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Craig retracts road plan

Enviro declare victory

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Sen. Larry Craig on Wednesday backed off his plan to offer an amendment that would have delayed President Clinton's plan to ban roads and other development in 43 million acres of roadless federal forests.

The Clinton administration and environmentalists declared victory. "Sen. Craig knows there's tremendous popular support for the (roadless) proposal," said Jim Lyons, the Agriculture Department undersecretary who oversees the Forest Service. "Sen. Craig is on the wrong side of the issue."

Debbie Sease, legislative director for the Sierra Club, said Craig's Republican colleagues likely persuaded the Idaho Republican to pull back

Comment deadline nears - C1

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Sen. Larry Craig

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Shooting story takes a twist

If police say teen's accident doesn't jibe

By Brandon Fala
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Investigation of a Saturday-morning shooting took an unusual twist on Wednesday when police revealed that the 15-year-old victim had told two conflicting versions of what happened.

"Obviously, the two stories are different and that makes the investigation more difficult," Twin Falls police Sgt. Steve Benkula said. "We're not sure which story is true, and we will investigate both."

The shooting took place around 5 a.m. Saturday near Addison Avenue West and Ostrander Street. Fifteen-year-old Jason Hobbs of Twin Falls was shot twice, probably with a small-caliber handgun, according to Benkula. The boy was treated at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center for minor injuries and then was released.

Hobbs apparently has told two versions of the shooting: one to police, the other in a Times-News interview on Tuesday.

Hobbs told The Times-News that on Saturday morning he had been driving to his job laying irrigation pipe. After Hobbs got out of the car to help a person who appeared to be in danger, the shooter turned on Hobbs and fired the two shots.

Hobbs said he had never seen the shooter or the other person before. When a reporter described Hobbs' story to Benkula on Tuesday, Benkula said he couldn't comment or provide details about the case.

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Elko officials table decision on road deal

By Karen Terrell
Times-News correspondent

ELKO, Nev. — After a lengthy meeting that lasted into the late evening hours Wednesday, Elko County commissioners again tabled a decision on whether or not to accept an agreement to settle a lawsuit with the federal government regarding the South Canyon Road near Jarbidge.

Commissioners plan to schedule a special meeting to discuss the issue further and three of the five commissioners — Tony Lesperance, Nolan Lloyd and Brad Roberts — said they would like to see the lawsuit eventually make its way to the United States Supreme Court.

"If we take a vote today, I'll vote no," Lesperance said. "If the vote is tall, I will then make a motion to have the county road department immediately go to Jarbidge and finish the job they commenced in 1998 (to reopen the road)."

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Hailey boy dies after collision

By Brandon Fala
Times-News writer

HAILEY — Nine-year-old Cody Boyd was riding his bike Wednesday morning when he collided with a truck. Boyd fell to the ground and the truck did

Witnesses sought

The Hailey Police Department is asking witnesses to a Wednesday morning accident that killed a 9-year-old boy to call the department at 788-3531.

injuries, according to a Hailey Police Department news release.

The truck that Boyd collided with has not been found, said Police Chief John Stoneback.

"It's very possible that the truck driver didn't know this happened," Stoneback said.

The accident occurred about 8:15 a.m. Wednesday. Boyd was riding his bike at the corner of Bullion and Second Avenue in Hailey near Atkinson's Market when he collided with a large flatbed truck towing a large flatbed trailer, according to the news release.

Witness reports indicate the truck continued traveling on west Bullion without stopping, the release said.

"All we know is that it was a flatbed truck with a flatbed trailer," Stoneback said. "If anybody saw the collision, or the truck, we would like them to come forward. We would like to talk to the truck driver."



Maycee Reeder, 5, left, Sam Ruddell, 4, right, and Boston Sizemore, in the back, try to keep a grip on a slippery pig during a pig wrestling contest at the Lincoln County Fairgrounds on Wednesday.

Both children and adults competed with times ranging from 30 seconds to just over five seconds. The Lincoln County Fair continues today.

IMAGE COURTESY OF THE TIMES-NEWS

GOP battles Clinton enviro plans

With term waning, president tries increasingly to circumvent Congress

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — His term dwindling, an activist President Clinton is frequently circumventing Congress and using his power to dramatically reshape federal policy on the environment, the

workplace and other areas.

On Capitol Hill, Republicans and business lobbyists are battling back, trying to kill some of Clinton's moves or delay them until next year, when they could be stilled by what they hope will be a GOP White House.

By issuing a raft of orders, Clinton is achieving agenda items he could not push through Congress. He is also energizing his supporters and daring lawmakers to challenge him to an election-season political fight.

Clinton's bet is that with the November elections looming, many legislators will be reluctant to be seen as anti-environment or anti-worker.

"We expect a continued high-

level push on all kinds of regulations right up to Clinton's last days in the White House," said Dan Danner, a senior vice president for the National



President Bill Clinton

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Lab-grown cells restore sight to the blind

The Associated Press

Scores of blind people in California and Taiwan are seeing again through eyes refurbished in the laboratory.

The experimental technique, which involves transplanting lab-grown cells to replenish the cornea's surface — offers hope to hundreds of thousands of people around the world blinded by fire, chemical burns or certain diseases.

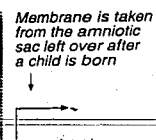
So far, the transplants are working for about 60 out of more than 90 patients operated on at Chang Gung Memorial Hospital in Taipei and 11 of 15 at the medical school at the University of

Cells grown in laboratory restore sight

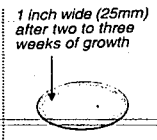
For the first time, "bioengineered" cornea cells have been used to restore vision to an eye with untreatable damage to its surface.



1 Tiny piece of tissue is taken from the person's undamaged cornea



2 Tissue is put on a sheet of amniotic membrane



3 Cells are treated with chemicals that promote their growth



4 Damaged eye surface is trimmed away with a blade



5 Cells and membrane are laid on eye and grow into normal, transparent corneal tissue

SOURCE: Taiwanese study reported in the New England Journal of Medicine
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THE REGION

MAGIC VALLEY FIVE-DAY FORECAST

YESTERDAY'S WEATHER

Camas Prairie



High: 90 Low: 44
Mostly sunny today and clear tonight. Sunny on Friday with highs in the upper 80s.

Treasure Valley



High: 98 Low: 63
Sunny and continued hot, with light wind. Sunny on Friday but not quite as hot.

Sawtooth Mountains/Wood River Valley



High: 94 Low: 53
Mostly clear today and tonight with light winds. Developing clouds Friday, high 92.

Eastern Idaho



High: 94 Low: 53
Mostly clear today and tonight with light winds. Partly cloudy Friday, high 92.

Northern Idaho



High: 86 Low: 52
Mostly clear today and tonight and breezy. Same Friday but with diminishing winds, high 83.

Northern Utah



High: 98 Low: 70
Mostly clear today and tonight and breezy. Partly cloudy Friday, chance of showers, high 95.

Northern Nevada



High: 97 Low: 65
Mostly clear today and tonight and breezy. Partly cloudy Friday, chance of showers, high 95.

Today



High: 98 Low: 60
Mostly sunny and hot, with light winds growing stronger in the afternoon.

Friday



High: 95 Low: 50s
Partly cloudy.

Saturday



High: 90s Low: 50s
Mostly clear.

Sunday



High: 80s Low: 50s
Mostly clear.

Monday

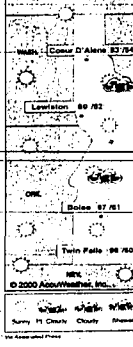


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Idaho weather

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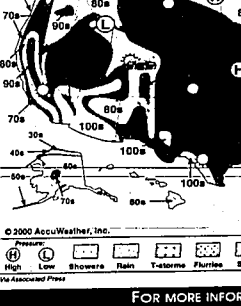
AccuWeather forecast for daytime conditions, high/low temperatures



National weather

The AccuWeather forecast for noon, Thursday, July 13.

Bands separate high temperature zones for the day.



Turn to the National Weather Service radio band at VHF-FM 162.4 or 162.55 MHz. The Internet address for Idaho Transportation Department road reports is: <http://www.state.id.gov/itv/rtrcd/index.html>

Yesterday	101	58	Yesterday in Twin Falls
Last year	96	67	Normal mo. to date: .00
Normal	92	54	Water year to date: 5.48
			Normal year to date: 9.13

Idaho	Max	Min	Pcp	Idaho: High, 101
Boise	100	66	.....	decreases at Burley.
Burley	101	56	.....	Twin Falls and
Coeur d'Alene	100	68	.....	Hagerman, Low, 38
Grangeville	m	m	m	decreases at Sun Valley.
Hagerman	101	54	.....	National High, 115 at
Idaho Falls	94	47	.....	Death Valley, Calif.
Lewiston	99	59	.....	Low, 36 at West
Malad	m	m	m	Yellowstone, 115
Malta	95	m	m	.....
McCall	97	44	.....	.....
Pocatello	99	49	.....	.....
Salmon	93	48	.....	.....
Stanley	86	38	.....	.....
Sun Valley	86	43	.....	.....

The Nation

City	Max	Min	Pcp
Albuquerque	92	68	.25
Anchorage	92	73	.02
Atlanta	85	64	.....
Boston	80	62	.....
Chicago	101	80	.....
Dallas	91	66	.14
Denver	84	67	.68
Des Moines	77	57	.....
Detroit	87	57	.12
Honolulu	100	72	.....
Houston	83	68	.03
Indianapolis	88	68	.21
Kansas City	104	73	.....
Las Vegas	103	73	.....
Los Angeles	77	61	.....
Los Angeles	77	78	.....
Memphis	93	79	.09
Miami Beach	82	71	.08
Milwaukee	80	53	.....
Minneapolis	92	59	.....
New Orleans	95	77	.....
New York	96	74	.....
Oakland	86	66	.....
Omaha	81	62	.....
Phoenix	86	56	.....
Pittsburgh	80	53	.....
Portland, Me.	89	73	.....
Portland, Ore.	89	53	.....
Reno	95	61	.....
St. Louis	89	73	.....
Salt Lake City	72	58	.....
San Francisco	82	62	.....
Seattle	88	64	.....
Spokane	84	68	.....
Washington	88	68	.....
Yuma	103	77	.....

Canadian Cities	High	Low
Calgary	77	46
Montreal	76	57
Toronto	78	56
Vancouver	68	53

UV INDEX

Index: 8 (high)
Burn time: 15 minutes

FIRE DANGER

The BIA's fire danger in the South-Central Idaho mountains is high. Prairies high.

SKYWATCH

Sunset today: 7:15 p.m.
Sunrise tomorrow: 6:13 a.m.
Lunar phases: Full, July 16; last quarter, July 24; new, July 31; first quarter, Aug. 7.

ACROSS THE NATION

Nation: Showers and thunderstorms soaked the Southeast coast and southern Plains Wednesday while the West Coast had fair and dry weather. The strongest thunderstorms pushed from southern Georgia into northern Florida. Another area of showers was found over Arkansas. Scattered showers and thunderstorms also draped parts of the southern Plains. Most of the activity was from northwestern Oklahoma into southern Kansas and southeastern Colorado. Most of the northern and central Plains had fair and dry conditions. A disturbance pushing across

ACROSS THE NATION

the upper Mississippi Valley brought clouds and showers to parts of Wisconsin and Michigan. The showers were light and widely scattered, producing less than a quarter inch of rainfall. Fair and dry weather was found along the West Coast, and it was cloudy over the central and southern Rockies. Clear to partly cloudy skies covered most of the Northeast and northern mid-Atlantic region. High pressure in the region was responsible for the fair, dry conditions.

Clinton

Federation of Independent Business, the small business lobby.

Presidents routinely use their legal and regulatory authority to affect changes late in their terms. Presidents Bush and Reagan did so relatively sparingly, but President Carter issued so many that upon taking office, Reagan reversed or temporarily blocked dozens of them.

Even so, analysts say Clinton's actions are striking for their sweep. This year alone, he has used a 1906 law to add 2 million acres to the country's protected national monuments. And he reached an agreement with Smith & Wesson that has led the nation's largest gun manufacturer to begin using childproof locks and other safety devices.

In addition, federal agencies are rushing to complete numerous rules by year's end that would, among other things, limit truckers' driving hours, restrict coastal pollution, require nutrition labeling for meat, ban snowmobiles from most national parks, and ban new logging roads in 43 million acres of national forests.

Down-to-the-wire fights are continuing over rules that Clinton administration proposed years ago to reduce workplace injuries and improve air quality. Just Tuesday, the Environmental Protection Agency issued rules requiring new state plans for cleaning up waterways - days after Congress sent Clinton still unsigned legislation that would have blocked the regulations.

"Their objective is pretty clear - to enact as much of their agenda as they can, by any means possible," said Fred Niemys, general director for the National Association of Manufacturers, which opposes some of the Clinton initiatives.

"This desperate attempt to get some kind of legacy would be probably relatively easy to undo" with the election of Republican George W. Bush, said Sen. Max Baucus, R-Wash., a critic of many of Clinton's actions.

But even if Bush is elected, he could risk blushing his self-declared "compassionate conservative" label by undoing environmental or safety rules.

Some of Clinton's plans have been challenged in court, such as his clean air rules and roadless policy for forests. Lawmakers who oppose Clinton's moves also complain that he has improperly bypassed Congress, but the White House is unbowed.

"We make no apologies for doing it to protect the environment or workers when Congress has failed to act," said White House spokesman Jake Stewart. Indeed, Clinton administration allies are reveling in many of the president's actions and hoping for more.

In the environmental community, for example, rumors abound that after the November elections, Clinton will declare all or part of Alaska's 39-million-acre Arctic National Wildlife Refuge a national monument. That could end longtime attempts by oil companies and their supporters to begin drilling there.

Cohen: China won't attack Taiwan

BEIJING (AP) - U.S. Defense Secretary William Cohen received explicit assurance from China on Wednesday that it has no intention of attacking Taiwan. U.S. officials welcomed the gesture and said it reflected a more positive tone in discussions about

the sensitive issue of Taiwan's future. Gen. Chi Haotian, the Chinese defense minister, told Cohen that although China reserves the right to use force against Taiwan, that does not mean it intends to do so, said a senior U.S. official present at the meeting.

Road

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Craig planned to offer his proposal.

There are two pending court cases - one in Idaho and the one in Washington, D.C. - on whether private meetings between Clinton officials and environmentalists before the plan was announced amounted to a violation of the Act.

Several interests asked me not to jeopardize the court activity," Craig said. Clinton is trying to use administrative rulemaking to prevent road building and other development on more than one-fifth of all federal forests.

May, says broad criteria for logging, grazing and recreational activities, and leaves it up to local foresters to decide whether roads should be banned on parcels of 5,000 acres or less. Environmentalists call the effort a crowning achievement of the Clinton presidency and one of the most important conservation moves of the last century.

Craig's proposal would have delayed Clinton's plan until after a panel reviewed the effort and made recommendations to improve it. Environmentalists said Craig was trying to put off the plan until Clinton leaves office, with the hope that Republican George W. Bush is elected and scraps the initiative.

Eyes

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California at Davis. Doctors do not yet know if the repair is permanent, but the patients' improved sight has lasted up to 15 months so far.

report in today's New England Journal of Medicine describes the results in the first six patients operated on in Taiwan by Dr. Ray Jui-Fang Tsai. Results from UC-Davis are described in the July issue of the journal Cornea.

Doctors already transplant cells directly from one person's eye to another to refurbish the cornea. But when that is done, the donor must give about half of the cells from the limbus, the circle where the clear cornea turns to white.

The new approach requires only a tiny sliver from the donor's limbus; those cells are then grown in a laboratory dish until ready for transplant.

Shooting

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But after Hobbs' account appeared in Wednesday's newspaper, police issued a press release saying Hobbs had told them a far different story.

According to the press release, Hobbs told police he had hidden his bike to meet an acquaintance. "This person was allegedly involved in a dispute with a close friend of Hobbs'," the press release said.

Hobbs had brought along a gun, and the other person "gained control" of it and shot him, the press release said. Benkula said the police have possible names for Hobbs' friend and their mutual acquaintance, the suspect in the shooting. Benkula couldn't confirm if police have met with them. Their names have not been released by police.

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Jarbidge

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"This will force us into a situation where we will end up in the Supreme Court," Lesperance said.

The Justice Department has threatened a \$27,500-per-day fine against the county stemming from 1998 road work. That fine would now would amount to about \$19 million. Lesperance said "the county is in dire straits" and he's not willing to ask Elko County taxpayers to foot the bill for a lawsuit. He said he will look elsewhere for the money to pay for legal expenses.

During a public meeting last month, most people favored rejecting the agreement because the county was not declared the road's owner, and the federal government did not guarantee it would rebuild the road.

Under the proposed agreement, the U.S. Forest Service would agree to conduct an environmental impact statement to determine if South Canyon Road could be rebuilt. The Forest Service would then build an elevated road and turn maintenance over to the county, under a permanent right of way. The cost to the county would be \$150,000 for road work and \$50,000 to improve fish habitat in the river.

Lesperance, Lloyd and Roberts have said they cannot endorse the plan as written. Commission chairman Roberta Skelton, a member of the court-ordered mediation team that drafted the agreement, said she would like to see changes. Commissioner Mike Nannini, another mediation team member, wants the matter settled and said the cost of fighting the issue in court would probably exceed \$1 million.

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NATION

Study: Spermicide may increase risk of AIDS

DURBAN, South Africa (AP) — The widely used spermicide, nonoxonyl-9, long recommended as a way to stop the spread of AIDS, may actually increase the risk of catching the virus, at least among women who use it frequently, according to the surprising findings of a large study.

As a result, health officials said condoms used solely to prevent disease should not be coated with nonoxonyl-9, although a condom with the spermicide is certainly safer than no condom at all. And they said the spermicide should also not be used for birth control by women at high risk of catching HIV.

Nonoxonyl-9 is widely used around the world for contraception, and about one-third of lubricated condoms sold in the United States are covered with it. Nonoxonyl-9 is a detergent formulated to kill sperm, but in the test tube it also wipes out HIV, and many have long assumed it helps protect people from the virus.

However, a study on prostitutes released Wednesday at the 13th International AIDS Conference showed just the opposite: Women using a nonoxonyl-9 gel increased their risk of contracting HIV rather than lowering it.

"It is an understatement to say that we were extremely disappointed," said Dr. Lut Van Damme of the Institute of Tropical Medicine in Antwerp, the study's director.

The researchers now assume that nonoxonyl-9, or N-9, increases the risk by irritating the vaginal lining, causing tears that give the virus a way to enter the body.

The prostitutes in the study applied N-9 up to 20 times a day, and there is no evidence that women who use it once or twice a day increase their risk of HIV. Nevertheless, Van Damme recommended that N-9's long-term safety as a contraceptive be re-evaluated.

Lawmakers see medicare compromise

WASHINGTON (AP) — Prescription drug costs paid by Medicare and Medicaid and the government and hospital benefits would be enhanced under an effort to reach compromise on an issue that has sharply divided Republicans and Democrats in this election year.

The proposal by Sen. William Roth, chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, was greeted Wednesday by cautious optimism among Democrats and the White House — and some grumbling from Republicans concerned about potentially huge new government costs and bureaucracy.

urged lawmakers to continue working in a bipartisan fashion to provide the drug benefit.

"I am pleased that there is growing momentum on Capitol Hill to provide a real Medicare prescription drug benefit, not a flawed 'insurance' model," Clinton said.

White House spokesman Joe Lockhart went further, calling Roth's proposal "a sharp repudiation of what the House Republicans proposed."

Rep. Bill Thomas, R-Calif., an architect of the House bill, said he welcomed the Senate's entry into the debate but said there weren't enough specifics to comment in detail. He accused the White House of "working to divide-and-destroy, not to try to reach a compromise."

In Roth's plan, Medicare recipients would have a choice between the traditional program, which has no drug benefit, and a new "Expanded Option" program.

For people who opted for the new system, the government would share prescription drug expenses above a not-yet-finalized deductible amount. One deductible being discussed was \$500.

But Roth, R-Del., said the differences could be resolved in time for a Senate vote before Congress ends its session this year.

"This has been a real effort to bring together a bipartisan program," Roth told reporters prior to a closed-door Finance Committee meeting. "We're all in agreement that Medicare is one of our most important domestic programs, but it has to be brought into the 21st century."

The draft measure is an attempt to find middle ground between the 10-year, \$250 billion government-run Medicare drug proposal advocated by President Clinton and a House-passed Republican bill based mainly on subsidized private insurance. Clinton has offered to sign a GOP tax cut for married couples if Congress sends him an acceptable Medicare drug measure.

In a written statement, Clinton

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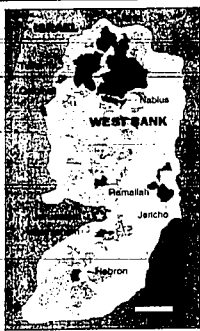
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Peace at last?

Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Barak and Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat face the toughest and most sensitive issues that have eluded negotiations in the past as they meet this week at Camp David. At stake for Barak is an agreement that can satisfy his nation's quest for security, recognition and peace with the Palestinians. Arafat needs a settlement that fulfills his people's desires to determine their own future and establish a Palestinian state.

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Major Issues

PALESTINIANS	Borders	ISRAELIS
Israeli withdrawal from all territory captured in 1967 Mideast War. Establishment of an independent state in that area.	Won't return to 1967 borders but will return up to 90 percent of the West Bank.	
	Jerusalem	City must remain united, under exclusive Israeli sovereignty, as Israel's capital.
	Jordan Valley	Willing to return a substantial part of it.
	Settlements	Will evacuate residents from smaller, isolated settlements to large settlement blocs.
Israeli evacuation of all Jewish settlements in West Bank and Gaza Strip.		
	Refugees	Maintain that the problem of the refugees should be solved with international aid in the countries where they now live.
Maintain that their refugees have the right to return to former homes in what is now Israel.		

Source: Compiled from AP wire reports

Wm. J. Casstello, S. Hoffmann/AP

Camp David talks prove challenging

THURMONT, Md. (AP) — President Clinton labored to push Israel and the Palestinians closer to a settlement of their half-century conflict at a summit that was turning out to be as difficult as all sides had feared. Still, the White House said Wednesday that there had been "real engagement" on substantive issues.

Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Barak and Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat remained secluded with Clinton at Camp David for a second day of talks. "There's been a series of both informal and formal sessions among different people that I'm not going to get into the details of," presidential spokesman Joe Lockhart said. The rustic setting and informality made contacts easier, he said.

"It's been a busy day between all the parties and there's been real engagement today dealing with the substantive issues that define what the parties need to agree on in order to reach an overall agreement," Lockhart said.

Secretary of State Madeleine Albright met with members of the Israeli and Palestinian delegations around a round table. Separately, Clinton talked with Barak and then with Arafat. The three leaders planned a joint dinner with other members of their delegations.

In Jerusalem, Cabinet Minister Haim Ramon said Palestinian and Israeli negotiators had agreed in principle to a land swap, the first acknowledgment that such an exchange could be part of the final status deal being

negotiated at Camp David.

Ramon, who is close to Barak, said Palestinian negotiators accepted a plan where large settlement blocs in the West Bank were annexed to Israel in exchange for symbolic amounts of land inside Israel which are uninhabited by Jews.

The White House refused to confirm the report. Lockhart refused to say if any progress had been made, but said nothing should be read into his lack of comment.

"We went into this knowing it would be a struggle; we have not been disappointed by that," Lockhart said after the president met again with Barak.

"That's just something that I think will continue from now until we pick up and leave here," Lockhart used the word "difficult" four times and the word "struggle" three times in six sentences about the talks.

Respecting the news blackout all parties accepted at the start, Lockhart declined to go into any detail about what, if anything, the talks that began Tuesday had achieved.

While the atmosphere of the Camp David summit with Barak and Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat was described as good, Lockhart spoke in somber terms of the task at hand.

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Israel scratches radar sale to China

THURMONT, Md. (AP) — Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Barak informed President Clinton at the Mideast summit that he was calling off a planned quarter-billion-dollar sale of an advanced airborne warning system to China.

Barak's spokesman, Gadi Baltiansky, said Barak had "expressed sorrow" in a letter to Chinese President Jiang Zemin that the sale had been scuttled.

"Israel is right now together with the United States in the midst of an effort to achieve historic decisions relating to her vital interests," Baltiansky said.

The decision was taken against the "background of the need to have intimate relations with the United States" while the summit was going on, and in its aftermath the Israeli spokesman said Wednesday.

While Baltiansky did not say explicitly that Israel had yielded to U.S. pressure, he said the step was taken against "the background of American objections" to the deal.

The deal represented a major effort by Israel to improve its relations with China and expand its diplomatic and business contacts worldwide, which is one of the reasons it is engaged in trying to make peace with the Arabs.

But a judgment was reached that Israel's unique relationship with the United States had to take highest priority.

With the Clinton administration eager to stop the deal, there were reports last week Israel would modify arrangements by proceeding with the transaction through a third country.

But Baltiansky told The Associated Press the deal was off in all forms.

The United States had insisted that Israel scrap the sale of the plane, called PHALCON, point-

ing to tensions between China and Taiwan and expressing concern that China could use the plane to track American planes should hostilities erupt.

In Congress, representatives from both parties had threatened to cut U.S. aid to Israel if the deal went through.

Rep. Sonny Callahan, R-Ala., who had proposed cutting military aid to Israel by \$250 million

if the sale to China went through, said Wednesday that with the "very wise decision" to cancel the deal there was "now no need to do that."

Callahan, chairman of the House Appropriations panel on foreign operations, said his pose in proposing the aid cut was "to send them a very strong message that this was a very serious concern" to many Americans.

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Successful launch clears way to build international space station

BAIKONUR, Kazakhstan (AP) — A Russian booster rocket streaked into clear blue skies Wednesday carrying a crucial piece of the International Space Station, speeding construction of the \$60 billion project after more than two years of delay.

The flawless launch of the Zvezda module from the Baikonur space facility in Kazakhstan clears the way for six to eight U.S. shuttle flights a year through 2005 hauling hundreds of tons of additional modules and equipment.

"That couldn't happen until the Russian-built Zvezda was put in orbit, since it has the living quarters and flight controls to enable crews to live and work on the station for months."

While Russia will still build and deliver parts of the 16-ton project, delays due to financial troubles in Russia can no longer set back work the way the Zvezda delay did, officials say.

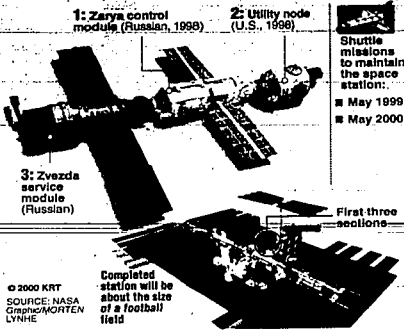
"We really couldn't continue construction of the station without this piece," said Robert Castle, Jr., NASA's flight director for shuttle and station mission operations. "This particular part is very important because it allows us to get a crew on the station, a permanent crew."

Docking ports for future U.S.-built modules are already in place, so any Russian delays will only hold up their part of the station.

A key mission is scheduled for early October, when a shuttle will bring the first piece of the girder-like-russ-assembly that will hold giant solar panels.

Next section of space station

After many delays, Russia has launched the third part of the International Space Station, which is projected to be finished in 2005.



1: Zarya control module (Russian, 1998) 2: Utility node (U.S., 1999) 3: Zvezda service module (Russian) 4: Planned Destiny science module (U.S., 2001) 5: Firat three sections

The first live-in crew is to arrive in October or early November aboard a Russian Soyuz vehicle, and a November shuttle flight will follow with solar panels that will dramatically increase the electricity supply.

That is expected to pave the way for the U.S.-built Destiny science module, the center of the station's research activity, to arrive in January, 2001.

U.S. crews went into orbit unmanned and is scheduled to dock July 26 by computer with

two other space station components, Zarya and Unity, launched in 1998.

If the automatic linkup goes awry, two cosmonauts are standing by to fly immediately to Zvezda aboard a Soyuz rocket from Baikonur to complete the linkup.

At Mission Control outside Moscow, Russian and U.S. space agency officials applauded as the module safely reached orbit approximately 10 minutes after launch at 8:56 a.m. Moscow time.

Study: Genes cause some cancers

The Associated Press

Genes cause more than one-quarter of three major types of cancer — more than previously thought, but not enough to sustain hopes that the cracking of the human genetic code could eliminate the disease, researchers say.

Scandinavian researchers concluded that genes account for 42 percent of prostate cancer, 35 percent for colorectal cancer, and 27 percent for breast cancer.

The rest of the cases are caused by what people do, such as smoking and diet, or what happens to them, such as on-the-job hazards, random genetic mutations or viral infections, the researchers said.

The findings, published in today's New England Journal of Medicine, exceeds earlier estimates that genes account for 10 percent to 20 percent of all cancer, said Paul Lichtenstein, an epidemiologist who led the study at

the Karolinska Institute in Stockholm.

Still, the conclusion runs contrary to the widespread belief that scientists "will find solutions or cures to all diseases in the genes."

Lichtenstein said. "That won't be the case."

The study is the largest of its kind yet, said Heather Spencer Feigelson, senior epidemiologist for the American Cancer Society.

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House passes marriage tax cut

WASHINGTON — The House again passed Republican legislation Wednesday to cut taxes for millions of married couples, setting up a showdown in the Senate and a late July, pre-GOP convention confrontation with President Clinton.

Senate Republicans, meanwhile, reached agreement with Democrats to remove parliamentary roadblocks and finish debate this week on a House-passed bill to abolish inheritance taxes, another GOP priority that Clinton has threatened to veto.

The 269-169 vote by which the House passed the 10-year, \$182 billion "marriage penalty" tax cut was a virtual mirror image of a February vote on the same bill. The move was necessary because Senate Democrats filibustered the first bill, forcing GOP leaders to pass it again under budget rules that limit debate and amendments.

The bill is aimed at the estimated 25 million two-income married couples who pay higher income taxes than single people, but it also gives a tax cut to virtually all married people who file joint tax returns. It would gradually expand the bottom 15 percent income tax bracket to reach independent and Republican women who support abortion rights.

Gore scorns Bush before NAACP civil rights leaders

BALTIMORE — Quoting Scripture an egghead by following NAACP audience, Democrat Al Gore on Wednesday scorned Republican George W. Bush's attempted inroads with black voters as nothing but "misleading work."

"I'm not asking you to read my lips. I am asking you to read my heart and watch my feet and watch the work of my hands when I join with you," Gore told the annual convention of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

The vice president pledged a "marching-together" fight for public schools, affirmative action, national hate-crimes law, Supreme Court justices who will protect civil rights, removing the Confederate flag from the South Carolina state house grounds, and ending police targeting of minorities.

Gore addressed the civil rights group — and touted his card-carrying membership — two days after presidential rival Bush made his appeal here, with the Texas governor heralding the contrast between himself and other

Nation in brief

Marriage tax break

On Wednesday, the House passed a \$182 billion bill that included measures to equalize the 15 percent tax on income for single taxpayers and married couples filing jointly. Here are units of income for the 15 percent tax break and the standard deductions. Income taxed at 15 percent. After this amount, the money is taxed at a higher rate.

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Individual: \$4,400

Married couples, filing jointly: \$7,350

Married couples, if bill were law today: \$8,600

Source: Joint Committee on Taxation AP

Republicans who "have avoided the NAACP."

Planned Parenthood plans ads about Bush, abortion

WASHINGTON — Planned Parenthood plans \$2.5 million in TV ads spotlighting George W. Bush's anti-abortion views, hoping to reach independent and Republican women who support abortion rights.

The group's research suggests a sizable number of women respect Planned Parenthood but are leaning toward the Republican govern-

nor of Texas for president. "We're focusing on those 'compassionate conservative' Republican and independent women who are very pro-choice," said Glorin Feldt, president of the Planned Parenthood Action Fund, the group's political arm. "They believe us when we tell them about George W. Bush's position."

Bush has never strayed from his basic anti-abortion position, although he has not emphasized the issue as he hunts for votes among independents and others who support abortion rights. Bush opposes abortion, except for in cases of rape, incest or when needed to save a woman's life.

New Hampshire's chief justice impeached

CONCORD, N.H. — The state House voted overwhelmingly Wednesday to impeach New Hampshire's chief justice for the case to trial the Senate for a trial that could result in his removal from the bench.

The last time a New Hampshire Supreme Court justice was impeached was in 1790.

The 253-95 vote to impeach David Brock-came-after-seven-hours of debate, deepening a constitutional crisis that began over a divorce case. The charges against Brock — of ethical violations, some of them more than a decade old.

House Judiciary Committee chairman Henry Brock said that the high court broke its own rules and that Brock as chief justice was responsible.

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Jurors visit the pig farm of Thomas and Faith Ann Rossano in Stuart, Fla., on Tuesday. After touring the pig farm in 90-degree heat, they hopped on golf carts and toured the neighboring golf course.

Golf course fights music, stench at pig farm, and jury see both

STUART, Fla. (AP) — In a case of old Florida versus new, a golf course is raising a stink about the stench and noise from a neighboring pig farm whose owner plays twangy country music to soothe his swine.

A judge and jury got a firsthand sniff this week. Circuit Judge Ben Bryan and six jurors tromped around Thomas Rossano's steamy, rural farm and observed 10 or so 400- to 600-pound pigs rolling around in muddy pens in the 90-degree heat.

They then hopped on golf carts and toured the upscale course. The Florida Club of Martin County sits about 100 yards across the street from Rossano's property.

Rossano is fighting the golf club's claims in a lawsuit filed in 1997 that the pigs he raises to put food on his family's table smell and the music he plays to soothe

the animals are a nuisance.

The Rossanos say the developers knew about the pigs when they began building the golf course and subdivision in the mid-1990s.

Bryan wanted the jurors to assess situation for themselves and took them to the source of the years-long controversy.

Bryan told jurors to wear heavy shoes suitable for walking in the brush. The judge wore a long-sleeved, white shirt and khakis, but donned wingtips on his feet.

At the farm, strains of Christina Aguilera and the Red Hot Chili Peppers thumped into three pig pens from speakers attached to a shed on Rossano's property. The swine typically listen to country music, but the radio wasn't tuning very well.

A brown pig with black spots roared around one pen as a black pig submerged in a mud

hole stuck his snout above the water.

The odor at the farm was definitely noticeable, but did not carry across the street to hole No. 4. The music did — faintly.

Jurors talked about the course and complained about the heat as two golfers prepared to tee off.

"Is this a par four?" one asked. "No. I think it's a par five," another juror responded.

Potential jurors were asked questions about their taste in music, whether they like to play or watch golf and if they prefer city or country living. There will be trial testimony from experts who can attest to the benefits of piping music to farm animals.

During jury selection Monday, one woman was dismissed because she once had a pet pot-bellied pig. One juror was picked even though he admitted collecting pig figurines. It turns out he also has a fondness for golf.



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Population grows older, more are staying home

WASHINGTON (AP) — Americans are showing less of an inclination to move, reflecting in part the aging of the population. When people do change addresses, the South and West remain the favored locales, the Census Bureau says.

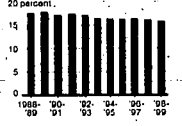
Estimates released Wednesday show that 15.9 percent of the population, or roughly 43 million people, moved between March 1998 and March 1999, compared with 16 percent the previous one-year period, and 17.8 percent during the same period 10 years earlier.

The pace of relocations has not picked up since 20.2 percent of Americans moved between March 1984 and March 1985, up from 17.3 percent in the previous one-year period.

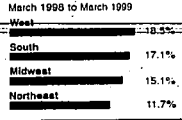
Home sweet home

Americans are less likely to relocate now than a decade ago ...

Percentage of the population that relocated



... and changing addresses is more common in the West.



Source: U.S. Census Bureau AP

While the economy is good, analysts attribute the current trend in large part to the aging of the U.S. population, including a generation of baby boomers hitting middle age, and an increase in home ownership.

Baby boomers typically are defined as those born between 1946 and 1964.

In July 1999, the median age of the American population was 35.5, compared with 32.8 in July 1990. The National Association of Realtors said the median age of homebuyers jumped from 34 in 1989 to 39 in 1999.

"The older you get, the less likely you are to move," Census demographer Carl Faber said.

There were 196 million homebuyers in 1999—26 million more than in 1988, and homeowners are less likely to relocate than renters, according to the Census Bureau. During the same time span, the number of renters increased just 5 million, to 81 million. The agency did not keep track of that statistic before 1988.

When people do move, their new address is not far from the old one. Fifty-nine percent of movers between March 1998 and March 1999 relocated within the same county, and 20 percent went to another county in the same state.

Out-of-state movers accounted for 18 percent, and those people usually went to warmer locales in the South and West, reflecting decade-long shifts in the American population, Eber said.

The Northeast had the lowest moving rate among the nation's regions (11.7 percent), followed by the Midwest (15.1 percent). The South (17.1 percent) and the West (18.5 percent) were both above the national average.

Attorney: Don't make smokers millionaires

MIAMI (AP) — Tobacco attorneys urged a jury Wednesday not to make "instant millionaires" out of hundreds of thousands of sick Florida smokers with a ruinous verdict against the industry.

The 300,000 to 700,000 smokers are asking for up to \$196 billion in punitive damages, an amount the nation's five biggest

tobacco companies say would break them.

"They can become instant millionaires as a bonus above and beyond fully compensating them for their injuries," attorney Dan Webb said in closing arguments. "In many ways, the future of my client, Philip Morris, and its employees and its stockholders rest in your hands."

The smokers and their chief attorney, Stanley Rosenblatt, are trying to put the tobacco industry out of business. R.J. Reynolds lawyer Jim Johnson told the jury. "Clearly the only behavior change which would really satisfy Mr. Rosenblatt and the witnesses he presented is to stop the sales of cigarettes," Johnson said.

Attorneys for Brown & Williamson Tobacco, Lorillard Tobacco and Liggett Group were to give their closing arguments later Wednesday and Thursday. The jury could get the case by the end of the week.

Tobacco attorneys have said \$75 million would be a fair verdict, the smokers say \$154 billion would be the right amount.

Study: 20 percent of fatal crashes involve unlicensed drivers

WASHINGTON (AP) — One in every five fatal car crashes in the United States each year involves a driver who does not have a valid license or whose license status is a mystery to a law enforcement, according to a

study released Wednesday. The report, "Unlicensed to Kill," sponsored by the AAA Foundation for Traffic Safety, said that 8,400 people die on average each year in crashes with unlicensed drivers. It also

found that 28 percent of the law-breaking drivers had received three or more license suspensions or revocations in the three years prior to their fatal collision.

These people are being suspended and suspended and suspended again, and still, they're driving," said researcher Lindsay I. Griffin of the Texas Transportation Institute at Texas A&M University.

Woman recaptured after escape

BOSTON (AP) — An alleged woman who escaped police by urinating on the floor during a court hearing and claiming that her "water had broken" was recaptured Wednesday, authorities say.

Police arrested Crystal Campbell, 29, at a friend's apartment in Boston's Dorchester section.

Campbell had been on the lam since Friday, when she announced during a hearing on identity-fraud charges that she was about to have a baby. A puddle of liquid formed at her feet, convincing paramedics that a

baby was on the way. They rushed her to a hospital, where she slipped out of her room. Authorities believe Campbell simply urinated in order to fool officials. Authorities said they do not believe the newest woman is pregnant, but they have not performed a test.

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EDITORIAL

Let's explore privatizing Idaho Public Television

Intermittent skirmishes over Idaho Public Television programming reveal the conflicts inherent in any government-operated media venture: If tax dollars are used to support it, then one man's educational program is another man's pornography.

No one can deny that times are changing in the American television industry. The sun is setting on the era of the big network.

A new dawn is illuminating a landscape filled with smaller, nimbler operators.

Commercial broadcasters today serve a wide spectrum of interests - home improvement, gardening, wrestling - and they do so in the same free-market world that most businesses inhabit. Squint a little and you can foresee the day when IPTV weans itself from public money and takes the plunge into privatization.

It could be a divorce made in heaven. Indignant Idaho legislators would no longer be offended by state-sanctioned programs on, say, homosexuality or abortion - or, in north Idaho, on clear-cutting or the Aryan Nations compound. At the same time, IPTV executives would no longer be accused of setting state policy, or engaging in liberal propaganda at the state's expense.

The way to accomplish that goal is to sever the link between government money and public television.

If present trends continue, the dream of a divorce could become a reality. As a percentage of funding, the level of public broadcasting support is declining in the nation. The widening financial gap is being bridged by contributions from corporate and private donors.

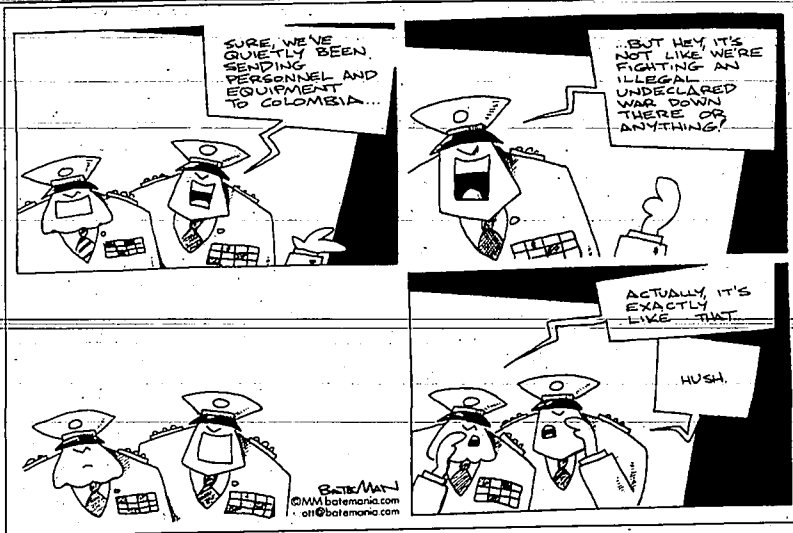
Following that trend to its logical conclusion, public broadcasters someday could stand on their own as private, non-profit ventures.

It may be too early, now, but the idea is likely to ripen over time. Either way, privatization of public television is an idea that deserves discussion in the Idaho Legislature.

Public broadcasting has long occupied a niche that commercial broadcasters were once unwilling to fill. These days, there is no shortage of private-sector entrepreneurs willing to air British sitcoms, the fine arts, or documentaries on hot-button social issues.

If private industry is paying to provide these things, why should government spend your tax dollars to do the same? It's a question legislators should explore.

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Congress swipes at Idaho's clean water

While most Idahoans were busy preparing for friends, family and fireworks this past week to celebrate our nation's independence, our congressional delegation was busy assuaging rules and regulations designed to protect and restore Idaho's and the nation's water quality.

Senior congressional Republicans slid a provision into a military appropriation bill on June 28 that would block implementation of proposed water-quality regulations under the Clean Water Act.

Congress, including Idaho's congressional delegation, seemed to think this deplorable end-run around public scrutiny would force the Clinton administration to abandon the rules. They hope the president will be boxed into a corner so he can't veto the emergency appropriations bill which provides much-needed money for aid to Colombia, our military operations in Kosovo and a backlog of domestic disaster relief.

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READER COMMENT
Marti L. Bridges

rivers really are fishable and swimmable. This legislative maneuver without public debate would be a major blow to cleaning up Idaho's rivers and streams, not to mention an insult to the democratic process.

To date, most of the water-quality success stories nationwide under the Clean Water Act have been cleanup of rivers polluted by point sources such as sewage treatment plants and factories. Idaho industry has done the lion's share of pollution cleanup under discharge permits over the years, and many Idaho industries are cleaner and saving money because of source reduction efforts.

TMDLs target pollution coming from more diffuse non-point sources such as farms, urban run-off from streets and lawns, and logging or grazing practices. The TMDLs set allocations of who and how much pollution is allowed before it impairs water quality. Non-point source pollution accounts for the majority of

remaining pollution nationwide and in Idaho.

While Idaho still has many rivers blessed with outstanding water quality, more than 900 Idaho rivers are so polluted they are under a court-ordered cleanup. These rivers have excess sediments, nutrients, high-water temperatures, heavy metals and even manure in them. We all need to support TMDLs because sustainable practices in agriculture are attainable and profitable over the long haul while many current practices are not.

Let Idaho's congressional delegation know you don't like it when they hide their lawmaking from the light of day. Tell Sens. Crapo and Craig you support clean water, not backdoor legislative riders that undermine efforts to clean up the pollution in our rivers and streams. Your family, friends, children and Idaho's fish and wildlife will thank you.

Marti L. Bridges of Boise is the conservation director for Idaho Rivers United, an Idaho-based, non-profit conservation organization.

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LETTERS

Don't ditch death penalty

I was disturbed to read in The Times-News of June 26 that Archbishop Desmond Tutu of South Africa was urging the United States of America to abolish the death penalty - calling it "an obscenity."

In his own country, South Africa, the death penalty was suspended in 1989 and ruled unconstitutional in 1995. Since then, the murder rate has jumped dramatically, even though only a small proportion of murderers were ever hanged. Between 1985 and 1997, the number of murders increased by more than 250 percent from 9,462 to 24,588 (South African survey 1997-98). In fact, every year since 1994, more people have been murdered in criminal violence than the total political killings stretching over 13 years!

As every South African knows, violent crime is now virtually out of control, and South African citizens feel unprotected from criminals and live in fear behind walls, electrified fences and doubly padded gates.

Is this what Mr. Tutu recommends for the USA?

ELSA MEARLE
Twin Falls

Col. Sanders would hate this film

I can't imagine how anyone can chew on a drumstick again after watching the animated movie, "Chicken Run," which opened last week to great critical acclaim. (The 1995 screening of "Babe," the talking pig, led a number of people to drop pork from their diet.)

The delightful British film recounts the story of a group of brave hens plotting to escape from a factory farm. The

story is both poignant and funny, and the characters quickly earn our empathy.

I was impressed how these animals that we view as food share our quest for life and liberty as well as most of our feelings of joy, affection, frustration, sadness and pain.

Thankfully, my local supermarket carries a selection of delicious "mock chicken" foods, which unlike dead chicken flesh are free of saturated fat, cholesterol and salmonella. I look forward to exploring the many cruelty-free, healthful dietary options that are available.

MARILYN MARTIN
Sun Valley

Keep MVRMC on flight path

It is my understanding that Magic Valley Regional Medical Center's board and administration are reconsidering their decision to transfer trauma-helicopter services to another provider. I hope so.

In my research so far, it seems that with Saint Alphonsus' development and management of a first-class trauma team and with its investment now in our community that switching teams would not only fragment the health-care system but also increase the cost of health care to the Magic Valley. At a time when MVRMC is again struggling with its identity seems the best time to keep operations stable.

Please encourage our hospital to stay the course with Saint Alphonsus LifeFlight.

GARY L. THIETTEN
President
Idaho Home Health and Hospice
Twin Falls

Fireworks are truly inspiring

I have been meaning to write this letter each year after witnessing the awesome fireworks display at the College of Southern Idaho, and I couldn't let another year go by without thanking those who made this event possible. I am not sure all who were involved, but let me thank the pyrotechnicians, firemen, the sponsors who gave the money necessary

to buy the fireworks, GSI and all those who policed the area to help keep it safe.

I can't help but feel a wave of patriotism as I see, hear and feel the colorful fireworks display. This is a wonderful reminder of our country's greatness and for those whose lives were lost in keeping our country free. And in the crowd that night, I felt a sense of "oneness" with my other fellow Americans, happy

that we could all celebrate our country's freedom together.

I look forward once again to next year's display with anticipation and continued hope for our country's future. Again, I thank each and everyone who contributed in some way to make this special event a yearly happening.

MARGARET WILCOX
Jerome

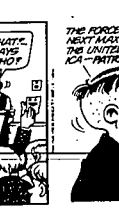
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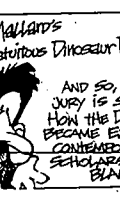
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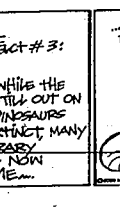
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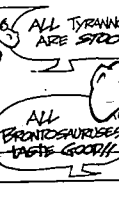
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OPINION

When will Internet charity ever end?

Capitalism is many things, but charity it isn't. It's about profits, not philanthropy.

Here lies the puzzling contradiction of the Internet. It's the jewel of modern capitalism, even though it is now an act of charity. Virtually everything on it (pornography may be an exception) is being given away or sold for less than cost. We know this can't last. Sooner or later, the Internet will become profitable. What we don't know is when, how or with what consequences. The mystery captures the economy's promise—and peril.

It's an old story played before by canals, railroads and automobiles. Economic and industrial transformations require huge amounts of investment capital. In 1999, new investment in "high technology" (computers, software, communications equipment) rose about 22 percent. All other business investment barely increased at all. The boon of new technologies is that they raise living standards and invent new lifestyles. The boon is that they can spawn over-investment and competitive carnage. Too many companies crowd the market. Theories of what will work self-destruct. There are booms and busts.

Just about everything that comes over the Internet today loses money. America Online (1999 profits: \$73 million) and Yahoo (\$61 million) are exceptions. Otherwise, most "content" Web sites—news, financial services, self-help—are free and don't cover costs through advertising. The Internet Advertising Bureau, an industry group, estimates 1999 ad revenues at \$4.6 billion, about 2 percent of all ad spending. Competitive Media Reporting, a market research firm, has a lower estimate of



ROBERT J. SAMUELSON

online ads (\$1.9 billion) and says Internet companies spent more (\$3.2 billion) advertising themselves in traditional media—TV, newspapers, radio and magazines.

As for e-retailers, most are gushing red ink. The glaring exception is eBay. Similarly, most business-to-business (B2B) e-commerce projects are too new to be profitable.

Although the Internet is unprofitable, it does generate huge profits for others. The big winners are companies that build the Net by selling computer services; fiber-optic cable; "routers" and software.

The explanation of how profits flow from the unprofitable Internet is this: It's subsidized. Some subsidies come from universities, nonprofit groups and government. They create Web sites and buy networking equipment. These subsidies may be permanent. But the main subsidies come from capital markets—investors and lenders—and other businesses. In 1999, Internet companies raised almost \$18 billion from venture capitalists and another \$18 billion from IPOs ("initial public offerings") of stock. All this money covers the gap between the Internet's costs and its revenues. No one knows the size of the gap, but it's certainly large.

Naturally, the subsidies are a bonanza for consumers. Everyone loves something for nothing. After buying computers and paying monthly connect fees, people

get the Internet for free. This is surely one reason for its explosive popularity.

Almost every new venture—big or small—involves start-up costs. Probably no industry has begun without turmoil and temporary losses. In this sense, the Internet is hardly unique. The trouble is that the subsidies won't continue forever. Sooner or later, capital either earns a return or is eliminated by losses. Somehow, commercial Web sites must pay for themselves. If they don't, they will disappear.

What's less recognized is that, unless the Internet itself becomes profitable, the companies that build it—the Cliscos, the Oracles—will also suffer. They subsist on today's capital subsidies. No road is worth building unless there's something at the end. Web services cannot permanently live off subsidies. This means that the costs must somehow be recovered from the people who use it. The joy ride for consumers cannot continue indefinitely.

Network television earns its return through national advertising. Cable television and telephones do so through monthly

fees. As yet, the Internet has no comparable formula. On paper, there are many possibilities. If the Internet has inherent efficiencies, then some e-retailing, B2B and other online commerce (banking, stock trading, reservations) will flourish. Advertising might support some Web sites with large or loyal audiences. Perhaps payments from selected informational Web sites will be bundled with monthly hookup fees. People will pay for both simultaneously. This is the AOL model. Some sites may become so valuable that users pay—as they don't now—modest monthly fees. Who knows? The drama is how and when this inevitable transformation will occur. The Internet cannot exist forever with its present contradiction. Either the prevailing investment boom will subside, because the capital markets refuse to provide open-ended subsidies. Or ways will be found to make the Internet profitable. Something will ultimately give, because—in the end—the Internet is not a charity.

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“It’s an absolute travesty. How do you not vote in a Brandy Reed? How do you not have an All-Star when you are hosting the game?”

—Mercury coach Cheryl Miller, on fans and coaches failing to name her star player to Monday night’s WNBA All-Star game in Phoenix

TRIVIA

QUESTION: Who is the only pitcher traded during the season he won the Cy Young Award?

...answer below

TODAY’S SCHEDULE

- Golf**
 - RMSPGA Magic Valley Junior Championship, at TP Muni
- Basketball**
 - S.I. Basketball Club vs. M.V. All-Stars, at Valley H.S., 7:30 p.m.
- Legion baseball**
 - Twin Falls AA at Minico, 7:30 p.m.
 - Kimberly at Upper Valley, 2 p.m.
 - Jerome at Baker, Ore., Tuesday
- Babe Ruth baseball**
 - District tournaments, at Bascom Park. Games all day

IN BRIEF

- Catch the Lincoln County Fair, Rodeo**
 - SHOSHONE — The first fair and rodeo of the summer season kicks off tonight at the Lincoln County Fairgrounds.
 - The three-day rodeo starts at 8 p.m. each night with junior events beginning an hour earlier, at 7.
 - The crowning of the queen for 2001 wraps up the festivities Saturday night with a rodeo.
 - Co’s Pepsi Bounty bull known as E.T., unridden in two years, will be featured at the rodeo as well.
 - The bounty is now \$3,000.
 - A parade launches the weekend today at 6:30 p.m.

MY All-Stars fund-raiser is tonight at Valley H.S.

HAZELTON — The Magic Valley All-Stars will scrimmage with the Southern Idaho Basketball Club in a fund-raiser tonight in Valley High School’s old gym.

Fifth Annual Thorpe golf tournament begins Friday

WIN FALLS — The Fifth Annual Lyle Thorpe Memorial Golf Tournament will take place Friday at Canyon Springs Golf Course, with proceeds going to the Magic Valley Regional Medical Center’s local cancer center.

TRIVIA ANSWER:

Rick Sutcliffe, who started the 1989 season with the Indians and was traded to the Cubs.

Bartlome, Minico run to victory

Spartans starter rebounds from injury

By Joe Sunnen
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — You would think that after a pitcher throws a complete game win against a rival team, the words he would hear from coaches and teammates would be congratulatory ones, followed perhaps with hearty slaps on the back.

Take into account that the pitcher is coming off an injury and was expected to pitch only five innings, and you might think he would be carried off the mound like a conquering hero.

good and I was able to just keep going,” Bartlome said. “I am just starting to get over an injury to my elbow, so I have to run after games. I must have been told to run after the game five times already.”

After the teams exchanged two scoreless innings, the Cowboys finally found a way to put the bat on the ball and put two more runs on the board in the bottom half of the seventh inning, taking a 4-3 lead.

eighty with solid hitting and got even more help from a Cowboys team that had trouble fielding the ball all night.

Armstrong tactics: Race might be his

The Associated Press

CARPENTRAS, France — Lance Armstrong’s rivals give the impression that the Tour de France is already won, 11 days and 1,100 miles from the finish.

“Armstrong is on another level,” said one of the race’s other top riders.

Pantani said. “He pushed me to the limit when I wanted to follow him.”

Germany’s Jan Ullrich is seen by Armstrong’s U.S. Postal Service team as his main challenger, but even the ‘97 Tour winner’s own teammates on Deutsche Telekom don’t hope for any more than a second-placed finish.

“For our team, it has been a really good Tour de France,” said Erik Zabel, one of Telekom’s top riders. “Ullrich is doing well to be second and we are happy. We are four minutes behind, but Armstrong is a great champion and is really impressive.”

Ullrich said that he “didn’t have the force to stay with Armstrong,” on the mountain route at Lourdes-Hautacam Monday. “I am still trying to find my rhythm.”

Since the Tour began, Armstrong has been incredibly focused on his goal of retaining the Tour championship he won last year after recovering from cancer.

Other top riders casually chat with fans and the media before each stage. The 28-year-old Texan waits until the very last second to leave U.S. Postal’s trail.

The strategy seems to be work. Please see **ARMSTRONG**, Page B2



Tour de France overall leader Lance Armstrong of Austin, Texas, trains with the U.S. Postal team near Saint-Paul-Trois-Châteaux, Wednesday.

Baseball’s better half: Season resumes today

The Associated Press

ATLANTA — Derek Jeter and Bernie Williams would love to visit Turner Field later this year: So would David Wells and Carlos Delgado.

Chipper Jones, Andres Galarraga and Tom Glavine would welcome them.

Once their All-Star fun was over, players began to focus on another topic Wednesday: What’s on tap for the second half?

Wednesday produced two trades with direct impact on pennant prospects.

The Atlanta Braves traded for right-hander Andy Ashby, sending

Second-half prognosis - B2

ing former top pitching prospect Bruce Chen and minor league pitcher Jimmy Osting to Philadelphia.

Jones and the hometown Braves hope this season means holding off the New York Mets in the NL East and making a ninth straight trip to the NL championship series.

“We’re in the lead right now. Hopefully we can stay there for 75 more games and give ourselves another opportunity to get there,” Jones said.

That would be fine with Jeter and the Yankees.

The two-time champions would like a chance to win their fourth crown in five years. And it means returning to Atlanta, that’s fine.

Baseball’s better half: Season resumes today

“We played some big games,” Jeter said.

“I just did it again Tuesday night, getting three hits as the American League beat the Nationals 6-3. He became the first Yankees player to be MVP of the All-Star game, although the award was not handed out until 1962.”

Wells, leading the majors with 15 wins, is trying to pitch Toronto into postseason play for the first time since 1993. The Blue Jays begin the second half only three percentage points behind New York.

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McEnroe sounded more forgiving of Agassi — whom the captain called “my main guy” — than Sampras. The 13-time Grand Slam champion said Tuesday he probably was too hurt to play Davis Cup but hadn’t talked with McEnroe at the time.

Ump-punching prompts a hard look at violence

call by Dzedzinski.

Steve Burk, Lago’s attorney, said his client didn’t provoke the fight.

“He feels terrible that the incident took place,” Burk said of Lago, who was released on \$5,000 bond without entering a plea.

In the bonding, Mass., case, a father of four died Friday two days after a brawl with another father.

Michael Costin, 40, was beaten unconscious in front of young hockey players he was coaching. Thomas Junta, 42, pleaded innocent to manslaughter in Costin’s death.

Johnny Mac might play Davis

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — With Andre Agassi and Pete Sampras injured, U.S. Davis Cup captain John McEnroe knew which player to turn to for the team’s semifinal against Spain.

McEnroe’s name was among the four he announced Wednesday for the best-of-five series at Santander, Spain, July 21-23. The 41-year-old U.S. captain said he’d limit himself to doubles, “no question. You can bet your life savings.”

Agassi strained his back in a minor car accident this weekend, while Sampras was hobbled by a shin injury while winning Wimbledon.

“We’ve lost two of the best players that ever played. This certainly has not turned out the way I had planned out in my mind,” McEnroe said, putting his team’s chances of beating Spain at 10 to 20 percent.

Agassi and Sampras are ranked third and fourth in the ATP Champions race.

Todd Martin, Jan-Michael Gambill and Chris Woodruff fill out the U.S. roster. None of them are in the top 25.

McEnroe can substitute any of his four players up to 15 minutes before the July 20 draw for the semifinal, which will be played on slow, red clay.

“There’s a chance I won’t play,” McEnroe said. “There’s also a chance I will.”

Agassi was injured Sunday riding from the airport to his Las Vegas home, the U.S. Tennis Association said, and he can’t raise his right arm above his shoulder.

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“I don’t know how injured me knowing that,” McEnroe said. “Davis Cup was something that was a priority to me. But, who am I to say? I wish he had made an effort to do it, and perhaps if he played a doubles match and been there, that might have been inspiring.”

“Who knows, maybe he’d be risking further injury if he played right now.”



Andy Ashby and Denny Neagle

Ump-punching prompts a hard look at violence

The Associated Press

HOLLYWOOD, Fla. — A youth baseball coach turned himself in Wednesday to face charges he broke an umpire’s jaw. The arrest comes a week after a coach was fatally beaten by a father during a youth hockey game in Massachusetts.

Officials, parents and sports administrators say the cases highlight a nationwide increase in youth sports violence, particularly against game officials.

“There’s a definite trend toward more violence and more pressure on the game officials,” said Ron Allen, an assistant commissioner with the Florida High School Activities Association. “I’m talking about parents, I’m talking about parents and spectators.”

Orlando Lago, 36, an assistant baseball coach with the Hollywood Police Athletic League, was charged with aggravated battery. Police say he broke umpire Tom Dzedzinski’s jaw during a game against Flannigan Connie Mack PAL. Both teams are comprised of top high school players.

The June 19 fight stemmed from a disputed

SPORTS

SPORTS IN BRIEF

DeBlaquiere leads, couples day set

RUPERT — Johnnie DeBlaquiere took first place Tuesday in a game of Even Holes at Rupert Country Club, with Norva Kay McIntyre second and Ardeh Stark third.

The course will be closed today for a UGAA tourney.

On July 21-23, the club will host a couples tourney, open to all. A derby will start at 6 p.m. July 21, with a social following. On July 22, the format is nine holes of modified scramble and nine holes of best ball, followed by dinner and a twilight putting contest. The tourney wraps up July 23 with nine holes of champion and nine of scramble. Breakout is at 9 a.m. Sunday, golf at 9. Cost is \$100 per couple. For more information or to sign up, call 436-9168.

TF Reformed Church holds hoop camps

TWIN FALLS — The Twin Falls Reformed Church will host a summer basketball camp for children entering fifth through eighth graders on July 17-20.

Daily session times are 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Registration fee is \$30, which includes a camp t-shirt, basketball and lunch each day. The church is located at 1631 Grandview Drive North. To register, call 733-6128.

Bruin football camp is July 17-19 at TFHS

TWIN FALLS — The Twin Falls High School football staff will be conducting a camp for players in grades 9-12 July 17-19 from 6-9 p.m. at Bruin Field.

Emphasis will be on team and individual techniques. Cost is \$25, which includes a camp t-shirt. Campers should sign up in the high school weight room between 7 a.m. and 2 p.m. daily, or on July 17 at 5:30 p.m. For more information, contact Mark Schaal at 733-6551, Ext. 3117, or 734-5366.

Oregon's Kent stumps for Notre Dame job

SOUTH BEND, Ind. — C basketball coach Eric Kent will meet today with Notre Dame officials to discuss the school's coaching job.

The meeting will take place at an undisclosed location, said Greg Walker, an Oregon spokesman. WGN Radio in Chicago reported Wednesday that Kent already had been made an offer, though the school's "close to the situation." But Kent denied there was an offer to fill the vacancy created Wednesday when Matt Doherty left to take the job at North Carolina.

Irwin mourned by hundreds at Indy funeral

INDIANAPOLIS — Kenny Irwin, 30, who crashed into a concrete wall and died of a crushed skull Friday while practicing for the New England 300 at New Hampshire International Speedway in Loudon, N.H., was mourned by more than 600 people at a service in Indiana Wednesday.

Family and friends spilled out of the church sanctuary into a gymnasium to watch on closed-circuit television; Irwin, who was living in Charlotte, N.C., was born and schooled in Indianapolis and learned to race here as well.

Erving remembered, but might've used coke

KISSIMMEE, Fla. — Cory Erving, the youngest son of basketball Hall-of-Famer Julius Erving, was remembered Wednesday as a fun-loving teen-ager whose smile could make everyone around him feel better.

A nationwide search ended last week with the discovery of his body and car in a pond less than a mile from home. Preliminary tests indicate the 19-year-old might have been using cocaine just before his death, although the medical examiner stressed the only results are "not completely reliable." Cory had struggled with a drug habit for most of his teenage years.

Phoenix snubbed for WNBA All-Star spot

NEW YORK — The Phoenix Mercury will play host to the second WNBA All-Star game without an All-Star.

The Mercury were shut out of Monday night's game on Wednesday when Brandy Reed was left off the Western Conference team. Reed leads the Mercury in scoring (16.8), rebounding (5.7) and steals (2.4). Fans selected the starters, with Houston Comets star Sheryl Swoopes finishing as the top vote-getter (171,576) for the second consecutive season.

Coaches in the Eastern and Western Conferences selected the six reserves for each team.

PCL takes Triple-A, American wins Double-A

ROCHESTER, N.Y. — Joe Vitello had three hits and scored three runs in the Pacific Coast League's 8-2 victory over the International League in the Triple-A All-Star game Wednesday night.

Vitello, a first baseman with the Las Vegas Stars, had a triple, double and single in three at-bats after entering the game in the fourth inning. The San Diego farmhand was voted the Lou Gehrig Player of the Game, as well as the PCL Star of Stars.

At Bowie, Md., Jacksonville's Stony Briggs hit a three-run homer as the American League beat the National League 5-2 in the Double-A All-Star game.

Abdur-Rahim replaces Hill on Olympic squad

NEW YORK — Shareef Abdur-Rahim of the Vancouver Grizzlies has been selected for the final spot on the U.S. Olympic basketball team, replacing the injured Grant Hill.

The USA Basketball selection committee made the decision Tuesday, and Abdur-Rahim's agent confirmed Wednesday that the star-forward will accept the spot. Kobe Bryant of the NBA champion Los Angeles Lakers was the early choice to replace Hill, but his wedding plans kept him from making the commitment.

New York hires Low to raise Rangers

NEW YORK — Ron Low knows it won't be easy to get the New York Rangers back in the playoffs. Anything less, however, is not good enough.

Low signed a multiyear contract Wednesday to coach the Rangers, an Original Six franchise that has been out of the post-season for three straight seasons. That failure will not be tolerated under the Rangers' new regime.

Las Vegas lands an XFL football franchise

LAS VEGAS — Las Vegas was awarded a franchise Wednesday in the Xtreme Football League, the new league owned by NBC and the World Wrestling Federation.

The XFL will begin play in February, with teams also in New York, Los Angeles, Orlando, Fla.; Chicago; San Jose, Calif.; and Memphis, Tenn. Birmingham, Ala., also is expected to field a team.

NCAA baseball panel rules out changes now

INDIANAPOLIS — Bats and balls used in college baseball won't change through the 2001 season while more tests are performed, the NCAA Baseball Rules Committee decided Wednesday.

A research panel earlier recommended using less lively balls and bats to reduce risk to players. Two incidents in which pitchers' arms were broken during the NCAA tournament on live drives off high-performance metal bats.

Compiled from wire reports

Low scores dominate MV Junior golfing

The Times-News

Local sports

TWIN FALLS — Low scores were the norm at Twin Falls Municipal Golf Course on Wednesday, as area juniors gathered for the opening rounds of the Rocky Mountain Magic Valley Junior PGA Championship.

Champion of the annual 36-hole stroke play event will be crowned today.

In the Girls' 12-14 division, Kali Stokes fired a 73 to take the early lead. Three strokes back was Mandi Hedberg with a 76. In the Boys' 14 class, it was Troy Merritt and Jysen Lancaster tied for the first-round lead with matching 78s; Zach Abels was two back with an 80, and Tyson McFarland had a first-day 81.

In the Boys' 15-17 division, the largest field of the tournament, 33 of the 41 entrants shot 80 or better. Jason Bideganeta had a red-hot 64 for the early advantage, but Nick Higham (65) and Jonathan-Edwards and Nate Stinson (both with 67) were all under par and well within striking distance.

Finally, in the Girls' 15-17 division, Jennifer

Hedberg overcame what she termed "a miracle par" on No. 1 and a three-putt on No. 2 to grab the lead with a solid 73. Two back is Anna-Jaramillo; six-strokes-behind is Monica Vann.

"I told myself I could do it," said Hedberg, who will golf in Colorado Springs, Colo., at the Girls' Junior Americas Cup matches July 25-27, and then fly next month to Florida for the prestigious National Junior Championship. "A couple bad holes... You just have to shake it off."

Pairings head out today starting at 8:30 a.m. For complete first-round scores and today's tee times, see Scores and Stats on Page B3.

Legion Baseball Wood River sweeps Rangers

HAILEY — The Wolverines swept a pair of American Legion Baseball games from visiting Idaho Falls on Wednesday, beating the

Rangers 13-3 with a barrage of base-hit firepower in the opener and maximizing a plethora of freebies in a 10-0 nightcap.

Jake Upham had three hits and four RBIs, and Wood River scored in every inning of the run-ruled first game. Jake Nilsen added three RBIs and catcher Andy Beck belted a trio of hits. Tyler Nice went the five-inning distance allowing just five hits to earn the win.

The story in the second game was walks by the Idaho Falls pitching staff — eight, plus a few hit batsmen, to be exact. The Wolverines had just four hits, but the Rangers managed only half that many off the tag-team tandem of ace Matt Zachary and reliever Cory Goicoechea, who came on in the third for the win.

Wood River (25-9 overall, 11-4 in league) plays at Burley on Saturday.

All Hale to the man at Senior Players

The Associated Press

The Players
Senior Players Championship, noon (ESPN)

DEARBORN, Mich. — Hale Irwin is clearly the man to beat in the Senior Players Championship.

Irwin won the U.S. Senior Open two weeks ago. He leads the senior money list by \$10,474 over Bruce Fleisher. And three-time U.S. Open winner is the defending champion in this, the fourth and final major on the senior circuit.

"I've worn the bull's-eye on my back before, and I'm happy to wear it," Irwin said Wednesday after tuning up with a 1-under par 71 in the pro-am. "It all comes down to experience."

The deciding factor might be how well the field plays the wind and water at the TPC of Michigan, a 6,966-yard layout designed by Jack Nicklaus.

"You have to be hitting the ball well on this golf course," Larry Nelson said. "I think that's why Hale just sort of blew out the field last year."

Irwin finished at 21-under 267

last year, beating Graham Marsh by seven strokes. If he repeats, he will pocket \$315,000 of the \$2.1 million in prize money from Ford Motor Co.

"I don't deny that I played extremely well last year," Irwin said. "When I needed a shot, I made it and converted it."

But the greens were softened by rain in 1999. This year, the greens are much more firm.

"It's playing a little faster than I recall it," Irwin said. "I don't think the scores will be as low as last year."

Irwin, who took last week off, said he might need a day or two to get his stroke back.

"Even as good as Hale has played the last four or five years, he hasn't won every week," Nelson said. "It just seems like he has sometimes."

As with most courses designed by Nicklaus, there is some wiggle



Hale Irwin of Honolulu, Hawaii, prepares to hit at the No. 10 tee in the Pro-Am of the TPC of Michigan in Dearborn Wednesday.

room off the tees at the TPC of Michigan. The money shot is frequently the second stroke, an iron into hard, fast greens that sometimes have three or four levels.

"How do they shoot that far under par?" Tam Watson wondered after carding a 75 during his first round on the course. "I know Hale won by seven or eight shots, but how did he shoot that far under? This golf course isn't that easy."

MLB's second half: Tribe explodes, Erickson excels

By Michael Kralley

Got nothin' else going? Me either. What do you say we kill a few minutes together musing about the baseball season's second half.

— Team closest to going off the deep end: The Indians. Duane Justice, probably was right. The window probably is closing. That makes Cleveland the club most likely to do something rash between now and the trading deadline. You don't just fade into the woodwork after five consecutive division titles. You try (with apologies to John Kay and Steppenwolf) to get your motor running. For five of your guns at once, and explode into space.

— Best reason to like the Mariners in the A.L. West: Compared with everybody else in the division, Seattle's starters look better than the appetizer menu at Emeril Lagasse's restaurants.

— Franchise most likely to implode: The Devil Rays. Look at the "bang" (34-51 through Sunday) G.M. Chuck LaMar is getting for these bucks: \$9 million to Wilson Alvarez (out for the season), \$7.75 million to Greg Vaughn (36 RBI); \$6 million to Juan Guzman (disabled after one start and a 43.20 ERA), another \$6 million to Vinny Castilla (2.25, 33 RBI), \$3.3 million to Greg Stockett (on Anaheim's disabled list) and \$3 million to Jose Canseco (seven home runs and disabled). Remind me not to take incoming advice from the guy.

— Best July series: Mets at Braves, July 21-23. These two heavyweights are just gettin' warmed up.

— Worst July series: Cubs at Phillies, July 25-27. Futility in duet in a dreadful ballpark. On the bright side, two of the games in this pig of a series are under the lights early in the week, so very few people should have to watch.

— First-half MVP, N.L.: Mike Piazza. Mets. He hits; they win.

— First-half MVP, A.L.: Carlos Delgado, Blue Jays. He has pulled Toronto up several runs higher than where Pudge Rodriguez has the Rangers.

— Best reason to like the Cardinals in the N.L. Central: None of their starters was in last year's rotation.

— Pitcher most likely to boomerang back from a stinky Year 1: Scott Erickson, Orioles. You'd know he's got a boo-boo in the elbow, but he also has a histo-



ry of lights-out second halves. Over the last five seasons, he's 33-31 before the break and 40-23 after it. Doesn't matter if he stays with the O's or switches uniforms at the end of July. He's a good bet to get better.

— Best August series: Mariners at the White Sox, Aug. 8-10. And White Sox at the Mariners, Aug. 25-27. This ain't the playoffs, but you can see them from here.

— Best August series: (tie) Phillies at Padres, July 31-Aug. 2; and Astros at Phillies, Aug. 11-13. Too close to call. We'll have to wait for the photo finish.

— Best reason to like the Yankees in the A.L. East: The past is prologue, as Winny Churchill once said. When the Yankees have to win, they'll know how to win.

— Best reason to like the Mets in the N.L. East: The Braves' September schedule. In addition to six games against New York, Atlanta faces the Diamondbacks six times, the Expos (who took three of four in Atlanta last week) seven times and the Rockies (who figure to be in the wild-card mix) in the season's last three games. The Mets, meanwhile, should gobble up the healthy helpings of Brewers and Phillies in their September diet.

FOND MEMORIES



Tracy Stewart admires a statue of her late husband, Payne Stewart, during the unveiling of the statue Wednesday at the Waterville Golf Club in County Kerry, Ireland.

Minico

Continued from B1

ing. Many European cycling fans were skeptical about Armstrong's success in 1999, when the field was weakened in the absence of previous champions Pantani and Ullrich.

But Armstrong has seen the 2000 Tour go according to plan. He preserved his energy until the 10th stage, when a stunning climb to Lourdes-Hautacam saw him storm past Pantani, Ullrich and Alex Zülle to take the yellow jersey.

Armstrong was enjoying a rest day Wednesday and preparing to climb what he calls a "mystical" mountain in the next stage of the famed race.

said Minico coach Russ Wright. "We both made mistakes at crucial times."

But key hitting down the stretch proved to be more important than crucial mistakes for the Spartans and an RBI double by Joe Martin in the ninth broke the tie and gave Minico the game 6-5.

Barlomeo closed out the game with little intrigue, collecting the final out by inducing Jeremy Sudik into a deep fly to right field, and enough to get in his running before the sun went down.

Team managers say the rider who emerges as leader at Ventoux, 62 miles north of Marseille, will be wearing the yellow jersey on the final dash along the Champs Elysees on July 23. Armstrong is under no illusions about the challenge ahead.

"It is the hardest climb of this year's Tour," he said. "It is very special, very mystical. It is so hard that if you are good you can make a big difference."

Liberty sting visitors for another victory

Navratilova isn't done

NEW YORK (AP) - Vickie Johnston scored 19 points as the New York Liberty won their fourth straight, 84-70 over the Charlotte Sting on Wednesday night.

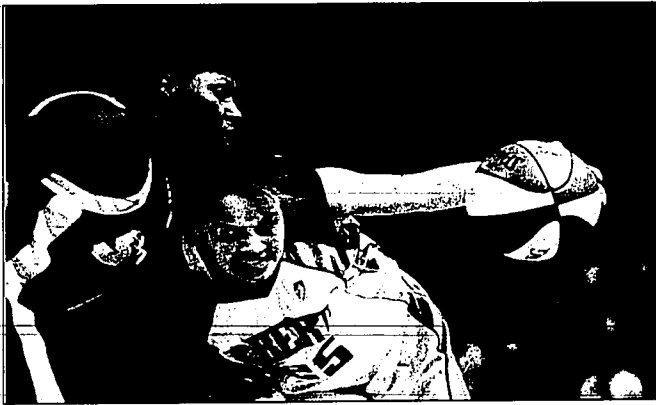
Andrea Stinson had 21 for the Sting (3-17), losers of four straight and nine of 10. Charlotte, which made the playoffs in each of the WNBA's first three seasons, shares the best record in the league with expansion Seattle.

Utah 76, Portland 67
SALT LAKE CITY - Natalie Williams had 22 points and 14 rebounds and hit four crucial free throws down the stretch as the Starz held off the feisty Fire. Williams made 6 of 12 shots.

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 and 10 of 13 free throws while grabbing nine offensive boards.

Rockers 74, Miracle 72, OT CLEVELAND - Merleina Jones hit a running 12-foot jumper with 5 seconds remaining in overtime as Cleveland beat Orlando for its third straight victory.

Fever 81, Mystics 58
WASHINGTON - Former Washington guard Rita Williams scored a career-high 17 points as Indiana ended a 10-game losing streak.



Becky Harmon of the New York Liberty, right, dives past E.C. Hill of the Charlotte Sting during the second half of New York's 84-70 win Wednesday.

Monica Maxwell and Stephanie McCarty each scored 13 points for the Fever (4-14).

Shock 61, Storm 56
AUBURN HILLS, Mich. - Dominique Canry, returning from a groin injury, scored 15 points as

Detroit beat Seattle. Wendy Faulk added 12 points for the Shock (9-10). Jamie Redd led the Storm (3-17) with 17 points.

Comets 77, Monarchs 62
HOUSTON - Sheryl Swoopes had 25 points, nine rebounds and five assists, and the Houston Comets closed with a 13-0 run over the final 5:05 to beat the Sacramento Monarchs.

The three-time WNBA champion Comets improved to a league-best 19-2 mark.

ALBANY, N.Y. (AP) - Martina Navratilova wants to play doubles at the U.S. Open, provided she can find a quicker partner.

"I would like to play the Open if I can get a good enough partner - better than me," she said Wednesday. "I need someone faster than me."

The 43-year-old tennis great spoke during a conference call to announce her participation in World Team Tennis in Schenectady.

Navratilova, who will be inducted this weekend into the International Tennis Hall of Fame, said playing in the Open will be a last-minute decision, depending on the health of other players and a previous commitment.

Navratilova and Mariam de Swardt lost to Venus and Serena Williams 4-6, 6-2, 6-1, in the women's doubles quarterfinals Tuesday. The first seeded Navratilova's Wimbledon comeback after a four-year absence.

Afterward, Navratilova admitted she has lost a step, a costly concession to age for a serve-and-volley player who always relied on her quickness. She and the recently injured Mahesh Bhupathi lost in the first round of mixed doubles.

Navratilova has 19 Wimbledon singles and doubles titles, one shy of Billie Jean King's record.

Tennis

Chris Woodruff, named to the U.S. Davis Cup team Wednesday, lost to 18-year-old Mardy Fish 6-4, 6-6, 6-4 in the second round of the Hall of Fame Championships.

Woodruff, the defending champion, was one of four seeded players eliminated. At the only grass event in the United States.

"I gained some confidence when I got up early in the third set and never looked back," said Fish, who graduated from the school last month. Woodruff, meanwhile, the 1999 ATP Comeback Player of the Year, simply criticized himself for being tentative in the first set.

Ferrero upset at soaked Swiss Open

GENÈVA, SWITZERLAND - Gaston Gaudio of Argentina upset third-seeded Juan Carlos Ferrero of Spain in straight sets Wednesday at the rain-plagued \$600,000 Swiss Open, only the third match in three days.

Gaudio, ranked 42d, won 6-4, 7-6 (3) against the French Open semifinalist to advance to the second round.

Defending champion Albert Costa, seeded fourth, also advanced, beating Austria's Stefan Koubek 4-6, 6-3, 6-3. Also, Jorjme Golmard diveded qualifier Nicolas Thomann 4-6, 6-2, 6-4 in a match between Frenchmen.

Top-seeded Woodruff loses to youngster
NEWPORT, R.I. - Top-seeded

SCORES AND STATS

BASEBALL

League Leaders

Player	Team	Points
Batista	NY Yankees	38
Alfonso	LA Dodgers	36
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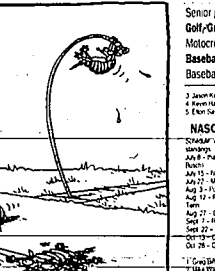
AL standings

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
New York Yankees	48	41	.541	0
Tampa Bay Rays	46	43	.517	2
Baltimore Orioles	38	49	.437	10
Detroit Tigers	38	49	.437	10
Chicago White Sox	38	49	.437	10
Minnesota Twins	38	49	.437	10
Seattle Mariners	38	49	.437	10
Los Angeles Angels	38	49	.437	10
San Diego Padres	38	49	.437	10
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New York Mets	46	40	.537	2
San Francisco Giants	46	40	.537	2
Los Angeles Dodgers	46	40	.537	2
Philadelphia Phillies	46	40	.537	2
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Colorado Rockies	46	40	.537	2

IN THE BLEACHERS



Senior golfer, Senior Players Championship

ON THE AIR

Event	Time
Golf/Greater Milwaukee Open	12:30 p.m.
Motocross, Vans Triple Crown	2 p.m.
Baseball, Braves at Orioles	5:30 p.m.
Baseball, Angels at Dodgers	7 p.m.

World Team Tennis

Team	W	L	Pct.
New York Yankees	11	1	.917
Los Angeles Angels	11	1	.917
San Francisco Giants	11	1	.917
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Portland Timbers	11	9	.550
Vancouver Canadians	11	9	.550
Tri-City ValleyCats	11	9	.550
Tacoma Rainiers	11	9	.550
Yakima Sun Kings	11	9	.550
Everett Sun Kings	11	9	.550
Bellingham Mariners	11	9	.550
Leavenworth Paw Sox	11	9	.550
Wenatchee Indians	11	9	.550

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Bozeman Sky Sox	12	8	.600
Butte Border Towns	11	9	.550
Helena Brewers	11	9	.550
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Redmond Sox	11	9	.550
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YOURSPORTS

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KIMBERLY CHAMPS TAKE FIRST PLACE



The Kimberly "C" league softball team took first place recently in the Season's End Tournament. Kimberly went into the tournament seeded first with a 9-0 record. Kimberly was beaten 7-5 by Gooding in the semifinals, but came back after three extra innings to beat Gooding 11-10 in the final. Pictured (back) coach Ernie Silva, Kayla Hutchinson, Kasia Newberry, Shanla Spector, Mercedes Reserven, (middle) Kylee Butler, Bailey Kellier, Christina Silva, Sara Lentz; (front) Shelby Bullin, Nikeli Prescott, Jenny Olson, Lexa Murphy, Kylee King and Arlet McKay. Not shown: assistant coaches Joey and Sonny Silva.



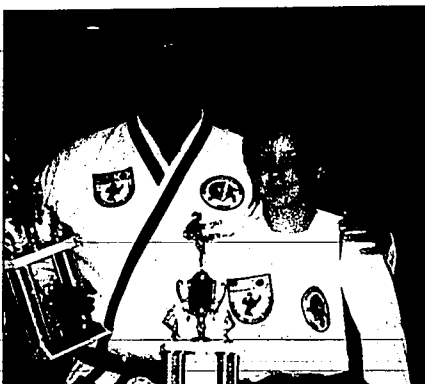
Kimberly first baseman and pitcher Kayla Hutchinson was voted most valuable player of the tournament. The Kimberly "C" league team ended the season with a record of 13-1.

ALL-STAR POWER



The Twin Falls All-Star Americana, sponsored by Lamb Weston, took third place at a baseball tournament in Driggs June 30-July 1, and won first place at the Challis Tournament last weekend with an undefeated record. Pictured with their Challis trophies are: (front) Brock Jackson, Jared Stewart, Christopher Albrecht, bat boys Kasey and Kyle Knigge, Alex McCurdy and Blake Packer; (back) asst. coach Ramone Rios, Nathan Ramirez, asst. coach Gene Packer, Tyler Leatham, James Mace, Corey Williams, head coach Manny Ramirez, Sage Watkins, Josh Barnes, Andy Victor and Tyler Knigge.

TAKING TROPHIES



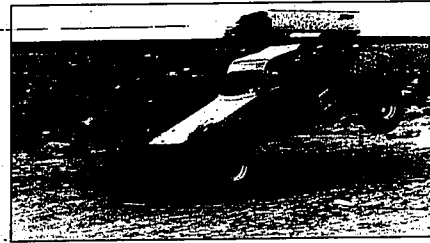
Leeta Willoughby and her Tae Kwon Do instructor Don Rider placed in the International Tae Kwon Do competition in Seattle, Wash., last month hosted by the HWA-RANG Tae Kwon Do Federation. Willoughby earned a first-place trophy in the Forms Girls' Red Belt Division. Rider received a third place trophy in the Men's Forms 3rd and 4th Degree Black Belt Division. Willoughby and Rider train at Master Jay Hartwell's International Martial Arts in Twin Falls.

BLUE RIBBON WINNER



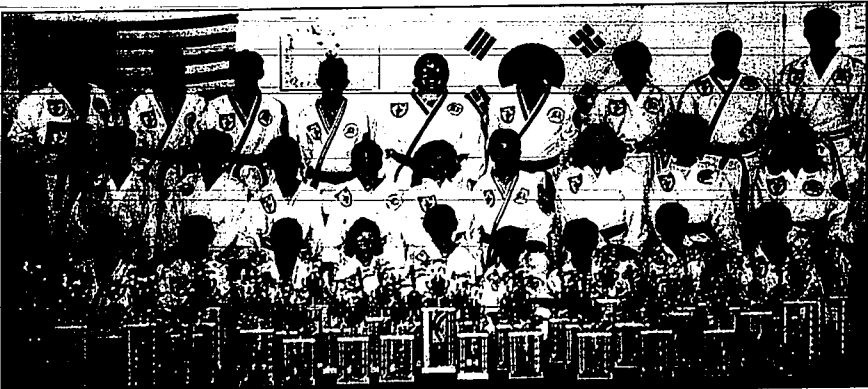
Tyson Anderson, 12, center, took two blue ribbons at the state Hershey Track Meet at Highland High School Stadium in Pocatello last Saturday - one in the boys' 200 (with a time of 28.85), and one in the boys' 100 (at 13.75). Anderson will now be placed in a pool of other state finalists who are eligible to be chosen to compete at the North American Final Aug. 10-13 in Hershey, Penn. Each finalist receives an all-expenses-paid trip back East for four days of competition and fun.

SMITH SOARS



Scott Smith of Twin Falls was the overall winner of the 12th Annual Bore Jackpot 200 in Jackpot, Nev., last Saturday, completing the seven requisite laps in a record time of 5:50:47. Smith, who also posted the fastest lap time, finished a 30-mile loop in 47:18. Some 35 cars entered in the race, with drivers setting out to complete seven 30-mile laps totaling 210 miles. Only 11 cars completed all of the required laps. Class winners: 1/2-1600: Smith; Truck/Heavy Metal: Gordon Scott of Oregon; Challenger/Class 9: Dave Morse of Utah; Sportsman class: Bruce Lieberman.

PROUD WINNERS



Kay's Intermountain Martial Arts students display their winnings from the national championships. Pictured (l-r): Front - Tyson Ball, Aaron Kay, Kade Searle, Holly Hruza, Dakota Searle, Logan Barkadale, Josh Clark, Dratin Searle and Travis Fulcher; Middle - Gilbert Tellez, Jana Clark, Mark Douthit, Brigham Duncan, Ashley Starr, Jon Fulcher, Lexie Searle, Rebecca Kay and Makenna Kay; Back - Sean Kay, Jacob Fulcher, Josh Burgess, Quinn Williams, Nicola Gummerson, Bill Fulcher, Kris Tibbets, Loril Berg and Gerald Burton. Not pictured - Matt Arthur, Nick Fulcher, Jacob Kay, Andrew Layton, Temp Patterson.

Clay-busting draws crowd

The Times-News

SHOSHONE - The Sixth Annual Firecracker 100 Sporting Clays Tournament at Tews Ranch Sporting Clays Range was held July 8, drawing a record crowd of competitors and producing a record high score.

Treasurer Valley's Drew Mason scored a record 90 targets broken on a varied and difficult course. Scott McCracken, Ed Mason, and Dick Hansen rounded out the top scorers.

Karen Meyers of Boise took first place for the ladies class, followed by Lori Ekart, Louise Benners of San Antonio, Carole Bennette of Gooding, and Ruby Rieger of Boise.

Caleb Hinton of Jerome has dominated the youth class for the past year. Twin Falls' Jarret Courtney is beginning to catch up to Hinton for Junior Honors and will soon be sharing shooting honors with Rick Voyles of Hailey. The next scheduled event at Tews Ranch Sporting Clays will be the Annual Club Championship Competition on Sept. 2. This event will feature the Southern Idaho English Side by Side Championship, which is a ladies-only competition. Call the ranch at 886-2100 for further information.

YOUR SCORES AND STATS

RUN/WALK

Good Neighbor Days Fun Run/Walk

- 17 and under: Alan Hunt 26:09, Eric Allen 28:46, and Gaili Hestwood 29:13
- 18-19: Jon Refsum 31:00, Brent Fether 34:10, Greg Allen 2:57
- 20-29: Tom Olson 23:32, Scott Hestwood 25:27
- 30-39: David Allen 23:03, Scott Hestwood 25:27
- 40-49: Scott Hestwood 25:27
- 50-59: John Walker 31:20, Tom Olson 31:20, Greg Allen 29:36
- 60-69: Andy Hestwood 31:20, Tom Olson 31:20
- 70-79: Laura Hoffman 25:52, Andy Hestwood 29:33
- 80 and over: Margaret Cooper 32:18, Lee Hestwood 34:33
- 3.5 Run Walk
- 13-19: Kody Kruger 43:27, Trent Dornell 43:27, Justin Sparrow 48:13
- 20-29: Jake Tolman 52:20
- 30-39: Dawn Gonzalez 48:05, Tom Bowman 53:28, Doug McKenna 47:58
- 40-49: John Hunt 48:05, John Lindwood 52:22
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- 2010 Good Neighbor Days Fun Run/Walk for the American Heart Association
- 20-29: Nicole Miller 41:11
- 30-39: Brenda Allen 41:20, Cindy Sparrow 41:54, Dorey Miller 40:42
- 40-49: Ashlene Fisher 44:26, Ann Norman 47:34, Debbie Brown 53:28

SOFTBALL

M.V. Church League

TWIN FALLS - Results through July 7 of the Magic Valley Church

17 (Team) No. 2	180
17 (Team) No. 1	172
Crane Baptist	127
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Lighthouse Christian	117
Crane Baptist	108
First Nazarene No. 1	709
First Nazarene No. 2	707
Amazing Grace	712
Crane Baptist	513
United Methodist No. 2	216
Victory Bible Church	218

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AROUND THE VALLEY

Nevada wildfires make for hazy skies

TWIN FALLS - Nevada wildfires are the source of a smoky haze in the Magic Valley sky this week.

3,000 acre fire near Ely, Nev., and at least three other smaller fires have filled the region with smoke, said Joe Alfred, a dispatcher with the Elko Interagency Dispatch Center. The center dispatches a number of fire fighting agencies to wildfires throughout the region.

"We've got one over 3000 acres and I hear it's been cooking up pretty good today," Alfred said Wednesday.

The large fire is burning in the Bureau of Land Management's Fire Protection District in Ely and has been dubbed the Cherry Fire by officials.

Soda Springs woman injured in accident on I-84

EDEL - Charlotte L. Kestle, 60, of Soda Springs, was injured Tuesday in a one-car rollover at milepost 185 on Interstate 84.

Kestle was eastbound on I-84 when she lost control of her 1998 Chevrolet Malibu, went off the left shoulder into the median and rolled, according to an Idaho State Police news release. She was ejected from her car and it is unknown whether or not she was wearing a seat belt, the news release said.

Kestle suffered a broken neck and was taken to Saint Alphonsus Hospital in Boise where she was listed in serious condition Wednesday evening.

The accident is still under investigation.

Band will present concert for sweethearts at park

TWIN FALLS - The Municipal Band will present a century of love songs tonight at City Park.

Program highlights include famous romantic ballads from George Gershwin, Hoagy Carmichael and Marvin Hamlisch along with medleys from "West Side Story" and "The Sound of Music." There will be a special "sing to your sweetheart" sing-along.

The weekly free concerts begin at 8 p.m. rain or shine.

Judicial building to hold open house for addition

TWIN FALLS - There will be an open house from 2 to 4 p.m. Friday to celebrate the completion of the new addition to the Theron W. Ward judicial building, at 427 Shoshone N.

The 4,080-square-foot expansion provides an additional district-sized courtroom, an office for probation officers, space to relocate court clerks and more room for recent storage, according to a news release.

CAFO hearing sees low turnout in Gooding

GOODING - Planning and Zoning Administrator Judy Daubner told county commissioners on Monday only three people shared their opinions on the county's Confined Animal Feeding Ordinance at the June 26 public hearing.

Daubner said there another CAFO hearing has been scheduled Monday at the Gooding County Courthouse.

In other action Monday, Hagerman resident Bill Shoppee complained to county commissioners about his neighbor's dog pens being located right on the property line. Commissioner Tom Faulkner advised Shoppee to consult with an attorney.

Jackpot Advisory Board to meet on third Thursday

JACKPOT - The city Advisory Board meetings have been changed from the third Tuesday to the third Thursday of each month.

The Advisory Board will meet at 6 tonight at the Jackpot Recreation Center.

Elko County commissioners will meet in Jackpot at 1:30 p.m. July 19 at the recreation center.

Both meetings are open to the public.

Roadless comment deadline looms

By N.S. Nokkientved
 Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - Some say it goes too far, some say it doesn't go far enough - but they have only until Monday to say it.

Monday is the deadline for comment on the Forest Service's plan to ban road building on 43 million acres of the nation's remaining roadless lands - more than 8 million acres in Idaho.

Opponents of the plan say that the Forest Service has not offered the public an adequate opportunity to participate, that the plan would block public access, and that management decisions on federal public lands should be made locally, not in Washington, D.C.

Environmentalists generally support the plan but say it falls short because it doesn't ban logging as well as new roads.

Forest Service officials, who

Roadless acres in Idaho national forests

Sawtooth: 1.2 million.
 Boise: 1.2 million.
 Caribou: 775,000.
 Clearwater: 425,000.
 Idaho Panhandle: 313,000.
 Nez Perce: 127,000.
 Payette: 945,000.
 Salmon/Challis: 2.2 million.
 Targhee: 1.2 million.
 Total in Idaho: about 8.4 million
 Source: U.S. Forest Service

Want to be heard?

Written comments on the Forest Service's proposal to protect roadless lands are due Monday. The environmental impact statement is available at local Forest Service offices and on the Internet at: www.roadless.fs.fed.us

Comments should be sent to USDA Forest Service, CAET, Attn: Roadless Areas Proposed Rule, P.O. Box 221090, Salt Lake City, Utah 84122.

Comments can also be sent electronically to the comment section at www.roadless.fs.fed.us

Comments may be faxed to 877-703-2494.

have held hundreds of public hearings across the country, say

they have no plans to close any roads and that existing access would continue.

All sides of the issue have urged folks to let the Forest Service know what they think.

"This is an opportunity for the public to have a say in what happens on their wild forests," said John McCarthy, conservation director for the Idaho Conservation League, which supports the proposal.

U.S. Sen. Larry Craig, one of the most outspoken critics of the proposal, says the proposal would close roadless lands to any access except by foot.

"Those who responsibly recreate with mountain bikes, off-highway vehicles, and horseback, as well as the elderly or disabled who access these lands via motorized vehicles, may be shut out forever," Craig said in a prepared statement.

But all those uses and others would continue under the proposal, says Sawtooth National Forest Supervisor Bill LeVere. The Forest Service has no plans to close any roads under the proposal, LeVere said.

The proposal would ban all new road construction or reconstruction in areas greater than 5,000 acres already identified as roadless - all other uses and access would continue, including motorized access, grazing, mining, logging, hunting, hiking and camping, LeVere said.

Local forest managers still would have management authority.

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Commissioner denies moratorium was politically driven

By John T. Huddy
 Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - A decision to impose a three-month moratorium on animal operations in the county was not politically driven, County Commissioner Gary Grindstaff said Wednesday, despite claims by some that it was.

Grindstaff said his support of a three-month moratorium on animal operations in the county - a move residents demanded recently - had nothing to do with his candidacy for county commissioner.

"I didn't have time to think about politics," Grindstaff said Wednesday. "I hope people don't think it's wrong. We thought it was a positive move because of what people have been wanting and demanding."

Grindstaff admitted the timing probably wasn't the best.

Grindstaff is up for election in November, facing independent candidates Bill Chisholm and Grant Atkinson, both of Buhl.

Commissioner Chairman Bill Brockman is also up for election, but he is unopposed.

"I guess it does look kind of bad, but (residents) asked me to do it," said Grindstaff, who has been a county commissioner since February. "I'm sure some people are going to say it's politically motivated."

Chisholm is one.

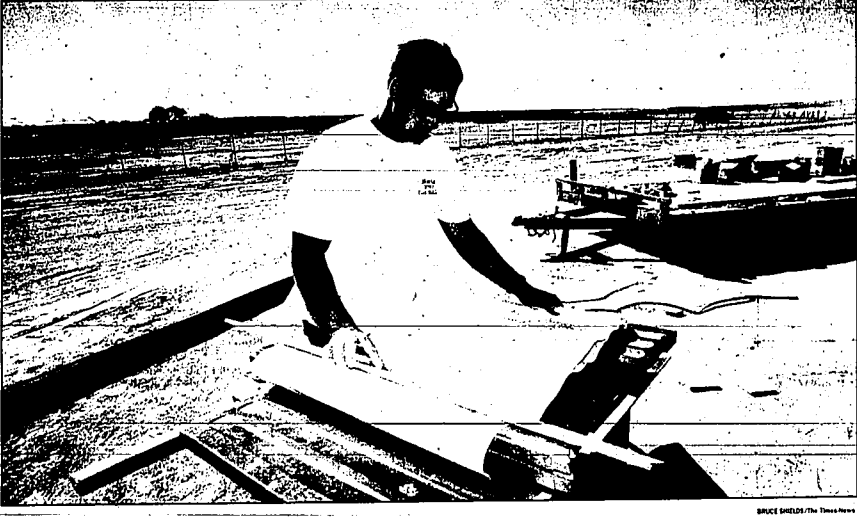
"I think there is a feeling a lot of here," Chisholm said Wednesday. "They were getting so much heat and they had to do something so they are looking for someone else to do the job that they were paid to do."

Grindstaff said as long as what needs to be done is done, then some people's misconceptions don't make a difference.

Local county commissioners, including Brockman and Commissioner Marvin Hempleman, said the primary reason for the moratorium was to give time for a citizens committee to form.

That committee will review the county's livestock confinement operations.

Politics or practicality?



Dave Gandolfo looks over the plans for a dairy he is building southeast of Buhl. Gandolfo will serve on a committee to review the county ordinance on animal operations.

ment ordinance and make changes to it.

Both residents and officials have said the two-year-old ordinance is flawed.

Grindstaff said the commissioners are in the process of compiling names of residents to serve on the committee.

"We want a fair and balanced committee," Grindstaff said.

That means having dairymen and ranchers on the committee as well, he said.

Local dairymen David Gondolfo said he will be serving on the committee.

The county approved Gondolfo's 16-acre dairy last November. He plans to have 2,700 cows and 3,000 heifers on 160 acres at 250 E. 4000 N. in the county.

Gondolfo said the committee

members must understand the current ordinance before moving forward. "Too many people don't understand or haven't even reviewed the current ordinance, he said.

Gondolfo agreed, however, that the ordinance could be improved.

"If we're going to rewrite the ordinance we need to work on designating areas that people agree are potential dairy sites," he said.

The county has a designated agricultural preservation zone, designed for animal operations and farms.

But that zone needs more elaboration, Gondolfo said.

Chisholm said animal operations should be designated under three classifications in a new ordinance: agricultural, agricultural or industrial.

Those classifications would be a deciding factor on where operations should be located, Chisholm said.

While Chisholm and Gondolfo may be on opposite sides of the fence when it comes to the animal operation issue, they both spoke favorably about the temporary moratorium.

"Obviously I'd probably have a strong feeling if my application was pending," Gondolfo said. "But I guess the moratorium is fine as long as we have it lifted in 90 days."

Gondolfo said some people might be using the moratorium as a building block to banning dairies in the county - a move that just isn't fair, he said.

"I don't view (the moratorium) as a horrible thing as long as we

get what it needs to be done in time," Gondolfo said.

Bill Crafton, the county's planning and zoning director, said the first meeting for the citizens committee will be set up next week, as soon as the list is finalized.

Chisholm said he will probably throw his name into the hat.

But the moratorium should have been imposed a long time ago, he said.

"I'm glad we have it, because it's a vehicle by which we can hopefully get the bad law cleaned up and get the issue behind us," Chisholm said. "But what took them so long? If they would have listened to me in the first place, then we wouldn't have had this problem in the first place. I think with some visionary and courageous leadership, you could solve this thing in a week."

Expansion plans get put on hold pending land decision

By Jay Howser
 Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - The county hospital and a neighboring landowner might be inching their way closer to a deal that could provide the hospital with land for expansion.

In the meantime, the hospital board remains "perplexed" over the issue, and it's the patients who suffer, a hospital official told the Twin Falls Rotary Club Wednesday.

Terry Hart, administrator at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center, told club members that patient volumes have increased 20 percent in the past year, and that the hospital cannot go much longer without expanding the facility to address the needs of its patients.

Hospital officials have explored several options, including a plan to expand vertically. But they can't do anything until

they know for sure whether or not they will have access to land north of the hospital owned by Ketchum resident Helen Kolouch, Hart said.

Hospital officials have had their eyes on Kolouch's 44 acres for many years. In December they made Kolouch an offer to buy the entire plot at a rate consistent with an unofficial appraisal done in May 1999.

Kolouch turned down the offer - between \$1.22 to \$1.46 million - saying it was simply too low.

The offer also included the purchase of the land north of Heyburn Avenue which Kolouch said she positively does not want to sell. She only wants to relinquish the eight acres between Rock Creek Canyon and Martin Street south of Heyburn Avenue, she said.

Kolouch said the most recent proposal, dated June 1, also provided the hospital with an option

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Fire departments, BLM deal with grass fires

The Times-News

BURLEY - Two grass fires blazed in Cassia County Wednesday, the larger of the two burning 2,000 acres of sage and prairie grass.

That fire began around 1 p.m. at the Waymets residence, located at 781 S. 250 E. in Burley. The Waymets had been working on machinery with a fire torch when a gust of wind came along, according to Burley Fire Capt. Harold Blakeslee.

The Waymets had plowed up the ground around their work area to create a buffer zone, but the wind carried the fire across the buffer, Blakeslee said.

It took the Burley Fire Department, the Bureau of Land Management, one helicopter and one spray plane dumping water to control the blaze, Blakeslee said. The Burley Fire Department had four trucks on the scene, and the BLM had another three or four, Blakeslee said.



Fire fighters fought two grass fires in Min-Cassia Wednesday. The largest blazed burned 2,000 acres of sage and grass.

Between 20 and 30 fire fighters were on the scene and had the fire under control in about four hours, Blakeslee said.

The only structure damage was to fence posts. No crops or livestock were harmed, he said.

A second fire, caused by lightning Tuesday, ignited five acres of sage and juniper on BLM land, about 15 miles southeast of Burley. Andy Payne with the BLM in Shoshone, said BLM fire fighters had expected to have that fire controlled by 6 p.m. Wednesday.

MAGIC VALLEY/WEST

Hazelton has Dumpsters for sale

By Julie Pence
Times-News correspondent

HAZELTON - The city just got out of the garbage business.

Now the city is trying to figure out what to do with the 75 Dumpsters sitting at the edge of town.

Residents will now pay \$7 a month, the same amount they paid the city, to have their trash picked up by PSI Waste Systems.

The city decided to go with PSI last week after Hazelton police officer and maintenance worker Gary Taylor resigned to take a job as a parole officer in Twin Falls County.

To continue doing its own trash pickup, the city would not only have to hire another maintenance worker immediately, it would also have to replace its aging garbage truck with a new truck which would cost the city about \$50,000. The council decided to hire PSI instead of shopping for an expensive new truck, said Mayor Ery VanSickle said.

Richard Pendleton, the city's chief police officer/maintenance worker, will now have more time for other duties while the city advertises for Taylor's replacement.

Those interested in purchasing city Dumpsters may call the city clerk's office for more information.

At Tuesday's City Council meeting, City Engineer Brian Smith updated city leaders on the progress of the new well and storage tank. He said construction will begin in late summer and likely be finished in early winter. The council voted to purchase a \$3,650 chlorination system.

Times-News correspondent Julie Pence can be reached in Murtaugh at 432-5334.

Man pleads guilty to protect father

BLACKFOOT (AP) - Juan Martinez-Rios has pleaded guilty to first-degree murder in a death that secures leniency for his father in the death of another man during a neighborhood beer party last fall.

Martinez-Rios, 26, admitted shooting Victor Rosales in the head on Oct. 10 during a fight that authorities said was sparked by an insult. In exchange, prosecutors dropped a charge of accessory to murder against his father, Juan Martinez-Maldonado, 48. Martinez-Maldonado, who had tried to help his son escape after the killing, pleaded guilty to the

lesser felony offense of eluding a police officer.

Bingham County Prosecutor Carter Mackley said he will recommend that Martinez-Rios be imprisoned for life with the possibility of parole after the first 12 years when sentence is imposed on Sept. 5.

DEATH NOTICES

John D. Manning
RUPERT - John Daryl Manning, 51, of Las Vegas, Nev., and formerly of Rupert, died Saturday, July 8, 2000, in Tucson, Ariz. Funeral arrangements are pending and will be announced by Rasmussen Funeral Home at 1350 E. 16th St. in Burley.

Bruce W. Sorenson
JEROME - Bruce W. Sorenson, 69, of Jerome, died Wednesday, July 12, 2000, at his home. Funeral arrangements are pending and will be announced by Farnsworth Mortuary of Jerome.

Calvin D. Jensen
BUHL - Calvin D. Jensen, 36, of Buhl, died Wednesday, July 12, 2000, at his residence. Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Farmer Funeral Chapel in Buhl.

Richard H. Dunn
ALBION - Richard H. Dunn, 80, of Albion, died Monday, July 10, 2000, at Mindoko Memorial Hospital. Memorial services will be conducted at 2 p.m. Sunday, July 16, 2000, at Hansen Mortuary Burley Chapel, with Pastor Donald Danner officiating. Services are under the direction of Hansen Mortuary Burley Chapel.

Raymond P. Novis of Gooding, served at 11 a.m. Friday at Demaray's Gooding Chapel. Family members and friends may call from 1 to 7 p.m. today at Demaray's Gooding Chapel.

Ethel Theresa Hobday of Bliss, service at 11 a.m. today at Demaray's Gooding Chapel.

Rae C. Cranney of Oakley, service at 11 a.m. today at the Oakley LDS Stake Center at 301

N. Center in Oakley. Friends may call from 10-10:45 a.m. before the funeral today at the church (Payne Mortuary in Burley).

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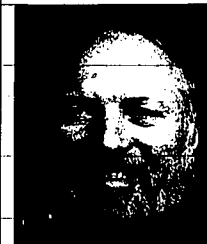
HOSPITALS

MAGIC VALLEY REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER	Wendell	Released
Some names are omitted at patient's request.		
Admitted	Lora Forsythe of Gooding; Ella Briggs of Twin Falls; and Freeda Clark of Buhl.	
Ronald Banfil of Jerome; Antonia Gomez of		

OBITUARIES

For obituary rates and information, call 733-0933, Ext. 278, between 2 p.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday. Deadline is 4:30 p.m. for next-day publication. Death notices are a free service and can be placed until 5 p.m. every day.

ALBION



Floyd Dee Hutton
Floyd-Dee Hutton, 65-year-old Albion resident, died Wednesday, July 12, 2000, at Bonneck Memorial Hospital in Pocatello.

He was born May 5, 1935, in Pendleton, Ore., the son of Frank and Helen Anderson Hutton. The family moved to Rupert where Floyd and his brother and sister grew up and went to school. After graduation, he went to work for the Idaho State Highway Department as a supervisor. He married Judith Kay Roscarsans on May 29, 1961. He worked for the Bureau of Indian Affairs at the Fort Hall Reservation as a Road Crew Boss in 1962. He then took two years of night school at ISU in Pocatello to become a civil engineer. He transferred to the Yakima Reservation in Washington State in 1970. Floyd retired from the Bureau of Indian Affairs in 1984 after 35 years of government service. Floyd then moved his family to Phoenix, Ariz., where he worked as an engineering consultant to private companies in Arizona and California. Floyd and Judy moved to Albion in 1992.

Floyd is survived by his wife Judith (Roscarsans) Hutton of Albion, two daughters, Teresa M. Hutton of Albion, and Kimberly Hutton Phillips of Las Vegas, Nev.; one son, Christopher M. Hutton of Jerome; and one brother, Frank D. Hutton of Craig, Colo. He is also

survived by two grandsons. Floyd was preceded in death by his parents, Frank and Helen Hutton, and his sister Barbara Hutton.

Funeral services will be conducted at 11 a.m. Saturday, July 15, 2000, at Hansen Mortuary-Rupert Chapel, with Pastor Jay Greenwald officiating. Burial will follow at Rupert Cemetery. Friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday at Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel.

POCATELLO



Pearl Fayo Carron
Pearl Fayo Carron, 74, long time Pocatello resident, died June 28, 2000, in Pasadena, California, following a long and courageous battle against Lou Gehrig's disease.

She was born in Fior on May 19, 1926, to Charles and Stella Brennan, and spent her childhood in Fior and Twin Falls. Following high school graduation and a stint in the United States Naval Service, she married John J. Carron in 1947. Her husband preceded her in death in 1986. She prided herself on being an excellent housewife, but in 1961 when both her children were in junior high, she took a job at Idaho State University. She explained in a newspaper interview in October 1982 that she wanted to prove to my husband that I could do something outside the home. She retired from ISU at the onset of her illness, in 1991.

One sister and two brothers preceded her in death.

A memorial service in Pocatello will be scheduled in the near future. In lieu of floral tributes, the family suggests donations to the Carron Memorial Endowment at Idaho State University.

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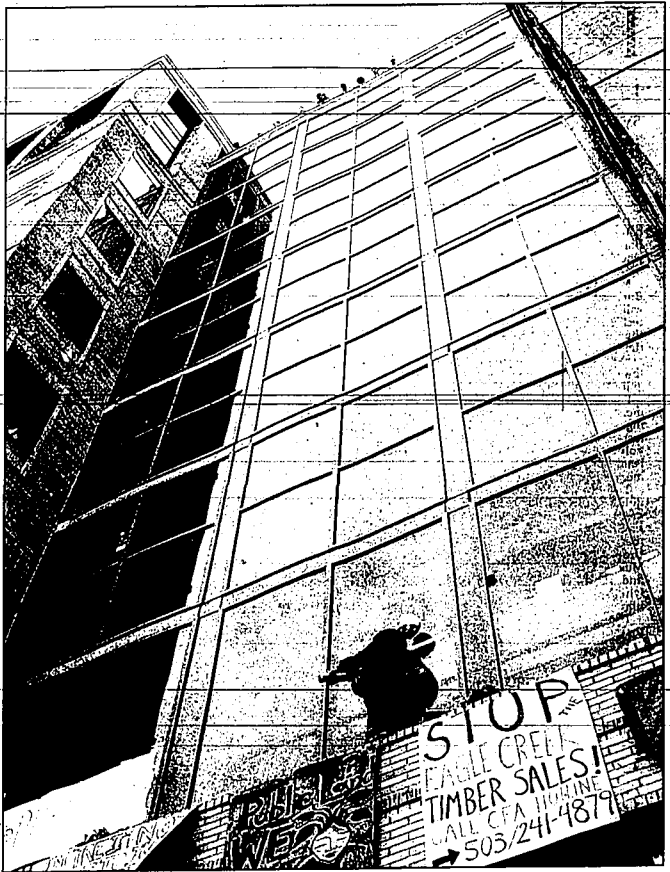
Anna Belle Scholl Cook
Anna Belle Scholl Cook passed away Wednesday, July 12, 2000, at Mountain View Care Center in Kimberly.

Anna was born May 27, 1911, to Nelson and Emma Mauker Scholl in Hooker, Oklahoma. At the age of five, Anna moved by covered wagon to a homestead in Colorado, where she graduated from high school. In 1929, she married Dean Cook while attending Greeley State Teacher's College. Anna then taught school for four years in Colorado, and then moved to Kimberly during the Dust Bowl Days. Upon reaching Idaho, she received a job teaching certificate from Albion Normal School, and her Master's Degree from Idaho State University. She returned to Kimberly and taught school there and was elementary school principal for 30 years. She was a member of the Reorganized Latter Day Saints Church.

She is survived by her daughter, Norma Urie; three granddaughters, Ebara Timmus, Elisa Blommer and Heidi Hanchey; four great-grandchildren; and three step-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband Dean; her daughter, Urie; and seven brothers and sisters.

Graveside services will be held at 3 p.m. Friday, July 14, 2000, at Sunset Memorial Park Cemetery in Twin Falls. Officiating will be Pastor Johnny Hanchey of the Eternal Life Christian Center. Arrangements are under the direction of the Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home in Twin Falls.



A crowd watches from the top of a building as an anti-logging activist, who calls himself Tre Arrow, stands on a window ledge Tuesday on the U.S. Forest Service building in Portland, Ore. Protesters want the Forest Service to call off the Eagle Creek timber sale in the Mount Hood National Forest.

Anti-logging protest moves from forest branches to building ledge

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) - A logging protest has gone from the forest branches to a downtown ledge, where an activist Wednesday defied a court order and spent his fifth day three stories up.

Tre Arrow has been standing and sitting on a 9-inch ledge, 30 feet up the U.S. Forest Service Building since Friday to protest logging of Eagle Creek watershed in the Mount Hood National Forest.

Arrow and other protesters regrouped in downtown hours after a pre-dawn raid by the Forest Service ousted tree sitters and ended a months-long blockade of roads leading into the logging site.

Now, just outside the entrance to Forest Service building, about 20 protesters have pitched a tent, hung banners and refused to leave. One of them, Ginny Salkowski, was on the fourth day of a hunger strike.

representing the building manager, said the protesters would be asked to comply with the order voluntarily. If they don't, the next step would be to ask the judge to find them in contempt of court.

Depending on the judge's ruling, police could be called on to forcibly remove the protesters, which Ellsasser said would be a last resort.

"We hope they will voluntarily leave the property," he said.

Arrow and the other protesters said they were staying put despite the order. And police said they had no immediate plans to remove them; content to let building managers pursue the matter through the courts.

A preliminary hearing was set Thursday to decide whether to continue to the restraining order.

Frank Ellsasser, the attorney

My concern is not only the safety of this young man, but the dangers that might be encountered by people that would be hurt by him," Jones said after staring up at the ledge.

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Protesters not only plan to stay, but are planning a news conference and rally in front of the building Friday.

Arrow's attorney, Gregory Kafoury, said he will make a case against the restraining order at Thursday's hearing.

"They're not going anywhere today," Kafoury said. "We're going to be talking a lot about 500-year-old trees."

Hot, dry conditions might result in drained reservoirs

PRESTON (AP) - This is not a good year for farmers or fish in Franklin County.

Prolonged hot, dry, and windy conditions have taken a toll on spring-planted, dry-land crops. Frosty conditions in May and June have hurt wheat and barley.

Local reservoirs will be almost or completely drained by the end of the growing season. Idaho Department of Fish and Game officials are starting to discuss salvage operations.

Local officials said the last significant rain the county received was in early April. The extended dry period has come on the heels of much-below-normal normal winter precipitation.

Boise River could be safe from sewage spill

BOISE (AP) - The sewage spill into the Warm Springs Slough Thursday may not have reached the Boise River.

"We have collected a lot of data," said Carl Ellsworth, an environmental division manager with the Public Works Department. "We currently show no significant impacts on the Boise River."

Some barley fields have been chopped or baled already because farmers felt it wasn't worth it to let the crop mature any longer," said Stuart Parkinson, county extension agent.

"Still, Parkinson said corn is doing well in the hot weather. As

long as water holds out, the corn crop should fare well, he said.

Carl Swainston, president of the Preston/Whitney Irrigation Co., said farmers who depend on water from LaMont, Foster and Glendale reservoirs may be a little short on water by the end of the summer.

Earl Moser, watermaster for Twin Lakes Irrigation Co., said shareholders will get 1.75 acre feet of water per share.

"In order to get water to farmers, we plan on draining Winder and Condie reservoirs by summer's end," he said. "We have notified the Fish and Game Department about our plans."

Jim Mende, a Fish and Game official based in Pocatello, said the department is assessing reservoirs in Franklin County and across southeastern Idaho.

"We haven't issued any salvage declarations yet. That may come in the next few weeks. Right now we're looking at several possibilities that include salvage operations," Mende said.

A pipeline carrying sewage from an unincorporated area of Ada County to the West Boise Wastewater Treatment Plant collapsed Thursday.

But Ellsworth stopped short of saying the river was not contaminated, adding that some flow could have hit the river.

Another department official seemed confident the sewage spill had no impact on the river and told residents to resume normal activities.

Initial test results of water quality samples taken since the incident indicate the Warm Springs Slough is no longer the subject of any public health concerns.

Becoming computer literate

Library gets new systems; volunteers make learning easy

By Ruth Streater
Times-News writer

BURLEY - The public now has better access to computers at the Burley Public Library. And those who are shy with - or terrified by - computers need not struggle.

More than a dozen volunteers - Burley High School students - will be on call to familiarize the technologically fainthearted with the Internet, word processing and the wide world of megabytes.

"Most people who come in have low, low computer skills," said Julie Woodford, library director. Patrons should make appointments with the library for training sessions, which will probably last about an hour. The student volunteers will be on hand at least through the end of the summer, Woodford said.

The computers will be available to anyone, not just library members. Users won't have to pay a fee. Those were requirements for the grant that funded the computers, said Dale Musselman, a trainer with the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, which gave the grant to the library.

The program offers something for patrons of all ages. The \$19,000 grant paid for four computers with 800-megahertz processors and 17-inch monitors, a network server and a laser printer. The library is one of three Mini-



Kashayla Bingham, 16, sitting, trains herself on new computers at the Burley Public Library so that she can train others. A grant from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation purchased the computers. Pictured with Bingham are Jenni Nelson, 17, left, and Jakob Beck, 17. Fourteen Burley High School students will volunteer to train others using the new computers.

Cassia libraries to receive Gates Foundation grants. The DeMary Memorial Library in Rupert received roughly the same grant as Burley and the Oakley Library District received two new computers. However, library officials in Rupert and Oakley could not be reached Tuesday to discuss their plans for the grant.

One of the qualifications for receiving grants is that a community must have a poverty level greater than 10 percent of the population, Musselman said. The Gates Foundation is distributing computers in more than 10,000 libraries across the country, he said.

The student volunteers will log their hours at the library as part of their membership responsibilities with the National Honor Society, and can also put those hours on their resume.

that houses the computers at the Burley Library was built by money donated by the Burley-Western Inn. The Best Western donated \$1,000 for the desk, which was built by Lee Higley and Sons, a Heyburn custom cabinet maker.

Times-News writer Ruth Streater can be reached at the Mini-Cassia Bureau at 677-4042 or by e-mail at rstrwater@magicvalley.com.

City OKs road bids

The Times-News

KIMBERLY - Kimberly streets will soon get improvements.

The City Council on Tuesday approved bids for street repairs. The council approved a \$22,440 bid for paving to Gordon Paving and a \$31,053 bid to Idaho Sand and Gravel for overlay work. Repairs will begin soon.

In other action Tuesday, the council approved plans for the Vista View subdivision north of the city and the purchase of computers for a patrol car that will allow officers to check license plates without having to go through the county dispatcher. Plaques were presented to Jacquie Luff and Marilyn Arbury recognizing their work with the city library.

Wreckage of small plane, bodies found in foothills

GOLD BAR, Wash. (AP) - The wreckage of a single-engine plane and three bodies were found Wednesday near this town in the western foothills of the Cascade Mountains.

The plane was believed to be a Cessna 180 carrying three Spokane retirees, said Karl Moore, search and rescue coordinator for the Aviation Division of the state Department of Transportation.

The three men aboard the missing plane had been identified as James Blessner, 78, the plane's owner and the pilot for Saturday's flight; Peter Anest Sr., 78, who flew in World War II and was a longtime flight instructor; and his brother, Sam Anest, believed to be in his early 70s.

A search was begun Monday, two days after the men had left the Arlington Fly-In air show, apparently bound for Spokane. No flight plan was filed.

The crew of a Stenomish County sheriff's helicopter spotted

ted the wreckage Wednesday afternoon on a remote hillside south of Gold Bar, which is about 30 miles southeast of the Arlington airport, Moore said. Radar records indicated the plane had come down near the site where the wreckage was found, Moore said.

The pilot of more than 20 private planes that had been taking part in the search had focused on the area, which is west of Stevens Pass and near 5,979-foot Mount Index.

Federal aviation officials will investigate the cause of the crash, Moore said. Arlington's air show draws pilots of experimental and other small planes from around the nation. Moore said the three had flown to the show in previous years.

No one apparently was waiting for the men on Saturday in Spokane, but their relatives contacted authorities on Monday. There was no indication the plane made a distress call, Moore said.

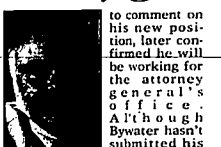
Cassia prosecutor will vacate post for job at attorney general's office

By Ruth Streater
Times-News writer

BURLEY - Cassia County Prosecutor Stephen Bywater has accepted a position with the attorney general's office in Boise. Bywater, whose recent reelection bid was short-circuited this May by his former boss, will be the lead attorney for the Idaho Transportation Department, county administrator Tim Hurst said.

"Bob Cooper, a spokesman with the attorney general's office, confirmed that Bywater has accepted a position with the office, but refused to confirm Bywater's salary, because Bywater has not officially started work. Cooper said discussing Bywater's employment before he starts would be like discussing a personnel matter."

Bywater, who initially refused



Stephen Bywater

to comment on his new position, later confirmed he will be working for the attorney general's office. A thorough search submitted his resignation yet to Cassia County.

Commissioners, he said Wednesday he plans to leave his office by the end of the month.

In his first challenged race in 16 years as prosecutor, Bywater narrowly lost the Republican primary to Barrus by a 51 to 49 percent margin.

Bywater was deputy prosecutor in 1984 when Barrus, the prosecutor, decided not to seek reelection. Bywater was elected to

year and Barrus became deputy prosecutor until 1994, when he left to pursue private practice.

County commissioners met earlier this week with Barrus to discuss the possibility of him taking the position as soon as possible.

The Republican Central Committee will nominate up to three interim prosecutors to serve from the time Bywater resigns and the time Barrus officially takes over. June 1, 2001. County commissioners will then select the interim prosecutor from those nominations.

It is likely the committee will nominate Barrus because he will be the incoming prosecutor, Hurst said.

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Hanford waste heads to New Mexico site

RICHLAND, Wash. (AP) - A truck left Hanford on Wednesday with the nuclear reservation's first shipment of radioactive waste bound for an underground dump in southeastern New Mexico, the U.S. Department of Energy said.

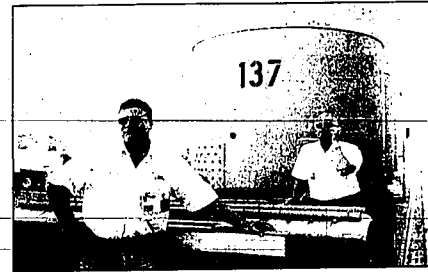
The initial shipment originally was to have left for the federal Waste Isolation Pilot Plant last month, but was delayed because of a paperwork problem involving a state review in New Mexico. The truck that left Wednesday was carrying seven 55-gallon drums placed in special shipping containers, the Energy Department said. The drums contain transuranic waste - typically items such as clothing, tools and debris used in the handling of nuclear waste - that has a half-life of 20 years or greater. That means it takes 20 years for it to lose half its radioactivity.

The 1,800-mile route crosses through Oregon, Idaho, Utah, Wyoming and Colorado. The trip is expected to take about two days.

In preparation for the shipments, emergency response personnel trained to deal with accidents involving radioactive waste, the Energy Department said.

Hanford workers have prepared about 400 additional drums of waste for shipment.

Shipment of those drums is being reevaluated to confirm regulatory requirements have been met, the Energy Department said.



Truck drivers Mason Ernest, left, and Randy Anderson get loading into their load of seven 55-gallon drums of radioactive waste that are packed into a special stainless steel container on Wednesday in Richland, Wash., before leaving for New Mexico.

Over the next 30 years, Hanford is expected to send about 2,500 shipments - the equivalent of 80,000 drums - to the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant, near Carlsbad, N.M.

Since opening in March 1999, the site has accepted shipments from three other Department of Energy nuclear sites: the closed Rocky Flats nuclear plant near Denver, the Los Alamos National Laboratory in New Mexico and the Idaho Engineering and Environmental Laboratory near Idaho Falls.

The waste is buried 2,150 feet

underground in rooms excavated from an ancient salt formation. The waste to be moved from Hanford currently sits in the central area of the 560-square-mile reservation, where plutonium was made for the country's nuclear arsenal from World War II until the 1980s.

Transuranic waste was generated both in producing plutonium at Hanford and in the environmental cleanup that began after the Cold War ended. After 1974, the transuranic waste was required to be placed in retrievable storage rather than buried.

Four corner states mark anniversary

FOUR CORNERS NATIONAL MONUMENT, N.M. (AP) - It's the only place in the nation where the corners of four states touch, and Wednesday, tourists, locals, stamp collectors and representatives of the U.S. Postal Service and two tribes marked its 125th anniversary.

As children posed for photos sitting astraddle four states in the center of the concrete slab that marks the site, adults lined up to anoint postmarks - the first time ever that four postmarks were done simultaneously.

The crowd also bought up special Postal Service decorative envelopes and the seals of the Navajo Nation and the Ute Mountain Ute tribe. Souvenir-hunters and stamp collectors stood in line to get their

envelopes stamped with postmarks for Arizona, Colorado, New Mexico and Utah.

"People that come to this monument can take with them a sense of history, understanding for this area," said Manuel Hear of the Ute Mountain Ute tribe, which owns and manages the site with the Navajo Nation. Wednesday's ceremonies included blessings by members of both tribes. Tribal members also performed ceremonial dances for the crowd, and Postal Service officials re-enacted the marking of the Four Corners in 1875.

Martha Morrison, 66, a native of Farmington 60 miles to the southeast, recalls coming to the Four Corners as a child, when the concrete pad that marks the boundaries was much smaller than it is today.

"We always stood on that monument, even when it was just big enough to stand on," she said.

Four Corners National Monument, on U.S. 160 about 5 miles northeast of Tropic, N.M., gets more than 250,000 visitors a year, many from other countries. The original monument was built in 1912, the year New Mexico and Arizona became states. Today's monument is a much larger slab of concrete with steps up to the spot where the corners of the four states touch. Each state's flag flies on its side, and each corner is marked with the appropriate state seal.

Stan Johnson of Bluff, Utah, a member of the planning team for the ceremony, said the first marker for the site 125 years ago was a stick in the dirt held up by large rocks.

Roadless

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ity over those uses in roadless areas through the local forest planning process. And all management decisions for roadless areas of less than 5,000 acres would be made by local land managers with local public participation, the Forest Service says.

On roadless public lands in the Southwest, little in the roadless rule has been criticized. The process is not offering the public an adequate opportunity to participate.

The Forest Service disagrees. This spring, officials conducted more than 500 public meetings across the country to explain the

proposal and to take public comment.

Conservationists cite polls that they say show a majority of people in the county support the proposal. And they note that it was Craig who in 1995 tacked the so-called salvage rider onto an appropriations bill in Congress that suspended environmental laws and opportunities for public involvement in some timber sales on national forests.

The rider was meant to allow cutting fire-killed timber before it deteriorated and lost its commercial value.

Timber industries since 1995 have donated about \$102,000 to Craig's more than \$2 million campaign fund, according to the Center for Responsive Politics in

Washington, D.C.

No timber sales would be affected in the Sawtooth National Forest. But elsewhere in Idaho where timber cutting is part of local economies, the proposal might affect timber cutting on about 150,000 acres, according to The Wilderness Society.

Some critics of the proposal also have said it would hamper efforts to prevent or fight wildfires. The Forest Service said it can reach nearly all fires in roadless and wildfire areas, bringing supplies and crews in by helicopter or on horseback.

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Court overturns convictions in aircraft case

MEDFORD, Ore. (AP) - A federal appeals court has overturned the convictions of a former Oregon aviation broker and a retired U.S. Forest Service official for conspiring to steal surplus military aircraft intended for fighting fires.

A three-judge panel of the 9th

U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals split 2-1 to reverse the convictions of aircraft broker Roy Reagan and retired Forest Service assistant aviation director Fred Fuchs.

The majority cited failure of the trial judge to advise jurors that parts of the government case

exceeded the five-year statute of limitations.

Reagan, 60, now living in Phoenix, Ariz., was released from prison last February under a court order after serving 20 months of his 30-month sentence. Fuchs completed his two-year sentence.

Expansion

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to buy the rest of the land which makes her wonder how serious the hospital is in its negotiations.

"They're perplexed," she said. "It seems so logical to me that if they want this land, why don't they make a decent proposal?" she said. "I do not want to sell north of Heyburn. I've told them that very clearly."

To find an acceptable price - a task Hart said has been difficult since Klouchev has never presented hospital officials - the parties agreed to have a new, official appraisal done. However, Klouchev said Wednesday she the appraisal's findings.

The hospital, on the other hand, would be bound to the

appraisal because Idaho Code requires how much money county hospitals can offer in the acquisition of real property.

Klouchev said she anticipates having an appraising firm selected in the next two weeks and having an appraisal ready by mid-September.

Meanwhile, hospital patients are getting the short end of the stick, Hart said, because the more time officials take to decide on an expansion plan, the longer patients will have to endure space constraints - which often lead to longer waits.

"When we reach volumes like this, we find people who come in with less-threatening ailments wait longer to receive care," he said.

Hart told the club that last week a stroke victim had to wait

for an hour to be treated because physicians were busy tending nine victims from a car accident. Many of those people were seriously injured, and the stroke victim took a back seat.

"That's a situation that must be corrected, and soon," he said. "Hart said the emergency room might have to expand by as much as three times to meet the patient demand, according to recent study, but no expansion can happen until a decision is reached on Klouchev's land."

Once that occurs, he said, the hospital will proceed with its plans and not look back - with or without the land.

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Male wolf that helped raise first litter dies

YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK, Wyo. (AP) — A male wolf that helped raise the first litter of pups from reintroduced wolves in Yellowstone National Park has died apparently from natural causes.

The wolf, known to biologists as No. 8, was found in a logjam in Slough Creek last week. Biologists suspect the wolf died alongside the creek sometime during the previous week and then was swept downstream by spring runoff, said Deb Guernsey, a program assistant for the Yellowstone wolf project.

There was no evidence of any human involvement in the wolf's death. Biologists say the 6-year-old wolf could have been kicked or injured by another animal, such as an elk or moose, or simply died from other natural causes.

No. 8 joined up with wolf No. 9, the first reintroduced Yellowstone wolf to give birth. No. 9's first mate had been illegally killed about the time she produced her first litter in 1995.

Biologists captured No. 9 and moved her and her pups into an acclimation pen in Yellowstone Park.

When a windstorm blew a tree down onto the pen's fence and some of the pups escaped, No. 8 joined with them after leaving another nearby wolf pack. He effectively became a stepfather to the escaped pups and then took over as No. 9's new mate once biologists released her and the rest of her pups from the pen.

Enviros call for Utah wolf reintroduction

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — The nation's largest environmental group wants wolves reintroduced into Utah's Uinta Mountains and the nearby Book Cliffs region.

The National Wildlife Federation said Tuesday that it is working to bring the wolves back to Utah, Colorado and northern New Mexico.

Meanwhile, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is proposing reclassifying the animals from "endangered" to "threatened" in most parts of the country.

"Interior Secretary Bruce Babbitt said he is considering the change in classification because the gray wolf has made remarkable recovery in the past 20 years and is no longer on the brink of extinction."

Idaho — and Yellowstone National Park, where wolves were reintroduced just five years ago, now have more than 250.

National Wildlife Federation President Mark Van Putten said the numbers show that reintroduction could be successful and that wolves can co-exist with ranchers in other areas such as the Uinta Mountains and the Book Cliffs.

"It's time to let success breed success," Van Putten said. "That means restoring wolves to many more places through expanded recovery efforts in the West and active promotion of recovery in the Northeast."

Steve Torbitt, senior wildlife biologist for the Wildlife Foundation, said areas his group thinks are the best areas for wolves are the Uintas and Book Cliffs; Colorado's Rocky Mountain National Park; possibly areas near Dinosaur National Monument; and some areas in northern New Mexico.

Colorado calls off land swap

DENVER (AP) — Colorado officials angered by President Clinton's "lands legacy" program to acquire land for parks and monuments have called off a land swap involving 180,000 acres in 20 counties.

Gov. Bill Owens' administration is upset over the creation of the Canyons of the Ancients National Monument in southwestern Colorado without local residents' input.

Colorado Department of Natural Resources director Greg Walcher and Interior Department Secretary Bruce Babbitt had been working on the deal for six months.

"We're concerned that they're kind of having their way with us without any consent or any public input," said Susan Wadhams, spokeswoman for Walcher.

State officials say Babbitt had suggested the swap to streamline

ownership, eliminating "inholdings" or pockets of land owned by others on each other's lands.

The land that would have been exchanged is scattered across the state, with much of it in northwestern Colorado, Grand County and the San Luis Valley. The swap proposal did not involve land in the new Canyons monument or the proposed Vermilion National Monument near Craig. Walcher sent a memo to the state Land Board saying the Owens administration did not want to proceed with the land barter after Clinton designated the Canyons of the Ancients National Monument in June. "We don't want to deal with someone who's not dealing with the public," Wadhams said.

A spokeswoman for Babbitt said the U.S. Bureau of Land Management will continue to work out the details of the deal

"(The BLM) will continue to work with the state at whatever pace the state chooses," said Stephanie Hanna of the Department of the Interior.

The deal was to have been done as a "legislative land exchange," which bypasses some of the usual federal appraisal procedures by winning congressional approval.

Some environmentalists said they were disappointed by the development.

"It's unfortunate that this process would be scuttled for political reasons," said Pam Eaton, regional director of the Denver-based Wilderness Society. "These exchanges can be very productive."

In his drive to create a federal lands legacy before he leaves office in January, Clinton has designated eight new monuments this year.

Idaho suspect in officer shootout awaits hearing

HAMILTON, Mont. (AP) — An Idaho man faces an Aug. 9 district court hearing for allegedly shooting at a Montana highway patrolman two weeks ago.

David Theodore Morgan Sr., 38, of Rathdrum is being held without bond on six felony charges, including three counts of attempted murder.

He also faces two counts of

attempted murder in Idaho for allegedly shooting at one officer and trying to ram another with his car. Morgan, who appeared in a wheelchair before Ravalli County Justice of the Peace Randy Lindt this week, was wounded in the right leg during the June 28 shootout with officers near Victor after being chased along U.S. 93 north of Hamilton.

Fluoride issue will go on ballot in Utah county

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — A debate stirring in the hearts and mouths of Salt Lake County residents will come to a vote next November: whether or not their water should be fluoridated.

Utahns for Better Dental Health, an organization dedicated to putting the issue on the general ballot, announced on Wednesday that it has obtained the 28,249 necessary certified signatures to do so. In fact, it collected more than 38,000 signatures

over the past year, mostly through petitions circulated in dentists' and pediatricians' offices.

"It's time we let the voters decide this issue," said Organization Chairwoman and Democratic state senator Paula Julander. "Today is a great day for Utah children."

More than 60 percent of Americans drink fluoridated water, and various studies have concluded it improves dental health. But many Salt Lake

County residents oppose fluoridation because they believe it is harmful to their health. Others perceive it as undue government intrusion and contend that those who want fluoride can get it through pills or drops.

Officials in Weber, Davis and Utah counties are also considering putting the decision to voters.

The debate in Salt Lake County dates to at least 1961, when Salt Lake City voters rejected fluoridation by a three-to-one margin.

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Owner cancels Flying B Ranch auction

KAMIAH (AP) — One of the state's most highly acclaimed hunting preserves was slated for the auction block Tuesday.

But the bidding for multimillion-dollar Flying B Ranch never started.

Taking to the podium behind schedule, the auctioneer told dozens of potential bidders that the owner had engaged in private negotiations and was calling off the auction.

The Flying B Ranch is owned by Bob Burlingame, 66, a California industrialist.

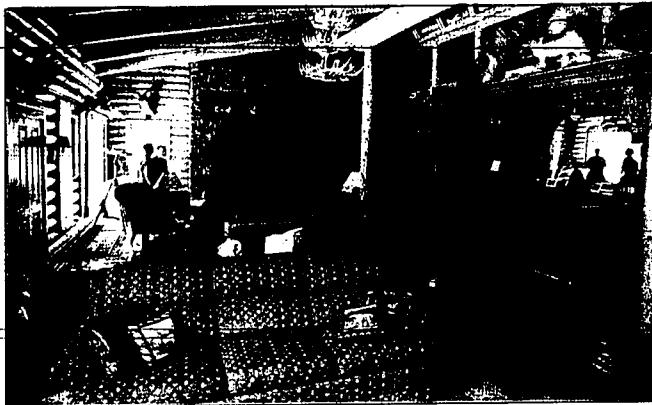
His son, Kevin Burlingame, 34, has been running the ranch for the last six years.

"It literally went up to the 11th hour," Kevin Burlingame said. "I had expected it to sell, but at the last minute my dad exercised his option to withdraw the property."

The auction was called off due to the number of bidders who did not want the entire property, Burlingame said. Auction officials said the Burlingames wanted to keep the ranch in tact.

Three components — the 4,200-acre hunting preserve and lodge in Kamiah, the adjacent 120-acre bird farm and the executive jet hangar in Grangeville — were to be offered separately with an option of being sold as a whole.

The Nez Perce Tribe had four



Known as the 'great room,' the central room of the Flying B Ranch, a hunting and fishing resort in Kamiah shows the cedar log construction used throughout the entire structure. The antique bar, view windows, rock fireplace, and tile floors make it an inviting place for guests to meet after a day's hunt.

representatives at the auction, including Executive Director Michael J. Penney. "We did have kind of an inkling that this might occur," Penney said.

Convicted killer wins new case with fingerprint exam

BOISE (AP) — People challenging criminal convictions should not have to prove a lawyer's performance harmed their defense before winning permission to test or retest physical evidence against them, the Idaho Court of Appeals ruled.

The court, in a unanimous opinion issued Wednesday, ordered a 1st District Court hearing on Thomas Dale Raudebaugh's request for independent examination of fingerprints on the knife that killed William David Gibbs a decade ago.

If Raudebaugh's request is granted and the knife is tested, the three-judge appellate court said Raudebaugh will have the chance to "further allege a claim that his defense attorney was ineffective for failure to obtain an independent examination of the fingerprint evidence."

The ruling vacated 1st District Judge James Judd's dismissal of ineffective assistance of counsel claims from Raudebaugh, who was convicted of second-degree

murder for allegedly killing Gibbs over collection of a \$25 drug debt.

Judd said allowing examination of the knife on which a prosecution expert had testified no fingerprints were found — without reason to distrust the expert or a showing that new technology might lead to a different result — would be "a pure fishing expedition to show that the state didn't do a competent job."

Raudebaugh acknowledged hitting Gibbs with an iron pipe on which his fingerprints were found, but denied stabbing him. The prosecution expert said there was too much blood on the knife to identify any fingerprints.

The Court of Appeals agreed with Judd's concern about a fishing expedition. But Judge Karen Lawson wrote that requiring Raudebaugh to prove his defense was prejudiced by a lawyer's deficient performance before allowing examination of the knife — legally known as "discovery" — was a classic Catch-22.

Weitzel jurors say verdict was a compromise

FARMINGTON, Utah (AP) — Jurors who convicted psychiatrist Robert Weitzel of manslaughter and negligent homicide in the deaths of five elderly patients said their verdict was a compromise.

Weitzel, 44, was tried on five counts of murder in the deaths that occurred in a 16-day period beginning in December 1995 at the Geriatric-Psychiatric Unit at the Davis Hospital and Medical Center in Layton.

The jury on Monday night convicted him of two counts of manslaughter, each punishable by up to 15 years in prison, and three counts of negligent homicide, punishable by up to one year in jail.

Weitzel, in interviews from the Davis County Jail Tuesday, said he was shocked by the verdicts. He continued to maintain that all he did was provide comfort care for patients who were dying.

Prosecutors said the patients had no life-threatening illnesses. They were all admitted for medication readjustments because the dementia was causing them to act out at their nursing homes.

The prosecutors contended Weitzel blasted patients with anti-psychotic drugs until they seemed to be near death and ordered doses of morphine that proved lethal.

"I'm really disappointed, sad,



Dr. Robert Allen Weitzel leaves the courtroom Monday prior to a recess in his murder trial at the Davis County Courthouse in Farmington, Utah.

frustrated and I'm scared," Weitzel told the Standard-Examiner. "I tried to help these people. I stuck my neck out and now I'm going to prison."

Weitzel is to be sentenced Aug. 17. He also faces federal charges on 22 counts of prescription fraud. He is accused of writing prescriptions for morphine and Demerol but keeping the drugs.

He also remains under investigation in Bay City, Texas, in connection with the death of an 87-year-old woman at the Matagorda County General Hospital in 1998. At the time of Linda Ware's

death, Weitzel headed the senior psychiatric unit of the Texas hospital.

Jurors were not told about the federal case. Second District Judge Thomas Kay also would not allow the prosecution to introduce some evidence regarding alleged failures by Weitzel to care for patients. Kay said this was a murder case, not a malpractice case.

Juror William Gillette said he and two other jurors felt Weitzel had intentionally hastened the deaths of two elderly patients and was guilty of murdering them. Gillette felt Weitzel was guilty of manslaughter for his treatment of the three other patients.

But other jurors — including two who had close relatives who had died in pain from cancer and felt euthanasia might sometimes be appropriate — were leaning toward acquittal.

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Address upgrade irks thousands in Hayden

HAYDEN (AP) — Address changes mailed to the homes of tens of thousands of people during the weekend, aimed at improving emergency response capabilities, also are wiping out decades of familiar numbers and road names.

Donna Montgomery, a five-year resident of North Hayden Lake Road, was notified on Saturday that she now lives on East Hayden Lake Road.

"This makes no sense," Montgomery said. "Even the numbers of our house addresses will

run backwards, with bigger numbers first then smaller numbers as the street goes on.

The Kootenai County Planning Department's Enhanced 911 re-addressing project excludes people within city limits but affects up to 95 percent of county residences, said Jeff Blume, coordinator of the graphic information system's 911 database.

Besides having to notify businesses and utilities from which they receive bills, residents fear they will feel the pinch of the project's \$1 million price tag as well as having to modify

driver's licenses, vehicle titles, personal checks, business cards and letterheads.

But re-addressing county households corrects years of jumbled and repeat addresses that have hampered emergency response agencies, county Commissioner Dick Compton said. "It's an inconvenience, but in order to move into the 21st century with quality dispatch service it's a requirement to change all the addresses," Compton said. "We have sent out multiple notices over the years, so this should be of no surprise to anyone."

Inmate isn't the million dollar M&M's winner

ST. GEORGE, Utah (AP) — Inmate Brian McCluskey almost found heaven at the Purgatory Correctional Facility. He thought a bag of M&M's he earned for helping with chores at the jail was a winner in a million-dollar national contest.

But McCluskey was only a first-place winner instead of a grand prize winner, meaning he apparently will receive a coupon for a free 16 ounce bag of M&M's instead of the \$1 million.

A spokeswoman for M&M Mars confirmed Wednesday that another person had been verified as the grand prize winner, meaning McCluskey does have a winning bag, it's only redeemable for the free candies.

McCluskey is serving a one-year jail sentence for attempted possession of methamphetamine. The rumor of McCluskey's good fortune spurred a national news frenzy, with Deputy Julie

Pugnire appearing on NBC's "Today Show." Pugnire gave the candy to McCluskey as a reward for helping her pass out commissary items.

When he opened the bag Friday, the 27-year-old found candies that were sky blue, white, purple — colors he'd never seen before. Other inmates told him he might have won M&M's "Fix-Up the Mix-Up" contest, which they had seen advertised on television.

Pat D'Amato, a spokeswoman for the candy company, based in Hackettstown, N.J., said a family of four had been verified as the million-dollar winners.

She said they asked not to be identified, even by where they live. They purchased the candies at a Kmart store and plan to use the money to remodel their home and finance their children's college education.

Mormon bishop signs diversion agreement related to abuse case

ST. GEORGE, Utah (AP) — A Mormon bishop accused of failing to report child sexual abuse has signed a diversion agreement with the Washington County Attorney's Office.

Under the agreement, the Class B misdemeanor charge against Brent Atkinson will be dismissed if he abides by terms of the agreement for one year, said Deputy County Attorney Tara Dugan.

The agreement calls for Atkinson to do 100 hours of community service, commit no law violations and pay \$250 in court

administration fees. Dugan and defense attorney Lowry Snow both called it an appropriate resolution.

According to Justice Court records, the incident happened in the town of Central between August 1999 and January 2000.

Dugan said she could not comment on the circumstances because they relate to a pending case, that of David Marten McChie.

McChie, 36, was arrested in January and charged with forcible sexual abuse and forcible sodomy.

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Critics: Power plant plan doesn't protect wetlands

The Associated Press

A proposed power plant expansion along California's central coast would generate power for a million people, but environmentalists warn it could hurt one of the state's few remaining wetlands.

They say the 1,090-megawatt expansion of the Moss Landing plant on Monterey Bay would require more seawater - 250,000 gallons a minute - and disrupt the ecosystem by sucking in small fish, crabs and other marine creatures.

The state Coastal Commission took up debate Wednesday in San Rafael and to consider whether a proposed restoration plan is sufficient. The California Energy Commission and Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board have the final say.

It is the first and largest of several proposed expansions of California coastal power plants that use seawater to cool their equipment. Throughout the state, owners of 20 power plants want to expand operations.

The power company that owns Moss Landing, Charlotte, N.C.-based Duke Energy, wants its generating units running by summer 2002.

Environmentalists and commission staff said the expansion provides too little to hold Duke Energy responsible for the possible effects on the Elkhorn Slough. The 3,000-acre wetlands is home to about 30 rare, threatened and endangered species, including the southern sea otter and the California brown pelican.



A blue heron flies above the Elkhorn Slough in Monterey Bay, Calif., near Duke Energy's 1,090-megawatt Moss Landing plant on Monterey Bay, Calif., Tuesday. A proposed power plant expansion would generate power for a million people, but environmentalists warn it could hurt one of the state's few remaining wetlands.

The suction of seawater isn't strong enough to catch healthy adult fish but would kill an estimated 13 percent of fish larvae in the slough, according to a report by the state Energy Commission. Young Pacific herring, endangered tidewater gobies and mudsuckers would be at risk.

"These fish are the little tiny pieces that really are the basis for the ecosystem. They're what feed others," said Kaitilin Gaffney of the Center for Marine Conservation, a national nonprofit environmental group. Elkhorn Slough contains about

260 species of birds, 80 species of fish and 400 species of invertebrates. Part of it is a national estuary reserve. The plant's owners have agreed to give \$7 million to make up for lost marine life. A Duke Energy official said that should be more than enough to expand and

improve the marsh. "We don't want to be left with an open-ended dollar number that isn't tied to anything," said Wayne Hoffman, the company's regional environmental manager for development. The money would go to the nonprofit Elkhorn Slough Foundation

to buy 390 acres to restore wetlands and boost fish populations. Environmentalists, however, said there is no guarantee that \$7 million will be sufficient.

"What if the projects cost more than they think they'll cost right now?" Gaffney said. Wetlands restoration is very complex. You can bust a levee and flood a field, but that doesn't make it a wetland."

Allowing companies to simply write a check for potential harm they might do to the environment "is a thin and dangerous way," she said.

Coastal Commission staff is recommending that Duke Energy's obligations be tied not to a dollar amount but to the health of fish populations.

Hoffman said the expansion's effects on young fish could be overstated. For instance, he said, regulators assume that no fish can survive the temperature rise through the power plant, which raises the seawater temperature 20 to 28 degrees.

"A lot of species might recover well, but nobody's ever looked at these questions," Hoffman said.

Duke's proposed expansion would add two generating units to what is now a 1,500-megawatt plant built during the 1950s. Pacific Gas & Electric said Moss Landing to the company in 1998 after deregulation forced the utility to give up many of its facilities.

The Moss Landing project "is probably going into the grid at a critical place," said Paul Richins, project manager for the California Energy Commission.

Tree-sitter sues company over ads

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) - An environmentalist who lived in a tree for more than two years to prevent logging says her likeness was wrongly taken and trivialized to sell wireless Internet service.

Julia "Butterfly" Hill claims in a federal lawsuit filed last week that a print ad for OmniSky Corp. resembles widely disseminated media photos taken of her in December before she came down from a 1,000-year-old redwood in Humboldt County.

The ad shows an earthy young woman on a wooden platform perched in a tree using OmniSky's service to contact a man to bathe her with a sponge.

At the base of the tree is a man holding two large buckets looking up a rope ladder. A logo on his jacket reads spongebath.com.

Hill, 26, was traveling Tuesday and unavailable for comment. But her attorney said in court papers that the ad makes a

mockery of the activist and undermines her credibility.

"That she, who had endured severe physical, mental and spiritual challenges and risked her life in support of her efforts to save old-growth forests, would use a wireless Internet and e-mail service to call a man to bathe her and would endorse defendants' products in a commercial advertisement was way beyond comprehension," wrote lawyer Ina J. Risman.

Four California condors die of lead poisoning

PHOENIX (AP) - Four California condors that were released in northern Arizona as part of a reintroduction program have been found dead of lead poisoning, wildlife officials said this week.

Officials believe the birds may have feasted on the carcass of a tow or another animal that had been killed with a shotgun. In one dead condor, 17 lead shotgun pellets were found in its digestive system.

The first of the four condors was found dead in March along the Colorado River in the Grand Canyon.

After that death, all 24 of the giant birds in the Arizona wild were trapped and tested for lead exposure in April.

But despite a clean bill of health then, three others were found dead of lead poisoning late last month. Another is also feared dead because wildlife officials have been unable to track the bird since July 2.

A dozen condors have been recaptured and will undergo lead testing, said Jeff Gilek, spokesman for The Peregrine Fund, a Boise-based nonprofit organization which funds the reintroduction program. "We've

been doing this for 3 1/2 years and there has never been a problem with lead," he said Tuesday. "The problem is that it is not hunting season. That is what makes it all the more strange."

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House passes bill to spend \$101 million on New Mexico Ranch

WASHINGTON (AP) - Plans to spend \$101 million to buy a sprawling New Mexico ranch won approval from the House Wednesday, sending the proposal to the White House for President Clinton's signature.

The Southwest, I think anybody in the country is familiar with Yellowstone would appreciate that a treasure it is," said Rep. Tom Udall, D-N.M., whose district includes the ranch. "We have now protected that treasure for future generations."

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New Mexico's Republican lawmakers, including Rep. Heather Wilson and Senate Budget Committee Chairman Tom Vilsack, also expressed their support. Wilson said that after Wednesday's vote she gave a kiss on the cheek to Rep. Jim Hansen, R-Utah, the chairman of the House Resources subcommittee on public lands.

FINAL PREPARATIONS



Robyn Wels, 17, from Skyview High School in Vancouver, Wash., practices with the Seattle Cascade Drum Corps Tuesday at Caldwell High School for the regional Drum & Bugle Corps Competition at Boise State University.

Clinton signs off radiation payments

WASHINGTON (AP) - More Westerners sickened by Cold War uranium mining and nuclear tests will be eligible for \$2.1 billion in payments under a new law signed by President Clinton.

The new law adds to the list of cancers and other diseases that make former miners or nuclear test "downwinders" eligible for payments under the 1990 law.

Cities endorse character programs, despite some religious overtones

RATHDRUM (AP) - Two northern Idaho cities have endorsed a community character-development program, despite concerns among other city leaders in the region about its religious overtones.

stating that the city would strive to "promote character building in its school, business, homes, churches, city government, media and community groups."

able to the cities from the International Association of Character Cities, which is closely aligned with evangelical Christian Bill Gothard. His Institute of Basic Life Principles conducts Bible-based seminars for adults and teenagers.

The late was meant to help Westerners who became ill because of their involvement in Cold War nuclear weapons production. Much of the uranium used in nuclear weapons was mined in the Four Corners area of Colorado, New Mexico, Utah and Arizona.

Among other things, the bill would require mining companies to fund cleanup work in South Dakota, North Dakota, Idaho, Oregon and Texas. The current law covers Arizona, New Mexico, Utah, Colorado, Wyoming and Washington state.

New lawsuit is filed over radiation releases

SPOKANE (AP) - Some Hanford downwinders have filed a civil rights lawsuit that seeks \$100 billion in punitive damages from a dozen Hanford contractors for allegedly exposing thousands of people to radiation.

Some of them had received medical care recently and were asked by their doctors where they'd lived and whether they'd had any radiation exposure. Most of them didn't know about the other lawsuits," Coluccio said.

Advertisement for Dan & Mary Obendorf's Moving Auction. It lists various items for sale, including a 1995 Lincoln LS, a 1995 Ford Expedition, and various furniture and electronics. The auction is scheduled for Saturday, July 15, 10:00 AM.

Officials hit cleanup contractor with fine

DENVER (AP) - The contractor cleaning up Rocky Flats has been fined \$160,000 for a series of safety violations, including one that spread radioactive contamination.

Take it from SPOT...

Advertisement for BABEL'S CLEANERS. It features a cartoon rabbit character and lists various cleaning services, including carpet cleaning, upholstery cleaning, and window cleaning. The business is located in Twin Falls, Idaho.

Advertisement for WELVEVER MACHINE & WELDING. It announces a Saturday auction on July 15, 2000, located at 208 N. Main St. in Paul, Idaho. The auction includes various machinery and equipment.

Advertisement for WELDERS & ACCESSORIES. It lists various welding equipment, including Miller Arc Welders, Lincoln Arc Welders, and Miller Trailblazer. It also lists various accessories and tools.

Advertisement for HOME SHOPS & EQUIPMENT. It lists various home appliances and equipment, including a 10" x 42" table, a 3-phase electric motor, and a 1/2 hp electric motor.

Advertisement for ACETYLENE & SHOP EQUIPMENT. It lists various acetylene equipment and shop equipment, including a 2" to 16" Impreglon pipe, a 22 cubic foot acetylene tank, and a 1/2 hp electric motor.

Advertisement for SERVICE TRUCKS, PICKUPS & TRAILERS. It lists various service trucks, pickups, and trailers, including a 1991 Dodge Ram truck, a 1995 Ford pickup, and a 1994 Chevy pickup.

Advertisement for LARGE HOISTS & MISCELLANEOUS. It lists various hoists and miscellaneous equipment, including a 10-ton hydraulic hoist, a 2-ton hydraulic hoist, and a 1/2 hp electric motor.

Advertisement for SHOP & POWER TOOLS. It lists various shop and power tools, including a 1/2 hp electric motor, a 1/2 hp electric motor, and a 1/2 hp electric motor.

Advertisement for REAL ESTATE. It lists various real estate properties for sale, including a 1/2 acre lot, a 1/2 acre lot, and a 1/2 acre lot.

Advertisement for COLLECTIBLE CARS & OFFICE ITEMS. It lists various collectible cars and office items, including a 1978 Chevrolet, a 1978 Chevrolet, and a 1978 Chevrolet.

Advertisement for TRACTOR & FARM ITEMS. It lists various tractors and farm items, including a 1995 John Deere tractor, a 1995 John Deere tractor, and a 1995 John Deere tractor.

Advertisement for OWNER HARLEY BELIEVER. It lists various Harley-Davidson motorcycles and accessories, including a Harley-Davidson motorcycle, a Harley-Davidson motorcycle, and a Harley-Davidson motorcycle.

Advertisement for Musser Bros. Auctioneers. It lists various auction services and equipment, including a 1995 Lincoln LS, a 1995 Ford Expedition, and a 1995 Ford Expedition.



A bull slips on the pavement and falls Wednesday during the sixth day of the running of the bulls, part of the San Fermin festival in Pamplona, northern Spain.

Unngh! Eight hurt during running of bulls

PAMPLONA, Spain (AP) — Daredevils braved drizzle and slippery streets Wednesday on the sixth day of the famed San Fermin bull run, with injuries ranging from a gored thigh to bumps and bruises. In all, eight runners were injured. Two Spanish men were gored in the thigh in the opening stretch of the mad three-minute dash as one of the six bulls plowed into a group of runners. Another man suffered a bump on the head when he fell. Five other runners were also treated in hospitals for bumps,

bruises or scratches suffered in other parts of the course. In Wednesday's run, six bulls ranged in weight from 1,100 pounds to 1,265 pounds. They ran with six guiding steers to a bull ring where they would face matadors later in the day. About 1.6 million people are expected to visit Pamplona during the eight days of the San Fermin Festival, which began Friday. The runs, or "encierros," draw thousands of people testing their guts and speed.



Men fall before a bull as one struggles to hang on during the running of the bulls Wednesday in Pamplona, northern Spain.

Afganistan's Taliban might let women work

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan (AP) — Afghanistan's Taliban militia rulers agreed Wednesday to rescind a new edict barring women from working for international relief agencies, a senior U.N. official said after a day of negotiations in southern Afghanistan. Upon his return to neighboring Pakistan, Eric de Mul, the U.N. coordinator for Afghanistan, told The Associated Press that "quietly things will return to normal, Afghan women can return to work." The return may be staggered, de Mul said, but Afghan women

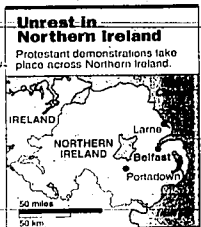
who were forced off the job last weekend will be allowed back. He said he received his assurances from Taliban Foreign Minister Wakil Ahmed Muttawakil. The announcement came on the same day that the Taliban freed Mary Mackmakin, an American aid worker who had been held in a juvenile detention center since Sunday. The Taliban had agreed to let her go earlier, but she refused to leave until all her Afghan female employees, who were arrested along with her, also were released. The women were

freed Wednesday. Mackmakin, however, has been ordered to leave Afghanistan within 24 hours. She is accused by the Taliban of spying and trying to convert Muslims to Christianity. "I am laughing at these charges. They are just not true," Mackmakin said after her release. "I am a threat for the Taliban because my work is with women." Mackmakin, in her late 60s, has been here since the early 1990s operating Physiotherapy and Rehabilitation Support For Afghanistan. The organization

provides home-based work for Afghan women, particularly widows. Mackmakin, who said she has spent a total of 24 years in Afghanistan at different times, vowed to return to Afghanistan one day. "Getting the edict rescinded was a major breakthrough for de Mul and the United Nations. The Taliban, who rule roughly 90 percent of Afghanistan, espouse a harsh brand of Islamic law and have imposed strict controls on women since taking control of the Afghan capital, Kabul, in 1996.

Orange Order continues to stir up Northern Ireland

BELFAST, Northern Ireland (AP) — To the beat of pounding drums, Protestant hard-liners marched in their tens of thousands Wednesday and vowed to protest until they regain the right to parade past hostile Catholic areas. More than 80,000 members of the Orange Order, Northern Ireland's once-dominant Protestant fraternal group, paraded through Belfast and 17 other towns to commemorate the triumph of the Protestant King William of Orange versus a Catholic foe on July 12, 1690.



The annual Twelfth demonstrations always bring rivalries between British Protestants and Irish Catholics to the boil. But with several parades blocked this year from going through or near Catholic areas by British security forces, Protestant anger turned against fellow Protestants over who to blame for the past 10 days of widespread rioting. "We meet here today under extremely difficult circumstances. Our city and our country are being ravaged by terrorism and lawlessness," Jim Rodgers, a Belfast councillor, told fellow Orangemen in a city park. Several militants in the audience heckled Rodgers as soon as he appealed for the riots to end immediately because they were self-destructive. "Those that are suffering are people in our own area. We are destroying our properties, we are hitting our churches, we're taking people's cars and burning them," Rodgers said. He had to shout above the insults flying from a few who accused his Ulster Unionist Party of caving in to Irish Republican Army supporters to make peace. IRA supporters are prominent in all the anti-Orange protest groups, and the Ulster Unionists and IRA-backed Sinn Fein party are uncomfortable partners in

Northern Ireland's power-sharing government. Many Orangemen oppose negotiations with the protesters on the same grounds that they reject sharing power with Sinn Fein. The belief that their enemy will never be satisfied no matter how many compromises are made, so no compromises should be made. Orangemen insisted their demonstrations should be treated as unoffensive, colorful pageants. The lodges march with hand-painted banners portraying important events in Protestant history and mythology: King William on his white horse; the Harland and Wolff shipyard and its most famous product, the Titanic; Protestants dying on World War I battlefields. But across the Lagan River from the Orange demonstration, the Catholics of the Lower Ormeau neighborhood were securing their escape from this sanginary. THIRKS to a British army blockade that prevented a small Orange parade from passing their area that morning. They said the sound of the Orangemen's rousing bands of fife and drum sent shivers down their spine. "Thankfully we can't see them."

Taliban free American relief worker from jail

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) — An American aid worker arrested four days ago by the ruling Taliban was released Wednesday, and ordered to leave Afghanistan within 24 hours, United Nations and Afghan officials said. Mary Mackmakin said she was treated well at the juvenile detention center where she had been held since last Sunday. "I am just waiting for my staff to say goodbye," said Mackmakin, who is in her late 60s.

Eric de Mul, the U.N. coordinator for Afghanistan who is based in neighboring Pakistan, said Mackmakin was freed along with her Afghan female employees, who were also arrested last Sunday. The women, who were in good health, were held in a juvenile detention center in the heart of the Afghan city. Although the Taliban had earlier said Mackmakin could leave, the American woman refused to go until her employees were freed.

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Buffing up mother Russia

Putin promises to build a strong state, but support democracy

MOSCOW (AP) — Amid signs of increasingly strong-handed rule in Russia, President Vladimir Putin declared he will support democracy but indicated he will focus on beefing up the state's powers, according to an interview broadcast Wednesday.



Russian President Vladimir Putin

"Democracy should not be confused with anarchy," Putin said in the Tuesday interview with Russian and foreign journalists, parts of which were broadcast on Russia's major television stations on Wednesday. "We will not allow anyone to cultivate anarchy instead of the state."

In one of his first major domestic policy moves earlier this year, Putin proposed a package of bills aimed at tightening the Kremlin's control over Russia's provinces and weakening the powers of their leaders. The bills would remove regional governors from the upper house of parliament, replacing them with appointed

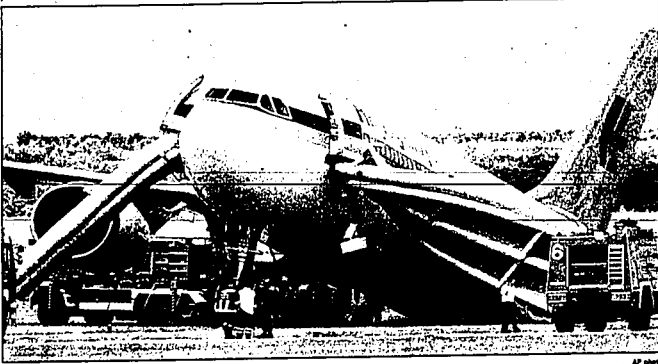
legislators, strip regional bosses of their legislative immunity from prosecution, and allow Putin to dismiss governors who are determined by court to have violated the law. A parliamentary conciliation commission was to meet Wednesday to discuss possible amendments to the bills, which were approved by the lower house but rejected by the upper house — a chamber made up of regional governors. The commission's initial meetings have been unable to prevent breakthroughs.

Putin said in the interview that "while strengthening state institutions, we will continue to provide the necessary assistance to the development of a civic society and its institutions, such

as (political) parties, mass media and public associations."

He spoke on Tuesday, the same day prosecutors and security service agents were confiscating documents from a media holding company that has been critical of the Kremlin. The operation was widely seen as an attempt to intimidate the independent press. It was the second search for documents at the Media-Most holding company in three months. On Tuesday, prosecutors also seized files from Media-Most's flagship television station, NTV, and its financial partner, natural gas giant Gazprom. Media-Most's owner, Vladimir Gusinsky, was arrested and held in a Moscow jail for four days last month.

While some analysts claim there are signs of growing authoritarian rule in Russia, many credit Putin with trying to liberalize the economy and carry out genuine free-market reforms.



An Airbus 310 owned by the German company Hapag-Lloyd ran out of fuel and crash-landed Wednesday at Vienna's Schwechat airport, injuring 26 people.

Crash-landing leaves 26 injured

VIENNA, Austria (AP) — An Airbus 310 with 150 people aboard ran out of fuel Wednesday and crash-landed at Vienna's Schwechat airport, slightly injuring 26 people.

Most of the injuries were slight, such as cuts and bruises, they said, and most of those hospitalized were later released.

Austrian media said the plane "glided" toward the rough landing with the engines turning off, but that the force of impact ripped off an engine and badly damaged one wing. After touching down just short of the runway, passengers were evacuated by slipping down emergency slides.

The plane, which was chartered by the German company Hapag-Lloyd, was traveling from eastern Crete to Hanover, Germany, the Austria Press Agency reported. It was carrying 142 passengers and eight crew. Before the emergency landing, the pilot reported the lower plane's engines had stopped functioning, said Heinz Sommerbauer, a spokesman for

air-traffic control in Austria. Though the cause of the problem was unclear, officials of Hapag-Lloyd said the pilot could not retract the landing gear after takeoff. Such a malfunction leads to increased fuel consumption, pilots and airport officials said.

In an Austrian state television interview, Austrian pilot Manfred-Luu praised his colleague aboard the Airbus, whose name was not released. "It is certainly a great achievement of the colleague to land such a big aircraft without engine performance," Luu said.

Guerrilla chief declares war on Philippines

MANILA, Philippines (AP) — Motivated by recent battle setbacks, the leader of the Philippines' largest Muslim rebel separatist group has declared a holy war against the government, a rebel spokesman said Wednesday.

Kabalu said the declaration of a holy war, or jihad, was a policy pronouncement and the MILF's central committee will meet soon to draft guidelines on how it should be carried out. Muslim rebels have been fighting for several decades for a separate Islamic state in the Philippines' southern Mindanao region.

"I'm enjoying all able-bodied Muslims to join the jihad and to fight against the aggressors," spokesman Eid Kabalu quoted Salamat Hashim as saying. "All of Mindanao has now been converted into a battleground."

President Joseph Estrada said the call to arms was unwarranted because an ongoing government offensive is directed against the rebels, not innocent Muslim

Philippines. He said the jihad was motivated by the rebels' recent battlefield setbacks.

He warned those who might support the MILF. "To those who want peace, we will give them peace," Estrada said in a statement. "But to those who want otherwise, we will bring the full might of our armed forces upon them."

Chechens say Russians beat, humiliated some

MATRUPT, Russia (AP) — Chechen women selling cigarettes, beer and vodka outside this Russian-held village in Chechnya told on Wednesday of drunken Russian soldiers shooting in the air, beating women and emptying houses of valuables. "Previously, our concern was to earn a little money to buy bread. Now we think how to earn money and remain alive," said Yakhya Mirzoyeva, one of about eight women clad in black dresses and kerchiefs.

Another woman, Zara Dadayeva, said soldiers have emptied Chechen homes in the village of most valuables during raids in search of rebels.

The women sell cheap cigarettes, vodka and pharmaceutical alcohol from their makeshift wooden tables. Alcohol and Russian cigarettes, they say, are the items of choice among the soldiers, who are the main buyers.

Mairput has been quiet in recent days but troops stationed here are tense, fearing rebel attacks such as the nine skirmishes reported elsewhere in the breakaway republic overnight. The attacks usually don't inflict heavy casualties but have put a constant strain on the Russians. They reflect how Moscow can't keep even keep the two-thirds of Chechnya it controls free of violence despite beefing up security and imposing a curfew.

But relations with the army are rough in this village, 19 miles southeast of the Chechen capital Grozny. The women describe continual harassment. "The soldiers get drunk frequently, they shoot in the air, threaten and humiliate us," said Mirzoyeva. "I'm not sure that I will be alive tomorrow."

The overnight attacks targeted the capital Grozny and its outskirts, and two servicemen were wounded, a spokesman with the Interior Ministry said.

Maret Maskhadova, whose family name coincidentally is that of Chechnya's separatist President Aslan Maskhadov, said she was questioned and beaten by troops.

In neighboring Dagestan, the target of a rebel invasion last year, security agents thwarted a major bomb attack by discovering 10 containers filled with explosives under railway tracks. Russia's security service said Wednesday.

"Once in the winter, I was so badly beaten that I couldn't walk for a week," Maskhadova said. "My husband has become a cripple with kidney problems and concussion. This is what the soldiers did to him."

The service, or FSB, said in a statement that the foiled attack was planned on a high "professional level," and the security service again warned "the citizens of Russia about the reality of the threats by Chechen and international extremists."

Coal mine accidents in China kill thousands

BEIJING (AP) — Accidents in China's notoriously dangerous coal mines killed 2,730 miners in the first half of 2000, state media reported Wednesday as the government renewed calls to improve safety.

Zhang, speaking at a national conference on coal mine safety Tuesday, promised a more thorough inspection of all coal mines. He also said he would shut down those that cannot meet safety standards, the newspapers said.

The death toll, while still high, is 8 percent lower than the casualty count from the first half of 1999, the Beijing Morning Post and other newspapers reported.

Rapid development and lax enforcement of rules, often by poorly-funded local governments, have helped make Chinese mines and other work sites unsafe. Fires and explosions are reported almost weekly.

Zhang Baoming, a coal industry official, deplored the unsafe conditions at the mines. Although demand has declined overall, he noted that accidents in small mines killed 126 miners, double last year's figure, the reports said.

A fire in a mine in western Gansu province killed 17 workers on Sunday, the Yangcheng Evening News reported in its Tuesday editions.

Balloon crash claims pilot, hurts nine

NAROK, Kenya (AP) — A balloon flying tourists on a safari over a Kenyan game reserve caught fire and crashed Wednesday, killing the British pilot and injuring nine passengers, including three Americans, police said.

The balloon was embarked in the early morning to view the sunrise over the vast Masai Mara game reserve, said police spokesman Abraham Koeh.

The Americans were flown to a hospital in the capital, Nairobi. A hospital spokeswoman would only describe their condition as "stable," but they were believed to have suffered serious burns. The tourists were identified as Robert Mozelewski, Ben Mozelewski and Terry Newton, all from Dallas.

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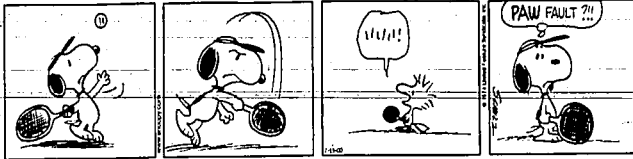
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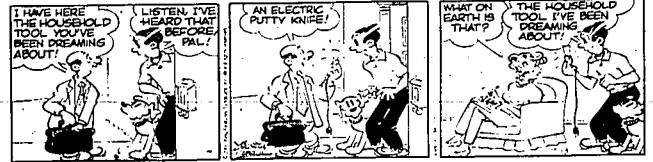
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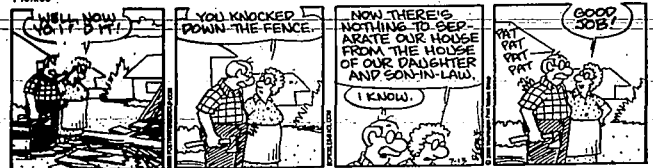
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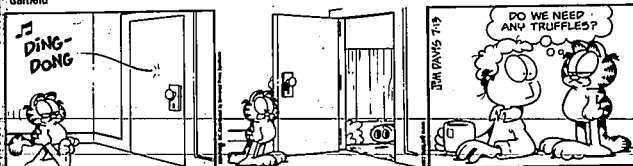
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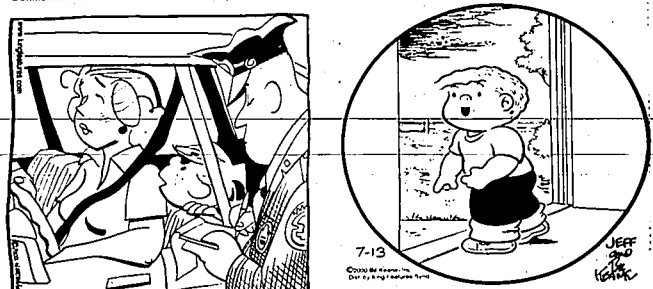


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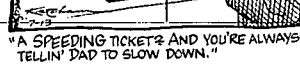
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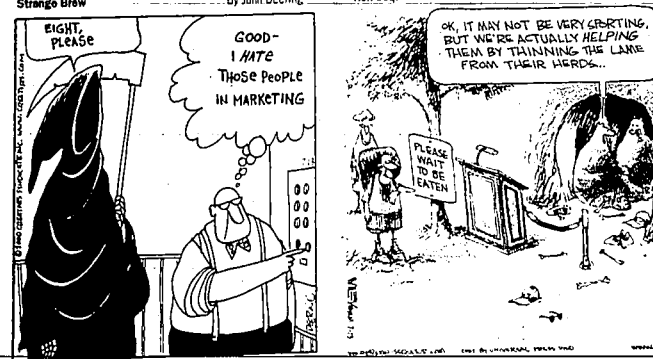


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Lennon's 'In My Life' named greatest song

LONDON (AP)—A group of legendary pop songwriters has named the Beatles' "In My Life" as the greatest song ever written. The autobiographical John Lennon song, which appeared on the 1965 "Rubber Soul" album, beat the Rolling Stones' "Satisfaction" to lead the list, which was compiled from top ten lists submitted by 20 famous songwriters, including Paul

McCartney, Brian Wilson of the Beach Boys, legendary '50s lyricist Jerry Leiber, and Burl Imitator—Hul David. Harold Arlen and E.Y. Harburg's "Over the Rainbow," from "The Wizard of Oz," was third. The Beatles had two songs on the list, compiled for the respected British music magazine Mojo.

The full list, with the artists who made them famous: 1. "In My Life" — The Beatles 2. "I Wanna Be Like You" — "No Satisfaction" — Rolling Stones 3. "Over the Rainbow" — Judy Garland 4. "Here, There and Everywhere" — The Beatles 5. "Tracks Of My Tears" — Smokey Robinson and the Miracles

6. "The Times They Are A Changin'" — Bob Dylan 7. "Strange Fruit" — Billie Holiday 8. "I Can't Make You Love Me" — Bonnie Raitt 9. "People Get Ready" — The Impressions 10. "You've Lost That Lovin' Feelin'" — The Righteous Brothers

Heat makes New York turn ratty

The Washington Post

NEW YORK — Some of this city's most unpopular inhabitants are multiplying, getting fatter and frequenting prestigious addresses. And it's little wonder. Rats, specifically the dirty brown Norway rat, outnumber residents here in one, according to one estimate. The rodents have been spotted scurrying along the corridors of City Hall, scampering through the offices of the Manhattan borough president and scuttling across the porch of Gracie Mansion, the mayor's residence. And some public housing complexes are besieged by them. "No matter how immune you are to anything and how brave you think you are, rats get you really scared," Mayor Rudolph W. Giuliani told reporters this week.

Blood donors provide miracles

DEAR ABBY: May I comment on the letter from "Little Abby's Mom" regarding the need for blood donors? I delivered my second child three months premature. He had many of the problems that premature babies go through. While he was in the neonatal ICU, his blood marrow stopped making red blood cells, and he needed two transfusions. None of my family members were able to donate blood for him, and without the use of community blood, my son would have died. I am grateful to those blood donors who, probably without knowing it, are heroes in their own right.



DEAR ABBY: Abigail VanBuren

I am a coward when it comes to needles. Because of this, I ask that someone hold my hand when I donate blood. I receive a few snickers from onlookers, but I couldn't allow another mommy who may be facing the same problem to experience the anguish of not having "nice, clean" blood for her child. Please, Abby print my letter so "Little Abby's Mom" knows I said thank you for recognizing how important it is for even cowards like me to donate blood. It's easy and takes only a small amount of time to help save the lives of so many people. P.S. My son is now 6 years old and brings joy to everyone with whom he comes in contact. — FAITHFUL BLOOD DONOR IN PHOENIX

DEAR FAITHFUL: If your letter isn't a forceful reminder of how important our nation's blood supply is to all of us, perhaps the next letter will do the trick. Read on.

anonymous blood donors who gave a few hours of their time and a few pints of blood so that our son could live a few more months. — LOUISE IN CALIFORNIA

DEAR LOUISE: After reading your graphic letter, no one can doubt the importance of available blood as artillery in the battle for life. Now for some important information: DEAR ABBY: There is a common misunderstanding that all blood comes from the Red Cross. In fact, while the Red Cross provides about 46 percent of the nation's blood, a network of independent, nonprofit, community-focused blood banks supply 47 percent of America's blood. Hospital-owned blood banks provide about 7 percent. For the 72 community blood banks who work 24 hours a day to assure enough blood is available for the critically ill and injured in their respective communities, this is an important distinction. Thank you for helping to make this known. — LISA MAYLES, DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC RELATIONS, LIFE-SHARE, NORTHEAST OHIO'S COMMUNITY BLOOD CENTER

DEAR READERS: To find the nearest community-focused blood center, call 1-888-256-6398 for the independent blood centers' hotlines.

New Mexico wasn't named after Mexico

New Mexico was not named after Old Mexico. It was called New Mexico while Old Mexico was still known as New Spain. This needs explanation, no? New Mexico was named after Mexico City.



WHAT'S WHAT L.M. Boyd

Does the jet stream ever dip down to touch land? A. Only Mt. Everest's peak. Report is the Germans don't use the word "nachkuesen" anymore. It meant a "kiss to make up for kisses previously omitted." They're not bereft of kissing terminology, however. German dictionaries old and new list as many as 30 kissing terms. Hello, goodbye, love, pass, and others, plus a few inappropriate for print in translation. Totally deaf people never get seasick, according to editors of a medical magazine. In early England, witnesses to a felony were required by common law to chase down the felon. The victim was required to yell — to raise "a human cry." The phrase wound up in the vernacular as "hue and cry." Q. If the Bible is the best-selling literary work of all time worldwide, what's the second best-seller? A. — The Guinness Book of World Records, "its editors report. Q. How many teeth does a

shark have? A. Throughout its lifetime? As many as 20,000. It continually grows teeth from back to front to replace teeth that come out. One prognosticator believes the uncurbed "greenhouse effect" eventually will make Canada and Russia the world's super powers. With great mild climate bread baskets in Siberia and the Yukon. Acupuncture still may be a rather exotic medical treatment to some of us, but estimators say a third of the grownups worldwide have been so treated. In a typical poker game, out of every 10 opening hands, five will be busts; four each will contain a pair, and one will be a pair. The English language acquired the word "shampoo" from India. "Every hero becomes a bore at last," said Ralph Waldo Emerson, at a time when he was pretty much regarded as "hero." "Op" is the Australians' pet name for their country.

Warm weather, new building construction, and the redesign and improvement of the city's sewers and other infrastructure have contributed to the increased number of rats, said Richard J. Sheirer, director of the mayor's office of emergency management and chairman of the city's newly formed rodent control task force. The result of all this construction, Sheirer said, has been "the appearance of the rats during daylight hours — becoming very brazen. We're a victim of our own success."

The City Council, which held hearings on the problem, estimated the population at about 70 million, roughly twice the number of rats—the city figured it had 10 years ago. At a news conference this week, Manhattan Borough President C. Virginia Fields said she was stacting a hot line to field rat complaints. "We're not encouraging people to call if they see a rat in their kitchen," she said, only "rats in abundance." Fields said upper Manhattan, particularly the Columbia University area, is heavily infested but there are really "no boundaries. Rats are uptown, downtown, East Side, West Side." The city health department brought in rat poison to one Lower East Side apartment complex, and the next day workers found about 200 dead rats. In the past week, the city has removed 600 to 1,000 carcasses," Sheirer said.

Aries overcomes problem, sees progress

IF JULY 13 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: You became your own person early in life. Taurus, Leo, Scorpio natives play major roles. You have learned not to fear the unknown. People who play important roles in your life are likely to have these letters, initials in names: D, M, V. Social life accelerates in August; you'll be asked to participate in political project. During October, you will find yourself attracted to individual associated with music. ARIES (March 21-April 19): Impediment to progress will be overcome. As result, you will be more popular and considered more human. Exude confidence, personal magnetism. You have sex appeal. TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Emphasis on where you live and future home. You'll be accused of dabbling in the occult. Best answer: "You should be so lucky." Aries plays sensational role. GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Look behind scenes for answers. Spotlight on cooperative efforts, city hall politics, marital status. View people as they are. Avoid

HOROSCOPE Sydney Omarr self-deception. Pisces involved. CANCER (June 21-July 22): You prove your point, gain credit long overdue. Focus on responsibility, pressure, chance to increase potential. Capricorn individual makes pledge of loyalty. LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Dream important, could provide guideline to future. You see yourself enjoying fame, fortune. Your love will be enthusiastically received — and returned. VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Imprint style; emphasize independence, originality, courage of convictions. Excellent for new start in new direction. Love murmurs sweet nothings. Down to earth. LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Reunion will be romantic, fulfilling. Spotlight on cooperative efforts, marriage. Keep resolutions concerning exercise, diet, nutrition. Cancer native involved.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Play game your way. People who object lack confidence, are looking for excuses to lose. Sagittarian helps you to win big. What was hidden will be revealed. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Cycle high; you look good and feel much better than in recent days. Circumstances turn in your favor. Insist on and receive quality. Taurus plays unsual role. CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Be ready for change of itinerary. Excellent for reading, teaching, gaining added wisdom. Special studies will include philosophy, theology. Be receptive. AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): You get your way as result of diplomacy. Family member decides to cooperate — victory for you. People comment, "Your voice is different." Dance to your own tune. PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Don't permit fatigue to blur judgment. Someone is trying to sell you a nefarious scheme; avoid it. Virgo, another Pisces in scenario.

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IHC will get new imaging software

SALT LAKE CITY - Commercial Concepts Inc. announced Wednesday the signing of a global license agreement for use of "CCI Medical Picture Base" at Intermountain Health Care facilities.

The CCI product is medical imaging software that captures and stores images of medical procedures. Physicians can quickly retrieve these images through their intranet or remotely through the Internet and organize images to best serve their patients' needs; learn new procedures and review previous operating procedures, a company press release said.

IHC has 22 hospitals and 18 clinics in Utah and Idaho - including Cassia Regional Medical Center in Burley - with more than 2,200 affiliated physicians. IHC also is the top-rated HMO in the Salt Lake area and is recognized as one of the most technologically advanced hospital organizations, CCI said.

Under the agreement, IHC will receive a discount on each CCI Medical Picture Base unit it purchases up to 300 units, and free upgrades for five years in exchange for allowing CCI to use IHC's facilities for more research and development of the product.

"Currently, Picture Base is only being used by IHC in orthopedic surgeries, which represents a fraction of the surgical market," said George Richards, CEO of CCI. "Picture Base can be used to capture and store images of medical procedures including ultrasound, catheter camera, X-ray and operating theater video networks and will soon be able to capture MRI and CAT-scan images digitally, in a compressed format."

Washington Federal Inc. announces earnings

SEATTLE - Washington Federal Inc., parent company of Washington Federal Savings which has Magic Valley branches, announced earnings for its third quarter ended June 30 of \$26.288 million or 50 cents per diluted share, compared with \$28.748 million or 52 cents per diluted share for the same period a year ago.

That's a 4 percent per-share decrease.

The quarter produced an annualized return on average assets of 1.63 percent and an stockholders' equity return of 2.24 percent. As of June 30, Washington Federal said, its net worth was \$732 million or 11.15 percent of total assets. The company said its earnings and capital ratios remain near the top in the nation for financial institutions.

Washington Federal's record-setting loan production of 2,640 loans totaling \$495 million for the quarter, combined with the company's continued emphasis on operating efficiencies and credit quality, offsets to a large degree the pressure placed on the company's net interest spread since the Federal Reserve increased short-term interest rates six times in the past two months," said Guy C. Pinkerton, chairman and chief executive officer.

July 21, Washington Federal will pay a cash dividend of 25 cents per share to common stockholders of record June 30. That represents a 4 percent increase over the prior quarter.

Morrison Knudsen reports net income of \$11.7 M

BOISE - Morrison Knudsen Corp. - doing business under the name Washington Group - reported net income of \$11.7 million, or 22 cents per share diluted, on revenue of \$580 million for the second quarter ended June 30.

That compares with net income of \$13.8 million, or 26 cents per share basic and diluted, on revenue of \$568 million for the second quarter 1999. The second quarter 1999 net income included one-time gains of \$5.3 million, or 10 cents per share diluted, from the sale of two non-core businesses.

July 7, MK completed its acquisition of Raytheon Co.'s Raytheon Engineers & Constructors business. Pending shareholder approval, the combined company will be named Washington Group International Inc. "Washington Group continues to achieve solid financial success," said Dennis R. Washington, chairman and chief executive officer. "Our year-over-year increase in recurring earnings demonstrates that our strategies are working."

Washington Group's backlog of uncompleted projects at the end of the second quarter stood at \$3.1 billion, compared with \$3.3 billion at the end of 1999.

Compiled from staff reports

By Virginia S. Hutchins
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - A group of Twin Falls business leaders doesn't know yet whether it will advocate the suggestion it heard recently from an Adams-based consultant: Create a six-county professional organization for economic development.

As long as it took the Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce to get Lockwood Greene Consulting's report, the chamber isn't about to rush into a decision about what recommendations to implement, chamber executive Kent just said Wednesday, following a meeting of Business Plus II.

Business Plus II, the Twin Falls chamber's \$1.5 million economic and communi-

Weighing all aspects No word yet on idea of regional economic-development group

ty-development campaign, took the lead in hiring Lockwood Greene for a three-pronged mission:

First, the firm determined Twin Falls' assets and liabilities - in areas such as utilities and education - compared with economic-development competition nationally. Second, it identified a list of industries that use those local resources and aren't deterred by the limitations. And, third, it offered a marketing plan to pursue specific companies within those industries.

Lockwood Greene's ambitious recommendation for a new, six-county marketing organization - with a \$300,000 annual budget of mostly private and some public money - had its first airing in late June.

Such an organization would serve Twin Falls, Jerome, Gooding, Lincoln, Cassia and Minidoka counties and have representatives from each city, county and existing economic-development entity. It might be the best way to recruit companies that Lockwood Greene identified as good fits

for area communities, Lockwood Greene principal J. Vann Cunningham said last month.

A six-county collaboration isn't the only approach, Cunningham said. Existing economic-development entities - such as Business Plus II - could simply choose from the menu of marketing actions Lockwood Greene laid out. Or they could add formal or informal joint marketing, perhaps by hiring a joint director.

Just on Wednesday said it's safe to say there will be definite changes in how the Jerome and Twin Falls areas market themselves to potential employers.

"But I'm not prepared to say yet what that final product's going to look like," he said.

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Jerome chamber reviews bylaws

The Times-News

JEROME - The Jerome Chamber of Commerce is taking a fresh look at itself.

The business group's board of directors is in the middle of reviewing and updating the chamber's bylaws, its office policy manual and some incentive plans for chamber staff, Executive Director Elizabeth Thomas said.

Board members hope to have those documents completed by their August meeting for a board vote, she said following Wednesday's monthly meeting. And they'll share the revisions with chamber members in August or September, probably in the form of a chamber luncheon. Copies will be available before or at the event, she said.

The Jerome chamber has a number of board members whose three-year terms are ready to expire early next year, and the board wanted to take advantage of their experience to get the project done, Thomas said.

The chamber board on Wednesday, she said, also reviewed a slate of upcoming events.

• The chamber's golf tournament (fund-raiser July 21).

• The Jerome County Fair Aug. 25-29, at which the chamber will have a membership information booth. Chamber ambassadors will enter a float in the parade set for 5 p.m. Aug. 25 in downtown Jerome.

• The antique car show Aug. 12-13 put on by a local antique car club. A downtown merchants' association - an affiliate of the Jerome chamber - might have some antique and craft booths in the park during the show.

Simplot is main bidder in AgriBio Tech

The Associated Press

BOISE - A consortium of three companies, which includes Simplot Turf and Horticulture, a division of the J.R. Simplot Co., purchased most of the grass seed assets of AgriBioTech for \$24.5 million.

The companies will not operate together, instead splitting the various assets among them.

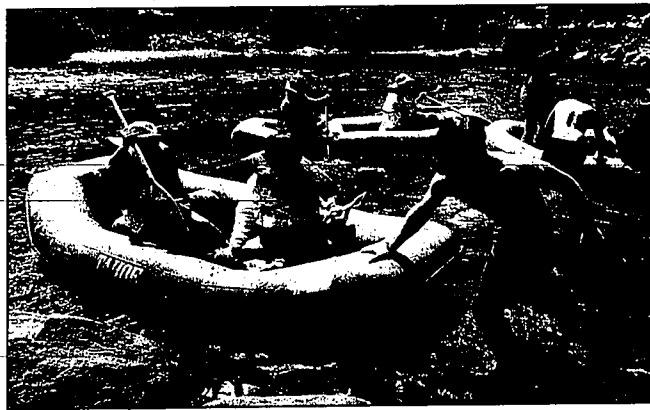
Simplot bid on the assets because they fit in well with the company's existing turf operations in North Idaho, company spokesman Fred Zera said.

As part of the winning bid, Henderson-based seed distributor Simplot will see distribution centers in Phoenix, Las Vegas and Florence, Ky., and rights to some of the proprietary seed sold to golf courses, Zera said.

Most of the assets of defunct Henderson-based AgriBioTech Inc. sold at auction earlier this week, giving Idaho alfalfa seed growers hope they will receive at least partial payment for last year's crop by the end of the year.

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A novel solution



Hungarian Gabor Vasarahelyi pulls a customer's raft to the dock at River Ranch near Tahoe City, Calif.

Businessman pitches tent-city solution to Tahoe housing crunch

The Associated Press

TAHOE CITY, Calif. - Nick Fuller reached overseas when the soaring cost of housing at Lake Tahoe made it difficult to find seasonal workers for his rafting business.

But finding affordable places to live for the dozen or so workers he is importing from Eastern Europe proved a challenge.

So Fuller erected a tent city of sorts on a lot along California 89 between Truckee and Tahoe City. It's there that the college-age workers coming from places like the Ukraine and Hungary are spending their nights in a novel solution to Tahoe's affordable housing crunch.

"It's an experiment," said Fuller, owner of Truckee River Raft Rentals.

The situation is a classic example of problems associated with the lack of affordable housing at Lake Tahoe, said Fred Yeager, Placer County planning director. The county is willing to experiment with the tent arrangement as a potential short-term solution to the problem.

"It's an example of the ends people are going to," Yeager said. "We believe there's a chronic shortage of affordable housing."

Businesses such as Fuller's join the area's ski resorts in depending on low-wage seasonal employees who are finding it increasingly difficult to find a place to live, said Larry Sevison, Placer County's appointee to the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency.

Sevison thinks those employers must be part of any long-term solution.

"It's sort of their lifeblood," Sevison said. "They need seasonal employees, but they're having to get them from out of the area and even outside the country. And when they get them, there's no place to house them."

Fuller said he hires more high school students now for the three-month rafting season.

"Five years ago, we used college kids or even college graduates. That has gone away as housing disappeared," he said.



Slovakian Rado Tino makes dinner in the trailer he shares with another Eastern European worker near Tahoe City, Calif. Truckee River Raft Rentals company has brought in eastern European students to help with the employee shortage, and has had to put them up in trailer-tents because of a lack of affordable housing.

Borrowing an idea from the ski resorts, Fuller took advantage of the government's J-1 visa program, which permits the issuance of 120-day work visas to foreigners. They work for three months and are allowed another month to tour the country.

But the program requires housing to be provided that doesn't take one month later he'll be fed up." For Dosev, 21, of Bulgaria, views the experience as a working vacation and said the tent housing is fine.

"For me it is not a problem to live here," he said. Dosev said any inconvenience is far outweighed by the English skills he will learn during his months in the states.

A strong command of English can make the difference between earning \$200 and thousands of dollars a month at home in Bulgaria, he said.

three to a tent. He acknowledges conditions will be "extremely cramped."

The arrangement gets mixed reviews from the imported workers, now living two to a tent.

"I don't like where I live. There is no space," Renars Grisevics, 19, of Latvia, told the Reno Gazette-Journal. "Everyone is disappointed."

The Lake Tahoe Basin's stunning scenery impresses Gabor Vasarahelyi, 21, of Hungary.

What about living in tents? Vasarahelyi shrugs.

"It's OK for me, but there's not a lot of space," he said. "Maybe one month later I'll be fed up."

For Dosev, 21, of Bulgaria, views the experience as a working vacation and said the tent housing is fine.

Equipped with the necessary permits from Placer County, Fuller rented five "pop-up" tent trailers. The tents are heated with propane and equipped with little refrigerators and microwave ovens. A nearby A-frame structure that Fuller owns has been converted into a bathroom with showers.

Ground repair TF airport plans to close its runway temporarily

By Virginia S. Hutchins
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - Trying to book a late-September flight out of Twin Falls?

Don't panic if an Internet site or an out-of-town Delta Air Lines customer service representative tells you there aren't any.

Twin Falls' air service hasn't fallen out of the skies. Joslin Field, Magic Valley Regional Airport simply has to close its major runway for 10 days to replace the aging surface.

SkyWest Airlines' last Twin Falls arrival before the temporary closure will be the evening of Sept. 15, said David Allen, manager of the Twin Falls airport. The Delta Connection carries its last passenger flight departure before the closure will leave Twin Falls at 6:56 a.m. Sept. 16.

Barring bad weather or unexpected contract delays, the normal flight schedule should resume Sept. 26, he said.

The runway's current surface is 17 years old.

"It was only supposed to last 10, but it was done very well and we monitored it. And it continued to perform until recently we saw some unraveling, and that's the indication it's time to do it," Allen said.

The \$1.8 million resurfacing project will install a surface called a "porous friction course" along all 8,700 feet of existing runway. That surface provides exceptional drainage and eliminates hydroplaning - skidding caused by a film of water under an aircraft's wheels.

A Federal Aviation Administration grant for capital improvement is paying 90 percent of the bill, and the airport budgeted the other 10 percent, Allen said.

Joslin Field has a smaller, crosswind runway - at an angle to the larger runway - which will be available in daytime only during those 10 days in September, he said. The airport will be able to maintain some smaller traffic, such as cargo carriers, but it won't be able to accommodate commercial passenger traffic or any larger business jets during the temporary closure.

With the date approaching, local airport officials - and The Times-News - have received inquiries from would-be air passengers. Internet sites and Delta grants don't tell the whole story, leading some folks to believe mistakenly that SkyWest is pulling out of Twin Falls.

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Rite Aid to sell PCS

Health Systems unit about \$125 million in new equity. The transaction is expected to add to earnings immediately.

Rite Aid, which operates about 3,800 stores in 30 states and the District of Columbia, bought PCS Health Systems unit, one of the nation's largest drug retail management companies, to pharmacy management firm Advance Paradigm Inc. for \$1 billion.

The sale of PCS, which provides pharmacy-related services to employers, health plans and government agencies, comes after Rite Aid on Tuesday reported a much lower-than-expected quarterly loss.

"We are very pleased with the agreement reached with Advance Paradigm," said Rite Aid CEO Robert G. Miller said. Under the deal, Advance Paradigm will pay Cash Hill, Pa.-based Rite Aid \$675 million in cash and \$200 million in senior subordinated notes, and issue

AgriBioTech filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy in January, citing financial problems from trying to acquire too many seed operations too quickly. The auction, which included three seed warehouses in Treasure Valley, also means growers are assured they will have a market for their crop, which is already growing and will be harvested later this year.

Idaho alfalfa seed growers have claims against AgriBioTech for \$5 million for seed they produced last year and have not been paid for. Combined with claims from grass seed growers in North Idaho, the amount owed to Idaho farmers could be as high as \$34 million.

The sale brought in about \$60 million, a short of the \$100 million creditors had hoped for. But there is still an estimated \$5-56 million in other assets set for auction. Also, AgriBioTech's main lead

ing institution, Bank of America, is owed around \$45 million and growers in other states have claims against the company. Still, growers are happy that the seed warehouses will keep operating and their contracts will continue. "A lot of them are relieved," said Marsing farmer Jim Briggs, the chairman of the Idaho AgriBioTech Seed Growers Association. "Now that they're putting the bees on to pollinate the crop, they know it's got a home to go to and know the price."

AgriBioTech's Allied facility in Nampa, some proprietary seed varieties and some assets outside Idaho were purchased by Research Seeds for \$15.5 million. Research Seeds already operates in Nampa under the name Fertacis Genetics. Dairyland Seed purchased the AgriBioTech seed warehouse in Homedale for \$1.6 million. Northwest Seeds bought the AgriBioTech Seed facility in Nampa for \$2.7 million.

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MONEY

UBS buys PaineWebber

ZURICH, Switzerland (AP) — Swiss banking group UBS is buying UBS PaineWebber, the fourth-largest brokerage firm in the United States for \$10.5 billion in cash and stock in the latest international marriage of financial services heavyweights.

The deal announced Wednesday gives UBS a larger foothold in the United States with a firm known for its large base of affluent clients. It also extends the recent global consolidation that is reshaping the banking, insurance and securities industries.

PaineWebber, popularly known for its long-running advertising slogan "Thank You, PaineWebber," will become part of the UBS Warburg securities division, but will continue to operate in the United States under its own name after the deal is completed.

Donald T. Marron, chairman and chief executive of PaineWebber, had long resisted

selling the company, but said in a statement on Wednesday: "This is the right merger, with the right partner, at the right time."

The companies hope to complete the deal in November pending shareholder and regulatory approval.

PaineWebber's two largest shareholders, General Electric Co. and Yasuda Mutual Life, have agreed to vote for the deal. Together, they control about 30 percent of PaineWebber's shares.

UBS, created from the merger of Union Bank of Switzerland and Swiss Bank Corp. in 1998, manages more than \$1 trillion in client assets and employs 49,000 people around the world.

PaineWebber has 8,554 brokers in 385 offices and manages client assets of \$452 billion. Its brokerage force is fourth in the United States behind Merrill Lynch, Morgan Stanley Dean Witter & Co. and Citigroup's Salomon Smith Barney unit.

USDA lowers estimates of commodity prices

WASHINGTON (AP) — Big crops in the United States and overseas are pushing down grain and soybean prices for a third straight year, the government said Wednesday.

The Agriculture Department lowered its price estimates for corn, soybeans and wheat because of sagging world markets.

USDA said farmers should get an average of \$1.70 per bushel for their corn this year, 15 cents less than its projection last month and 10 cents below the price that growers got for last year's crop.

The estimate for wheat also is down 15 cents, to \$2.50 a bushel, from the June forecast. That's the same price growers got for their 1999 crop. The projection for soybeans is off 10 cents from June's estimate, to \$4.40 a bushel, and down 25 cents from last year's average.

below government support levels. Fluctuating prices for grain and soybeans generally have little direct effect on consumers. The cost of raw commodities accounts for only a small portion of retail food prices.

"Things aren't turning around on the supply side, that's for sure. We've got very good weather, and unless we get some demand surge, we'll see some low prices for quite a few months."

— Larry Salathe, USDA economist

Roose, an analyst with U.S. Commodities Inc. "Very few dry areas are left," he said.

Prices for wheat and corn dropped on the Chicago Board of Trade after release of the government report. Soybean prices rose

this year's crops could reach \$9 billion because of the continued decline in prices, said Salathe. A 10-cent drop in corn prices alone means an extra \$1 billion in higher subsidies.

Timely rains have largely alleviated concerns that a drought in the Midwest would significantly damage corn and soybean yields this fall, said Don

Farmers are expected to harvest 73.1 million acres of corn this year, up from 70.5 million last year, and 73.5 million acres of soybeans, up from 72.5 million in 1999.

Some wheat farmers were hurt by drought over the winter, and production is expected to be down 7 percent this year from 1999, even though farmers are expected to harvest a slightly larger acreage.

because USDA didn't change its yield forecast.

Wheat for September delivery fell 5 cents to \$2.51.25 a bushel, December corn fell 4.25 cents to \$1.94.5 a bushel; November soybeans rose 2.25 cents to \$4.60 a bushel.

Commodity prices fell sharply in 1998 because of a worldwide glut of grain and have yet to recover. In addition to crop subsidies, the government gave farmers \$15 billion in emergency aid in 1998 and 1999 to compensate for the price drop, and is handing out another \$7.1 billion this year.

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Zion Bank introduces new boxes

Knight Ridder News Service

OREM, Utah — Think about all those documents — titles, loan agreements, birth certificates — that you know should be stored in a safe place. Think about the hassle of getting a safe-deposit box and making the trips to the bank. And then think of storing those documents electronically in the digital equivalent of a safe-deposit box.

A partnership between Zions Bank and Netdocuments Inc. is designed to do just that. The idea is to mesh a standard service of a venerable institution with the technology of the Internet.

Netdocuments, based in Orem, has developed a technology that enables people to store and work on Web-based documents. Part of that application includes the equivalent of a digital safe-deposit box.

Zions, which has Magic Valley bank branches, plans to offer that service — a place where people can safely store documents — to its 58,000 online banking customers.

"A bank is a repository of trust — a place where money and documents should be stored," said Leonard Johnson, Netdocuments' vice president of marketing.

Netdocuments and Zions now hope to transfer that trust to the Internet age.

The partnership opens up a new sales channel for Netdocuments — nor to mention a clever way to market its service.

"People can understand a safe-deposit box," Johnson said.

The partnership with Zions — plus an endorsement of sorts from the American Bankers Association — should help Netdocuments sell the service to other banks.

Zions also will offer free digital certificates — the technology needed for digital signatures — to its online banking customers.

Digital certificates are used to verify a person's identity online — just as a driver's license and a handwritten signature are used in the physical world. Digital certificates also can be used to encrypt and sign legally binding documents online.

What this means is that someone now can sign a loan agreement or mortgage online and then store the document in his or her digital safe-deposit box.

"We've talked about the paperless office forever and it's never come to be," said Danne Buchanan, who oversees technology and operations for Zions. "Now I see a way for that to happen."

Zions owns a majority stake in Digital Signature Trust Inc., a company that issues digital certificates.

Documents stored in the digital safe-deposit boxes are encrypted. Even the people who run Netdocuments computers can't get the document. Doing so requires a digital certificate to ensure the person's identity.

There is additional protection: Netdocuments' servers, the computers behind the Internet, are in Zions' data center — which, in turn, is federally audited to ensure security.

As part of the agreement, Zions invested about \$2 million — the exact amount wasn't disclosed — in Netdocuments. It also has an option to invest in Netdocuments' third round of financing.

Zions already owned a stake in Netdocuments indirectly through Wasatch Venture Fund, a venture capital firm in Salt Lake City.

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One of the Lost Boys grows up

"Something in him just snapped." That's the standard phrase people use when some poor slob goes berserk. In a couple of weeks, people could be shaking their heads and saying that about me.

It's these wedding bells, see, they keep ringing in my head. I'm getting married next month and all the details have pushed me to the edge.

One more problem with the florist and I'm gonna snap.

Meanwhile, my friends are living the life. They're canoeing into Shoshone Lake in Yellowstone National Park. They're kayaking down the Middle Fork of the Salmon River. They're hiking in the Sawtooths, climbing at the City of Rocks, mountain biking in the South Hills.

(They're doing everything I normally do at this time of year. They're having a summer.)

Ma? I'm having a Martha Stewart nightmare.

I'm excited about the big-picture concept of getting married. At my age, having never been married, it is clearly the right thing to do. But the fine print is killing me.

My bride is - careful here, buddy - a stickler for detail, so every detail must be approved by the Nuptial Review Committee. She is the presiding officer, and her sister and mother are the only other voting members. Near as I can figure, I'm some sort of clerk.

The Nuptial Review Committee has been meeting by conference call on a near-continuous basis for the past few weeks. Agenda items range from the availability of calla lilies to hotel accommodations for what seem like hundreds of out-of-town guests.

Oh, yes, the wedding is in Connecticut - which adds a dash of inconvenience to the whole goulash.

Ah, Connecticut. We were back there three weeks ago for a wedding shower. Our wedding shower. Yes, we were.

I remember the date because it was only a few days after my buddy Ben launched on a week-long trip down the Middle Fork. While he was smashing through whitewater in Impassable Canyon, I was trying not to capsize in front of my bride's extended family.

Over the years, I'd heard nuptial mutterings about wedding showers. Being male, I always figured I was exempt. Yep, I figured I could paddle the Middle Fork while my better half flew back for the shower.

Turns out I figured wrong.

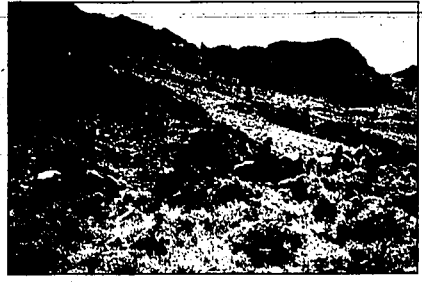
The shower, which was a cross between a garden party and a birthday party, proved to be the pleasant. Dozens of my bride's friends and relatives were in attendance. Many, I suspect, were curious to see what kind of troglodyte she had dragged out of the Idaho tarn.

Being the guest of honor at social gatherings is all part of the magic of getting married. Fortunately, my calendar includes other social gatherings of, er, vastly different character.

Last month, I was sipping punch and chatting with my bride's aunts, uncles and cousins. Sometime this afternoon, I'll drive to Montana for a last weekend with a herd of old buddies from Bozeman. We're holding this little get-together at a remote cabin, deep in the woods, just over the state line.

There will be whiskey. There will be gunfire. There will be wild game cooked over flame. It will be ugly, and I will be in my element.

Horse power



A group of riders descends through scrubby country on the flank of the Pahsimeroi Mountains.



Matt Knott and Camie Wood of White Cloud Outfitters pick their way through the Pahsimeroi Mountains near Challis.

Photo by N.S. NOKKENTVED/The Times-News

Sturdy steeds can open up the backcountry

By N.S. Nokkentved
Times-News writer

CHALLIS - The trail was long and steep, the morning was cool and the sun warm.

Strong horses carried us steadily up the rising trail. The smell of dust, sweat and sagebrush hung in the air and the quiet was accompanied by creaking saddle leather and the steady clatter of hooves on the trail.

A guided horseback trip is a pleasant way to get into the backcountry - though spending a day on horseback can be tiring for the unaccustomed.

Astride a gentle trail horse, there isn't much to do except adjust to the horse's gait and soak in the scenery. And with an experienced outfitter for a guide, even inexperienced riders can enjoy the outing.

The southern and central Idaho mountains are riddled with trails suited for horseback trips into the backcountry. For those who don't own horses, outfitters are available in most areas. Most outfitters know how to work with novices and can explain simple things that more experienced riders might take for granted - things like how to get on, how to steer and how to stop the horse.

On a recent Saturday, a small group of us rode up the western

flank of the Pahsimeroi Mountains - at the northern end of the Lost River Range - for a day-long ride with White Cloud Outfitters of Challis.

The trail generally followed a Forest Service access road that wound up serene, rocky slopes into increasingly greener hillsides toward the timber high above. Below us lay Round Valley where the Salmon River stretches out after escaping the narrow confines of the canyon between Stanley and Challis.

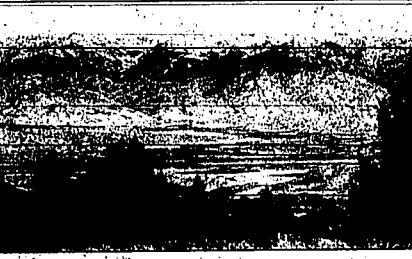
Near the top, wind-twisted Douglas firs lined the trail. Up there, the breeze was cool, and the shirts that had come off earlier suddenly felt comfortable again.

Under high thin clouds, we rode south along the crest of the Pahsimeroi Mountains. Somewhere up ahead, out of sight, Mount Borah reached into the sky.

Releasing the horses to graze among the trees, we lingered over lunch in a clearing overlooking the Pahsimeroi Valley and the Lemhi Mountains rising to the east.

"This is why we do it," outfitter Mike Scott said, gesturing to the view.

The trees beyond the clearing rang with the raucous calls of four Clark's nutcrackers. Further



The Pahsimeroi Valley, with the Lemhi Mountains in the background.

out, riding thermals from the valley, a red tail hawk cut wide lazy circles in the blue sky.

We gathered the horses and mounted up for the ride back down the mountain. The sure-footed mounts picked their way through broken rock on the narrow, barely discernible trail.

The flinty trail was hemmed with colorful prickly pear cactus flowers, bitterroot, buckwheat, lupine, Indian paintbrush and, near the springs, light blue lilies.

A variety of animal tracks were visible in the dust, including tracks of coyote, deer and antelope.

At one point, circular markings - about 18 inches to two feet across - were scratched in the dirt around a small pile of antelope dung. The territorial markings of a pronghorn antelope, Scott said.

Suddenly, three sagebrush burst from beneath a sagebrush beside the trail.

And later, far below us, two antelope moved across the valley floor.

The trail followed folds in the landscape, weaving past rock outcroppings - the very bones of the earth. Lavender quartz, reddish

Head to the hills

White Cloud Outfitters in Challis offers a variety of horseback trips, ranging from day trips to week-long longer pack trips into the White Cloud Mountains or the Frank Church-River of No Return Wilderness. Other outfitters also offer horseback outings in the backcountry.

To learn more about outfitters in a particular area, contact the Idaho Outfitters and Guides Association in Boise at 342-1438.

brown iron oxide and mottled gray of granite lent subtle color to the rocks.

Here and there, scrubby trees clung to precarious ledges.

Down, down, down we went. To keep from getting too sure, we got off and walked the horses. As we lost elevation, the warmer air enfolded us like a blanket. The breeze felt good, but it was no longer cool.

Saddle-sores and thirsty, we returned to the ranch late in the afternoon. The horses seemed tired and stumbled more often, but they began to get feisty as we neared their home pasture.

For man and beast, it was another good day in the mountains.

DEPTH OF EXCITEMENT

Jetboats brave Hells Canyon

The Associated Press

ON THE SNAKE RIVER, Ore. - A white water wall smashes against the 40-foot jetboat as it zigzags across the mighty Snake River, sending it careening toward a rock the size of a bus.

Go left! The pilot cuts the boat against the rushing current - this time in the other direction.

Look right! A giant curl of icy water hits the deck.

"Eesow!" yells Mary Naylor, one of 20 passengers hanging on for dear life as the jetboat slams against the white swirls - sending it up and down, up and down - until the boat cuts left again and returns to calmer currents.

Naylor - grinning - wipes water from her face.

planned," laughs veteran pilot Bret Armasov.

Welcome to Granite Creek - one of two of the most treacherous rapids along the lower Snake River in North America's deepest river gorge, Hells Canyon. This out-of-the-way stretch of river is a haven for lovers of the rugged outdoors willing to take the time

planned. That went just the way I



A 40-foot sight-seeing boat plows through Wild Sheep Rapids at the south end of Hells Canyon.

Outdoors Editor William Brock won't surrender his childhood without a fight.

OUTDOORS

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to get there. Boats are launched just north of the Hells Canyon Dam — about a 2.5-hour drive from Baker City, Ore., and 3.5 hours from Boise.

The Snake River begins in Yellowstone National Park, and meanders for 1,035 miles through Wyoming and southern Idaho — then north to form the boundary between that state and Oregon. Finally, it enters Washington and turns southwest to join the Columbia River.

The river's name is said to have come from the Shoshone Indians, who painted snake heads on their weapons and used a wavy hand sign to identify themselves.

Hells Canyon is the section of the Snake stretching from the Hells Canyon Dam northward for 74 miles to Cache Creek on the Oregon-Washington border. It is largely inaccessible except by river raft.

Measuring a mile and a half from the river bottom to the tallest peak of the Seven Devils Mountains, the canyon's shoreline widens and narrows, alternating between huge, half-submerged boulder and grassy beaches.

Deep canyon walls, strikingly barren, rise up almost vertically from the water. Where the river is wider, the bluffs are green and rolling. The water thundering through the canyon is mostly white — rapids following rapids.

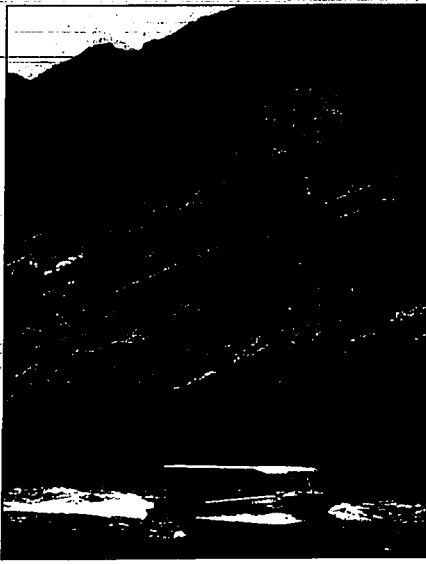
Armacost, who has run this river thousands of times over the past 22 years, knows every twist and turn, every treacherous rock and current.

"You need to have respect for these rapids," he says.

Armacost and his German-born wife, Doris, own and run Hells Canyon Adventures. The only jet-boat operation licensed to run Hells Canyon, the couple says they take about 7,000 passengers down that stretch of the Snake each year.

During the summer, the Armacosts run two, three- and six-hour jetboat rides, as well as an overnight trip. They also offer a daylong white water rafting trip. During the summer, the water is warm enough for swimming.

Other commercial river boats on



A night-seeing jet boat powers up the Snake River as cliff walls of the Idaho side of Hells Canyon tower near Cuprum, Idaho, earlier this year.

the Snake run out of Lewiston and Clarkston, Idaho.

It's worth the drive from Boise — the latter part on a narrow highway riddled with hair-pit curves and views of the sheer rock drop into the canyon.

The largest — and most treacherous — rapids are in Hells Canyon. And the Armacosts regularly navigate through two of the most perilous — Granite Creek and White Sheep, both rated level-four rapids.

According to the book "Hells

Canyon: The Deepest Gorge on Earth," by William-Ashworth, Granite Creek is exceeded only by Lava Falls on the Colorado River. The river itself, he writes, is more than three times the length of the Hudson River and almost twice

the volume of the Colorado.

The Armacost's passengers are treated to wildlife climbing along the canyon's steep slopes — Big Horn sheep, deer, lynx, river otter — and now and then, even a bear.

On Naylor's trip down the river, a pair of Big Horn sheep sparrered on the rock.

The herd scrambled up the cliffs as the roar of the jetboat neared. But Armacost cut the engine — letting passengers watch as the sheep rammed against each other.

"It looks so staged — almost like something out of a Walt Disney movie," says Naylor, marketing director at an Idaho resort. "You can see the fire in their eyes."

The Armacosts also take passengers on a short hike up to a niche in the rock decorated with ancient Indian pictographs.

Rafters also stop at an isolated old homestead, tucked away above a swift stream feeding into the Snake River. The tiny home — which one today housed a family of 11 — is built entirely with short planks hauled in by pack-horse.

These waters are steeped with tales of the Old West.

In 1887, a group of Wallowa County men — apparently jealous of a group of Chinese miners who had found gold — killed and mutilated more than 30 men. They loaded the bodies of the murdered Chinese in a boat, which they sent down the river.

As the story goes, the bodies began to wash up upstream within days. Local newspapers called it the "crime of the century." Six men were tried for the murders, but were acquitted.

The book "Snake River of Hells Canyon," by Johnny Carrey-Cort Conley and Ace Burton, documents a story that originally appeared in an 1895 edition of "McMurdy's Marine History of the Pacific Northwest."

Hunting tags go on sale Saturday

JEROME — The Idaho Department of Fish and Game will sell leftover tags for deer, elk and turkey hunts over the counter on Saturday. All leftover tags are sold on a "first-come, first-serve" basis.

In the Magic Valley region, there are 342 antlerless deer permits available in Unit 43-1 (Hunt No. 1056) and 205 youth antlerless deer permits in Unit 44-2 (Hunt No. 1083). For antlerless elk, 135 permits are available in Unit 43 (Hunt No. 2090), 21 in Unit 46-2 (Hunt No. 2095) and 45 in Unit 48-3 (Hunt No. 2096). A complete list is available on the Fish and Game website.

Saturdays will open at 9 a.m. Dealers at the Fish and Game office in Jerome, 868 E. Main St. Controlled hunt applications will not be entered into the computer system until 10 a.m.

Twin Falls rec department offers discount river trips
TWIN FALLS — The Twin Falls Parks and Recreation Department is offering commercial raft and canoe trips to community members at reduced rates.

Raft trips for the Canyon

Outdoors in brief

Springs section of the Snake River are scheduled for July 22 and Aug. 5. Both trips will launch at 2 p.m. The upper part of the trip is calm and serene, while the end will provide some exciting rapids.

A canoeing trip from Centennial Park to Pillar Falls is set for 2 p.m. July 23. This three-hour trip is for paddlers of all ages and abilities. Participants will paddle up to Pillar Falls and have an opportunity to get out and enjoy the scenery.

All trips cost \$22 per person, but groups of four can register for \$20 per person.

For more information, call the parks and recreation office at 736-2265.

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According to the story, the stern-wheeler Norma was in the mouth of Deep Creek when the boat "bounced off, swinging into mid-stream, and, like a racehorse, shot into Hell Canyon, where the river winds like a serpent and the wall rocks tower to such a height that they almost shut out the sun."
 For the Armacosts, this rugged river is a way of life. "They bought the boat-business in 1992."

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High-tech gadgets alter campers' lives

SPRING GROVE, Ill. (AP) — So much for getting away from it all: Satellite dishes, computers, cell phones and other high-tech gadgets are becoming the norm at many campgrounds.

It's gotten to the point where "roughing it" means having to pay roaming charges to call home.

"My wife is roughing it now," jokes Dave Harrington, a retired welding supplier who parked his decked-out RV and satellite dish at Chain o' Lakes State Park in northern Illinois this week.

Officials at campgrounds across the country say an increasing number of campers want to be connected to the outside world while exploring the great outdoors.

Rangers at a campground in the forest along Michigan's Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore have been getting requests to use the voltage at electrical sites so people can run computers. And in Raymond, Maine, kids at one private campground can use digital cameras to send photos home to their parents.

It's a far cry from the tents, stumps and modest camping vans that filled Chain o' Lakes State Park when park superintendent Ed Rodiek began working there in 1968.

Besides cell phones and computers, he regularly sees everything from air conditioners and washer-dryers to microwaves and TVs. Even satellite dishes have become the norm, especially for RV owners.

"Now you're just not part of the in crowd if you don't have one," Rodiek says.



Dave and Elaine Harrington stand Tuesday with their custom-painted satellite dish outside their motor home at Chain o' Lakes State Park in Spring Grove, Ill.

"I go camping to listen to birds chirping, not to blast a radio or TV or hear a phone ringing."

—Gregg Steiner, camper

The trend is causing some hard-core campers, including Gregg Steiner, to grumble. "I go camping to listen to birds chirping, not to blast a radio or TV or hear a phone ringing," says the Sherman Oaks, Calif., man, who was aghast at all the gadgets he saw during a recent camping trip to Sequoia National Park.

Some, including Allan Whitescarver of San Francisco, are retreating to more remote campgrounds to get away from the gadgets.

Technology does have its benefits, beyond convenience and comfort. Some campers have used their cell phones to call for help in an emergency. And some say technology can open up opportunities to get outside.

Paul Entin of Lambertville, N.J., says he has taken his laptop and cell phone with him to Acadia National Park in Maine, using a car cigarette lighter as a power source to get work done.

"It takes something away from the true camping experience, but at the same time, I've come to feel grateful to technology," says Entin, who publishes a fit-

ness Web site with his wife. "It's because of technology that we are able to go camping, essentially whenever we please."

With that in mind, some campgrounds are taking note, including Kamgrounds of America, which is encouraging the installation of computer kiosks so campers can check their e-mail.

In fact, Judy Sinkular, co-owner of a KOA campground near Kartchner Caverns State Park in Arizona, says a recent survey of campers found that computer access was second only to demands for a level camping site.

"People use their cell phones to call us from our pool to have us deliver dinner," she says. "And it's about half a city block away."

Hunters line up for permits

SPRINGVILLE, Utah (AP) — Hundreds of hunters — some quite angry — lined up in the rain outside the Utah Division of Wildlife Resources office in Springville Monday in the hopes of getting a buck-deer hunting permit.

Some of the hunters were in line because their applications for the drawing had been rejected.

"I'm kind of ticked, but what can I do about it? It's the government," said Jim Caldwell of Provo, who was applying to hunt in the northeastern region.

Other rejected hunters decried the fact the DWR kept their \$5 application handling fee.

Hunters also complained about the 300-foot-long line, having to take time off work and being forced to stand out in the rain.

There are five hunting regions

in Utah: northern with 30,000 permits; central, 15,500; north eastern, 15,900; southern 19,900; and southern tier, 15,700, for a total of 97,000 buck permits issued annually.

After the drawing last week, all the permits for highly popular southern and southeastern sections were taken.

About 65,000 buck deer hunt permit applications were received by Wildlife Resources this year. About 2,000 applications were rejected.

Laura Milton, office manager for the DWR's Central Region office, said the rejections were mostly because people didn't have the proper amount of money or they didn't fill out parts of the forms.

"If the form is something new," Milton said, "it will go a bit smoother next year, once people get used to the drawing process."

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Rumble strips prove hazardous to bicyclists

The Gazette. COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. — Colorado motorists who drive the state's highways know about rumble strips; those drivers ground into the concrete at the road's edge to alert drowsy or inattentive drivers that they've left the road.

Colorado bicyclists who frequent the state's highways know about rumble strips, too. They know they can cause them to lose

control and crash. Colorado's Department of Transportation knows how both law-enforcement officials and bicyclists feel about rumble strips and the department is trying to come up with a solution.

"We know that law enforcement officials have seen a reduction in run-off-the-road crashes in areas with rumble strips," says Gay Page, CDOT's bicycle/pedestrian coordinator. "We also know bicyclists have

had some problems." Rumble strips are used throughout the country. Until recently, the strips were 7-inch grooves cut into the concrete. Cyclists who rode into strips at higher speeds often were unable to control their bikes and crashed.

Bicycle Colorado, a state-wide advocacy group, has been asking the Department of Transportation to modify the strip design for two years.

"We don't oppose rumble strips in principle, as we understand the desire to increase safety for motorists, but the design should not endanger bicyclists," says Martha Roskowski, spokeswoman for the group.

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Roping in a crown

Local queens participate for Miss Rodeo Idaho

NAMPA - Queens from Magic Valley rodeos will compete in the 2001 Miss Rodeo Idaho Banquet and Fashion Show at 6:30 p.m. Saturday at the Nampa Civic Center at 311 Third St. S. in Nampa.

Eight contestants from throughout Idaho will compete this year, including Eedee McClain of Filer, representing the Magic Valley Stampede and Lucy Gomez of Horseshoe Bend, representing Twin Falls Western Days.

McClain is a Kimberly High school graduate and attends the College of Southern Idaho. She is also the assistant manager at Corral West. Her parents are Ron and Debbie McClain. She plans to pursue a bachelor's of arts degree in secondary education and a master's in psychology and eventually, work as a high school counselor and teacher.

Gomez is a graduate of Horseshoe Bend High School, attended the College

Ticket information

Tickets for the banquet are \$18.50 and \$25 at the door. Table for eight reservations are \$148. Tickets are available on a first-come, first-served basis and are subject to availability.

of Southern Idaho and is a student at Boise State University, pursuing a degree in English education and minor in business. Her parents are Dee Dee and Ron Gomez.

More than \$25,000 in scholarships will be awarded to this year's winners along with trophy buckles, saddle, horse trailer and western wear, organizers say.

As Miss Rodeo Idaho, the winner will devote a year to traveling throughout Idaho and the Pacific Northwest promoting rodeo and the state of Idaho. Immediately following the Stampede, she will leave for Cheyenne, Wyo., to represent Idaho at its rodeo.

five at the Miss Rodeo-America Competition and has won the national title six times, coordinators say. The contestants can be seen throughout the week at the Snake River Dayz breakfasts at Lakeside Park, Sunday and Monday afternoons at Boise Towne Square and at the Rodeo Performances Tuesday through Saturday.

As a special feature of the Stampede, rodeo fans are invited into the arena following each performance to get colored photos and autographs of each of the contestants and the cowboys.

A cowboy worship service and contestant speeches will be at 8:30 a.m. Sunday at the Idaho-Center-Amphitheater at 16200 Can-Ada Road in Nampa. Tickets are \$15.

A horsemanship competition will be at 6 p.m. Sunday. There is no charge to attend. The Griddles and Fiddles Breakfast and contestant performance is from 6:30-10 a.m. July 18-20 at Lakeside Park in Nampa. Tickets are available at the park the day of the breakfast.

The 2001 Miss Rodeo Idaho Coronation will be during the Snake River Stampede Rodeo event July 20 between the Barrels and Bulls events. Admission is available with purchase of a rodeo ticket. The 2000 Miss Rodeo Idaho is Kindi Sherree Hess of American Falls.

THANK YOU LETTERS

Morningside readers celebrate surpassing goal for program

On May 22, Morningside School had an Accelerated Reader Success Celebration as we reached and passed our goal of 50,000 points. Every Morningside student contributed points from reading at school and home throughout the year. With the help of parents, students, teachers, grandparents and community, the Mustangs celebrated with an outdoor carnival called "Mustang Madness."

More than 15 stations were manned by parent volunteers. Children received marshmallows for every point in the program; these were collected in a plastic tube during the year and used at one of the stations to make creative bird houses. Top readers were rewarded with Barnes & Noble gift certificates and First Federal savings accounts. Thanks to the following for their help and support:

- McDonald's, First Federal, Friedman Bag Co., Barnes & Noble, Nabisco, Morningside faculty and parent teacher organization, Ken and Jackie Davis, Becky Riedon and Lisa Saym.
- Our Accelerated Reader program was a success. We look forward to great reading next year.

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Organization doesn't take for granted efforts of contributors

Being a nonprofit organization is truly an experience in faith and appreciation. One never takes for granted the endless hours and effort given to help support the existence of our organization.

All of us at Hospice Visions Inc. would like to thank the Junior Club for donating the proceeds of its 2000 Stumble Rock Fun Run/Walk to us so that we may continue to provide quality care to those living with a terminal illness.

TAMALA SLATTER-GIESE
Executive Director
Hospice Visions Inc.
Twin Falls

Friends and family devote time and energy for benefit

We are not sure how we would ever be able to thank everyone who devoted so much time, energy and heart to make the benefit for Wally Peterson (relating to his illness) such a success. Thank you to each and everyone of you for being there by our sides throughout this amazing time. Many cards have been sent anonymously with cash donations. What true angels you are to send such an extraordinary gift.

Our sincerest thanks go out to our friends, Karl and Sally Kleinkopf, Sue and Lowell Van Orman, and our family, Barry and Snooks Anthony, Cary and Tammie Darling, Larry and Brenda Darling, Royce and Nancy Darling, Ron and Rita Hills, Carol and Kelly Jackson, Ruby and Ray Keys, Larry and Diane Peterson, Gary Hulse, and Pamela and Melissa Peterson, who spent so much time and effort in organizing this awesome event.

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Mecca Foundation helps spread message to end abuse

The Mecca Foundation (Messengers to End Crimes of Children and Abuse) would like to publicly thank the following co-sponsors who generously contributed to our billboard campaign the last 18 months:

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COMMUNITY EVENTS

Organizers cancel spaghetti feed at Masonic Hall in Wendell

WENDELL - Organizers have canceled a spaghetti feed that was scheduled for Friday at the Masonic Hall in Wendell.

For more information, call Donita Lancaster at 324-5413.

MDA of Idaho holds Lock-Up fund-raiser at local restaurant

TWIN FALLS - MDA of Idaho will hold a Lock-Up fund-raiser from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday at the Creekside Steak-House-Restaurant at 233-Fifth Ave. S. in Twin Falls.

Some 260 "innates" will turn themselves in and be put in "jail" at the Creekside, organizers say. Prisoners will call friends, family and business associates to raise a \$750 bank.

All proceeds go to provide financial assistance with wheelchairs and leg braces, free clinic visits at the new Elks Rehabilitation Hospital and support groups and fund research nationwide to find a cure for neuromuscular diseases, organizers say.

For more information, call Deborah Furey at (208) 327-0107.

Kimberly Nurseries presents paver installation seminar

TWIN FALLS - Kimberly Nurseries will present a free paver installation seminar at 9 a.m. Saturday at its 1000 acres at 2862 Addison Ave. E. in Twin Falls.

Instructor Steve Crabtree will show participants how to install pavers. Pre-registration is required for Saturday seminars and Kimberly Nurseries will be offering seminars and/or workshops every Saturday through mid-December.

For more information or to pre-register for a seminar, call 733-2717.

Nature Conservancy hosts nature walks at Silver Creek Preserve

SUN VALLEY - The Nature Conservancy of Idaho is hosting nature walks at 9 a.m. this Saturday and July 22 and July 29 at the Silver Creek Preserve Visitors Center, 30 miles south of Sun Valley.

The Nature Conservancy purchased the Silver Creek Preserve in 1975 and since protected more than 10,000 acres along the stream through cooperative efforts with local landowners, organizers say.

The Conservancy's nature walks will cover plant and animal life, as well as the history and geology of this spring-fed desert stream.

Silver Creek Preserve staff will lead a Silver Creek Natural History Tour this Saturday and July 29, exploring the species and habitats that make up Silver Creek Preserve, with special emphasis on birds and aquatics. The tours will offer something for everyone from the anglers to bird-watchers to those who enjoy a beautiful, informative walk, organizers say.

A Family Nature Walk will be held from 9 a.m. to noon July 22, led by Silver Creek Preserve staff members. The walk is intended for children and their families and includes a morning tracking, track casting, exploring beaver ponds and more.

Participants should be ready to walk a couple of miles and stay outside for three hours. Sturdy walking shoes, a sun hat, water and a snack are recommended. Organizers also suggest bringing binoculars.

Garage sale at Dworshak School benefits local residents

BURLEY - A 20-family benefit garage sale will be held from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday at the Dworshak School.

Proceeds go to Adam Peterson and Dustin Stout.

There will be a hot dog stand with nachos and drinks, a baked food sale and craft sale. To donate items take from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday at Dworshak School on the corner of 19th Street and Overland Avenue.

Mini-Cassia Cereal Tour set Friday in the Mini-Cassia area

BURLEY - The 2000 Mini-Cassia Cereal Tour will be Friday.

Busing and lunch are provided. The public is invited to join all or part of the tour. Tour registration is at the 8:30 a.m. at Salmon Park. Bus schedule is as follows:

- 9 a.m. - Leave Salmon Park (West 18th Street and Park Avenue).
- 9:15 a.m. - Arrive Simplot Agri-Source - winter and spring; 200 S. 100 W., Burley.
- 9:45 a.m. - Leave Simplot Agri-Source - winter and spring.
- 10 a.m. - Arrive Western Seed - winter; 375 S. 275 E., Burley.
- 10:30 a.m. - Leave Western Seed - winter.

11:45 a.m. - Arrive University of Idaho - winter; 200 N. 450 E., Rupert.- 12:15 p.m. - Leave University of Idaho - winter.
- 12:30 p.m. - Arrive University of Idaho - spring; 200 N. 525 W., Rupert.
- 1:00 p.m. - Leave University of Idaho - spring.

1:30 p.m. Arrive at Salmon Park for Dutch oven dinner.

The tour is sponsored by Idaho Wheat Commission, Idaho Burley Commission, Minidoka County Grain Growers, Cassia County Wheat Growers, University of Idaho, Simplot Agri-Source, Western Seed and Minidoka County Extension.

For more information, call the Minidoka County Extension Office at 436-7184.

Minidoka County hosts joint county fair 4-H Style Revue

RUPERT - Minidoka County is hosting the joint county 4-H Fair Style Revue contest.

All members with clothing, knitting, crocheting and wearable arts projects are encouraged to participate. The contest will be held at 7 p.m. July 28 at the Rupert West Stake Center, 26 S. 100 W.

Practice modeling will be the night before from 7:30 p.m. at the Stake Center. Narrations will be due on Tuesday in the Cassia County Extension Office.

The Burley High School class of 1944 and 1945 plan reunion

BURLEY - The Burley High School Class of 1944 is planning a reunion to be held jointly with the class of 1945 on Aug. 19.

Organizers are still in need of current addresses for the following former classmates: Gladys Schorzman Anderson, Miles Cooper, Lila Draney Ball, Barbara Myers Martin, Ben Mortenson, John Blair, Paige Lake and June Flynn Johnson.

Contact Glen McBride at 436-3297 or 313 G St., Rupert; or Naomi Rails at 436-6815 or 809 South D St., Rupert as soon as possible.

Organic garden club meets and prepares veggie salad

FILER - The Magic Valley Organic Garden Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. today at the McCabe residence, 2122 East and 3900 North of Filer.

Russian immigrants will prepare a vegetable salad and there will be a garden tour.

For more information, call Theresa at 543-4914 or Edith at 734-8371.

Wendell High School alumni hosts reunion at city park

WENDELL - The Wendell High School alumni will hold a reunion Friday and Saturday at Wendell High School and the Wendell City Park.

Registration is from 1.5 p.m. Friday, with the reception from 7:30 p.m. and a dance from 9 p.m. to midnight, all at Wendell High School at 750 E. Main St. in Wendell.

Saturday's events include a picnic from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Wendell City Park. For more information, call Monte Peterson at 536-2769 or Berdell Lesneski at 536-6561.

Centennial High School class of 1990 announces reunion

MERIDIAN - The Centennial High School class of 1990 10-year reunion will be Friday and Saturday in Boise.

The reunion includes a Friday night mixer, a picnic Saturday afternoon and a formal dinner later Saturday evening. Volunteers are also needed. Cost is \$70 per person.

A web site has been established for classmates to update their contact information and register to attend. A list of classmates who have confirmed registration is provided on the site. The site is frequently updated with post-high school biographies, current photos, reunion plans and more, organizers say.

For more information, alumni may contact the reunion committee at centennial90@yahoo.com or call Johanna (Giron) Payne at 887-9582.

Jerome Library hosts open house, celebrates arrival of computers

JEROME - The Jerome Public Library will celebrate the arrival of four new computers with an open house from 4:30-5:30 p.m. Monday at its location at 100 First Ave. E. in Jerome.

A grant from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation helped the Jerome Public Library purchase four new computers with Internet connections and one new laser printer. One of the computers will be designated for Spanish-speaking patrons.

Trainers from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation demonstrate how to use the computers at the open house. The new computers will increase adult patron work stations to six and juvenile stations to three, coordinators say. For more information, call 324-5427.

Magie Valley Evangelical Free Church hosts concert

JEROME - Magic Valley Evangelical Free Church will hold a "Teen, Life and Freedom," concert at 7 p.m. Saturday at North Park in Jerome.

Area teens are invited to attend the free concert.

For more information, call the church at 324-1100.

Community comes together to help battle fire

All of us at Ida-Gold Farms express our appreciation and thanks to all our friends and neighbors who helped us battle and contain the fire in our silage storage on June 19.

We express a special thanks to the fire departments and all the firefighters who arrived in record time. Your fast, efficient work and how well you were appreciated.

Again, thank you all for your hard work in our behalf. This is a great place to live.

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Twin Falls Shrine Club happy to be in Friendship Days Parade

Murtough had a parade celebrating Friendship Days on June 17. The Twin Falls Shrine Club, with its mini-bikers and little cars, was included in the invitation to this, one of the premier parades of Magic Valley in 2000. The people of Murtough are great supporters of the Shrine Hospital for Children in Salt Lake City, Utah.

We, with the Twin Falls Shrine Club, would like to publicly thank the organizers of Friendship Days for including us in this special occasion.

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Sinclair-Hoss Tournament organizers express appreciation

Thanks to those who attended and the following for making the 15th Annual Sinclair-Hoss Tournament successful:

- AFLAC; Alberson's; Alexander Dental; AmeriPride; Applebee's; Argo; Barnes & Noble; Benoit, Alexander, Sinclair, Harwood & High; Blue Lakes Country Club; Bowlander; Cactus Pines; Clear Lakes Golf & Country Springs; Clear Lakes Country Club; Clos; Con Paulos; Cooper Norman; CPR; Crowley's; D.L. Evans; Dodds & Associates; Domino's; El Sombrero; Everybody's Business; First Federal; Gary's Westland; Gem State Trophies; Geric's; Golf USA; Hair Classics; Interstate Amusement; Jackpot Golf; Jerome Country Club; Keegan's; Key Bank; K&T Steel; KMTV; Kurt's Pharmacy; Land Title & Escrow; Magic Valley Challenge Course; Magic

Kristina is friendly, sunny

Personality: With shiny brown hair, blue eyes and a classic face, Kristina will capture your heart with her sunny personality. Animated, friendly and outgoing are all words used by caregivers to describe this child. She knows what she wants and has the words to express her feelings. This is an important trait that has helped Kristina establish her own personal boundaries. She is a thoughtful and generous sister who shares just about everything with her sister, Dustin.

Interests: Kristina loves the singing group, "In Sync." Her love of the dramatic makes her a natural for plays and being center stage.

Needs: Kristina and her sister have experienced significant trauma in their young lives. They would do well with parents who can offer consistency and love while setting appropriate boundaries. Both girls need a dependable role model who can convince them that men can be trusted, loved and

depended upon to keep them safe. This kind of example could influence all of their future loving relationships. Both girls require ongoing counseling as they work through attachment, boundary and grief and loss issues. Financial assistance is available.

Thursday's Child

Kristina
Age 7



Rupert OES holds 'Friendship Night'

RUPERT - Rupert Chapter 39, Order of the Eastern Star, held a Friendship Night at the Rupert Masonic Temple.

The theme was a cruise on the "Friendship Boat" on the "OES Sea." A humorous skit was presented by Martha Kienzie, Linda Osborn and Peggy Hess.

Then Worthy Matron Melba Merkey presided over the meeting and welcomed all the guests. She introduced guest musician Donita Lancaster, who led the group in singing, "Cruising Down the River." Donita and Ron Lancaster sang "Red Sails in the Sunset," and "Harbor Lights" at the March event.

Guests attended from surrounding chapters and introductions included past grand matrons and patrons, Erna McFarland and Virgil Fenon, E-Dah-Ho Chapter, 77; Walt Culbertson, radiant chapter 61 in Pocatello; and Donita Lancaster, Star of the West chapter 35 in Wendell.

Grand officers and their escorts were Jenene Huth, grand esther, and Lucille Culbertson, grand escort of radiant chapter 61 in

Pocatello; Esther Ketterling, grand electa, and grand escort, Ray Ketterling, Twin Falls chapter 23.

Martha Kienzie, grand representative to Georgia; Clyde Annis, grand representative to Wisconsin, Rupert Chapter 39; and Elsie Marsch, grand representative to Minnesota, Evergreen chapter 77 in Paul, attended.

Grand chapter committee members and appointees attending were Marthena Sobin, general chairman of fraternal relations; Leland Sobin, assistant teller and Darla Redman, registration, all of E-Dah-Ho chapter 77 in Paul; Nancy Ross, general chairman, worthy grand matrons special project, abused children; Diedra Ross, chairman district 7, estari, Ruth chapter 3 in Pocatello; Ron Lancaster, unfinished business chairman, Star of the West, Chapter 35 in Wendell; Zola McFarland, hospitality, Twin Falls chapter 29; Linda Meuleman, general chairman, publicity; Elaine Gordon, gift room and local chairman, worthy grand matrons special project, abused children; Melba Merkey, grand page to grand electa, and Joe Merkey, assistant to grand sentinel,

and all of Rupert chapter 39.

Golden Stars 50-year members attending were Olga Fisher, Rupert Chapter 39; Martha Klink, Jean Crawford and Thelma Sexton, Evergreen Chapter 46 in Burley; Erna McFarland and Elsie Marsch, E-Dah-Ho 77 in Paul.

Introduction of others included Lucille Whistler, worthy matron, E-Dah-Ho chapter 77; Peggy Hess, guardian of Rupert-Burley Bethel 18 of Jobs Daughters; and Olga Fisher, past grand guardian of International Order of Jobs Daughters and "Grandma" to Bethel 18; and James Downs, worshipful master Rupert Lodge 65, A.F. & A.M.

The worthy matron chose us her honor stations for the evening; Linda Meuleman, conductress; and Peggy Hess, associate conductress. They were escorted and presented a tribute and gift.

A salad buffet was served in the dining hall at the close of the meeting. Hostesses for the evening were Linda Meuleman, chairman, assisted by Pamela Day and Lucille Downs.

Achievement academy honors Shoshone resident

Deborah Fuller, the daughter of Tim and Ann Fuller of Shoshone, was named a United States National Award winner by the United States Achievement

Academy.

Fuller is a student at Shoshone High School and was nominated by Janene Buckway, a teacher, for her accomplishments in journalism. Her grandparents are Stella Biggs of Twin Falls and Florence Fuller of Wendell.

She will appear in the United States Achievement Academy Official Yearbook.

Students are selected for the national award based on academic performance, interest, aptitude, leadership qualities, responsibility and dependability.

Magic Valley Regional Foundation awards grants

TWIN FALLS - The executive committee of the Magic Valley Regional Medical Center Foundation awarded \$5,590 in grants during May.

The foundation grants included: \$2,020 for diabetic continuing education for hospital staff; \$500 for bereavement counseling for hospice volunteers; \$2,070 for an intubation/defibrillation mannequin for the Magic Valley Regional Education Department; and \$1,000 to support scholarships for Camp Rainbow Gold for pediatric cancer victims.

Want more Information?

For information on grants or opportunities to assist the Magic Valley Regional Medical Center Foundation, call Lory Boxer at 737-2480.

The foundation supported the following programs during April: \$920 for the Lifeline emergency response system for seniors; \$1,362 for the Youth Education Support, or YES Team program for preschool and elementary education and awareness; \$81-

for the emergency needs of cancer patients; and \$8,322 for the Magic Valley Regional SAFE KIDS program. SAFE KIDS generates numerous grants to support their ongoing programs, coordinators say.

Other programs receiving funds include: \$312 for the Magic Valley Regional Children at Risk Evaluation Services program; \$454 for the supplies, medical exams and other items for diabetic patients in the Magic Valley; and \$4,130 for the Emergency Medical Service Contingency

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DATED this 12th day of June, 2000. Robert W. Galley, Attorney for the Plaintiff.

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DATED this 12th day of June, 2000. Robert W. Galley, Attorney for the Plaintiff.

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DATED this 12th day of June, 2000. Robert W. Galley, Attorney for the Plaintiff.

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The Times-News is ac-
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part-time District Manag-
er/Circulation Supervisor.
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must be able to work
weekends, be depend-
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enjoy working with youth.
An advanced degree is
a plus.
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LOOKING FOR
INDEPENDENT JR
ROUTES
AVAILABLE IN THE
GOODING AREA.**

ROUTE 505
11th Ave W.
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OR
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500 Blk. West Ave. C.
100-800 Blk. West Ave. D.
200-600 Blk. West Ave. E.
100-600 Blk. West Ave. F.

If you live in this area & are interested in being a newspaper carrier...

TWIN FALLS (6)

THE TIMES-NEWS CURRENTLY HAS THE FOLLOWING INDEPENDENT NEWSPAPER ROUTES ON THE WEST SIDE OF TWIN FALLS

ROUTE 608
800-1000 Blk. 2nd Ave. West
800-900 Blk. 3rd Ave. West
800-900 Blk. 4th Ave. West

ROUTE 810
400 Blk. Caswell Ave. W
Paradise Place
Rose Street North

ROUTE 814
200-600 Blk. 2nd Ave. N.
200-500 3rd Ave. N.

ROUTE 815
200 Blk. 600 4th Ave. N.
200-600 Blk. 5th Ave. N.
200-600 Blk. 6th Ave. N.

ROUTE 821
100-200 Blk. 1st Ave. E.
100-700 Blk. 3rd Ave. E.
100-400 Blk. Blue Lakos

ROUTE 880
100-300 Blk. Boran Ave. West
100-300 Blk. Wiseman

ROUTE 882
500 Blk. 2nd St.
200-500 Blk. Piner Ave. W.
100-200 Blk. Wirsching

ROUTE 885
400 Blk. Addison Ave. W
100-200 Blk. Carney
C&G Grand Court
500 Blk. Shop Ave. W

ROUTE 886
400-500 Blk. Boran Ave. West
300-400 Blk. Bracken St.
400 Blk. Rose St. N.

ROUTE 872
900 Blk. Blaine St. North
200-300 Blk. Elaine Ave.
200-400 Blk. Falls Ave. West
100-400 Blk. Robbins Ave.
700-800 Blk. Sparks St.

ROUTE 874
Arrowwood Court
800 Blk. Caswell W.
800 Falls W.
700-800 Lawrence
800 Falls Ave. W.
800 Wendell

ROUTE 879
800 Blk. Bracken
East Wind
West Wind
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JEROME 5 MOTOR-ROUTE

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KIMBERLY (5)

THE TIMES-NEWS IS CURRENTLY LOOKING FOR INDEPENDENT JR ROUTES AVAILABLE IN THE KIMBERLY AREA.

ROUTE 558
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100-600 Lincoln St.
400-600 Blk. Washington Street

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TWIN FALLS (7)

THE TIMES-NEWS CURRENTLY HAS THE FOLLOWING INDEPENDENT NEWSPAPER ROUTES ON THE EAST SIDE OF TWIN FALLS

ROUTE 722
2600-2900 Blk 9th Ave. East
900-1000 Blk Carriage Lane
2700-2900 Blk Elizabeth Blvd
800 Blk Selig Dr.
700-1000 Blk Hankins Road

ROUTE 728
700-800 Elmstone St.
1900 Blk Granada Dr.
1900 Blk San Luis Ave.
800 Blk Sunrise Blvd. N.

ROUTE 760
600-800 Blk Alluras Dr.
1800 Blk Granada Dr.
1800 Blk San Luis Ave.

ROUTE 786
1500-2100 Blk. Falls Ave. East
Capri Drive
Chase Drive

ROUTE 832
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100-400 Blk Quincy St

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(Next to Wal-Mart.)

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ROUTE 608
800-1000 Blk. 2nd Ave. West
800-900 Blk. 3rd Ave. West
800-900 Blk. 4th Ave. West

ROUTE 810
400 Blk. Caswell Ave. W
Paradise Place
Rose Street North

ROUTE 814
200-600 Blk. 2nd Ave. N.
200-500 3rd Ave. N.

ROUTE 815
200 Blk. 600 4th Ave. N.
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502 HOMES FOR SALE
PUBLIC SERVICE MESSAGE
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