in only one game last season, completing one of three passes for 20 yards.

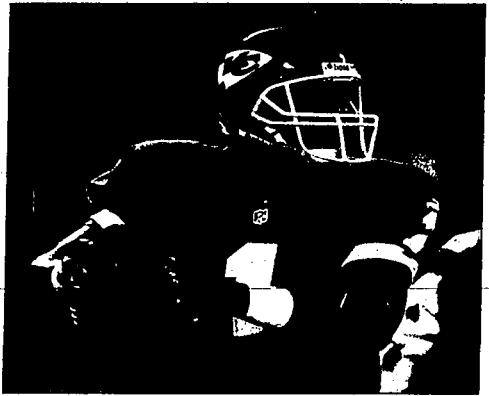
He came to Kansas City from Seattle, where he passed for 1,632 yards, 11 touchdowns and eight interceptions for the Seahawks during the 1998-99 season.

Moon started his professional career in the Canadian Football League, helping to lead the Edmonton Eskimos to five consecutive CFL titles, before joining the Houston Oilers. He played at Minnesota before going to the Seahawks.

"This will be my 23rd year of professional football," Moon said on the videotape. "I never thought I'd get this much out of the game as I have. I've enjoyed it and I think I have one more in me and I want to try and go out and win a championship."

"That's about the only thing I have left to do in my career. If I can get that done, everything will be complete. Otherwise, I'm very proud of where I am in my career."

He said there were "a lot of things I want to do with the rest of my life that you can't



AP photo

Kansas City Chiefs' quarterback Warren Moon plans to make this season his last in the NFL, saying he's accomplished everything he hoped for in his 22-year career except winning a championship.

devote the time to because of the commitment football takes."

Moon has completed 3,973 of 6,789 passes for 43,117 yards and 290 touchdowns with 232 interceptions.

He ranks third in NFL history in pass attempts, pass completions and passing yardage. He is tied for fourth with Johnny


Unitas in touchdown passes.

Moon has passed for 3,000 yards in a season nine times, and for 300 yards in a game 49 times.

His 527 yards against the Chiefs on Dec. 15, 1990, were the second-most in NFL history, behind the 554 yards of Norm Van Brocklin in 1951.


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Olympic equestrian trials resume

GLADSTONE, N.J. (AP) - Only two riders out of 75 had a clean round Wednesday, the first day of the first stage of Olympic show jumping team trials at the United States Equestrian Team headquarters.

There will be two more days of trials here today and Sunday during the USET's Rolex/U.S. Show Jumping Championship and then three more days of trials in early August in California before the four-rider squad is selected.

Margie Engle, on Hidden Creek's Perin, and Ray Texel, on Pershing, both of Wellington, Fla., had no jumping faults over a 14-fence course set at 5 feet, 3 inches.

Alison Firestone of Middleburg, Va., on Jox, had no jumping faults and just a quarter-time fault.

If Firestone makes the Olympic team, it will be another major equestrian victory for her family, which owned Genuine Risk, the filly who won the Kentucky Derby in 1980.

"There wasn't any 'gimme'



jump on the course," Engle said. "The water was huge. I needed a boat to get across."

Engle had a fall and withdrew on course with two other mounts. Four-time Olympian Anne Kursinski of Frenchtown, N.J., also had a fall and refused out on two horses, testifying to the difficulty of the course's design.

Riders with only one rail down, counting just four faults, included Nona Garson of Oldwick, N.J., on Rhythmicall; Leslie Howard of Westport Conn., on Clover Leaf; Todd Minikus of Loxahatchee, Fla., on Oh Star; and Lauren Hough of Wellington, Fla., on Clasiko.

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Workers at USDA cite ongoing bias

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — A group of minority and female workers at the Department of Agriculture has called on President Clinton to resolve long-standing complaints of discrimination at the agency, saying that bias continues to fester there despite repeated pledges by Secretary Dan Glickman to stamp it out.

About 30 members of the Coalition of Minority Employees, citing their own experiences as well as an increasing number of discrimination complaints brought by USDA employees, said the agency is making little progress in its much-touted civil rights fight.

"Nothing has changed," said John Sedillo, a Forest Service employee from New Mexico, one of the group airing their concerns Wednesday at a Capitol Hill news conference before meeting with senior USDA officials. "If anything, things have gotten worse."

Coalition members said minority and female employees frequently receive disparate treatment from USDA supervisors, are often steered away from assignments that will enhance their careers, are denied promotions, and are targets of blatantly racist jokes or sexual harassment, particularly in the agency's rural outposts.

"There is continued widespread discrimination at USDA," said coalition President Lawrence Lucas. "We demand that President Clinton meet with the coalition to resolve this."

"Since being named agriculture secretary in 1995, Glickman has said his highest priority is to make USDA into a 'civil rights leader in the federal government.'" In May, the agency released a report that officials interpreted as evidence of the civil rights progress that had taken place. A USDA spokesman referred to the report when asked for comment about the coalition's charges.

Poll: Bush doubles lead over Gore

Bush jumps from 6 percent lead in May to 12

WASHINGTON (AP) — George W. Bush has built a double-digit lead over Al Gore in a new bipartisan poll, getting more credit as the presidential candidate who would keep America prosperous and showing strength among groups Gore needs to win.

Bush, the Republican governor of Texas, had 52 percent support among likely voters in the Voter.com-Battleground poll released Thursday, while Gore had 40 percent. Bush had a 6-point lead in May.

Bush also led, 49 percent to 41 percent, in an NBC-Wall Street Journal poll released Wednesday.

Gore strategists noted that the Voter.com-Battleground poll was completed before the launch of his "progress and prosperity" tour of key states to tout the economic record of the Clinton-Gore years. The NBC-Wall Street Journal poll also was done last week, a few days into the tour.

At Gore campaign headquarters in Nashville, Tenn., advisers said they were unworried, and highlighted the past three days of generally positive news coverage of Gore's retirement savings plan and denunciation of huge oil company profits at a time of soaring gas prices.

"Al Gore has the right message," said communications director Mark Fobiani. "He's an experienced, determined candidate and the campaign is ready for the election in the fall."

Gore pollster Harrison Hickman regularly conducts his own private surveys and campaign officials privately voiced confidence that the message of Gore's "prosperity tour" is getting out and moving voters in numbers that will show up in subsequent public polls.

But the Battleground poll, conducted by Democrat Celinda Lake and Republican Ed Goetz, highlighted a continuing area of

concern for the vice president: He is not performing well enough with key voter groups he needs to win in November.

Gore and Bush were about even among women, a group Gore very much needs to win the presidency. Bush had a 23-point lead among men, twice the lead he had in May. Both were even among union members, another constituency Gore needs to win.

Bush led among voters who were Democrats when they supported Ronald Reagan in the 1980s.

And Bush was getting the support of more than nine of 10 Republicans, while Gore was get-

ting the support of just under eight in 10 Democrats.

"The Republicans are the most energized," Goetz said. "The out party tends to have the most energy."

Luke said Democrats, particularly women, have other concerns than politics right now, such as children getting out of school and summer vacations.

"They have kids, work, laundry to juggle," she said. "Women have traditionally been late to decide."

Vanderbilt University presidential scholar Erwin Hargrove surmised that a lot of the Democrats not supporting Gore were blue-collar workers.

Experts: If true, Mars water theory greatly increases chances of life there

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — If liquid water is found on Mars, as suggested by a new study, then all elements are in place for the possible presence of life on the Red Planet, experts said Thursday.

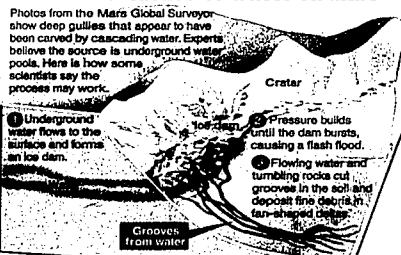
A new study, using high-resolution photographs from the Mars Global Surveyor spacecraft, has spotted gullies and trenches and fanlike deltas that could have been carved by fast-moving water flowing down cliffs and the steep walls of craters.

Experts said that the possibility of liquid water on Mars is a controversial theory, but that if it is true then it greatly increases the likelihood for life on Mars.

"That liquid water once existed on Mars is generally accepted by scientists," said Michael Malin said his new study suggests strongly that water flowed on the Red Planet very recently and, perhaps, even now. He bases this on photos showing gullies and hills the look very much like similar water-carved features on Earth.

"The features appear to be so young that they might be forming today," Malin said at a news con-

Possible evidence of water on Mars



Source: NASA

Emily Hahn/AP

ference on Thursday. "We think we are seeing evidence of a ground water supply, similar to an aquifer."

"Finding possible evidence for liquid water has profound implications... for the possibility of life on Mars," said Ed Weiler, chief scientist for NASA, the agency

that built and launched the Surveyor spacecraft.

"If you think about the requirements on Mars to support life... the key comes down to liquid water," said Bruce Jakosky, a professor at the Laboratory for Atmospheric and Space Physics at the University of Colorado, Boulder.

Teamsters president wants to 'broaden debate' on labor

WASHINGTON (AP) — After meeting with Green Party candidate Ralph Nader, Teamsters President James P. Hoffa said Thursday that neither Al Gore nor George W. Bush has taken strong enough stands on trade and other issues important to labor.

For that reason, the union president said Nader and Reform Party candidate Pat Buchanan should be allowed to participate in presidential debates.

"Who really wants to see a debate between Al Gore and Bush? I mean they're somewhat the same on trade, the same mindless debate on Social Security goes on and on," Hoffa said. "We want to broaden the debate."

The Gore campaign brushed off the criticism.

"Throughout the campaign, people will see that Al Gore has a long record fighting for working families and is the smart vote in November in union members and working people," spokesman Doug Hattaway said.

Hoffa spoke at a joint press conference with Nader, after the Green Party candidate met with the Teamster's executive board, which decides the union's political endorsements.

"No one in the political arena speaks stronger on the issues important to American working families than Ralph Nader," Hoffa said, praising Nader's call to renegotiate the North American Free Trade Agreement.

The Teamsters, together with the United Auto Workers, have so far declined to join the AFL-CIO in endorsing Gore's presidential campaign. Together, the two unions represent about 2 million of the labor federation's 13 million members.

Hoffa says the Teamsters may not make a presidential endorsement.

The Teamster's executive council has met with Gore and Buchanan within the past year. Hoffa met privately with Bush in April and the Republican Texas Governor — Gore's main rival — is scheduled to speak with the Teamster's full board by conference call on Friday.

Bush spokesman Ari Fleischer called Bush's chances at winning the Teamster's endorsement "a longshot," but added, "I think that Bush has a certain appeal to working men and women, traditionally a Democrat group. We anticipate making inroads into the rank and file."

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THE ABOVE GRANTORS ARE NAMED TO COMPLY WITH SECTION 45-1506(4)(A) IDAHO CODE. NO REPRESENTATION IS MADE THAT THEY ARE, OR ARE NOT, PRESENTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS OBLIGATION. The default for which this sale is to be made is the failure to pay when due, under the Deed of Trust No. 198908281, the monthly payments of \$1,038.93 per month for the months of DECEMBER 1999 through MAY 2000, and all subsequent payments until the date of sale or reinstatement, with a monthly late charge of \$51.85 and prior accrued late charges of \$334.88, together with interest thereon at the rate of 12% per annum, together with unpaid and accruing taxes, assessments, trustee's fees, attorney's fees, costs and advances made to protect the security associated with this foreclosure.

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

Trustee's Sale No. 02-PR-20331 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT FIRST AMERICAN TITLE INSURANCE COMPANY, the duly appointed Successor Trustee will on September 28, 2000, at 11:00 AM, of said day, in the lobby of the office of FIRST AMERICAN TITLE COMPANY, 200 Third Avenue North, Twin Falls, Idaho, sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, for cash, in lawful money of the United States, all property at the time of sale, the following described real property situated in the County of Twin Falls, State of Idaho, to wit: Lot 6 in Block 14 of the subdivision known as Twin Falls, Idaho, according to the plat thereof, recorded in Book 1 of plats, page 45, records of said county, more particularly described as follows: Beginning at the northeast corner of said lot; Thence West 95 feet to a point on the North line thereof; Thence South parallel to the East line thereof 160 feet to a point; Thence East parallel to the North line thereof 95 feet to a point on the East line thereof; Thence North along said East line 160 feet to the point of beginning.

as Trustee, for the benefit and security of WEST ONE BANK, IDAHO, as beneficiary, recorded Block 19, Book 1 in Instrument No. 1994004633, Mortgage records of TWIN FALLS COUNTY, Idaho. The beneficial interest in said Deed of Trust was assigned to PUNICHAL RESIDENTIAL MORTGAGE, INC., an Iowa Corporation. THE ABOVE GRANTORS ARE NAMED TO COMPLY WITH SECTION 45-1506(4)(A) IDAHO CODE. NO REPRESENTATION IS MADE THAT THEY ARE, OR ARE NOT, PRESENTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS OBLIGATION.

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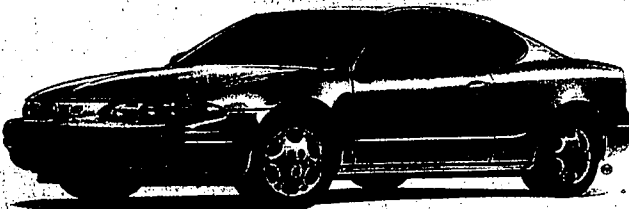
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\$35988 OR
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2000 CHEVY SUBURBAN 4x4 LE
Stock #A261. Loaded. WOW! Loaded.
WAS \$47999 ~ SAVE \$3000
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1987 JEEP GRAND CHEROKEE 4x4
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WAS \$20999 ~ SAVE \$4000
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OR **\$17988**

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1988 PLYMOUTH VOYAGER
7 Passenger.
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OR **\$12988**

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2000 DODGE GRAND CARAVAN SE
Stock #A101. Loaded.
WAS \$23999 ~ SAVE \$3000
\$17988 OR
LEASE FOR **\$269 MO.**

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1991 VW PASSAT WAGON
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1998 HONDA ACCORD LX
4 DOOR.
WAS \$14999 ~ SAVE \$4000
\$0 DOWN \$229 MO.
OR **\$10988**

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OR **\$15988**

Stock #9925. Used subject to prior sale price. Tax, title for (18,000) and Dealer DOC for (19,900) are not included in the monthly payment. \$279. APR. No cash down. 72 monthly payments on balance payment.



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