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Saints on the march



Arlene Gray runs a test on a blood sample in the laboratory at St. Benedict's Family Medical Center in Jerome Monday. Saint Alphonsus Regional Medical Center in Boise has announced it will take over ownership of the Jerome hospital.

St. Benedict's Family Medical Center to change hands

Two health care organizations take the reins

By Michael Jerome
Times-News writer

JEROME - A Boise hospital will take over ownership of Jerome's St. Benedict's Family Medical Center, under a three-way agreement.

After a year and a half negotiating, the Jerome hospital and its owners, the Idaho Corporation of Benedictine Sisters, announced Monday a joint agreement with

Saint Alphonsus Regional Medical Center in Boise and Benedictine Health Systems of Duluth, Minn.

Under the agreement, Saint Alphonsus and its owners, Trinity Health Corporation, will become the new owners of St. Benedict's. Benedictine Health Systems will take over the day-to-day hospital operations under a contract with Saint Alphonsus.

The agreement does not

involve any cash transaction between Saint Alphonsus and St. Benedict's, Saint Alphonsus President and CEO Sandra Bruce said. But officials with each organization declined to go into much detail about the memo of understanding between the three Catholic-run health care organizations.

Wrinkles in the agreement could be worked out within 30 to 60 days.

"I wish we didn't have to deal with the lawyers, but unfortunately ..." Bruce said with an

uneasy smile. "I feel like we've been working on this forever. I wish we could finish it all up in a week, but we can't."

Magic Valley Regional Medical Center had approached St. Benedict's about becoming involved in the hospital's administration. When Magic Valley Regional later asked to become one-third to half partners with Benedictine Health Systems, St. Benedict's and the Benedictine Sisters halted the negotiations.

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Dairy industry celebrates with ice cream social

By Brandon Fiala
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - The dairy industry and other sponsors are planning the Magic Valley "Got Milk?" Ice Cream Social Wednesday for National Dairy Month.

The free event is sponsored by the United Dairymen of Idaho, Jerome Cheese Co., West Farm Foods, PAX 55 and others.

"We want to get more people to participate and understand the dairy industry," said Ann Sexton, Idaho Dairymen's Association executive assistant.

The dairy industry has a big economic effect on Idaho, including the Magic Valley. Idaho is the 10th largest producer of milk in the nation and the third largest producer of American cheese nationwide, according to the state Department of Agriculture.

Idaho's milk money contributed about \$2 billion to the state's economy in 1998. Here in the Magic Valley, nearly 15 percent of the region's income is linked to the dairy business.

"As a farm commodity, the dairy industry has surpassed potatoes for two years run-

ning," Sexton said.

Zeb Bell, host of the television talk show, "Magic Valley Tonight," on KIDZ PAX 55, started the idea for an ice cream social.

"Back in the '80s, Lewie Eilers and I were in business together and we promoted June Dairy Month," Bell said. "It kind of lapsed and I decided it was high-time to start again to help people appreciate the dairy industry and the people in it."

While the dairy industry celebrates at the ice cream social,

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If you go

The Magic Valley "Got Milk?" Ice Cream Social will be held from 5 to 9 p.m. Wednesday at the McFarland Building lawn, 450 Falls Avenue in Twin Falls. The event includes free ice cream, hot dogs, pop and games.

Organizer Zeb Bell will welcome participants at 5 p.m., with entertainment following. Performers include Jamie Thietzen, Strings Attached, Johnny and a Rhinestone Roper show. Door prizes will be given out between performances.

Parking will be available at the College of Southern Idaho, and participants are encouraged to bring a chair because seating is limited.

Suspect pleads guilty

Buhl man had confessed to 1997 shooting

By Brian Haynes
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - With a possible life sentence and a child molestation case hanging over his head, murder defendant Jesus Jesse Ronquillo Jr. pleaded guilty Monday to killing a man more than two years ago.

Under a plea agreement with the Twin Falls County Prosecutor's Office, Buhl resident Ronquillo, 38, came forward and confessed to shooting Timothy Tadlock to death in October 1997 and leaving his body in the desert near Castleford.

In exchange for his plea, the prosecution will recommend no more than a 25- to 40-year prison sentence and will drop another case in which Ronquillo faced

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Court reaffirms Miranda decision

The Washington Post

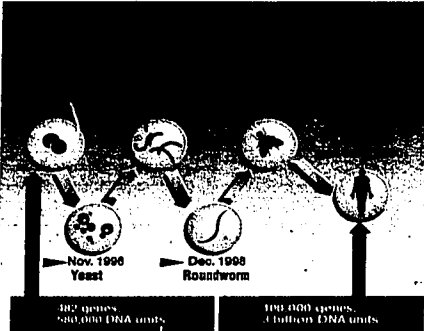
WASHINGTON - Refusing to overturn more than three decades of established law enforcement practice, the Supreme Court Monday strongly reaffirmed its landmark Miranda decision, which requires police to inform criminal suspects of their rights to remain silent and to be represented by an attorney during interrogation.

Other decisions:
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In a 7-2 opinion written by Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist, the high court ruled that the requirement that criminal suspects be read their "Miranda rights" is rooted in the Constitution and cannot be over-

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Competing projects finish landmark human DNA map



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More on gene-mapping - C4-5, E1

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON - In what was called "an historic point in the 100-year record of humanity," scientists announced that the human genetic code essentially has been deciphered, a monumental achievement that opens a dramatic new frontier in medicine.

Leaders of competing public and private efforts said at a White House ceremony Monday that they have virtually completed assembly of what they called the "book of life" - nature's genetic instruction manual for making and maintaining human beings.

Knowing the human genetic code, said President Clinton, will give science "an immense new power to heal" by attacking disease "at its genetic roots."

Because of the new genetic knowledge, said the president, "our children may know cancer only as a constellation of stars" and not as a disease that kills and maims.

Clinton also cautioned that the



President Clinton and Dr. Craig Venter, left, president of Celera Genomics Corporation, and Dr. Francis Collins, right, director of the National Institutes of Health, talk Monday prior to announcing they have both completed an initial sequencing of the human genome.

genetic map must never be used to segregate, discriminate or invade the privacy of human

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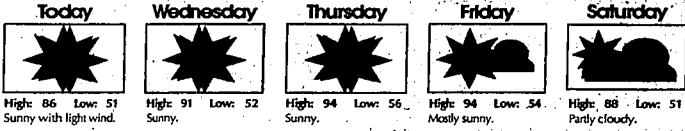
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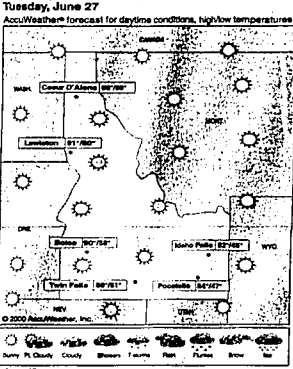
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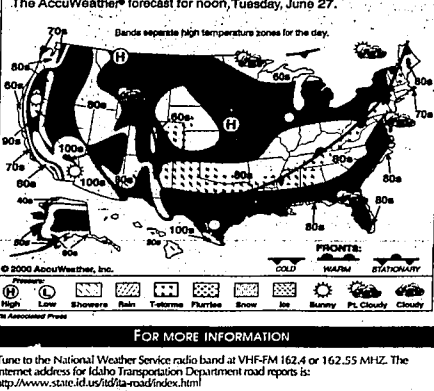
MAGIC VALLEY FIVE-DAY FORECAST



Idaho weather



National weather



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Table showing precipitation and temperature data for Twin Falls and Idaho.

Table showing high and low temperatures for various Idaho cities.

Table showing weather forecasts for various cities across the United States.

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ACROSS THE NATION: News snippets from Illinois to Texas, West Coast, and Florida.

Dairy

Continued from A1... Dairy industry prices are about \$2 below the cost of production...

"It's starting to turn around, but slowly," Eilers said. "I expect higher prices later this summer..."

an annual event, to help promote the dairy industry and to thank the Magic Valley for supporting the dairy industry..."

St. Benedict's

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they'd like to reach an agreement to bring all three hospitals into a collaboration using Life Flight..."

works. She will remain on as interim administrator to aid with the transition.

Genome

Continued from A1... beings. Legislation is circulating in Congress that offer such protection.

known only to God," said Dr. Francis Collins, director of the National Human Genome Research Institute and leader of the international, publicly financed Human Genome Project.

genomes of three females and two males who have identified themselves as Hispanic, Asian, Caucasian or African-American," said Venter.

Plea

Continued from A1... kidnaping and child molestation charges.

last month and confessed his role in the killing, according to a Twin Falls County sheriff's report.

rifle in the back seat. Ronquillo hit him again, this time knocking him unconscious, the report said.

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Huge budget surplus forecast spurs plans for debt, spending

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — President Clinton announced Monday that the government's projected 10-year surplus will grow by \$1 trillion since the last official estimate a mere four months ago, as a seemingly unstoppable economy continues to pump money into the U.S. Treasury and transform the 2000 political debate.

Emboldened by a surplus estimate that is more than double the previous projection — some \$1.87 trillion over the next decade, not even counting Social Security funds — Clinton declared that he is willing to offer congressional Republicans a deal that he said would "break the logjam" that has stalled many of the most critical tax and spending decisions now pending on Capitol Hill.

The election-year bargain, as Clinton describes it, would have him swallow misgivings about the size of a GOP plan to eliminate the so-called marriage tax penalty, if Republicans would accept a plan for an extended prescription drug benefit for Medicare. The initial Republican reaction was distinctly sour, suggesting that more money cannot necessarily lubricate the significant political and policy frictions that remain.

The new budget figures echoed on the campaign trail. Aides to Republican presidential candidate George W. Bush said the surplus figures make plain that the across-the-board tax cut the Texas governor is offering is easily affordable. But Clinton's aides said President Al Gore's protests that the cut is a "risky scheme."

The administration made its new projections as part of a mid-year review required under law.



President Clinton illustrates his proposal to reduce the national debt using newly projected budget surplus Monday.

While a higher surplus projection had been anticipated for weeks, the sheer magnitude of the new sum, based on improved expectations of economic growth over the next decade, was nonetheless astonishing. The total surplus, when money from Social Security taxes is included, is forecast to be \$4.19 trillion over 10 years.

Until recently, Social Security was counted in Washington discussions of surpluses or deficits. The notion that these funds should be walled off has now become such an article of faith that most people in both parties Monday were citing the smaller non-Social Security surplus figure as they debated tax and spending proposals.

What Clinton sketched out was a something-for-everyone extrajugganzy that reflected his new circumstances: after seven years in which many of his domestic poli-

cy ambitions were constrained by budget deficits, the president these days is ready to commit large sums in order to score achievements in his final months. But the cold response among Republican leaders highlighted how the politics of prosperity can be nearly as contentious as those of austerity. "No horse trading," Senate Budget Committee chairman Pete Domenici, R-N.M., said of Clinton's offer.

Instead, Republicans said they will pass their proposal, costing \$182 billion over 10 years, to ensure that married couples do not pay more than they would if single — and give a break even to many couples who are not disadvantaged by the tax code as now written — as a stand-alone measure. Then, they said they'll be content to let Clinton sign it, or explain his veto of a bill they are convinced enjoys broad popularity.

Elian case reaches Supreme Court

WASHINGTON (AP) — Elian Gonzalez's Miami relatives asked the Supreme Court on Monday to block the little boy's return to Cuba. Unless the nation's highest court says otherwise, Elian and his father may leave the United States as early as Wednesday.

A federal appeals court unanimously rejected the Miami relatives' request for a rehearing Friday, and said emphatically it would not take up the case again.

The appeals court said its earlier order requiring Elian's father, Juan Miguel Gonzalez, to keep the 6-year-old boy in this country will dissolve at 4 p.m. Wednesday.

Lawyers for the Miami rela-

tives filed a formal appeal with the full Supreme Court, and asked Justice Anthony M. Kennedy to keep Elian in the United States until that formal appeal is acted on.

Kennedy handles emergency matters from Florida for the high court.

A few weeks delay in the long legal fight over the boy "is a minimal cost in a case with stakes of such magnitude," Kennedy was told.

Elian was rescued off the Florida coast on Thanksgiving Day. His mother and 10 other people drowned after their boat sank en route from communist Cuba to the United States.

The Immigration and Naturalization Service decided the boy should be returned to his father, but the Miami relatives who cared for Elian after his rescue refused to relinquish him. On April 22, federal agents seized the boy and reunited him with his father in the Washington area.

The formal appeal filed Monday said the case's legal issues "boil down to a single straightforward question: Can the INS deprive an alien child of his statutory and constitutional right to apply for asylum without conducting any hearing of any kind — or even without interviewing the child himself?"

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Miranda

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turned by an act of Congress. Federal lawmakers passed legislation seeking to undo the Miranda decision in 1968, two years after the ruling.

The seven justices in the majority left open the question of whether they would have reached the same conclusion as the original five-justice Miranda majority about the constitutional rights of criminal suspects. But citing the court's long tradition of respect for precedent, the justices said there were compelling reasons not to overrule it now.

"Miranda has become embedded in routine police practice to the point where the warnings have become part of our national culture," wrote Rehnquist, a frequent and vocal critic of the Miranda decision during his earlier years on the bench.

The court's two most conservative justices, Antonin Scalia and Clarence Thomas, dissented. In a scathing opinion, Scalia called the Miranda decision "preposterous" and vowed to continue to apply the 1968 law invalidated Monday to cases that reach the high court.

Civil liberties organizations hailed the decision. But Paul G. Cassell, a University of Utah law school professor who has spent years seeking to undo the Miranda decision, said Monday was "a sad day for victims of crime and law-abiding Americans."

"The tragic result of today's opinion will be that thousands of confessed, dangerous criminals will go free merely because some police officers have made a mistake in following the highly technical Miranda rules," added Cassell, who argued the case for

overturning the Miranda decision before the high court.

Yale Kamisar, a University of Michigan law school professor and staunch defender of the Miranda decision, said that as a result of Monday's ruling, "Miranda warnings" will become an even more deeply ingrained part of the American criminal justice system. He said it was particularly important that a decisive majority reaffirmed the 1966 ruling, and that the majority opinion was written by Rehnquist, a long-time Miranda critic.

"Now Miranda is stronger than ever was, which is the last thing people like Cassell wanted," Kamisar said. "I would think that if a President (George W.) Bush got elected and appointed three new justices, they would have a much harder time overturning Miranda than if the case had never reached the court. You gave it your best shot and you lost by a much bigger vote than anybody expected."

Kamisar added that Rehnquist's authorship of the majority opinion should mean "it will be received better by the country and by the police. After all, this is the guy who over the years has been more pro-police than anyone on the Supreme Court."

Attorney General Janet Reno said that "most importantly, (Miranda) will continue to provide a public sense of fairness in our criminal justice system."

The Supreme Court's 5-4 ruling in Miranda vs. Arizona was one of the most far-reaching and famous decisions in the history of criminal jurisprudence. Under its doctrine, criminal suspects are told

that they have the right to remain silent, that anything they say can be used against them, that they have the right to an attorney during questioning and that if they cannot afford an attorney one will be provided for them.

Repeated countless times in television and motion picture police dramas, the Miranda warnings over the years have become one of the best known aspects of the American criminal justice system.

But the Miranda decision was highly controversial at the time. Two years after it was handed down, Congress enacted a law that was intended to nullify it. It did not require suspects to be told of their rights and left trial judges to determine whether a confession was voluntary. The 1968 law, however, was never enforced by a succession of Democratic and Republican administrations that doubted its constitutionality.

Dickerson vs. U.S., the case that became a direct challenge to Miranda, began with a 1997 bank robbery in Alexandria. Charles Thomas Dickerson, a Maryland man who has been charged with participating in the robbery but has yet to be tried, gave a statement to FBI agents that he later sought to have suppressed on the grounds that he had not been informed of his Miranda rights.

Last year, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 4th Circuit, an activist but conservative panel based in Richmond, ruled that the Miranda decision was not mandated by the Fifth Amendment to the Constitution and was effectively overturned by Section 3501 of the Omnibus Crime Control Act of 1968.

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Bush sees delivery as mark of sincerity

The Washington Post

SOUTH PORTLAND, Maine — Real men don't 'give' great speeches.

To a certain extent, George W. Bush believes this. When he hears a musical cadence, a mellifluous tone, a rising and falling intonation in a speaker's voice, his phony alarm goes off.

And so we find him, during a recent campaign swing, delivering his one formal speech of the day without much in the way of oratorical razzle-dazzle. It's an eight-minute number pledging his support for "Americans with disabilities." He reads it in a nice, soft, relaxed voice, perfect for the small room and intimate audience. But he's hardly two paragraphs into it when he mutts an important transitional line, mangling an entire period. "That is more than our creed. As a nation."

It's a small thing, but points to

a large fact about Bush — one that has a number of prominent Republicans concerned. According to people close to him, the Texas governor believes that his homespun delivery — complete with stumbles and swallowed words — is a sign of sincerity and authenticity.

Some key figures in the party, mindful of the speechmaking genius of the party's icon, Ronald Reagan, aren't so sure. They have been urging the Bush campaign to begin spending large blocks of time rehearsing for the biggest speech of his career: his address to the Republican convention on Aug. 3.

They are coming up against a primal revulsion in Bush for all things seemingly packaged. "He could be spending half his time getting ready for that speech, and it would be time well-spent," says one former Reagan aide. But Bush — who has never delivered a prime-time, nationwide address —

is counting on the skills he has to carry him through, his staff says.

"There is a resistance to being quite-unquote 'handed,'" acknowledges Karen Hughes, Bush's communications director and one of his inner trio of aides. "The governor is a straightforward person. He has a concern that some of the contrivances of modern campaigns — like TelePrompTers, like speech coaching — can take away from his ability to communicate with people in a very straightforward way."

One major Bush fund-raiser puts it more succinctly: "He thinks that stuff's for sissies."

It's not that Bush is a bad public speaker. In a field with the likes of Al Gore, John McCain and Bill Bradley, Bush is about average. All of them are more comfortable with off-the-cuff chats than with formal addresses.

Peggy Noonan, who wrote some of Reagan's greatest hits,

says Bush — and the others — are held to a standard almost no one can meet. "We have contradictory desires," she says. "On the one hand, we want a president who will stand up and speak boldly, with eloquence, with the right word at the right moment. On the other hand, we want a president who's unaided, unscripted, wholly 'authentic.' But a guy who's wholly authentic and unaided will fail sometimes. He will say the wrong thing, even the dumb thing — because he's human, and that's what humans do."

Bush has a good basic grasp of the structure of an effective speech. Hughes recalls the day five years ago when she met with him to draft his first inaugural address as governor. He took a pen to a legal pad and scratched out an outline: Introduction, themes, examples, peroration. He learned it in a class at Yale, he explained.

White House might rethink lobbying ban

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — President Clinton was so eager to tighten restrictions for those who might leave his administration and start lobbying that he signed a tough new executive order only minutes after taking the oath of office in January 1993. But now that his presidency is winding down and some top aides are considering lobbying careers, the White House is mulling whether to soften those restrictions.

Clinton's 1993 executive order requires senior administration officials to wait five years after leaving the government before lobbying any federal agency for which they had "any responsibility." It imposes a lifetime ban on representing a foreign government.

In his first full day as president, Clinton said the new lobbying ban would help "uphold the highest possible ethical standard" and "guarantee that the members of this administration will be looking out for the American people and not for themselves."

But the department approved the changes as a minor deviation within two days of receiving the request from Pacific Lumber, "because all the changes improve the environmental impact," said CDF lawyer Louis Blumberg.

Further, while some environmentalists were shocked last year that the Headwaters preserve failed to save the Elk River plot, Blumberg says allowing logging in the area was always part of the deal.

EPIC suspects pure politics is at work — that Davis, who is viewed skeptically by environmentalists because of his close ties with business interests, told his department to rush the approval.

"Basically it was the governor's office who told the department to put it through," said Sharon Duggan, a Berkeley-based EPIC lawyer. "This got approved because the governor said approve it."

Byron Tucker of the governor's office said he would look into the allegation, but he challenged EPIC to prove that Davis had anything to do with the approval process.

Paul Mason, also with EPIC, says the 1996 Elk River plan would never have been approved under current, tougher state and federal regulations, let alone the rules Pacific Lumber agreed to when the preserve was created.

"This agreement was put in place and who's laughing all the way to the bank? Because they chose to alter the (logging) plan, they're subject to the new rules and they don't want to abide by those rules," Duggan says.

But Pacific Lumber says the environmentalists are the irresponsible ones. Bullwinkel says two men who were arrested on June 12 after digging trenches across a logging road probably increased the likelihood of erosion, "causing the same problems they want to prevent."

specific issue in which they were personally and substantially involved.

From the beginning, some government officials and outside analysts said the 1993 executive order's restrictions were too severe. Several warned that the lobbying ban could make it difficult to recruit top-notch executives to new administration.

For more than seven years, Clinton has refused to alter the requirement that senior officials pledge to abide by the restrictions. But now the policy "is under review," White House spokesman Jake Siewert said in a recent interview.

It is unclear what changes, if any, the administration might make. Siewert referred further questions to the White House counsel's office, which declined to provide details.

"There are no ongoing discussions of modifying the pledge," said David Apol, associate counsel to the president. He did not comment on Siewert's comment, but added, "I would not have used that term. . . I suppose there's nothing that's not under review."

Asked if the lobbying ban is likely to be in place when Clinton leaves office in January, Apol said, "I wouldn't want to speculate about that."

Lawsuit tries to block logging in preserve

HEADWATERS FOREST RESERVE, Calif. (AP) — It took years of haggling and \$480 million to create the nation's newest wilderness sanctuary, a forest so serene that the drone of a hummingbird's wings can startle the occasional hiker.

That silence could be shattered by huge Elmo helicopters hovering overhead and hauling Douglas firs and redwoods if the Pacific Lumber Co. wins a court battle Wednesday over the so-called "hole in the Headwaters."

A lawsuit to block logging in the one remaining unprotected area within the boundaries of the preserve was filed by the Sierra Club and the Environmental Protection Information Center. They accuse the administration of Gov. Davis of rubber-stamping its approval of the helicopter plan, rather than giving the public a chance to comment.

"The public and the environment will be irreparably harmed," claims the suit filed in March. "Helicopters will trespass upon the Reserve's promise of awe and solitude, ruining the experience of anyone unfortunate enough to witness them."

Pacific Lumber, which has a long history of winning such court battles — is ready to begin logging immediately if a judge rejects the environmentalists' injunction request. And Earth First, whose members have chained themselves to tractors and trees, is already training volunteers for a long summer of civil disobedience.

The case is so hot that no local judge could be found to consider — one recused himself, others were rejected by one side or the other. They finally settled on Quentin Kopp, a former state senator from San Francisco, to preside over Wednesday's hearing.

The decision could have huge implications in the North Coast region, where Humboldt State University in Arcata is one of the few major employers outside the timber industry, and tourism hasn't begun to replace the kind of salaries loggers get.

The 705-acre plot in question is just within the northern edge of the 7,400-acre preserve, which remains highly traveled more than a year it was created. Rare visitors willing to scramble up steep, difficult terrain can see bobcats, snakes and throngs of birds with few human interruptions.

The preserve is just 7 miles south of Eureka, but few local residents have trudged up the rugged hills, and rarely because of its remote location, 250 miles north of San Francisco, few tourists visit either.

But its fate threatens to upset an already uneasy coexistence in the area's small towns, where burly, bearded loggers live alongside ponytailed men wearing tie-dyed shirts and Birkenstocks.



Paul Mason of the Environmental Protection Information Center enjoys a grove of trees in the Headwaters Forest near Eureka, Calif., earlier this month.

"There are so many parks. They want everything to grow and touch anything. I get really tired of it," said a woman in Scotia, the company town where Pacific Lumber is headquartered. She said her family has been in logging for at least three generations, but she wouldn't give her name for fear of reprisals against her son, who now works for Pacific Lumber.

Pacific Lumber acquired the tract from Elk River Timber Co., a much smaller timber company that had obtained approval in 1996 from the state Forestry Department to log the area, using roads that have since become restricted by the Headwaters agreement.

Four months ago, after taking ownership, Pacific Lumber asked to use helicopters instead, and made other changes that company spokeswoman Mary Bullwinkel says will further protect the environment.


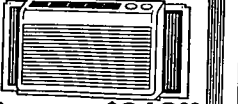
The area to be logged — second-growth timber along and below a ridge along the northern edge of the park — was reduced from 705 acres to 595 acres, increasing buffer zones around streams to protect several protected salmon species. Pacific Lumber also had its own wildlife biologists conduct

spotted owl surveys to ensure logging would not encroach on its habitat.

While Bullwinkel said she did not have the specific results of those surveys, "in light of the fact that we're preparing to move forward," she said, "I don't say they were accepted as completed."

The state Board of Forestry, which advises the California Department of Forestry, disagreed in February, recommending that the switch to helicopters be considered a major amendment to the logging plan, requir-

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EDITORIAL

To boost economies, asking 'Why not?' is worthwhile

You can't make a silk purse out of an empty storefront. Small-town chambers of commerce know from discouraging experience that fast highways, shifting populations and national retail trends have changed rural communities irrevocably.

But that doesn't mean the Magic Valley's farm-centered small communities have to reconcile themselves to long-term decline.

We had a visit last week from Larry Eastland, the businessman and former time politician who heads Gov. Dirk Kempthorne's task force on value-added industries. Eastland is a provocative thinker who asks questions starting with, "Why can't...?"

For instance:

- Why can't communities use industrial revenue bonds to finance tourism businesses?
- Why can't city road graders and backhoes help fledgling industries with such chores as trenching and site preparation?
- Why can't Idaho turn wheat into noodles, instead of shipping raw grain (and manufacturing jobs) overseas?
- Why can't urban renewal money pay for "informational infrastructure?"

Idaho likes to think of itself as being "open for business." Its conservative leaders are sympathetic to entrepreneurship. But Eastland and his task force are challenging that self-image, suggesting ways that Idaho

could remove obstacles to job creation.

It remains to be seen whether the Legislature will swing at what Eastland is pitching. Conservative legislators are skeptical about any proposal that constitutes a taxpayer subsidy of private business - and rightly so. Some of Eastland's ideas might be legally or politically impossible.

Still, if the task force's assignment is to get the state thinking about business incubation, then Eastland is on the right track.

He was on the right track on another point last week, too. Small communities must supply their own creativity and their own hard work if they want economic vitality in the 21st century, he said. State government might help create a climate for encouraging entrepreneurship, but the only people truly dedicated to building a hometown are the hometowners.

When it comes to economic development, leaders and citizens in small towns are painfully aware that Idaho is divided between a few "have" urban centers and a slug of "have-not" rural communities. They can take encouragement that their problems are drawing the attention of some political and economic heavyweights.

As Eastland suggests, community redevelopment is primarily an inside job. But any outside aid will be welcome.

Small communities can take encouragement that their problems are drawing the attention of some political and economic heavyweights.



Let's just mind our own business, please

When the Supreme Court reaffirmed the ban on school prayer in a Texas case involving student-led "invocations" at football games, it did more than vindicate one of the fundamental and constitutional principles of this republic. The opinion by Justice John Paul Stevens for a 6-3 majority was a timely reminder that this society works best when institutions focus on their own responsibilities, rather than invade another's territory.

In this era of megamergers and rampant egos, the aggrandizing tendencies of organizations and individuals need to be checked by the injunction to mind your own business.

As Justice Stevens wrote, "We recognize the important role that public worship plays in many communities, as well as the sincere desire to include public prayer as a part of various occasions so as to mark those occasions' significance." The good people of the Santa Fe, Texas, Independent School District felt that the Lord's blessings should be invoked before their high school graduation contests. "But," the Justice added, "such religious activity in public schools, as elsewhere, must comport with the First Amendment."

That amendment, guaranteeing the "free exercise" of religion but barring state-sponsored prayer, was written by men who had personally witnessed the corrosive effects of bringing sectarian conflict into the realm of government. The court has not forgotten that lesson, even if many other Americans have.

This is one of the most religiously observant nations on the face of the earth. Churches, synagogues and mosques abound, and are well-filled. In millions of homes, prayer is an important part of the daily or weekly schedule. Youngsters raised in such homes



DAVID S. BRODER

frequently pray quietly or silently in school or on the athletic field. Yet, there is an impulse to commandeer schools or other public facilities for additional demonstrations of our religious nature, even though "official prayer" often is so sanitized, to avoid offense to adherents of other faiths, it loses its character.

If half the energy devoted to insinuating prayer into schools were devoted to strengthening the practice of religion in home and church, this would be a better nation. But this is far from the only example of attempted line-jumping that seems to characterize our time. In our superheated economy, mergers of all sorts excite investors even as they dismay consumers. United Airlines, a great east-west carrier, wants to snap up U.S. Airways, with its north-south routes. But workers at both firms and communities served by either one wonder, with reason, what the conglomerate will mean for them.

The Supreme Court will have to decide whether a district court judge was correct in ruling that Microsoft should be split into two companies and be forced to separate some of its software programs from its Windows operating system, in order to spur competition and comply with the anti-trust laws. And on the international scene, the European Union may soon intervene to block the merger of WorldCom Inc. and Sprint Corp., on grounds it would give

the resulting entity too much control of the internet.

At a more mundane level, I have gone through three banks as the collector of my credit card payments in about as many years - involuntarily - and have wound up writing checks to something called SunTrust, an outfit with which I am entirely unfamiliar.

Under these circumstances, line-drawing is essential, whether to preserve constitutional principles or marketplace competition. But beyond that, we need to recognize that sticking to your own business makes for a healthy society.

My own field of journalism would benefit from remembering that. The career lines of journalists - the honorable tradition of working up from a night police beat to more important assignments - have been blurred by the increasing tendency to import "stars" from the political and entertainment worlds and give them high-profile media jobs.

Equally insidious is the tendency to make journalists behave as if they were politicians, putting them onto TV panels where the premium is not on reporting and analysis but on argumentation and put-downs. We have plenty of politicians who are skilled at soundbites; journalists poor substitutes for candidates, and oftentimes poorer in these staged debates.

But more important, when we abandon our real work of gathering news and helping make sense of it, we leave a void. This country would be a better place if we didn't ask schools to function as churches, if companies were caring for customers rather than looking for managers, if reporters covered politicians instead of imitating them, and if banks just stopped changing their names.

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LETTERS

Don't stop opportunity

I am the scholarship recipient mentioned in recent letters to the editor. I am a 1995 graduate and former student body president of Hagerman High School, a 1999 graduate of the University of Idaho, and I am currently studying for my master's of science degree in soil fertility at the University of Florida.

What a wonderful opportunity. A four-year scholarship that lets you focus on your studies without worrying about where your next meal will come from. When I began studying toward my bachelor's degree in plant science, my required class load included several entry-level English and science classes. Having taken the "college-prep" courses in high school that included chemistry, physics and the regular English and math courses, I was led to believe that I would be well prepared for college. What a letdown.

Standardized test scores indicate that today's graduates are no better off today than I was. I nearly lost my scholarship after earning a 2.7 grade-point average my first year at the U of I. I discussed my situation at length with the scholarship sponsors, citing conversations with several professors who felt my high school education had nearly been a failure. The sponsors informed me of similar problems experienced by other scholarship recipients and of their frustration that the "best" students from Hagerman were not able to compete once in college. They felt that something was wrong with the school and its management when the students were not receiving an education comparable to that expected by the university system. If the high school is fine as-is, then why have only 50 percent of the recipients taken full advantage of the four-year scholarship they worked so hard to earn?

We get out of our students what we put into them. If the school system was working correctly, I would expect test scores to be well above average. I would expect more support from residents and alumni in the form of scholarships and donations; and most of all, I would expect the parents and alumni who have seen or dealt with similar situations to care about the future of their children and speak out in support of the School Board and all that they stand for. They finally have the ball rolling. Let's not let a few people with personal vendettas strike out and stop what took so long to get started.

JASON KRUSE
Gainesville, Fla.

Get your forest facts straight

Kenneth Kuhlman's letter of June 18 cited the Second Law of Thermodynamics as a reference for his belief that old-growth forests are deteriorating.

Over shorter time periods, localized deterioration can and must occur. But over the millennia, the forests provide dramatic evidence of a dynamic equilibrium. If this were not so, we would, of course, not have any forests at all. They would be long gone.

Mr. Kuhlman forgot the critical qualification for application of the Second Law, i.e., that it applies to an isolated system. The energy input from the sun drives and sustains the biological cycle of our forests. The biosphere is not an isolated system.

Human activity can cause essentially irreversible changes in the forests by removal or destruction of natural resources. But left to themselves, the forests will continue to live until the nuclear fusion processes of the sun finally run down.

RUSS BROWN
Idaho Falls

Make an effort, make a difference

Every once in a while, there comes along a person who touches your life in a way never thought possible. They turn out to be your lover, best friend or just somebody you meet one day. But have you ever thought of turning the tables around to where you are the person making the difference in someone's life?

I had this happen to me when I attended Idaho 4-H Teen Conference in June. For those of you who do not know, this is a week-long conference for teens to have fun, to stay out of trouble and to meet new and exciting people who, hopefully, become their friends. Just by talking to a person who looked sad and by being myself, I saved a person's life who was on the verge of taking it from

herself. I did not know I had done such an outstanding task. I was only doing what I do best, which is talking.

A friend once told me that the smallest gesture could mean a thousand things. My small gesture was putting a smile back on someone's face who needed it. But what she did not realize herself was that she had touched my heart by being herself as well.

This outgoing, strong-willed girl had told me that I had saved her life that day and would probably save many more in the future to come. Do you realize how much that can hit and affect you? I had never had such a grander compliment given to me by anyone. She also taught me that by being yourself and reaching out to a hand to those who need it, you can make a difference in someone's life. Even if it's by just a sim-

ple smile as you pass by them on the street, you never know. That may have cheered them up to save their lives.

Plus, on a side note, please support and lend a hand to an outstanding organization known as 4-H. Because of 4-H, I was able to save this girl's life and she was able to touch mine. This would not have been possible otherwise. So I encourage everyone to contact their county agency and see how they can help such a great organization that teaches teens to be themselves and to help make another person's day a part of theirs.

Thank you for reading this.
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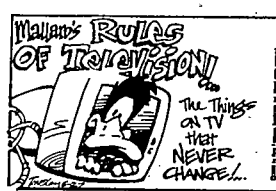
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LETTERS

The county let us down
A recent editorial in The Times-News supports the idea that the county commission should have oversight on everything under their control with respect to large commercial animal operations. This is a laudable and prudent idea. But the county commission is not the one to be in control. Why? For a significant number of county residents finding their environment and quality of life completely trashed by these monstrous operations? A moratorium would not be a cop-out as the editorial suggests. Instead, it would give an administrative independent county commission an opportunity to get its miserable act together.

But it appears that our environment is "up for sale" so that already-bulging government treasuries can continue to be overbooked and the cheese exported to a foreign country which could care less about the destruction of our environment.

What justification exists for large commercial animal operations to destroy our quality of life without the pre-requisite of an environmental impact study along with related public hearings? Could it be that a strong lobbying effort in the state

Legislature by special interest groups has resulted in a reasonable process being mandated? For instance, how else could the logical oversight agencies be directed to shirk their responsibility and those logical agencies' tasks be assigned to the Department of Agriculture? Isn't that tantamount to directing the fox to guard the hen house?

And our county commission did not have the foresight (or backbone) to promulgate their own reasonable standards to protect the populace. Instead, at the 11th hour (or later), they opt to rely on a memorandum of understanding with outside agencies. That, Mr. Editor, is a cop-out!

An aerial view of the valley will convince anyone that our environment is being trashed by these large commercial animal operations, and we are rapidly becoming the cow manure capital of the nation! Twin Falls County (and Jerome area) is beginning to look like a wasteland, and I have seen better-looking woe zones than some of the areas that our county commissioners have failed to protect.

JIM CONDER
Filer



A new springtime for dictators?

Something called the Community of Democracies Conference opened in Warsaw on Sunday. It seems a bit anachronistic, though these days it is the dictators who are in vogue, not the democrats. In life and in death, the Kim Jong Il and Hafiz Assad get more respectful, even ardent press than the world's elected leaders.

Not so long ago, being a tyrant was hazardous to your health. The fall of the Soviet empire - clipped 1 1/2 decades during which more than a dozen dictatorships collapsed under various forms of American and West European pressure - from Marcos, Pinochet, Duvalier, Somoza and Noriega on the right to Ortega, Jaruzelski, Honecker, Ceausescu and Gorbachev on the left.

In the Cold War's intermediate aftermath, it was commonly assumed that the world's remaining dictators would soon be swept away. But since the early 1990s only a handful have lost their jobs. Croatia's Franjo Tudjman, Nigeria's Sani Abacha, and the Assad conveniently died. Indonesia's Suharto and the impersonal forces of the international economy - the United States didn't even lift a finger to ease him out of power. Only Haiti's Raoul Cedras managed to get himself ousted by the Americans. Even the embattled and despised Saddam Hussein and Slobodan Milosevic are about to survive their second American president.

The democratic world has become a bit flaccid and is in a more forgiving mood than it was a decade ago. This week's democracy conference has the worthy goal of fostering cooperation to consolidate the many democracies born in the 1970s, '80s and early '90s in the so-called Third Wave of democratization. But promoting democracy where it doesn't exist? Setting off a Fourth Wave? That's not part of the agenda.

Indeed, the conference organizers were hesitant to make clear distinctions between real and phony democracies. Attendees include such notable democracies as Algeria, Egypt, Kenya and Yemen. Meanwhile, Jiang Zemin is the toast of the corporate world and of the governments that do its bidding. Alberto Fujimori is deemed too valuable to be lost to

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a mere election, and so his recent electoral theft is winked at by his Latin neighbors. Fidel Castro is the great reuzer of broken families. Presidents-for-Life Nizarbayev of Kazakhstan and Aliyev of Azerbaijan are accorded the respect appropriate to 21st-century suluns. And as Vladimir Putin dumps down on the Russian press, his chief punishment is to be slobbered over by Gerhard Schroeder and Tony Blair.

Even pariahs are getting a chance at redemption. Kim Jong Il's smile has the American press swooning and the State Department dropping the word "rogue" in its vocabulary. Secretary of State Madeleine Albright has learned that Kim is "lovable" for his charming and interested and knowledgeable. And who imparted this insight to her? The famously jovial and forthcoming party bosses in Beijing.

The new, softer approach to dictators is buttressed by grand theories about life in the post-Cold War world. The idea of forcing dictators to open their political systems now seems so 1980s. American conservatives fret about "cultural imperialism," the left, such as it is, cares more about punishing the "sanctus" than about stopping a new Pinochet from emerging in Peru.

In respectable circles the "inevitability thesis" reigns. The forces of globalization and the modern international economic system must spell doom for all dictatorships, regardless of what the United States and its allies do. So why do anything? Liberals who once demanded that the United States topple right-wing dictators, and conservatives who once tolled to undid communist governments, now worship at the same shrine of economic determinism, insisting that commerce and trade are the great solvent of international tyranny.

Republicans and Democrats alike put their faith in an imagined "iron law," according to which democracy must follow inexorably in the wake of economic development. Focus less on elections, they say, and more on building the "institutions" of

democracy - as if the institutions of democracy in, say, Peru could be of much use when the elections are rigged or stolen.

These are comfortable doctrines of passivity, well suited to the stable and complacent times. How nice to imagine that merely by enriching ourselves we can spread the blessings of democracy to everyone else.

How much easier to provide endless democracy assistance to oppressed peoples than to confront their oppressors. Someday we may pay a price. The community of dictators works together at least as effectively as the community of democracies.

Some day hard-liner Li Peng just paid a friendly visit to Belgrade bearing millions of dollars in credits for Milosevic's starving economy. Milosevic may be contemplating a sale of uranium to Iraq, Russia and China routinely.

And who says you can successfully consolidate existing democracies while giving a pass to the dictatorships in their midst? Would-be autocrats around the world won't abide by democratic norms if there is no penalty for flouting them.

Even in this globalized age of economic and technological miracles, the international club of dictators may well get bigger and more firmly entrenched.

According to the Chinese press, Jiang Zemin recently offered Kim Jong Il some sage advice on how to evade the West's iron law: "Smutt out all (political) challenges when they are still at the embryonic stage."

The son of Kim Il Sung probably needs no lessons in snuffing. Nor does any other dictator canny and ruthless enough to have survived the 1980s. As the democracies consolidate, so do the dictators.

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Genome project poses our greatest challenge.

GTG, CAC, CTC, AACT, CC A, GTG - can you spot the variant spelling? Soon it will be common knowledge, in books and on Web Sites around the world.

This is just a tiny fragment of the 3 billion letters that comprise the human genome. A genome is the complete genetic alphabet of any organism. Each three-letter triplet (like GTG) represents a "codon" that codes for one amino acid (in this case valine), which, in turn, helps to form proteins, the building blocks of life.

The second GTG in the sixth position in the above sequence is the variant. It alters just one amino acid out of a total of 287 that form hemoglobin, our red blood pigment, and, in doing so, it creates sickle-cell hemoglobin. Normal hemoglobin reads GAG for glutamic acid, and not GTG for valine; a simple spelling variant or mutation, that both gives resistance to malaria and the potential for sickle-cell anemia. A tiny, yet momentous, change in the 3-billion letters that comprise our deepest man.

The discovery will be out there for all to see and for all to use; it may change our world, raising vast, new moral, social and political questions, both about ourselves and about our future role in the universe. "The proper study of mankind will," indeed, as Pope wrote, have become "man."

However, it is possible to overstate the significance of the sequencing of the complete human genome. Most of the genome is redundant, and it plays no part in our crucial life processes. Many geneticists thought work should focus only on those parts that genuinely encode for our fundamental characteristics. Indeed, in the 1970s, Robert Weinberg, a biologist at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, declared that the whole idea was something about which "consenting adults" would not wish to have been caught in public talking.

Accordingly, most scientists showed little interest in the project.

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Moreover, at first, the techniques for mapping the bases (the codons) were very slow, so that it took until 1995 for the first organism to have its complete genome analyzed. This was the non-infectious Rd type of the bacterium Haemophilus influenzae, which has a mere 1.8 million bases, compared with our own 3 billion. By 1998, however, new sequencing machines had been developed that were robot-controlled and brought the prospect of reading our own cipher much nearer. The race was on.

And now the cipher has been read. And with the reading will come enlightenment and fear, power and responsibility, and many difficult choices. We can screen the unborn - for cystic fibrosis, for thalassemia, and for Tay-Sachs disease. We can use DNA databases - DNA fingerprints - for human identification. We can develop gene therapy and, even more dramatically, alter genelines. And all for good or ill.

Our greatest challenge is, therefore, yet to come. Are we morally, socially, politically and economically ready to embrace our brave new selves?

First, it means that we must all gain DNA literacy. In the future, the disadvantaged will be those

who cannot read the languages of information technology and of genetics; the dispossessed those who have access to neither.

Education in science, and in the ethics of science, must play a far greater part in our schools. Only then can there be a calm appraisal of our future.

Secondly, we must gain democratic control over the use and development of the knowledge we have gained.

We will need radical global political structures to empower the free, but safe, use of our technologies for all the people, for the preservation of life, and liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.

But we must also keep fears about the new genetics in perspective. To date, our increasing knowledge of the genome has only proved to be good, from the production of human insulin to the identification of rapists. The future might be much brighter than we allow for what James Watson, the scientist who helped discover the structure of DNA, has called those "most golden of molecules."

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New York state sues gun makers

NEW YORK (AP) — The state of New York filed suit Monday claiming gun manufacturers and wholesalers created "a condition of danger," making it the first state to sue the firearms industry.

The state is seeking changes in the way manufacturers market and distribute guns, but its lawsuit does not ask for monetary damages.

Thirty-two cities and counties around the country, including New York City, have

filed suits against the industry. Many of those actions were filed as negligence claims.

New York's suit, however, takes advantage of a state law that says illegal guns are a public nuisance. It was filed in State Supreme Court, a trial-level court in New York.

"We have to show that in their pursuit of profits, they created and maintained a condition of danger in our state," New York

Attorney General Elliot Spitzer said at a news conference.

More than a year ago, Spitzer began talks aimed at persuading gun makers to adopt a code of conduct and change manufacturing and distributing practices to prevent the flow of weapons to criminals.

The code asked gun makers to install gun locks on all firearms they sell, introduce "smart gun" technology within three years and prohibit the sale of weapons at

gun shows without background checks.

In March, the nation's largest maker of handguns, Smith & Wesson, agreed to adopt the code of conduct. It was not named in the New York state suit.

In April, several other large gun companies sued Connecticut, New York and 16 local governments over their bid to have law enforcement agencies buy guns only from manufacturers that upheld the code of conduct.

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SPORTS

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Fraleley aced second hole at Ponderosa course

BURLEY — Kevin Fraleley aced the second hole at Ponderosa Golf Course on June 22 with his 9-iron.

Jerome Chamber plans golf tourney July 21

JEROME — The annual Jerome Chamber of Commerce Golf Tournament and Silent Auction will be held July 21 at Jerome Country Club.

CSI women's basketball holds camp July 3-5

TWIN FALLS — The Southern Idaho women's basketball team will hold its annual girls' basketball camp July 3-5 for all girls in grades 7-12.

Albertson assistant named to head job

CALDWELL — Albertson College on Monday named longtime assistant Mark Owen to succeed Mary Holly as head men's basketball coach for the Coyotes.

Owen spent the last nine years as an assistant to Holly, who announced on Friday that he was stepping down after 19 seasons but would remain the school's athletic director.

Padres' Gwynn returns to DL with bad knee

SAN DIEGO — Tony Gwynn went back on the disabled list Monday due to his troublesome left knee and met with the San Diego Padres' doctor to discuss surgical options.

Record-setting fourth goal stricken

ROTTERDAM, Netherlands — The showdown has the buzz of a title game: France vs. Portugal. Zinedine Zidane vs. Luis Figo. The game in Brussels, Belgium, on Wednesday has the makings of soccer at its best.

Michigan coach signs contract extension

DETROIT — Michigan football coach Lloyd Carr signed a new contract that will keep him at the school through the 2005 season.

Agent: Nets' Williams will retire soon

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — New Jersey Nets center Jayson Williams, who hasn't played since breaking his leg more than a year ago, will end his career within days, his agent said.

Compiled from staff and wire reports

Cowboys drop pair at Idaho Falls

The Times-News

IDAHO FALLS — Ben Mueller's three-run homer in the nightcap failed to keep the Twin Falls Class AA American Legion Baseball team in the game for long as the Cowboys lost both ends of a doubleheader against the Russetts Monday.

Local sports

5-5 in league) were in the first game until the bottom of the third, when Idaho Falls rattled off six runs.

round-tripper of the year made it 50 Cowboys in the second inning. But the Russetts clipped into the visitors' lead, rallying three runs in the third, another in the fourth and two more in the fifth.

The Cowboys host Pocatello on Thursday at the College of Southern Idaho in their first home appearance since the middle of June. Game time is slated for 5 p.m., but may be moved up due to construction at Frontier Field.

Gonzalez stays in Motor City, spans Tribe

CLEVELAND (AP) — Juan Gonzalez decided that New York was just a nice place to visit. Gonzalez rejected a one-year contract extension, collapsing a proposed 3-for-1 trade to the Yankees on Monday and then helped lead the Detroit Tigers to a 13-2 victory over the Cleveland Indians.

Major League Baseball

four-run sixth inning. Bobby Higginson threw out two runners for the Tigers. He leads the AL with eight outfield assists.

22 1-3 innings in three previous outings, allowed eight runs and eight hits in 3 1-3 innings — his shortest outing in 30 major league starts.

NL Central. Griffey hit a two-run homer in the first off Garrett Stephenson (9-4), the NL Pitcher of the Month in May who had little luck in June.

Instead of playing for the Yankees, Gonzalez will now face them Tuesday night at home. Brian Mochler (5-4) pitched 6 2-3 innings for his fourth win in six decisions. The right-hander gave up seven hits, walked three and struck out three.

Twins 10, Angels 6 ANAHEIM, Calif. — Matt Lawton, Ron Coomer and Jay Canizaro each homered and had two RBIs as Minnesota defeated Anaheim.

Mets 10, Marlins 5 NEW YORK — Benny Agbayani hit two of New York's season-high five home runs, and Mike Piazza tied his team record by driving in a run in his 10th straight game, leading the Mets to a 10-5 win over the Florida Marlins on Monday night.

PHOENIX — The Arizona Diamondbacks placed right-hander Todd Stottlemyre on the 15-day disabled list for the second time this season Monday and brought up minor league sensation Alex Cabrera to fill the roster spot.

British boxing board will review Tyson bout

GLASGOW, Scotland (AP) — British boxing officials will investigate Mike Tyson's 38-second victory over Lou Savarese and taunting remarks he made afterward against heavyweight champion Lennox Lewis.

would face some action for continuing to hit Savarese after the fight was stopped. "I am quite sure there will be some sanction or other, but that is up to the board when my report, and other reports, go in," said referee John Coyle, who was knocked down as Tyson went after Savarese in a corner after the fight ended.

Simon Block, the board's secretary, said his group will also review the Saturday night bout and a post-fight interview in which Tyson said of Lewis: "I want your heart. I want to eat your children."

ree and the other officials," Block said. Tyson floored Savarese with a left hook to the side of the head only 12 seconds into the fight. The 6-foot-5 Savarese, who will be 35 on July 14, got up at a count of five and was hit by four or five more punches.

Reds

Continued from B1 The television sets in the clubhouse are almost always tuned to a baseball game; over the weekend, they were left off at times. There's less music, less joking, less enthusiasm.

hands-off approach to the clubhouse and shuffles his lineup to keep his backups sharp. McKee is doing the same things this year, but hearing grumbling this time around. There's speculation in the media about McKee's future — he has a one-year contract — and talk of trading players in July if the team is out of contention.

and career years by a lot of players. Things are evening out this time around. "Lady luck is not on our side," catcher Eddie Sanchez said. "And guys like me are not having years like they had last year."

Steve Farris, Pete Harnisch, Taubensee, Sean Casey and Gold Glove second baseman Pokey Reese among them. The offense is in the bottom half of the NL in runs scored, the starting rotation ranks in the bottom third of the league and a bullpen that led the league last season is in the middle of the pack.

Sampras

Continued from B1 ing to 1993, including 32-1 on Centre Court. "It's always nice to be back on that court," Sampras said. "It's comfortable surroundings for me, a court that over the years I have grown to love."

Kournikova appeared to be sailing to an easy victory, leading 5-2 in the second set. But Testud rallied, saving two match points at 4-5 and winning five straight games to force a third set.

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COMICS

Classic Peanuts

By Charles M. Schulz



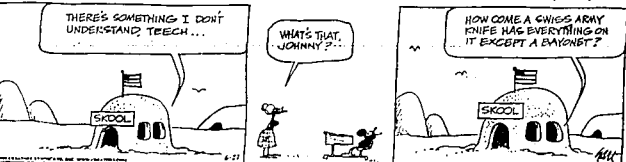
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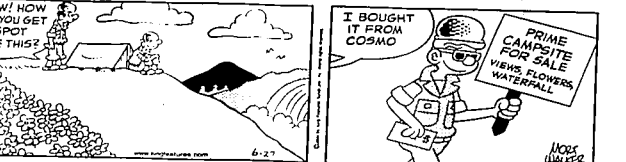
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By Mort Walker



Frank and Ernest

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By Art Sansom & Chip



For Better or For Worse

By Lynn Johnston



Blonde

By Dean Young & Stan Drake



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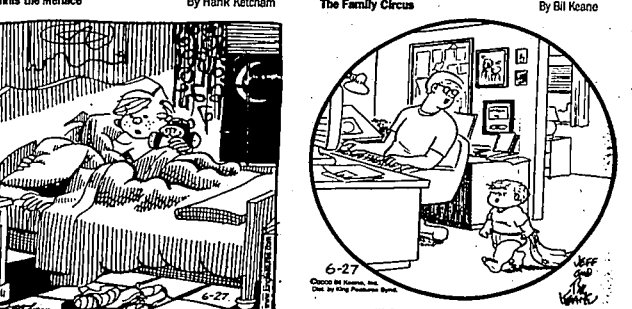


Dennis the Menace

By Hank Ketcham

The Family Circus

By Bill Keane



"DON'T WORRY, JOEY, EVEN IF THERE IS A MONSTER UNDER THE BED, HE CAN'T BE VERY BIG."

"How was your nap?" "Boring."

Rose is Rose

By Pat Brady



Zits

By Jim Borgman and Jerry Scott



Luan

By Greg Evans



Strange Brew

By John Deering

Non Sequitur

By Wiley



AROUND THE VALLEY

No date set yet for Thrush sentencing

TWIN FALLS - Lawyers for the state and Jesse Thrush met Monday morning, but set no final sentencing date for the former Twin Falls County sheriff's deputy.

Thrush, who pleaded guilty to shaking his then-five-year-old daughter to death, has served the initial six months of his sentence on a charge of involuntary manslaughter.

District Judge Daniel Meehl sentenced Thrush to six months in county jail, with plans to review the sentence at the end of that time.

Thrush's final sentencing was supposed to take place two weeks ago, but a missing report from the Idaho Department of Correction forced a delay.

When the final sentencing hearing is done, Meehl will decide whether to put Thrush on probation or send him to prison for five to 15 years.

Thrush's lawyer, Keith Roark, said he expects a date to be set within a couple of weeks.

Twin Falls plans chip-seal of several roads today

TWIN FALLS - Today's chip-sealing schedule is as follows:

- Larkspur Drive from Addison Avenue East to Hillcrest Drive.
• Blair Drive from Addison East to Sunrise Boulevard North.
• Shoup Avenue East from Sunrise North to end.
• Addison East from Blue Lakes Boulevard to Morningside Drive.
• Maurice Street from Addison East to Elizabeth Boulevard.
• Glendahl Avenue from Maurice Street to end.
• Juniper Street from Eighth Avenue East to Seventh Avenue East.
• Walnut Street from Eighth Avenue East to Ninth Avenue East.
• Eighth Avenue East from Blue Lakes to Maurice.
• Ash Street from Kimberly Road to Ninth Avenue East.

All vehicles will need to be off the street or they will be towed. Three days after the chips are applied, a sweeper will be by to pick up the excess chips.

Specialty Construction Supply will be handling traffic control.

Deputies investigate machine burglaries

BURLEY - Twelve vending machines were severely damaged after burglary attempts early Monday morning in Burley, Paul and Rupert.

Officers were alerted to the first two burglaries from witnesses who heard the racket, said Cassia County Sheriff's Capt. Jim Hagens. The burglars were apparently "beating (the machines) to death," Hagens said.

The first report came at around 1:30 a.m. at D & H Repair in Burley. The lock was lying next to the machine, and the machine had been smashed open, according to a Cassia County sheriff's report.

Deputies received a second report about an hour later, that two men were seen breaking into three machines at Kmart. Thinking there might be more burglaries, an officer alerted other on-duty deputies to start checking all the machines in the area.

Between 2:48 a.m. and 3:45 a.m., an additional eight machines were hit: two at John's Market, one at Ray's Car Care, two at V-1 Propane in Rupert, one at Checker Auto Parts and one at Zip Fer Gas in Paul.

Losses exceeded \$6,500 in damage or missing money, according to police reports.

No arrests had been made Monday, Hagens said. According to witnesses, a light-colored 1980s four-door car with four men were seen leaving the area of Zip Fer Gas.

Anyone with information is encouraged to call Crime Stoppers at 878-2900 or the sheriff's office at 878-2251.

Compiled from staff reports

TOO CLOSE TO THE WATER

Officials: Dairy plan must be modified

By John T. Huddy Times-News writer

FILER - Neighbors said Pete De Groot's dairy was too close to Cedar Draw, and they were right.

Now it's up to De Groot, a Kuna dairy farmer, to correct the problem he said he already is handling.

Bill Crafton, the county's planning and zoning director, said a measurement he and building inspector Lee Taylor made last week, verified the neighbors' complaints.

"We spoke with (De Groot)

and told him he was too close," Crafton said Monday. County rules say the dairy must be at least a quarter-mile, or 1,320 feet, from any irrigation canal.

De Groot was told of the findings Monday, Crafton said. "It doesn't really bother me," De Groot said from his Kuna home. "My brother in law started the deal, and evidently he didn't look into the surveys as much as he should have."

The 2,000 milking cow dairy at 3450 North and 2300 East in western Twin Falls county is under construction and scheduled to be done in November. De Groot said he will push back the lagoons, which are on the edge of his property, to allow more space.

"We'll just build the lagoon to the regulation size, about a 1/3 of what it is now. That's all that's required. So we'll just move one wall in so it will be up to code," De Groot said. "They are taking away safety by making me do this. It's built for a

one hundred year flood, but after we build it, it will be built for a 25 year flood, which is a required under the county's ordinance."

He already is at work on the correction.

"A surveyor has been contacted to measure it all out and the Idaho Department of Ag is recalculating the minimum lagoon size that we need. So it won't slow anything down. It will all be in exact compliance with Twin Falls County," De Groot said.

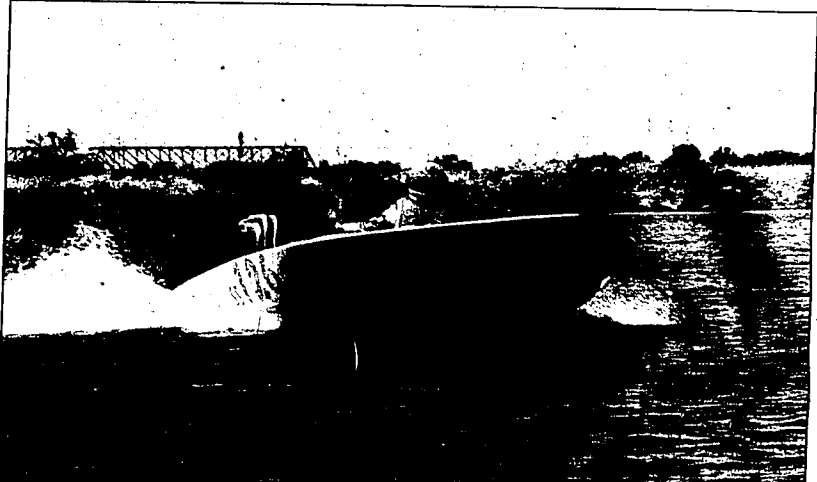
Construction at the dairy will not have to stop, county Commissioner Bill Brockman said Monday. It was likely somebody made a mistake in their calculations before approving De Groot's dairy.

De Groot started the Filer dairy in 1997. At the time, the county's livestock ordinance did not require public hearings on large livestock operation permits.

Monday's announcement was a victory for his neighbors who have protested the dairy, as well

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SMOOTH RIDE IN BURLEY



The boats have left Mini-Cassia after the 25th Idaho Regatta, but merchants and law enforcement officers say the event went smoothly. Final attendance figures will be available late this week.

Law enforcement deems races a success

The Times-News

BURLEY - After a weekend of rumbling boats and crashing waves, the Snake River and Burley are returning to normal following the 25th annual Idaho Regatta.

Sales and attendance figures won't be available until the end of the week, and Regatta organizer Mark Maier was out of town Monday. But at least one local merchant - and local law

enforcement - labeled the weekend event a success.

Steve Thompson - vice president for the Burley Area Merchants Association, and the man in charge of selling T-shirts and caps for the Regatta - started the weekend with about 1,000 shirts and 80 caps. On Monday, he had only about a dozen of each item left.

"It went pretty good," Thompson said. "Basically, all around it was better."

Last year, that wasn't the case. Merchants had shirts carried over from last year, Thompson said, but were able to pair them with this year's shirts during a Sunday promotion.

"We ran a promotion if they bought this year's shirt at regular price, to give them last year's shirt for free," he said. "Then 'boom,' we had a crowd."

Thompson said he knows a lot of work by many people went into the Regatta.

"It was a successful year," he said. "The weather cooperated. But it was a little breezy and we had to chase down a few shirts."

Officers from the Cassia County Sheriff's Department and Idaho State Police were on hand to make sure the celebrants didn't get out of hand.

Sheriff's Capt. Jim Hagens said the event was relatively quiet, with only one minor altercation. No injuries were reported.



Exchange teacher Guadalupe Calderon de Alcazar shows Jonathan Gil, 12, and Irma Magana, 9, how to make a pinata. Calderon de Alcazar, a teacher from Mexico, is in Burley taking part in a teacher exchange program.

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Path to understanding

Teacher exchange program benefits Mini-Cassia

By Damian D. Rodriguez Times-News correspondent

BURLEY - A teacher exchange program, backed by education officials in Mexico and the United States, could help American teachers understand the problems facing students who emigrate from Mexico.

The 2000 Mexico-United States Teacher Exchange Program, which has brought a

Mexican teacher to Burley, should help teachers understand the educational system in both countries, said Irene Chavolla, the director of the Idaho Migrant Education Program.

Chavolla said two Mexican teachers will spend four weeks in Idaho, discussing their teaching methods.

"The exchange of teaching ideas between two countries is going to foster good relationships."

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TF council approves plan to widen Washington St.

By John T. Huddy Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - The City Council unanimously accepted a plan for widening Washington Street North that would cost more than \$10 million but won't include a bike path.

Dale Riedesel of Riedesel Engineering said a steering committee made up of city leaders, residents and business owners in Twin Falls said a plan to widen Washington Street North to 80 feet was the best plan.

That plan does not include enough space for bike paths and costs about \$10,649,920 million. A wider version that included bike paths would cost about \$2 million more.

"Everything we've done we've confronted the steering committee with the ideas, and they've presented us with recommendations," Riedesel said.

Council members Glenda Thompson and Chris Talkington, though accepting the recommendation, said they were reluctant to do so.

The project will be done in four phases, the first of which is scheduled for this summer. That phase includes widening Washington Street from Shoup Avenue to about Caswell Avenue.

Before the City Council approved the recommendation, Councilman Chris Talkington asked whether there would be enough room for public transportation stops if the road were widened.

It was being considered and local public transportation companies would be involved if necessary, Riedesel said.

In other business Monday, the City Council approved an agreement with Riedesel Engineering for a runway repaving project at the Joslin Field Magic Valley Regional Airport.

The airport's runway will be repaved from Sept. 16 to 25 and will be shut down to traffic while work is done, Riedesel said.

The engineering fee is \$111,569, a Riedesel Engineering report says. "We're going to put up an exhibit so people know why this is going on out there," Riedesel said.

The council also approved a request from J. Kent Just, executive director of the Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce to allow a beer permit at the chamber's Aug. 17 picnic and auction.

Under a new city ordinance, beer vendors on city property must give identification bracelets to those drinking. Just said the beer companies will provide the bracelets for the event.

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MAGIC VALLEY/WEST

Judge seeks programs for first-time offenders

POCATELLO (AP) — In an attempt to check drug-related crime in southeastern Idaho, 6th District Judge Randy Smith and other criminal justice system want to create a drug court. "This is an attempt to strike at the drug problem and the crime it creates from a different angle."

first-time offenders who might continue to offend, but eventually ending up in prison. The drug court would generally deal with first-time drug-use offenders, who must plead guilty to the charge. Smith would impose sentence that typically would steer clear of jail time in favor of evaluation and up to a year of intense therapy. Successful completion would

result in the conviction being erased from the record. "Part of my interest stems from the fact that I am tired of seeing the same people here time and time again," Smith says. "We want to stop the offenders before they become habitual offenders."

Officers search for suspect after near-death of deputy

PRIEST RIVER (AP) — A Rathdrum man led police on a high-speed chase that resulted in a deputy's injury and the near-death of another. Officials have identified the suspect as 38-year-old David Theodore Morgan. They allege Morgan, in a pickup truck, was County Sheriff's deputy and shot

at another during Saturday's chase. Officials planned to issue warrants for Morgan on four counts of attempted first-degree murder of a peace officer and one count of aggravated battery and felony eluding. Morgan hurt Deputy James Cotter when he slammed on his

brakes, shoved his pickup in reverse and rammed the officer's car. The car caught on fire. Cotter was treated and released at Bonner General Hospital. Police say that during the chase, Morgan shot at them with a rifle. Deputies returned fire but Morgan escaped.

Grave rededication helps state gear up for bicentennial of trek

DANNER, Ore. (AP) — He was nicknamed "Poimp," and became one of the most famous babies of the 19th century when his mother was made part of the Lewis and Clark expedition.

"I guess you could describe it as a beautiful recognition of somebody who played a major part in American history."

RoseAnn Abrahamson, on grave rededication

Over the weekend, his grave was rededicated in the remote high desert of eastern Oregon as a prelude to the events leading up to the bicentennial of the expedition that opened the American West. The grave is three miles off U.S. 95 in the community of Danner, in southeastern Oregon near the Idaho border.

Roger Wendlick, organizer of the event, said he worked with Shoshone tribal representatives to ensure customs about the dead were not violated. Wendlick worked under the auspices of the Oregon Chapter of the Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation. Charbonneau died of pneumonia in May 1866 after crossing the icy waters of the Owyhee River.

His two traveling companions sent off a death notice, and Charbonneau faded from the nation's memory until his grave was relocated in the 1960s by a

historian who found his obituary in an old Idaho newspaper. Charbonneau first came to Oregon as an infant, accompanying the Corps of Discovery. He turned a year old in present-day Warrenton. Clark took a particular liking to the boy and saw to it that Baptiste, as Charbonneau was later called, received an education in St. Louis upon the expedition's return in 1806.

In 1823, Charbonneau traveled to Europe in the company of German settler Prince Paul of Wurttemberg. For six years he toured Europe, learned to speak at least four languages fluently and became a favorite in royal courts. At 24, he came home to the West.

For the next 15 years, he traveled the Rocky Mountains as a mountain man, meeting up with legends such as Jim Bridger, John C. Fremont and Jim Beckwither. He scouted for the Mormon Battalion during the Mexican-American War in the 1840s and settled in California. He served as mayor and judge for the San Luis Rey Mission, then spent about 20 years in the gold country of Central California.

"Jean Baptiste symbolizes the settlement of not only the West, but the United States," said author and local rancher Mike Hanley. "He's been overlooked for so long it's good he is finally coming into his own."

OBITUARIES

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BURLEY
Mayer of Buhl, brother-in-law, Cal McCrum of El Cajon, Calif., and many nephews, nieces and friends. In addition to her husband, she was preceded in death by her parents, a daughter, Terry Lynn; sisters, Hulda Westerkamp and Olga McCrum; and brothers, Art and Edgar Moseley.

three sisters and two brothers. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday June 28, 2000, in the LDS Lakewood Chapel at 1360 Popo of Bishop City. Dorsey officiating. The family will receive friends from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Tuesday at the Henderson-Cornelius Funeral Home at 431 N. 15th St. in Pocatello, and from 10:45 a.m. Wednesday at the Church of Jesus Christ in the Jerome City Cemetery. Memorials may be given to the Southeastern District Home Health and Hospice, 1901 Arden Rickon Drive, Pocatello, ID 83201.

BLACK CANYON CITY, ARIZ.

DALE MAXFIELD PHILLIPS
Dale Maxfield Phillips, a longtime resident of Black Canyon City, Ariz., and formerly of Twin Falls, died June 10, 2000, in Cottonwood, Ariz. He was 78 years old.

ARCHIE BALL
Archie Ball, 81-year-old Burley resident, died Monday, June 26, 2000, at the Park View Care and Rehabilitation Center in Burley. He was born Sept. 6, 1918, in Garfield, Idaho, the son of Orson and Emily Jane Harris Ball. He married Ida Mae Kirtland on Nov. 28, 1940, in Ucon, Idaho. Their marriage was long and loving in the Salt Lake LDS Temple, and in the Flinty area while working at many different jobs. He began working with the Bureau of Reclamation in 1949. He worked at Minidoka Dam for 12 years, Black Canyon Dam for three years, and Cascade Reservoir as the reservoir superintendent for 10 years. He retired from the government in 1980, after 30 years of service.

Survivors include his wife, Ida Mae of Burley, two daughters, Barbara A. Patton and Rosa Marie (Roe) Drapey, all of Burley; and sons, Robert E. (Joanne) Ball of Hillsboro, Oregon, a daughter-in-law, Eileen Ball of Kayville, Utah; a brother, Robert L. Ball of Redondo Beach, California; 13 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, eight brothers and sisters, and a son, David J. Ball.

Surviving are her daughters, Shirley Close of Wendell, and Elva Wilson of Jerome; sisters, Mary Owens of Hollister, and Edith Wilson of Emmett; a brother, Bob Wilson of Boise; two grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, Lois; and granddaughter, Melanie. She will be lovingly missed by all who knew and loved her.

POCATELLO

Rebecca Ellen Gwartzney Sidwell
Rebecca Ellen Gwartzney Sidwell, 78, of Pocatello, was called to her Heavenly Father early Saturday morning, June 24, 2000, at her home. She was born Feb. 4, 1922, at Gravette, Ark., to Isaac Decatur and Hattie May Ryan Gwartzney. She graduated from business college in Twin Falls, and married Wayne Wallace Sidwell May 27, 1940, in Jerome. Their marriage was solemnized in the LDS Salt Lake Temple, June 27, 1949. Rebecca was employed as a bookkeeper for the Poleline Lumber Company for many years. She enjoyed bowling (High Five Bowling Pocatello), horseback riding, crocheting, gardening, genealogy, and authored four books. She was a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, was a Seagull Primary Teacher for 12 years, and served in the Stake Relief Society and other positions, including genealogical areas, pioneering the exaritation and data processing programs. She was a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution and Daughters of the Utah Pioneers, and was involved in collecting Pennys by the Inch for the Primm Children Hospital. She loved and enjoyed her children and grandchildren.

She is survived by her husband Wayne of Pocatello, four sons Eugene Wallace (Avelly) Sidwell of Layton, Larry Wayne (Leslie) Sidwell of Fairleyville, Virginia, Lyle Gerald (Regina) Sidwell of Wellsville, Utah, and Stanley Luis (Lloyd) Sidwell (Mountain View, Wyoming), and two daughters Sue Ellen (Dennis) Hobbs of Chubbuck, Idaho, and Collette Mae (Gary) Jonson of Haddock, Washington; 24 grandchildren; and 32 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by

Zion National Park superintendent retires

ZION NATIONAL PARK, Utah (AP) — Zion National Park Superintendent Don Falvey is retiring after 36 years with the government. Falvey has plans to keep busy, including improvements on his home in Maryvale and working as part of a disaster relief team for UMCOR.

very rural, but not too far from the big city lights of Richfield and Cedar City." Of Falvey's 36 years of government service, 28 years were in the National Park Service.

"You would be in one park and get involved in a project and then you would have to leave," he said. "I never got to see projects completed."

SERVICES

Margaret L. "Marge" Hurlbert of Twin Falls, service at 1 p.m. Wednesday at White Mortuary in Twin Falls. Friends may call from 4-8 p.m. today at the mortuary.

Pauline Heffelfinger of Twin Falls, service at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Sunset Memorial

DEATH NOTICES

Dorothy Irene Rotaman HEYBURN - Dorothy Irene Rotaman, 78, of Heyburn, died Monday, June 26, 2000, at Alpha House in Jerome. Funeral services are pending and will be announced by Payne Mortuary in Burley.

Donna M. LaPrise WENDELL - Donna M. LaPrise, 86, of Wendell, died Monday, June 26, 2000, at Alpha House in Jerome. Funeral services are pending under the direction of Demaray's Wendell Chapel.

John S. Temple, June 27, 1949. She was preceded in death by her husband, Lois; and granddaughter, Melanie. She will be lovingly missed by all who knew and loved her.

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HOSPITALS

MAGIC VALLEY REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER
Some names are omitted at patient's request. Released Dawn Butler of Twin Falls; and Susan Flaming of Wendell. MINIDOKA MEMORIAL HOSPITAL
Some names are omitted at patient's request. Admitted Lucille Mitton of Paul; Lillian Watkins of Elba; Goldie Jeffery of Roma; Jensen, George; and Fallon Farham, all of Rupert. Released Zerita Hansen, Lidia Allen, Roma Jensen, George Mans and Fallon Farham, all of Rupert; Sandra and Leonel C. Velgira and baby boy, all of Heyburn; Lillian Watkins of Elba; and Lucille Mitton of Paul.

PET OF THE WEEK
A photograph of a black and white dog.

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Survivors include her daughter, Margaret (J.P. Kruckeberg) of American Falls; son, Gary Gadbird of Twin Falls; sisters: Eunice Machacek of Euroka, Nev., Vicki Pomroy of Twin Falls, and Attie (Deann) Cox of Apple Valley, Calif.; brother, LeRoy Meyer of Carmichael, Calif.; sister-in-law, Helen

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NATION

Project scientist plays unifying role

Newsday

Francis Collins likes the magic of the universe. Not black magic, nor voodoo nor miracles, but the magic hidden in numbers, order and predictability.

As director of the Human Genome Project for the National Institutes of Health, Collins is seeking magic hidden in the intricate chemical code that governs human life, our genes. And he's almost there.

A leading gene researcher - he collaborated in finding the genes causing cystic fibrosis, neuroblastoma and Huntington's disease - Collins very reluctantly led a top position at the University of Michigan in 1993 to head up the Genome Project in Bethesda, Md. He took over from James Watson, Nobel laureate who had led the project part time during gestation and into its first few years.

Unlike Watson, who had ruffled sensitive feathers in Congress as well as in the halls of the National Institutes of Health director, Bernadine Healy, Collins has fashioned the genome project into a smooth-running consortium of five major research centers.

A farm boy reared in Virginia, Collins got his chemistry degree at the University of Virginia, then went on for a doctorate in physical chemistry at Yale. But with an eye toward doing something obviously elegant - rather than theoretically elegant - he took a medical degree at the University of North Carolina, and then fell in love with the subject of genetics.

The romance has endured. As head of the most important government effort in the basic biological sciences, Collins, 50, is leading the squads of government-funded scientists struggling to decipher the whole human genome, the chemical instructions that make us tick. It is an adventure in science. But it's also a struggle in politics, administration, the spending of huge amounts of money, and the clashing of egos.

Collins came to the task with impressive credentials. After finishing a residency in internal medicine at Chapel Hill, N.C., he returned to Yale for a fellowship

in human genetics. His leading-edge research involved studying long stretches of DNA molecules in pursuit of genes that cause some of humanity's inherited diseases.

Such work, in which Collins coined the term "positional genetics," allowed scientists to locate and isolate some of the faulty genes that cause inborn disorders, without needing to know exactly what goes wrong to cause disease. Such work led to a research collaboration with Lap Chee Tsai and Jack Riordan, both at the Hospital for Sick Children, in Toronto, Canada, and discovery of the gene that causes cystic fibrosis. The discovery was a research coup, because several teams were in hot competition. In fact, one private company in Massachusetts, Collaborative Genetics, had already announced, "We own chromosome 7," when Collins and his colleagues snuck through, announcing discovery of the CF gene on chromosome 7, in 1989.

Their discovery was a scientific tour de force that soon led to discovery of a gene that causes nervous system tumors. And the next triumph, in collaboration with James Gusella's team at Massachusetts General Hospital, in Boston, was discovery of the strange gene that causes a disastrous brain disorder, Huntington's disease.

Predictably, becoming a bureaucrat did not dampen Collins' enthusiasm for laboratory research. He still maintains laboratory facilities, and continues to focus on the molecular genetics underlying adult-onset (Type II) diabetes, breast cancer, prostate cancer and other disorders.

What enticed him to leave Michigan and put up with life in a government agency was a chance to make history.

At the outset, Collins declined Healy's offer. "The truth is, I did not want the job," Collins recalled in an unpublished biographical sketch. "I had just gone through a separation with my wife. I had a wonderful research position at the University of Michigan. And I honestly wasn't sure I was well suited to administration. Could I be enough of a team player?"

son of genetics at Stanford University, where he still runs a genetics laboratory and heads the diversity project. By comparison, the Human Genome Project has produced what is known as a single reference genome, a kind of genetic genetic take on what it is to be human.

The Human Genome Project, he underscored, is very limited in the genomes it pursued, based on the small number of people who contributed genetic information to the project. "It is well known that no two human genomes are identical, except for identical twins, and even identical twins have different genomes because of mutations. That's why there is an absolute need to study human variation."

Los Angeles Times

WASHINGTON - Now, the hard work begins.

For all the celebration Monday over deciphering "The Book of Life" - the genetic information that controls most of what goes on in the human body - scientists know that the text will take decades to fully comprehend.

In the end, they promise a new era of medicine with new treatments for nearly every medical ailment - treatments that come from tweaking the genes that tell the cells how to go about the work of daily life.

Instead of giving insulin shots to diabetics, doctors might replace flawed genes in the pancreas, as if they were changing a broken gas cap on a car. Instead of poisoning a cancer patient with chemotherapy, doctors might simply switch on the genes inside tumor cells that tell them it is time to die. Dozens of other ailments might be eased or cured as researchers invent drugs that tell certain genes to work harder in the body, or to stop working altogether.

"This genome sequence is really going to create revolutionary change in everything associated with human health," said Richard Young, a gene researcher and biology professor at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. "It will range from a better understanding of basic biology to new diagnostic tests for the major health problems to new cures for disease."

But getting there will be a massive task. Today, scientists cannot even agree on how many genes exist in humans, with guesses ranging from 38,000 to 120,000. Each gene is a series of chemicals called DNA. There are four kinds of DNA, and their order determines the gene's function.

Each gene works its will in the body by supervising the manufacture of another kind of chemical called a protein. Scientists believe that wayward genes produce flawed proteins that cause disease. Accordingly, many cures of the future will not seek to change the genes themselves but instead try to intercept the bad proteins before they can do any damage.

That is the work of the next 20 or 30 years. But already, the benefits of genetic research are finding their way into doctors' offices.

Julie Louviere had beaten breast cancer, but three years ago, she found herself hospitalized again with cancer of the

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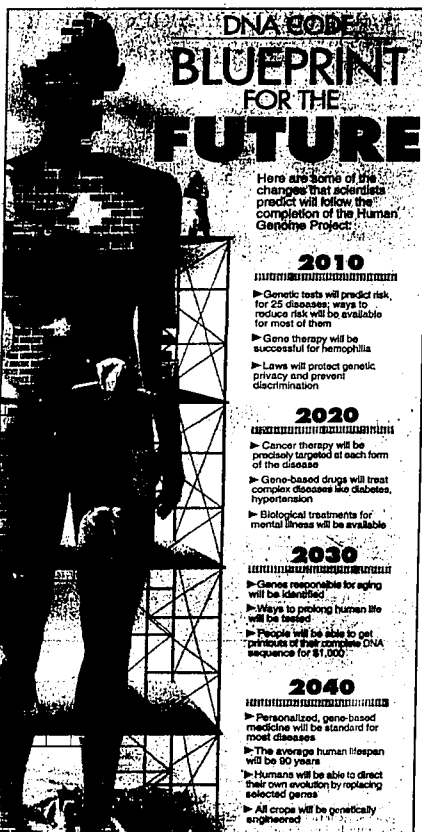
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Gene-mapping opens new era



DNA CODE BLUEPRINT FOR THE FUTURE

Here are some of the changes that scientists predict will follow the completion of the Human Genome Project:

2010

- ▶ Genetic tests will predict risk for 25 diseases; ways to reduce risk will be available for most of them
- ▶ Gene therapy will be successful for hemophilia
- ▶ Laws will protect genetic privacy and prevent discrimination

2020

- ▶ Cancer therapy will be precisely targeted at each form of the disease
- ▶ Gene-based drugs will treat common diseases like diabetes, hypertension
- ▶ Biological treatments for mental illness will be available

2030

- ▶ Genes responsible for aging will be identified
- ▶ Ways to prolong human life will be tested
- ▶ People will be able to get "snippets of the complete DNA sequence" for \$1,000

2040

- ▶ Personalized, gene-based medicine will be standard for most diseases
- ▶ The average human lifespan will be 90 years
- ▶ Humans will be able to direct their own evolution by replacing selected genes
- ▶ All crops will be genetically engineered

bones and liver. As it turned out, the Memphis, Tenn., mother of two was one of the 25 percent to 30 percent of breast cancer patients with an overactive gene, called the BR2 gene, that was spurring her cancer on by making too much protein.

A new drug called Herceptin inhibits the extra protein. While not a panacea, the drug can extend the life of many patients.

"I've had two extra years of my life because of this," said Louviere, 36, a former triathlete. After 18 months of Herceptin, combined with chemotherapy, many of her liver tumors have disappeared. "I'm living proof that this can work," she said.

Studying genes is also showing scientists the limits of their traditional tools - for example, the microscope. Specialists still label some kinds of cancer - like breast cancer, cliff-cell cancer - according to what they see in a microscope.

But by examining genes, researchers have made a startling discovery: What they thought was one type of cancer is actually a whole family of diseases, each of which probably requires a different treatment strategy.

Understanding human genes "frees us from the microscope," said Dr. Richard Klausner, director of the National Cancer Institute. "It frees us to look at the actual mechanism of disease and not just at the consequence of that mechanism, the symptoms in the body or what a cell looks like, as we do now. We can look right into the machinery."

Many of the breakthroughs that scientists have made so far came before the text of human DNA was in hand. But the pace of the work has accelerated over the last two years as the chain of 3.1 billion DNA molecules in humans has become known. In recent weeks, scientists in the publicly funded Human Genome Project have posted their work on the Internet at the rate of 10,000 molecules a minute.

How fast will the research go? Dr. Francis Collins, who leads the largely public effort to sequence human DNA, predicted that within 10 years, doctors will be able to tell patients whether they have genes that make them susceptible to such diseases as high blood pressure, diabetes and heart disease.

How gene testing works

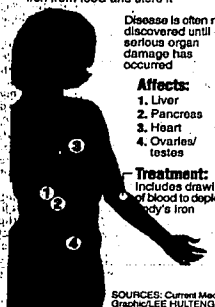
The decoding of the human genome will make new gene tests possible, but complex gene testing is already being used widely. One example is the test for the mutation, or gene alteration, that causes hemochromatosis:

Hemochromatosis is the most common inherited disease in the U.S. It causes the body to retain too much iron from food and store it.

Disease is often not discovered until serious organ damage has occurred.

Affects:
1. Liver
2. Pancreas
3. Heart
4. Ovaries/
testes

Treatment: Includes drawing of blood to deplete body's iron



SOURCES: Current Medical Diagnosis and Treatment, Kimball Genetics, Human Genome Project, GRAPHIC/LEE HULTENG

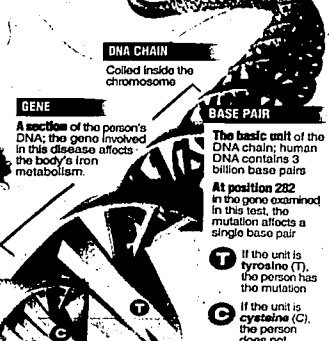
What is tested: Blood sample or some collapsed from inside of cheek

Where the test looks: CHROMOSOME

On chromosome 6, one of the 23 chromosome pairs found in human body cells



■ 1 person in 200 has the genetic "trait" and may have hemochromatosis or develop it in the future.
■ 1 person in 8 (among whites) is a "carrier" and has the gene but not the disease



The 'Adam' of DNA research keeps mum

The Baltimore Sun
ROCKVILLE, Md. - In the beginning, there was one man. He is the Adam of the coming age of DNA, the first human to have his genetic library read from first volume to the last. And he's the basis for what is being called the "reference genome," the genetic yardstick against which the rest of us may one day be measured.

At the White House on Monday, rival groups said they had independently created the first complete human genetic standard - the human genome - which contains all the information needed to build and run a human body. But the more complete genome of the two was produced by Celera Genomics of Rockville. And Celera says it used one man's DNA as the foundation for its work.

While the donor's name has not been disclosed, many outside and inside the company suspect the DNA belonged to J. Craig Venter, the brash president of Celera. Venter coyly ducks the question. Dr. Samuel Broder, Celera's chief medical officer, is the only

company official said to know the chosen donor's identity, and isn't talking. The information is stored in a fireproof safe at the biotech company.
Here's what Celera will say: The Alpha Human of genetics is made white, over 21 and generally healthy, one of six men who donated a syringe full of blood and a semen sample for the cause last year. Each had, at least in theory, a one-in-six chance of becoming the primary donor.

Venter was one of those donors, according to company sources. So was Dr. Hamilton O. Smith, a Nobel Prize winner, Celera scientist and emeritus professor at Johns Hopkins University. Smith is not shy about confirming his donation, but adds that he doesn't know if his DNA was chosen. "I hope it was," he says.
James Shreeve, the author of a forthcoming book about the human genome race, was also one of the first six donors, one knowledgeable source said. Shreeve would not comment.
While Celera's first donor made the biggest contribution to the company's genome, he is not the only person represented.

Genetic counselors face challenge

Newsday
Eventual completion of the DNA master plan has the potential to remodel at least one profession: genetic counseling. But immediate changes are unlikely. It's a field accustomed to balancing the optimism of genetic advances with the reality that risk assessment has largely outpaced the ability of doctors to treat or cure the growing number of hereditary diseases now included in screening regimens.
And although the potential for improved screening methods, and more accurate risk assessment generally, that rapid expansion is also likely to experience its fair share of growing pains, experts say, "I think the whole field of genetics has been totally revolutionized over a relatively short period of time," said Martin Bialer, director of the medical genetics program at North Shore University Hospital in Manhasset, N.Y. "What's happening in the field is that counseling has become much more complicated. We're a clinical program,

so we're trying to turn these new developments into something that is useful for people." Genetic counseling gives individuals a risk assessment for contracting a genetic-based disease, based on the detection of known genetic abnormalities linked to that disease. In addition, counselors deal with a patient's psychological needs and address issues such as grieving, loss, dying and adjustment to life changes. In its most common form, genetic counseling involves prenatal screening or counseling for individuals at high levels of hereditary risk, based either on family history or on genetic testing.
For diseases such as cancer, counselors can help patients sort through options including preventive surgery, cancer surveillance strategies and chemoprevention. Although prenatal screening usually yields fewer options, genetic advances have convinced many to expand its accuracy. For example, Bialer said, genetic counselors can now offer screening for about 85 different mutations of the cystic

fibrosis gene to pregnant women of northern European ancestry with a family history of the disease.
"The Human Genome Project is figuring out all your letters and figuring out what each word is," he said. "But then, you have to figure out what they mean. It's going to make our job more complicated, but hopefully it is going to get the knowledge out quicker." Lauren Scheurer, a genetic counselor at Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center in New York City, also said the effects of the genome's completion likely won't be felt immediately in the genetic counseling community.
But as the field broadens, the need for more counselors and more thorough training will also increase, Scheurer said. There are a finite number of cancer genetic counselors," she pointed out. "As this becomes applicable, there is a lot of complex information that needs to be conveyed to patients, so it's an educational process and it's also an emotional process."
The Human Genetics Program at Sarah Lawrence College in

New York, the oldest and largest training program for genetic counselors in the United States, is well-positioned to meet this challenge. The two-year master's program began in 1969 and trains 25 counselors per class.
The program's associate director, Bruce Hays, said that along with complicating the jobs of genetic counselors, the coming changes are likely to profoundly affect patients, not always beneficially. Lieber said it will likely have new technology may heighten the disparity between the "haves" and the "have-nots" in terms of health care coverage since a complete risk assessment will require much more extensive screening of newly identified genes.
Carolyn Lieber, the program's director, said out-of-pocket costs can run from \$100 for Tay-Sachs disease screening in pregnant women to \$1,500 or more for breast cancer screening. Even if an individual has health insurance, Lieber said, it will likely lag behind the science and may not always cover the full battery of tests needed for a risk assessment.

Where will the human genome map take us?

The Washington Post
Scientists from the National Institutes of Health and from Celera Genomics Corp. have announced the complete mapping of the human genome. In the following statements - excerpted from interviews by Davis, California-based science writer Ralph Bialer - geneticists, clinicians and ethicists question what the mapping really means.
Dan Drell, biologist, Human/Microbial Genome Program, Department of Energy: "If I feel like we've just played the first game of the strategy. Because we've still got all this figuring out as to what the genes do. Keep in mind that a gene makes a protein. And that protein doesn't sit there by itself. It works in a very complex symphony with hundreds if not thousands of other proteins to determine what a cell is and does... The simplest microbe, Mycoplasma genitalia, is a minor pathogen of the male urethra. It has 474 predicted genes compared with the 80,000 genes in the human body. It's the smallest free-living life form we know of. Four hundred and seventy-four genes means 474 proteins. It means 474 parts to be done, so to speak. It's not how many of those parts are absolutely fundamental to cellular life, what they're all doing, is something that's far from finished. And now that's the simplest one."
Arthur Caplan, director, Center for Bioethics, University of Pennsylvania: "I'm all for mapping the genome... the faster the better. But there's still no guarantee that people can get genetic testing paid for if they want it in terms of insurance. There's still no national legislation protecting against genetic discrimination. There's still no guarantee that gene-testing will be affordable. There's still no guarantee that we can treat people without their consent, including children and embryos. There's no privacy issues."
"Want me to go on? There's nothing to prohibit testing of the dead. There's nothing to protect stored genetic information from

Decoding the sequence of life

The National Human Genome Research Institute and Celera Genomics will announce they have almost completely decoded the human genome. Mapping 3.1 billion units of DNA into the correct sequence and order. The information is contained in 23 pairs of chromosomes in each cell of the body. Here are the components of the genome and the two sequencing technologies used to decode it.

Celera Genomics: shotgun sequencing

- 1 Chromosomes were divided into small pieces and sequenced separately.
- 2 Each piece was sequenced.
- 3 Overlapping DNA was matched, ordered and joined into larger segments.
- 4 All chromosomes were reassembled.

Human Genome Project: linear sequencing

- 1 All chromosomes were mapped to over 20,000 sections. Each section was cloned.
- 2 The cloned section was sequenced and mapped to a computer.
- 3 Thousands of overlapping DNA fragments were aligned and matched to the original.
- 4 All of the genome was reassembled in the correct order.

Source: Celera Genomics, Human Genome Project. Credit: Emily Hulteng.

them to understand that was the case.
Jerry A. Winkelman, professor of pediatrics, the Johns Hopkins Hospital: "People might perceive the identification of the human genome (as a largely academic exercise... The reality is, it's having a phenomenal immediate impact on families... Number one is, if you know exactly what's wrong, what gene's affected and what protein isn't being produced in the right fashion, it offers you a real chance to improve therapy very immediately. Lieber said it will likely lag behind the science and may not always cover the full battery of tests needed for a risk assessment."
"The second thing... is it allows you to define the disease based on the terms rather than clinical terms, so you can say, 'Look, there are milder forms of this disease, it's the same disease and maybe 20 years from now it will have the same outcome, but it's a milder form.'"
"The third thing... is it allows us to do carrier detection." Maimon Cohen, director, Harriet Lane Institute for Human Genetics, Greater Baltimore Medical Center (GBMC): "The old adage that every disease has an exception of treatment is a genetic comment that really goes to be true. Some of my concerns are with how we're going to handle that information at the clinical level..."
"The later success from several years ago showed that close to a quarter of the medical schools in this country don't even teach genetics as an organized course for students. I would dare say that most physicians who finished their training more than five to 10 years ago have very little understanding of the modern molecular genetic components of the practice of medicine today..."
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LEWISTON (AP) — When the "all about men" issue of Cosmo... Bill Scharnhorst of Lewiston is Cosmo's pick as Idaho's most amazing bachelor in the Man Hunt 2000 feature that goes on sale Tuesday.

Center store owner. "I had no idea," Scharnhorst said. "I'm pretty sure my sister and her friends sent in my photo and profile." Scharnhorst appears on page 57 with the name Billy Jeffrey. "I want to apologize to my family members. I'm not embarrassed about the family name," he said. "It's just a simple issue of Scharnhorst not being a marketable name (in show business)." Scharnhorst hopes to make it as a singer.

Family upset after man dies in police incident

IDAHO FALLS (AP) — Relatives of the man killed during an altercation with an officer last week believe police procedures for dealing with the mentally ill are woefully inadequate. "I don't feel that it's any one person's fault, and I don't say Ace is innocent," said Harry Burke, the half-brother of Ace Hines.

During the attack, Hines was struck by two rounds fired from Lainhart's pistol. One hit him on the left side in his mid-torso, and the other struck him below the shoulder blades in his back, according to a police report. Lainhart is on paid administrative leave pending the completion of an internal investigation. Hines had been arrested 18 times in the past 24 years for crimes ranging from forgery and

burglary to driving under the influence, and his family said he was schizophrenic and known around town as "one of those crazy guys who danced in circles." A man with his own criminal record, Burke made no excuses for Hines. But he argued that police should re-examine policies "to be sure they have safety for themselves and the people." "My brother had mental problems," Burke said. "All the police knew him. But he didn't have to die because of his illness." Hines most recent arrest was last year when police, responding to a call about a disturbance at a hotel, found Hines in his room and discovered an outstanding warrant against him. Hines became belligerent, and both officers used pepper spray to subdue him. This tendency toward violence when confronted by police, Burke said, was well known by local officers and documented in his records. Hines' social worker helped him budget his money and take care of his legal responsibilities and could have tipped officers off to the potential problem.

Town battles over redevelopment

VAIL, Colo. (AP) — Battling to regain its crown as the nation's No. 1 ski town, Vail wants to rebuild one of its main commercial centers to attract skiers and business. But even for a town too image-conscious to tolerate a cemetery within its limits, the idea of declaring the Lionshead area a blight in order to knock down a dozen million-dollar condominiums was too much.

Two consecutive below-par snow years have left Vail trailing Breckenridge in skier visits and have forced budget cuts on a community used to surpluses. Redeveloping Lionshead, one of two major base villages or commercial centers in Vail, could generate an additional \$20 million a year in revenue, said town planner Russell Forrest. The proposed redevelopment would have included a new community center, and a plaza that would give visitors an experience like visiting "the plazas in major European cities," said Forrest. The city also hoped to attract a major hotel. The city already owns most of the land — except for the site of the proposed lake, which is occupied by the dozen condos. The wealthy homeowners, who enjoy spectacular views, were infuriated at the thought that the city might condemn their properties. "This is heaven to me. I walked all around town and couldn't find a spot like this," said Marilyn Dyer, president of the condo homeowner's association. The path would connect Wilson, Wyo., and Victor.

Teton Pass Trail moves plan ahead

WILSON, Wyo. (AP) — A proposed trail for bicyclists, hikers and horseback riders likely will not be completed this year, although Congress recently earmarked another \$1 million for the project, a forest official said. The Teton Pass Trail would span two states, two counties and two national forests and has run into opposition from conservationists concerned it would encourage illegal motorized use and create a barrier to wildlife migration. The path would connect Wilson, Wyo., and Victor.

A wide range of options are still under consideration, from a primitive dirt path to a paved trail for hikers and bikers and a secondary path for horses. An environmental assessment of four options likely will be released next month, said Patty Bates, Teton Basin District Ranger for the Caribou-Targhee National Forest, which is leading the project. The trail would also cross the Bridger-Teton National Forest in Wyoming. "There is no decision yet on the forest portion," she said. Instead, the money would likely go to Teton County, Wyo., and Teton County, Idaho, which are building trails to the forest boundaries, she said. Last year, forest and county officials requested more than \$1 million for the project and received \$1.3 million from the Federal Highway Administration. More than \$1 million of that money went to the counties to design and build their trails.

Custer lost battle but wins northern decision

HARDIN, Mont. (AP) — Lt. Col. George A. Custer made history in losing the Battle of the Little Bighorn, but he won a split decision about his tactics in a mock court martial here marking the battle's 124th anniversary. "I'm convinced that Colonel Custer committed several errors," Judge Otis Reno of Lucasville, Ohio, concluded after two hours of testimony. The worst, Reno said, was Custer's decision to split his command into three parts before engaging the enemy, a decision that "turned almost certain victory into certain defeat."

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"The other judge reached the opposite conclusion. In the history of Indian warfare for the previous 15 to 20 years, it was standard procedure to divide the troops and attack from several directions," said William Moody of El Paso, Texas. Custer himself, played by Sturgis, S.D., attorney Mike Straub defended his decision based on his experience and dictated by the circumstances. But, he was asked, what happened? "Well, we had a tough day," Custer replied. Custer and 225 of his men in the 7th Cavalry were killed by an overwhelming force of Sioux and Cheyenne warriors after he attacked them on June 25, 1876, about 100 miles from this area, what is now the Crow Indian Reservation.

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The court martial was presented by the Sturgis (S.D.) Chamber of Commerce Cavalry Days over the weekend, and sponsored by the Hardin Chamber of Commerce Economic Development Committee as part of ceremonies marking the battle's anniversary. Reno, a distant relation of Maj. Marcus Reno, a Custer subordinate often criticized for not coming to his commander's aid, cited several misjudgments by Custer. Custer refused to believe his Crow scouts about the size of the Sioux force gathered in the valley of the Little Bighorn River, Reno said. He drove his men on a forced march toward the Indian camp, knowing that he would arrive two days ahead of a victorious army. He sent columns of cavalry that were part of the effort to drive recalcitrant warriors back to reservations in the Dakotas, the judge added.

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There could have been no pincer movement that would have trapped the Sioux and Cheyenne between three columns of cavalry, as planned, because no one had any idea where, in the great expanse of territory south of the Yellowstone River, they would be found. Custer said all his experience told him that once the Sioux realized the Army was approaching, they would flee. His only chance of capturing them was to take them by surprise, but he lost the element of surprise when warriors out scouting or hunting spotted his columns. That's when he decided he couldn't wait for the other troops, Custer said. So he sent Capt. Frederick Benteen with three companies to scout the bluffs to the south and cut off any escape. Then he ordered Maj. Reno and three companies to cross the river and hit the village, scatter the pony herd and thus prevent the Indians from escaping. He said the last he saw Reno, Reno seemed to be carrying out his order. Benteen, he assumed, was on his way with reinforcements and ammunition.

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Colorado State lab to study nation's parks

DENVER (AP) — Colorado State University ecologists and scientists from the U.S. Geological Survey are going to take the temperature of America's national parks. Similar research found many problems in Canada's parks, and park expert Mark Peterson says "I suspect that the money that could be just as degraded if not more so than Canada." The study will be done independently of the National Park Service, which has estimated it has up to \$6 billion in backlogged repairs in the country's 378 parks, monuments and historical sites. The crush of visitors, 65 million people to 54 national parks alone, has left many suffering from traffic congestion, air pollution, vandalism, and an invasion of alien plant species. Peterson, manager of research for the National Parks Conservation Association, said the CSU project will be in three phases, over four years. It will include teams of researchers, ecologists and graduate students who will help develop a "vital signs chart" for parks. "The Park Service is very interested in finding where their weak spots are but their funding is very limited for comprehensive assessments like this," Peterson said. The National Parks Conservation Association and the National Trust for Historic Preservation organized the study and are arranging the financing. The program is patterned after the ecological assessment project conducted by Parks Canada in that country's 39 national parks. It created lists of "red flags" or "severe" ecological stresses in 31 of Canada's parks, including such world-renowned parks as Banff, Jasper and Waterton Lakes National Parks, and showed an increase in the intensity of the stresses in 13 of those parks since 1992.

Peterson said, "The worst Canadian problems were in parks with the lowest ranking." Following the National Park Service's geographical designations, the United States will be carried into seven survey regions: Alaska, Midwest, Northeast, Pacific West, Intermountain, Southeast and National Capital. A number of indicators will be selected to measure a park's health in air and water quality, wildlife, natural processes, threats and stresses, and cultural resources contained in a park such as museum collections, historic buildings, archaeological and ethnographic resources. "Until now, there has been no standardized index of natural and cultural resource preservation for the NPS," said Tom Stohlgren, ecologist with the U.S. Geological Survey stationed at CSU's National Renewable Energy Laboratory. Stohlgren said, "We hope that the rankings will be assessed and published every five years to provide a perspective on how these resources are being preserved and protected." The National Parks Conservation Association is America's only private, nonprofit advocacy organization dedicated solely to protecting, preserving and enhancing the National Park System. NPCCA was founded in 1919 and today has more than 400,000 members. The National Trust for Historic Preservation is the nation's leading organization working to save America's historic environment and foster an appreciation for the diverse character and meaning of our cultural heritage.

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WORLD

Officials set Russian launch of space module

MOSCOW (AP) — After two years of delays, space officials set a July 12 launch date Monday for the International Space Station's service module, a crucial component that provides life support and will steer the orbiting craft.

The module, a cylinder packed with air filters and including the station's sewage system, is necessary for astro-

nauts to live for extended periods on the outpost in space.

The launch date has been pushed back several times because of cash shortages in the Russian space agency, and the delay has held up the entire 16-nation, \$60 billion science project.

Tommy Holloway, NASA's station program manager, and Valery Rymurin, a deputy chief of the Russian company

that built the module, said the component will blast off July 12 on top of a massive Proton rocket from the Baikonur launch pad.

When the module was finally ready last summer, two successive crashes of Proton rockets further delayed the launch. Later successful liftoffs have allayed concerns of a launch failure.

The U.S. space agency invited Russia

into the station program in 1993 in hopes of saving time and money, but Russian delays are estimated to have cost NASA as much as \$3 billion.

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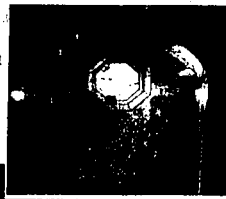
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Reforms face acid test in Mexico's elections

Los Angeles Times

MEXICO CITY — In a nation where the 1995 party's vote-grabbing strategy and entry into the election, Mexico's voters will do more than choose a new president July 2. They will test the reforms that could revitalize the country's ailing economy.

An independent federal election agency has spent \$350 million to boost public financing for underdog campaigns. It has designed private voting booths, trained nearly 800,000 civilian poll watchers and plugged into the network to broadcast results instantly. And it has blanketed the country with assurances that votes will be "free and secret."

The conditions for this election are better than for any previous elections, said Jose Woldenberg, who heads the Federal Electoral Institute. The U.S. State Department earlier this month issued a statement, declaring the campaign "the most open in Mexico's history."

But in the home stretch, signs of voter manipulation at the hands of the dominant Institutional Revolutionary Party, or PRI, abruptly have become the hottest — and potentially decisive — issue in what remains a remarkably competitive race.

Widespread praise for the electoral innovations, part of a reform package approved in 1996, is bumping up against growing concern that the vote might be tarnished long before the first ballot is marked.

Mexican activists and international observers charge that the PRI is reviving time-tested ploys to continue its 71-year hold on power amid a fierce challenge from Vicente Fox of the pro-business National Action Party, or PAN. Alleged PRI tactics include putting the squeeze on some impoverished rural-aid recipients, giving away free bicycles and sewing machines and ensuring public employees to get out the vote for PRI candidate Francisco Labastida.

Members of the election institute also complain that the nation's broadcasters have favored Labastida.

Critics say the PRI's tactics undercut the reforms, which aimed to make elections cleaner in large part by taking them out of the hands of the governing party and applying clear rules to campaign spending. Almost everyone agrees that the improvements render unlikely widespread cheating on election day. The concern is about a knee-buckling before the voting begins.

"You can have a system that does a good job of counting the votes. But what occurs months before is what is dangerous," said Eledia Gutierrez, a legislator from Fox's party who heads a congressional committee looking into misuse of public funds in the presidential campaign. The committee has been closed to new recipients since December — the routine cutoff for the annual sign-up.

centering on the PRI. One complaint included photographs of a PRI congressional candidate in the state of Puebla presenting voters and handing out corn flour at a store that provides federally subsidized goods for impoverished rural dwellers. Another accused administrators from a welfare program, called Programa, of summoning 1,500 rural residents to a meeting and then launching into a testimonial for Labastida.

Foreign election observers laud the steps taken to protect against tricks of the past, during which ballot boxes were stolen and votes cast using the names of deceased people. The glossary of vote rigging came to include the "carousel" of PRI sympathizers who went from polling station to polling station, voting each time, and the "weighted ballot box," stuffed with PRI ballots.

But observers say modern-day manipulation is more subtle — and harder to police — than the crude stuffing of ballot boxes. Polls show that many peasants associate crucial government aid with the PRI. Other residents express concern that their villages might be singled out for cuts in benefits if the local vote favors the opposition, according to election observers.

Polls show Labastida and Fox running neck and neck, with a third candidate, Cuauhtemoc Cardenas of the center-left Democratic Revolution Party, trailing.

Woldenberg said such longstanding PRI tactics as handouts — potent tools in a country where 40 percent of residents are poor — probably are isolated. The federal prosecutor who specializes in election crimes said that of 325 complaints lodged this year, only nine warranted criminal charges. About half of the accusations were for altering the voter registry or illegally issuing voter cards.

Woldenberg called the introduction of private voting booths, complete with curtains, at the 114,000 voting sites "an antidote to coercion." "What we are telling people who are very needy is, Take the gift and vote for who you want," he said in an interview.

That might be easier said than done. Mexicans place great importance on honoring informal contracts — and that can include their votes.

"You may be a Cardenista at heart, or you may be fed up with the PRI and fascinated by Fox. But when you take something, particularly if you're an older person, you're honor-bound to vote" for them, said Daniel Lund, president of the Mexico City-based polling business MUND.

The Labastida campaign and federal officials insist that they are following the rules. Social Development Minister Carlos Jarque, who oversees a vast network of welfare programs, said officials would have a hard time swapping aid for votes because the rolls have been closed to new recipients since December — the routine cutoff for the annual sign-up.

IRA allows inspection of weapons

LONDON (AP) — Two international statements appointed to examine IRA weapons said Monday they have carried out the first inspections and are satisfied the hidden arsenals cannot be used without being detected.

Simultaneously, the outlawed Irish Republican Army also said the inspections had been carried out.

The development, welcomed by the Irish government, was a major step in securing peace in Northern Ireland. The IRA's agreement in May to allow the

inspections enabled the Catholic-Protestant power-sharing administration in Northern Ireland to resume work.

The two inspectors — former Finnish President Martti Ahtisaari and African National Congress veteran Cyril Ramaphosa of South Africa — met Prime Minister Tony Blair at Downing Street to hand in their report.

The inspectors "were shown a substantial quantity of IRA arms, including explosives" and "have insured the weapons are secure

and cannot be used without their becoming aware that this has happened," the report said.

The IRA said that it had carried out its May 6 decision to resume contact with an Independent International Commission on Decommissioning in Belfast, and that "a number of arms dumps had been examined."

The arms dumps are reportedly hidden in the Irish countryside.

Gerry Adams, president of the IRA's political ally, Sinn Fein, said the IRA was "both courageous and imaginative" in allow-

ing the inspections.

"Everyone who wants the peace process to work will welcome this significant development," he added.

In Dublin, Irish Prime Minister Bertie Aherm said the inspectors "provided confirmation that the weapons and explosives are safely and adequately stored and cannot be used without the knowledge of Mr. Ahtisaari and Mr. Ramaphosa, who will re-inspect the arms dumps on a regular basis to ensure that the weapons have remained secure."



Muslim warriors approach the village of Duma in the Maluku Islands, Indonesia, prior to an attack that killed more than 100 Christians Tuesday.

Rival religious gangs fight in Indonesia

TERNATE, Indonesia (AP) — There's little talk of peace in Indonesia's Maluku islands, but a lot about religion and revenge.

In the tiny port of Ternate, streets signs urge young men to join the Muslim Laksar Jihad (Holy War Force) and attack Christians on neighboring Halmahera island, where dozens were killed last week.

"We have to fight and destroy them," said Faisal Anwar, commander of a Muslim militia. "The Christians massacred us six months ago. It's now time to take back our land."

Over the past 18 months more than 2,500 people of both faiths have been killed in a bloody cycle of sectarian violence across the Maluku, a remote archipelago known as the Spice Islands during Dutch colonial times.

Street battles among rival religious gangs are brutal. Hundreds charge with swords, spears, bows and arrows, homemade guns and bombs. Now modern weapons are starting to creep into the conflict.

The fighting took a horrifying turn a week ago when 4,000 Muslim fighters descended on Duma, a predominantly Christian village on Halmahera.

Church workers said more than 180 people were killed, while government officials put the death toll at 108. Either figure made it one of the worst single incidents in the fighting.

In Maluku's provincial capital, Ambon, wild street clashes raged between Muslims and Christians nearly every day in the week.

The army seems incapable or unwilling to stop the bloodshed, even as it threatens to engulf other regions in this ethnically and religiously diverse nation that spreads over 17,000 islands.

Last month, sectarian fighting erupted on Sulawesi island in central Indonesia, where more than 120 people were killed in days of violence that left thousands homeless and dozens injured.

Tensions have been fueled by the migration into the Malukus of tens of thousands of Muslims from

other parts of Indonesia, making Christians uneasy about becoming a minority in one of the few corners of the country where they dominate. About 90 percent of Indonesia's 210 million people are Muslim.

The fighting started at the beginning of 1999, sparked by an argument between a Christian bus driver and his Muslim conductor. Within hours, much of Ambon was in flames and trouble spread quickly to other islands.

One village after another was destroyed. Communities once touted as models of religious tolerance were split apart.

With accusations growing that many soldiers are too scared to intervene while others are actively taking sides, national military commanders said last week that they would deploy more troops to the worst-hit areas.

The armed forces' chief in North Maluku isn't optimistic that will make much difference.

"The people must want peace in their hearts, otherwise the

bloodshed will just continue," Col. Sutrisno said in his office looking out at the charred hulk of a church in Ternate.

Indonesia's eight-month-old reformist government has repeatedly urged the two sides to lay down their weapons.

President Abdurrahman Wahid, a Muslim cleric who led long espoused religious tolerance, himself headed a peace mission to Ambon late last year. New fighting broke out the day after he left.

Blood is flowing as Indonesia grapples with its worst economic crisis in a generation and a painful transition to democracy after three decades of authoritarian rule under ex-dictator Suharto.

World Vision, a Washington-based emergency relief group, is the only aid agency working in the northern half of Halmahera island, where much of the worst fighting has taken place in recent weeks. Graham Strong, its local head, can see no end to the conflict.

United Nations looks in mirror, wants change

GENEVA (AP) — Members of the United Nations have failed in their pledge to lift out of poverty the 3 billion people — a half the world's population — who live on less than \$2 a day, national leaders said Monday.

"Our commitments have not been fulfilled. That is a sad fact," Danish Prime Minister Poul Nyrup Rasmussen said in the keynote speech to the U.N. General Assembly. "We could have done better, much better."

The world body began a week-long special session to take stock of progress — or the lack of it — since a 1995 U.N. conference hosted by Denmark at which nearly 120 heads of state and government pledged to eradicate poverty.

"Millions of poor, disadvantaged men, women and children around the globe expected us to do better," said Nyrup Rasmussen.

Deliberations were presented with U.N. reports indicate that the number living in absolute poverty — on less than a dollar a day — has actually grown, to 1.2 billion from about 1 billion in 1999.

The World Bank says that figure will not decrease over the next eight years unless something is done.

U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan urged member nations to



Namibia's Theo Ben Guribair, right, Chairman of the U.N. General Assembly, opens the 24th special session in Geneva, Switzerland, alongside U.N. secretary-general Kofi Annan.

recommit themselves to battle against human misery," going beyond a proposed goal of halving the proportion of people in extreme poverty by the year 2015.

"Fifteen years from now, will there still be tens of millions of primary-age school children who are not in school?" Annan asked. "Will small children and pregnant women still be dying every

minute from malaria and other preventable diseases?"

"Will treatment for AIDS still be priced far beyond the means of those suffering from it in developing countries?" he added.

Annan said Sunday that "globalization" — the lowering of barriers to trade, investment and business around the world — offers hope of changing things.

"But clearly at the moment mil-

lions of people — perhaps even a majority of the human race — are being denied those benefits," Annan said.

Swiss President Adolf Ogi, host of the current session, said that, while grinding poverty continues, "not a day goes by without our hearing of another merger, the birth of a new giant of the economy and the disappearance of thousands of jobs."

The United Nations has dubbed the gathering the "social summit." It will be attended by about 150 heads of state or government, mainly from Africa. Representatives of 168 governments, and nine observers, are expected to speak during the week.

While the discussions continue in the United Nations' second headquarters — the Palais des Nations — organizations hoping to work toward the same goal will be meeting nearby in a "parallel summit."

And across town an "alternative summit" of more critical organizations was being demanding more radical solutions.

Thousands of protesters from the third group marched peacefully through the streets of Geneva on Sunday to urge the cancellation of the debt owed by poor countries.

"The 'social summit' organizes social misery," said some signs.

DaimlerChrysler buys 10 percent stake in Hyundai Motor Company

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — U.S.-German auto giant DaimlerChrysler will acquire a 10 percent stake in South Korea's leading carmaker Hyundai Motor for \$428 million, both sides said Monday.

The deal was aimed at strengthening Hyundai's strategy to become a global player by ranking among the top five automakers by 2010. The announcement boosted Hyundai's share prices in early trading on the Korean Stock Exchange.

The tie-up also boosted

chances of a joint bid to be submitted by the two firms to buy debt-ridden Daewoo Motor Co. in an international auction due Monday. Korean government officials have said they would only approve a Hyundai bid if the Korean carmaker joins with a foreign company to avoid a potential monopoly.

"Hyundai aims to become a major global player by the end of this decade with a million units, and this is one of the steps to reach that goal," said Steve Kitson, a Hyundai spokesman.

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China executes dealers on U.N.'s anti-drug day

BEIJING (AP) — China marked U.N. anti-drug day Monday by executing dealers, torching narcotics and publicly acknowledging the grim broads drugs are making among Chinese, particularly the young.

Those executed included three drug traffickers from Taiwan, a Hong Kong resident, two Shanghai heroin dealers, four dealers in the northern province of Shanxi, three farmers in China's drug-afflicted southwest, and four manufacturers of methamphetamine, the state-run Xinhua News Agency said.

It carried conflicting accounts on the total number of people put to death but said the executions made "a clear and compelling statement."

China also executed at least 38 drug traffickers last week.

In its first policy paper on China's drug problems, the government said Monday that the number of registered drug addicts jumped from 148,000 in 1991 to 681,000 last year. Heroin was the drug of choice for 71 percent of addicts, and 79 percent were under age 35, according to the document issued by the State Council, China's Cabinet.

More recent figures have put

the number of registered addicts as high as 800,000, and a senior U.S. drug control official has quoted Chinese estimates of 3 million to 12 million total drug users out of China's estimated 1.25 billion people.

"The drug scourge is becoming more serious with each passing day and the situation is grim for the anti-drug struggle," the policy paper acknowledged.

Law enforcers "are waging a fierce battle against all drug-related criminal activities, administering merciless punishment to those involved."

Between 1991 and 1999, China cracked more than 800,000 drug cases, confiscating almost 40 tons of heroin, 17 tons of opium, 15 tons of marijuana, and 23 tons of methamphetamine, the paper said. It added that the 22 tons of drugs seized in 1999 marked a 33 percent rise over the previous year.

After wiping out widespread opium addiction in the first years of communist rule, the government was slow to react to a resurgence in drug use following economic reforms in the 1980s. Only in the past few years has the government started public awareness campaigns and appealed for international cooperation.



Volunteers load oil-soaked penguins into boxes on the eastern shore of Robben Island off of Cape Town, South Africa Monday. The boxes are then transported by boat to Sanecho where the penguins are treated and cleaned.

Volunteers try to save oily penguins

CAPE TOWN, South Africa (AP) — Volunteers battled Monday to rescue several thousand penguins from an oil spill that polluted Robben Island's once pristine coastline.

The island, home to about 19,000 penguins — the world's third-largest penguin colony — has been hit by an oil slick from the Panamanian-registered Treasure, which sank Friday. The ship carried about 1,300 tons of oil.

Volunteers used nets to round up birds and herd them into ven-

tilated cardboard boxes for transport by boat to the mainland, where they were to be cleaned.

The operation to evacuate the endangered birds was expected to become one of the largest of its kind in the world.

Robben Island served as an apartheid-era jail for political prisoners, including former President Nelson Mandela. The island is now a museum and tourist attraction.

Volunteer Mike Lodge said he had captured about 600 birds

since Friday.

"You grab one but seven others bite you at the same time," he said, his arms covered with scratches and bruises.

All birds on the island would be affected by the oil, Lodge said.

"It makes me very, very angry and very, very sad," he said. "I know the death rate is going to be high despite our best efforts."

On the mainland, about 100 volunteers cleaned and fed nearly 2,000 oil-coated birds at a rehabilitation center run by the

Southern African Foundation for the Conservation of Coastal Birds.

"We're expecting at least 10,000 more," said Estelle van der Merwe, the center's manager.

Up to a third of the island's 14,000 adult penguins were sitting on eggs, and many chicks are expected to die, she said.

Cleaning and rehabilitating the penguins is expected to cost at least \$2.9 million. Environmental minister Valli Moosa said the shipping company would have to pay that and other cleanup costs.

Zimbabwe leader rejects election

President Robert Mugabe's party said Sunday he would not allow the national election this weekend to weaken his control of Zimbabwe's government.

Mugabe's 20 years in power:
 1980: Prime minister
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 1995: Re-elected with 93% of votes

1960 Nation's name: Rhodesia
 1970 British White minority declares control Independence; opposed by guerrillas and U.N.
 1980 Zimbabwe
 1990 Whites share power with black majority; Britain grants Independence; first open election
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SOURCES: World Almanac, Reuters, KRT Photo Service

Observers say Zimbabwe's election not free and fair

HARARE, Zimbabwe (AP) — The most fiercely contested election in Zimbabwe's history was badly tainted by a pre-election campaign of political violence and threats, international observers said Monday as they watched preliminary results trickle in.

With Zimbabwe's economy in shambles and the government riddled with corruption, the newly formed Movement for Democratic Change posed the strongest challenge yet to President Robert Mugabe's Zimbabwe African National Patriotic Front party since it led the country to independence from white-minority rule 20 years ago.

Election officials said Monday that the opposition had easily won the first three parliament races in which votes were counted, but those were from districts in southern Zimbabwe, where the opposition was expected to win. "It was too easy to tell if the results foretold problems elsewhere for Mugabe's ruling party."

In the lead-up to the vote, at least 30 people were killed and thousands beaten and threatened — mainly by ruling party militants. The two-day parliamentary

elections ended Sunday.

"The term free and fair elections is not applicable to these elections," Pierre Schori, head of the observer mission, said in an interim assessment of the elections.

Ruling party leaders seemed to sanction the use of violence and intimidation against political opponents and contributed significantly to the climate of fear so evident during the election campaign, Schori said.

Schori was referring in part to the occupation of more than 1,600 white-owned farms by ruling party militants. As part of his campaign, Mugabe has supported the protests, promising to seize the farms and turn them over to poor blacks.

Opposition supporters also waged attacks, but they were far fewer and their leaders were clear in their condemnation of the violence, Schori said.

He praised the efficiency and speed of the process that marked the actual vote and emphasized that the election process was complex. He said he would not issue a final assessment until July 3, after the votes are counted and the country's reaction to the results assessed.

Zanzibar loses once-profitable spice trade

CHAKE CHAKE, Zanzibar (AP) — Intensely fragrant and flavorful cloves were the riches that drew the dhows and clippers of the colonial era to Zanzibar, giving the tiny Indian Ocean archipelago economic influence and resonance far beyond its size.

Once upon a time, the wizened, never-opened buds of the stunted evergreens were worth more than their weight in gold. European powers went to war over them in the 17th century; Zanzibari rulers made smuggling them punishable by death.

Zanzibar's cloves have lost neither their pungent odor nor their reputation on the world market. But Zanzibar has lost the influence they brought as well as its position as the spice's leading producer.

Many people blame low prices paid by the Zanzibar State Trading Corp. spice monopoly, which farmers increasingly are finding make it more profitable to chop down clove trees to sell as firewood.

"It doesn't pay to grow cloves anymore," Rashidi Nassor said as he spread out half-inch, nail-shaped clove buds to dry on a mat in the sun on Pemba, one of the two main islands of Zanzibar.

By law, Nassor and other farmers can sell their cloves only to the spice monopoly run by the government of Zanzibar, which is



Zuberi Hamad spreads cloves on a burlap sack to dry in the sun at Pemba Islands, Tanzania.

a semi-autonomous region of the United Republic of Tanzania.

Currently, that means they receive the equivalent of 34 cents a pound for a spice that sells for \$1.70 a pound on the world market.

Fires believed set as a protest against the monopoly destroyed countless trees in the past, before the government cracked down on the suspected arsonists.

But fires set to clear land for cultivation of other crops are still

destroying thousands of the trees. That means a crisis — not just now, but for years in the future. Seedlings take five to eight years to produce buds for harvest and years more to produce significant yields.

Few on Pemba, the main island for growing cloves, are planting new seedlings. Many existing clove trees are more than 70 years old.

Still, in Pemba's lush countryside, there are no simple alterna-

tives to clove farming. That's why farmers like Mwantumu Jecha still risk life and limb climbing the trees to break off branches bearing bunches of clove buds by their tips.

Her children, 6-year-old Ali and 5-year-old Ame, pick the spices off the fallen branches as do their mother clammers up tree after tree.

Much of the harvest will end up being smuggled to the African mainland from where it will be exported for use in cooking, medicines, cosmetics — and the clove cigarettes beloved by Indonesians, the world's biggest buyers of cloves.

In neighboring Kenya and Tanzania, cloves fetch more than twice the price offered by the Zanzibar government monopoly, Nassor said. But little of the profit from the smuggled cloves reaches the growers.

The Zanzibar State Trading Corp. resists calls to increase prices paid to farmers or to let the farmers sell their own prices in a free market.

"Cloves are the one agriculture product contributing the most to the government budget, and one of its leading foreign currency earners for Zanzibar," said Issa Salim Machano, deputy permanent secretary of the Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Markets.

Once victims, Nepalese women guard against a flesh trade

LOS ANGELES TIMES

BIRATANAGAR, Nepal — Of the thousands of Nepalese girls kidnapped to work in brothels across Asia, a brave few have returned to their hometowns.

Seized as adolescents, the women now stand guard at checkpoints along the border shared with India to nab traffickers and rescue other girls about to be spirited out of Nepal.

Since 1997, when the women first took their posts, they have caught 70 suspected traffickers and saved 249 girls who were being smuggled across the frontier. In a country where thousands of girls are kidnapped and sold into prostitution each year, the checkpoints' guards' efforts reflect a growing commitment to stopping the illegal trade.

For women such as Sushma Katuwal, sold for \$700 to an Indian pimp when she was 14, the border duty offers a chance to

reclaim the self-worth she left behind in a brothel.

"I know what to look for — it's in their eyes," she said. "These girls think they are going to India, but I have never seen one come back and say her life is better."

Nepalese police credit Katuwal with nailing four suspected traffickers and rescuing 15 girls since the beginning of the year.

"Usually Sushma is right," said R.K. Shrestha, a police sub-inspector in Biratanagar.

The traffic in girls represents a national humiliation for Nepal, an impoverished country better known for its Himalayan treks. Experts here say most of the abductees are smuggled out of the country to brothels in India, where they are prized for their fair skin and East Asian looks.

Many of the Nepalese girls who wind up in Indian brothels come from the poor villages in the mountains, where literacy is rare and jobs are few. They often are

lured by the promise of house-keeping or factory jobs in India or the Middle East. Once in India, they are held captive, sometimes in tiny windowless rooms where they service dozens of men each day. Some manage to escape, others are rescued.

The experiment to catch the traffickers was set up by Anuradha Koirala, who runs a home in the capital, Katmandu, called Maiti Nepal — maiti means "mother's house" — for women brought back from the brothels. Most of the women are doomed: HIV-positive and without the money for treatment. Most will not talk about their experiences.

Three years ago, with the women growing restless, Koirala hit upon the idea of posting guards at the border. With the help of a grant from the International Labor Organization, she set up four guard posts. She quickly had a

houseful of volunteers.

"All the girls want to go to the border," Koirala said. "They are angry, but they don't know how to express themselves."

In a typical day at the border, 15-foot tall, is one of only a handful of returnees strong enough to tell her story. In 1995, when she was 14, floods washed away her village, Dhungra, in southern Nepal. Her family had resorted to sleeping under a plastic sheet when a village woman asked her if she wanted to make money working in a garment factory in Katmandu. Katuwal, who is the youngest of five children and had never been to school, jumped at the chance to earn money for her family.

But instead of going "to the capital and wasn't sure what it looked like or how far away it was. When the men put her on a train, she began to worry.

"Where are you taking me?" Katuwal recalls asking her captors.

The men took her out of Nepal across the subcontinent, to a brothel in the southern Indian city of Pune. The village woman had sold her to the men, she later discovered, for 2,000 Indian rupees, about \$50 at the time.

In a typical day at the brothel, Katuwal recalls, she served 30 men, sometimes more. Each paid between \$3.50 and \$12, depending on how long he stayed and what he wanted from her. She was kept in a four-story building in Pune's notorious Koothi district, which housed 13 other Nepalese girls, most of whom, Katuwal guesses, were 14 or 15 years old.

"What could I do?" Katuwal asked. "I had to have sex with many men. I was so sad.

"From the first day that I was in that place, my goal was to punish the people who did this to me," she said. "I never lost that faith."

Chechen citizens seek revenge

Los Angeles Times

SHALI, Russia — He is a 31-year-old former oil refinery worker who grew up in a town in Chechnya that tried to stay out of the Chechen war. He was a "peaceful, normal guy" who decided not to fight with the rebels against the Russian army.

But Rasul, who gives only his first name, has become a killer who sleeps in the woods by day and shoots at Russian soldiers by night.

Meanwhile, the people of this dusty, ragged town, which surrendered to the Russians without a shot of resistance in November, feel embittered and betrayed after enduring rocket attacks and the random, drunken violence of the occupying army.

Nearly nine months into its ongoing war with separatist rebels in Chechnya, Russia has failed to win the hearts and minds of the people, or even their grudging respect. Now has it stopped angry young men from joining the rebels to fight the Russians in a cause that seems hopeless.

The Russian commander in the North Caucasus, Col. Gen. Gennady Troshev, announced Sunday that Russian troops would stop bomb and rocket attacks on Chechnya, and declared that "the war, as such, is over." A "reasonable" number of Russian units will remain stationed in the republic, he said, without encamping.

In the 1994-96 war that Russia fought to crush Chechen separatists, Russian authorities repeatedly announced an end to their bombing, but the airstrikes continued.

Troshev said he reached an agreement on ending the airstrikes at a meeting in the town of Isentorot with the Moscow-appointed administrator of Chechnya, Akhmad Kadyrov.

However, Kadyrov does not control the rebel fighters, and Troshev admitted that it could take another six months to a year to stabilize the situation and defeat the rebels. He estimated that 1,500 rebels remain in the republic.

The bitterness of Rasul and others from Shali, 21 miles southeast of the Chechen capital, Grozny, helps to explain why Russia is no closer to defeating the separatists.

"I'm not a religious fanatic who wants to go to heaven killing as many Russians as possible. I'm not fighting for money either. I have my own reason," said Rasul, sitting in a ruined house one recent night when he found himself trapped in Grozny.

"The Russians killed a person who was very close to me," he said, "and they left me no choice but to take up arms and avenge her death. You can't win a war when you are up against people like me."

Usually, Rasul said, he joins about 10 other rebels nightly to infiltrate Grozny, attack some of the vulnerable Russian soldiers at the military posts and checkpoints there, then disappear into the dark.

"It is no problem at all to get into Grozny," he said. "You just walk around the checkpoints. There are about 100 of them in a town. Even if you have something bulky like ammunition or machine guns, you can always put it in a car and just pay your way in. Ten dollars opens any gate for you."

Rasul claimed that there are many other bands like his. It takes two hours for his group to get into the city, five minutes to attack some soldiers, half an hour to fade away and hide, and two more hours to leave, he said.

"We make their life hell. They must not be allowed to feel comfortable at any time during the fight," he said.

The Chechen guerrilla campaign is taking its toll on Russian morale, with the casualty figures in the war climbing steadily even as Moscow claims to be near victory.

Putin's powerful chief of staff lurks in Kremlin shadows

Los Angeles Times

MOSCOW — He's a shadowy Kremlin figure who rarely speaks in public and has been described as irritating and repellent. But Alexander S. Voloshin is the second-most-powerful man in Russia, the iron man at the heart of President Vladimir V. Putin's administration.

The 44-year-old Kremlin chief of staff, who journalists have dubbed a "social allergen," is the latest in a long line of Rasputin-like figures who have influenced Russian rulers.

He got to the top courtesy of his friend and former business associate, the controversial tycoon Boris A. Berezovsky, who helped push

Voloshin into the Kremlin 1997. Now, some analysts say, Voloshin has more clout inside the Kremlin than his old pal.

He reportedly has close ties with two other heavyweight oligarchs, Roman A. Abramovich, who controls the Sibneft oil company, and Alexander L. Mamut of MDM Bank.

Accused of being a zealot who won't tolerate media criticism of the Kremlin, Voloshin is the center of a storm about press freedom in Russia following the arrest earlier this month of media mogul Vladimir A. Gusinsky.

The arrest provoked calls for Voloshin's dismissal, but despite controversy over his role in the affair, most analysts are con-

vinced that Putin is unlikely to remove Voloshin — at least not yet.

Boris Y. Nemssov, the leader of the pro-market Union of Right Forces parliamentary faction argues that oligarchs Abramovich and Mamut are more powerful than ever thanks to Voloshin. "This is a very great danger, not only for Russia's future development but for Putin himself," he warned. "The concentration of economic power in one hand is a real political danger. Someday Putin will wake up and find out that the real president is not Putin but Abramovich."

Under Putin, Kremlin power is being torn three ways by competing groups. The first includes his

former associates from the KGB, who control the security structures. The second is the Kremlin inner circle known as "The Family," including Voloshin and many of the oligarchs, which exerts control over prosecutions and law enforcement. The third, and weakest, is a group of pro-market economists in charge of the economy.

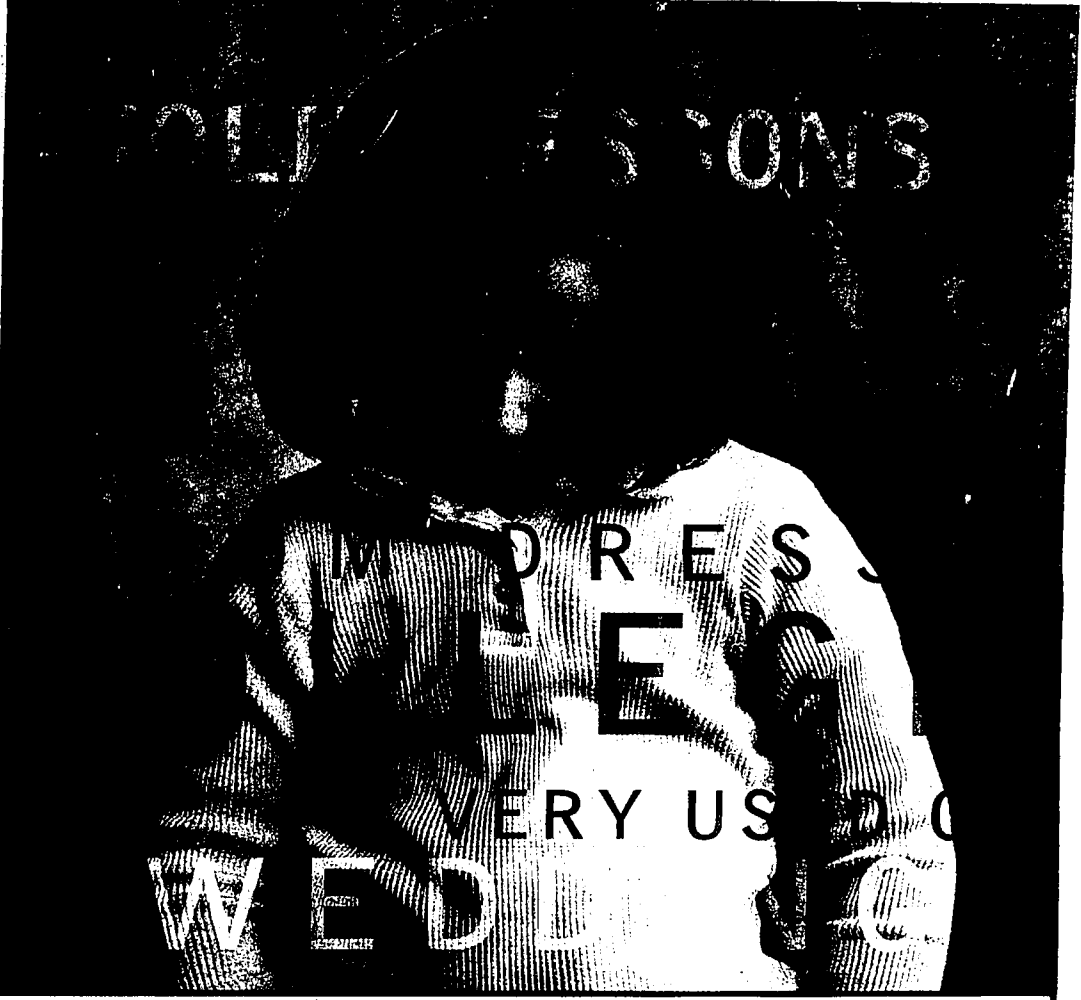
Many believe that at some point, confrontation between the KGB group and the Voloshin group is inevitable.

Scooped at as a nobody when he was first appointed by former President Boris N. Yeltsin 15 months ago, Voloshin swiftly won the respect, if not the approval, of Russia's political elite with some

important victories. He masterminded the parliamentary and presidential elections, creating the Unity election bloc that defeated a strong challenge to the Kremlin from the Fatherland-All Russia bloc of the Moscow Mayor Yuri M. Luzhkov and the popular former Prime Minister Yevgeny M. Primakov.

Voloshin is perceived as the man who created Putin, pushing him forward for the role of prime minister and maneuvering him into the role as the chosen successor to Yeltsin.

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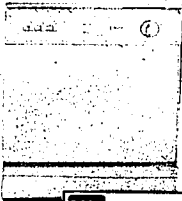
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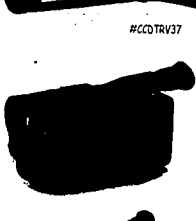
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Students become computer teachers at Burley Library

By Coreen Hart
Times-News correspondent

BURLEY - Teacher DeAnn Campbell strongly urges her business department students to volunteer.

Thirteen of her computer students heard the call and volunteered a minimum of 10 hours to help people learn about the mysterious box with a mouse at the Burley Public Library.

"People were going in the library and not knowing anything," says Jenni Nelson, a junior. "And when you teach people, you kind of learn."

The course that prepared Nelson and her fellow volunteers was a US West-sponsored seminar called "Widening Our World."

"We didn't learn anything new about computers, but they taught us how to teach," she says.

"We learned teaching techniques. You have to be patient and spell everything out. Some people don't even know how to use a mouse," another student, Kashaya Bingham says.

Their service begins in July when four new computers arrive at the library, thanks to a grant.

Need computer help?

To sign up for free computer instruction sessions or for more information, call the Burley Public Library at 678-7708.

The students are natural computer teachers.

"With computers, children are our authorities," librarian Julie Woodford says. "They've grown up with them."

"They're using computers everywhere in everything," student Nancy Castro adds. "Like, some older people don't even know anything. We've used them all through school, but they haven't."

Woodford says all the librarians also took beginning and advanced net surfing classes recently.

Other students who have signed up to teach include Jakobi Beck, Britton Campbell, Ainsli Duncan, Jesse Perez, Roseann Delarosa, Sam Mullen, Brynn Neisaur, Nikki Pettit and Melissa Rosen.

"They're great," DeAnn Campbell says. "They make teaching a joy for me."

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Five of the 13 student teachers who will help people learn about computers at the Burley Public Library are, left to right, front row: Jenni Nelson, Kashaya Bingham and Ainsli Duncan; back row: Nancy Castro and Jakobi Beck.



Photo courtesy Sheena Kelsey

Declo High School senior Sheena Kelsey models the costume of Queen Elizabeth that she selected for her participation in the National History Day competition.

Students show history knowledge at competition

DECLO - Not every young woman can become a queen.

But Sheena Kelsey did. She researched the Spanish Armada and dressed in costume as Queen Elizabeth to tell the story about how it changed the course of British history for a National History Day competition.

Kelsey, a senior at Declo High School, won first place in the senior division of the individual performance category.

Her mother made her dress from a pattern she researched and purchased from the Internet - a pattern for a dress worn by Gwyneth Paltrow in "Shakespeare in Love," her family says.

In addition to a 10-minute script, Kelsey prepared a written paper with bibliography. Her school adviser was Susan Kempton.

Along with Kelsey, several Magic Valley students also joined in the event.

From Cassia School District, Burley Junior High had 11 entries in the regional competition this year, held at Big Valley High School in Rupert. Declo Junior High had six entries and Declo High School had one. Contestants from Gooding High, Jerome High and the Mini-Cassia Opportunity Center also participated.

Contestants earning first and second in each category of each division were eligible to attend the state competition.

Junior division finalists include Tamara Mahoney, Declo Junior High, a paper; Chelsea Rice, Declo Junior High, a paper; Diamond Zollinger, Declo Junior High, an exhibit about the many aspects of George Washington, first place; McKay Neilsen, Declo Junior High, an exhibit about John Adams, including a genealogy showing how he is related to Adams, second place; Drew Johnson and Casey Campbell, Burley Junior High, first place, group exhibit; Felicia Horsely, Hailey Smith, Whitney Beck and Casey Alvarez, Burley Junior High, group exhibit about women's fashions through the 20th Century, second place; Camille Wells, Burley Junior High, individual media presentation; Katherine Moses, Daisy Heiner and Tyler Walton, first place in group media presentation; and Cade Jones, Abram Jones, Aaron Kirk and Ramon Macias, second place in group media presentation.

Other senior division winners were Josh Melnie, Burley Junior High, first place, paper; and Misti Worthington, Jennifer Holloway, Juan Hernandez and Scott Bame, Burley Junior High, group performance, themed "The Renaissance," second place. Melnie also won a third place award at the state competition.

National History Day is sponsored by the History Channel, which supplies schools with a contest guidebook. Major support to the program is supplied by Cargill, Cowles Enthusiastic Media, the Honeywell Foundation and the Wells Fargo Foundation.

HELPING HANDS



Southern Idaho Off-Road Association members spent May 20-21 cleaning up the area north of the Perrine Bridge. Volunteer Ken Hansen loads trash from the area, which is used for target shooting, hunting, three-wheeling and hiking. Last year, the group hauled out more than 48 tons of trash, organizers say. This year, the group hauled out between 60 to 65 tons of trash. "This isn't a dumping ground," says Mike Trammell, association secretary.

HEATHER ARUL/The Times-News

Veteran Bliss School ag teacher moves on

By Dara Jensen
Times-News correspondent

BLISS - When Steve Nance started teaching at Bliss, there was no agriculture department.

Now, the instructor and Future Farmers of America adviser is resigning after 18 years, leaving behind an expanded, award-winning program.

Nance has accepted an assistant principal position with the Jerome School District.

During his 18-year tenure, 12 Bliss teams have qualified for national FFA competition. In fact, there were two national teams in 1988, 1992 and 1993.

"I think the greatest thrill came with the 1990 parliamentary law team," Nance says. "We won a gold award and placed fifth in the nation. Pretty good for a school the size of Bliss."

Displayed at the school are banners from wins on the district level, sometimes two or three banners for every year from 1998 with none lower than third place. There are also pictures of winning teams on the state level and only first place team attend nationals. National plaques for wins in dairy, poultry, farm mechanics and parliamentary law are also displayed.

"Financing these trips to nationals is a real problem for schools the size of Bliss," he says. "The students, all of them, worked hard on the fund-raisers. The main fund-raisers were the food booth at the Gooding County Fair and the golf tournament."

Bliss also won the district foods contest the past 11 years in a row and had five state FFA officers and 13 state championships.

"Mr. Nance helped me build a cedar chest for my senior shop project," says



Steve Nance stands near a display of the flags showing competitions the Bliss FFA teams have won. Nance, their adviser, is resigning from the Bliss School District after 18 years as its agriculture department instructor.

former students Michele Faulkner, now Bliss School District clerk. "It is my most prized possession. I really appreciate his help and guidance."

"There was never a dull moment around Mr. Nance," says Gary Jensen, a former FFA chapter president. "He was always joking with students, keeping the instruction pointed and light... He was an excellent advisor in FFA and made the job as an FFA officer much easier."

In the rural school, 70 to 80 percent of the students go through the program.

In the years Nance has been the ag adviser, the department space has doubled, a green house and apple orchard have been added and there are five computers with Internet connection.

The department also ran swine breeding and quail programs where they furnished quail for the rapture recovery program.

"The parents have supported the students and the program all the way," Nance says. "It has been a good 18 years."

WINNING TEACHER



Teacher Joan Shawyer helps Courtney Kirchner on the computer at Kimberly High School. Shawyer was selected by the Citizen's Scholarship Foundation of America Inc. as the recipient of a \$500 scholarship from the Target Teacher's Scholarship from the Target Store in Twin Falls. The scholarship award may be used for tuition, fees, books, supplies, travel costs or other educational expenses at accredited colleges or universities, workshops, seminars or programs. Shawyer is working on her master's degree in instructional technology. The scholarship will help her financially, she says. She is one of 2,900 teachers nationwide selected to receive the Target Teachers Scholarship.

BETTY FAYLOCK/The Times-News

POUNCE ON A MOUSE

By Phillip Robinson
Knight Ridder News Service

It doesn't take much cheese to capture a fine mouse.

Some of my favorites exist only \$15.

You can spend \$75 to \$150 on a mouse, sure. But I don't advise it.

After all, what do you get for the extra bucks? Brand name, "optical" technology, fancy software and exotic, specialized hardware.

Do you really need a big name like Microsoft — on your mouse? Nah, it's already all over most computers anyway.



Microsoft chairman Bill Gates, left, looks on as Bert Keely demonstrates a prototype tablet personal computer during an unveiling of an effort to transform Microsoft's software products into Internet-based personal services.

Rivals greet Microsoft initiative with coolness

Knight Ridder News Service

Microsoft Corp.'s sweeping effort to transform its software products into Internet-based services, unveiled Thursday, was greeted mostly with skepticism from its rivals in Silicon Valley and elsewhere.

Other major technology industry players said the software giant will have plenty of competition as it again arrives late to an already burgeoning market.

The Microsoft.NET initiative announced Thursday is aimed at allowing individuals to access data and software from a wide array of devices via the Internet and letting Microsoft sell software services rather than pre-packaged products. But many high-tech providers said they already are developing or selling such services over the Web.

"We really believe software (as we know it) is dead. We think the world is moving to online services," said Marc Benioff, chairman of Salesforce.com, a San Francisco provider of Web-based software for sales automation.

Microsoft's latest strategy amounts to a "retrofit model," said George Paolini, vice president of Java community development at Sun Microsystems Inc. in Palo Alto, a longtime rival of Microsoft. "If you read between the lines, Microsoft is looking for

It doesn't have to be expensive, either

most of us would ever notice. And it means less wear for maintenance — removing the ball for cleaning. But I've used mice for years without bothering to clean them. And cleaning, if necessary, is simple and quick.

Fancy software mainly gives you macros — the ability to assign a long string of operations to a single click. Like fancy options on a VCR, very few people ever bother to program this mouse maze. And I'm not sure how useful it is to those who do.

Exotic, specialized hardware is a complete waste of time, except for those few with exotic, specialized applications. For instance, some mice now have a built-in fingerprint scanner to check your identity. Do you really need that kind of security? Maybe if you work in some special government bureau, I guess.

Another \$100+ mouse has "force feedback." When you use it with compatible games — which are few — the mouse will shake and kick in your hand. That's kind of fun, but I think it makes more sense in a joystick than in a mouse. Then there are cordless mice. I like a cordless keyboard because I can lean back in my chair with the keyboard in my lap. But a cordless mouse isn't so easy. What do you rest it on? I insist that any cordless keyboard have a built-in mouse, so that question doesn't come up. If you do get a wireless device, go for one that uses radio, not infrared. IR is too finicky, often getting interrupted when the angle or distance isn't just right.

So if those extras aren't worth the dollars, what is worthwhile in a mouse? Naturally it should work with

your computer. That means the right kind of plug — PS/2, serial, USB — and software — for Mac, Windows or Linux. If your computer has working USB ports, go for a USB mouse instead of one of the older designs. Then you may be able to keep using this mouse with other computers for years to come.

A nice fit in your hand matters a lot. Feel a mouse before buying. What fits you probably won't fit me. Left-handers have the most trouble with this. There used to be some models made in both right and left versions, but I don't find them anymore. A good fit might even be called "ergonomic design." All mice want to claim some part of the ergo word, want to claim that they're scientifically "healthy" to use. I don't think it's clear what is healthiest, though, except for not spending too much time on interrupted mouse sliding and clicking.

With right software, you can really go back

By Jim Coates
Chicago Tribune

Q: My friend just bought a Gateway computer. It came with a feature called GoBack, which allows users to restore their computer to what it was like at a previous date. If they have a computer failure, they can go back to a time when the computer was working correctly, be it a day or an hour ago. When you select the best time, it resets your computer to the configuration it was in at that time.

I believe it is a software feature. I have looked in stores but have not come across anything that seems to do what GoBack does. Do you know if there is software on the market that does this? What are its limitations?

— Vincent D'Antonio, Huntsville, Ala.

A: My next comprehensive review of a Gateway PC will include at least a few lines of heaping praise for this superb GoBack feature you can buy from the distinguished software house of Adaptec (www.goback.com).

You wrote an excellent description of what the software does, Mr. D.

It did add that in addition to restoring hard drives and such, GoBack lets you recover individual data files that might get deleted.

The biggest limitation is that in order to accomplish its backup, the software continually saves compressed versions of your hard drive's contents, so the bigger the hard drive you have the better.

The only caveat I can think of is that Microsoft's update to Windows 98, Windows ME (Millennium Edition), set to ship this summer, will include

Computer Q&A

this same type of feature as part of the operating system. So buying GoBack now for its \$70 suggested retail price might not be the best deal if you plan to shell out \$90 or so for Windows ME later this year.

How about some help with Windows 98? When I used to use the Explorer feature, if I highlighted a graphic such as a .jpg or .bmp I could see thumbnail preview image on the left side of the screen. I had to reinstall Win98, and I no longer see the preview with the .jpg. Any suggestions?

One other question: After the reinstall, when I hit Start and then Programs, all of the programs and files are now listed in the order I added them, not in alphabetical order, which I like. Can I put them in alphabetical order somehow?

— Loren Doppelt, Palatine

A: Second question first. When Microsoft product managers visited me the other day to show off the newly released Windows 2000 software and the Windows ME operating system to be released this summer, they boasted that the new OS will return to the automatic alphabetization that had been part of Windows 95. Meanwhile, you will find that Windows 98 lets you drag and drop the Start menu icons to arrange them any way you like.

On the first question, to get Windows 98 to display thumbnails of each picture as you highlight it you need to click on the My Computer icon, then pick Windows and click the radio box for Web style and then be sure to click the Apply button at the bottom of the command box.

Days of the floppy disk are over, analysts say

By Stephen Lynch
The Orange County Register

Floppy Disk, the abused but loyal companion of computer users everywhere, has died of obsolescence. He was 48. Friends and relatives mourned the passing of the mercurial storage format, which one acquaintance described as "hard working, but a little square." It wasn't clear whether Floppy would be buried or used as a coaster.

"Honestly, the day of the floppy is over," said Jon Robison, worldwide director of product marketing for Omega Corp. "It just comes down to capacity."

It was Omega, in fact, that hastened Floppy's demise. In 1995, it introduced the Zip, a disk format that holds 100 megabytes of data, or 70 times that of the 3.5-inch diskette. Consumers also began trading more information via e-mail around that time. Floppy, associates say, was jealously obsessed with both competitors.

But the fatal blow came last winter, when recordable compact-disc drives and DVD players were the hot consumer buys. About 5 million recordable CD drives were sold in the fourth quarter, a 216 percent increase from 1998, said Wolfgang Schlichting, research manager for removable storage at International Data Corp., an analytical firm in Massachusetts.

The ability to record was the only thing that kept Floppy viable against digital competitors, Schlichting said. After most consumers began saving computer data on CDs and mixing their own music discs, Floppy — along with the audiocassette tape — was doomed.

To add insult to injury, when Apple Computer released its iMac home computer in 1998, it didn't even bother to include a disk drive. After that announcement, friends said Floppy retreated, encased, to his Sicilian villa, reappearing only two months ago in a Tokyo hospital, where he went increasingly unrecognized. It was a tragic end for a celebrity that once rode in the cockpit of protectors of every Silicon Valley programmer.

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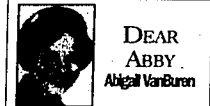
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MORNING BREAK

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Monday's Puzzle Solved with answers for the crossword puzzle.

Dogs left in cars can die in summer heat



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While I'm on the subject of pets and climate, outdoor pet houses should be placed in the shade, and plenty of cool, fresh water should be provided...

DEAR ABBY: In reference to the letter about making provisions for your pet's future in case of your illness or death...

DEAR NANCY: If the number of letters I receive from readers who love their pets is any indication...

Taurus: Don't make promises you can't keep

IF JUNE 27 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: You are a natural psychologist-humaniarian. You are better at helping others than in promoting your own cause...

DEAR RANDI: It's true that the temperature inside an automobile can build up quickly in these summer months...

ANALYZE situation, write your views and impressions. Member of opposite sex confides: "I can hardly keep my hands off you!"

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Day could lead to trip overseas. Open lines of communication.

Frank McCourt opens a museum of his childhood

LIMERICK, Ireland - A replica of the slum house where writer Frank McCourt endured the miserable childhood recounted in the Pulitzer Prize-winner "Angela's Ashes" has been opened as a tourist attraction...

Michael Jackson's promoter sues for millions - SANTA BARBARA, Calif. - Michael Jackson's longtime promoter is suing the singer for \$21.2 million...

Radio host is scrutinized for views on homosexuals - NEW YORK - Controversial radio talk-show host Dr. Laura Schlessinger says efforts by gays and lesbians to have her upcoming television show axed has taken its toll...

Dixie Chicks' lead singer gets hitched in Las Vegas - NASHVILLE, Tenn. - Dixie Chicks' lead singer Natalie Maines tied the knot after her group performed in Las Vegas...

A whole city in Spain is a national monument

Sweden's medical researchers have put brain tissue from young rats into old rats. And reported the old rats thereafter remembered things better.

WHAT'S WHAT L.M. Boyd - Correct, not only can a camel close its nose, but under threat of sandstorm, it can close the opening to nostrils and leave the downward nostril open.

Spain's city Toledo is special. Not just part of it but the whole town has been declared a national monument.

pastry called "zabalia." Charles Menches sold ice cream in a booth at the St. Louis Fair of 1904.

Grand Ole Opry asks Pam Tillis to join their staff

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) - Country singer Pam Tillis said the invitation she got Saturday night fulfilled a lifelong dream.

Spice up your life with the Food & Home section, Wednesday in The Times-News



Natalie Maines ties the knot after concert. Dixie Chicks' lead singer gets hitched in Las Vegas.

"BRILLIANT" the year's funniest movie

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Advertisement for movies at the Orpheum Theatre and Twin Cinema 12, featuring Jim Carrey, Mel Gibson, and Chicken Run.

Advertisement for Small Time Crooks at Lamphouse Theatre.

BRIEFLY IN MONEY

Working teens must consider tax laws

Millions of high school and college kids are moving into the summer work force this month, so here's a quick look at the most important tax issues, courtesy of RIA, a New York firm that provides tax information to accountants.

- **What is taxed:** A child can earn up to \$4,400 without owing any federal income tax. Earnings above that level are taxed at the 15 percent rate.

- **Exemption from withholding:** Federal tax will be withheld unless the employer is told the worker will owe no federal income tax and had no federal income tax bill in 1999.

- **The worker, however, cannot claim a withholding exemption if he or she will be claimed as a dependent on someone else's return, or if his or her income exceeds \$700 and includes more than \$250 in "unearned" income, such as interest, dividends or other nonwage income.**

- **Who must file a return:** The worker must file a return if unearned income exceeds \$700 or if earned income exceeds \$4,400. A return must be filed by workers who have both earned and unearned income if unearned income exceeded \$250 and total income exceeds \$700. Also, a return must be filed if unearned income is less than \$250 but total income exceeds \$4,400.

- **IRA contributions:** A child or teenager can contribute up to \$2,000 per year to an Individual Retirement Account, but the contribution cannot exceed the person's earned income for the year. So a teen who earns \$1,500 this year could put only \$1,500 into an IRA.

Chief financial offer will leave discount chain

GREEN BAY, Wis. - ShopKo Stores Inc.'s chief financial officer, Paul H. Freischlag, will resign his position as of July 28.

Freischlag joined the Green Bay-based discount store chain in 1998. He came from Royal Ahold, a \$25 billion global retailer headquartered in Zaandam, Netherlands, where he was responsible for worldwide financial activities.

In a statement, Freischlag said he was leaving ShopKo - which has a Twin Falls store - in order to pursue other business opportunities that would make use of his experience in international and corporate transactions.

Freischlag said, "I feel proud of what I have accomplished in my tenure with ShopKo. I have groomed a financial team that is ready to assume the leadership responsibilities that will lead this strong organization into the future."

No successor was named.

Compiled from wire reports

Taking a chance on China

By Virginia S. Hutchins
Times-News writer

Local firms market engineering, dust control to visiting delegation.

TWIN FALLS - Terrible windstorms in northern China that carried dust from abandoned farmland into Beijing and Shanghai and closed a Beijing airport earlier this year may have blown some business to Idaho.

Eight Chinese provinces sent top environmental officials to Boise to research the products and services of a handful of Idaho companies, including a Boise-based engineering firm and a Twin Falls manufacturer. They met with businesses on Monday and will meet with Idaho leaders today.

But the 21-member delegation, sponsored by the China Council to Promote International Trade, stopped in Twin Falls first as

guests of Hamilton Manufacturing Inc. The Twin Falls manufacturer aims to be part of China's answer for dust control, erosion control and revegetation.

Hamilton's hydroseeding process mixes recycled-paper mulch with grass seed, fertilizer and water and quickly sprays the mixture to cover the ground. The same process - with altered formulas and no seed - battles dust and erosion.

Sunday, Hamilton leaders took the Chinese delegation to a construction site on the east side of Twin Falls where developers are putting in a new street and subdivision, the company's Herb

Harney said. Hamilton workers the day before had treated about 5,000 square feet of ground with Hamilton's dust-control product, and Sunday they sprayed another 5,000 square feet while the delegates watched.

One Chinese man was concerned the cured, day-old product wouldn't withstand foot traffic or light automobile traffic. So Harney asked his visitors to walk across it, and he drove a pickup across it a few times.

"They were amazed. Their eyes got big," he said. The Idaho Department of Commerce scheduled Hamilton for a Monday-afternoon classroom presentation in Boise for

the delegation, but Sunday's meeting already had netted the company a business lead.

Xie Wenbi, deputy director and senior engineer of the safety and environment bureau for China Petrochemical Corp., the largest oil refinery in China, invited Harney and his wife to be his guests next time they're in Beijing, Harney said. The couple, which travels frequently in pursuit of foreign clients, would see China Petrochemical's projects and investigate whether Hamilton could help solve any environmental needs.

"It definitely was the right type of people to talk to," the Twin Falls company's Tamara Hamilton-Harney said. The visiting-pollution-control experts, business representatives and Chinese city officials understand. Please see TRADE, Page E3

Chasing foreign trade

International trade has been getting attention around the state as a growing benefit to Idaho's economy.

Some Magic Valley companies, even small ones, have been aggressive in developing products for local markets such as pork, potatoes, wheat ingredients and insulation.

Since April 1999, Times-News Business Editor Virginia S. Hutchins has tracked the all-out efforts of one such Twin Falls manufacturer. Our case study is Hamilton Manufacturing Inc., a key part of Idaho's efforts to expand foreign trade.

BANKING ON BIOTECH

Companies jockey for position

Newsday

The gold rush is on, time to plan for the good genes and tame the bad ones. Life in the Genomic Wild West is already producing financial pay dirt while mining the human genome for advanced new blockbuster drugs.

Corporate shootouts are already taking place, with companies and researchers feuding over profits and scientific primacy and fame, as well as patenting rights and marketing approvals even more valuable than yellow metal nuggets.

First to market with a new and highly effective drug normally wins. Right now, for example, Amgen Inc., the world's biggest biotechnology company, is fighting a big patent infringement lawsuit against Transkaryotic Therapies Inc. and Aventis over Amgen's blockbuster anemia-fighting drug, Epoetin, a drug developed from genes.

Billions are at stake. Lawyers for other biotech companies are sitting in the U.S. District Court trial in New York taking notes and patrolling the halls to glean tidbits of potentially useful information for their clients.

In the new world of molecular genetic medicine, the computer has become the most important tool for drug discovery. Automated computerized sifting of the human, animal, plant and microorganism genomes could unlock the secrets of cancer, the complexities of diabetes, heart disease, strokes, the mysteries of degenerative brain conditions such as Lou Gehrig's Disease, Alzheimer's, Parkinson's, Huntington's, or mental illness



Specialist David Finnerly, second from right, completes trades Monday in Celera Genomics Group on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange.

and birth defects. Some are developing regenerative medicine to repair nerves, muscles, skin and bones.

The big drug companies and biotechnology companies increasingly are basing research on DNA science and the fact that most diseases involve genes and tiny errors in their replication or a breakdown of their function.

The new wave of biotechnologies are geared toward finding those plitches at the molecular level of the genes and proteins in human cells and tissue. And there are many new tools to help fix them.

With the arrival this year of several huge genetic databases driven by powerful supercomputers and sophisticated mathe-

Future of genetic science

The rough draft of the human genome marks only the start of a long scientific journey. It will take years for practical applications to emerge.

- 2002-2003: Mapping of entire human genome - 100% complete
- 2002-2010: First tests of genetic screening against risk of cancer, diabetes and strokes
- 2015: Medical treatments tailored to the genetic makeup of each individual available
- 2025: Doctors able to correct genetic flaws, controlling some congenital diseases
- 2050:
 - Many diseases cured at molecular level before they arise
 - Average life span reaches 90-95 years
 - Increased knowledge about human population and aging genes

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US West wins final approval

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) - Federal regulators gave final approval Monday to a \$86 billion merger between Qwest Communications International Inc. and U.S. West Inc. after Qwest agreed to divest its long-distance services, customers and assets in 14 states.

Under the agreement, Qwest - a long-distance telephone and Internet carrier - will lose about 200,000 long-distance customers in the 14 Western states where U.S. West does business.

By law, U.S. West - a Baby Bell - cannot offer long-distance service to its local customers without first showing that its local markets in those states are open to competition. Since that applies to data traffic as well, the companies had to address data traveling on Qwest's massive Internet pipes that originate in U.S. West states.

Those assets - in Arizona, Colorado, Idaho, Iowa, Minnesota, Montana, Nebraska, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oregon, South Dakota, Utah, Washington and Wyoming - will go to Touch America Inc.

"We regret that federal law requires us to sell this business in order to complete our merger. However, Touch America is an experienced company that will provide excellent service to our customers," said Steve Davis, senior vice president of government affairs for Qwest.

The long distance services and assets that will be sold to Touch America include switched long distance services, toll-free services and calling card and prepaid card calls involving U.S. West's region. Qwest will retain its long distance services outside the region.

When the agreement was conditionally approved by the FCC in March, the companies were still seeking regulatory approvals in seven states. U.S. West spokesman David Fish said Monday that the companies had those approvals and were simply awaiting final written orders from Arizona and Minnesota.

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Resentment builds over college costs

The Washington Post

For thousands of families across the country, the math of reckoning is at hand.

Their high school seniors have been through the college application process, picked the schools they prefer from among the acceptance letters and told the institutions, yes, we're coming.

Now the families have to pay for it.

A lucky few don't have to worry. They have either so much money that costs don't matter or so little that they qualify for generous aid. And, of course, at many schools athletes and top scholars get financial assistance regardless of their circumstances.

But for the millions who are deemed slightly too "rich" for aid or whose "expected family contribution" — the amount the school expects them to pony up beyond the aid package — seems back-breaking, many are wondering: How did college get so expensive?

Today's parents may remember that they had to work summers and during the school year, and that they had to do without things they wanted and perhaps their friends had. But they don't recall having to take on debt the size a home mortgage just to get a bachelor's degree.

This is especially true at the nation's most exclusive colleges, where tuition, room and board, books and the like — for an incoming freshman will approach \$35,000 for a single school year.

At the same time, in what is increasingly a winner-take-all society, attendance at a prestigious college is widely viewed as a key springboard to success, so families of kids who are admitted

Families grow tired of high costs

to Yale or Stanford or a similar school feel enormous pressure to come up with the cash. To do otherwise is to deprive the child of the opportunity of a lifetime, or so it seems.

Cornell University professor Ronald Ehrenberg, both an economist and a former vice president of the Ithaca, N.Y., school, has been looking at why costs have risen so relentlessly at elite private colleges and research universities, and at the possible consequences for students and the institutions themselves.

His conclusion: Like the scorpion in the fable, it is their nature. But the scorpion, you'll recall stings the frog, drowning him both, these top colleges may come to grief if they don't change their ways.

The key driver of costs at the top U.S. colleges, Ehrenberg concludes, based on research and personal experience, is the desire of school administrators to make their institutions "the very best that they can be in every area of their activities."

To be sure, many of the nation's 3,500 colleges and universities aren't full and could use more students. Such schools have much less freedom to raise prices, and in fact some of them are buying reductions in hopes of filling empty seats.

"However, selective private institutions live almost entirely in a world of their own," Ehrenberg said in a recent lecture that was listed last fall. "As their tuition levels have increased, so too have the number of applications they receive."

So, as long as tuition — along with alumni donations and other

revenue — sources make it possible, they will continue to pursue their quest for excellence, or at least for top ranking.

These institutions "are so concerned about falling-out of the top group that as long as the resources are there, you think you can get the resources. It is much easier to spend the money than it is to make a hard decision," about cutting back, Ehrenberg said in an interview last week.

In his book, titled "Tuition Rising: Why College Costs So Much," he likens administrators at top schools to "cookie monster" characters from "Cinderella." "They seek out all the resources that they can get their hands on and then devour them."

The result has been that U.S. colleges are the envy of the world, and our top institutions are the finest anywhere. But they are also the most expensive. If they reach a point where much of the country feels it is being excluded from them on economic grounds, Ehrenberg fears, they could face any number of adverse political consequences.

Interestingly, Ehrenberg points out that the cost of higher education generally has grown at a rate 2 to 3 percentage points above the cost of living for most of this century. That matters little when only a handful of Americans went to college, and in the years following World War II, when college attendance soared, housing costs were rising at a similar rate.

The change came in 1980, when household income began falling behind the cost of living and college costs continued to run ahead of it. That pattern is

what has made higher education a top stress factor for the economic lives of middle-class American families today.

To a certain extent, the steady rise in education costs is understandable. Unlike manufacturing, electronics and other areas of the economy, education is difficult to automate, and technology offers limited opportunities to make teachers more efficient. Thus, many of the efficiencies that have made some goods and services cheaper over the years are less available in education.

But Ehrenberg finds that beyond that, the pressure to be the best and have the best — the most Nobel laureates, the finest laboratories, sports facilities and physical plant — drive these institutions to spend money on everything rather than cutting some things out.

Soaring endowments allow many top-tier colleges to generate financial aid, and the recognition that middle-class families, not only poor ones, are struggling to pay the freight has led some parents to revise old formulas to hold down student debt and avoid requiring families to deplete retirement savings.

Still, the sense that these schools are dangling the keys to the kingdom in families while boosting prices when they could afford not to is starting to create resentment. And if that resentment gets strong enough and widespread enough, private colleges may find themselves in political hot water.

Administrators may regard that as unlikely, given that schools are solid income earners. But Ehrenberg points out what has happened in recent years to medical schools and nonprofit hospitals, "which are also thought to be the greatest in the world."

Existing home sales rise unexpectedly

WASHINGTON (AP) — Sales of existing homes posted a better-than-expected 4.3 percent increase in May, a sign that despite rising interest rates, the housing market remains strong.

The National Association of Realtors said Monday that the May advance pushed sales to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 5.09 million units. That compared to a rate of 4.88 million sales in April, which reflected a 6.2 percent drop from the March level.

Housing analysts said the strength in May in part reflected the fact that more homes than normal were put on the market in March and April after strong sales during the inventory of unsold homes to a record low.

"Many buyers were frustrated in early spring because there simply weren't enough homes on the market," said Dennis R. Cronk, the president of the Realtors group. "Many homes listed in March and April received quick offers, resulting in a higher number of transactions closed in May."

The sales jump came as a surprise to many economists who had been expecting home resales would be unchanged or even dip slightly as the housing market cooled under the impact of six interest rate increases over the past year by the Federal Reserve.

The central bank was meeting Tuesday and Wednesday with economists predicting Fed officials will decide to leave rates unchanged this time.

Broader stock indicators were also higher. The Standard & Poor's 500 index was up 13.83 at 1,455.31, and the Nasdaq composite index was up 66.78 at 3,912.12.

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Tasty deal helps propel Dow to the highest mark in weeks

NEW YORK (AP) — Snacks sent the Dow Industrial to its highest level in more than three weeks.

Philip Morris, a Dow component and owner of Kraft Foods, led the average higher Monday as investors applauded the company's plan to acquire Nabisco Holdings Corp., which makes Ritz crackers, Snackwells' snack mix, cookies and Life Savers candy.

The deal, one of several mergers the market reacted to Monday, boosted investors' enthusiasm and helped many take their focus off the Federal Reserve's meeting this week.

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Biotech

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Continued from E1. Their work has been impossible just a decade ago, Sulliman said. 'As the complete human genome becomes a reality,' he said, 'recently developed arrays, such as bioinformatics, DNA arrays, and single-nucleotide polymorphisms (SNPs), will dominate biology and medical research.'

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Teen-agers dabble in philanthropy

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich. (AP) — Clad in T-shirts, jeans, cargo pants and the occasional wooden bead necklace, the half-dozen teen-agers seated around the cherry conference table look more like they belong in a Gap clothing ad than a board room.

But the Grand Rapids Foundation Youth Grant Committee means business: The high school students have nearly \$80,000 to give to charities that help young people. More than three dozen nonprofit groups have applied for the money, including a summer program that wants \$15,000 to help disadvantaged children.

"I still don't understand how you are going to use this money," 17-year-old Jamal Chilton, one of the committee's co-chairs, says during an interview with the summer program's directors. He repeatedly asks, "Can you explain it again?"

Such questions are on the rise. From California to New York, charities are increasingly looking to young people to raise money and help decide what organizations to support.

Their motives range from a desire to get a younger perspective to concerns that, without training programs, charities won't carry them through the 21st century. The hope is that teaching teen-agers about philanthropy will make them more likely to get involved and open their checkbooks as they get older.

The Council of Michigan Foundations estimates there are 300 youth grant-making programs nationwide.

Some of the programs are self-funded. Others fund only programs for young people or programs administered by young people. Some partner young people with adults. But all the efforts share two key qualities.

First, they allow young people a direct say in deciding where charitable money should go. Second, they tend to focus on recruiting students from varied racial, socioeconomic and academic backgrounds, including those who aren't already school leaders, in hopes of making their groups as representative as possible of the community.

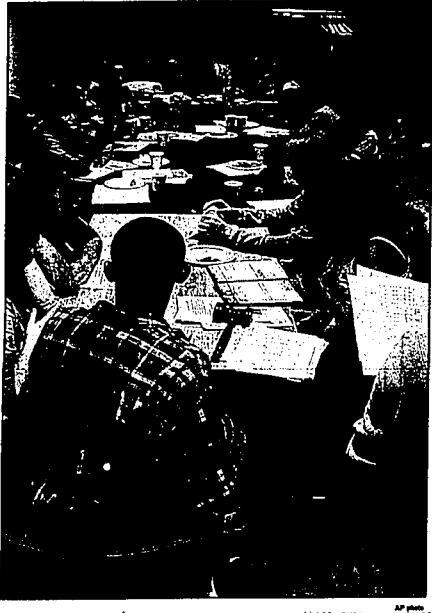
In Rochester, N.Y., six teen-agers and two adult advisers hand out \$100,000 in grants of up to \$750, to fund programs run by their peers.

"In the history of charitable organizations, young people who came to us were often viewed as problems needing to be addressed,

Young grant-makers aid

The types of projects funded by young grant-makers and, in some cases, their advisers vary. Some examples are the groups that funded them:

- \$200 to a New York public school club that makes quilts to distribute to seriously ill children (by Common Cents, N.Y.)
- \$300 to a Brooklyn group that provides subway fare, meals and other minor financial support to families coming to New York for medical treatment for a family member (Common Cents)
- \$400 to a Henrietta, N.Y., effort that matches high-school students with elementary pupils for friendship (Rochester Area Community Foundation, Rochester, N.Y.)
- \$400 to a Rochester, N.Y., church for children to make and distribute Easter baskets to poor families (Rochester Area Community Foundation)
- \$500 to a Boy Scout troop to hold a Chinese cultural event at a home-less shelter (Community Foundation Silicon Valley, San Jose, Calif.)
- \$1,000 to provide free Friday night babysitting for stressed-out families (Community Foundation Silicon Valley)
- \$870 to a Girl Scout troop to plant flowers at a Zion, Ind., nursing home and make Easter baskets for residents (Youth As Resources of Central Indiana, Ind.)
- \$1,315.91 to North Indianapolis youth volunteers to provide cleanup services and canned goods at a retirement center (Youth As Resources of Central Indiana)
- \$4,585 for a Grand Rapids, Mich., neighborhood effort to establish a sustainable community garden (Grand Rapids Foundation Youth Grant Committee, Grand Rapids, Mich.)
- \$12,000 to hire two teen-agers to help build a teen-only branch of a local Web site (Grand Rapids Foundation Youth Grant Committee)



High school students go over their agenda during a meeting of the Grand Rapids Foundation Youth Grant Committee on May 9, in Grand Rapids, Mich. The high school has nearly \$80,000 to give to charities.

neighborhoods. This year the Youth In Philanthropy committee gave away about \$20,000 — about 15 percent of which they raised themselves — to youth-initiated projects.

"The whole concept of philanthropy is pretty new to most of them," says adviser Julie Dean. "They're tough grant-makers. By the time they get to the end, they're asking really good questions about groups' motivations, grilling them on their budget. They learn a lot of critical thinking skills."

In Indianapolis, the Youth As Resources program pairs teen-

agers with adults on grant-making boards and fund raising efforts. Director Paula Allen describes the effort as a great way to educate young people and enlighten adults about youths' needs.

"When you have youth on the board it absolutely fire up adults. Youth has a lot of enthusiasm. They haven't been spoiled by experience — everything is possible," Allen says.

The Grand Rapids' youth committee, which is fully funded by its community foundation, is one of 80-plus such groups in Michigan that grew out of grants from the W.K. Kellogg Foundation.

Gore plans to offer energy package

WASHINGTON (AP) — Vice President Al Gore plans to outline a multibillion-dollar "market-driven" proposal to promote energy conservation and spark development of alternative power sources, aides say.

The proposal comes as consumers are complaining about high gasoline prices that top \$2 a gallon in parts of the Midwest. Gore blames oil companies for the high prices.

Aides to the Democratic presidential contender, speaking Sunday on condition of anonymity, stressed that the package he plans to offer formally Tuesday looks at the larger picture.

Though described as being driven by the marketplace, aides said the plan would require significant new government spending on a series of direct loans and tax incentives to influence corporate and consumer behavior.

Aides did not provide a cost estimate, but directed reporters to some of the campaign's recent proposals. Last week, Gore proposed spending \$2.3 billion over 10 years on job training.

The plan is the latest in a wave from Gore as he seeks to focus his campaign on the nation's economic health and how he would spend the budget surplus if he is produced.

"The entrenched interests are trying to protect the status quo," said campaign spokesman Chris Lehane. "The oillogists for them say that we simply can't have a clean environment and affordable energy at the same time. Al Gore says we can."

use alternative energy sources and others that get very high mileage, some up to 90 miles per gallon.

The measure offers twin incentives — to manufacturers to develop the vehicles and to consumers to buy them. Gore says the big auto companies have the technology in hand and are eager to move ahead with such vehicles.

The proposal also targets similar tax incentives at an array of appliances ranging from stoves to furnaces to homes that are designed to be energy-efficient. There also would be incentives for add-ons, like installing solar capacity.

There are front-end costs in some of these but long-term bills would be lower," one Gore aide said. The tax breaks would encourage consumers to make the investment, aides said.

In addition, the package would:

- Make funding available, through loans and tax credits, to develop high-speed and light rail programs as an alternative for commuters. There also would be money for cleaner buses.
- Spark development of alternative energy sources through financial incentives, including tax breaks and direct loans. For example, farmers who produce crops used for biomass energy could get incentives that would make their land more valuable.
- Give incentives to utilities to replace older and dirtier power generating stations.

Gore advisers said the plan is designed to make the marketplace more environmentally friendly.

Sonar affects whales' singing

The Washington Post

Marine scientists have become increasingly concerned that noise generated by humans under the sea may be harming whales and other marine mammals. Now, new research indicates that sonar can affect the mating songs of humpback whales.

During their breeding season, male humpbacks "sing" long complex songs that are thought to be designed to attract females. The songs "consist of a

series of themes, progressing in a predictable order, that may repeat for several hours," according to a team of researchers at the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution in Massachusetts that conducted the new research.

Using a small research vessel and an underwater microphone, the researchers recorded the singing of 16 humpbacks as a nearby Navy vessel broadcast low-frequency sonar at relatively low power. The Navy is testing the sonar as a more accurate way to detect submarines.

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