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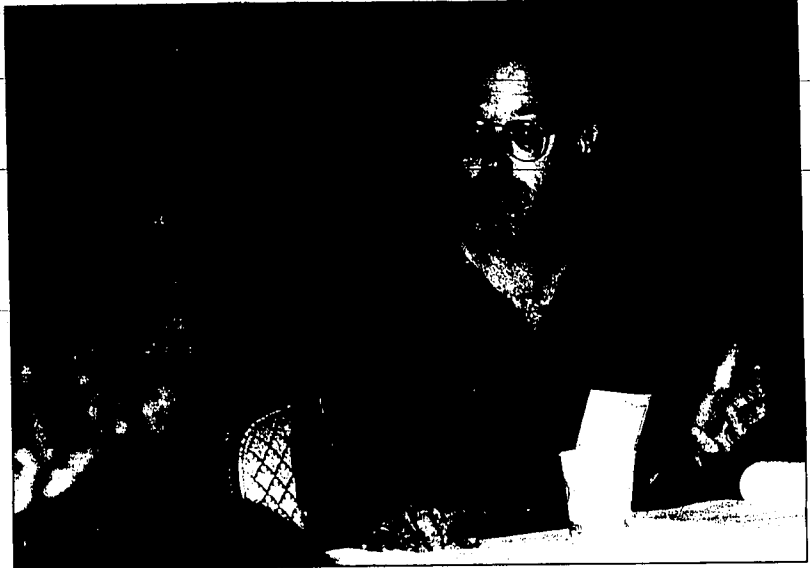
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AIDS in the West



Problems facing travelers with HIV/AIDS was one of the areas discussed by Dr. Harry Hollander, a professor of clinical medicine at the University of California, San Francisco, during this weekend's conference at the Sun Valley Convention Center.

Physicians hear appeals to confront disease

By Pat Murphy
Times-News correspondent

SUN VALLEY - More than 150 physicians and support medical personnel Saturday heard appeals to understand and deal with a phenomenon of HIV/AIDS some say is being ignored - the spread of the deadly disease in the rural West among families who usually can't or won't find adequate health care for the disease in their small town settings. As speaker after speaker noted at the "Medical Management of AIDS" symposium session devoted to the rural west, most of the public continues to believe the HIV/AIDS (human immunodeficiency virus, a retrovirus that infects human T-cells causing AIDS, acquired immune deficiency syndrome, which results in a variety of infections, some forms of cancer and other diseases) is confined to minority populations in poor, urban neighborhoods. In fact, as noted by Sarah Allen, a registered nurse who monitors HIV/AIDS for the state Department of Health and Welfare, Idaho was the first western state to report an HIV/AIDS case, which has increased in two

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HIV/AIDS statistics can be surprising

By Pat Murphy
Times-News correspondent

SUN VALLEY - To dramatically illustrate how HIV/AIDS has struck the rural West, Dr. Kirsten Ries provided some gripping statistics about Utah, a state renowned for moral family values championed by the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, whose world headquarters are in Salt Lake City. A professor of medicine at the University of Utah in Salt Lake City who pioneered tracking of HIV/AIDS cases in Utah in the

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Governor paints dire fire situation picture

Clinton will visit Idaho troops Tuesday

The Associated Press
BOISE - Gov. Dirk Kempthorne warns the extensive fires burning in Idaho's backcountry will probably not be stopped by man, but will continue until ample rain or snow arrives to finally extinguish them. The situation is so dire that President Clinton plans to visit military troops in Idaho on Tuesday, the White House said on Saturday. Clinton will be in Boise on Tuesday to get a briefing on the status of firefighting efforts, White House spokesman Joe Lockhart said. Clinton also is slated to make a second stop closer to the front lines of a fire in Idaho, where he will meet some of the troops sent to relieve exhausted civilian firefighters.

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"The president wanted to just let the firefighters know how much the country appreciates what they are doing," Lockhart said. Meanwhile, a Marine battalion arrived in Idaho to do battle with the nation's largest wildfire, the 102,000-acre Clear Creek blaze chewing up large expanses of rugged mountain slopes near the Montana border. And U.S. Forest Service Chief Mike Dornbeck said a special battalion of about 500 Army troops from Fort Hood, Texas, will undergo firefighting training and join 500 soldiers from that base in Idaho and the 600 Marines from Camp Pendleton, Calif. The Burgdorf Junction Fire in west-central Idaho made a significant run Friday, growing from 17,000 to 22,000 acres as Kempthorne flew over the



Soldiers from Fort Hood, Texas, wait to enter the Payette National Forest near Burgdorf Junction, Friday. Payette National Forest to see it at close range. "You see flames and how fast the smoke comes up. Suddenly you are smothered visually as the

winds begin to swirl," Kempthorne said, describing his view from a military Blackhawk. Please see FIRE, Page A2

What it takes to be great: Psychologists list attributes of successful presidents

The Associated Press
WASHINGTON - George and Al take note: A team of psychologists has determined that great presidents tend to be take-charge guys. They are smart, energetic and assertive, but not necessarily likable or straightforward. Agreeableness is highly desirable in a neighbor or spouse, the researchers con-

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cluded. But when it comes to ranking the great national leaders, "disagreeable presidents do somewhat better." "Being straightforward is not good in terms of a president" achieving greatness, but concern for other is, Steven J. Rubenzer of Houston told a session of the

American Psychological Association on Saturday. "Presidents who are not straightforward use a variety of tactics to persuade people and achieve their ends - LBJ and FDR being prime examples," the researchers said in a paper they presented. "They are not above tricking, cajoling, bullying, or lying if necessary. They are politicians playing the right tune to each

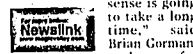
crowd." Rubenzer described the research, which he conducted with Thomas J. Faschingbauer of Richmond, Texas, and Deniz S. Ones of the University of Minnesota. The three consulted with 115 presidential historians who helped rate the nation's 41 presidents on a complex, 600-question psychological scale. The personality profiles were

Looking upstream

Effects of salmon plan on Idaho water might be long-term

By N.S. Nokkented
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - Recently unveiled salmon recovery efforts include continued water from Idaho - but whether that contribution would be permanent is not clear. Salmon recovery is a long-term effort, and it may have some long-term implications on Idaho water.



"Recovery in any meaningful sense is going to take a long time," said Brian Gorman, spokesman for the National Marine Fisheries Service. The recently released salmon recovery documents all refer to improved flow management and increased flow in the Snake and Columbia rivers as one of several steps to bring 12 salmon runs back from the brink of extinction. Four of those runs are Idaho salmon. And recovery plans include continuing to use water stored in federal reservoirs in southern Idaho to increase the flow through four federal dams on the lower Snake River in eastern Washington.

The Bureau of Reclamation supplies more than 1.5 billion acre-feet of water for so-called "flow augmentation" from Idaho. About 427,000 acre-feet of that comes from southern and eastern Idaho and eastern Oregon - a little more than half that being removed from federal reservoirs upstream from Milner Dam.

The salmon documents call for the Bureau to continue to supply that water and to continue its efforts to secure additional water for flow augmentation in the lower Snake River. But how long recovery efforts would continue to require flow augmentation, and whether the water would continue to be removed from the endangered species list, the agency's recommendations would no longer have any force. "It's too soon to tell," said Brian Brown, assistant regional administrator for hydro with the Fisheries Service. But if the salmon runs recover and are removed from the endangered species list, the agency's recommendations would no longer have any force.

Meanwhile, the Bureau of Reclamation has studied the effects of acquiring an additional 1 million acre-feet from southern and eastern Idaho and eastern Oregon.

The study projected that about 60 percent would come from the reservoirs above Milner. That's about 600,000 acre-feet or 15 percent of the 4 million acre-foot capacity of the federal reservoirs on the Snake River upstream of Milner Dam. About 30 percent would come from the Boise and Payette basins and the rest from Oregon.

Some question the benefit of the additional water for salmon, others say studies clearly show the water improves the survival of the fish through the system. The flow augmentation runs from April through August. The 427,000 acre-feet from southern Idaho combines with flows from Dworshak and Brownlee reservoirs to increase the river flow at Lower Granite Dam by more than 13,000 cubic feet of water per second for 72 days. The flow can be varied to higher amounts for shorter duration. Please see SALMON, Page A2

then compared with various ratings of the nation's best and worst presidents. Special attention was given to two of the best - George Washington and Abraham Lincoln. The psychologists found that the best performers could learn as they went along. "Openness to experience produced the highest correlation Please see PRESIDENTS, Page A2

THE REGION

MAGIC VALLEY FIVE-DAY FORECAST

YESTERDAY'S WEATHER

Camas Prairie

High: 90 Low: 55
Sunny today and clear tonight. Sunny on Monday with highs in the lower 90s.

Treasure Valley

High: 94 Low: 61
Sunny with light winds. Sunny on Monday with highs near 100.

Sawtooth Mountains/Wood River Valley

High: 83 Low: 45
Mostly sunny today and clear tonight. Mostly sunny on Monday with highs in the 80s.

Eastern Idaho

High: 87 Low: 51
Mostly sunny, with southwest winds 15-20 mph. Mostly sunny on Monday with highs in the 90s.

Northern Idaho

High: 96 Low: 63
Sunny and warm and clear tonight. Warm on Monday with highs in the 90s.

Northern Utah

High: 93 Low: 62
Mostly sunny with a slight chance of afternoon thunderstorms. Mostly sunny on Monday.

Northern Nevada

High: 92 Low: 58
Sunny, with west winds around 10 mph. A slight chance of showers.

Today

High: 92 Low: 58
Sunny, with west winds around 10 mph.

Monday

High: 93 Low: 57
Sunny.

Tuesday

High: 90s Low: 50s
Mostly sunny with a chance of afternoon thunderstorms.

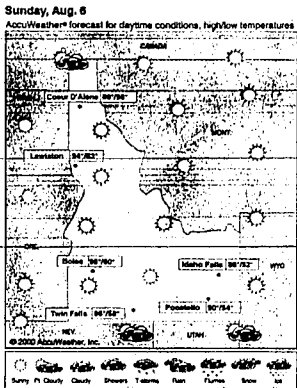
Wednesday

High: 90s Low: 50s
Mostly sunny with a chance of afternoon thunderstorms.

Thursday

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Idaho weather



National weather

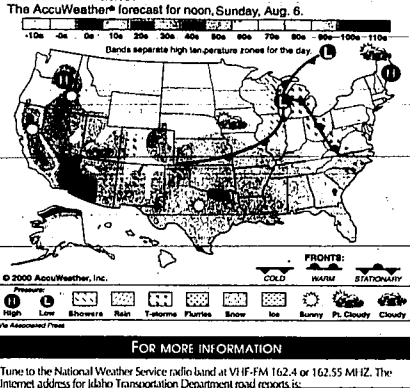


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Table with 2 columns: Location, High/Low temperatures. Includes Boise, Burley, Coeur d'Alene, etc.

The Nation

Table with 3 columns: City, High, Low. Lists major cities across the United States.

UV INDEX: 8. FIRE DANGER: The BLM's fire danger in South-Central Idaho is Mountain: High. Sky: W/ACH.

ACROSS THE NATION. The West was mostly calm Saturday, although storms were developing across the Rocky Mountains.

Sunset today: 8:52 p.m. Sunrise tomorrow: 6:36 a.m. Lunar phase: First quarter, Aug. 7; full, Aug. 15; last quarter, Aug. 22; new, Aug. 29.

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Presidents

Continued from A1. with historian ratings of greatness," they said, noting that Lincoln and Thomas Jefferson excelled in this category.

Personalities

Nearly all U.S. presidents can be ranked among eight general personality types, according to a team of psychologists studying what makes a great president.

Clinton vetoes GOP tax cut for married couples

The Associated Press. EDGARTON, Mass. - President Clinton vetoed a Republican-sponsored tax cut for married couples Saturday, describing it as "the first installment of a fiscally reckless tax strategy."

Fire

Continued from A1. helicopter. Following Friday's seven-hour bout of the two worst fires in the state - Burgdorf Junction and Clear Creek Fire - he said the flames could burn for months.

Salmon

Continued from A1. such as 26,000 cfs for 36 days. The Fisheries Service's goal for the lower Snake at Lower Granite is 85,000 to 100,000 cfs from April through June 20, and 50,000 to 55,000 cfs from June through August.

By the numbers

The federal Bureau of Reclamation provides about 1 million acre-feet of water from Idaho. 427,000 acre-feet from southern and eastern Idaho.

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Elmer DeLucia, left, and his brother Augustine DeLucia place a white cloth over the casket of their brother, U.S. Air Corps Staff Sgt. Anthony 'Bib' DeLucia Saturday in St. Bernard Catholic Church in Bradford, Pa.

Brothers have final reunion - 56 years after World War II death

BRADFORD, Pa. (AP) - It had been 58 years since Elmer DeLucia's last moment alone with his brother, and he did not want this one to go by too quickly.

When everyone else drifted away Saturday from the grave site of Staff Sgt. Anthony "Bib" DeLucia, Elmer DeLucia stood silent and motionless, watching as his brother's remains were lowered into the ground.

He had never expected to see his brother again.

On Aug. 31, 1944, Anthony DeLucia's B-24 crashed into a mountainside after a bombing run on Japanese ships near what is now Taiwan. The remains of the 10-member crew remained on the mountain for half a century, in 1948, the airman were declared killed in action.

Back in America, DeLucia's mother, never gave up hope that her son was alive. But by the time she died in 1968, Elmer DeLucia was certain his older brother was dead, his remains

lost forever.

Then, in 1996, Chinese farmers searching for herbs found the plane's wreckage on a 7,000-foot Kitten Mountain in China's Guangxi Province.

It has taken since then for the Department of Defense to identify each of the dead and return their remains to their families.

Six of the other nine airman will be buried Aug. 21 at Arlington National Cemetery. Families of the three others are burying them privately.

Keeping a promise made to his mother before her death, Elmer DeLucia laid his brother to rest Saturday at the family's hillside plot in a cemetery near the church where the DeLucia boys were baptized.

Military honors at the service included the presentation of a Purple Heart and an American flag to Elmer DeLucia and another surviving brother, Auggie DeLucia, both of whom received Purple Hearts in World War II

for their service.

About 600 people turned out in Bradford, about 220 miles northeast of Pittsburgh, as a hearse carried DeLucia's casket past factories and shops. A sign outside a hotel read "Welcome Home Bib DeLucia - War Hero," and 25 servicemen, some young and others long retired, lined up to salute.

The funeral reminded Stanley Black, a 66-year-old Air Force veteran who flew in Vietnam, of his own friends killed in combat.

"They were all like Bib," he said. "They were all doing what they had to do."

The last time Elmer DeLucia saw his older brother was in 1942, when DeLucia came to the end of a furlough while a broken leg mended.

He said his brother gave him a watch and a few final words.

"Bib said: 'I know you don't graduate for another year, but I don't know when I'll see you again,'" Elmer DeLucia said.

N.Y. officials confirm first case of virus

NEW YORK (AP) - Health officials have confirmed the country's first human case this year of the West Nile virus, which killed seven people last summer and has had cities in the Northeast spraying for mosquitoes.

A 78-year-old New York City man infected with the virus was recovering at home this weekend, health officials said.

The virus, transmitted to humans by mosquitoes, was first detected in the Western Hemisphere last year.

An aggressive pesticide-spraying campaign has helped keep West Nile at bay this year, but it has been found in birds and mosquitoes as far north as Boston, and authorities expect it to continue to spread.

Steven M. Ostroff, West Nile virus coordinator for the federal government's Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, said the next several weeks - when mosquitoes are out in the greatest numbers - would be a critical period.

"We're not entirely out of the woods until we get the first frost," he said.

The man treated for the virus became ill July 20 with fever, dizziness and lightheadedness, City Health Commissioner Dr. Neal Cohen said. He was hospitalized for a week.

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Policeman faces charges of killing disabled man

BLOOMINGTON, Ill. (AP) - Shannon Smith drove off from a service station without paying for a tank of gas, something the mentally disabled man had done on other occasions.

In the past, he usually returned to pay for the fuel. But this time, on July 24, police gave chase. Hours later, the 27-year-old Smith was dead, shot in the back as he sat behind the wheel

of his car, boxed in by police vehicles.

Now prosecutors say the part-time policeman who killed Smith went beyond the bounds of justifiable use of force. Officer Jeffrey Gabor, 23, was charged Tuesday with first- and second-degree murder and ordered held on \$500,000 bond.

"This is just such a tragedy from beginning to end, and it's

hurt a lot of people," said Judy Widman, assistant manager at the gas station in Chenoa, where the incident began.

"It's still hurting a lot of people."

Widman said Friday she isn't sure whether the charge against Gabor is justified because she doesn't understand exactly what happened - and in that she isn't alone.

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NATION

America's new monuments

Since taking office, President Clinton has created nine national monuments and expanded the Antiquities Act of 1906, which gives a president unilateral authority to create national monuments on federal land to protect objects of historic and scientific interest. Here is a glance at the newly protected lands.

1 California Coastal National Monument 840 miles Thousands of islands, rocks and reefs along the California coast with habitat for imperiled wildlife including the brown pelican and Steller sea lion. Created Jan. 11, 2000	2 Pinnacles National Monument 7,900 acres An expansion to the existing 15,300-acre Pinnacles National Monument, which contains unusual rock formations and wildlife including Golden Eagles. Jan. 11, 2000	3 Canyons of the Ancients National Monument 164,000 acres Contains highest known density of archaeological sites in the United States. June 9, 2000	4 Cascade-Siskiyou National Monument 52,000 acres At the convergence of Knappton and Cascade Mountains, it is one of America's most biologically diverse areas. June 9, 2000	5 Hanford Reach National Monument 195,000 acres Along the left bank of the U.S. stretch of the Columbia River, it provides spawning habitat for chinook and salmon. June 9, 2000	6 Ironwood Forest National Monument 129,000 acres Contains hundreds of ironwood trees, which can live more than 800 years, and many species of desert wildlife. June 9, 2000	7 Giant Sequoia National Monument 328,000 acres Protects 34 groves of ancient sequoias, which are among the largest trees on earth. April 15, 2000	8 Grand Canyon-Parashant National Monument 1 million acres Includes deep canyons, mountains and buttes on the north rim of the Grand Canyon. Jan. 11, 2000	9 Agua Fria National Monument 71,100 acres Contains prehistoric public ruins including petroglyphs, terraced agricultural areas and rock pueblos. Jan. 11, 2000	10 Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument 1.7 million acres Contains labyrinthine canyons, colorful cliffs and high desert plateaus with few roads or trails. Sept. 18, 1996
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Monumental decisions
Clinton alters West's political landscape

RICHLAND, Wash. (AP) - Skimming over the waves in his jet boat, Rich Steele gazed upon his beloved Columbia River and flashed a smile that threatened to stretch from shore to shore.

For 35 years, Steele had fought to protect this free-flowing stretch of the Columbia from development. Now, by presidential decree, it had become the Hanford Reach National Monument, and Steele could barely contain himself.

With the wind combing back his silver hair, he scanned the river, finding delights at every bend: a deer bounding along the shore, a heron launching itself with a squawk from a cottonwood tree, swallows darting from chalky white bluffs.

"It's Da!H!" Steele sang, throwing his arms out wide. "I've got myself a monument. Pretty spectacular, don't you think?"

Across the West, environmental activists like Steele have something to celebrate these days: President Clinton, trying to carve out an environmental legacy, has created or added to 10 national monuments covering nearly 4 million acres in the West - and administration officials have signaled more may be on the way.

The monuments protect an unprecedented array of natural wonders, from giant sequoias in California to archeological sites in Colorado to ancient ironwood trees in Arizona. The Hanford monument, one of four created June 9, protects 51 river miles of critical spawning grounds for salmon and 195,000 acres of surrounding grass and brush land.

Clinton is relying on the Antiquities Act of 1906, which gives a president unilateral authority to create national monuments on federal land to protect "objects of historic and scientific interest."

The monument designation, first used by President Theodore Roosevelt to protect the Grand Canyon, can remove land from mining, logging, grazing and other extractive uses that are allowed on much of the nation's 630 million acres of federal land.

Today, more than 100 monuments in 24 states and the Virgin Islands cover about 70 million acres. Even more monuments began as monuments but were converted later to national parks by Congress, including Grand Canyon, Death Valley, Glacier Bay, Olympic and Grand Teton national parks.

President Jimmy Carter holds the record for the most land set aside in monuments, having protected 56 million acres in Alaska - much of which went on to become parks and preserves by order of Congress.

In the lower 48 states, however, Clinton has put more land into national monuments than any other president, even Teddy Roosevelt.

Holding press conferences in scenic spots has given Clinton a chance to trumpet positive accomplishments in a presidency soiled by scandal.

"I believe maybe if there's one thing that unites our fractious, argumentative country-across-generations and parties and across time, it is the love we have for our land," Clinton said in January as he created a national monument nearly doubling the protected zone around the Grand Canyon.

But the monument designations

have raised controversy of their own. Critics complain that the designations bypass the normal give-and-take of the political process because they require no congressional approval.

"This process has no integrity," said Sen. Larry Craig, R-Idaho, who has filed a bill in Congress that would prevent a president from creating monuments without congressional approval.

"It's a matter of 'If you don't legislate it, I'm going to decree it.' I don't think that's the way a representative republic does it."

Even environmentalists, as pleased as they are, have expressed surprise at some of the new monuments, since they have been shut out of the decision-making process.

"There certainly is some logic to them once they get announced," said Charles Clusen, a public-lands specialist with the Natural Resources Defense Council, "but we don't really know a lot about what they're doing and when they do it."

Clinton and Department of Interior Secretary Bruce Babbitt consider many factors, officials say. Does the land have a diversity of wildlife? Is it important historically? Is it threatened by development? How strong is opposition to protecting the area? And perhaps most important, is there at least some local support for creating a monument?

Finding grassroots allies has become an important part of the Clinton administration's approach - nowhere more so than along Hanford Reach, the subject of intense debate for decades.

Rich Steele, retired at age 67 from a career making plutonium at the Hanford Nuclear Reservation, never guessed he'd be so important to national policy. He just wanted a place to fish.

Steele fell in love with the river at age 9, fishing for bass from its banks. As he grew older, he realized how rare the wild stretch of water in his backyard was.

Hydroelectric dams had turned most of the Columbia into a chain of long reservoirs. But here in eastern Washington, in the 51 miles between Richland and the Priest Rapids dam upstream, the river flowed freely the only undammed, non-tidal stretch of the Columbia in the United States.

In the 1980s, Steele started campaigning to get Hanford Reach protected under the Wild and Scenic River Act, a federal classification that limits commercial development.

As national environmental groups took note of Hanford Reach, momentum built during the 1980s for protecting it.

But local farmers opposed the idea, wanting to preserve options for opening up nearby federal land for irrigated farmland. County officials objected to the prospect of more federal regulations. And Department of Energy officials at Hanford worried that it might affect their operations.

After five more years of discussion, it appeared that an ad hoc committee representing environmentalists, Indian tribes, farmers and local, state and federal government was inching toward agreement. Then, in January of this year, the talk fell apart.

Secretary Babbitt, shopping for federal real estate in need of protecting, visited the reach in May,

Two weeks later, he recommended to Clinton that the area be made a national monument. A week after that, on June 9, Clinton made the formal designation.

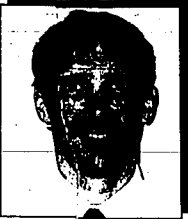
It was more than environmentalists had hoped for - and worse than any compromise plan opponents had seen. A wild and scenic river designation would have protected the river and a quarter-mile strip of shore on each side. The new monument did that and more, adding 97,000 acres to the north of the river and 75,000 acres already in an ecological reserve on the nuclear reservation.

"All of a sudden, one individual in the United States makes the determination of how that land is going to be protected," said Max Benita, a Benton County commissioner. "Why do we even have local governments?"

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Recommendations for ORW designation and protection have been made for certain segments of the South Fork of the Snake, Upper Boise, Selway, Middle Fork of the Salmon, and Upper Ste. Joe rivers.

Public comments must be received in writing by August 21, 2000, via mail, fax, e-mail or Website (and further information, including copies of the petitions, may be obtained) at these addresses:

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early 1980s, Dr. Ries told the 150 physicians and clinicians at the "Medical Management of AIDS" symposium that 159 of Utah's current 2,487 HIV and AIDS cases are in sparsely settled areas of the state where professional care is spotty, if not non-existent.

Ries said out of Utah's 2,487 cases, 65 percent involve male relationships, compared to 48 percent for the national average. A slightly lower percentage of Utah AIDS patients (18 percent) were injecting drugs, while nationally 26 percent were reported to have acquired AIDS through injecting drugs.

Utah's percentages also skew higher in other categories compared to the national average. For example, in Utah, 91 percent of AIDS cases reported since

1983 involve males, whereas nationally the average is 83 percent. Also, 10 percent of the cases involve children with hemophilia and 14 percent acquired the disease from transfusions—compared to three and four percent respectively for the nation as a whole on average.

Although financial support has been slow and difficult to generate for treatment of HIV/AIDS patients in rural areas, Dr. Ries has developed a program of what she calls "visiting clinics"—she and other clinicians going to rural areas to treat patients. Dr. Ries said the conservative atmosphere in Utah and the stigma attached to

HIV/AIDS makes it difficult for some victims of the disease to seek treatment. But she said that is slow disappearing, as local support groups involving HIV/AIDS

victims—even in small towns—are being formed and families are openly discussing the disease.

This brought a response from another specialist in the field, Dr. Andrew Pavia, director for clinical research at the University of Utah's AIDS Center.

"Many of these patients don't fit the preconceived profile of AIDS patients," Pavia said, adding that AIDS can hit anyone, anywhere.

Dr. Ries said that despite improved medication and improved medical knowledge about AIDS, without proper treatment, the disease is deadly. She cited several factors as debilitating to the health of AIDS patients, including a feeling of hopelessness, lack of family support, depression and lack of motivation in taking medication.

AIDS

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requesting anonymity because of the stigma of the disease that might affect his children with their friends.

Speakers agreed that the greatest myth about HIV/AIDS is that it is a disease largely confined to homosexuals. The disease now spreads more rapidly among heterosexuals, especially women and adolescents.

Dr. Meg Newman, an assistant professor of medicine at the University of California (San Francisco) School of Medicine, pointed out that many women who are falling victim to the disease acquire it from male partners.

The global perspective of HIV/AIDS was provided by Dr. Harold Jaffe, of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta, Ga. Worldwide, 33.6 million people have the disease; 90 percent of them are in Africa

or Southeast Asia and 3 percent are in North America; 15,000 new HIV cases are reported daily, 40 percent in women and mostly in developing nations; and 2.6 million people die each year.

Amid the grim news, however, some good news is being reported. Dr. Newman said in an interview that improved medications have meant simpler treatment regimens for victims as well as optimistic management of the disease. She said that with proper and prompt medication and ongoing treatment, HIV/AIDS victims can expect to survive the disease, much as diabetics can survive if properly treated.

But the outcome in places such as Africa is not as bright, she said, because of costs of medication as well as the lack of professional treatment.

Protesters complain of mistreatment

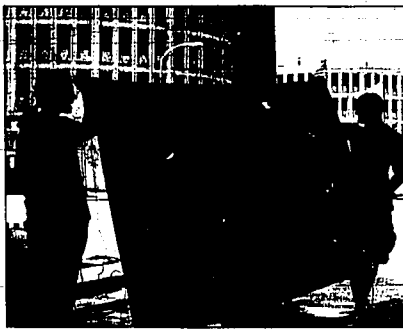
PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Activists say the detention center is filled with screams, that a man was handcuffed in a crucifix position to force him to submit to fingerprinting, and that a woman on a hunger strike writhed on the floor from lack of water and food.

Philadelphia police deny the accusations and say they have treated the nearly 400 protesters arrested during the Republican National Convention fairly. Civil rights attorneys who visited the detention center said they found no evidence to confirm abuse.

However, dozens of protesters told similar stories after their releases beginning Thursday afternoon. Some younger activists appeared visibly shaken, while even veteran protesters sounded weary and worried.

"I reacted by just collapsing in fright," said longtime activist Paul Davis of Philadelphia ACT UP, the nation's largest chapter of the AIDS advocacy group.

In a related matter, police say the leaders of several prominent protest training groups orchestrated property damage and violence during the convention and in other cities around the country.



Two protesters stand vigil across the street from police headquarters in Philadelphia Saturday.

"There's a cadre, if you will, of criminal conspirators who are about the business of planning conspiracies to go in and cause mayhem and cause property damage and cause violence in

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Republican presidential candidate Texas Gov. George W. Bush and his running mate Dick Cheney greet the crowd Saturday from the back of their campaign train as they make an impromptu stop in Battle Creek, Mich.

Bush says he's looking forward to Gore debate

DETROIT (AP) — With the GOP convention over, Republican presidential nominee George W. Bush said he is now eager for one-on-one debates with Vice President Al Gore.

"I view it as an opportunity to talk about what I believe for the country," Bush said. He suggested he could more than hold his own, even though he views Gore as "a very good debater."

"The first thing about a debate is to know what you believe. And I know what I believe," he said in an interview with The Associated Press aboard his campaign train.

However, he has yet to consider the format of such debates, how many there should be, or whether third-party candidates Pat Buchanan and Ralph Nader should be included in at least one.

Bush and Cheney are on a three-day post-convention campaign through important swing states, much of it done by rail.

As their train rumbled across Western Pennsylvania and into Ohio on Friday, Bush acknowledged it might be hard to hold the public's attention with the Democratic Convention next week, the Olympics in September and the World Series in early October. "Campaigns kind of ebb and flow," he said. "But ultimately, I believe, Dick and I are going to win, because America wants something different in Washington."

Bush said being the son of a president makes him more

On other topics, Bush

- Conceded the GOP's post-convention euphoria won't last, even though he still expects to win in November. "There are going to be some moments when the other team does well. I understand that."
- Minimized President Clinton's role, either as a booster for Gore or as a target for Republicans. "He is the last chapter in the 20th Century, and not a very successful chapter. I might add.... Al Gore is the opponent."
- Suggested the Pentagon consider other technologies for a national missile defense, including targeting missiles at launch. But he won't encourage Clinton to defer a deployment decision to his successor. "The president has got to make his call. He is the president."
- Said he would send running mate Dick Cheney to Midwest battleground states to campaign. Asked if that meant Cheney wouldn't be available to help GOP congressional candidates win so Republicans can retain control of the House and Senate, Bush didn't respond directly. Instead, he said, "A lot of times candidates shuffle vice presidents off to the hinterlands." In this case, however, he said Cheney will "be in the thick of the battle alongside me in the key electoral states."

patient as a candidate because he's seen his father go through the ups and downs of a campaign.

Gore promises campaign of taxes, environment, welfare, health care

WESTHAMPTON, N.Y. (AP) — Al Gore will sweep into the Democratic National Convention fresh from a tour designed to demonstrate he will "go the distance" on the environment, welfare reform, tax relief, health care and other issues, his campaign said Saturday.

The vice president and former senator of Tennessee will travel from his hometown of Carthage through southern and Midwest states, with a "handing of the baton" to Gore from President Clinton in Michigan on Aug. 5, spokesman Chris Lehane said. He then heads to the convention, Aug. 14 through Aug. 17 in Los Angeles, to accept the presidential nomination.

Gore said he'll announce his running mate on Tuesday, hoping to create some drama and deflate the 10-point bounce in the polls that rival George W. Bush gained from his just-finished Republican National Convention.

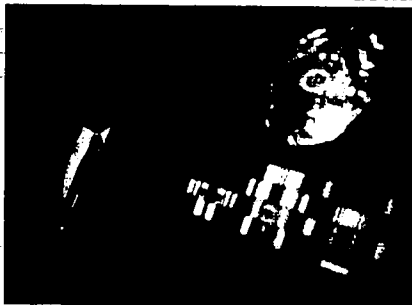
Gore has said his list of contenders is "six, plus an out-of-the-box possibility." He had yet to make a decision Saturday night, advisers said.

Of those six, a knowledgeable Democrat said the leading prospects are Sens. Evan Bayh of Indiana, John Kerry of North Carolina, John Kerry of Massachusetts and Joseph Lieberman of Connecticut.

Democrats inside and outside the Gore campaign, none of whom know for certain what Gore will do, are increasingly touting Kerry's prospects. A decorated Vietnam War veteran, Kerry would help Gore underscore his military service and cast the ticket as a new-generation alternative to Bush and Dick Cheney — the son of former President Bush and the elder Bush's defense secretary. Neither GOP candidate served in Vietnam.

"He's a charismatic, solid guy with national stature," said David Axelrod, a Chicago Democrat with ties to the Gore campaign. One official close to Gore, speaking on condition of anonymity, said a number to Gore advisers favor Kerry.

Republican consultant Scott Reed, who ran Bob Dole's 1996 presidential campaign, said Kerry would help Gore energize



Democratic presidential hopeful Vice President Al Gore greets officers and families of those selected as America's Top Cop Saturday in Washington.

Democrats but also would help Republicans cast the ticket as liberal. "He'd be a good pick, but in the end Republicans know the race is about Al Gore," Reed said. In an interview with ABC News, Gore was asked if

Lieberman, an Orthodox Jew, would face prejudice from some voters.

"I don't think those old distinctions and categories matter these days, the way they did in the past," Gore replied.

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Despite criticism GOP tries to woo minorities

The Philadelphia Inquirer

On the last evening of the Republican National Convention, before George P. Bush stood at the podium and hailed the start of "an nuevo dia," and his uncle, George W. Bush spoke the words, "We shall overcome," the party dotted the "i" in its message of inclusion with a press conference by black Republicans.

More than 40 delegates and lawmakers crowded onto a platform, while a woman handed out copies of a new magazine, The Black Pachyderm.

"We're going to aim high," said U.S. Rep. J.C. Watts, R., Okla. "I feel like I will not be the only African American Republican in the House of Representatives come November."

Watts' solitary role in Congress is one of many facts that contrast with the televised event - in which nearly every other face on the convention stage was one of color. A Latino lawmaker gave a whole speech in Spanish. African American gospel singers swayed onstage, scarves echoing the patterns of Kente cloth. Other minorities were paraded too - including openly gay Congressman Jim Kolbe, R., Ariz., who appeared at the podium to talk trade.

At the same time, according to an Associated Press survey, fewer than 4 percent of delegates identified themselves as black and only about 3 percent as Hispanic. The sea of faces in the hall was overwhelmingly white.

Now, with the convention over, the question remains whether its scripted diversity had deeper meaning, whether it



Rep. Jim Kolbe, R-Ariz., the GOP's only openly gay member in Congress, speaks Tuesday at the convention in Philadelphia about trade.

signifies a real change in the party's direction, whether the Republicans have what it takes to woo large numbers of traditionally Democratic minority voters.

Some saw the effort as craven opportunism.

After seeing the first night of the convention, Walter Boatwright, 61, a Philadelphia job developer who helps find work for the homeless, echoed the sentiments of many black voters interviewed last week when he said angrily, "Even though only a few of the delegates are black, all you saw was gospel singing and black faces. They think people are stupid, that we can't see through this, that we can't see it's all a big lie."

Rep. Watts and his colleagues insisted that Republicans were being sincere - that if they were not projecting the party's actual

level of diversity, then at least the image embodied a genuine hope.

"I can only tell you that what you are watching reflects our

future. It does not necessarily reflect our past or our present," said Colorado Lt. Gov. Joe Rogers, another black Republican who took the stage after Watts at the Thursday evening press conference.

Still, many people thought the show of diversity was too over-the-top to be taken as sincere. "My sense is that they've probably succeeded too well," said Alan Brinkley, the chairman of Columbia University's history department, who studies 20th century American history. "The level of artificiality in this is so palpable that it's hard to imagine that many people believe this is the true Republican Party on display. It's a Potemkin village."

In fact, he said, Republicans have not attracted sizeable number of black voters in many decades.

"There hasn't been a significant black presence in the Republican Party since the 1920s - and there hasn't been a

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- Joe Rogers, Colorado GOP lieutenant governor, who is black

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significant black voting presence since Reconstruction."

The party of Lincoln, the party that won the post-Civil War loyalty of black Americans, squandered that loyalty, said Larry Sabato, director of the University of Virginia's Center for Governmental Studies.

"People forget that what few African Americans could vote in the North or the South generally voted Republican for most of

the post-Civil War era right through the 1956 election - and even in 1960, despite John F. Kennedy's call to Coretta Scott King when Rev. King was in jail," said Sabato.

But remaining links to the GOP were broken once and for all in 1964 with presidential candidate Barry Goldwater, who as a senator voted against the Civil Rights Act. "That was the real turning point," Sabato said.

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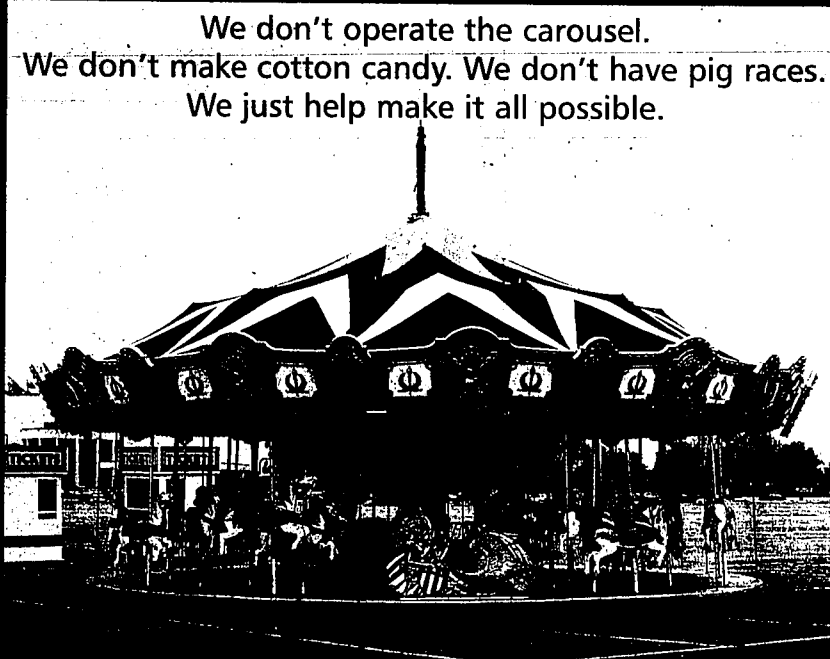
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Soldiers drop their guns to pick up shovels

Some troopers find job harder than military ventures

BURGDDORF (AP) - Sgt. Brad Rhoden traded his M-16 for a pick and shovel and dug in against a wildfire in the Idaho mountains...



Soldiers from Fort Hood, Texas, work their way Friday through the thick brush and burnt trees in the Payette National Forest near Borgdorf Junction in Idaho. They were looking for hot spots to extinguish during their first day of fire fighting.

"The hiking is worse than in Bosnia, and the living conditions are better there," Rhoden said as he and nearly 600 others from Fort Hood, Texas, became the first soldiers to begin battling blazes that have stretched resources thin across the West.

"This has nothing to do with what I trained for," Rhoden said. "I'm here because my country needs me." More than 62,000 wildfires have charred 3.8 million acres so far this year in what officials are calling the worst Western fire season in 50 years.

Five hundred Marines joined the fire in Idaho, and a second battalion of Marines was scheduled to arrive during the weekend and be on the lines by Tuesday. The Forest Service also announced Friday that 200 Canadian firefighters and 500 additional U.S. Army troops were joining the effort.

Rhoden and his fellow soldiers were given two days of training last week, shown how to cut fire lines, dig ditches and create fire routes, then they were sent Friday to battle a 20,000-acre fire 25 miles north of McCall in the Payette National Forest.

The fire is far from the biggest in the West - an Idaho blaze near the Montana state line has blackened 102,000 acres - but the soldiers' presence is allowing experienced Forest Service crews to tackle other assignments.

Military forces have been sent in as reinforcements to help the nation's 20,000 civilian wildfire fighters previously, most recently in 1996. The worst year was 1988, when eight battalions, 57 helicopters and eight air tankers helped battle flames that ravaged Yellowstone National Park. Rhoden and several friends talked about their new combat duty while taking refuge from the hot sun in a relatively spacious mess tent.

In Idaho for less than a week, their eyes were bloodshot, feet blistered and grimy uniforms smelled of smoke. When they have had time for breaks, they've slept in canvas pup tents pitched on steep, rocky ground. There are only eight showers for the entire battalion.

"Kuwat wasn't hard compared to this place," Staff Sgt. Ian Campbell said with a wry smile. "Here you're constantly working. It's something I haven't seen in a while: Soldiers getting in the dirt and just working."

The soldiers had been trudging through thick ash, putting out embers inside a secured fire line that has been protecting a settlement of several dozen homes.

Their weapons: 10-pound pulaskis, a combination ax and ax, and McLeods, a combination shovel and pick that weigh about the same.

"I'd rather have my M-16," Rhoden said. Sgt. Sylvester Gary had been assigned to fires before and knew some of what to expect. But struggling up and down an Idaho mountain was taking a toll. "That bad boy was hard on my feet," Gary said. "I thought I was in shape before I came here."

But morale is high. "We're saving peoples' lives, we're helping safeguard this property out here," said Lt. Col. Darryl Williams, who commands the task force.

Montana fires continue to be the prime focus

HAMILTON, Mont. (AP) - Choking smoke veiled homes and businesses here Saturday as flames turned forest to ash just a few miles away in one of dozens of blazes that have made Montana a leading hot spot on the West's fire map.

"The Northern Rockies area is the hottest place in the country at the moment, and it's mostly Montana," said Lynn Pisanopedigo, spokeswoman at the National Intergency Fire Center in Boise, Idaho.

Montana's 16 largest fires had burned about 135,000 acres by Saturday, and smaller fires had blackened thousands more.

Across the West on Saturday, about 70 large fires were burning on more than 747,100 acres, according to the National Fire Information Center. The biggest, in Idaho, had charred at least 102,000 acres near the Montana border. "Montana may not have the greatest amount of acreage, but it has more new (fire) starts and more severe weather, lightning going through," Pisanopedigo said.

"The weather system hasn't changed significantly in the last couple of weeks," she said. "You

do have the summer thunderstorms. But unfortunately, there isn't a lot of moisture connected with these. You get a lot of dry lightning."

More than 300 homes have been evacuated in southwestern Montana's Bitterroot National Forest, and officials in the Hamilton area warned Saturday that more than 300 additional evacuations could be necessary. North of Missoula, residents of 12 homes fled Friday night, threatened by one of the state's smaller fires, a 2,000-acre blaze on the Flathead reservation.

A health alert in the Hamilton area advised those planning to remain to stay indoors because of the heavy smoke. In other parts of the state, dense smoke from fires south of Helena obscured the Capitol dome.

So far this year, more than 62,000 wildfires, mostly in the West, have burned 3.8 million acres.

Hundreds of Army soldiers and Marines have been sent to help weary civilian fire crews, and Forest Service Chief Mike Dombeck announced Friday that 200 Canadian firefighters were coming to Montana to help.

Flames force park closure again

MESA VERDE NATIONAL PARK, Colo. (AP) - A wildfire at the nation's largest archeological preserve swelled to 3,500 acres Saturday and was burning on a mesa near several ancient cliff dwellings.

Because of the cliff dwellings' locations and lack of vegetation around them, they aren't in danger from the flames, said Rob Morrison of the Durango interagency dispatch center.

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WORLD



A demonstrator holds a sign Saturday reading 'Nazis Out' during a protest of right-wing activists of the so-called 'young national democrats,' the youth organization of the National Democratic Party in Tostedt, Lower Saxony, Germany.

Police detain dozens of neo-Nazis

BERLIN (AP) - Police detained dozens of neo-Nazi supporters trying to hold a rally Saturday, while hundreds of Germans took the streets in an anti-Nazi protest decrying the rise in racist attacks. The arrests came after courts banned the extreme-right National Democratic Party (NPD) from holding a rally in Bad Berka, a resort near Weimar in eastern Germany, calling it a danger to public safety.

Around 100 skipheads were taken into custody by police as they tried to attend anyway.

About 1,200 people turned out for the anti-Nazi demonstration in Duesseldorf, where an explosion July 27 at a rail station injured 10 recent immigrants from the former Soviet Union, six of them Jewish.

Although police have yet to determine a motive, the possibility that the grenade was set off by right-wing extremists has triggered a wave of national soul-searching and demands for action

to stop the daily occurrences of neo-Nazi offenses, ranging from spray-painting swastikas to three fatal attacks so far this year.

"It's true that Hitler and his followers were beaten militarily 55 years ago, but in the year 2000 they're still not politically defeated," author Ralph Giordano told the crowd.

His remarks were echoed by onlookers, some of whom noted sadly that a rally demanding tougher leash laws for attack dogs two weeks ago attracted nearly 10 times as many people.

"Sometimes I'm afraid it's already much too late," said Elisabeth Debener, an 81-year-old retiree who lived through the Nazi era. More than 50 years later, one of her acquaintances is harassed on the street because of his dark skin when they walk together to the train, she said.

"We're in a situation in which one has to be afraid," she said.

In the eastern city of Eisenach, more than 300 people gathered

Friday night to show support for two African men who were kicked and spit at and chased through the town by a gang a week ago.

Nine young neo-Nazis were jailed overnight for threatening to disrupt that demonstration. Police said their leader, an NPD member, had a banner with an anti-foreigner slogan hidden under his clothing.

Some 250 NPD attended a rally Saturday that the party was allowed to hold in Tostedt, east of Bremen.

Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder's government is considering having the fringe NPD declared unconstitutional for agitating against foreigners, leftists and other minorities.

But Interior Ministry Otto Schily expressed serious reservations. Banning the party runs the risk of sending its members underground and making them even more militant, he said in Der Spiegel magazine.

U.N. peacekeepers deploy on Israeli border

MARJAYOUN, Lebanon (AP) - U.N. peacekeepers fanned out Saturday along the Lebanese-Israeli border, completing their deployment for a mission to bring stability to a zone occupied by Israel until May and controlled since by guerrillas.

White armored vehicles flying the blue U.N. flag cruised without incident along the border fence that has been the most violent front of the Arab-Israeli conflict for more than 20 years.

The deployment clears the way for Lebanon to station its own troops in the former Israeli-occupied zone, where anti-Israeli guerrillas have been the de facto authority since the Israelis left on May 24.

Michel Murr said Saturday that a force of 1,000 soldiers and police officers were poised to enter the zone. A government official said on condition of anonymity the Lebanese force would deploy early next week.

In Jerusalem, Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Barak welcomed the U.N. deployment, issuing a statement that he hoped it would "bring stability and security to the area" and allow Israelis living near the border to lead normal lives.

The operation, which began at 6 a.m. and lasted most of the day, went smoothly. Some 370 U.N. troops took up positions along border, sometimes taking over posts vacated by Hezbollah guerrillas.

A high-ranking Indian officer at the U.N. headquarters in the south Lebanon town of Naqura said "all necessary measures were taken with Lebanese officials, who coordinated with all parties on the ground, including Hezbollah." He spoke on condition of anonymity.

Iran, Hezbollah's backer, welcomed the U.N. deployment. Iranian Foreign Minister Kamal Kharrazi said he hoped it would prevent any further Israeli incursions into Lebanon, the official Islamic Republic News Agency reported.

Finnish soldiers of the 5,000-member U.N. force set up a position on the Lebanese side of the border across from the Israeli town of Metulla.

Turkey encourages Palestinians

ANKARA, Turkey (AP) - Turkish President Ahmet Necdet Sezer urged visiting Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat on Saturday to press ahead with peace talks with Israel.

Since the breakdown of two weeks of talks at Camp David on July 25, Arafat has renewed his pledge to declare an independent Palestinian state on Sept. 13 even if a final peace accord is not reached.

Turkey already recognizes Palestinian independence and allows the Palestinians to maintain

an embassy. But its leaders are concerned a unilateral declaration of Palestinian statehood could spark renewed conflict in the Middle East. Turkey is also a strong ally of the United States and has close economic and military ties with Israel.

Despite the lack of an agreement at Camp David, "it is a fact that several steps that cannot be neglected were taken toward peace," Sezer said after a meeting with Arafat in Ankara, Turkey's capital.

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Amputees wait their turn June 25, while others are examined outside a field hospital set up by the Prosthesis Foundation of Thailand in Aranyaprathet, Sakae province, Bangkok.

Thai group turns recyclables-into artificial limbs

ARANYAPRATHET, Thailand (AP) — It was three years ago that Wisit Krairitin stepped on a land mine as he herded water buffaloes across a meadow near the Thai-Cambodian border.

"The whole world blew up in my face, and my first thought was: 'Why me? Why not the buffaloes?'" the 29-year-old farmer recalled. "Later, I thought that Lady Luck had stood by my buffaloes. They returned safely home on their four legs."

With his right leg amputated at the knee, Wisit has used a prosthetic leg, but after three years of hard work it has worn out and he needs a new one.

That's not an easy proposition for Wisit, since an artificial leg costs around \$25 and he earns about 5 cents a day.

So he got one for free, a leg made of materials recycled from discarded aluminum cans and plastic bottles.

The recycling program is led by the Prosthesis Foundation of Thailand, which makes the rounds of rural areas in a mission to provide free artificial limbs to every poor land mine victim in Thailand. Hundreds of farmers, many poor, have been crippled by land mines along Thailand's borders with Cambodia and Myanmar, where internal wars have spilled over into Thai territory in the form of hidden minefields.

The foundation was founded in 1992 by the late mother of King Bhumibol Adulyadej. In recent years donations to the group decreased, said Therdchai Cheewaker, the foundation's chief

doctor. So a new way had to be found to lower production costs of prosthetic devices.

The foundation began a collection of discarded plastic bottles, which were turned into plastic sheets for use in prosthetic devices. For metal needed to fashion artificial limbs, the foundation gathered used aluminum cans.

Ajinomoto Sales of Thailand, which produces coffee in popular flip-top cans, helped the foundation when it started a nationwide

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Diamonds turn to guns in smuggling network

The Associated Press

The guns come from Libya, Ukraine and Bulgaria, snaking their way from distant arms factories to the dense forests of West Africa and into the hands of a vicious rebel movement. From the other direction come small chips of carbon — diamonds that end up in trading houses in New York, Antwerp and Tel Aviv.

And right in the middle of it all, according to a growing chorus of international accusations, are two African presidents whose poverty-ravaged nations have become the main conduits for millions of dollars in weapons and gems moving in and out of rebel-held Sierra Leone.

The governments of Charles Taylor, the former warlord turned Liberian president, and Blaise Compaore, the president of Burkina Faso, are accused of funneling guns to rebels who have wreaked years of horror on

Sierra Leone, and of smuggling out the diamonds they mine.

"All the available evidence supports the allegations that Liberia and Burkina Faso, particularly their two presidents, have been deeply involved with the rebels," said Sierra Leone's information minister, Julius Spencer. His words were echoed by American and British officials, who lashed out at the two nations during recent U.N. hearings.

Officials from both countries denied the charges, demanding proof and pledging to cooperate with investigators.

Regional officials and diplomats say Liberia remains the main pipeline, since it shares a border with Sierra Leone.

But the rebel Revolutionary United Front has close ties to both countries and uses its connections to help pay for a war that has left Sierra Leone bankrupt, tens of thousands of people dead and thousands more mutilated in a campaign of terror.

A top Sierra Leonean official familiar with the smuggling network, speaking on condition of anonymity, said Burkina Faso provides the end-user certificates that weapons companies require to ship arms.

Burkina Faso buys the weapons from Ukraine or Bulgaria — or is given them by Libya — and the guns are repackaged and flown to Liberia, the official said. From there, the weapons — from light arms to shoulder-launched ground-to-air missiles — are often hand-carried through the thick jungle to rebel bases.

The official said testimony by rebel defectors and intelligence agents in all three countries supported the assertions.

Flowing the other way is a stream of uncut diamonds from rebel-controlled diamond fields, where thousands of diggers sift silt in search of gems.

While some diamonds go directly to the private market,

others are paid to rebels in a semi-formalized taxation system, Sierra Leone-based diamond dealers say. RUF diamonds are then taken to Liberia and either sold or smuggled to Burkina Faso, Ivory Coast or Guinea, then sold to diamond brokers.

Liberia's own diamond production in recent years is estimated at between 100,000 and 150,000 carats — worth less than \$10 million. However, it has exported 6 million carats of RUF diamonds worth \$300 million, U.S. officials say.

The rebels earn an estimated \$30-50 million, and perhaps as much as \$125 million a year from illicit diamond sales, according to Richard Holbrooke, U.S. ambassador to the United Nations.

Speaking at a U.N. hearing on Sierra Leone last week, U.S. diplomats warned both countries could face consequences if the trade continues — including a freeze on foreign assets and visa restrictions.

Europeans ban travel to Montenegro

PRISTINA, Yugoslavia (AP) — The Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe on Friday banned its staff from traveling to Montenegro, amid calls for Yugoslav authorities to release two British police officers and two Canadians arrested by the army earlier in the week.

In a memo to its staff throughout the Balkans, the OSCE said the arrests were part of a pattern of activity indicating that "the security situation in Montenegro is taking a turn for the worse."

Clearly, it would be unwise to offer an opportunity for the (Yugoslav army) to use a chance encounter with OSCE people traveling without visas as another propaganda coup," said the memo from the European security organization.

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The memo came a day after the Yugoslav army announced that it had arrested the four on suspicion of spying and training separatist forces in pro-Western Montenegro.

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EDITORIAL

Don't be too quick to halt Idaho's welfare reform

The debate over welfare reform has many tangents, but at the heart of the argument is a single question: "What is the best way to help people help themselves?"

The intent of welfare has never been to create a permanent alternative to gainful employment. Human nature being what it is, whenever welfare benefits are plentiful, long-lived and easy to obtain, the inevitable result is a culture of dependency.

That's why the 1997 Idaho Legislature was correct to revise the state's welfare system. Eligibility requirements were tightened, maximum monthly payments were trimmed, and lifetime benefits were limited to two years.

The aim was to provide a safety net while nudging unemployed people to find work. Lawmakers believed it was a better way to help people help themselves.

And so, the number of Idaho families on welfare has declined. In 1996, more than 9,000 families were receiving cash assistance from the state. Today, the figure is less than 1,200.

No good deed goes unpunished in the eyes of dependency liberals. What Idaho conservatives see as sensible welfare reform, the liberals decry as a senseless escalation of poverty. A coalition of community groups is urging state leaders to

expand the two-year limit on lifetime benefits to match the federal limit of five years. The group also wants to boost maximum monthly payments from \$293 to \$515.

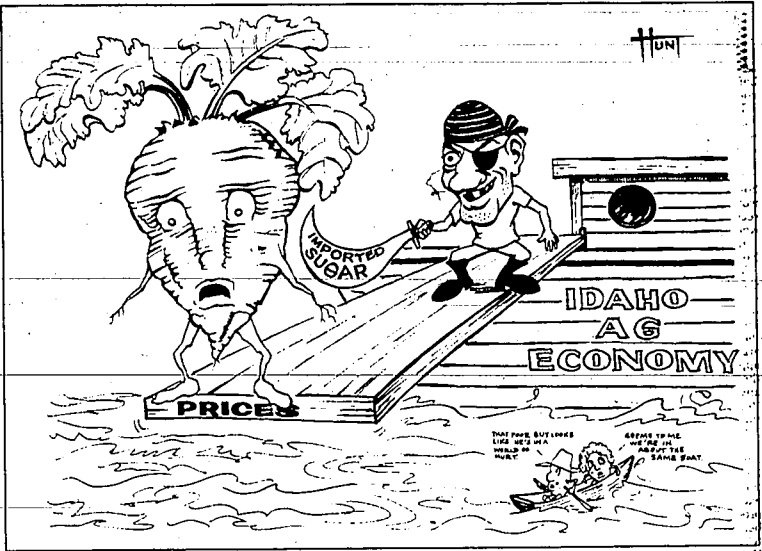
Hello? We've been down this path before - and it didn't work very well. Keeping poor people in financial servitude to the government is treating the symptoms, not the causes, of poverty. No one should be under any illusion about the immediate job prospects for people who leap from welfare to work. They often are entry-level, service economy positions that, ideally, are stepping stones to better opportunities.

At a psychological level, a newly found work ethic instills a sense of self-esteem in formerly idle people. Being a worker at any level beats the soul-withering emptiness of idleness.

In today's economy, when unemployment is low and workers have their pick of jobs, there is little reason for able-bodied people to remain unemployed for long. With so many jobs available, eager employers often pay far more than the minimum wage of \$5.50 per hour.

Again, entry-level wages won't provide luxuries for people who are raising families. But they are honest wages for honest work. That beats the alternative, which is no job, no incentive, and no hope.

A work ethic instills a sense of self-esteem in people who were formerly idle. Being a worker at any level beats the soul-withering emptiness of idleness.



Gore looks like the underdog now

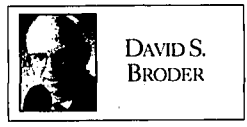
PHILADELPHIA - Lifted by an acceptance speech of exceptional eloquence and powered by a party enjoying unusual unity, Texas Gov. George W. Bush embarks on the final stage of his quest for the White House with prospects that almost measure up to his brimming self-confidence.

He has passed the first three tests on the way to the presidency with room to spare. He won the nomination early and with minimal bloodshed. He picked a solid running mate in former Defense Secretary Dick Cheney who is adequate in campaign jingles and outstanding in governmental experience and capacity - a healthy augury of the quality that might be expected in a Bush administration. And the acceptance speech he delivered Thursday night was a success.

It contained almost everything good political rhetoric can provide - humor, personal warmth, effective jibes at the opposition and glimpses of what his father, the former president, used to call "the vision thing." And Bush had rehearsed it enough to make it his own.

With these tests behind him, it would be tempting to say that Bush is most of the way to the White House - tempting but wrong. Michael Dukakis passed those three tests in 1988 - and ended up a loser. Richard Nixon did so in 1960, but was beaten by John Kennedy.

Neither of them, however, enjoyed as broad and enthusiastic support in their own party as Bush has as he goes out to challenge Vice President Al Gore. Those who say conventions have lost their meaning in this era of presidential primaries and mass media communications miss one thing.



DAVID S. BRODER

The conventions are still the places where the politicians of the 50 states gauge each other's honest expectations and decide whether the investment of time, money and effort they will be asked by the nominee to make over the next three months really has a chance to produce a victory. For the Republicans who came to Philadelphia, the answer is overwhelmingly "yes."

"They think he's a winner," said veteran Mississippi Republican Clarke Reed, explaining why potentially difficult disputes over the party roles and platform had been settled without a fuss.

And from one end of the Republican spectrum to the other - from Phyllis Schlafly to Christine Todd Whitman - they left here willing to work for the Bush-Cheney ticket.

But even with all this, Bush's work is far from done. Immediately ahead is a Democratic convention where - unless it is mishandled - Gore will finally escape from the large, dark shadow of the Clinton presidency and become in fact, as well as in name, the party's standard-bearer. And beyond that, in October, loom the television debates where Bush will be required to defend his policies and plans.

The burden remains on Bush's shoulders to explain to Americans why they need to change parties in the White

House. At this convention, no one challenged the unstated premise of his acceptance speech - that this era of sustained prosperity with rising real incomes and the prospect of once-unimaginable budget surpluses just happened by itself. It did not. The sources of this success are many, but they clearly included the budget decisions of 1993 and 1997 - decisions which Gore played a significant part. Bush can legitimately point to his distance from the Washington scandals and partisan squabbling that have disgusted so many Americans. But he can claim no credit for one of the best economic records in history.

Unless Gore is totally inept, he will make that point. And, if he can avoid the nasty tone in which his campaign too often speaks, he has grounds on which to debate Bush's innovative suggestions for education, Social Security and other topics - and to challenge the governor's conspicuous lack of a serious proposal for providing prescription drug benefits to the elderly.

But the vice president is now the underdog in this race. Bush is seen by the public as a stronger leader - and, by almost any measure, a man more likely to help cure the poisonous partisanship of the capital city. It is also the case - as every pollster here can demonstrate - that the smaller turnout in November the better the prospects that Bush will win. Gore has a double assignment: to persuade people that he should be president and to motivate them to vote. His work begins in earnest next week.

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Then, in a matter of months, the market crashed. Optimists lost millions, particularly those who joined late. No longer was this the new darling of venture capital. It was just another industry, offering reasonable reward for reasonable risk.

We're talking about the dot-com industries of the '90s, aren't we? Not this time. We're talking about an industry of the '80s - and 1880s. The industry that spawned a thousand movies, the industry of cowboys and frontier, the industry that helped to define American life and culture: the cattle-trail industry of the Old West. If that world of lone prairies and lawless cow towns is long gone, its motivating force seems to be with us still: huge investments in a romantic new industry, sure to reap fantastic profits with little risk.

Common sense would seem to argue against this. But American investment patterns seem only occasionally based on common sense, whether their subjects be Web sites or cattle herds. The great market crash of Old West cattle speculation is not likely to be featured on cereal boxes or cigarette packets. Nevertheless, this process of rags to riches and back to rags seems to reflect a

tradition in the United States, playing out yet again today in the frenzy of Internet stock speculation.

After the Civil War, Texas cattle owners discovered the economic advantages of driving stock north to rail heads for shipping to high-priced Eastern markets. Early on, a herd owner's profits could be as amazing as a dot-com's. Beef short-ages back East drove prices skyward, and Texas longhorns actually got fatter as they grazed their way to Kansas and points north.

Like our own era, it was a period of economic expansion. The wealthy had idle money. Why not put it to work in the blazingly profitable cattle industry of the romantic West? Like Internet-based industries, the stock-raising business relied on trained professionals. But that didn't matter then, no more than it seems to matter now: you just employed on-site cattle bosses (pixel bosses?) to handle that.

Just as a megaherd of financial writers has booted up for dot-coms a herd of 19th-century writers tracked bullish on cattle. At its frenzy in the three years after 1883, money poured into the Western cattle business. Elegant clubs such as Wyoming's Cheyenne Stock Growers Association offered sumptuous facilities to visiting owners, much as dot-com owners living on venture capital have pampered themselves.

By 1885, cattle-town newspapers were predicting disaster. Overgrazing made feed scarce, while beef prices fell in the St. Louis and Chicago markets. As new Internet stocks have been built on

increasingly risky speculation, managers of the huge but high-risk cattle outfits put on the happy face expected of them. They chronically underreported years of attrition and winter stock losses and overreported increases. Cattle dealers overestimated the size of herds they sold; Eastern investors didn't know the difference.

The crash, the "big die-off," came the winter of 1886-87. A harsh winter after a dry summer left little for range cattle expected to rustle up for their own winter feed. What was left the following spring many remember in a single picture by C.M. Russell - an emaciated cow titled "The Last of 5,000."

The single winter's cattle die-off may not have been as bad as that, but managers took the opportunity offered by nature to tot up unreported losses of several years on one balance sheet. The numbers shocked imprudent investors. Some of the largest and most famous operations went broke. Theodore Roosevelt may have gotten his strength from North Dakota, as he said, but he certainly did not increase his fortune there.

The die-off crushed the frenzy of speculation in cattle. Few absentee financiers survived. Local ranchers filled the void to make the industry reasonably profitable for those who knew what they were doing and had modest expectations.

Today's investment frontier may be online instead of on the hoof, but it seems that a die-off here, too, will leave a few profitable survivors who know the industry and keep their expectations modest. It's an American tradition.

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Even the protesters were dull

PHILADELPHIA - It's popular to say that dull the political conventions are now that everything is decided before the delegates arrive to vote.

In the past weeks, everyone coming to Philadelphia for the Republican convention was complaining about how dull it was going to be.

Well, they greatly underrated how uninteresting the convention would be. If there was a world's record for dull, this convention would have broken it.

It was "Ripley's Believe It or Not!" dull.

The Republican National Committee is to be congratulated because this is just the way it wanted the convention to be. They didn't want anyone rocking the boat - no ruffled feathers, no arguments, no dissension. It was apparent that the committee felt the American public was tired of anything negative. It was as if all Republicans agreed on everything.

I don't know who came up with it, but the Republican slogan, emblazoned in letters eight feet high on the side of the convention hall was a tipoff to how excruciatingly uninteresting the proceedings inside were going to be. It read, "RENEWING AMERICA'S PURPOSE TOGETHER."

How does that grab you? Does it make you want to get out there and crusade for the Republican Party - but maybe take a little nap first? It's meaningless but, at least, no one dissenses with it. Another interesting thing about how uninteresting everything was, was that even the demonstrators in Philadelphia were dull. It was as if they, too, had been organized by the Republican National Committee. The demonstrators had a hard



ANDY ROONEY

time getting together enough people to make a picture for television news. They seemed like angry young protesters with nothing to protest. It was never clear what they were for or against but whatever it was, they felt strongly about it.

On Monday, there was supposed to be a big demonstration by the homeless and it was so small and uninspired that no one paid much attention to it. There were lots of police but nothing for them to do. Too many of the homeless looked as if they couldn't wait until the demonstration was over so they could go home. On Tuesday, one demonstrator threw a bottle but most of them were about like fans at a soccer game.

Everywhere you went in Philadelphia, there were cops and barricades to prevent the demonstrators from disrupting things. I've seen pedestrians trying to cross Fifth Avenue and 42nd Street in New York disrupt things more than any of the demonstrators did in Philadelphia.

George W. Bush's wife, Laura, started things off the first night with a good speech. She was not only good but she sounded as though she wrote some of it herself. Colin Powell, who unlike most military men seems to have dropped "general" from his title, came close to being controversial when he implored Republicans to pay more attention to African-Americans.

Powell broke with the Republican Party on the issue of abortion four years ago but this time he didn't mention that he believes in a woman's right to choose. It seems likely that someone from the Republican National Committee got to Powell in advance of his speech and, in the interest of keeping the convention bland, asked him not to bring it up.

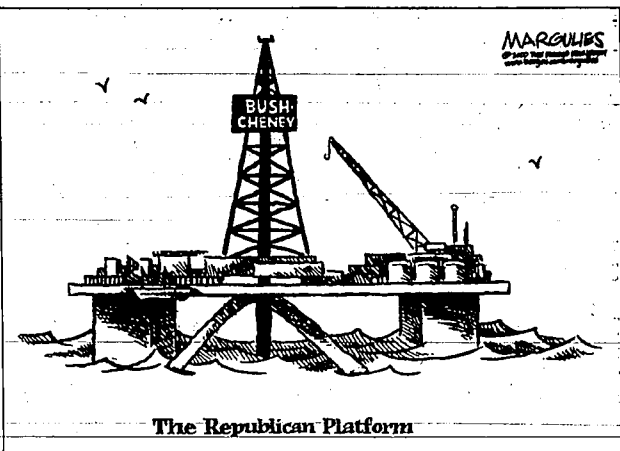
Abortion and gun control are highly flammable issues and the Republicans running the convention made sure they didn't come up.

Hard-line conservative groups like the Christian Coalition had a low profile at the convention and this must also have been the committee's choice. No one from the right-wing Christian movement is going to vote for a Democrat anyway, so the Republicans had nothing to lose by giving them short shrift at the convention.

The Republicans were trying to appeal to a wide variety of potential voters so they threw a little something in a lot of different directions. There were a few minority American sprinkled throughout the audience on the convention floor but the frequency of the display of their faces on television gave an exaggerated impression of their actual numbers. There was a gay speaker, a handicapped speaker, a rabbi, but when I mingled with delegates, I did not get the impression that gays, the handicapped or rabbis were in the majority.

The Republicans tried to leave no stone with a vote under it unturned, and they may have succeeded, but the convention was as tediously contrived as an episode of "Survivor."

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LETTERS

Spray paint deserves action

We were riding our motorbikes on July 19 in the South Hills and ran across three women on horses. They started with, "Why do you have to go so fast?" instead of "Hello." Next was, "Don't pull our flags off the trees!" instead of "How are you?" Contrary to our impression of them not liking our "noisy" dirt bikes, we were nice.

The reason these horsewomen were up there was to mark a trail for a "race," as they called it, on Saturday, July 22. We came to find out they had been issued a special-use permit from the Forest Service.

I returned for another ride on July 27 and was nauseated and appalled, to say the least. These horsewomen had spray painted in hot pink, no less - trees, logs, rocks, roots, whatever they thought they should to make sure their race participants wouldn't take the wrong trail. God forbid they would haul stakes, hammer, paper, a Sharpie and a stapler to mark the race route.

A horse-only trail was made for the horse enthusiasts to ride on. I get belly-ached at by horsewomen because there has been "mountain bike" tracks on their trail as I'm sitting on my motorbike. I can't see why Mommy would yell at Bobby when Jimmy is the one who spilled the milk. They come on everybody else's trail, use it as their own and massacre the beauty and the reason I ride in the mountains.

Who should take the brunt? I cannot imagine the Forest Service adding to the special-use permit, "Allowed to grossly vandalize and spray graffiti on mountain trails." I challenge the Forest Service officials to charge whoever is responsible for this ridiculous act.

It is frustrating to share our wilderness, isn't it?
P.S. - Kudos to Mary Bellem's letter on July 29.
TODD RAMBUR
Twin Falls

Conservancy benefits Idaho

About one month ago, I wrote a letter to The Times-News disputing George Wuertlner's highly critical letter where he stated the National Conservancy had "changed its mission" because it now worked with ranchers. To the contrary, I pointed out Silver Creek as an example of how the Nature Conservancy has been working with ranchers for nearly a quarter century here in Idaho.

Wuertlner responded on July 19 and did a nice job of twisting that response into a discussion of whether or not there should be cattle grazing anywhere in the West.

My point was and is that conservationists can accomplish a great deal by building trusting relationships with people from all walks of life. Doing so does not mean that a conservationist becomes an advocate of any particular land use. What it does mean is that people who are willing to work together, make intelligent compromises and act in a pragmatic manner can accomplish conservation progress not possible through hostile confrontation.

I stand firmly behind that style of conservation and its record of

success. Is it perfect? No. Are there many places in Idaho better off than they might have been otherwise? Yes.
GUY BONNIVIER
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The Times-News:
Your guide to living in the Magic Valley

Hate crimes victimize society

Some members of Congress are denying the importance of hate-crimes laws. They should meet Sandip Patel.

On April 28, Patel, who had emigrated from India, was working in a Pittsburgh grocery store when Richard Baumhammers, a gunman who said that he hated immigrants, allegedly shot him. Patel awoke in the hospital to find that he was the sole survivor of a shooting rampage through Pittsburgh that killed a South Asian man, a Jewish woman, an African-American man, a Chinese man, and a Vietnamese-American man.

Only 25 years old, Patel faces paralyzing paralysis. We need a national effort to end hate crimes.

Patel's sister, Sangita, understands this all too well. "Sandip's shooter wanted us to believe that we are different, that we do not belong," she said. "What's important, he wanted us to fear that one day, any member of the Indian-American community will be targets of a hate crime. My brother and I refuse to live that way."

Baumhammers' rampage illustrates why hate crimes should be treated more seriously than other crimes: The Richard Baumhammers of the world are not just attacking one person - their aim is to send a message of hate to all minorities. The message of hate has not been lost on the Asian Pacific American community.

Sandip Patel joins a growing list of Asians and Asian Pacific Americans who have become the

KAREN K. NARASAKI

targets of racial violence. According to an annual audit published by the National Asian Pacific American Legal Consortium and its affiliates, six Asian Americans have lost their lives to hate in the past 12 months alone: Naoki Kamijima, Won-Joon Yoon and Joseph Ito, along with Thao Quoc Pham, Ji-Ye Sun and Anil Thakur, who were killed in the Pittsburgh shooting spree.

Hundreds more Asian Americans have been victims of anti-Asian incidents, from taunts and slurs to attacks and beatings, reports the Consortium. And it's not just Asian Americans. In 1998, 7,755 hate crimes were committed in 46 states and the District of Columbia, according to the FBI.

But Congress has dragged its feet when it comes to strengthening the hate-crimes laws that could put an end to this scourge. States need support in their efforts to combat racial and religious violence, but the current federal law is outdated and too restrictive for national authorities to render effective assistance.

Under the law, which has been in existence for the past 30 years, federal prosecutors can get involved in hate-related cases only if the victim was stopped from engaging in one of six specific federally protected activities, like walking on the side-

walk. But if the victim was home, there's no protection. Common sense tells us that both victims should receive equal treatment. The law should be broadened.

Some members in Congress who oppose federal hate-crimes legislation have declared that all crimes should be treated equally even if they are motivated by blind racial hatred or other irrational bias. But our criminal-justice system already allows certain characteristics of a crime to influence the consequences for the criminal: Judges and juries differentiate between the murder of a police officer and the murder of someone else, between murder and manslaughter, and between killing in cold blood and killing for self-defense.

So, too, should they differentiate between crimes committed out of hate and other crimes. The harm that bias-related crime causes goes beyond the individual victim: It targets the victim's entire group.

Strong anti-hate-crime measures will not cure the pain of Patel, nor will they bring back the lives of others who have been killed by hate crimes. But they do represent society's clear rejection of bias-motivated violence, a clear signal to hate perpetrators that they are not welcome in the neighborhood.

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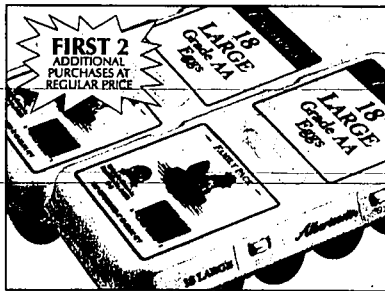
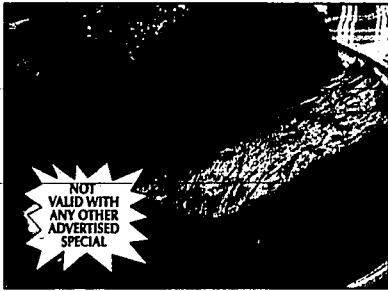
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Stuck in the middle with you

I stand second to no man in my admiration of the adult female midriff.

But, honey, you're no Gwen Stefani.

And in this season of sun and flop sweat, I'm seeing more than a few Idaho women who are showing off their bellybuttons and - gosh, how to put this tactfully? - ought'n't.

It's a simple matter of physics, I suppose: Gravity is a constant, your weight is not, and once you cinch up that belt, then the wages of sins have to be spent somewhere.

To be blunt, you have excessive flying buttresses; don't make the rest of us look at them.

It's a double standard by gender, really. You wouldn't let that adipose lump of back hair who's currently snoring on the couch get away with baring his belly in public. He'd embarrass you.

Just so. And that's a point to ponder next time you fantasize about getting a navel ring.

Granted, I come to this issue with certain biases born of an Idaho Ruritanian experience. I grew up around country people who should have known better about a lot of things, but decided not to.

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For those of you ladies who disagree with the above, *Times-News* features editor Steve Crump reminds you that everybody in his family with a potbelly also smokes cigars. EVERYBODY.

Music lovers outlast weather at folk festival

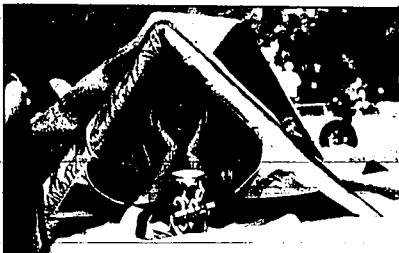
By Karen Bosack
Times-News correspondent

HAILEY - Cody Braun was in the cradle when the Northern Rockies Folk Festival was founded 23 years ago.

But it wasn't long after that he and his three brothers performed one of their first gigs at the festival, along with dad Muzzy Braun.

Friday and Saturday Cody and his brother Willy Braun returned to play the festival as members of one of Austin, Texas' hottest groups - Reckless Kelly.

The hard-driving music, which the group calls "hick rock," bore no resemblance to the "Home on the Range" and the yodeling the boys used to do as The Little Braun Brothers. But the group, which got double-time Friday when headliner Charlie Robinson cancelled due to illness, drove the crowd of 2,500 wild.



Seven-year-old Michele Krankkala, of Hailey, took a thermo-lounger into a sunshade during Saturday's Northern Rockies Folk Festival.

"They tore this place apart. They're on fire!" said festival organizer Pete Kramer, as the group prepared to go on stage

again Saturday. "They're talented musicians who work hard. Bottom line: they've got the right chemistry."

About 2,500 people stuck out an equally wild beginning to the folk festival Friday night when an impromptu thunderstorm lasting a half hour roared through the park, showering buckets of rain on a town that had seen scarcely any precipitation since ski season, with the exception of a ferocious thunderstorm Thursday night.

"We stuck it out and it was wonderful for those of us who hadn't seen any rain for so long," said Melodie Bernhard, of Hailey. "Then the rain passed and it got beautiful."

Saturday, there was hardly a cloud in the sky. But security had their hands full hanging onto tents and other paraphernalia when a funnel of wind - call it a windnado - blew through about 3 p.m., ripping tin, shingles and other debris off some of Hailey's downtown buildings.

"Believe me, it takes more

than rain or wind to scare us," Kramer said.

The folk festival began 23 years ago in Sun Valley as a way to expose people to some of the "lost" musical traditions like old-time string music, Celtic music, even sea chanteys.

Over the years, it has gradually taken on a more bluesy, harder-rocking tone, with occasional big-name headliners like the Nitty Gritty Dirt Band. This year's headliner was Robert Earl Keen, who writes tales of loners and desperados in such Tex-Mex songs as "Gringo Hononym."

"Sometimes purists say 'So-and-so isn't folk music,' but the definition of folk music can be pretty broad," Kramer said.

"Blues and country music are a form of folk music in the United States. If you maintain a rigid narrow definition of folk music

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DON'T ASK ME
Steve Crump

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JUST A SAMPLE



Les Bennett, Twin Falls city water supervisor, and Mike Schroeder, water superintendent, background, take a water sample at Alpheus Spring in the Snake River Canyon.

Testing the waters

Officials say city water is safe for use

By John T. Huddy
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - During these hot summer days there's nothing like a cool glass of fresh, clean water.

But how fresh and how clean is the water?

Rising nitrate levels throughout the Magic Valley have brought the safety of their tap water. Despite concerns about some rural areas, state and local officials say municipal water in the Magic Valley's cities is safe.

"It's not very pure, but it's very safe and it's good for you," said Twin Falls City Engineer Gary Young. "When you talk about pure, you are talking about distilled water."

The city has budgeted more than \$20,000 for the 2000-2001 budget year for tests to make sure Twin Falls' water quality is up to par, Young said.

"The tests are expensive," he said. "There's a lot of them."

State law requires monthly bacteria tests and annual tests for various minerals. Tests cover radioactive elements, nitrates, bacteria and inorganic minerals.

"If there was anything else here of concern, we'd do something about it," Young said.

Jess Mabry, water superintendent

At a glance

Here's a look at the inorganic chemical analysis reports from three Magic Valley cities - Burley, Hailey and Twin Falls.

The *Times-News* chose those three cities based on their differing sizes and to sample different areas of south-central Idaho.

The tests in Burley were done in April 1998. The tests in Hailey were done in February 1998. The tests in Twin Falls were done this April.

Chemical analysis reports are done every two or three years in cities across the state, said Dave Anderson of the state Department of Environmental Quality.

Mineral	Max. level allowed	Burley	Hailey	Twin Falls
Arsenic	0.05	0.034	ND	0.011
Barium	2	0.032	0.053	0.04
Beryllium	0.004	ND	ND	ND

Chromium	0.1	0.003	0.005	0.014
Fluoride	4	0.3	0.6	0.6
Mercury	0.002	ND	ND	ND

ND = Not Detected

The *Times-News* did some water testing of its own.

Water samples were taken from three taps in three different parts of the city. The samples were tested for total coliform bacteria (animal feces and waste) and for nitrate levels. One sample was taken from a home on the east side of the city, another from a home on the west side of the city, and a third from downtown Twin Falls.

The maximum contamination level of nitrates is 10 mg/L.

The results were as follows:

	East side	West side	Downtown
Nitrates	2.67 mg/L	2.71 mg/L	3.83 mg/L
Coliform	Absent	Absent	Absent

of the city of Burley, said his city's water quality is also good.

"We haven't had any problems at all," he said.

Though Burley is smaller than Twin Falls, its water is held to the same scrutiny.

"Our water samples run the same as Twin," Mabry said. "We've got to do the same things they do," he said.

Tap water appears clear, but it actually contains a broad range of minerals. These include microscopic particles of calcium, mercury and lead.

"They are naturally occurring minerals," Young said.

Some minerals, in small doses, are good for a person's health - such as fluoride, which protects children's teeth from decay.

"One thing I get a lot of questions on is the amount of fluoride in the water," said Dave Anderson, a state Department of Environmental Quality water specialist.

About 1 part per million is the recommended amount of fluoride in water, and the maximum amount before it becomes a health threat is 4 parts per million.

Twin Falls has a comparatively low level of fluoride: about .6 parts per million.

But to put more fluoride in the city's water would cost thousands of dollars each year - not to mention the potential controversy.

"There'll be people who say, 'Don't put those chemicals in our water,'" Anderson said. "It's politically unacceptable."

Young said it would be nice to have less of some minerals and more of others.

"I'd be happy if there was not enough sodium or sulfur in the water," he said. "But we can't change those things. It's too expensive. We don't run a 35 million gallon treatment plant every day to take something out that won't hurt you."

Officials say conservation and education are necessary ingredients for clean water in the future.

"We intend to continue our public education in terms of polluting the waterways," Young said.

And those expensive tests will continue. The \$30,000 annual cost is a small price for good water, Young said.

"We have a lot of customers," he said.

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Fair fees increase

TF fairgoers can expect to pay more, get more

By Brandon Flala
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - It's one of the biggest summer events in southern Idaho.

This year's Twin Falls County Fair and Magic Valley Stampede, scheduled Aug. 30 through Sept. 4, could draw up to 100,000 people, fair officials said.

People will pay more to pass through the turnstiles this year. Prices were increased to pay for a 10-year, \$700,000 plan to upgrade and improve the fairgrounds, said Linda Gwyn, Twin Falls County Fair office manager.

"Many of the buildings were built in the 1930s and 1940s, and if we don't put money into them we won't have a place left for a fair," Flala said.

This year's admission prices jumped from \$4 to \$6 for adults and from \$2 to \$4 for children, Gwyn said. However, the higher prices allow admission to all arena events, including the rodeo and concerts.

"We wanted to give people more value for their money," said Fair Manager John Pitz.

The last price increase was two years ago, when prices were raised from \$3 to \$4 for adults, he said.

Among other things, the additional revenue will pay for improvements to the animal barns which have serious electrical and structural problems, Pitz said.

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Motorcycle wreck hurts TF man

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TWIN FALLS - A Twin Falls man suffered serious burns early Saturday morning when his motorcycle was hit from behind by a semi-truck, said John Hochkiss, an Idaho State Police dispatcher.

The accident occurred about 2:11 a.m. Saturday, according to the ISP. Bryan J. Lynch, 24, of Twin Falls, was driving his motorcycle on Interstate 84 about three miles north of the Idaho-Utah border when he was hit from behind by a semi-truck driven by Lloyd P. Atkins, 61, of Eagle, Hochkiss said.

The truck hit the motorcycle and dragged it and the motorcycle caught fire, Hochkiss said.

Lynch was taken to the University of Utah Burn Center in Salt Lake City where he was listed in stable condition Saturday evening, according to a hospital official.

Akins was not injured. The accident is still under investigation, the ISP said.

Until next year: Minidoka County Fair comes to a close

By Dan Fields
Times-News writer

RUPERT - The Minidoka County Fair drew a good-size crowd on Saturday, but sadly, all good things must come to an end.

The fair's last day featured the annual livestock sale sponsored by Future Farmers of America and 4-H. Livestock sold for more than \$2 a pound this year, up from \$1 to \$1.50 a pound in previous years.

Rupert Mayor Audrey Neirweh was one of more than 200 folks who filed into the second barn to watch the parade of livestock and the listen to the chatter of the auctioneer.

Neirweh said she's being going to the fair for nearly all of the 45 years she's lived in Rupert. She said the fair keeps getting better every year.

"The last 10 years have really improved a lot," Neirweh said. "There are more new buildings and they have really kept it clean."

Neirweh, like many other residents, has stayed busy at the fair by getting involved with various volunteer activities.

"I've been over at the antique and library booths," she said. "But I just like getting out here to see the people and visit with them."



Above, Layne Rutschke, left, of Rupert, and Max Twiss of Paul peruse the lineup during Saturday's livestock sale at the Minidoka County Fair. Right, Cody Bohm, 6, of Rupert, ponders his next move before tearing into a cinnamon roll during Saturday's Buyer's Breakfast at the fair.

Before the livestock sale, many people could be found near the 4-H Leaders Booth where the Hogs 'N Heifers 4-H Club sponsored a Buyer's Breakfast of ham, eggs, cantaloupe and gigantic cinnamon rolls.

Kristen Bohm, 13, of Rupert, and her brothers Eric, 9, and

Cody, 6, enjoyed the breakfast before heading off to other fair activities. Kristen Bohm said she especially enjoyed the exhibits at this year's fair.

"We were looking at all the stuff," she said. "My mom's the dairy superintendent so we've been watching all of the shows."



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County solicits residents' help in mapping Minidoka's future

By Ruth Streeter
Times-News writer

RUPERT - Minidoka County leaders want to take a second look at the direction of the county's industry, commerce and housing, and they want residents to be involved in the process.

A comprehensive plan, or vision for the future, was put together in 1978 by county and city officials, as well as about 90 residents. But times have changed.

"It's a pretty good plan for the late 70s, but it needs to be updated," said Minidoka County Planning and Zoning Director Paul Aston.

What were once non-issues are controversies now, such as the siting of feed mills, animal feeding operations and rural subdivisions. The two could have significant effects on water quality.

The plan identifies problems and issues such as population trends, water management practices, grazing and weeds, and then establishes general policies for land use.

Some components, such as environmental issues, have become more important in the last 25 years. Consideration of wetlands, flood plains and hazardous areas have to be considered when charting the course for future development.

Rupert Renaissance coordinator Chris Jackson says an important part of such a plan in a depressed ag economy has to be

Want to help?
Minidoka County residents interested in serving on a committee to help revise the county's comprehensive plan should call Paul Aston at the county Planning and Zoning Department at 438-7183 before Aug. 31.

tourism. It's "a logical part of the future," she said.

Not only can the county reap the profits from promoting Lake Walcott and the neighboring wildlife refuge, but Rupert has a "rich, wonderful history," she says. It's a city steeped in historic and aesthetic values and will grow more if the city achieves

among three committees that will look at the 14 components but the public's voice is needed as well, Aston said.

The county wants to use the revised plan to help put together unified zoning codes for the county and all five cities.

One zoning ordinance the county wants to work on is the ordinance outlining the process for siting livestock operations. The county's current ordinance was drafted in the early 1990s.

The benefit of unified zoning codes is that they make the process the same for everyone and therefore minimize the confusion. The Minidoka County Planning and Zoning office oversees planning for the county and all its incorporated cities.

A consultant out of Boise will assist the project, but the bulk of the work will be done by planning and zoning officials. Individuals who

want to be involved would attend two-hour committee meetings once a month for six months, Aston said.

This plan will be done in conjunction with Rupert's, Aston said. Heyburn and Paul have already revised their plan.

North Burley will not be included since most of the city lies within Cassia County. Minidoka County will negotiate with the city of Burley about how to handle North Burley's impact zone, Aston said. While cities can provide their impact areas with utilities and are involved in the planning and zoning of those areas, the county makes the final decisions.

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Bus rolls in Mexico; 12 dead, 41 hurt

TUCSON, Ariz. (AP) - A bus en route to Hermosillo, Mexico, rolled over about 20 miles south of the Sonoran capital, killing 12 people and injuring 41. The Arizona Daily Star reported.

Commander Salvador Pliego Garduo of the Federal Preventive Police in Hermosillo told the Star that one of the rear tires burst.

He said the driver, Sergio Gonzalez Gonzalez, then lost control and the bus rolled. Gonzalez, 48, was among those who died. Pliego said.

Thursday's crash occurred on Mexican Highway 15, the main four-lane road out of Mexico's west coast.

Pliego said excessive speed also was a factor. He also said the Transportes del Pacifico bus was carrying 12 more passengers than its posted capacity.

The trip had originated in Mexico City. The bus was en route for Tijuana with stops in Guaymas and Hermosillo.

In addition to the driver, the Star said the victims included Hipolito Ortega Rodriguez, 50, of

Mexico state; Roberto Gonzalez Herrera, 26, of Mexicali, Baja California Norte; Vicente Coronado Barcelo, 53, of Guaymas; Jorge David Aguirre Lopez, 17, of Mexico state; Pedro Cuellar Coronado, 76, of Baja California Sur state; Adelaida Duran de Lopez, 65, of Hermosillo; and Abel Rodriguez Arias, 39, of Tijuana.

Also killed were four unidentified people: a 4-year-old boy, a 10-year-old boy, a 40-year-old woman and a 55-year-old woman, the newspaper said.

Police arrest another in Hispanic robberies

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) - Police on Friday arrested another member of a group they say terrorized and robbed a string of Hispanic businesses in the Salt Lake City area earlier this year.

The Salt Lake City Police Department arrested Francisco Batallia, 18, around 500 S. Redwood Road about 8 p.m., police Lt. Mark Peck said.

"We were looking at a possibility of three to four members and it looks like we have three arrested from that band. We

believe we have them all," Peck said late Friday night.

In June, a federal grand jury indicted Adrian Lara, Martin Guerrero and Antonio Garcia Banderos, who investigators say were also part of the string of robberies.

Investigators said at the time that one of the men, Garcia Banderos was the mastermind of the group, which robbed more than two dozen Latino businesses in the Salt Lake City area during the past two years.

The robberies became increasingly violent as they progressed, Peck said, and included shooting at one owner and pistol-whipping another.

The 10-count indictment charged the trio with use of a firearm, aiding and abetting and violations of the Hobbs Act - a federal law which makes it illegal to obstruct or delay commerce or the movement of commodities.

Batallia had five warrants for his arrest, totaling \$1 million, Peck said.

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The budget for year-round operations is \$768,431, Gwyn said. The money is raised from both rentals, gate admissions and sponsorships, she said.

The Twin Falls County Fair is self-supporting and doesn't receive county tax dollars. The last time the fair received any money from the county was in 1995 when it received a check for \$8,000, Pitz said.

If attendance stays the same, the higher admission charge should bring in about \$300,000, Pitz said. Last year, nearly 96,000 people attended the fair.

Vendors will also spend more to rent booths at this year's fair. Inside merchant booths will increase from \$225 to \$250 and

What you pay for

The Twin Falls County Fair has raised admission prices to pay for improvements to the fairgrounds.

- Adult day passes will increase from \$4 to \$6.
- Child passes will increase from \$2 to \$4.
- Season passes will increase from \$15 to \$20.

- Family passes will increase from \$12 to \$18.
- Merchant booths inside will increase from \$225 to \$250.
- Outside merchants will see a \$1 per foot increase.
- Coca-Cola Day admission prices will increase from \$1 to \$3.
- Pepsi Day admission, previously free, will cost \$3.

outside merchants will see a \$1 per foot increase.

If admission prices didn't go up, booth rental prices would have increased even more, Pitz said.

"We would have to increase booth rentals enough to receive \$300,000," Pitz said. "That would put a big jump on both fees and

we would lose a lot of vendors."

Most taxpayer-supported fairs don't have admission fees, while most self-supporting fairs do charge fees, Pitz said.

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you won't attract as many people."

The festival attracted a good mix of people - from 7-year-old Michele Krankkala, who hid out from the midday sun in a tent made of Thermo-lounger chairs, made to an 80-year-old who kept time to the music from under an umbrella hooked onto his lawn chair.

Locals were joined by music lovers from the Treasure and Magic valleys, as well as music fans from Washington, Montana and Colorado, who plan their vacations around the festival each year.

This year's slate of headliners from the Lone Star State drew music fans from Texas, said Don Bobbitt.

"It's a real social festival. I look forward to it every year - just a lot of fun, everybody having a good time," he said.

Cody Braun, now 23, says he doesn't really remember playing his first gig at the folk festival. But he's always had a fondness for the festival because of that gigs and others that his dad and the family played at.



Karen Hand and Carol Thomas, both of Halley, work on the raffle quilt for the Northern Rockies Folk Festival. The quilt, themed 'Milestones of the Millennium,' featured blocks depicting the Trailing of the Sheep festival, the Festival of Trees, a map planting a flag on the moon and fireworks on Baldy.

"I like festivals. They're a lot more fun than the bar scene because you have people having fun dancing, and you don't have to sing above the TV sets," he said.

"I really miss Idaho, but I love the Texas musical scene. I think Texans see live music more than

they do in the west. There's a honky-tonk in every town in Texas, and the college scene is big in Austin. But I do miss Idaho."

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Court rejects man's double jeopardy appeal

BOISE (AP) — The Idaho Court of Appeals has rejected the argument of a man convicted of trafficking marijuana, who contends the case should be dismissed because it amounts to double jeopardy due to an earlier cocaine charge.

Robert Louis Wilhelm was arrested in 1995 with 75 pounds of marijuana and charged with trafficking. At the time, he was on supervised release for a federal charge of cocaine possession.

Because of the arrest, he was

found to be in violation of the release and ordered in 1st District Court in the Panhandle to serve a two-year term in federal prison.

But he filed a motion to dismiss, arguing the trafficking charge represented double jeopardy. Wilhelm said he already had served time in federal prison for the same conduct that was the basis of the state charge.

He also stated the Idaho State Tax Commission had seized \$2,500 from him during the arrest, which served as punish-

ment for the crime.

The state ultimately added one count of conspiracy to traffic in cocaine and a persistent-violator sentence enhancement.

Under a plea agreement, Wilhelm unconditionally pleaded guilty to trafficking in marijuana and being a persistent violator.

The trial court handed him a life sentence with a 7.5-year minimum term and assessed a \$50,000 fine.

The \$2,500 seized from him stemmed from the Idaho illegal

Drug Stamp Tax, in which drug dealers who do not pay the state stamp may have their property seized. Wilhelm called it punishment for the same offense.

But the appellate court said it would not take up the double jeopardy issue because Wilhelm waived it with his guilty plea. It added the sentence could be much more severe, given nine misdemeanor convictions, imprisonment for cocaine and assault on a federal officer by trying to drive over him at the Spokane, Wash. airport.

Police charge Utah man with assaulting girl at resort

MESQUITE, Nev. (AP) — A Utah man has been charged with the sexual assault of an 8-year-old girl at a Mesquite resort.

Mesquite Deputy Police Chief Joe Szalay said Steven Dale Bingham, 52, of St. George was charged Friday with kidnapping and lewdness with a minor under the age of 14.

A man approached a girl at an

arcade at the Oasis on July 27. "He offered her some money for help with his groceries," Szalay said.

The girl accompanied the man to a secluded spot outside the resort, where she was fondled and then released, Szalay said.

The Oasis security staff provided police with surveillance video of the abduction.

LDS temple to open in Houston later this month

BEAUMONT, Texas (AP) — The second temple in the state for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints will be dedicated in Houston this month and will serve Mormons in south, central and east Texas.

Construction of the 34,000-square-foot temple in northwest Houston cost \$17 million. The temple will be open to the public for tours until Aug. 27, when it will be dedicated and blessed.

After that, only Mormons who have been recommended by their bishop will be allowed to enter, said regional president Rex Pinegar, who oversees church operations in Texas, Oklahoma, New Mexico, Arizona, Nevada and part of Missouri.

Only 97 Mormon temples have been built worldwide, including one in Dallas.

Temples are different and more sacred than Mormon chapels, where church members gather on Sundays for worship. Worldwide there are about 17,000 chapels.

"The temple is a sacred place, not a secret place," Pinegar told journalists and Mormons seeing the temple for the first time last week. "If it were secret, we wouldn't have you here."

For years Mormons have traveled to Dallas or outside the state for sacred family-oriented ceremonies, such as sanctified matrimony, that are performed in temples.

Mormons believe relationships consecrated in a Mormon temple are eternal, Pinegar said.

Mill layoffs take their toll in Benewah County

COEUR D'ALENE (AP) — A recent round of mill layoffs in northern Idaho may hurt the most in Benewah County and its traditional timber economy.

Logging and wood products manufacturing make up about 25 percent of the nonfarm jobs.

Regulus Stud Mill in St. Maries laid off 85 of its 100 workers 2.5 weeks ago. The Potlatch Corp. has cut 21 employees at its St. Maries plywood operation.

Overall, there are an estimated 179 fewer mill and logging jobs in the county than last year at this time, said Kathryn Tacke, state labor analyst.

"It affects everyone eventually. We all struggle together," said Jack Buell, a Benewah County commissioner who runs a trucking firm, mostly hauling logs.

"This is the time of year the bulk of these people make all of their money," Buell said. "If they don't make it now, the rest of the year is really hard."

Logging and mill jobs in the Panhandle have dropped in

The decline is a result of depressed prices for wood products. Mills all over the nation are announcing temporary shutdowns in hopes the market will rise.

Lumber production in the West is up 10 percent over last year, and Canadian imports have also been strong, according to Random Lengths, a timber industry publication.

The biggest job losses in northern Idaho came last month when Crown Pacific shuttered its Coeur d'Alene sawmill indefinitely and Louisiana Pacific Corp. began a 30-day shutdown of its Chillicothe and Sandpoint plants. About 310 workers were affected.

However, many of the smaller operations have had temporary or permanent cutbacks as well, Tacke said.

Industry experts blame the low (timber) prices on sluggish sales of new homes and a glut of wood products on the market.

recent weeks to their lowest levels since 1957.

About 750 fewer timber industry workers are on the job now than last August, when many operations were still adding people, Tacke said.

Industry experts blame the low prices on sluggish sales of new homes and a glut of wood products on the market.

Self-described American Indian faces drug charges

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Felony drug charges have been filed against a self-professed American Indian — medicine — man who allegedly planned to distribute peyote, an hallucinogenic plant.

The charges could lead to a precedent-setting court battle over freedom of religion.

Weber County prosecutors charged 49-year-old Nick Stark on Friday, nearly a month after police seized 3,500 peyote buttons at Stark's Ogden Canyon Home on July 8.

Stark had been hosting an all-night prayer ceremony inside a tepee for the Oklevueha Earth Walks chapter of the Native American Church. A woman

attending the gathering alerted police, alleging she had been held against her will and forced to eat peyote.

Peyote is a hallucinogenic cactus that grows in the limestone soils of the Chihuahuan desert in Mexico. For generations, American Indians have considered it integral to religious ceremonies.

Under federal law, use of peyote during ceremonies in "traditional" American Indian religions is lawful. But peyote is banned under Utah law, which considers it akin to heroin or LSD, with a high potential for abuse and no legal medical uses.

Stark was charged with possessing peyote with the intent to

distribute it, a second-degree felony punishable by up to 15 years in prison and a \$10,000 fine. He was also charged with possessing seven pounds of coca leaves, which contain cocaine, a third-degree felony punishable by up to five years in prison and a \$5,000 fine.

Stark declined to comment Friday and his attorney, Deven Coggins, was unavailable.

During the investigation, Stark told officers he is of Iroquois ancestry and that he is empowered by his church — a federal law — to conduct peyote rituals.

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Grass fire levels two Lewiston homes

LEWISTON (AP) - A grass fire on the southwestern edge of the city limits destroyed two homes and damaged a third before firefighters contained it, a fire official said.

Wind gusts of 30 mph that had fanned the flames after the fire broke out at 3 p.m. Friday subsided in the evening, aiding the eight fire agencies that responded, said Gordon Gregg, a city fire division chief.

Aircraft also dumped water and retardant on the fire.

The blaze apparently was started by a worker at a home construction site, police Lt. Ron Seipert said.

The worker had been using equipment to cut a metal fence, and sparks ignited grass, Seipert said.

Two homes in separate residential areas were destroyed, and a third home sustained minor damage, Gregg said.

At one point, the fire threatened an industrial area along the Snake River that is owned by the Port of Lewiston. The area includes a plant that manufactures ammunition for small firearms.

A fire engine was stationed outside the business. Sporting Equipment, to protect it, but flames never reached the



Driven by 30-mph winds, a brush fire nears the Bryden Canyon Golf Course clubhouse Friday on the south side of Lewiston.

property, Gregg said. One outbuilding in the industrial area was destroyed, Seipert

said. Gregg could not confirm that. Flames burned near Lewiston-Nez Perce County Regional

Airport for a time, and were close to a golf course clubhouse and some fruit orchards.

Federal judge clears path to destroy smokestacks

MURRAY, Utah (AP) - A federal judge has refused to halt today's toppling of the Murray smokestacks.

U.S. District Judge J. Thomas Greene listened to five hours of testimony from a series of blasting experts and Environmental Protection Agency engineers and scientists on Friday before making his decision. All detailed the steps being taken to protect the public from contaminants in the stacks.

Greene also heard from three state Division of Air Quality witnesses, who said they were concerned about asbestos fibers waiting beyond the site. The fibers can cause cancer in humans up to 20 years after being inhaled.

The three witnesses were subpoenaed by Citizens for a Healthy Environment, a group of residents who filed a lawsuit earlier this week seeking a restraining order to stop the demolition. The group says it would be safer to take down the stacks brick by brick or by removing the asbestos before demolition.

The lawsuit came as crews had begun tearing holes into the stacks' sides so that they would

fall northward into 15-foot-deep trenches.

In refusing to grant the restraining order, Greene said the demolition process was too far along to stop now.

"The stacks are a greater danger to the plaintiffs now than before demolition preparations began," he said.

Analysts have declared the two chimneys unstable and now that demolition crews have further weakened them, Greene said, a westward or the slightest earthquake could topple them "in a way that it could be uncontrolled and potentially catastrophic."

The stacks are scheduled to come down at 9 a.m.

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Actor flies chopper to help sick hiker

IDAHO FALLS (AP) - After portraying heroes in the "Star Wars" and "Indiana Jones" movies, actor Harrison Ford engaged in some real-life heroics by rescuing an ailing hiker off an 11,106-foot peak with his helicopter.

Sarah George, 20, of Idaho Falls and Megan Freeman, 22, of Rigby, were on a live-hour climb of Table Mountain when heat, altitude and dehydration left George sick and unable to take more than a couple steps at a time. She

was in a clear and present danger. Fortunately, another hiker called for help on his cell phone, and Harrison Ford was en route

with his Bell 407 helicopter. The part-time Jackson, Wyo. resident offers his flying skills and helicopter to Lincoln and Teton counties in Wyoming for rescue missions, Teton County Sheriff Bob Zimmer said. It saves the counties the \$1,000 an hour it would cost for a private pilot.

Freeman and two other hikers were about to move George about two miles from the summit to a meadow where Ford could land. The women had no idea who the rescuer would be.

Freeman was told there wasn't enough room. She later admitted a little jealousy, not because she missed meeting Ford, but

because she still had to descend the mountain. Even after George was in the helicopter, she did not know who the pilot was. Finally, the emergency medical technician on board made it clear.

"He was wearing a T-shirt and a cowboy hat," she said. "He didn't look like I'd ever seen him before."

With about a minute to go before landing at Jackson's St. John's Hospital, George threw up in a hat.

"I can't believe I barfed in Harrison Ford's helicopter," she said. After a couple days of rest, she has recovered.

California officials push for 'rebellion' over power grid

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) - With California's power grid strained to the breaking point and customers outraged over soaring bills, angry politicians are urging a "ratepayer rebellion" to challenge the industry in the nation's first deregulated electric market.

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The commission's unanimous vote followed a two-hour hearing before more than 300 people in a jammed auditorium, in which deregulation was denounced as a human and fiscal disaster. Nobody spoke in support of deregulation.

Moments after the vote, officials who had come to the meeting from San Diego said the action by the Public Utilities Commission was too little, too late, and urged customers to refuse to pay more than what they paid a year ago.

"It is starting here, it is starting now. It is a ratepayer rebellion," said San Diego Supervisor Diane Jacob. "We're telling people to go back to paying what they did in July 1999. What can they do? There are 3 million of us."

She added: "We are on the brink of disaster." Power grid areas in New England and New York had similar strains on electricity management in early June. But California is in particular trouble, because its growing tech industry has sharply increased demand.

Patrick Dorinson, spokesman for California's Independent System Operator, which coordinates power sharing between utilities, said California's energy deregulation hasn't worked smoothly in conjunction with other traditionally regulated states.

"If you deregulate in California and your neighbors haven't, you've got a lot of different systems out there," he said.

A population boom in places like Phoenix has diminished the amount of power California can import from the Southwest, and in the Pacific Northwest,

where the Bonneville dam wholesales power to western states, water has been diverted this summer for such things as salmon runs.

High demand and tight supplies mean higher prices - particularly in San Diego, the first area in the nation to purchase power in the open market.

In San Diego and a slice of southern Orange County served by San Diego Gas and Electric Co., bills have jumped 200 percent in some areas, due to factors including deregulation, a sweltering summer and increased power consumption across the Southwest.

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Rave culture emerges in Idaho among rodeos and Republicans

BOISE (AP) - The young crowd piles into the vast stadium in a neighborhood strip mall. Techno music drums away and the DJ's laser light show casts spidery patterns across the ceiling.

The dancers wear baggy pants, braids and baby pacifiers around their necks. They even may sport fairy wings, afro wigs and any item of clothing which blows under the black lights.

From Europe and urban areas, the rave culture has come to Idaho, home of rodeos and Republicans. Or maybe it has been here but only now is emerging from its underground status and stretching statewide.

The party will last to dawn, dancing to music played by DJs from San Francisco and San Diego.

Local authorities trying to locate the elusive events say they are the home ground for the use of "club drugs" ecstasy as well as methamphetamine and LSD.

"A rave is not a rave unless there are drugs there," Ada County Sheriff's Detective Todd Dehlin said. "Anything but the biggies get, we get in scale to the population. We just don't have eight million people here."

Those at a Boise rave late last month were just as adamant that they take no drugs to take in the atmosphere. The main drawing cards are the communal feeling and rituals.

"We're not selling crack. This is not just a place to use drugs," said Doug Winter. "It's all about love and kisses. I'm proud to be here."

Another raver who identified himself as Justin maintained that drugs can be used constructively as well as abused.

Tim, who was also there, did a college sociology report on the rave culture and said he got caught up in the excitement.

"I've never taken a drug in my life," he said. "I'm headed on a

Rural raves

Here are some "commandments of raves" in literature, copied out at a recent Boise gathering.

Thou shalt blow thy party whistle and wave thine hands in the air when the music lists thine spirit.

Thou shalt not grimace or act angry when bumped by a passerby, but smile and say "No problems."

Thou shalt not pass out chemical concoctions of thine own invention to fellow ravers. Only those tried and true chemical combinations that have been accepted by ravers since time immemorial shalt thou pass out.

Thou shalt offer gum, candy and most importantly WATER to those raving maniacs with whom thou connect in contact.

Thou shalt wear extra deodorant so that thou not offend thy neighbor's nose.

- The Associated Press

church mission soon."

In fact, Justin said that over the several years that raves have been held in Boise, they have gone from events attracting just a few dozen people to hundreds today.

Ravers report there is a local event every weekend. Dehlin said the parties are also occurring in Canyon County. Some argued in the city are actually held out in the country.

As a school resource officer, Dehlin said he knows some youth at his school who regularly attend big gatherings in Salt Lake City.

Despite denials, Dehlin said bags of pot, prescription medicine and get caps of heroin have been seized at raves in southwestern Idaho.

But if there is a drug designed for a rave, it is ecstasy, also known as "E" or "XTC."

The now-legal substance initially used for psychotherapy gives

the revelers a peaceful, energetic and slightly hallucinogenic experience that ravers say fosters an overall atmosphere of "peace, love, unity and respect."

Dehlin said antidepressants and ecstasy both affect brain serotonin levels, which control emotional responses. Antidepressants help the brain maintain an adequate level of serotonin to keep an individual on an even emotional keel.

But, Dehlin said, "ecstasy megadumps serotonin on the brain so you feel really, really good. The problem is those serotonin-producing sites get damaged."

So teen-agers may go through a "Terrible Tuesday" of depression after a Saturday rave, and it may go on for days, months or for good, Dehlin said.

It also causes users to grind their teeth, leading to their affinity for baby pacifiers, or "binkies," he said. They keep molars from being ground flat.

The Boise events - typically in skating rinks, warehouses or empty stores - are difficult to monitor because of the organizers' secretive way of publicizing them. Notices posted on the Internet or at local shops for teen-agers may have the date but not the time or location. That information is supplied at the last minute, often by e-mail to specific individuals so only participants get the information, Dehlin said.

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Job's Daughters Bethel 56 attended Grand Session from June 21-24 in Idaho Falls. They are, left to right, top row: Molly McBride and Kristin Patterson; second row: Bethel Guardian Linda DeBoard, Kirsten Wright and Associate Bethel Guardian Red Hamby; third row Megan Johnson, Kristin Garmand, Heather Hodges, Jaque Deahl and Hellei Bellier; front row: Liz Stuart, Dani Mingo, Brooke Jardine, Andrea Harris, Sara Jane Talkington, Amanda Mingo, Sara Webster and Jennifer Bernis. Not pictured is Angela DeBoard, Jessica Koutnik and Elizabeth Wonderlich.

Job's Daughters win honors

TWIN FALLS - Members of Bethel 56 of Twin Falls International Order of Job's Daughters attended the 66th Annual Idaho Grand Session June 21-24 in Idaho Falls.

Kristen Garmand, past-honored queen of Bethel 56, presided as grand Bethel honored queen. Presiding honored queen of Bethel 56 was Dani Mingo.

Bethel members received recognition for their ritualistic work by winning sweepstakes in ritual competition against 11 other Bethels under the guidance of Butch Wonderlich. They won first place for choir competition among large Bethels in the state, under the direction of Jeanette and John Lytle. They received third place for community service hours performed during the previous year. They were also recognized for a Spirit Award by Grand Guardian Linda Montgomery of Eden.

Members of Bethel 56 also participated small group and individual competitions.

Recognized for ritualistic work were Molly McBride, Dani Mingo,

Kristin Garmand, Megan Johnson and Kirsten Wright, third place in messenger teams; Dani Mingo, third place in individual memorization; Brooke Jardine, first place in individual memorization and first place in Story of Job recitation; and Sara Jane Talkington third place in Story of Job recitation.

Recognized for music and dance competitions were Jaque Deahl, second place in instrumental competition; Brooke Jardine, first place in instrumental; Sara Jane Talkington, second place in piano competition; Liz Stuart, second place in vocal solo; Liz Stuart and Brooke Jardine, first place in vocal duets; Amanda Mingo, first place in individual dance; Dani Mingo, first place in individual dance; and Dani and Amanda Mingo, third place in small group dance.

Recognized in literary and scrapbook competition was Dani Mingo, second place in honored queen scrapbooks; Jessica Koutnik, third place in grand representative scrapbook; and Brooke Jardine, second-place in

short poems.

Recognized for arts and crafts awards was Dani Mingo, second place, stitchery; Andrea Harris, first place black and white landscape photography and first place color landscape photography; and Brooke Jardine, first place color landscape photography and second place color portrait photography.

Megan Johnson was chosen as grand representative to Manitoba, Canada, and Sara Jane Talkington was chosen as grand fourth messenger for the coming year. Brooke Jardine was selected as one of five messengers on the Idaho Messenger Team to compete at the Supreme Session of the International Order of Job's Daughters July 24-29 in Boise. Brooke Jardine also competed in the Miss Idaho Job's Daughter pageant and was named first runner-up.

Job's Daughters is a leadership organization for young women between 11-20 years old, which promotes love of God and country, respect for parent and guardians and community service.

Hollister gathers for old-fashioned July 4th

By Carol Padgett
Times-News correspondent

HOLLISTER - Area residents gathered in city park for a July 4th celebration and display of community spirit.

Carmen Ortega's flag cake, decorated and filled with cream and strawberries, was one of the highlights of the fourth annual Independence Day party.

Wesley Harty and Jim LaRue donated their time and cooked hamburgers and hot dogs donated by Falls Brand.

June Dobbs donated watermelons.

Susan Reitsma of Rotary District, located southwest of Hollister, donated the hamburger, cheese and ice cream.

Reitsma said she was happy to meet the residents and build positive relations with the new majority and council.

Mayor Ron Hunicutt says more than 100 people attended



Almost 100 Hollister residents celebrate Independence Day at the city park.

Buhl Library adds new titles to collection

BUHL - The Buhl Public Library recently announced the arrival of new books and tape at its location at 215 Broadway Ave. N. in Buhl.

New adult fiction titles include "A Gesture Life" by Chang-rae Lee, "A Star Called Henry," by Roddy Doyle, "All Together in One Place," by Jane Kirkpatrick, and "Broke Heart Blues," by Joyce Kates.

New mystery titles include "Blood Rain," by Michael Dibdin, and "The Lust Dance," by Ed McBain.

New westerns include "Apache Law," by Luke Adams, "Devil's Bounty," and "The Benning Belle," both by Larry Martin, "The Masterman," by Max Brand, "The Tomberry Manuscript," by James Work, and "Wayfaring Strangers," by Tim Champlin.

New science fiction titles are "Sea Strike," and "Choosers of the Slain," by James Cobb, "Remnant Population," by Elizabeth Moon, and "The Fourth World," by Dennis Devers.

Inspirational titles include "Forever Friends," by Barbour Publishers, "Monday's Child," and "Tuesday's Child," both by L.L.

Chaikin, "Daughter of Twin Oaks," by Laurie Snelling, "Night Come Softly," by F.B. Wilson, "Yesterday's Shadows," by Wren Roddy, "Honor's Reward," by Kristen Heitzmann, "Daughter of Grace," by Michael Phillips, "Eve's Daughter," by Lynn Austin, "Ransom of Love," by Al Lacy, "Dream Vacation," by Ginny Alken, and "The Kill Fee Of Cindy LaCoste," by Stephen Bly.

Large print titles are "Death of a Hussy," by M.G. Beaton, "Columbo," by William Harrington, "Brandy and Bullets," by Donald Ben, "The Pilgrim of Hate," by E.L. Pitters, "After the Fire," by Belva Platteau, and "The Wedding," by Danielle Steele.

New adult nonfiction titles are "Science and Health," by Mary Baker Eddy, "Dr. Laura: A Mother in America," by Ray McClendon, "From the Cradle to the Grave," by Joyce Egginton, "Good Daughters," by Patricia Beard, "1001 Rhymes and Fingerplays," by Wren Roddy, and "Publishing House," by Longitude, by Dava Sobel, "The Cambridge Illustrated History of Astronomy," by Cambridge University Press, "What Counts," by Brian

Butterworth, "How to Design and Build Your Own House," by Lupe Dionono, "Xeriscape Plant Guide," by Fulcrum Publishing, "The Thrill of the Grill," by Chris Schlesinger, "Xeriscape Handbook," by Gayle Weinstein, "The Pill Book Guide to Medication for Your Dog," by Kay A.W. Roby, "How to be Your Own Architect," by Murray C. Goddard, "Love Always, Patsy," by F. Ray Cline, "A Clearing in the Distance," by Witold Rybczynski, "Restless Spirit," by Elizabeth Partridge, "Born in the U.S.A.," by Jim Cullen, "Cottages," by Home Planners, "How to Read a Poem," by Edward Hirsch, "My Cat Spit McGee," by Willie Morris, "Oh, God, Where Are You?" by Able Abraham, "Historic Corners," and "National Parks all by Reader's Digest Association, and "A Walk in the Woods," by Bill Bryson.

Idaho nonfiction titles include "Kath and Ron's Guide to Idaho Paddling," by Katherine Daly, and "Short of a Good Promise," by William Studebaker.

New reference titles, "The World Almanac of Facts, 2000," and "The Cutting Edge."

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Transplant association raises money for residents
TWIN FALLS - The Children's Organ Transplant Association will hold a public meeting at 7 p.m. Thursday at the Prime Cut Restaurant, 611 Blue Lakes Blvd., N. Twin Falls.

The purpose of the meeting will be to discuss fundraising ideas to help the families of Jennifer Choquette-Romero of Bliss and Lloyd Trimmer of Gooding, who need life-saving transplants, organizers say. For more information or to help call Choquette-Romero's campaign manager, DiAnne (Elastic) Iverlyne at (208) 837-9012, or Trimmer's campaign manager, Margaret Rose Trimmer, at (208) 934-5942.

home of Nancy Pennington in Twin Falls. For information or directions, call Pennington at 734-9952.

Christian high school takes school applications
TWIN FALLS - Magic Valley Christian High School in Twin Falls is taking applications for the 2000/2001 school year. Classes begin Aug. 22.

For more information, call the school at 733-5999.

Christian Church, Topsy, Eastern Star, Royal Neighbors, Rebecca and a past member of Pythian Sisters Morrison enjoyed playing the piano and singing and was an organist for Eastern Star for a number of years. Her children are hosting the event.

Marions celebrate 40th wedding anniversary
TWIN FALLS - David and Nancy Marron of Twin Falls will celebrate their 40th wedding anniversary with a private dinner in the couple's backyard and with a family reunion on Friday through Aug. 13.

David Marron and Nancy Boehme were married on Aug. 13, 1960 at St. Agnes Catholic Church in San Francisco, Calif. The couple and their family moved to Twin Falls in 1976 when Dave retired from the Air Force after 20 years of service. Prior to living in Twin Falls, the couple was stationed in Montana, Florida, California, New York and Guam.

Dave is a salesman for the Ken Bratney Co., where he sells milling and processing equipment throughout the intermountain west. Nancy is a homemaker who devotes many hours to volunteering in church organizations, the family says. They have been active in St. Edward's Catholic Church and belong to many card clubs.

The couple have five children: Brian Marron (Janet) of Durham, North Carolina; Scott Marron (Tricia Johnston) of Des Moines, Iowa; Colleen Marron (Carl Guter) of Great Falls, Montana; Eileen Wells of Twin Falls; and Maureen Marron (Shawn Vacek) of Iowa City, Iowa. The couple has seven grandchildren.

An estimated \$100,000 will be needed for Choquette-Romero's transplant expenses, and an estimated \$60,000 will be needed for Trimmer's transplant expenses, which include some post-transplant care, organizers say.

Donations are tax deductible and can be mailed to First Security Bank, P.O. Box 389, Gooding, Idaho, 83330 or at any branch location. Please make checks or money orders payable to "COTA for Jennifer" or "COTA for Lloyd" and write account number 0131036824 for Choquette-Romero, or 0131036816 for Trimmer, in the memo space.

HACCP workshop goes forward in Twin Falls
TWIN FALLS - The University of Idaho Cooperative Extension System and TechHelp will sponsor the Practical HACCP (Hazard Analysis Critical Control Point) workshop from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Monday and from 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. on Tuesday at Cavanaugh's Canyon Springs Hotel at 1337 Blue Lakes Blvd. N. in Twin Falls.

Cost for the class is \$290 and participants can register at the door.

For more information, call the Jeff Kronenberg at the University of Idaho-TechHelp at 208-455-9650.

Twin Falls woman celebrates 90th birthday
TWIN FALLS - Deon Maher Morrison of Twin Falls will celebrate her 90th birthday with an open house from 2-4 p.m. Saturday at 1128 Desert View Drive in Twin Falls.

Morrison was born Aug. 12, 1910 in Twin Falls. She married Harold T. Morrison on Oct. 15, 1930 and they have two children, Neal (Helene) Morrison and Patricia (Ted) Hafer, all of Twin Falls; four grandchildren, Jeff (Layna) Hafer of Weiser, Greg (Susan) Morrison of Mesa, Ariz., Doug (Kammie) Hafer and Maechel Morrison, all of Twin Falls; and eight great-grandchildren.

She is a member of the First

Free electric wheelchairs available for seniors
TWIN FALLS - The Senior Wheels USA Program has free electric wheelchairs available for senior citizens, 65-years old and older and other permanently disabled people who qualify.

For more information, call Tom Thurlow at 1-800-360-8765.

Snake River Weavers Guild meets this week
TWIN FALLS - The Snake River Weavers Guild plans to meet at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday at the

Kimberly resident travels with George Fox University
Erin Shank of Kimberly was one of 200 George Fox University students who experienced a variety of cultures and customs this spring through the university's annual Juniors Abroad Program, organizers say.

Each student participated in one of nine three-week trips around the globe.

Eight of the student tours took place during May. Shank went to Britain, Italy, Austria, Germany and France.

Juniors Abroad provides eligible juniors and granddaughter of overseas at a reduced cost. Since 1987, the university has paid for transportation and program costs, with students covering room and board. Students have the opportunity to earn three credits during the trip.

Phi Beta Kappa adds local student to ranks
Jeffrey Knoblich of Twin Falls was inducted into the Phi Beta Kappa at University of Oregon in Eugene.

Phi Beta Kappa is a national liberal arts society and students are selected on the basis of course work, high grade-point average and letters of recommendation.

Knoblich studied anthropology.

Academy awards Hollister resident scholar honors
Rosanna Jones, daughter of Carl and Carol Jones of Hollister, was named an All-American Scholar by the United States Achievement Academy.

Jones, a student at Filer Middle School, was nominated for the award by Penni Auferdeide. Jones will appear in the All-American Scholar Yearbook, published nationally.

Arco student wins national award winner status
Amanda Hansen of Arco, the daughter of Bobett Hansen, of Fulcrum Publishing, "The Thrill of the Grill," by Chris Schlesinger, "Xeriscape Handbook," by Gayle Weinstein, "The Pill Book Guide to Medication for Your Dog," by Kay A.W. Roby, "How to be Your Own Architect," by Murray C. Goddard, "Love Always, Patsy," by F. Ray Cline, "A Clearing in the Distance," by Witold Rybczynski, "Restless Spirit," by Elizabeth Partridge, "Born in the U.S.A.," by Jim Cullen, "Cottages," by Home Planners, "How to Read a Poem," by Edward Hirsch, "My Cat Spit McGee," by Willie Morris, "Oh, God, Where Are You?" by Able Abraham, "Historic Corners," and "National Parks all by Reader's Digest Association, and "A Walk in the Woods," by Bill Bryson.

Twin Falls resident attends Interlochen Arts Camp
Annie Croner of Twin Falls will attend Interlochen Arts Camp, southwest of Traverse City, Mich., a camp offering intensive training in creative writing, dance, music, theater arts and visual arts, organizers say.

Established in 1928, Interlochen Arts Camp works

Girl earns achievement awards honors
Krista Alldritt of Bakersfield, Calif. and granddaughter of Everett and Elena Alldritt of Boise and formerly of Twin Falls, was named a United States National Award winner by the United States Achievement Academy.

Alldritt daughter of Eddie and Lisa Alldritt of Bakersfield, Calif., is a student at Olivier Junior High School in Bakersfield, Calif. She was nominated for the award by Carol Dimon, a teacher at the school.

Alldritt will appear in the United States Achievement Academy Official Yearbook, published nationally.

Strand receives music scholarship from family
Laure Strand of Twin Falls has been awarded the Mike Haymore Memorial Scholarship, which is donated by the Dr. Haymore family.

She plans on using the \$2,000 scholarship to attend Utah State University.

Kimberly resident accepts membership with society
Matthew Berry of Kimberly accepted membership in The National Society of Collegiate Scholars and will be honored

Twin Falls resident wins architecture junior honors
Amy Palmer, daughter of Julie and Jeff Palmer of Twin Falls, was selected as the 1999-2000 outstanding junior in architecture by the Washington State University College of Engineering and Architecture faculty.

She also received the \$1,000 Johnson Scholarship from the WSU Honors College for the 2000-2001 school year.

Palmer is a 1997 graduate of Twin Falls High School.

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Plotting the price and path of power

Before the power industry was restructured, utilities generated, distributed and traded power at a set price. Now, many companies have sold off their generators, choosing to shop for low prices on an open market.

Anticipating usage

1. Power distribution
2. If a municipality's anticipated load exceeds the capacity of local power plants, the company must buy power from a region that has some to spare.

Auctioning power

1. In California, an independent system operator (ISO) serves as an auction house. The ISO, acting on behalf of companies in need of the next day's power, finds sellers with low prices, factoring in transmission cost — the price paid to send power across another company's lines.
2. Then coordinators for the companies submit a transmission schedule to the ISO. After determining the chances of congestion on the power grid, the ISO asks coordinators to reschedule any transmissions that could cause overloads.

Shuffling the supply

1. If a company cannot buy the necessary supply, it may pay one of its larger clients, such as a mine, to shut down for a day to lessen demand.
2. A more drastic step is to deprive some areas of power in order to maintain others by causing rotating blackouts or brownouts — temporary sags in power.

Sources: Sandia National Laboratories; California Independent System Operator

J. Jurgensen/AP

With California's power grid straining, officials urge rebellion

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California's top utility regulators, after hearing the complaints of consumers whose bills have doubled and even tripled this year, approved a \$100 million rebate for electricity consumers in San Diego, the city worst hit by the state's power crisis.

The commission's unanimous vote followed a two-hour hearing before more than 300 people in a jammed auditorium, in which deregulation was denounced as a human and fiscal disaster. Nobody spoke in support of deregulation.

Moments after the vote, officials who had come to the meeting from San Diego said the action by the Public Utilities Commission was too little, too late, and urged customers to refuse to pay more than what they paid a year ago.

"It is starting here, it is starting now. It is a ratepayer rebellion," said San Diego Supervisor Dianna

Jacob. "We're telling people to go back to paying what they did in July 1999. What can they do? There are 3 million of us."

She added: "We are on the brink of disaster."
Power grid areas in New England and New York had similar strains on electricity management in early June. But California is in particular trouble, because its growing tech industry has sharply increased demand.

Patrick Dorinson, spokesman for California's Independent System Operator, which coordinates power sharing between utilities, said California's energy deregulation hasn't worked smoothly in conjunction with other traditionally regulated states.

"If you deregulate in California and your neighbors haven't, you've got a lot of different systems out there," he said.

A population boom in places like Phoenix has diminished the amount of power California can import from the Southwest. And in the Pacific Northwest, where the Bonneville dam wholesales power to western states, water has

been diverted this summer for such things as salmon runs.

High demand and tight supplies mean higher prices — particularly in San Diego, the first area in the nation to purchase power in the open market.

In San Diego and a slice of southern Orange County served by San Diego Gas and Electric Co., bills have jumped 200 percent in some areas, due to factors including deregulation, a sweltering summer and increased power consumption across the Southwest.

Deregulation wasn't supposed to work this way. A complex 1996 state law sought to boost competition in the state's \$20 billion electrical power industry, then pass on the expected savings to customers.

The law will be phased in gradually, from south to north. The state's largest utility, Pacific Gas and Electric Co., is expected to join deregulation by 2002.

The law, signed by former Gov. Pete Wilson, was generally supported by the electrical industry but viewed with suspicion by consumer groups.

Student suspended at BYU for MTV role may attend U of U

PROVO, Utah (AP) — The Brigham Young University student who was suspended after appearing on MTV's "Real World" may end up at BYU's rival — the University of Utah.

Julie Stoffer, 21, a business major from Des Moines, Wis., was suspended for the fall semester for breaking BYU's honor code. The Mormon church-owned university prohibits single students from living with members of the opposite sex.

Stoffer lived with four men and two other women in New Orleans during the show's filming, which lasted five months.

She announced Saturday that she would not go back to BYU and would seek another university.

Her father, Jim Stoffer, said Thursday that he had sent her

transcript to Utah and has been in contact with Utah administrators regarding getting a scholarship and transferring credits.

He said someone from the University of Utah called him first.

"They expressed an interest in the best of all this," he said. "They called and talked to my wife and said, 'Hey, we'd like to have her (Julie) up here.'"

Calls to the University of Utah's financial aid office and public information office were not returned Thursday.

Carri P. Jenkins, BYU spokeswoman, said if Julie Stoffer wants to attend Utah, that's fine and "We wish her well."
Jim Stoffer said he would like his daughter to attend Utah as it would keep her among Mormons.

The family of Dennis Ricketts wishes to thank those who participated in the golf tournament; all the congregations, prayer groups, and individuals who lifted him up in prayer for healing after his accident; and everyone who telephoned, sent cards, visited, and the many acts of kindness and assistance that have been extended to us. The support and concern has been awesome. It is so appreciated.

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Sound and feeling of Hells Canyon trip captured on CD

LEWISTON (AP) — It seems like an unlikely match: one of the world's premier hard rock drummers and a Lewiston native who has produced new-age music and videos.

But Paul Speer, who graduated from Lewiston High School in 1970, said he and Queensryche drummer Scott Rockenfield share creative common ground.

The two teamed up to write, perform and produce the compact disc "Hells Canyon," a musical impression of the Snake River and Hells Canyon.

The CD features Rockenfield on the drums and Speer on the guitar. Both musicians play keyboards on some tracks.

Rockenfield wanted to expand beyond Queensryche into other forms of music, Speer explained. "The two of us make a great team."

A mutual friend introduced Rockenfield and Speer in 1992. They discovered they were fans of each other's music. After kicking around a few ideas, the two created the music video album, "Televoid," which was nominated for a Grammy in 1999.

Speer describes "Hells Canyon" as a combination of improvisation and clear-cut melodies.

The first short introductory piece, titled "Descent," pulls the listener into the canyon with sounds of running water and thunder.

"Descent" creates the atmosphere; then all hell breaks loose," Speer said.

"Descent" propels the listener seamlessly into the second track, "Seven Devils," a fast-paced piece that makes listeners feel as if they are shooting a stretch of rapids on the Snake.

The more aggressive tracks are arranged at the beginning of the album, eventually ending with the mellower "Carved in Stone."

"The energy moves downward as you get deeper into the record, and I like that flow," Speer said. The 11 track titles draw on well-known points on the river

like "Buffalo Eddy" and Nez Perce history. In "Crossing to Freedom," Speer is alluding to the Nee-Me-Poo, or Nez Perce, Tribe, which fled across the Snake after the U.S. government's order to leave Oregon's Walla Walla Valley in 1877.

Throughout the CD, Speer strives to create rich layers of sound. In addition to Rockenfield's nimble percussion work and Speer's guitar melodies, the tracks contain "atmospheric textures" — a symphony of voices from a CD-ROM as well as sounds from nature mixed into the music.

Speer first considered a Hells Canyon-themed CD after re-visiting the Snake River on a guided

river tour two years ago. While Speer spent his childhood on the river fishing with his father and water-skiing with his brothers, a trip up the canyon with his girlfriend gave him a new perspective.

"When I was a tourist, I saw it through my girlfriend's eyes. I experienced vicariously through her, and I had a whole new sense of wonder about the place."

While Speer has produced more than 90 albums at his studio in Bellevue, Wash., and created nine albums as a performer, "Hells Canyon" is the first time he has forsaken a record company. Speer is producing "Hells Canyon" under his own label, Rainforest Records.

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Opponents at predator policy hearing square off

LEWISTON (AP) - Environmentalists and sportsmen presented Idaho Department Fish and Game officials with opposing views on predator management.

Environmentalists said the department is going too far in attempts to reduce predator populations.

Sportsmen said the department has not done enough to manage black bears and mountain lions resulting in depressed elk herds in some areas.

The department, caught in the middle, held an open house on its draft predator policy and other subjects at the Lewiston Community Center Thursday night.

"I think it's embarrassing," said Kristin Ruether of the environmental group Friends of the Clearwater. "It makes our state look like we are stuck in the 1950s and we are still trying to kill predators."

She worries the department is

looking to unduly reduce predators so that elk and deer herds can flourish.

Department officials said that is not what the policy is about. Instead they said they want to get a better idea of the numbers of predators and manage them in conjunction with other game species.

"We are not going out and gunning bears from helicopters even though that has been suggested," said wildlife biologist Steve

Nadeau. "We are trying to increase (hunting) opportunity where opportunity exists."

Sportsmen like Ron Reardon of Moscow and Harvey Neece of Troy said it is time the department looked at the relationship of predators to prey. They welcomed the predator policy and said it is based on good science.

Both men said the department should treat bears and lions like it does elk and deer and set goals and objectives for populations.

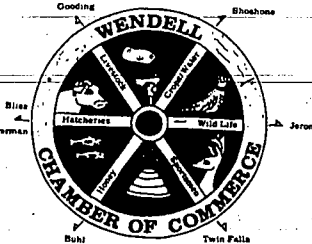
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MORNING LINE

SPORTSQUOTE

“I went down with Kevin Mitchell standing over me, and when I woke up there were 18 Kevin Mitchells.”

Sokano Steinhilber owner Bruce Porter, after being punched in the face by former National League MVP Kevin Mitchell during a brawl in a Western League game

TRIVIA

QUESTION:

Who had the most combined RBI and runs scored in a major league season?

Answer below

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

Legion baseball

State A Tournament at Lewiston

Golf

Idaho Seniors Championships, at Burley City Golf Course

IN BRIEF

District IV volleyball officials begin

TWIN FALLS - The mandatory volleyball state rules clinic for all high school coaches and officials will be held Monday at 7 p.m. at Twin Falls High School. For more information, call Sharon Lutkehus at 543-4470.

Jerome High schedules boys' soccer tryouts

JEROME - Tryouts for Jerome High School boys' fall soccer will be held Aug. 14-17 from 6-8 p.m. each day at Horizon Elementary School. For more information, call head coach Vince Gibson at 735-0176.

TFHS holds boys, girls soccer tryouts

TWIN FALLS - Tryouts and practice for the inaugural Twin Falls High School boys' and girls' soccer seasons will be Aug. 14-19 at Ascension Field.

All players in grades 9 through 12 are invited to come out for both varsity and junior varsity teams. The boys' teams will have two-day practices beginning Monday, Aug. 14 through Aug. 18 from 8-10:30 a.m. and again from 5-7:30 p.m. Girls will practice from 6-8 p.m. each day and all players must bring shoes and balls and have physicals on file with the school district.

For more information, call girls' coach Steve Schmid at 736-8735 (day), 734-8277 (home) or boys' JV coach Ibrahim Faye at 733-8641.

Rupert CC holds golf scramble on Wednesday

RUPERT - The Third Annual St. Nicholas School Golf Scramble and Cookout will be Aug. 9 at Rupert Country Club.

The cost is \$35 per person and includes 18 holes of golf and a cookout. Play will begin with a shotgun start at 1 p.m. Players can sign up individually or as a team. For more information, call Russ Wright at 436-6875.

TRIVIA ANSWER:

Babe Ruth, with 348 in 1921. Ruth had 171 RBI and 177 runs.

Buhl bumps Wolverines to consolation round

By John Derr
Times-News writer

LEWISTON - Buhl and Wood River traveled over 400 miles to do something they have done seven times this Legion season - with most of their games epic battles from two of the top teams in the state.

Saturday, they did not disappoint. Starting pitchers - Buhl's Seth Mathews and Tyler Nice from Wood River - put on masterful performances, but in the end, it was the little mistakes that cost the Wolverines and sent the Tribe into the

Day 2
Boise Gems 7, Coeur d'Alene 6 (Coeur d'Alene eliminated)
Lewis-Clark 7, Boise Barons 3 (Barons eliminated)
Buhl 5, Wood River 2
Prairie 7, Boise Capitals 2 (6)

championship semifinals of the Class A American Legion state tournament with a 5-2 victory.

In consolation games, the Boise Gems

scored four runs in the bottom of the seventh inning to eliminate the Coeur d'Alene Lumbermen 7-6, while the host Lewis-Clark Cubs hit an early lead and were never threatened as they sent home one of the pre-tournament favorites the Boise Barons 7-3.

In the late game, it was the Prairie Cardinals from Post Falls leading the Boise Capitals 7-2 in the sixth inning.

Buhl 5, Wood River 2

The game was tied 2-2 early, but three Wood River errors gave Buhl the lead after

five. In the seventh, a fielding error and a few mental ones put two more runs on the board for the Tribe.

The Wolverines did not go quietly, however, putting the tying run at the plate in the seventh. But the Tribe defense stepped up and shut down the rally.

"I didn't have any of my off-speed stuff. The defense did it and the bats," said Mathews, who earned his third straight victory over the Wolverines.

"This win is really big. We came out ready-to-play. They made great plays and

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RUNNING WILD



LEGION CAPTION/ The Times-News

Amanda Blastock of Twin Falls emerges from the water to complete the first leg of the Twin Falls Triathlon Saturday at Dierkes Lake. Blastock finished the swim in 20 minutes, 48 seconds then waited as her teammates Terry Patterson and Mike Nielsen completed the second and third legs. The trio finished in 1 hour, 37 minutes, 17 seconds for first place in the combined team division.

Local athletes take on Dierkes Lake and triathlon

By Holly Key
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - After taking a one-mile swim and a 17.2-mile bike ride, many people would not be standing.

But Saturday, Magic Valley triathletes had one leg to go before crossing the finish line in the Twin Falls Triathlon at Dierkes Lake.

"The swim was great," said Heidi Smith, of Ketchum, after taking first place in the women's division. "The run was an adventure, but the bike was really easy."

Smith led the women's field coming out of the water, but lost a little time on the bicycle.

Kathy Morell paced the second leg, before Smith came back on the run to finish with a time of 2 hours, 1 minute, 54 seconds, just over a minute ahead of Morell (2:03.00).

"We're both from Ketchum, so I race against her a lot," said Smith, of Morell. "This is a great course, it's just a little lonely. It needs more people."

People who are up to the challenge.

As the triathletes exited the warm waters of Dierkes Lake, they quickly changed into bike gear before heading up the canyon. Upon returning, most of the participants struggled with quivering legs as they made the transition to running shoes.

"It gets better after you've done enough of these," said men's winner Terry Crawford. "This course was so soft, it helped the legs recover."

Crawford, of Sun Valley, led

the men's race in all three stages to finish in 1:52:37. Twin Falls' Jeff Geist came in second (1:54:13).

"It went pretty smooth," Crawford said. "There were volunteers clapping and cheering at points. I felt pretty good to have all that help."

On the team side, 14-year-old Amanda Blastock was the first woman out of the water. Her team of bicyclist Terry Patterson and runner Mike Nielsen finished

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Labonte cruises at Brickyard 400

The Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS - On a day when his older brother's remarkable streak ended, Bobby Labonte came up with the biggest win of his career.

Labonte played the hunter to perfection Saturday in the Brickyard 400, stalking Rusty Wallace until it was time to win.

He made his move 15 laps from the end of the 160-lap race at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway, pulling along

side Wallace and bumping past to take the lead for good.

It was easily the most important of Labonte's 14 wins, and it came as brother Terry failed to start for the first time in 656 races. Terry Labonte's NASCAR record streak ended because of the recurring effects of a concussion from a crash last month.

The usually low-key Labonte jumped out of his car and climbed onto the top, throwing his arms in the air in jubilation.

He then jumped to the ground and hugged teammate Tony Stewart, crew chief Jimmy Makar, his wife Donna and just about anybody on the team he



NASCAR driver Bobby Labonte, foreground, moves away from Rusty Wallace after taking the lead in lap 148 of the Brickyard 400 Saturday. Labonte held on to the lead to win the race.

could get his hands on.

"I can't think of a better day," the nearly breathless winner said. "My brother, I wish he was out there. And to beat a great driver like Rusty Wallace, it was just awesome."

Terry, who watched the race from the pits while his Hendrick Motorsports Chevrolet was driven by Todd Bodine, spent the day wearing headphones and keeping track of his brother and his own car.

The victory ended a run of frustration for Bobby. Despite hold-

ing the lead in the Winston Cup standings virtually all season, he hadn't won since February in Rockingham, N.C.

It also gave Labonte the second NASCAR major of his career, having won the Coca-Cola 600 in 1995. The 36-year-old Texan had been agonizingly close in the Brickyard, finishing second last year and in 1997 and third in 1998.

"This is one of those races you dream about," he said. "Like I said, a lot of things happened this week. I'm just glad it turned out like this."

Catching up with Zeck

Summer produces strong CSI hopes for return to dominance

By Kevin Hall
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - It's quiet now, save for the industrial polishers glossing the floor of the College of Southern Idaho gymnasium. But it's been anything but still for the past 2.5 months as the Eagles men's basketball team has been steadily preparing for a return run at the junior college national championship.

Call it summer hoops school. During the crucial summer recruiting period from late May through August, second-year head coach Derek Zeck and assistants Brian Hancock and Jay Cyrac have been busy assembling the pieces for the upcoming season's version of their JUCO juggernaut.

On a much-needed respite after the fury of recruiting, Zeck added eight new faces with the seven returns to a team that came within seconds of knocking off eventual national champion Southeastern College at March's

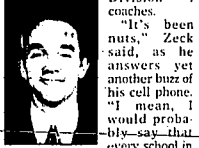
NJCAA national tournament.

And though all don't report to CSI until Aug. 28 - the first day of the fall quarter - most of the 2000-01 team has been on campus for school and workouts under a host of watchful eyes, including a cavalcade of NCAA Division I coaches.

"It's been nuts," Zeck said, as he pulled up a chair for another buzz of his cell phone. "I mean, I would probably say that every school in America has probably seen play this summer."

Besides the Utahs and Wyoming of the world hanging out in CSI's gym, the team has taken two excursions to so-called "showcase" camps in Tulsa, Okla., and Northridge, Calif.

Funding for the trips came from a car wash the team held in July along with donations from



Derek Zeck



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SPORTS

Lead changes mark exciting action at rodeo

The Tribes News
RUPERT - Friday night's performance saw five lead changes in eight different events and brought an exciting close to the Mindoka County Rodeo at the Mindoka County Fairgrounds in Rupert.

Williams and Jason Warner clocked a time of 6.3 seconds to win the event by more than a second over Dick Jim and Clint Walker. Last, Raft River's Chase Erickson scored 74 points in the bull riding to beat Murtaugh's Russ Pyne by one point and Buhl's Ben Kimball by two.



Rupert's Jeram Koepnick loses his hold during the bareback competition Friday night at the Mindoka County Rodeo. Toby Miller won the event with a 71-point ride.

Bareback rider Toby Miller started the action with a 71-point ride in Friday's opening event. Later in the evening, Mark Gage took over the lead in the middle bronc competition with a 61-point ride. Although no changes were seen in the calf roping, break-away roping and steer wrestling, the night's final three events all featured new leaders. Angelle Eames started the transition with a run of 17.376 seconds in the barrel-racing. The time was more than three-tenths of a second faster than her nearest competitor. Then, in the team roping, Clint

- Mindoka County Rodeo Results
1. Tony Miller 71.7, 2. Philo Pomeroy, Philo Smith 58.4, Clayton Swanson 58.3, Harry Troutman 58.0, & Bob Swanson 61.1.
1. Andy Brown 11.2, 2. Dick Troutman 11.3, 3. Dave Hargrove 12.1, 4. Tom Hargrove 12.2, 5. Greg Hargrove 12.0.
1. Matt Gage 61.2, 2. Brent Chase 56.2, 3. John Clouse 56.1.
1. Ryan Wagner 11.2, 2. Dick Troutman 11.3, 3. Dave Hargrove 12.1, 4. Tom Hargrove 12.2, 5. Greg Hargrove 12.0.
1. Angelle Eames 17.376, 2. Holly Brooks 17.686, 3. Karen Ery 17.694, 4. Sherry Thibault 17.723, 5. Sabrina Adams 17.797.
1. Cory Williamson 74.9, 2. Dan J. McCarroll 74.7, 3. Hargrove 74.5, 4. Daniel Goff 74.3, 5. Daniel Goff 74.3.
1. Chase Erickson 74.2, 2. Russ Pyne 73.7, 3. Ben Kimball 73.2, 4. Clint Swain 70.5, 5. Steve O'Neil 70.1.

Legion

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did win."
The teams got their first two runs in similar fashion. Buhl, who was held to four runs and five hits in its first game Friday, got the bats going early with three first-inning singles. Sonny Thornborough reached on a fielder's choice and T.J. Cline followed with a single before Sean Van Elderen singled to load the bases. Cody Chandler's fielder's choice sent Thornborough home, and a wild pitch plated Cline. Wood River, who shined at the plate Friday, got one back in the first. James Cordes blasted a triple, then scored on a fielder's choice. Matt Zachary, Friday's winning pitcher for the Wolverines, singled and came home on a passed ball. The Tribe could not get anything going for the next two innings while Wood River stranded two in each frame. In the fifth, Buhl took the lead for good. Mathews reached on an

error, then with one out, singled into center. The fielder misjudged the ball, and Mathews, who had been held, rushed home to give the Tribe a 3-2 advantage. Buhl gave itself some breathing room in the seventh. It could have been more if not for a pair of runners being thrown out. Ryan Wagner singled to open the inning and Mathews bunted down the line looking to have the throw beat. It mattered little though as the ball went over the first baseman's head scoring Wagner. Mathews was later thrown out trying to get home on another passed ball. Later in the inning, Cory Hamilton walked, but was caught trying to make it to third on Thornborough's fielder's choice. Cline singled and Thornborough stopped at third. Wood River tried to pick Cline off when he made a wide turn at first and Thornborough didn't see anyone watching him and took off for home, barely beating the throw.

"It was my idea," Thornborough said. "The play was close at first and I thought we weren't watching him so I took off." Wood River got a leadoff single by Max Paisley and had two runners on, but the Tribe got three ground outs to end the game. "We got a few breaks and hit it when it counted," said Buhl, coach Lee Cline. "We need to keep this in perspective. It's not the championship, but it's big. We need to keep playing good defense." It is now up to the Wolverines to repeat their effort at district when they lost to Buhl in the second round and came back through the consolation. "We had a couple mistakes that came back to bite us. It was surprising and I thought we had the momentum, but we couldn't get the big hit," said Wood River coach Matt Nelson. "Don't ever count us out." As if the Wolverines needed any more inspiration for the game, the public address

announcer mistakenly said he hoped Wood River enjoyed their stay in Lewiston thinking they had been eliminated. Several people made it clear that the Wolverines were not yet done. Wood River opens consolation play today taking on the Boise Gems at 10 a.m. followed by Lewis-Clark and Prairie/Boise Capital loser at 1 p.m. Buhl and the Prairie/Boise Capital winner tangle at 5 p.m. to be the lone remaining undefeated team. The winner of the first two games finishes the day at 8 p.m. as the eight-team field is whittled down to the final three.

Zeck

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team boosters. "The kids basically worked to pay for their uniforms," Zeck said. "None of the summer stuff we did is coming out of the budget." At the most recent trip to the Adidas Double Pump camp on the campus of the California State University at Northridge July 28-30, Zeck and 50 including a 28-point win over California junior college state champion Porterville College and a 10-point defeat of state runners-up College of the Sequoias. "The two trips were great in the sense that we built community," Zeck said. "It was fun just being around each other, hanging with each other and traveling with each other. Stuff like that is just practice for building team unity." And for gauging a sense of just how special a team this one is. "We can go with so many different looks," Zeck said. "We're extremely quick, extremely athletic. It's just a lot of natural talent. You could see they did a good job of trying to play together and help each other. ... I think once we get our structure down and get our plays in, with the talent we have, it can be pretty scary how could we can be."

them were recruits Tra Arnold, a transfer from Texas A&M-Corpus Christi; Tony Bobbitt (Tallahassee Community College); 6-11 Fordham-signee Yankuba Camara; San Diego State-transfer point guard Bradley Jackson and walk-on George Rodriguez. Joining them when school begins is Seattle freshman Connor McCaffrey, a 6-foot-3 vertical jump and was nicknamed "Spree" (after New York Knicks bad boy Latrell Sprewell); Idaho A-1 player of the year Zack White and the latest player to commit, North Carolina's Ricky Clemons. Besides passing tests in the classroom, Butler, Eze, Okafor and Ferguson have also tested the waters of intense recruiting efforts by attending camps and mid-major schools from coast to coast. "Something Zeck said could become more of a distraction as the year progresses. "Recruiting is one of the things that is going to be really tough as far as distraction goes," Zeck said. "Our guys are being recruited at a very high level by a lot of different people. That's one factor that is tough on junior college because you're trying to play, but you're also being recruited. Especially the 1-foot Nigerian tandem of Okafor and Eze. Both came to CSI last season after signing at the University of Miami and Louisville, respectively. "It's incredible," Zeck said. "It's tough when they begin to get the recognition to keep them focused." Especially for 24 days in July, when Division I schools are allowed to roam about freely looking to recruit players to bring to their programs, a period that ended July 31. Because of concerns by the NCAA about the influence AAU coaches and shoe companies have on the recruiting process, the NCAA is cutting back next year's July recruiting period to only 10 days, and for the 2002 season, it's being eliminated entirely. Though he doesn't always like all of the attention and distract-

tions that recruiting causes, to eliminate the period entirely is something Zeck said is a mistake. "It's ridiculous eliminating the summer recruiting period," he said. "First of all, it's unfair for schools like the University of Idaho, which is tough to get out of (geographically), compared to other schools and California. The summer period is where everybody has the same opportunity to be out and see kids. If you say the only time you can recruit is during the year, you're only going to be able to go see one game at a time, see one kid probably at a time, and a school like (Idaho) compared to like Long Beach (State). I mean, that's unfair recruiting. Long Beach can drive and see kids, where Idaho has to spend a ton of money flying to go see kids. Even if you eliminate (coaches and camps) are still going to be there and they may even have even more power. I think it's crazy. And I don't think it'll happen."

Street and Smith magazine has told him they're looking at ranking the team No. 1 in its preseason poll. And at both camps CSI attended, the stands were full of lookers eager to get a glimpse of one of the nation's best junior college teams. "The Pump people were saying a lot of schools never even come to that camp (at Cal-State Northridge) but I know Kansas was there and Cincinnati was there," Zeck said. "The neat thing for our guys is when we were playing, our court was just packed with people and coaches and scouts watching our games." But Zeck refuses to get caught up in the late-summer hype. "It's good for our kids for what they accomplished after last season," he said. "But to me, it doesn't mean anything except that you've recruited a good team. Especially in the preseason, because they haven't accomplished anything yet and were ranked No. 1? We haven't played one game yet." Because of the hype, there's even been whispers that it could be the best college men's basketball program in the state, a comparison Zeck said is unfounded. "No way will I even get into that," Zeck said, laughing. "A lot of people say that, but I don't know how they could even compare that. Because what Idaho State has, Boise State has, and what the University of Idaho has is kids with experience. Kids that are juniors and seniors and we have kids that are freshman and sophomores. That's tough to compare to that and I think it's an unfair comparison especially to the four-year schools." Regardless of the in-state comparisons, from what the summer has produced, this upcoming season's Golden Eagles should once again put on a show for the fervent, CSI faithful. Zeck said, "I think our kids get along a lot better and I think they care for each other a lot more. On the floor, there are just so many different looks and so many different weapons that we can throw at people and I think the two things that we're really going to have to emphasize is rebounding and with our quickness and size, our defense will have to be a huge advantage. "If we can just really concentrate on becoming good at rebounding and playing defense, those two things can carry us a long way this season."

Summer squad
Among the sophomores, only 7-foot-1 Greek giant Kostas Averginos spent the summer at home while his Scenic West Athletic Conference champion teammates diligently attended camp. Of them, Cardell Butler, Brandon Ferguson, Jerry Dupree and Uche Okafor worked hard at making up credits lost in the backwash of the postseason hula-balls. "Blondie, Jerry (they) made some mistakes after nationals (skipping class for one)," Zeck said. "But this summer they did a good job of getting back on track. Blondo replaced two classes this summer that he had failed previously. I think he got an A and a B. The same thing with Jerry. And Cardell had an awesome summer academically, the best of his career." Jason Brazier, on the other hand, became a resident advisor at Eagle Hall and Benjamin Eze put on at least 20 pounds of solid muscle on his imposing 6-10 frame. "I lifted weights, ran and regularly played during a basketball-related class under the watchful eye of professor Zeck. Among

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-Derek Zeck
CSI basketball coach

The power of CSI
Besides recruiting players, something Zeck and his coaches are developing quite a reputation for. Zeck keeps an eye out for freshmen looking for a coach. "The 30-year-old coaches at Kansas University pedigree and a trip to Hutch already under his belt, has let it be known that his ultimate goal is to coach at the Division I level. But for now, until that opportunity presents itself, he's happy to remain in Twin Falls. "I'd like to think all of those things definitely play in hand," he said. "But again, as far as saying, 'Is it time?' I don't know. I mean you just don't know and that's what is so hard about this. You just have to look at your job at hand and handle your job the best you can and then hope something you get the opportunity to take a step up. "But if it doesn't come along, I'm happy with this job, it's a great job. I could stay here for years, I'm fine with it." Something he also is fine with is some of the early presshype his team is building through the national rumor mill.

Triathlon
Compiled from staff and wire reports:
"I felt I did good," Tucker said. "It's a hard race if you can't swim very well. It's just getting over the fear of the moss and the taste of the water." Several participants in both the swims are on the Magic Valley Marlins swim team. Both events serve as a fund-raiser for the Marlins. "We feel we provide the most beautiful venue," said coordinator Stephanie Crumrine. "Also those of us involved just wanted to have this event for Twin Falls."

SPORTS IN BRIEF

Twin Falls hosts football camp Aug. 8-10
TWIN FALLS - The Twin Falls High School coaching staff will conduct a football camp Aug. 8-10 for all-players in fifth through eighth grades. Cost is \$25 for the camp, which runs from 6-9 p.m. all three days. Players can register Tuesday beginning at 5:30 p.m. at the high school. For more information, call TFHS coach Mark Schaal at 734-5366.

MV Youth Soccer hosts camp Aug. 7-11
TWIN FALLS - The Magic Valley Youth Soccer Association will host a Major League Soccer-sponsored camp Monday through Friday at Ascension Fields. Children aged 5-18 are invited to attend the skills-based camps, which are taught by licensed coaches from Europe and North America. For more information, call Carl Legg at 734-7398.

Senators conduct camps, physicals
GOODING - Gooding High School is holding sports physicals Monday at the Gooding High School gymnasium for \$10. Meanwhile, the Senators football team will hold a three-day football camp for children in grades 5-8 Monday and Tuesday from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. for \$20. High school players can also pick up helmets and pads Thursday through Saturday from 8 a.m. to noon at the school. For more information on any of the above, call Ty Jones at 934-4250.

Coaches, officials soccer clinic is Monday
TWIN FALLS - A mandatory soccer state rules clinic for all coaches and officials will be held Monday at 7 p.m. at the faculty lounge of Twin Falls High School. Officials will be able to register and pick up state packets starting at 6:30 p.m., or after the meeting concludes. Registration for high school is \$30. For more information, call District IV commissioner John Jacobson at 734-3151 or 731-1678.

Newsome pleads guilty to drug offenses
LA CROSSE, Wis. - Former Green Bay Packer and San Francisco 49er cornerback Craig Newsome has pleaded guilty to two charges related to prescription drugs and is to enter a National Football League drug program. Newsome, 28, of La Crosse, entered the pleas Friday in La Crosse County Circuit Court to one felony charge of obtaining a controlled substance by fraud and one misdemeanor charge of being party to the crime of possessing prescription drugs. He was arrested June 28 on accusations he used a false prescription to obtain tablets of Lorab, a painkiller.

Everett, Williams exchange heated words
BOSTON - Boston's Carl Everett and manager Jimmy Williams had a shouting match a few hours before the center fielder returned to the Red Sox lineup Saturday, having served his 10-game suspension for bumping umpire Tim Lincecum. Everett was heard screaming with Williams behind closed doors of the manager's office. When the door opened, Everett shouted profanities directed at Williams. When asked if it was resolved, Williams responded: "Things got resolved. Time is a great resolver. He's in the lineup. I want him in that lineup."

Yankees lodge protest after Mariners loss
NEW YORK - The New York Yankees protested Saturday's game against Seattle after umpire allowed Mariners' reliever Arthur Rhodes unlimited warmup pitches in the sixth inning. The controversy began when Paul O'Neill hit a line drive off the heel of pitcher Aaron Sele. The ball deflected in the air to shortstop Alex Rodriguez. Because the umpires did not signal an out, Rodriguez threw to first, pulling John Olerud off the bag. Seattle manager Lou Piniella argued the play, and it was overruled after umpire Angel Hernandez conferred with crew chief Mark Hirschbeck and the two apparently saw shoe polish on the ball. Brett Tomko started warming up as Piniella said he planned to replace Sele to start the seventh inning. After a double by Bernie Williams and a single by David Justice put runners on first and third, Piniella came back out of the dugout with a trainer to check on Sele. Piniella then brought in left-hander Arthur Rhodes - who was not warming up - to face lefty Tino Martinez. Rhodes was given as much time as he needed to get ready, sparking the protest.

Quale closes in Jones in Modified division
TWIN FALLS - Defending Mountain Dew Modifieds champion Bruce Quale crept within 41 points of leader Steve Jones Saturday as Quale won his fourth main event of the season ahead of Jones and Rick Corbridge. In the Grand National Sportsman class, points leader Jeffrey Matis beat out Dan Deane with Dan Deane taking third. Ed Keys took his fourth main event win in the NAPA Auto Parts Pony Stocks over Mike Prara and Todd Audet, while Jim Shirley raced to his first-ever Dairy Queen Thunder Stocks main event win, beating Ken Vanderham and Natalie Shifley.

Triathlon
Compiled from staff and wire reports:
Twin Falls Triathlon results
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1. Heidi Smith 2:14:24, 2. Kelly Adams, 2:20:03, 3. Heather Harrell, 2:21:00, 4. Lisa Lawrence, 2:22:21, 5. Doreen Thomas, 2:24:19.
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Seniors

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"That last hole was a big disappointment," Lutz said. "I was in perfect birdie position, but I was nervous with the wind coming in that a sand wedge would be risky for judging how hard to hit it, so I decided to hit a knock-down pitching wedge. I just pulled it hard and left myself with a tough putt."

More damaging, however, was the two-shot swing on the leader board.

"Two shots back is going to be tough to catch up," Lutz said. "I figure I'm going to have to not make those bogies that I made today and shoot 67 or something to have a chance tomorrow."

In the women's championship flight, Twin Falls' Virginia Unthjem carded a 7-over 82 Saturday to take a one-stroke lead over Doris Ellingham on today's final round.

Defending champion Wilma

Shockey, of Rupert, stands seven strokes back after a first-day score of 89.

Unthjem, who started her round with five straight pars began to come apart near the turn.

"I started out really good," Unthjem said. Then I got really distracted on that three par (7). Somebody came walking up behind me and said something and I just never got my mind back. I just kind of went to hell

in a hand basket there for a while."

Making the turn at 3-over, Unthjem played the back nine with 11, to finish 7-over on the day.

As for taking the lead into the final day of a tournament she's won more times than many have entered, Unthjem said she's not concerned with playing her best game than protecting a lead.

"I don't care what happens tomorrow," she said. "I just want to play a good round of golf - win, lose or draw. I don't care. I just want to have a good round of golf like I know I can."

Play begins this morning at 9:30 with a shotgun start.

Male Senior Championship results (See page 10)
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1. Tom Peterson 71 (29)
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SPORTS



THE HEIRS APPARENT

NFL looks to youngsters at QB

TERRE HAUTE, Ind. (AP) — Peyton Manning was asked if the retirements of John Elway, Dan Marino and Steve Young make him one of the NFL's top QBs or just one of the top young ones. "I think I'm at the top of the young guys," replied Manning, who doubles as a football historian. "I still have a lot to learn."

When Kurt Warner, the former Arena League who led the Rams to the NFL title last season, was asked the same question, he said: "You have to do it for more than one year."

A lot of humility for the two most visible quarterbacks last season. For with those high-profile retirements in the last two years, there might be talent at quarterback, but there sure isn't much star quality.

Just Brett Favre, Mark Brunell, Drew Bledsoe and an aging Troy Aikman are up there with Manning and Warner. Six second-year players who will start at quarterback this season carry the league's hopes for producing a new crop of stars at the position.

But some NFL veterans insist it's always been this way. "People think that everyone used to have great quarterbacks," Colts president Bill Polian says.

"Not so. If you look back 30 years or so when there were just 12 teams, there were maybe a handful of guys who were top flight and the rest were average. Remember 1963? The Bears won an NFL title with Bill Wade at quarterback. Bill Wade?"

Here's a look at the current QB crop as appraised by a dozen general managers, coaches and scouts:

THE BEST: "I'm only 75 percent of where I should be," says Manning, who led the Colts from 3-13 to 13-3 in his second season. Based on last season, he is the top star, along with Warner, who was

recently rewarded with a seven year, \$46.5 million contract.

The others: Although his last two seasons didn't measure up to three straight MVP years in Green Bay, Favre remains at the top. He played all of last year with a thumb injury and his supporting cast wasn't as good.

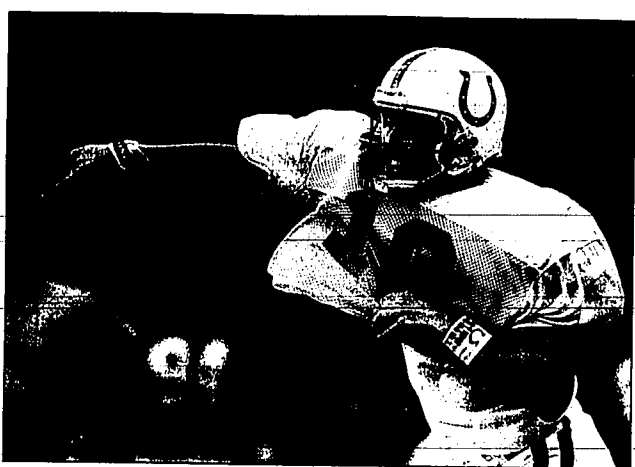
Bledsoe is hampered by New England's lack of a running game but demonstrated in 1998 that he can win in late-game situations. Most of those questioned agree that he belongs at the top even though he'll never be a superstar.

Brunell needs that break-through Super Bowl appearance but he's injury prone. He's one of the best when healthy and adds mobility to the mix.

Aikman, who has three Super Bowl rings, is on the downside. He will turn 34 in November and is concussion prone. Still, he retains the glamour of Super Bowls past and quarterbacking the Cowboys still counts for something.

Steve McNair might be ready to join this group under the tutelage of Mike Heimerdinger, the Titans' new offensive coordinator. He was good enough to take Tennessee to a Super Bowl last season and nearly tied it in the final moments.

THE CYPHOMORES: Tim Couch of Cleveland, Akili Smith of Cincinnati, Donovan McNabb of Philadelphia, Cade McNown of



Indianapolis quarterback Peyton Manning fires a pass during practice at the Colts training camp Monday.

Chicago, Daunte Culpepper of Minnesota and Shaun King of Tampa Bay.

All but Culpepper played a lot last season and all will start this year.

The consensus is that McNabb and perhaps Smith can be stars and Couch can develop into a solid QB like Bledsoe.

The one carrying the most pressure might be King, a second-round choice who took over late last season and almost got the

Bucs to the Super Bowl. The team wants a title now and has added more offense, including Keyshawn Johnson, one of the league's top receivers.

VETERAN JOURNEYMEN: Chris Chandler of Atlanta, Vinny Testaverde of the Jets, Steve Buerlein of Carolina, Brad Johnson of Washington, Erv Grbac of Kansas City, Jeff Blake of New Orleans, Jim Harbaugh of San Diego.

All have had success, notably Chandler's run to the Super Bowl with Atlanta two seasons ago. All are injury prone and Blake's probably just a very good backup who has to start now.

PROMISING, BUT ...: Charlie

Batch of Detroit, Jake Plummer of Arizona, Rob Johnson of Buffalo, Tony Banks of Baltimore, Brian Griese of Denver, Jon Kitna of Seattle.

Batch showed considerable promise as a rookie in 1998, spent most of last season hurt and now has a knee injury that will sideline him until September.

Plummer looked sensational for two years and was awful last season. He also seems injury prone.

The Bills got Rob Johnson in a trade, then signed him to a \$25 million, five-year contract. He got hurt, lost his job to Doug Flutie then got it back for the playoffs last season. With Flutie out until at least September, he has a big burden.

Banks was run out of St. Louis after three erratic seasons and is turnover prone. He had a good final third of last season and the thinking is that coach Brian Billicque, who has turned around quarterbacks before, can do it with him.

Griese's problem is that he's in Denver, where no one can match Elway's 17 seasons. Some scouts think he'll be fine if the Broncos shorten their pass patterns to accommodate his weaker arm.

Kitna is a work-in-progress. Even his own coaches don't know if he's the long-term answer.

THE BUSTS: It's hard to remember that some thought Ryan Leaf, not Manning, was the most-talented QB in the 1998 draft. Leaf is back with San Diego, his shoulder is supposedly healed and he's said to have become an adult.

They said that about George, too. Chances are that if he succeeds, it will be elsewhere.

Others: Kerry Collins had two good years in Carolina, then flamed out. He's starting for the Giants now, blames his problems on alcohol, and at 27, has plenty of time to resurrect his career. Polian, who drafted him for the Panthers, thinks he'll be fine. Others think Collins is turnover prone and insecure.

Pittsburgh's Kendall Stewart, "Slash," one of the NFL's bright young stars of the mid-90s, is coming off two horrible seasons. He lost a job last year to 36-year-old Mike Tomczak and is competing for his job with Kent Graham, the ultimate journeyman backup.



Kordell Stewart



Steve McNair



Tim Couch

NFL tests 'Noise Exterminators' Hawks pound Colts; Steelers win

As part of an NFL experiment, five players each from the New Orleans Saints and Minnesota Vikings wore high-tech hearing aids called "Noise Exterminators" during their exhibition game at the Metrodome on Saturday night.

Around the camps NFL officials think the tiny device, worn like a hearing aid, will help players hear quarterback snap counts through the fan noise.

Four Saints offensive linemen — Tom Ackerman, Jason McEndoo, Marcus Price and Darryl Terrell — and tight end Austin Whaley will wear the aids. Five Vikings players will also have the devices.



Kansas City tight end Tony Gonzalez (88) grabs a pass in the end zone and scores a touchdown in the first quarter against the Tennessee Titans on Saturday.

Ravens Two weeks into training camp, the Baltimore Ravens have already lost running back Jamal Lewis and three wide receivers to injury.

So, when the Ravens opened their preseason schedule Saturday night against the Philadelphia Eagles, their main focus was to avoid more injuries.

Lewis, the No. 5 pick in the draft, dislocated his elbow on the

Chiefs Offensive tackle Marcus Spears did not make the trip to Tennessee for the team's exhibition opener, and remained in River Falls, Wis., to rest a sore hip flexor suffered Monday.

Guard Will Shields, who practiced with the team for the first time Thursday, did not play Saturday night, nor did his backup, Brendan Stai, who is recovering from an elbow injury. Kansas City coach Gunther Cunningham started Donald Willis at right guard.

Eagles Linebacker Dan Brandenburg, signed as a free agent in the offseason, left the Philadelphia Eagles.

"I talked to his agent and he left for personal reasons," coach Andy Reid said Friday.

Brandenburg did not show up to practice Thursday and disappeared from the Lehigh University campus where the Eagles are holding summer training camp.

The 6-2, 255-pound linebacker signed a one-year contract with Philadelphia on March 3. He spent four seasons with the Buffalo Bills, playing primarily on special teams.

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Chris Fuamatu-Ma'afala, seemingly the forgotten man in Pittsburgh's backfield, scored the Steelers' only touchdown and set up Kris Brown's winning field goal with a 50-yard run in a 13-10 comeback preseason victory over the Miami Dolphins on Saturday night.

The Dolphins ushered in the post-Dan Marino era by going without a touchdown until the third quarter, an inept performance offset by an even more dismal showing by a still-struggling Steelers offense that finished with minus-5 yards passing.

Fuamatu-Ma'afala provided about the only offensive excitement, scoring the tying touchdown on a 3-yard run with 6:41 left, then running 50 yards to the 15 before Brown's 21-yard game-winner with 1:34 remaining.

Jim Druckenmiller, projected as Miami's third-term quarterback, did what starter Damon Huard couldn't, by leading a 78-yard drive for the game's first touchdown and a 10-3 Dolphins lead at 4:07 of the third.

NFL Preseason

The defending AFC West champion Seahawks, who ended a 12-year playoff drought in coach Mike Holmgren's first year last season, went ahead to stay at 14-7 on a 25-yard touchdown drive to open the second half.

Alexander, a 5-foot-11, 218-pounder, scored on a run around left end when he faked out free safety Tony Blevins at the 6-yard line and went into the end zone standing up with 3:44 gone in the second half. Glenn Foley, Seattle's backup quarterback, had a 28-yard pass to rookie James Williams in the march.

Foley passed 3 yards to Darrell Jackson, another rookie, for a touchdown with 3:10 left in the third quarter to give Seattle a 21-7 lead.

In the final period, No. 3 quarterback Brock Huard scored on a 13-yard scramble and backup Colts quarterback Kelly Holcomb passed 5 yards to free-agent rookie Trevor Insley for a touchdown.

nected for a 26-yard score with 9:31 left in the first quarter, with the tipping point two tackles en route to the end zone. Bruce also caught a 21-yarder and Torry Holt caught a pair of 9-yarders. The only incompletion was a dropped pass by Bruce.

Backup Bobby Hoving played 10 minutes in the second quarter, going 11-for-21 for 107 yards.

Bears 20, Giants 8

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — Mark Hartzell, attempting to get back into football after missing the last three seasons, guided Chicago to 10 third-quarter points in leading the Bears to a 20-8 preseason win over the New York Giants on Saturday night.

Hartzell, who got extra playing time because of an injury to quarterback Jim Miller, gave the Bears a 10-8 lead with a go-ahead 3-yard touchdown pass to Moseley Brooks, a score set up by linebacker Rosevelt Colvin's interception near midfield.

Hartzell, who has not played since being cut by the Washington Redskins in 1997, also set up a 43-yard field goal by Paul Edinger by hitting two passes for 19 yards and running twice for 14. The former Boston College product finished 8-for-11 for 90 yards.

Fourth-stringer Clint Dolezal added a 17-yard touchdown pass to former Giant Scott Drago, and Jared Holmes had a 24-yard field goal on Bears' scores set up by long returns against the Giants' special teams in the preseason opener.

Brad Daluiso kicked field goals of 37 and 30 yards, and defensive tackle Christian Peter added a safety for New York.

Swann sues Cardinals for \$3.5M

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) — Eric Swann has filed a \$3.5 million grievance against the Arizona Cardinals concerning the way he was released.

Swann's agent, Steve Zucker, said Saturday that the defensive end contends he was injured when Arizona released him last month and therefore should not have been let go.

Swann, now with the Carolina Panthers, has arthritic knees and has undergone seven knee operations during his career.

"When a player is injured he should not be released, and if he is, he is entitled to compensation," Zucker said.

Under NFL rules, Swann had 25 days after his release to file the grievance. He beat the deadline by one day when Zucker filed the complaint late Friday night.

The action means the Cardinals automatically must set

aside \$1.75 million — half the amount Swann is seeking — until the grievance is resolved. The money counts against Arizona's salary cap.

Swann, 27, will also file a worker's compensation suit against Arizona — and possibly a malpractice suit — next week, Zucker said.

The Cardinals, who played host to the Denver Broncos on Saturday night, couldn't immediately be reached for comment.

The worker's compensation suit will center around claims that Swann was forced to play when he was too injured and Arizona routinely questioned the severity of Swann's knee problems.

Swann signed a one-year deal with Carolina two weeks after Arizona released him for the league minimum for veterans.

Zucker said Swann's knee problems prevented him from passing Carolina's physical, but Swann

agreed to sign a waiver that allows him to play for the Panthers.

Clemons becomes Saints' latest casualty

MINNEAPOLIS — This time, the New Orleans Saints didn't even make it through warmups intact.

Middle linebacker Charlie Clemons strained his right Achilles' tendon and was carried off the field about half an hour before the Saints' exhibition against the Minnesota Vikings at the Metrodome on Saturday night.

He was replaced in the starting lineup by Phil Clarke.

The Saints lost three players — tight end Cam Cleeland, cornerback Steve Israel and safety Rob Kelly — in their first preseason game last weekend against the New York Jets.

Ravens 16, Eagles 13

BALTIMORE — Shannon Sharpe caught a touchdown pass in his Baltimore debut, and the Ravens opened their preseason by beating the Philadelphia Eagles 16-13 Saturday night.

Matt Stover snapped a tie with a 42-yard field goal with 2:43 to go, and Anthony Poindexter sealed the win with an interception. It was the ninth straight preseason win over three seasons for the Ravens, who went 4-0 in both 1998 and 1999.

Seahawks 28, Colts 16

SEATTLE — Shaun Alexander, drafted to give veteran running back Ricky Waters some help, scored two touchdowns in his Seattle Seahawks' debut Saturday night in a 28-16 victory over the Indianapolis Colts.

The Seahawks played their exhibition opener at University of Washington's Husky Stadium, where they will play their home games for two seasons after the implosion of the Kingdome March 26. A new \$430 million outdoor football stadium is being built for the team at the site of the Kingdome.

Alexander, the 19th pick in April from Alabama, tallied on a pair of inspiring 11-yard runs after the Colts (0-2) took a 7-0

Titans 14, Chiefs 10

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — The Tennessee Titans showed off new receiver Carl Pickens, and the AFC champions ended a preseason losing skid to the Kansas City Chiefs with a 14-10 exhibition victory Saturday night.

Fickens practiced with the Titans for the first time only five days after signing a five-year, \$20 million contract. But he picked up enough that he played with the starters for the first two series and caught two passes, including a 2-yarder from Steve McNair that tied the game at 7.

Rams 31, Raiders 17

ST. LOUIS — Kurt Warner was back in MVP form for the St. Louis Rams' preseason opener Saturday night, producing a quick touchdown on his only drive in a 31-17 victory over the Oakland Raiders.

Warner, who threw 41 touchdown passes in the Rams' Super Bowl season, was in for only seven plays but made them count. The Rams led the NFL in offense last year under coordinator Mike Martz, now the head coach, and they opened with three passes.

Isaac Bruce and Warner con-

Saints 25, Vikings 24

MINNEAPOLIS — Doug Briner, fourth field goal, a 49-yarder as time expired, lifted the New Orleans Saints to a 25-24 preseason victory over the Minnesota Vikings on Saturday night.

The Vikings and their fans were downcast even before the ball sailed through the uprights: Star receiver Rashaun Woods injured his left shoulder in the first half and left the Metrodome in the fourth quarter for an MRI.

Gary Anderson gave Minnesota a 24-22 lead with a 40-yard field goal with 1:29 left. But Briner, who was good from 36, 24 and 23 yards, nailed the 49-yarder.

SPORTS

Els wobbles but retains lead in International

CASTLE ROCK, Colo. (AP) — Despite faltering down the stretch, Ernie Els rode the strength of four early birdies on Saturday to establish another tournament record and lengthen his lead in The International.

Els, who began the third round with a 6-point lead over Stuart Appleby, had 6 points Saturday for a total of 40, eclipsing the previous 54-hole record of 39 shared by Phil Mickelson and David Tom.

Els forged an 8-point lead over Mickelson and Greg Norman under the modified Stableford scoring system used in this event. The scoring system awards a player with 5 points for an eagle, 2 points for a birdie, zero for a par, minus-1 for a bogey or minus-3 for a double bogey or worse.

For the first time in three days, weather did not intervene. Lightning caused suspensions of play on Thursday and Friday, forcing 72 players to complete their first rounds Friday morning, and 51 to finish their second rounds Saturday morning.

Norman had a 6-point round to get to 32, and Mickelson rallied into contention with seven birdies worth 14 points to match Norman's total.

Australia's Stuart Appleby and Spain's Sergio Garcia were at 30, and Edward Fryatt had 28.

Els, whose 34 points after two rounds also set a tournament mark, gave his closest pursuers little cause for optimism, birdieing Nos. 2, 3, 8 and 10 to raise his total to 42 points for a 10-point advantage over Norman.

Els, five times a runnerup this season, suffered his first bogey since Thursday on the par 5 14th hole when he drove into the rough, pitched out and flew the green with a short iron, failing to get up and down.



South Africa's Ernie Els uses body english as he watches his second shot on the eighth hole during the third-round of the Qwest International Golf Tournament Saturday.

Els saved par after missing the green on No. 16. He drove into the gallery of the 18th fairway, reached the green with his iron shot but tipped out his second putt for another bogey.

Kane holds lead at Michelob Light Classic

EUREKA, Mo. — Lorik Kane fired a 6-under-par 66 to take the lead after the second round of the LPGA Michelob Light Classic on Saturday.

Kane, who has never won on the LPGA tour, played her second bogey-free round at Fox Run Golf Club to put her at 10-under for the tournament and give her a two-shot lead over Rosie Jones.

Kane had six birdies, highlighted by a chip from the fringe on the 18th hole. Kane is the only player in the field not to have

made a bogey through two rounds of the 54-hole event.

Jones shot her second consecutive bogey to claim sole possession of second place at 8-under. Jones birdied two of her last three holes to shave Kane's lead in half.

Sally Dee is in third at 7-under.

Dougherty leads by a stroke in Burnet Classic

COON RAPIDS, Minn. — Ed Dougherty shot a 6-under-par 66 to take a one-stroke lead after the second round in the Goldwell Banker Burnet Classic on Saturday.

Dougherty, a four-time runner-up last year, has put himself in position for his first Senior victory. He has had 14 birdies and just one bogey in shooting a two-round total of 131 en route to a

36-hole tournament-record-of-13 under.

Among the prime obstacles for Dougherty in Sunday's final round will be Hale Irwin, the 1997 and '99 Burnet champion. Irwin, Allen Doyle and Senior rookie Chuck Moran are one stroke back at 12-under in the hunt for the \$240,000 first-place prize.

Irwin's 5-under 67 was highlighted by a 50-foot birdie putt on No. 14. Irwin has played 10 consecutive subpar Burnet rounds at the Bunker Hills layout with a combined score of 51-under.

Tom McGinnis was alone in fifth place at 11 under. McGinnis, whose lone Senior win came in a 1999 playoff over Irwin at the BankBoston, birdied his final three holes to post a 65.

Gil Morgan shot a 68 and was in sixth place at 10 under.



Marion Jones may be attempting to earn five medals at the games in Sydney, but she will only be a sideshow compared to the swimming events as far as the Australians are concerned.

Wet War: U.S. swim trials appeal to Aussies

By Mike Penner
Los Angeles Times

All eyes will not be on Indianapolis this week — all things considered, all eyes are never on Indianapolis — but across the Pacific and a left turn down under, a few dozen elite swimmers and a few million aquatic fanatics will be monitoring results and electronic clockings from the Indiana Natatorium.

From the American perspective, the eight-day U.S. Olympic swim trials, which begin Wednesday, are a perfunctory exercise, the requisite qualifying meet before the interesting stuff in Sydney in September.

From the Australian perspective, the enemy is about to assemble its starting lineup for the dual meet of the century.

Track and field may be the traditional mainstay of the Summer Olympics, but to the hosts of these Olympics, Marion Jones is but a sideshow because Jones does her 100-meter sprinting outside the pool.

Competitive swimming is a national obsession in Australia — and unlike track or gymnastics or boxing or soccer, Australia is a power in international swimming, ready this year with a swim team hailed as the best the country has ever produced.

This current Aussie swim team owns five world records — Ian Thorpe in the men's 200- and 400-meter freestyle, Michael Klim in the men's 100 butterfly, Susie O'Neill in the women's 200 butterfly, Kieren Perkins in the men's 1,500 freestyle — with teammates Grant Hackett, Matt Welsh, Matthew Dunn and Peria Thomas among the world leaders in their respective events.

But the United States remains the Murderer's Row of world swimming and the Aussies have been awaiting the arrival of Team USA on their pool deck since, oh, the day they were voted the 2000 Games in 1993.

Griding for what they are already touting as The Wet War, Australians will be tuned in to the U.S. trials, zeroing in on these events in particular.

Men's 100 freestyle: Neil Walker has finished second to Klim at the 1997 and 1999 Pan Pacific Championships and this year, at the U.S. Spring Nationals, reeled off the third-fastest American time ever — 49.02 seconds — behind only world-record holder Matt Biondi and Gary Hall Jr.

Men's 200 freestyle: Thorpe and Klim have qualified for Australia, now awaiting what challenges the

United States will throw into the pool with them. The top two finishers in each individual event at the U.S. trials qualify for the Olympics and that most likely means Josh Davis, who threatened Biondi's 12-year-old American record at the Spring Nationals, and three-time U.S. champion Chad Carvin.

Men's 400 freestyle: Thorpe rules these waters, having lowered his world record at the Australian Olympic trials this spring to 3 minutes 41.33 seconds. Carvin and Tom Dolan are the only Americans to have broken 3:50 during the last three years.

Men's 100 backstroke: Lenhy Kravtchouk, with world records at both 100 and 200 meters, is favored for a backstroke sweep in Sydney. His 1999 100-meter mark of 53.60 seconds is nearly a full second better than his chief American rivals, Walker and Aaron Peirsol. Australia has two medal contenders in this event — Welsh, who swam 54.14 at the trials, and Josh Watson.

Men's 200 individual medley: Australia's Dunn owns the world's best time of the last two years — 2:00.26 at the 1998 Commonwealth Games. The U.S. trials will feature three of the 10 fastest men ever in this event — Dolan, Tom Wilkens and Ron Karnaugh — but only two will make it to Sydney.

Women's 100 freestyle: The most overcrowded event at the trials, featuring the four fastest American women ever at this distance — Jenny Thompson, Dara Torres, Angel Martino and Amy Van Dyken. Only two will qualify for the Olympics, but for the most part, the U.S. 400 relay team ought to be something.

Women's 100 breaststroke: So what's up with Amanda Beard? The Aussie knee Beard finished second twice to South Africa's Wendy Trott in the 100-meter freestyle at the 1996 Olympics, but has heard much of her since. After quitting the sport and then regrouping with the University of Arizona swim team, Beard is on the comeback path. Beard is on the other hand, the U.S. 400 relay team ought to be something.

Women's 100 butterfly: Mary T. Meagher owned world records in the 100- and 200-meter butterfly for nearly two decades before Thompson and O'Neill picked them off, one by one, during the past 12 months. Thompson got the 100-meter record (57:88) at the 1996 Pan Pacific, O'Neill the 200 mark at this year's Australian Olympic trials. With Thompson sitting out the 200 butterfly, the 100 butterfly will serve as the official Olympic showdown between O'Neill and Thompson.

Levy reaches final of Tennis Masters Series

TORONTO (AP) — Harel Levy celebrated his 22nd birthday by continuing his amazing run at the Tennis Masters Series-Canada tournament Saturday.

The qualifier from Israel advanced to the final in an exciting 6-3, 1-6, 6-4 roller-coaster victory over Jiri Novak of the Czech Republic. Levy becomes

Israel's first and the first Israeli to reach the championship since 1983 when Sweden's Anders Jarryd accomplished the feat before losing to Ivan Lendl.

Levy will face Russia's Marat Safin, the No. 8 seed in today's final. Safin beat Wayne Ferreira of South Africa 6-2, 5-7, 6-4 in a match in which Ferreira got involved in a dispute with chair umpire Rudi Berger.



Harel Levy, of Israel, keeps a close eye on the ball during his 6-3, 1-6, 6-4 win over Jiri Novak Saturday.

"This is the greatest feeling," Levy said. "It's like a dream come true, something I've been dreaming of since I was a little kid, since I started playing (at age 7)."

"I'm not going to have a big party because I have to play the

final, but I'm going to have a couple of drinks, that's for sure."

The last Israeli to win an ATP Tour singles title was Amos Mansdorf in 1993.

Venus stops Frazier, awaits Seles-Kournikova winner

CARLSBAD, Calif. — Venus Williams is proving to be unbeatable, even when her game is off.

Despite an inconsistent showing, Williams eliminated Amy Frazier 6-2, 6-3 Saturday in the semifinals of the \$525,000 Acura Classic for her 14th straight match victory.

Williams, ranked third in the world, will go after her third tournament title in a row in today's final. She'll face the winner of Saturday's late second semifinal, between Anna Kournikova and Monica Seles.

Yankee Paco gallops away with Hambletonian

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. (AP) — Yankee Paco took the lead in the stretch and scored a three-quarter length victory over fast-closing Credit Winner in the \$1 million Hambletonian on Saturday at the Meadowlands Racetrack.

In getting to the winner's circle, Yankee Paco took the lead from Legendary Lover K and driver DeWayne Minor, who was

looking to become the first black reinsman to win trotting's biggest race.

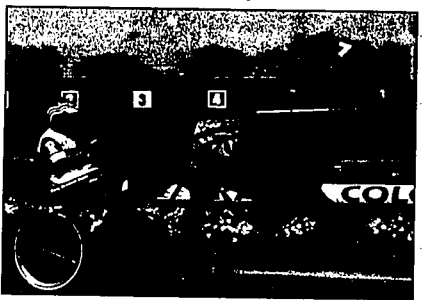
Minor raced on the lead from the middle of the backstretch until early in the stretch, but Legendary Lover K faded to sixth place in the 75th anniversary of the Hambletonian.

Once on the lead, Yankee Paco and driver Trevor Ritchie were never threatened as they trotted one mile in a career-best 1:53.2. The 3-year-old son of Balancedimage paid \$6,600, \$4,400 and \$4 in winning his sixth straight start and earning \$500,000 for Harry Ivey and his son, Dr. Tom Ivey.

Winner, who was driven by Jim Meitner, paid \$14,400 and \$9,600, while Ambro Trick and driver Ray Schmitt finished third and was worth \$14,400 for show.

Favored Dreamstare, who came in undefeated in six starts this year, got shuffled back around the half-mile mark and didn't find racing room until the stretch. He finished fifth.

Ritchie and Yankee Paco, who started from the No. 7 post, followed Legendary Lover K to the front. Minor put his \$3,200 yearling purchase on the lead, Ritchie was forced to race without cover until the top of the stretch, a move that usually costs a horse dearly.



Yankee Paco, driven by Trevor Ritchie, wins the 75th Hambletonian Saturday, at Meadowlands Racetrack in East Rutherford, N.J.

However, Yankee Paco raced gamely without cover, took the lead shortly into the stretch and won impressively, giving Ritchie a win in his first drive in the Hambletonian.

It marked the second time in three years that YankeeLand Farms, which was founded by former New York Yankees great Charlie Keller, has bred the winner. Two years ago, it was Muscles Yankee.

Colt Graeme Hall wins Jim Dandy stakes at Saratoga

SARATOGA SPRINGS, N.Y. — Graeme Hall took the lead at the top of the final stretch to win the \$400,000 Jim Dandy stakes at Saratoga by 1.75 lengths Saturday.

Graeme Hall, with Jerry Bailey, covered the 1 1/8 miles in 1 minute, 48.4 seconds to win the Grade II race.

Broken leg silences \$6 million showdown

NEWMARKET, England — A \$6 million showdown between French-trained Montjeu and Sheikh Mohammed's Dubai Millennium was scrapped Saturday when the Sheikh's 3-year-old colt broke a leg and was forced to retire.

The news came just a day after the two owners had begun talks about a specially arranged head-to-head race between probably the best two colts outside of the United States.

Sheikh Mohammed, who described Dubai Millennium as the best racehorse he has ever owned, had challenged Montjeu's owner, Michael Tabor, to a \$6 million showdown.

Dubai Millennium won nine of his 10 races, with his only loss coming in the English Derby at Epsom this summer. He was scheduled to run in the Breeders Cup Classic at Churchill Downs in Louisville, Ky., in early November.

Montjeu, winner of the King George VI and Queen Elizabeth Diamond Stakes at Ascot last year, remains on course to defend his Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe title at Longchamps in early October.

At the top of the stretch, the Graeme Hall made his move to assume the lead. Once into the final straight, Graeme Hall maintained the lead the rest of the way with relative ease.

It was the third win in six starts this year for the colt by Dehere from the Crayly Prospector mare, Win Crayly Lady. It was also Graeme Hall's first victory since the Grade II Arkansas Derby on April 15.

Graeme Hall returned \$13.80, \$6.60 and \$3.90. Curule paid \$11.40 and \$5 and Unshaded paid \$3.

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Big Red rolls into top preseason spot

Nebraska and FSU are early national champion favorites

The Associated Press

Just like every other college football fan, Nebraska coach Frank Solich was anxious to know how highly his Cornhuskers would be ranked to open the season.

Well, they're No. 1 - and defending national champion Florida State is a close No. 2 in the Associated Press Top 25 preseason college football poll.

Conspicuous by its absence is Notre Dame, unranked in the preseason poll for the first time since 1986.

"We appreciate the fact that enough people think so highly of our program to put us at No. 1," Solich said. "We finished very strongly at the end of last year and felt we could play with anyone in the country. How it all plays out this year, we'll see."

The Huskers start on top for the sixth time since the AP's first preseason poll in 1950. An ominous note for Nebraska fans, though, The Cornhuskers were then, but none in years they started No. 1.

Coming off a strong 12-1 season and No. 3 final ranking, the defending Big 12 champion Huskers received 36 first-place votes and 1,732 points from the 71 sports writers and broadcast-



Nebraska quarterback Eric Crouch (7) is the quarterback who puts the hustle in the Huskers' offense. Nebraska starts out No. 1 in The Associated Press preseason Top 25 poll.

ers on the AP panel. The Seminoles, 12-0 last season and the first team to be ranked No. 1 from start to finish, collected 29 first-place votes and 1,720 points. The 12-point difference is one of the closest - the tightest preseason poll was 1994 when Florida edged Notre Dame by two points.

Alabama, the defending Southeastern Conference champion, is No. 3 - the Crimson Tide's highest preseason ranking, since a No. 2 start in 1993. The Tide received three first-place votes and 1,570 points.

Wisconsin, the two-time Rose Bowl winner and defending Big Ten champion, is No. 4, followed

by No. 5 Miami, No. 6 Michigan, No. 7 Texas, No. 8 Kansas State, No. 9 Florida and No. 10 Georgia. Wisconsin, with its highest preseason ranking, had one first-place vote. Texas had two first-place votes.

Virginia Tech, a 46-29 loser to Florida State in the national title game at the Sugar Bowl after going 11-0 in '99, is No. 11, followed by No. 12 Tennessee, No. 13 Washington, No. 14 Purdue, No. 15 USC, No. 16 Ohio State, No. 17 Clemson, No. 18 Mississippi, No. 19 Oklahoma and No. 20 TCU, ranked in the preseason for the first time since 1960.

Illinois is No. 21, followed by No. 22 Penn State, No. 23 Southern Mississippi, No. 24 Colorado and No. 25 Michigan State.

Notre Dame was 5-7 last season, and coach Bob Davie understands why the Irish are not in the rankings.

"But we've probably been ranked a few times just on name only when maybe we didn't deserve to," he said. "We're just not going to get all bent out of shape about it."

The Big Ten leads all conferences with seven teams in the preseason Top 25 - Wisconsin, Michigan, Purdue, Ohio State, Illinois, Penn State and Michigan State. The Southeastern and Big 12 conferences have five each - Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Tennessee and Mississippi in the SEC, and Nebraska, Texas, Kansas State, Oklahoma and Colorado in the Big 12.

Luck of the Irish runs out on Notre Dame

The Associated Press

Notre Dame finds itself in an unfamiliar position - unranked in The Associated Press Top 25 preseason college football poll.

For the first time since 1986, the Fighting Irish were unable to get enough support to be ranked among the top teams. In fact, the 71 voters on the AP panel rated the Irish 34th among 115 Division I-A teams.

The Irish lost their final four games, and went 5-7 last season.

As coach Bob Davie enters his fourth - and some believe final - campaign at Notre Dame, prospects don't look bright for a return to prominence, or the Top 25.

Among early Irish opponents are No. 1 Nebraska, No. 14 Purdue, No. 25 Michigan State and defending Pac-10 champion Stanford. The finale is at No. 15 USC.

"I can understand why we're not in the rankings," said Davie, who has a 21-16 record in three

seasons. "Sure, I would like to be ranked. It would mean people on the outside have a high opinion of our team coming back."

"But we've probably been ranked a few times just on name only when maybe we didn't deserve to. We're just not going to get all bent out of shape about it."

In 1986, Lou Holtz was in his first season after replacing Gerry Faust, whose fifth and final year ended with a 5-6 record. The Irish

were unranked in the '86 preseason poll, and finished 5-6. It was the last time Notre Dame posted a losing record until last year.

Last season, the Irish were No. 18 in the preseason, but dropped out of the Top 25 by the fourth poll. They were back at No. 24 in the 10th week, then fell out for good.

In Davie's first two seasons, Notre Dany opened 11-1 and finished unranked in '97, and opened 22nd and ended 17th in '98.

BYU's Bosco endures summer of horrors

PROVO, Utah (AP) - Robbie Bosco had a horrible run of bad luck this summer. On paper, the fall doesn't look much better.

First, the BYU quarterbacks coach was hospitalized for two days in June after being bitten by a black widow spider. Then last weekend, he dislocated a shoulder in a mountain bike crash.

"It can't get worse," he said Saturday at BYU's media day.

Don't look now, but Bosco still needs to groom a quarterback in time for BYU's Aug. 26 opener against No. 2 Florida State in the Bigskin Classic.

"It won't get easier for Bosco and the Cougars through the season's first six weeks. BYU plays at Virginia, Air Force and Syracuse and has a home game against Mississippi State.

"It was a lot of pain for me these past months," Bosco said with a laugh. "Hopefully, our team won't have to go through that kind of pain during the season."

Bosco, the quarterback on BYU's national title team in 1984, was weeding his garden in June when he felt a prick in his hand. He thought it was a thorn from a rose bush until his arm began to throb.

"My legs went numb and I was hurting everywhere," he said. "I've never felt anything like that."

Last weekend, Bosco agreed to participate in a charity mountain bike ride sponsored by Utah Jazz forward Karl Malone. After tumbling over his handlebars, Bosco was riding in an ambulance instead.

"The pain was worse than anything I ever went through on the football field," Bosco said. "The doctors were holding my arm out, waving it and trying to pop it back into the socket."

Bosco held his limp left hand close to his chest and wore a shoulder support under his shirt Saturday.

Most of the questions he faced focused on which quarterback would establish himself this fall, now that three-year starter Kevin Feterik has graduated.

Bosco is considering rotating quarterbacks, which would be a departure from tradition at BYU. "Before this year, I was always against it," Bosco said. "Now, I've got different thoughts. I think we can find two guys who together could get the job done, but not-

ing's been decided."

The problem is experience. The Cougars simply don't have any.

Charlie Peterson and Brandon Doman, both juniors, and sophomore Brett Engemann combined to go 3-6-6 last season backing up Feterik, who threw for 3,554 yards and 25 touchdowns.

"We know people are saying inexperience is going to be a big factor for us," Peterson said. "I won't disagree, but I'd also say any of us will be confident in whomever gets into the game."

Bosco, for his part, is just glad to be back at work and eager to produce a game plan for the

Seminoles.

"You've got to go in there thinking you're going to win," he said. "No team plays Florida State, or anybody else, thinking there's no way to win. You've got to go in with confidence."

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Section D

King of school gear

For back-to-school, there are backpacks - and then all that other stuff

The Associated Press and The Times-News

Backpacks are frontrunners with schoolkids. When school opens this fall, 96 percent of all children ages 8-13 plan to show up with a backpack, according to a study commissioned by direct marketer Lands' End.

And what goes into them? Heavy books, of course, but there's also sports clothing, art supplies, lunch, CDs and even snuffed animals.

Downside is that 31 percent of the kids say they one-shoulder the things, which means a lopsided load. Tell your youngsters to use both shoulder straps at all times, cautioned Jerome McAndrews of the American Chiropractic Association. Also be certain their loads don't exceed 10 percent of their body weight, he added.

That said, here's a look at the goods:

- The weight issue can be addressed with a backpack that converts to a wheeled cart, Lands' End's Wheeled (\$69.50), Collegiate (\$32.50), and Collegiate Junior (\$29.50) models all have lots of zippered pockets to arrange the stash.

- Wheels emulating wheels is the Jeep Command Trac Wheeled Backpack (\$90), which has inline skate wheels and self-repair nylon zippers. When the rollers hit the ground, the straps can be tucked away in a zippered compartment.

- The Herk (\$70) from Timberland has a padded computer sleeve, an organizer for pens, pencils and calculators and a four-point bungee lashing system for more storage.

- There's even a backpack that accommodates the youngster's basic transportation. The Skateboard Backpack (\$24.99) from Lillian Vernon secures a skateboard with adjustable straps and has zippered compartments to carry other sports gear.

- An insulated Fashion Lunch Bag (\$18) from Tupperware picks up on the backpack theme and contains a rectangular Modular Mates container inside. Also look at the blue plastic Sandwich Keeper (\$9.50 for two) with hinged, snap-shut closure, or the 30-ounce Thirstquake Tumbler (\$6.50) and Insulated Beverage Tote (\$8.50).

- If you're packing for dorm life at college, consider an idea offered by Bed Bath & Beyond: Use laundry bags and pillowcases



Sales of backpacks now surpass every other single item of back-to-school gear.

Photo courtesy Lands' End

Some overburdened school kids just roll with it

The Baltimore Sun

The youthful crowd races down the walkway, rolling luggage trailing behind.

It's clear they have somewhere to go... and fast.

A loudspeaker booms. Has Flight 243 to Denver been delayed?

Who knows, but the school cafeteria will be serving chicken nuggets Monday.

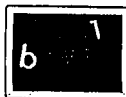
However much it might resemble one, this is not an airport concourse teeming with tiny travelers. It's the main hallway at

to pack your items instead of luggage that would just have to be stored somewhere. Another clever item from the household marketer is the MTV Stuff For Your Space Dorm Towel (\$9.99), in white or loden, which has a Velcro mesh pocket for your room keys and a hanging loop.

• A compact solution to a too-long ruler comes from Fiskars, which offers the FoldIt Ruler (\$3.35), which measures 12 inches but folds down to 6. When it's folded, its raised design offers a compartment for paperclips or

School days - a closer look

This is the second of three special Sunday sections that the Times-News will publish on getting your child read for a successful learning experience. Next week, we'll look at how to take charge of your child's education.



Joppa View Elementary School in White Marsh, Md. Savvy students sick of carrying the weight of the world - or at least of mammoth math textbooks - on their shoulders, have started dragging

it behind them. The pint-sized pack a n i m a l s appreciate their rolling, or "wheely" backpacks, even though they make "a big thundering noise," says Ashley Cantor, 11, a fifth-grader. Fellow classmate Anthony Spinato, 10, likens the sound to a motorcycle revving up.

"The move to a wheely backpack is good for most students if they can't weed out the weight in their daily load," says Dr. Wayne Yankus, a pediatric orthopedist in New Jersey and chair of the school health section for the American Pediatric Association. "You've taken the weight off your back; now you're just pulling it."

Yankus says he first started seeing these backpack alternatives about two years ago. It was then, he says, that articles and studies began surfacing about the

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organized, with The Rugrats Pint-Sized Planner (\$12.49) from A+A-Gance. Besides the calendar with pictures of the familiar cartoon

characters, the planner offers fun activities, fun facts and Best Buddy pages, aimed at 6- to 9-year-olds.

Carry that weight

Children can suffer health problems toting heavy books

The Associated Press

BOSTON - Is your child turning into a beast of burden, asks Karen Jacobs, occupational therapy professor at Boston University's Sargent College? Jacobs, current president of the American Occupational Therapy Association, said it's not unusual for loaded backpacks commonly used by schoolchildren to weigh 20, 30, or even 50 pounds.

That's an awful lot for a kid to carry. Making matters worse, some youngsters sling the pack over one shoulder, de-equalizing the load. And some schools limit access to lockers during the day, so a child can't offload some of the burden.

So don't be surprised if your child complains of pain in the neck and shoulder, and sometimes even the arms.

The top of the shoulder where the straps rest is rich in nerves and blood vessels that serve much of the rest of the body. Excessive weight in a backpack can lead to health problems for the child.

Watch for aching in the shoulders, neck and back, cautioned Jacobs. Other warning signs are pain or tingling in the arms, wrist and hands, especially at night; muscle weakness; red marks and creases on the shoulder; struggling to get the backpack on-and-off; and noticeable imbalances in the child's posture, including tilting the head and neck to one side and an uneven gait.

Jacobs offers these basic guidelines for safe backpacking:

- The weight of the backpack should not exceed 15 percent of the child's body weight. Thus a 50-pound child should carry a loaded backpack weighing no more than 7.5 pounds.
- Both straps should be worn across the shoulders and upper back to equalize the weight. Padded straps are the best.
- Consider alternatives, such as luggage carts, or backpacks equipped with wheels.

Shopping by the numbers

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Average amount parents will spend on back-to-school shopping this summer

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Average amount of their own money teen-agers will spend on back-to-school shopping

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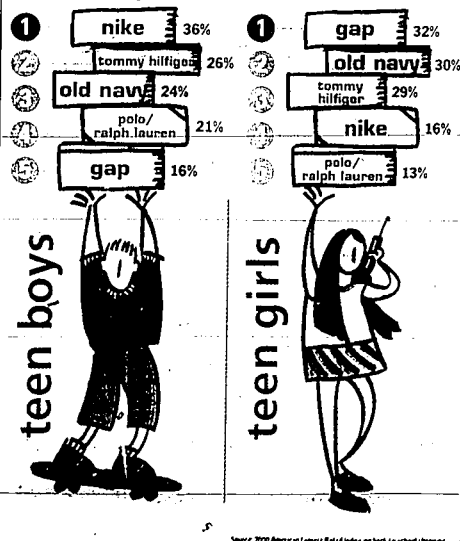
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Percentage of teen-agers who say they'll browse or shop for back-to-school online this year

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Percentage of teen-agers who rank trendy sneakers as "must-have" back-to-school items

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Percentage of teen-agers who say they must have cargo pants

-Source: American Express Retail Index

Top Five Teen Clothing Brands, According to the 2000 American Express Retail Index



WHO BUYS THE CLOTHES?

You might be surprised

The Times-News

If you think Mom and Dad are buying back-to-school clothes for teen-agers - and hence calling the shots on their buying decisions - the American Express Retail Index's annual survey of back-to-school spending says you're wrong:

- Sixty-one percent of American teen-agers, aged 15-17, have a full- or part-time job.
- Seventy-eight percent of teens, aged 12-17, earn skill-building activities, and hence calling the shots on their buying decisions - the American Express Retail Index's annual survey of back-to-school spending says you're wrong:
- Sixty-one percent of American teen-agers, aged 15-17, have a full- or part-time job.
- Seventy-eight percent of teens, aged 12-17, earn odd jobs.
- Less than one-third of teen-agers 15-17 - 31 percent - receive an allowance from their parents.
- Since August 1997, teenage spending on back-to-school purchases has grown 39 percent.
- Comfort and fit is the No. 1 priority among American teen-agers when buying back-to-school

clothes (39 percent). Price runs a distant fourth (10 percent).

- Clothing is a priority for girls - 61 percent will buy clothes, as opposed to 43 percent of boys.

- Sports equipment is a priority for boys - 32 percent of guys purchase buy sports equipment, as opposed to 13 percent of girls.
- Nearly half of teen-agers - 43 percent of boys and girls - will buy a pair of jeans this month for back to school.

- A whopping 83 percent of American teen-agers will do their back-to-school shopping at a mall.

- Twice as many teen-agers (37 percent to 20 percent) prefer to do their back-to-school shopping at specialty stores, like The Gap, than at mass merchandisers like Kmart, Target and Wal-Mart. (Their parents, interestingly enough, prefer just the opposite.)

Source: 2000 American Express Retail Index on back-to-school shopping

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BACK TO SCHOOL

Groovy: Those '70s styles are returning

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Knight Ridder News Service

Hearing "back to school" may ring the final bell of summer for kids, but it also means "time to shop."

What will your teen-ager want this year? The girls are going for anything and everything in animal prints. Guys favor more traditional wear with techy twists.

And both sexes will yearn for and desperately need clothing reminiscent of what you wore 20 or 30 years ago. All the looks - disco, punk and preppy - have been modernized through color and fabric.

"It's Old School, vintage with a forward spin," says Jorge Ramon, senior fashion editor for Teen People magazine. "Instead of seeing Fair-Isle sweaters in yellow and blue, you'll see them in fluorescent orange and green."

For the girls, it's still a jungle out there when it comes to prints. Snakeskin and zebra are the favored patterns. Ostrich and crocodile are predicted to be big later this year.

Another basic trend for girls and guys is tech-friendly. New features include pockets for cell phones and CD/MP3 players.

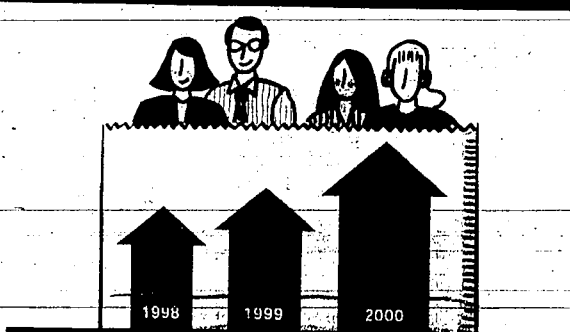
Tiffany Thomas, 14, of Charlotte, N.C., is a big fan of animal prints. Also on her shopping list: shiny pants, dark denim jeans, platform shoes and cowboy hats. "I don't like the plaids or stripes" of the preppy look, says Tiffany. She prefers dresses and pants over faded jeans and a T-shirt.

What's out this year? The sloppy, just-got-out-of-bed look. The hippie-bohemian. And denim embellishments. "All the shows on the WB (Warner Brothers network) have an uncanny way of tapping into what's going on," Ramon says.

The biggest change Ramon's seen, though, is that teens are breaking out from the pack and finding their own mark.

Take the convertible pants - the legs zip on and off - popular among younger guys. "You'll see a guy with one (leg) on and one off," Ramon says.

2000 American Express Retail Index Shows Back-to-School Spending is Expected to Rise 20%



Back-to-school spending among parents and teenagers is expected to rise 20% this year. Parents will spend an average of \$424 and teenagers will spend an average of \$124 on back-to-school shopping, according to the 2000 American Express Retail Index.

THE BACK-TO-SCHOOL HOT LIST

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- Layering. The girls will do the traditional shirt over a tank or a turtleneck. Plus, you'll also see a short-sleeved baby T or a halter over a long-sleeved shirt. Guys will prefer vests over shirts and under jackets.
- Glasses with tinted lenses (rose, blue, amber, yellow and those with gradient colors).
- Snakeskin and animal prints.
- Low-cutting, boot-cut pants.
- Shoes: Platforms are still in style. Look for those with wood (or faux wood) heels.
- T-shirts/tank tops with numbers, colored sleeves, old rock band and product logos, and keyhole necklines (a wedge- or key-shaped hole cut at the center of the front).
- Clothing and accessories with rhinestones and studs.
- Denim: Styles include shiny, stretchy, dark, dirty, acid-washed, color-tinted.

For guys

- Corduroy. Thin-wale jackets, pants in unusual colors like bright orange, tropical green, raisin.
- Convertible clothing. Vests with removable sleeves or pants with legs that zip off.
- Denim. The workman look - hard and dark with reinforced knees or rear.
- For both
 - Updated versions of preppy (plaids, Fair Isle, LaCoste), punk (re-styled T's paired with wool skirts) and disco (shiny materials, thin belts, rhinestones).
 - Leather or fake leather (often called pleather). Jackets and pants for both. Skirts, tops and halters for the girls.
 - Big, nubby sweaters. Girls will wear them sleeveless and with a cowl neck.
 - Mixing textures. Wearing an angora sweater with leather pants or a fleece vest over wool shirt with nylon pants.

Shop till you drop

- Here are tips from Jamie Breyer, co-owner and manager of the new Rockwell and RockwellSB - to make back-to-school shopping easier on everyone:
- It's inevitable that kids will pick something too sexy, expensive or just plain ugly. Be willing to give in on some styles when you can. Save the "not-negotiable" for when it really counts.
 - Help them understand what is appropriate for school and what isn't. Use your work dress code as an example. This may help them accept the "no" to the riskier stuff.
 - Be in touch with their likes and dislikes. Flip through magazines and catalogs or watch TV with them. Talk as nonjudgmentally as possible about the styles you see.
 - Understanding business is important. Set a limit of a certain dollar amount.
 - Know your shopping styles. If he gets grumpy after a few hours, plan a couple of short trips. If she likes to go on marathons, be sure you're both wearing comfortable clothes and shoes.
 - Use shopping as a bonding experience. Allow plenty of time for your trip and go to lunch or dinner. Take advantage of having your child all to yourself.
- **Source: The Charlotte Observer**

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perils of school kids hauling overweight backpacks.

If a kid gets bored with the rolling backpack, the contraptions can be converted into a regular pack by pushing in the handle and concealing the wheels. But the kids don't exercise that feature too often. After all, problems and pain caused by backpacks prompted the switch in the first place.

Rolling backpacks aren't hard to find. Available at stores such as JC Penney, they retail for \$30 to \$60. To serve both the Pokemon-packing younger students and textbook-carrying older students, they come in large and small sizes. The kids say the rollers are roomier than traditional backpacks, and equipped with plentiful sleeves and pockets. Such perks are ideal for these 21st-century kids, who carry water bottles, compact discs and toys such as Game Boys. They're also involved in a slew of school activities that require additional accessories.

And the negatives? "They pull them behind them, and in the crush of the crowd there can be tripping over rolling backpacks," says Mary Ann Schaefer, school nurse at Joppa View.

Plus, it's tough getting through the school bus door. Yankus also warns that the wheels can get caught in grooves in the sidewalk or the floor.

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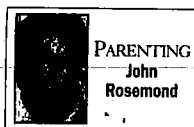
Allow teens to learn on their own

Q. My 13-year-old son waits until the last possible moment to begin doing his homework. He no longer has a set bedtime, but he must be in his bedroom after 9 in the evening. It doesn't matter how much homework he has or even whether he has a test the next day; he doesn't crack a book until he's in his room. I've talked myself blue in the face about the importance of making good grades, and that he simply can't be doing his best if he does his homework when he's tired. But he says his grades are good enough (mostly B's with an occasional A) and that I should let him make this decision. This is driving me nuts! What can I do to get him to do his homework at a decent hour?

A. Nothing, apparently. I can't solve this problem for you. No, make that I won't solve this problem for you. I agree with your son. He should be allowed to make this decision. I'd suggest, therefore, that you give yourself a favor and abandon this issue forever. You're obviously causing yourself a lot of unnecessary aggravation and being a certifiable pest in the process.

As I point out in my latest book, "Teen-Proofing," the biggest and most frequent mistake made by responsible, well-intentioned (operative qualifiers, mind you) parents of teens is the attempt to micromanage. You have to micromanage an infant/toddler, and you might be able to successfully micromanage a preschool/school-age child (nonetheless, I don't recommend it), but you cannot micromanage a teen without creating more problems than you solve. In fact, I'll go a step further and say that the attempt to micromanage a teen will solve absolutely no problems and is likely to create a slew of 'em.

Your obsessive concern about when your son does his home-



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John Rosemond

work falls into this perilous category. Do you really think he's going to get better grades if he does his homework when you want him to? I think it's more likely that if you manage to force him to do his homework under your eagle-eyed supervision in the afternoon or early evening that he will rush through it, in which case his grades will drop. Why? Because you will have given him a good reason to prove you wrong.

Instead of trying to make your son do his homework when you think he should do it, give him permission to learn - the hard way if necessary - how to effectively manage his own time. Your job here is not to manage

his time for him, but to demonstrate that choices result in consequences. Good choices result in good consequences (better grades, more freedom), and bad choices result in consequences which are undesirable (bad grades, restrictions on his freedom). For the time being, his grades are not a problem, but when he enters high school and academic demands increase, that may change, thus giving you the opportunity to be the agent of reality. In the meantime, take a load off your shoulders and find a more constructive outlet for all that well-intentioned energy.

John Rosemond is a family psychologist. His next book, "Raising a Nonviolent Child," will be in bookstores in September. Questions of general interest may be sent to him at *Affirmative Parenting*, 9247 N. Meridian, Indianapolis, Ind. 46260 and at his Web site: <http://www.rosemond.com/>

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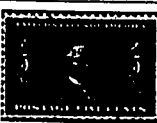
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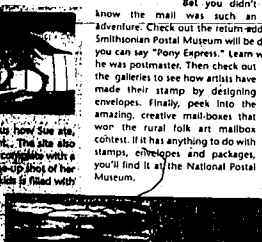
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PLAYING IT SAFE

Common sense can reduce playground injuries

Los Angeles Times

How is it that playgrounds, where children go to revel in all their youthful energy, too often become places of sadness for families?

More than half a million children are injured on playground equipment each year, according to the American Academy of Orthopedic Surgeons. Roughly 150,000 of those injuries are serious, and an average of 15 children die each year in playground accidents.

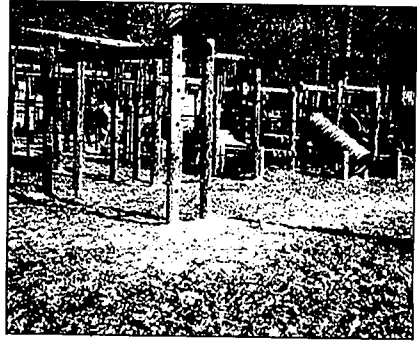
Although some injuries are rare and freakish, the majority of the mishaps are linked to common playground elements: swings, climbing equipment and slides.

So commonplace are the hazards that a 1998 report by two consumer advocacy groups concluded that the majority of America's public playgrounds pose serious dangers to children.

Despite ample information about the elements of safer playgrounds, "we haven't seen the type of improvements we really need to reduce injuries," says Darrell Hammond, chief executive of Kaboom, a Washington, D.C.-based nonprofit group that promotes playground safety.

Only a handful of states — California, Michigan, New Jersey and Texas — have passed comprehensive playground safety laws.

Doctors are also playing a role in raising awareness of the issue. The American Academy of Orthopedic Surgeons has



Wood chips, mulch, sand and pea gravel are state-of-the-art, safe playground surfaces, but most school playgrounds are still made of asphalt.

launched a new public service campaign to promote appropriate playground behavior for children and parents.

Marcia Kerr, a spokeswoman for the federal Consumer Products Safety Commission, sees a "momentum to improve playgrounds." The California law, she says, has prompted a lot of inquiries from playground owners seeking to comply with the new rules.

While playground safety has been a topic of concern for decades, past attempts to improve conditions have been

piecemeal, such as a federal regulation that banned unsafe teeter-totters, Hammond says.

Another group that is responding to safety concerns is playground manufacturers. They are introducing new playground structures aimed at reducing serious injuries and improving access to all children, including disabled children.

According to design experts, safe playgrounds today are notably different from the ones built in the 1970s or earlier. For example, themed playgrounds

Where injuries occur

- Swings: 180,876
 - Climbing equipment: 189,767
 - Slides: 117,979
 - Teeter-totters and seesaws: 13,167
 - Other: 67,272
- Source: U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission; 1998 figures; children under 15

How children are hurt

- Child falls onto a surface or sticks, steps, poles or other equipment.
- Child collides with moving swings, merry-go-rounds or teeter-totters.
- Drawings from hooded sweatshirt catch on a piece of playground equipment and spring the child.
- Strap roller coils can severely pinch a child's hand or foot.
- Child wearing a bicycle helmet becomes entangled in an opening, such as a horizontal ladder, causing strangulation.
- Child is burned on metal slides that become excessively hot in warm weather.

Safety tips for the playground

- Playground safety check**
- Slides**
 - ✓ Should have slide guards at the top.
 - ✓ The slope should be no more than 30 degrees, with a flat, horizontal section at the bottom.
 - Swings**
 - ✓ Seats should be placed 24 inches apart and should be at least 30 inches from the side frame.
 - Platforms and railings**
 - ✓ Elevated areas, such as platforms and ramps, should have guardrails to prevent falls.
 - Playground surfaces**
 - ✓ Surfaces should be safety-tested rubber or at least 12 inches deep with wood chips, mulch, sand or pea gravel.
 - ✓ Protective surfacing should extend at least 6 feet in all directions from play equipment.
 - ✓ Borders around play areas should be rubber rather than concrete or asphalt.
 - ✓ Footings should not be exposed.
 - ✓ No protruding bolts or Shooks.
 - Clearance and spacing**
 - ✓ Spaces or openings in structures should measure less than 3 1/2 inches or more than 9 inches to avoid an opening that

could trap a child's head.

✓ Play structures exceeding heights of 30 inches should be placed at least 9 feet apart.

Access
✓ For disabled children, playgrounds should have a transfer module or a ramp to provide proper access.

Playground should have features allowing kids to develop tactile and auditory skills.

Some playground hazards
✓ Surfaces made of concrete, asphalt, hard-packed dirt or grass.

✓ Metal or wood swing seats.

✓ Loose, damaged or missing supports, anchors or footings.

✓ Splintered or deteriorated wood.

✓ Visibly deteriorated or missing surfacing materials.

✓ Loose, damaged or missing nuts and bolts.

✓ Broken seats.

✓ Bent, rusted or warped components.

✓ Missing protective end caps for bolts or tubes.

✓ Broken, missing or loose steps, rungs, guardrails or handrails.

—Source: American Academy of Orthopedic Surgeons, Consumer Product Safety Commission

(such as a playground constructed to resemble a ship) and those with access for disabled children are gaining in popularity.

While swings and slides are still in demand, carousels and whirls have fallen out of favor due to high injury rates, says Kevin Owens, director of Fun New Stuff for Playworld Systems, a leading playground manufacturer in Lewishburg, Pa.

For a while in the 1990s, some playground owners began eliminating taller structures out of concern over injuries. But the Consumer Product Safety Commission has not

issued a regulation on structure height, and designers today are not shying away from building towering play areas.

"Although it's fairly widely known that falls are the major source of injuries, that doesn't necessarily mean falls from great height," Owens says. "There wasn't (data) to back up a height regulation."

Safety concerns have also prompted playground designers to reduce the number of moving parts in equipment such as swings, merry-go-rounds and rocking horses. But some say that

shorter structures and fewer moving parts could make playgrounds less inviting to children.

"I think we have to balance the needs of a safe playground without compromising a child's fun," Hammond says.

Owens agrees that children won't use a playground if it doesn't present some perceived physical challenge.

"In order to meet kids' needs for reducing risks and facing challenges, you need to have a certain amount of height and the illusion of risk, even though there isn't really risk," Owens says.

Home-schooling movement flourishes Will braininess bring success, happiness?

Some families make the choice without religious reasons

Knight Ridder News Service

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — When Kira Ilson wakes up on weekdays, the 9-year-old reaches for the workbook at the foot of her bed. She completes her assignments with ease and pride, her mother, knocking off her math before she even rolls out of the sack.

Then there's breakfast, then reading or spelling. After that, it depends on her mood. She might break for a quick game of chess with one of her brothers. Or sit at the piano to practice her current piece, Beethoven's "Für Elise."

Setting her own schedule is one advantage of home school, Kira said on a recent morning, as she made a chessboard from construction paper. "If I went to school," she explained, "I wouldn't be doing this right now."

Not many years ago, the reigning stereotype of the home schooler was of conservative Christians who withdrew their kids from school to shield them from its evils.

Home-schooling is drawing more devotees like Kira's parents, Richard and Catherine Ilson of Matthews, N.C., who don't home-school for religious reasons at all.

Home-schooling resources

- Books**
 • "Homeschooling Almanac 2000-2001," by Mary and Michael Leppert, (Prima Publishing, \$24.95).
 • "The Well-Trained Mind: A Guide to Classical Education at Home," by Jessie Wise and Susan Wise Bauer, (W.W. Norton & Co., \$35).
 • "Family Matters: Why Homeschooling Makes Sense," David Guterson, (Harvest Books, \$13).
- Web sites**
 Both <http://www.homeschool.com/> and <http://www.homeschool-village.com/> offer lots of information and links to many more sites. The home school zone site's creators and editors are Joe and Sue Spataro of Matthews, N.C.
- Source: The Charlotte Observer

And home-schoolers are becoming less of an oddity because their numbers are booming.

Nationally, more than 1 million kids are taught at home.

Why are more families turning their backs on America's most pervasive institution — the schoolhouse?

Often, religious beliefs play a role. Many home-schoolers want Christianity in their curriculum.

But there are many other reasons. Parents are dissatisfied with public school academics, worried about school violence

and drugs. They don't like planning their lives around the school schedule. They want to be closer as a family. And they don't want their kids learning morals and manners from their peers.

"I wanted the most important things I learned to come from us and not other adults and kids," says Olga Mavrouge of Charlotte, who home-schools her 5-year-old son, Kiko. "Nobody knows him better than I do."

Computer technology has fueled the home-schooling boom, offering a wealth of Internet resources and making networking easy, via e-mail and electronic mailing lists. Telecommuting

has allowed some parents to continue to work while they home-school.

Mary Leppert, editor and publisher of The Link, a free national newspaper for home-schoolers, believes home-schooling continues to grow because many people yearn for less hectic lives.

"When a parent quits or cuts back on work to home-school, she says, the family discovers savings associated with staying home — savings of gas, clothing, lunches out, and most importantly, time.

"I think that's the real reason people will home-school in the future — for a life more like in the late 1800s, when people worked at home and everything came from home," she says.

In many ways, the Ilson family typifies the new breed of home educators. They hadn't planned to home-school. Their oldest son, Alex, was doing well as a second-grader at a public school in Boston. He liked riding the bus and playing with other kids. Academically, he was at the top of his class.

But his parents became frustrated that Alex wasn't being challenged. When Catherine began looking for material to supplement his schoolwork, she stumbled on some home-schooling literature.

The more she read, the more she became intrigued. "I realized...my children are being socialized by other children," she says. She quit her part-time work as a family therapist and began teaching Alex at home.

range. For instance, a child can score 135 one day and 150 on another day and still be considered gifted. The average IQ ranges roughly between 90 and 110.)

When the author, Lewis Terman, wrote about these gifted children as adults in 1959, he found many professional successes in the men.

Not so the women, but with a good reason. The women's movement hadn't yet started and few opportunities in the professional world existed.

"They had to find their way around many restrictions," says Carol Tomlinson-Keasey, among the researchers who continued to study the group after Terman's death. "And those restrictions were hard to negotiate."

Tomlinson-Keasey, co-author of an updated 1990 study, says that, generally speaking, the men found professional success and "a reasonable amount of happiness." But other variables — married marriages, for instance — played a part in how happy they were.

As for the women: They weren't super-successful professionally in the same way as men. As for super-happy: "Definitely not."

In this population, women tried to commit suicide in the same rate as women in the general population. But they succeeded twice as often.

San-Sentinel, South Florida

If you're super-smart as a child, will you be super-successful, super-happy as an adult?

The answer: There is no pat answer.

"If you talk to 45,000 Mensa members, you'll get 45,000 different stories," says Abbie Salny, supervisory psychologist for Mensa, an organization for people with high IQs. "Just as you would if you talked to 45,000 people in the general population."

For starters, much depends on how one defines success and happiness. And so many factors shape one's life beyond intelligence — family life, personal relationships, opportunities, to name a few.

Multiple studies have found that raw intelligence doesn't automatically translate into achievement as an adult. A 1998 seminal study on how child prodigies fare as adults agrees, while showing how time and circumstance can alter everything.

The study started in 1922, following the lives of 1,528 child prodigies, all California children, 11 years old on average and with IQs of 135 plus. (Generally speaking, IQ scores don't change drastically from childhood to adulthood. Even if they fluctuate several points, the scores typically fall within a

BACK TO SCHOOL

Think warmth when restocking the closets

The Associated Press

The kids usually like to wear something brand new on the first day of school. But while shopping, don't forget the cooler weather later on. Some picks to pick:

- Leather is as desirable for the schoolhouse set as it is for grown-ups. A boy's black leather jacket (\$150) from Lands' End could be one of his first investment pieces.

- The young biker can capture the look with a boy's "pleather" motorcycle jacket (\$34) and techno pants (\$26), both at The Children's Place.

- Also at The Children's Place is a colorful and versatile girl's plaid shirt (\$23), and top with a poncho (\$16), fringed and with a stand-up collar.

- Keep warm with layers when the leaves fly. Start with a thermal henley (\$22), add a plaid flannel shirt (\$23), and top with a sport fleece vest (\$25) - all from OshKosh B'Gosh. Though aimed at boys, these items can be worn by girls, too.

- A variation on OshKosh B'Gosh's trademark overall look is a girl's denim apron dress (\$27) with contrasting chest pocket and ties. Older girls will go for the vin-



Nothing can be cooler than a black leather jacket. This one, from Lands' End, sells for \$150.

Photo courtesy of Lands' End Kids

tage rose top with flower print bell sleeves (\$19), paired with denim flare pants edged with braided floral edging (\$32), both from OKBG's Genuine Girl line.

- Another take on denim is a girl's front-pocket jumper with floral embroidery tracing the hemline (\$28-\$30) from Healthtex. The same treatment is offered in denim pants (\$25-\$27).

- The sweater girl at your house can make a fashion statement with a classic cotton funnel neck ribbed sweater (\$29) from Lands' End. She could wear it with capri pants (\$28) or perhaps the ingenious convertible skirt

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- Healthtex - 1 (800) 854-7637, or <http://www.healthtex.com>
- Hush Puppies - <http://www.hush-puppies.com>
- Lands' End - 1 (800) 734-5437, or <http://www.landsend.com>
- The Children's Place - 1 (800) 448-6546, or <http://www.childrensplace.com>

mysterious gizmos they like to collect. Top either with the shoulder stripe rugby shirt (\$25.50) or a long-sleeve T-shirt (\$12).

- Have it all in one with Timberland's 3-in-1 Zip Off Pants (\$88), a cargo style which zips off below or above the knee for two short lengths. The lower sections zip together to form a carrying bag for the upper sections and other belongings.

- Nylon streetwear pants with contrast trims by Joe Boxer have zips that turn long pants into shorts. Continue the theme with a fleece top with sleeves that zip off to become a vest. Pricing for the Joe Boxer line is in the \$16-\$40 range.

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Pilot steers woman's life off course, endangers her health

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I dropped by unexpectedly a year ago, and I caught a woman hiding in his bedroom closet. Before that, he picked up a girl (a stranger!) at a cafeteria at noon and took her home. I accidentally dropped by that time, too. Then I discovered e-mails he had sent to the closet-girl setting up more meetings. (She would come over before I got off work at 5 each night.) There were also e-mails to other women across the country, arranging dates. (He's a pilot.)

Each time I caught him being unfaithful, he'd beg me to forgive his indiscretions. I tried, but I couldn't trust him. His schedule is such that he has lots of free time during the day when I'm at work, so my imagination would run rampant.

He was unfaithful in his marriage, too. I think he has no intention of ever being faithful to one woman, and that tormented me. I loved him more than I've ever loved anyone. Did I do the right thing in ending the rela-



DEAR ABBY
Abigail VanBuren

tionship?

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DEAR CRYING: Absolutely! And you'd also be doing the right thing to schedule an appointment immediately with your doctor to be examined for sexually transmitted diseases.

Your former boyfriend appears to be addicted to sex. Unless he is willing to accept the fact that his behavior is out of control and to get professional help, he cannot be the person you would like him to be.

Now, dry your tears. Get on with your life and be glad that you didn't waste more than two years on this pilot with broken wings and a tarnished halo.

DEAR ABBY: I recently received a promotion at work over someone who had been with the company for a long time. Since then, most of my co-work-

ers have treated me badly. They snub me, gossip, and constantly look for errors in my work they can bring to the supervisor's attention. I thought the supervisor would support me, but she just humors them.

Going to men makes me feel going to be at home cooking all day. So we teach them how to set a gracious but casual table," she adds. "Not everybody needs everything."

The second - or more - time around, it's not about basics. It's more about luxury. Fine china and crystal. Status cookware. Ultra-chic espresso-makers. Upgrade. Upgrade. Upgrade.

Those who are remarrying - and are usually somewhat older, often more affluent - aspire to quality and elegance, seeking the best that they - and their guests - can afford, says Diane Brown, vice president of Tiffany & Co. in Washington.

Wedding gifts, on second thought

The Washington Post

have always wanted."

Bridal registry has always been the perfect opportunity for couples to ask for anything they want. But these days, it is not necessarily a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity.

Couples who are marrying for a second (or third) time are registering for gifts right along with the first-timers, retailers say. And the gifts they choose tend toward the elegant rather than the essential.

"Younger couples need everything, whereas more established couples don't need toasters or blenders," says Lisa Walker, manager of the bridal registry at a Macy's. "They're going for crystal and china and the items that they

Limoges vs. the lemon zester.

First-time newlyweds, even those who have already set up housekeeping together, are often in need of the essentials: the dishcloths, mixing bowls and measuring spoons of daily life. Stores such as Pottery Barn, Restoration Hardware and Crate & Barrel are popular destinations for young couples looking for affordable basics for cooking and casual entertaining. At Crate & Barrel, chip-and-dip sets and margarita glasses are top sellers, along with barware and related accessories.

"These couples lead extremely busy lives, but they have friends and like to entertain," says Better

Kahn, spokeswoman for Crate & Barrel. "We know this bride is not going to be at home cooking all day. So we teach them how to set a gracious but casual table," she adds. "Not everybody needs everything."

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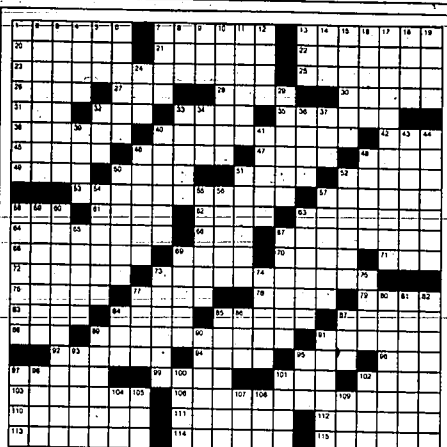
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STANGER-ANDERSON

HANSEN - Mr. and Mrs. Morgan V. Stanger of Hansen announce the engagement of their daughter, Holly Stanger, to Jerik Anderson, son of Jay and Linda Anderson of Boise.

Holly Stanger is a graduate of Hansen High School and Ricks College. She is attending Boise State University and is employed by the city of Boise.

Jerik Anderson is a graduate of Borah High School and Ricks College. He is also attending BSU and is employed by Micron. He served a mission for the LDS Church to Portugal.

The wedding is planned for Thursday at the Bountiful LDS Temple in Bountiful, Utah. A



Holly Stanger and Jerik Anderson

reception will be held in their honor from 7 to 9 p.m. Friday at the Kimberly LDS Church on Birch Street.

The couple will reside in Boise.

KIDD-HARRIS

DECLO - Kent and Kimberly Kidd of Declo and Julianne and Cleon Wall of Blackfoot announce the engagement of their daughter, Kenna Larice Kidd, to Chip Larsen Harris, son of Chad and Charmaine Harris of Burley.

Kidd is a graduate of Declo High School and is attending Boise State University. She is employed at Costco in Boise.

Harris is a graduate of Burley High School and will be attending BSU in the fall. He is employed by a contractor in Boise.



Chip Harris and Kenna Kidd

The wedding is planned for Thursday at the home of Max and Nola Robbins, 20 N. 200 E., Rupert.

HOLBROOK-CASPER

RUPERT - Clifford and Kathleen Holbrook of Rupert announce the engagement of their daughter, Vanessa Gayle Holbrook, to Jason Casper, son of Lloyd Casper of Salt Lake City, Utah, and Kathleen Casper of Pocatello.

Holbrook is a 1998 graduate of Minico High School and is attending Idaho State University. She is employed at Pocatello Valley Hospital and Rehabilitation in Pocatello.

Casper is a 1996 graduate of Pocatello High School and is attending ISU. He is employed by Wal-Mart in Pocatello.

The wedding is planned for 5:30 p.m. Friday at the Idaho



Vanessa Holbrook and Jason Casper Falls LDS Temple. A reception to honor the couple will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. Saturday at the Holbrook residence, 40 W. 100 N.

ENGAGEMENTS

TUCKETT-STEMBRIDGE

BURLEY - Leon and Cindy Tuckett of Burley announce the engagement of their daughter, Laurie Tuckett, to Paul M. Stembbridge, son of Harry and Carme Sutherland of Rexburg.

Tuckett is a graduate of Burley High School and attended ITT Technical Institute in California. She is employed at Redlands Centennial Bank in Redlands, Calif.

Stembbridge is a graduate of Madison High School, Ricks College, Brigham Young University and Loma Linda University in California, where he received his master's degree in psychology. He is employed by San Bernardino County in Rancho Cucamonga, Calif.

The wedding is planned for



Laurie Tuckett and Paul Stembbridge

Friday in the Bountiful LDS Temple in Bountiful, Utah. A reception to honor the couple will be held from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. Saturday at the Burley West Stake Center, 2420 Parke Ave.

BALL-DAVIDSON

PAUL - Gena and Terry Ball of Paul announce the engagement of their daughter, Kara Jo Ball, to Brian Lynn Davidson, son of Sharon and Milton Davidson of Burley.

Ball is a 2000 graduate of Minico High School and is employed at Valley Vista in Rupert.

Davidson is a 1998 graduate and is employed by Boise Cascade in Burley.

The wedding is planned for Friday at the home of the groom's parents. A reception to



Brian Davidson and Kara Ball

honor the couple will be held at 7 p.m. Friday at the Rupert Elks, 200 W. 85 S., Rupert.

CHRISTENSON-MARCHBANKS

HEYBURN - Marvin and Sue Christenson announce the engagement of their daughter, Monica Sue Christenson, to Jordan Kim Marchbanks, son of Kim and Julie Marchbanks of Springville, Utah.

Christenson is a graduate of Minico High School and works in photography in Springville, Utah.

Marchbanks is a graduate of Springville High School in Utah and is currently working with his father in construction in Springville.

The wedding is planned for Friday in the Logan LDS Temple.



Jordan Marchbanks and Monica Christenson

A reception to honor the couple will be held from 7 to 9 p.m. Saturday at the Heyburn 1st Ward building, 530 Villa Drive.

NEVILLE-REPASI

HAILEY - Mr. and Mrs. Timothy M. Neville of Hailey announce the engagement of their daughter, Angela Neville, to Douglas B. Repasi, son of Jack and Barbara Repasi of Sandy, Utah.

Neville is a 1994 graduate of Wood River High School. She served a mission for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Bordeaux, France. She graduated magna cum laude from Utah State University in Logan this spring and will be teaching English, speech and debate at Mountain Crest High School in Hyrum, Utah, in the fall.

Repasi is a 1995 graduate of Alta High School. He served an LDS mission to the Portugal Lisbon North Mission. He is studying business information systems and will continue his education at Utah State University. He is currently employed by UPS in Salt



Douglas Repasi and Angela Neville

Lake City.

The wedding will be held Thursday at the Salt Lake Temple. An open house is planned for 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. Thursday at the Pepperwood LDS Church in Sandy. A second open house is set for 7 to 9 p.m. Aug. 19 at the Neville home in Hailey.

The couple will reside in Logan, Utah.

HUIZINGA-PETERSON

BURLEY - Richard and Jan Huizinga of Burley announce the engagement of their daughter, Jennifer Huizinga, to Travis Peterson, son of Tom Peterson of Middleton and Nancy Peterson of Los Angeles, Calif.

Huizinga is a 1985 graduate of Burley High School and a 1990 graduate of Boise State University. She teaches third grade at Frontier Elementary School in Meridian.

Peterson is a graduate of Middleton High School and San Jose State University and is currently working on his master's degree. He is employed at the Idaho Youth Ranch in Boise as a youth counselor.



Travis Peterson and Jennifer Huizinga

The wedding is planned for Friday at the Whitney Methodist Church in Boise. A reception to honor the couple will be held at 5 p.m. Saturday at Sweetheart Manor, Overland and 42nd Street in Burley.

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WEDDINGS

KRAMER-HALL

BOISE – Dawn Amy Kramer and James "Ken" Hall were married June 17 at the Idaho Shakespeare Festival in Boise. The bride is the daughter of Dave and Marilyn Kramer of Twin Falls. She is a graduate of Boise State University and is employed by BSU Alumni Association. The bridegroom is the son of Tom and Karla Hall of Morgan Hill, Calif. He attended BSU and is employed by St. Luke's Regional Medical Center. The newlyweds reside in Boise.



Dawn and James Hall

FORD-STANFIELD

JEROME – Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Ford of Jerome announce the marriage of their daughter, Lynette Marie Ford, to Chad Michael Stanfield, son of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Stanfield of Riverton, Utah. Ford graduated from Jerome High School and Brigham Young University. Stanfield graduated from Riverton High School and is a senior at the University of Utah, majoring in computer engineering. He served an LDS mission in Uruguay. The wedding was held Aug. 4 in the Salt Lake Temple. A reception to honor the couple will be



Chad and Lynette Stanfield

held from 7 to 9 p.m. Aug. 17 at the White House in Twin Falls.

BRAGA-MAXWELL

GOODING – Tobey Lyn Braga and Kurt Russell Maxwell were married July 1 at the Christian Church in Gooding. Officiating was the Rev. Andy Morris. The bride is the daughter of Don and Sharon Braga of Gooding. Maternal grandmothers are Velma Lawrence of Gooding and Johnette Braga of Mesa, Ariz. Parents of the bridegroom are Bob Maxwell of Gooding and Laurie Maxwell of Caldwell. Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Greg Hafen of Bliss and Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Maxwell of Gooding. Elizabeth Caudillo, friend and roommate of the bride, served as maid of honor. Darci Shaver, sister of the bride, was the bridesmaid. Jordan Braga, sister of the bride, and Teri Lehr, cousin of the bride, were the candle lighters. Alexandria Nelson was the flower girl. Clint Maxwell, brother of the groom, served as best man. Bob Maxwell, father of the groom, served as the ringbearer. Kelsey Norris, cousin of the bride, was the groomsman. Cory Rodriguez, cousin of the bride, and Eric Shaver, brother-



Tobey and Kurt Maxwell

in-law of the bride, were the ushers. Tricia Maxwell, sister of the groom, attended the guest book. A reception was held at the War Memorial Hall following the ceremony. The bride is a graduate of Gooding High School. He is currently stationed at Oak Harbor, Wash. The newlyweds reside in Oak Harbor.

RIOS-GONZALES

RUPERT – Dorothy Rios and Jorge Gonzales were married July 8 at the St. Nicholas Church in Rupert. Music was performed by the St. Nicholas Youth Choir. The bride is the daughter of Henry and Amalia Rios of Rupert. The bridegroom is the son of Angelina Gonzales of Burley. Becky Madrigal, friend of the bride, served as matron of honor. Bridesmaids included Amber Ortiz, Jennifer Olmos, Nikki Gomez, Amanda Krueger, Alma Navarrete, Noraly Silva, Veronica Salinas, Linda Juarez and Susie Salinas, friends of the bride. Jessica Salinas and Liliana Gil, cousins of the bride, and Jenifer Madrigal, Cynthia Ambriz and Cynthia Salinas, friends of the bride, were the flower girls. Luis Magana served as best man. Groomsman included Jesus Salinas, cousin of the bride, and Andy Larios, Ben Navarrete, Rene



Jorge and Dorothy Gonzales

Garcia, Luis Velasquez, Johnny Pineda, Adam Tamayo and Rudy Salinas, friends of the groom. Christian Ambriz, nephew of the bride, was the usher. A reception was held following the ceremony at Fiesta Mexicana in Rupert. The bride is a graduate of Minico High School. She is manager of Taco Bandito. The bridegroom is a graduate of Burley High School. He is employed at Simplot Agriscience. The newlyweds reside in Burley.

Anniversary or wedding planned?

Let us know soon
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Deadline to get them into Sunday's Family Life section is 5 p.m. on Tuesdays.
Questions? Call Ramona Jones at 733-0931, Ext. 262.

ANNIVERSARY

THE VINCENTS

FILER – Mr. and Mrs. Roger Vincent of Filer will be honored at an open house Aug. 13 for their 50th wedding anniversary. Friends and relatives are invited to call from 2 to 5 p.m. at the Turf Club, 734 Falls Ave. in Twin Falls. A special program from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. will feature a video tribute and family music presentation. Time will be available for others to give tributes. Vincent and Margaret Joy Wills were married Aug. 13, 1950, at the First United Methodist Church in Twin Falls. They lived in Filer until moving to their current home south of Curry in 1991. He worked as a farmer in the Filer area for 50 years and had a dairy for 25 years. He continues to work with his son, Roger W. Vincent, in the farm operation. He was named Outstanding Young Farmer in 1959 and is a long-time member of the Kiwanis.

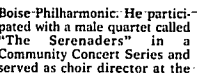


Margaret and Roger Vincent

The Vincents said they were brought together through music and it has remained a common bond throughout their marriage. They have been recognized as community leaders, receiving the 1990 Governor's Award for their support of the arts and twice receiving the Distinguished Citizen Award from the Idaho Statesman. They also were part of a civic group that helped make the College of Southern Idaho auditorium a reality. They have been active in the Twin Falls Methodist and Reformed churches, Masonic Lodge and Eastern Star.



Roger Vincent was the founder and director of the Magic Valley Chorale and was a charter member and president of the Northwest Opera Association. He has been involved in the Dilettantes of Magic Valley, playing many lead parts, and his baritone voice has been featured in oratorios, musicals, operas and concerts in the valley and the state, including a solo with the



Boise Philharmonic. He participated with a male quartet called "The Serenaders" in a Community Concert Series and served as choir director at the

Methodist Church for 23 years. Margaret Vincent has promoted musical excellence through her 50 years of private piano instruction. She founded the Filer Wranglerettes Riding Club and was named Mrs. Idaho in 1955. She has performed in numerous concerts and productions, served as accompanist for the Dilettantes and continues as pianist for the Magic Valley Symphony. In 1987, she founded and directed the CSI camp, Music Fest, which is still an annual event. She has been involved with the National Federation of Music Clubs, serving as state and local president and national board member. She served as instructor and department coordinator with the CSI music faculty from 1990-1997. She completed her master's degree in piano performance in 1995 and currently teaches piano, offering private lessons and classes in piano pedagogy for area teachers. The event is being given by their children, Laura (Allen) Vizutti of Mercer Island, Wash., Jo (Phil) Gerrish of Filer, Janie (Ron) Griff of Twin Falls, Carol (Tony) Miller of Woodville, Wash., Roger (Kelly) Vincent of Filer, and Susan Vincent of Boise. The couple has 20 grandchildren.

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Your Perfect Wedding

Examine the big picture when planning retirement

Q. When I decided I would retire next year, my wife and I began the estate-planning process by reading books by financial planners, lawyers and stock market gurus. The more we read, the more confused we became. Is there a secret to getting our economic lives in order so that, when we see a lawyer and financial planner, we can be prepared?

A. While reading is a great way to learn about your options, if you try to understand all of the details rather than taking a "big picture" approach to the planning process, you can get bogged down in the details. Here are some tips:

First, gather and organize information about your current and projected income and expenses, your assets, and your debts.

If you die in 2000 and your estate exceeds the federal estate-tax exclusion amount per person, an estate tax will be due unless you plan appropriately. If you feel your total assets, including insurance, exceed the federal estate-tax exclusion amount (\$675,000 in 2000 and increasing to \$1 million in 2006), evaluate the benefits of a credit shelter trust. And make sure you equalize the ownership of your assets as much as possible.

Remember that the manner in which assets are titled and how beneficiaries are named can frustrate your plan. Although your retirement accounts, IRAs, insurance policies, properties titled in living trusts and annuities will pass to survivors by beneficiary designation rather



NEXT STEPS
Jan Collins and Jan Warner

than your will, these assets will be counted as part of your taxable estate even though they may not pass through the probate process.

If you have a taxable estate, depending on your cash needs and the nature of your assets, you and your spouse could each consider gifting \$10,000 each year to as many individuals as you desire without reducing your unified credit (again, \$675,000 per person). Or, if the situation presents itself, you can use the unlimited gift-tax exclusion to pay for medical and education expenses in appropriate situations. You may want to make gifts to charities, either outright or through trusts, to reduce your estate taxes.

If you own large policies of life insurance, evaluate the potential benefits of using an irrevocable life-insurance trust that can help provide for your family's financial needs and remove life-insurance proceeds from your taxable estate. Depending on your family situation, you should decide whether

you have enough life insurance to provide the liquid cash your estate may need to pay estate taxes or a sufficient amount to take care of your surviving spouse or children.

Review your will and other documents every three to five years and update them if necessary, especially upon the occurrence of such events as marriage or remarriage, birth or adoption of a child, death of a spouse, divorce, illness, change in employment, receipt of a large gift or inheritance, or changes in property values that may drive your estate to the taxable limit.

Appoint a personal representative and an alternate who will carry out your plan. Always specify who will receive your property and when. If there are minors or disabled people who may benefit from your estate, establish appropriate trusts and appoint trustees and alternates. If you have minor children, make sure that your will appoints a guardian.

In addition to death planning, make sure your sign a durable power of attorney so your financial affairs can be handled in the event of your incapacity. Your health care decisions also should be made in advance. And remember to check into the cost of long-term care insurance.

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Given a chance, unusual people might turn out to be real leaders

His eyes were blue, his hair was long, his clothes looked as though they belonged in the '60s. He looked, when I first saw him in the halls of Wendell High, like a "hippy," though those days were long gone.

I remember thinking that he must be some kind of troublemaker and that I would have to watch out for him, but his appearance belied his true personality — another lesson in not "judging a book by its cover." He was not a troublemaker. He was not a "hippy." He was unique — one of a kind. He simply didn't care what "others" thought.

He marched to a different drummer. As I came to know him I gained an appreciation for a sharp mind, a quick wit and a generous spirit. Although he was friends with the other students he was not, like most teen-agers, a follower — someone who went along with the crowd. He was his own man, and he didn't care if the crowd liked it or not.

He did not take defeat. He didn't drink. He wasn't a party. Still those who indulged in such things liked him, and those who didn't appreciated him. He believed in doing what was right and did not hesitate to express his views. He was a leader without meaning to be one.

High school is the type of environment, as we all know, in



AFTER CLASS
Gay Petersen

which everyone tends to "go along to get along." One of the hardest things for teen-agers to do is to really be themselves among their peers. They tend to dress alike, wear their hair alike

One of the hardest things for teen-agers to do is to really be themselves among their peers.

and wear the same type clothes. They feel they dare not be different. And it often depends upon the leaders of a class as to which path that class, in general, will take. Luckily this student was someone the general population admired, and, luckily for them, someone many longed to emulate.

I liked him. His was a face I looked forward to seeing in my classes. For he had a good and thoughtful mind, and he helped in directing the class toward the

goals that I pursued. When he graduated I missed him for many reasons, but, perhaps most of all, for his individuality and his good sense.

Human beings, in general, have a tendency to try to blend in — to be just another "face in the crowd." We often do not stay where we are feeling for fear of being cast out by the group we are trying to impress, and, sometimes, we are correct in not expressing those feelings, finding later that we were wrong.

On the other hand, we should never just "go along to get along" if it is an issue of morality, of doing the right thing, of protecting those weaker than ourselves. We are all unique — with our own individualities — with our own thoughts and ideals, but if we do not stand up in the cause of what is right because we are afraid that it will disturb someone with an opposing view, then we have only taken the path of least resistance.

I'm sure that wherever my "hippy" student is today he is making a difference. He is, I am sure, still not just "part of the crowd," but one who "stands out in the crowd." May we all take a lesson from a true individualist.

Gay Petersen is a retired teacher who lives in Wendell. Write to her at petersen@magiclink.com

Part-time work counts toward benefits

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Q. Does part-time work count as earnings for Social Security benefits?

A. Yes, part-time work does count for Social Security benefits. Just as in a full-time job, you and your employer pay Social Security taxes and that is added to your earnings record. The earnings stay on your record throughout your working years

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FAMILY LIFE

ERWIN-HAGBERG

RUPERT - Scott and Debbie Erwin of Rupert announce the engagement of their daughter, Courtney Lee Erwin, to Jay Michael Hagberg, son of Carolyn Kay Hagberg and Jay Lowell Sand Ann Hagberg.

Erwin is a 1998 graduate of Minico High School and a 2000 graduate of Ricks College with a major in dental hygiene.

Hagberg is a 1995 graduate of Gridley High School and a 2000 graduate of Ricks College with a major in computer information systems. He also served in the Texas Fort Worth Mission.

The wedding is planned for Friday in the Mt. Timpanogos LDS Temple. A reception to



Courtney Erwin and Jay Hagberg honor the couple will be held Saturday at the Erwin residence. They will reside in Provo, Utah.

PINTHER-BROWN

TWIN FALLS - Dan and Kathie Pinter of Twin Falls announce the engagement of their daughter, Danielle Lee Pinter, to Jarom R. Brown, son of Mark and Marilyn Brown of Jerome and John and Larene Cooler of Boise.

Pinter is a graduate of Twin Falls High School. She is employed at Magic Valley Staffing Service in Twin Falls.

Brown is a graduate of Buhi High School. He is employed by Doug McCoy Construction.



Danielle Pinter and Jarom Brown. The wedding is planned for Saturday in Twin Falls.

WADE-JACOBSON

GOODING - Gaylord and Karla Wade of Gooding announce the engagement of their daughter, Olivia E. Wade, to Jeremy L. Jacobson, son of Jim and Janice Jacobson of Gooding.

Wade is a graduate of Gooding High School, College of Southern Idaho and Harcourt Learning Direct in Pennsylvania. She is employed at Riley's in Gooding.

Jacobson is a graduate of Gooding High School. He is employed by Shreddaway in



Jeremy Jacobson and Olivia Wade. The wedding is planned for Aug. 26.

ENGAGEMENTS

ROYAL-LARNA

TWIN FALLS - Bruce and Jennie Fallers of Twin Falls announce the engagement of their daughter, Amber Royal, to Jared Larna of Twin Falls.

Royal is a 2000 graduate of Magic Valley High School and plans to attend the College of Southern Idaho.

Larna is a graduate of CSI and is employed by Jackson Trucking.

The wedding is planned for Saturday at the White House in Twin Falls. A reception will follow the ceremony.



Amber Royal and Jared Larna

MOSER-LACROIX

JEROME - Harry and Joy Moser of Jerome announce the engagement of their daughter, Theresa Marie Moser, to Jeremiah LaCroix, son of Lynn and Debbie LaCroix of Bills and Grant and Sheila-Summers-of Gooding.

Moser is a 1999 graduate of Jerome High School and will attend the College of Southern Idaho in the fall. She is employed at Dairy Queen in Jerome.

LaCroix is a 1995 graduate of Bliss High School and will attend CSI in the fall. He is employed by PSI Waste Systems in Twin Falls.



Jeremiah LaCroix and Theresa Moser. The wedding is planned for 6 p.m. Saturday at the home of the groom's mother.

PETERSON-MCKENZIE

CAREY - Greg and Peggy Peterson of Carey announce the engagement of their daughter, Lana Peterson, to Mike McKenzie, son of Darrell McKenzie of Carey and Donna McKenzie of Twin Falls.

Peterson is a 1997 graduate of Carey High School. She is employed with POWER Engineers in Hailey.

McKenzie is a 1992 graduate of Wood River High School. He is the owner of KCM Builders.



Lana Peterson and Mike McKenzie. The wedding is planned for Saturday at the Susie Q Ranch in Pico.

EVANS-BOLAND

TWIN FALLS - Mac and Janice Evans of Twin Falls announce the engagement of their daughter, Emilee Rose Evans, to Daniel Scott Boland, son of Glen and Doreen Boland of Meridian.

Evans is a graduate of Twin Falls High School. She is employed at S.T. Investments in Boise.

Boland is a graduate of Coeur d'Alene High School. He is employed at S.T. Investments in Boise.

The wedding is planned for



Daniel Boland and Emilee Evans. Aug. 26 at the Twin Falls Reformed Church.

ARRINGTON-KEENAN

TWIN FALLS - Judson and Florron Arrington of Twin Falls announce the engagement of their daughter, Brittin Ashley Arrington, to Aaron Keenan, son of Frank and Margaret Keenan of Pocatello.

Arrington is a graduate of Idaho State University in Pocatello.

Keenan is also a graduate of ISU. He is employed by Elbert County Library in Kiowa, Colo.

The wedding is planned for Saturday.



Aaron Keenan and Brittin Arrington

INGRAM-ENNIS

HEYBURN - Tammy Ingram announces the engagement of her daughter, Candace Ingram, to Jeremy Ennis, son of Kim and Judy Ennis of Rupert.

Ingram is a 1997 graduate of Minico High School. She attended the College of Southern Idaho before transferring to Idaho State University, where she is pursuing a degree in history.

Ennis is a 1997 graduate of Minico High School. He is attending ISU and is pursuing a degree in biology.

The wedding is planned for 7 p.m. Friday at the Sweetheart Manor, Overland and 42nd



Candace Ingram and Jeremy Ennis. Street in Burley, with a reception following the ceremony.

WEDDING

KOROM-MILLS

SUN VALLEY - Terra Lynn Korom and John Charles Mills were married June 24 at Lupin Meadows in Sun Valley.

The bride is the daughter of Susan Sandau of Filer.

Parents of the bridegroom are Bob and Fran Mills of Springfield, Calif.

Kendra and Britany Korom, daughters of the bride, were the bridesmaids.

Robert Mills, son of the groom, was the groomsman.

Special guests included grandparents of the bride, Joan and Glen Sandau of Twin Falls, and grandparents of the bridegroom, Dr. John and Betty Mills of Belmont, Calif.

A reception was held following the ceremony. Serving was Jody Gruener, friend of the couple.



Terra Lynn and John Mills. The bride attended the College of Southern Idaho in Twin Falls. She is employed at the Wood River Journal in Hailey.

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The Associated Press

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LEGAL NOTICE
YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that the Mountain Home Irrigation District informed the Director of the Idaho Department of Fish and Game that Mountain Home Reservoir in Elmore County would likely be drained this year for irrigation. It is likely that oil fish in this reservoir will be lost. Past efforts at effectively salvaging a majority of the fish from the reservoir have been futile, and the Idaho Fish and Game Department would like the public to use as many of the fish as possible.

ORDER
 THEREFORE, pursuant to his authority under Idaho Code § 36-106(e), the Idaho Department of Fish and Game Director hereby rescinds the bag, possession, and size limits on Mountain Home Reservoir in Elmore County, effective August 5, 2000 through December 31, 2000. A valid Idaho fishing license is required. Normal fishing methods with the addition of hatchery landing, net and legal minimum sizes will be allowed. No fish can be transported off-site alive.

Copies of Order 00-17

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are available at the Idaho Department of Fish and Game headquarters, 600 South Walnut, PO Box 25, Boise, Idaho 83707.

DATED this 2nd day of August 2000.

IDAHO DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME
 /s/ Rod W. Sando, Director

PUBLISH: August 6 and 7, 2000

NOTICE OF REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
 The Idaho Project for Refugee Resettlement (Idaho Project) requests proposals for the provision of assessment, outreach and referral services to refugees designed to ensure that refugees are able to access Federally funded support programs for low-income populations.

Services will be funded through a Federal grant awarded by the Office of Refugee Resettlement, Mountain States Group, and administered by the Idaho Project. Services will be supported in the two primary refugee resettlement communities in Idaho - the greater Boise area and Twin Falls. Bidders may propose to provide services in one or both of these areas.

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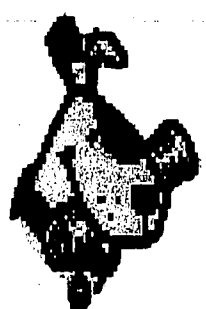
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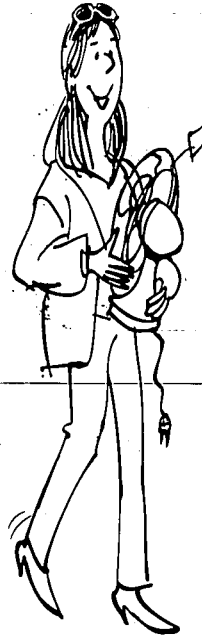
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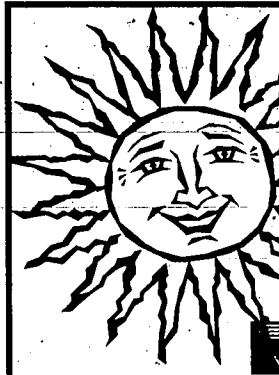
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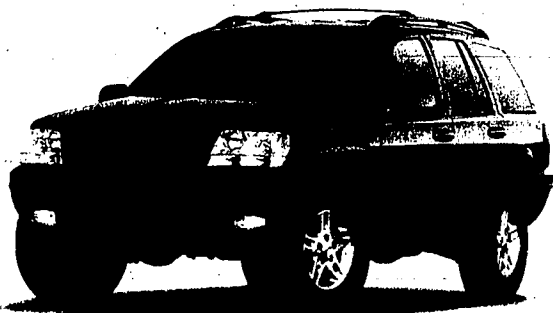
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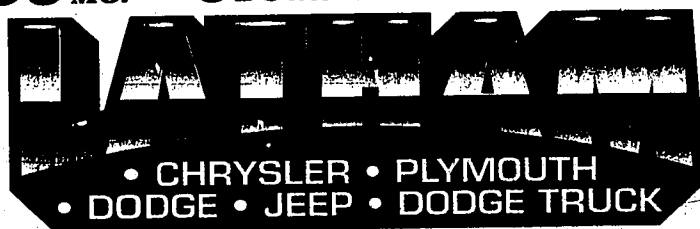


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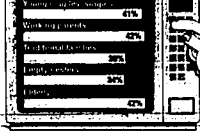
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TWIN FALLS - The refrigeration, heating and air conditioning course at the College of Southern Idaho has a few more spaces in the fall semester class starting Aug. 28.

"I know of at least six companies in this area that would gladly hire people right now if they could find them," said Jere Mason, HVAC instructor at CSI. And nationally, Mason said, the Air Conditioning and Refrigeration Institute estimates that by 2006 there will be demand for at least another 100,000 service technicians.

"It's a demand, he said, that will mean plentiful jobs and good salaries for those who get into the field now.

CSI's program is a one-year course that awards a technical certificate. Mason said many employers will take students right after the one-year course.

"A recent listing of 47 companies listed with Idaho Job Service showed about 80 HVAC jobs available with very little experience required," Mason said.

Students should be mechanically inclined or at least interested in working with equipment and making things work correctly. Basic math and English skills are necessary.

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CSI electronics program still has open spaces

TWIN FALLS - A few spaces are available in the electronics program at the College of Southern Idaho. The fall semester begins Aug. 28.

Electronics professor Ben Bartlett said now is a great time to get into one of the five electronics fields offered at the college.

"There are so many electronics jobs available right now that many businesses have resorted to 'head-hunting' - hiring good people away from other companies," Bartlett said.

"The overall student placement rate is close to 100 percent, with many students getting one or two offers before they're even finished."

CSI's five electronics specialties are laser technology, RF-communications/telecommunications, instrumentation, electromechanical technology and electronics systems technology.

CSI offers a one-year certificate course. Students can get certain entry-level jobs following one year. Many will transfer to Idaho State University in Pocatello for one more year, after which they receive an associate of applied science degree.

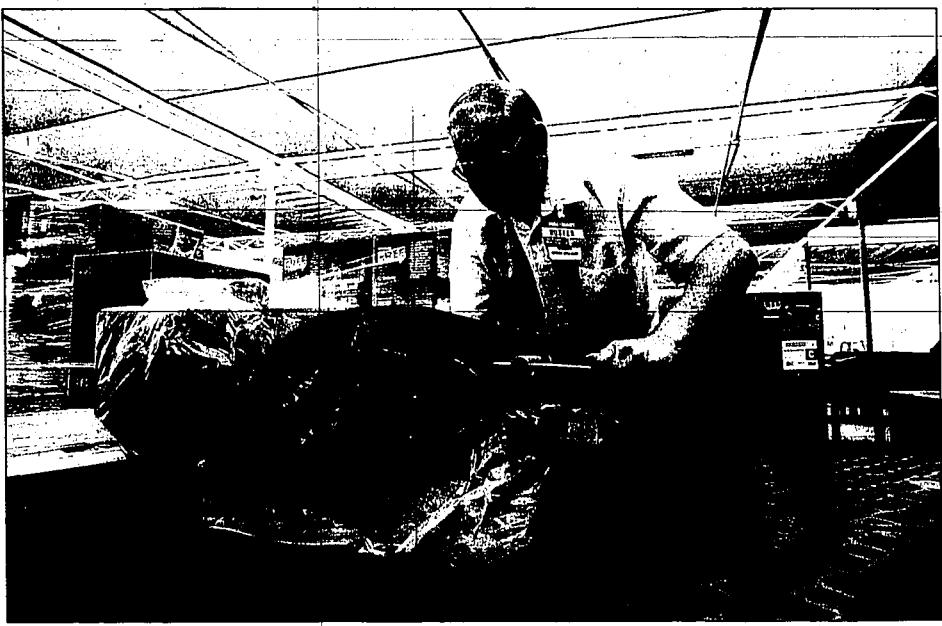
Bartlett said the lowest annual salary he has heard of his students getting after the two-year program is \$41,000.

Students should already have a basic math background. Higher math is not required, although it is recommended students take algebra during their electronics course if they haven't already.

Electronics classes will meet in the newly remodeled portion of the Canyon Building at CSI, which will allow each student his or her own computer. The idea, Bartlett said, is to incorporate many computer simulations into the curriculum so students can assemble, build and test simulated equipment as they learn how circuits work.

Call Bartlett at 733-9554, Ext. 2324.

Compiled from staff reports



Walter "Buster" Henage, a lifetime resident of Jerome, assembles an outdoor grill at the new Wal-Mart on South Lincoln Street in Jerome, which is readying for its mid-August opening. Free assembly is available for Wal-Mart products such as bicycles, lawnmowers and grills.

LOGAN CANTON/The Times-News

Jerome's giant Wal-Mart readies for August opening

By Virginia S. Hutchins
Times-News writer

JEROME - Sure it has 3,000 sisters.

But the Wal-Mart store in Jerome is one-of-a-kind.

The supercenter set to open Aug. 16 on South Lincoln Street will be the first Wal-Mart ever to carry bulk foods, store manager Jeff Hanssen said.

The bulk bins and bags - mostly dry items such as flour and sugar - are meant to cater to the food-storage demands of Magic Valley's Mormon population.

For the tastes of another sizable portion of the valley's people, the Jerome Wal-Mart will have an expanded selection of Hispanic foods.

"It's been a challenge getting our home office to see what our customer wants," Hanssen said.

But Wal-Mart Stores Inc. authorities were flexible in the end, guided by suggestions from him and other local employees.

Hanssen said he is authorized to sell Falls Brand meat from Twin Falls; Hagerman melons, tortillas from a Caldwell manufacturer and a Jerome company's milk.

"They've been very good about establishing new vendors," he said. "We didn't want to come in here with outside stuff."

Jerome's new store, he said, is one of the first Wal-Marts equipped with rotating bag racks at checkouts, enabling customers to load their own filled bags into carts while employees continue bagging.

It's also one of just 10 test stores in the huge chain carrying prepackaged fabrics - two yards of fleece, for example, or three yards of dress fabric with a recommended pattern number (patterns also for sale). Packaged holiday fabrics, felts and quilting colors replace the bolts and cutting-table of a standard Wal-Mart.

Produce displays - soon to be loaded with color - face the front doors. Other empty units stand ready for dairy, beer, wine and prepackaged meat offerings. A bakery will turn out doughnuts, wedding cakes and the like, and shoppers in a hurry can opt for



Greg Cole, a vendor for Anderson News Co., in Boise, puts up a display of magazines in the new Wal-Mart in Jerome.

Celebration will get lots of help

The Times-News

JEROME - Expect a cast of hundreds at Wal-Mart's opening-day celebration Aug. 16:

A grand opening and ribbon-cutting ceremony starting at 7:30 a.m. will launch 24-hour, seven-day-a-week business at the superstore.

During the ceremony, cheerleaders from throughout the Magic Valley will perform the Wal-Mart cheer, assistant manager Shannon Burleson said.

And, she said, another entertainment is planned throughout the

day:

• Country Western singer Nathan Price will perform from 10 to 11:30 a.m. and from 1 to 2:30 p.m.

• On display will be a fire truck, a police car, an ambulance, an emergency helicopter, a tank, race cars and Humvees.

• Boy Scout troops will sell hot dogs and drinks around lunch time, and they'll create children's identification cards with photographs and fingerprints from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

• A miniature train will give children rides all day.

The service deli.

The low-price giant taking up residence in Jerome means tough competition for other Magic Valley grocery and general merchandise stores. But Hanssen said shoppers, in any case, will be winners.

He promises to lower grocery prices in this market and raise the valley's standard of living in the process. Jerome's Wal-Mart will honor any Magic Valley store's advertised prices - for

About Wal-Mart Stores Inc.

• Sam Walton opened the first Wal-Mart store in 1962.

• The chain reported record earnings and sales for the quarter ended April 30. Net income was \$1.326 billion, and total sales for the quarter were \$42.985 billion.

• As of June 30, there were 1,773 Wal-Mart stores, 780 supercenters and 466 Sam's Clubs in the United States.

• Internationally, Wal-Mart operates units in Argentina (10), Brazil (16), Canada (166), China (8), Germany (95), Korea (5), Mexico (468), Puerto Rico (15) and United Kingdom (239).

• The chain employs more than 885,000 people in the United States and 255,000 internationally.

• It's based in Bentonville, Ark.

• Securities are listed on the New York and Pacific stock exchanges.

Source: Company Web site

furnishings, vitamins, clothing, shoes, toys, automotive supplies, household hardware and the rest of the array, brightened by energy-cost-reducing skylights.

"I will be the lowest price, yes," Hanssen said, pausing at the Fire and Lube Express where customers can buy tires, or have their cars' oil changed while they shop.

A box at the building's temporary check-in table invites employees to deposit their receipts from WinCo Foods Inc. in Twin Falls. Hanssen and other managers will peruse the grocery competitor's prices.

"We'll go through and make sure we squish them," he said.

Hanssen also touts the store's free assembly for purchased barbecue grills, lawnmowers and bicycles.

The bike selection features the Mongoneo brand, and Hewlett-Packard is the leading computer.

Along with paint and supplies, customers will be able to get computerized color matches. In the jewelry department, the store will pierce ears for free.

The lawn and garden section, now with shrubs and trees for fall planting, will carry flowers when spring rolls around again.

The outdoorsman can shop a section stocked with hunting, fishing, camping and exercise equipment, plus rifles - but no pistols.

Dr. Kevin McSweeney of Buhl will practice in the store's full vision center. Home Federal and Loan Association is leasing space for a full-service branch inside Wal-Mart, and Smart Style will operate a hair salon. Wal-Mart itself will operate the pharmacy and a Radio Grill restaurant with a working jukebox and a '50s theme.

Who's on staff

The 320 workers readying all that merchandise aren't the entire Wal-Mart staff.

Hanssen said he'll open the store with 380, most of whom are already hired. The store picked those folks from about 2,500 applications it received.

"And they're still coming in every day," Hanssen said.

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YOUR BUSINESS

CAREER MOVES

TWIN FALLS - Joe Sunnen is a new sports writer and page editor at the Times-News. Sunnen joined the newspaper in June after graduating in May from Beloit College in Beloit, Wis., with a bachelor's degree in creative writing and journalism.

At Beloit, Sunnen was sports editor for the college's newspaper, played football and edited student and national fiction journals. In the Times-News sports department, he has been writing about American Legion baseball this summer and will cover College of Southern Idaho women's volleyball this fall. He hopes to envision sports reporting with the color and drama of individual local athletes' stories.

The other half of Sunnen's job is design and layout of sports and other news pages.

TWIN FALLS - Geri Collins, formerly of The Clip for the past 10 years, is now associated with the remodeled and renamed salon, The Jagged Edge. Jagged Edge is the salon formerly called The Clip. The address, 303 Second St., E., and the phone number, 734-5970, remain the same.

Collins recently attended the Redken seminar to attend and plans to attend the Shades of Fall show offered by Malyn in Portland, Ore.

TWIN FALLS - Jan Sternet, formerly of Snipz 152, joined the team of hair professionals at The Jagged Edge, 303 Second St. E. Sternet has 22 years of barber and styling experience. Her specialties include high-contrast color weaves, precision cuts and directional perm wraps. She can be reached at 734-5970. Walk-ins are welcome.

JACKPOT, Nev. - Human resources and hospitality executive Linda Edwards was named director of human resources for Cactus Petes Resort Casino. Edwards will assist Cactus Petes in developing policy issues such as employment compensation, labor relations, benefits, training and employee career development. Secondly, she will provide direction to the company compliance with all state and federal human resource laws. She also will play a leading role in long-term management development and be a member of the executive committee.

Edwards brings 15 years of experience in the hospitality industry and more than 17 years in the human resources field to her new position. Before joining Cactus Petes, she was director of human resources for BlueWater Casinos in Arizona. Her experience also includes positions for Dakota Nations Gaming Enterprises, J.C. Penney, Matzall Casino and Sheraton Hotels. Edwards graduated with a bachelor's degree from State University of New York. She is a certified human resources executive and is a member of the Society of Human Resources Management. She also is a licensed state family alternative dispute resolution and mediation consultant.

BURLEY - Dr. Lanny F. Campbell Jr. will join Family Health Services' Burley Clinic on Monday. Campbell comes from Pueblo, Colo., where he completed his family practice residency at Southern Colorado Family Medicine. He is a family practice physician and is accepting all family practice patients, including obstetrics. Call 678-7796 for an appointment.

JEROME - Standley & Co. appointed John Gomez of Twin Falls as the company's service manager. Gomez will be responsible for inspection, routine maintenance and service, and repair of an array of dairy- and livestock-related manure-handling pumps

and equipment statewide. He was formerly with IFA/Cenex for eight years. Standley & Co. is Idaho's dealer for J. Houle & Sons of Drummondville, Quebec, Canada, the equipment's manufacturer. Gomez can be reached at 324-9449.

SHOSHONE - Dr. Greg Hill joined Dr. Keith Davis' family medicine practice in Shoshone on Tuesday. Before Hill went to medical school, he wanted to be sure he knew what a doctor's life was really like, so the Baltimore college student joined Davis' Idaho Family Practice journal from physicians looking for partners to join them in practice. Because Hill was a licensed paramedic, his letter said he would help the doctors in exchange for room and board and a chance to see whether a doctor's life was really what he wanted.

Davis answered Hill's letter and, in summer 1992, Hill came to Shoshone to assist Davis. "I instantly loved Idaho," Hill said. "The people here are so friendly and kept encouraging me to come."

At the summer after four years of medical school at George Washington University School of Medicine in Washington, D.C., and three years of family practice residency in Chicago, Hill came back to Shoshone, this time as a partner to Davis.

"I've been practicing as the only doctor in Shoshone for 15 years," Davis said. "It's going to be great to have a partner so I can go camping with the Boy Scouts or take a vacation with my family, our patients will be able to see my partner, and vice versa."

Davis and Hill practice at Shoshone Family Medical Center, 113 S. Apple.

TWIN FALLS - Hartford, Conn.-based Phoenix Home Life Mutual Insurance Co. recently acquired Joseph C. Russell of Twin Falls as the company's No. 1 Leading Life Producer for 1999. Russell is president of Estate Planning Strategies Inc. in Twin Falls. In recognition of his sales achievements during 1999, he also received the company's Leading Agency Gold Award and the Leading First Year Commission Award.

Since joining Phoenix in 1998, Russell has earned membership on the company's Honors Council on several occasions, including last year's qualification for the highest-level Chairman's Council. Within the industry, he's an eight-year member of the Million Dollar Round Table's Court of the Table, and he also qualified for the Top of the Table in 1999, the MDRIT's highest designation.

Russell is a certified life underwriter and an accredited estate planner.

TWIN FALLS - Jensen Jewelers announced the graduation of Rene Martindale, of Jensen Jewelers in the Lewwood Shopping Center, from its Certified Professional Jeweler program.

Martindale completed the 11-week course and received certification. The course involves training in all product areas of the jewelry industry, including diamonds, genuine stones, watches and all facets of jewelry making.

BURLEY - Norman W. Funk qualified for Farm Bureau Financial Services' top incentive travel award, the 2000 All American Agents and managers qualify for the award based on life and property/casualty production. The qualifiers and their guests are invited to participate in the All American trip to Sydney, Australia, Nov. 1-10. Farm Bureau Financial Services is an insurance and investment organization based in West Des Moines, Iowa. Through an exclusive agency for the company, they make up the organization underwrite, market and distribute life insurance, annuities, mutual funds and property-casualty insurance products and services to individuals and small businesses in 14 Midwestern and Western states. Funk may be reached at his office at 444 E. Fifth N., Burley, 678-0431.



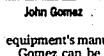
Joe Sunnen



Geri Collins



Jan Sternet



John Gomez

MILESTONES

Portrait studio opens in Twin Falls Big K store

TWIN FALLS - Olan Mills Portrait Studio is now open at the Big K store in Twin Falls. The studio's hours are 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday. Olan Mills specializes in heirloom quality photography. It said it makes quality affordable portraits through hundreds of traditional studio sites and retail Kmart locations now in Idaho, Utah, Nevada and Oregon.

In addition to photographing children of all ages, Olan Mills can accommodate families and groups. From wallet-size keepsakes to wall-size portraits, it offers styles people prefer in sizes suited for framing, gift giving and family record keeping, a press release said. Photos are guaranteed for life. The studios provide extra details such as custom and artistic hand finishes and canvas and brush-stroke styles.

Olan Mills was established in 1932 and is a family-owned corporation. Studios can be found throughout the United States, Canada and England.

HUD lauds Halley property for passing inspection

HALEY - Housing and Urban Development Secretary Andrew Cuomo marked completion of HUD's first nationwide inspection of all HUD-assisted multifamily housing complexes by honoring owners of properties that passed inspection with the highest scores.

Winners included a Halley property

The inspections of more than 20,000 HUD-assisted complexes were completed by HUD's Real Estate Assessment Center earlier this year. Some 87 percent of the properties were found to be in excellent or good condition. Only 1.6 percent of the properties - about 530 complexes - were in condition requiring referral to HUD's new Enforcement Center for immediate remedial action.

"Because of the speed and thoroughness with which we handle properties that are not well maintained, not being well operated, I am confident that next year's numbers will be even better," HUD's taking this inspection process seriously. The vast majority of owners and operators are taking it seriously. And so, too, should that handful of owners who are not performing up to snuff. Because if they don't, they'll be out of business," Cuomo said.

Idaho's Multifamily Award winners included Woodhaven Apartments, 351 Winterhaven Drive in Halley, owned by Croy Creek Associates.

Hindsight Storage offers convenient Rupert location

RUPERT - A new storage facility is now open behind Family Vision & Eye Care, operated by Bill R. Williams and Todd G. Slusser. The address is 714 G St., and the telephone number is 436-3455.

Hindsight Storage features a convenient in-town location close to the police station, secure setting, good lighting inside and out, 9-by-12-foot units for temporary or long-term storage, and self-storage (use your own lock).

CONTRIBUTIONS

■ U.S. Bank said Paint Magic and the Rupert Renaissance Initiative are grant recipients for second quarter 2000.

The \$2,000 contribution U.S. Bank made to Paint Magic was used to buy supplies to clean and paint the homes of seniors and handicapped people on fixed incomes having difficulty maintaining their homes on their own.

U.S. Bank will contribute \$12,000 to the Rupert Renaissance Initiative's capital campaign. Renovation of the historic Wilson Theater will provide the community with a one-of-a-kind facility for cultural events and other community activities.

■ Three Magic Valley graduating seniors and state of Idaho electronic filing coordinators will host free electronic filing seminars, including one in Twin Falls.

Tax professionals and those interested in using IRS e-file are invited. Continuing professional education credits are available, the IRS said. Both new and experienced electronic filers will benefit. Topics include the application process, changes to the program, software vendors and information on federal and state e-file programs.

In the 2000 filing season, more than 35 million federal income tax returns and 12 million state returns were electronically filed by paid preparers, taxpayers using home computers and by telephone. Congress has mandated that 80 percent of federal income tax returns be filed electronically by 2007.

Electronic filing offers an acknowledged receipt, the return was accepted, reduction in processing time, fast refunds, increased accuracy due to computer validation, acceptance of

scholarships," said Larson, who heads the scholarship selection committee. "But his year, the vote came down to a tie with the three students. All three were outstanding students and very deserving."

To qualify, an applicant had to be the child of a full-time Glanbia employee with plans to enroll in a full-time course of study at a college or vocational-technical school.

The selection committee, made up of employees from each of Glanbia's four Magic Valley facilities, judged each applicant's academic record, school and community activities, work experience and one-page essay on career objectives.

■ Jamba Juice's "Free Smoothie Day" in Idaho raised \$5,000 for the Idaho Chapter of the American Cancer Society and the Mountain States Tumor Institute.

Sue Hunsaker, regional marketing manager for Jamba Juice, said the donated money will be split between the two organizations.

"Free Smoothie Day" was organized as a thanks to the community for supporting Jamba Juice since it entered the Idaho market in fall 1999 when Jamba Juice stores converted to the San Francisco-based Jamba Juice brand. All 10 Jamba Juice stores throughout the state, including Twin Falls, participated in the event.

IRS offers e-filing seminar

refund and balance-due returns, the ability to electronically file both federal and state returns simultaneously and the ability to make electronic payments.

To register, submit your name, company name, address, telephone number, date and location of the seminar you wish to attend and whether you are currently an Electronic Return Originator to Donna Weddle at 334-9086, Ext. 300. Information can be faxed to 334-9014 or e-mailed to donna.weddle@irs.gov.

The schedule includes a seminar set for 9 a.m. to noon Thursday at the Weston Plaza Hotel, 1350 Blue Lakes Blvd. N., Twin Falls.

TELL US YOUR BUSINESS

Your business is a weekly feature that highlights commercial activity in the Magic Valley. If you have information about any of the following, The Times-News wants to hear about it:

- Promotions and staff changes.
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- Awards and achievements.
- Charitable business activities.
- Other business news.

Please e-mail them to Business Editor Virginia S. Hutchins at virginia@magvalley.com

Or contact her at: The Times-News P.O. Box 548 Twin Falls, Idaho 83303 733-0931, Ext. 242 Fax: 617-74543 or 734-5338

Mini-Cassia chamber schedules August luncheon

RUPERT - The Mini-Cassia Chamber-of-Commerce will hold its August luncheon on Thursday at the Rupert Elks Lodge.

Diane Boyd of Mini-Cassia United Way will be the guest speaker. She will talk about all the new programs United Way is planning to bring to the Mini-Cassia area, the chamber said.

Those attending are encouraged to enter their business cards to win a free lunch sponsored by the Mini-Cassia chamber's ambassadors. Also, attendees at the luncheon are eligible to win a prize just by signing up at the door. Bring a friend.

M-C Chamber of Commerce plans appreciation picnic

BURLEY - The Mini-Cassia Chamber of Commerce is planning a Chamber Member Appreciation Picnic for Sept. 15 to thank all members for their support of chamber activities and events.

Members are encouraged to bring their families to the picnic. Advance tickets are \$3 for adults and \$1 for children and are available at the chamber office. More details will be available later.

Blue Cross launches alternative health program

BOISE - Blue Cross of Idaho launched a complementary and alternative health program - Natural Blue - available to all Blue Cross of Idaho enrollees.

Natural Blue gives enrollees a 25 percent discount with in-network acupuncturists and massage therapists. Enrollees also receive discounts on memberships at participating fitness clubs.

"We are introducing Natural Blue in response to our enrollees' growing interest in complementary and alternative medicine," said Lisha Bridges of Blue Cross of Idaho. "Results of recent surveys point to the popularity of such treatments. We're pleased to offer discounts on the services many of our enrollees are already using, and others are telling us they would like to integrate into their traditional medical care."

Bridges said Blue Cross of Idaho expects the initial panel of participating providers to expand over the next few weeks. The discount program is administered by American Specialty Health Networks, a national organization that selects and maintains a credential network of complementary and alternative health-care providers throughout the United States. Natural Blue providers contract directly with American Specialty, not with Blue Cross of Idaho.

American Specialty coordinates the credentialing for each provider. Providers are required to be recertified every two years. To participate in the program, enrollees make appointments with the network's participating providers, present their Blue Cross of Idaho identification card at the time of service and pay the providers directly; there

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are no claims, no referrals and no limits on the number of visits. Additionally, the program allows Blue Cross of Idaho members to work with the International Fitness Club Network, a national network of health and fitness facilities. At participating clubs, enrollees receive the lowest membership rate for the type of new membership selected.

Toll-free number helps Latinos find DOE work

ARCO - U.S. Secretary of Energy Bill Richardson announced a new toll-free number to help Latino workers learn more about contractor job opportunities at Department of Energy sites across the country - such as the Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory - as a result of a recent agreement with the International Union of Operating Engineers.

"This effort not only brings a new wave of talent to the construction industry, but it offers Latino workers across the country the opportunity to earn a good living," Richardson said. "By establishing this toll-free number, we are making it easier for prospective workers to learn more about all this program has to offer."

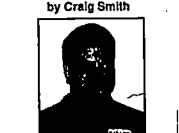
For information about job opportunities in your area, call the toll-free number, (888) 877-6974 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Eastern Standard Time. Spanish-speaking operators will be on hand to answer questions and evaluate whether and how an individual's skills would best fit the available jobs.

In January, Richardson signed an agreement with the IUOE to establish a national outreach program to recruit, train and retain Hispanic workers at Energy Department sites nationwide. As part of the agreement, hundreds of prospective Latino workers will be trained to fulfill jobs in a number of high-skill areas.

The information, publication, documents and manuals necessary to carry out the work at the department's construction and clean-up sites will be translated into Spanish.

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CSI Mini-Cassia program offers business classes

BURLEY - The College of Southern Idaho Mini-Cassia Enrichment Program is offering several classes for business employees to update or learn skills that will help them in their current workplaces or in re-entering the work force. Class sizes are limited, and early registration recommended.

Following is a partial list of credit classes scheduled for the fall semester, which runs Aug. 28 through Dec. 21. Academic classes are \$66.50 per credit, plus books and lab fees.

- Introduction to Information Science, 7-9:30 p.m. Mondays.
- Principals of Marketing, 4:30-6 p.m. Mondays.
- Principals of Microeconomics, 7-9:30 p.m. Mondays.
- Developmental English, 1:50 p.m. or 4-7 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.
- Basic English, 1:15-5:15 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays.
- Basic Writing, 1:15-5:15 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.
- Beginning Algebra, 7-10 p.m. Mondays.
- Intermediate Algebra, 4-7 p.m. Mondays or 7-10 p.m. Wednesdays.
- College Algebra, 7-10 p.m. Mondays.
- Fundamentals of Oral Communication (speech), 11:12-30 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays or 4:30-7 p.m. Tuesdays.
- Introduction to Business, 4:30-7 p.m. Wednesdays.
- Sign Language, 7-9:30 p.m. Wednesdays.
- Principals of Accounting, 6:30-10 p.m. Thursdays.
- Medical Terminology, 5-7 p.m. Thursdays.
- Principals of Management, 7-9:30 p.m. Thursdays.
- Human Relations in Supervision, 4:30-7 p.m. Thursdays.

For more information or to register, call 678-1400.

CSI apprenticeship programs start soon

TWIN FALLS - The College of Southern Idaho Trade and Industry program is offering four trade-related apprenticeship programs, each starting in late August or early September.

Each of the four programs combines classroom instruction at CSI with on-the-job training provided by various Magic Valley employers.

None of the classes offers college credit.

First- and second-year construction programs will begin the week of Sept. 4. Each program runs for the entire fall and spring semesters. The first-year course teaches career opportunities and responsibilities in carpentry and construction, fasteners and adhesives, hand and power tools, floor systems, wall and ceiling framing, roof framing, windows and exterior doors. The second-year course teaches reading plans and elevations, distance measurement and leveling, concrete and flatwork, and reinforcing concrete.

The first-year course will meet from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays. Some scholarships will be available. First-year students must be at least 16 years old.

The second-year course will

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meet from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays.

• First- through fourth-year sheet metal apprenticeships will begin the week of Aug. 29 and run through Nov. 22.

First-year students will learn about leveling and heating metal layout, triangulation shortcut layout, shortcut for round layout, math and other related curriculum. Classes will meet from 7 to 10 p.m. Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Completion of this program earns the student a CSI certificate.

• First- through fourth-year plumbing and electrical apprenticeships will begin Aug. 28 in Twin Falls.

First-year plumbing students will learn safety and handling of tools and materials, piping, trade math and introduction to the uniform plumbing code. Electrical students will learn safety, tools, electrical theory, introduction to code, conduits, insulation and trade math. The plumbing program also is offered in Haley, and the electrical program also is offered in Haley and Burley.

Applicants for any of the programs must be employed in their chosen trades at the time class begins in order to begin earning the 8,000 hours of work-site experience required for their certificates or journeyman status at the completion of the courses. Applicants will also be required to take a placement exam before the class starts. The exams are administered at CSI free of charge.

For information or to register, call Larrianne at 733-9554, Ext. 2219.

Aqua Vie extends Southwest distribution

KETCHUM - Aqua Vie Beverage Corp. said it has reached an agreement extending its product distribution into southern Nevada, including Las Vegas, and throughout the state of New Mexico.

Management of the Ketchum-based company also indicated it is making significant progress in its distribution into southern California.

Aqua Vie said it landed an exclusive beverage placement with Warner Bros. for Aqua Vie Hydrators in the movie "Swordfish," starring John Travolta, to be awarded in 2001. Produced by award-winning Joel Silver, "Swordfish" is described as a slick, action- and intrigue-packed story of a "reformed" convict computer hacker plotting to steal billions from secret government accounts.

"With Aqua Vie having been well received in the Bay Area, and now southern California coming to fruition, we are also very enthusiastic about following the sun into Las Vegas, southern Nevada and New Mexico and the vast potential represented in these markets," said Thomas Gillespie, president and chief executive officer.

"We are pleased with the several movie placements we have obtained recently and will continue to pursue additional product placements aimed at predisposing audiences and the entertainment industry's various spheres of influence," he said.

- compiled from staff reports

What next? Ads placed in public bathrooms find captive audience

The Baltimore Sun

Recently, ABC announced it was going to advertise its comedy "Norm" with posters of its star, Norm MacDonald, strategically placed above urinals in New York and Los Angeles. And right away you think, "Well, we've finally lost all justification for our civilization to continue to exist." When capitalism starts following us to the toilet, maybe it's time to think about going the way of the Romans or the Incas and getting off the stage.

For this particular advance in human progress, we can thank Zoom Media, a Montreal firm that is the apparent worldwide leader in what people in the know call "washroom advertising."

According to Claude Breault, head of corporate communications, washroom advertising got its start nine years ago when one of the company's co-founders, Carl Grant, then a student, served on a university committee trying to figure out how to reach the campus population about sex.

Conference calls let investors get CEO on phone

Knight Ridder News Service

If you really want to investigate a company before investing, then get on the phone with the chief executive officer.

The CEO, of course, is the top boss, the big planner. But if you think that means you don't stand a chance of getting through, then you don't know about conference calls.

Companies and even federal regulators increasingly want you to know about - and at least listen in on - what has become Wall Street's version of a party line.

Conference calls typically come every three months, on the day or the day after the company announces its latest earnings report. It's when the chief executive officer, chief financial officer and maybe a few others explain the results and their outlook in a group telephone call.

On the other end of the phone lines are dozens or even hundreds of analysts from brokerage firms, mutual funds and pensions, as well as a few reporters. They usually get to ask questions at the end.

Although such sessions rarely break news, they're still critical to keeping up. That's why analyst Jim Pettit or one of his teammates at Chase HQ in San Francisco dial up every conference call of every company they follow.

"Absolutely," Pettit said. "You don't miss conference calls."

So why should you? Here, then, are the nuts and bolts of getting your dime's worth out of public companies' earnings conference calls.

Hard news estimate is rare in a conference call. More often, analysts say, they're looking for subtleties.

"It's very important and very powerful to hear levels of conviction in voices," Pettit said of the executives who conduct the calls. "Just as important as what they say is how they say it."

Pettit also likes to see how executives handle questions, whether they're gun-shy about it. Again, he likes to see confidence.

ually transmitted diseases. Why not put information in the bathrooms, Grenier thought. After all, sooner or later, everyone has to go in there.

And so, a big idea was hatched, and soon after, so was a new advertising company, Zoom Media.

In a short time, advertising was going up in bathrooms all over Canada, and soon thereafter, in U.S. cities, too. All kinds of products found their way onto

bathroom walls and stalls, everything from condoms to beers and cars to Hollywood movies. Even food products have come aboard, which Breault admitted once struck him as counter-intuitive.

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room. But, it doesn't happen that way. People don't make that association. It's like you're stuck in traffic and you see an outdoor billboard. Are you associating that product with traffic? No. People don't think that way."

In fact, Breault said, consumers have been surprisingly nonchalant about being confronted with advertising while doing their business. Complaints generally concern the advertising itself rather than placement.

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You listen to Breault for a little while and the whole idea of "washroom advertising" seems

logical.

He explains that advertising in bathrooms offers clients at least three distinct advantages. First, it can be gender-specific in a way most advertising cannot.

"I don't know any other medium where you're reaching only one gender," Breault said. "Any magazine for women, men have access to it. But in washroom advertising, the gender segmentation is perfect."

So, for instance, Zoom Media puts its cosmetics ads only in women's stalls. And ABC has ordered the "Norm" ads only for men's rooms - 150 in New York and 100 in Los Angeles.

The gender breakdown leads to another bonus from washroom advertising: Zoom Media specializes in reaching the highly sought-after 18-34 age group. "That group is tough to reach through other traditional media," Breault said.

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Mart's graveyard shift in housewares. Barbara Zalm of Twin Falls left a Micron job in Nampa for Wal-Mart's swing shift in domestics and truck unloading. Neither has held a retail job before.

Hansen boasts that the store, where most workers started their jobs in early July, has had unusually low turnover for a new Wal-Mart.

"We've only lost about five people," he said last week.

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BREAKROOM BANDIT'S Employees crack down on thefts

The Orange County Register

You're not losing your mind. Your lunch was there a minute ago. Did you eat it already, and now have to write off its memory as a "senior moment"? Not!

Could someone else have eaten the food that was in your clearly marked brown bag sitting there on the refrigerator shelf in the break room? That's more likely.

Maybe you think you're the only one who's lost your lunch to some brazen bandit.

Or, perhaps you've been guilty of wanting to get even with a lunch-munching thief by putting a "special" ingredient in your homemade cookies or brownies something that might turn the cunning culprit from a bandit on the refrigerator to a bandit with the runs.

Your guilt is not unique. The lunchroom larcenist has made the rounds, but brown baggers are doing something about it.

Workers are becoming self-organized posses Nancy Drews and Hardy Boys spying on sus-

pected swipers and springing their traps.

"I didn't realize this kind of thing happens so often," says Mike Gordon, who works in Stanton, Calif.

At the Orange County, Calif., car dealership where he used to work, lunches were pilfered regularly by a certain co-worker, he says. They couldn't prove it, until

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Wal-Mart

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Magic Valley unemployment is low - though underemployment is high - and most of the hires already had jobs. Such as safety and risk manager Debra Hays of Jerome. She worked at a hospital in the valley but opted for what she calls Wal-Mart's open, caring employment atmosphere and an opportunity to specialize in safety.

Hays said she has met new co-workers at the Jerome store who come from as far away as Burley and Tuttle.

To build its staff, Wal-Mart did a lot of recruiting inside its local

competitors' stores, talking to people in the kinds of departments Wal-Mart needed to fill, Hansen said.

"The quality of help that we hired is outstanding," he said. "They're going to spoil me."

He described the workers he found as flexible and durable.

"They've worked before," Hansen said. "It's not their first time they've had to get in and work hard."

And they don't all have experience in retail.

Yvette Coates of Hansen said she worked for a seed company that closed. Now she'll take Wal-

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Married women scale back work hours

Chicago Tribune
Angelyn C. Stone worked full-time in the health-care industry for eight years until her son, Conrad, now 2 years old, was born.

"My job involved a lot of travel and I just couldn't do it anymore," said Stone, 33, of Carecounsel Hills, N.Y. "Scaling back work hours is a popular strategy among two-career couples to cope with family and employment responsibilities, but the way husbands and wives do it differ. Husbands tend to scale back work hours as a sales representative for a pharmaceutical company. Her husband, Paul, is a senior financial analyst and the couple has another child, Sophia, born in April.

"My job permits me to stay in my industry," said Stone, who lives within her sales territory. "It's the perfect scenario at this point in our lives for the kids, Paul and me. I don't want to work 60 hours a week right now, but I do want to work. And I want to be with my kids. That's why I'm here. And I'm certain I'll be able to get a good job with a good salary at a reputable company if I decide to go full-time. "But I definitely have a job right now - not a career." And that difference concerns

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Moen is co-author with Penny Becker, also a sociologist at Cornell, of a recent study published in the Journal of Marriage and the Family about 117 dual-career professional couples in New York state. They ranged in age from 21 to 67, and two-thirds had small children. Average income for the men was \$65,000, for the women, \$39,000.

"Though most couples described themselves as having an equal partnership, 40 percent reported that one spouse went in a job and the other in a career - and in two-thirds of these families, it was women who held the job and had no career trajectory," said Moen, who has a doctorate in sociology. "Women tended to scale back after their first child was born, the men, only after their career was established - and then they worked more normal instead of long, long hours."

"That lifestyle pattern sounds very much like our Oldie and Harriet, the breadwinner-homemaker tradition everyone aspired to in the 1950s," Moen said. "Younger women - and I know because they're in my classes - talk about starting out with an egalitarian marriage and major career expectations. But what often happens is a woman follows her husband's job location where he works, and then, around the birth of a child, she begins pulling back from the work world."

Eventually, she says, "Women find themselves more disadvantaged in their careers. And the results are gendered relationship and that good old-fashioned word: inequality."

When dual-career couples make private accommodations to balance work and personal responsibilities, "they play into said, "Families then bear the brunt of social change, not employers."

Rather than perpetuating the "male model" of having to work full-time in order to advance a career, Corporate-America should think of ways to allow both women and men to cut back as necessary on hours, Moen said. "After all, you're only parents of young children for a very short time," she said. Part-time work isn't always the best answer for women who want to be major players in the business world. "It reduces a young child for a very short time, she said. And that's the difference between a career and a job.

Investors should know their options

The Baltimore Sun

If you could buy 100 shares of America Online Inc. for \$5, why would you pay \$104?

That is the question many investors are asking themselves these days because the cost of buying and selling stocks is suddenly all over the map.

Use a full-service broker, and the trade can cost about \$104. Place the order with a discount broker online, and it's \$29.95. Or use an online deep-discount broker, and the fee falls to a rock-bottom \$5.

"Obviously, where there is choice there is opportunity, but on the other hand, choice often begets confusion and temptation," said Jonathan D. Pond, author of "Your Money Matters."

Never before have there been so many ways for investors to buy and sell stocks, bonds or mutual funds. But just because there is one way might be cheaper or more convenient doesn't mean it's the right way, financial experts say.

Investors should consider several factors before settling on whether to use a full-service broker, a discount broker, or a deep-discount broker, they say.

The decision should depend on the size of the stock market, the amount of time they spend researching companies, their overall confidence level and the overall of their portfolio.

"The investor needs to be very up-to-date on how good they are at investing, how sophisticated they are, or how unsophisticated they are," said Dan Burke, senior brokerage analyst at Gomez Advisors Inc., an e-commerce research and consulting firm in Boston, Mass.

An investor with a large sum of money, little knowledge of the market, and little stomach for risk, might opt for a full-service broker.

Brokers don't simply process transactions, they give advice on "appropriate" investments after considering the investors' age, financial goals and tolerance for risk. They also provide clients with information on companies, bond issues, initial public offers and mutual funds.

Brokers who work at larger investment houses receive reams of research that should give them insight into specific companies and industries. (Begin optional trim)

"If the broker provides you with valuable information on which to buy or sell, or the timing to buy and sell, then the full-service broker might be a better choice," said Robert Webb, a former commodities and bond trader, who is professor of finance at the University of Virginia in Charlottesville.

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Single workers get feeling of being left out

Knight Ridder News Service

A single man who doesn't have children says he gets tired of the assumption at his office that parents deserve more perks than their workers.

"It sometimes feel that working parents get away with things: bringing children into work, coming in late because of day-care issues, working at home a couple of days a week to take care of a child care," says the man, a Web designer for a large Minneapolis corporation, who asked not to be identified.

"I think every childless person should be able to take a one-time six-week paid sabbatical to help with their maternity leaves other people take."

He's not alone in his frustration.

Single people or parents whose children are grown often complain among themselves that their lives get ignored in the rush to create family-friendly workplaces. He heard it most vividly a year ago when I gave a speech about why companies need to support parents and their children, who will form tomorrow's workforce.

When an audience member said childless workers deserved consideration too, the roomful of 300 broke out in applause.

Author Elinor Burkett, who describes herself as a loud-mouthed New Yorker, is living witness to that silent majority. She aims to start a revolution among the millions of working people without small children - some 75 percent of the labor force - who say they are picking up the pieces for parents distracted by their responsibilities at home.

And getting no extra time or money for it.

A former reporter for the Miami Herald, Burkett has alternately been labeled a she-devil or a savior since her book, "The Baby Boom: How Family-Friendly America Cheats the Childless," was published in March.

Feminists have called her a turncoat for saying that having children is a choice, one that often conflicts with a hard-charging career. Work-family academics say Burkett misses the big picture when she assails tax breaks for middle-class families.

What Burkett forgets is that most employees will experience times both with and without family commitments," says Bob Drago, an economist and work-family researcher at Penn State University. If it's not children now, it will be elderly parents later.

Life of the extremely thrifty

Instead of feeling deprived, consumer senses victory

The Seattle Times

SEATTLE - Sandra Cameron's life is in her computer. There's the spreadsheet with her 32-item grocery list neatly typed in, columns devoted to quantity, price, whether the item is on sale or has a money-saving coupon. This week, every item is sale-priced and fully a third will be further discounted with coupons.

Then there's the list of seven days of dinners. Sunday means broiled steak and home fries.

Thursday's is a Crock-Pot pork roast and roasted potato medley.

Careful to buy what's on sale, careful to cook what she buys, Cameron is nothing if not methodical.

It's plus a Herculean amount of tenacity. Is what got her family into their first house.

Not that they'd ever particularly thought about buying one. Cameron and her husband, Terry, have two daughters, Tanisha, 16, and Karis, almost 4. Cameron's a dweller for years, she figured they'd continue that way. Then two things happened.

First, Linda Taylor, housing coordinator of the Urban League of Metropolitan Seattle, gave a homeownership lecture at Karis' day care. Only present because Taylor's talk was part of a regular parent meeting, Sandra Cameron paid scant attention as Taylor explained how people like her could, indeed, buy a house.

"I was half listening because I thought there was no way," confesses this accounts-payable clerk.

Larger challenges loomed. Her husband and out of work, Cameron had to qualify for a mortgage on her salary alone. Following Taylor's advice, she sought help from nonprofit homeownership programs and contacted numerous lenders, taking meticulous notes on whom she talked to and what they told her. Some barely gave her the time of day; others

openly discouraged her from trying to buy a house. The loan amount she qualified for - \$89,000 - wasn't consoling. Still, she stuck to it. When an expert tried to steer her to a condominium, she politely demurred. The months rolled by.

Finally Sandra Cameron found her home: a three-bedroom, one-bath rambler on a huge Federal Way lot where she could garden, a passion denied in her Burien apartment.

The house was in jeopardy toward foreclosure, and she knew she had to move fast. But the price was \$109,000, or \$20,000 more than a bank would loan her, and she had nowhere near \$20,000 saved. Additionally, the bank wanted her to wait a year to prove her credit was squeaky-clean.

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Students get their credit cards

By Elton All Power
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — If your son or daughter is headed off to college this fall, you're probably going to have to grapple with a vexing financial question: Should your child have his or her own credit card?

The answer across America increasingly is "yes."

A survey of 1,200 university undergraduates by the market research firm Student Monitor LLC found that one-third got their first credit cards before starting college. A full 55 percent of college freshmen obtained their first cards before the start of school, compared with just 25 percent of seniors, according to the Ridgewood, N.J., company.

A financial analysis worry that the trend means some college-bound students are following rapidly in the footsteps of their parents in making credit card debt a way of life. And they suggest there are other ways to make sure a student has enough money to function day-to-day without the temptation of borrowing too much on a card.

Checkbooks

"What's wrong with a good, old-fashioned checking account? Why do you need a Silver or Gold or Generation Y Money Book?"

Silver argues that when young people deal in checks and cash, they learn more quickly how to manage money.

"There's a different psychology when you have to subtract a check in your checkbook register and see how much less you have than when you get a credit card receipt that you just put aside," Silver says. When you get to zero, you have to stop spending.

If your child handles a checking account responsibly during his freshman year, you can consider "graduating" him to a debit card or credit card, he suggests.

Debit cards

Jayne A. Pearl, author of "Kids and Money," says that "debit cards and 'secured' credit cards are good options for freshmen.

Debit cards allow retailers to deduct the amount of a purchase immediately from a bank account; they also work like credit cards, but unless a student needs cash. Secured credit cards require that the student set up a savings account of several hundred dollars as a backup against a default.

"My biggest problem with credit cards (for you parents) is that they don't understand how fast the penalties for late payments and interest can add up," she said. "If your kid makes just the minimum 2.5 percent monthly payment on a \$1,000 outstanding balance with 18 percent interest, it would take seven years to repay and cost \$730 in interest."

Progressive credit

Robert Manning, a professor of economics at Georgetown University in Washington, D.C., and author of the soon-to-be published book "Credit Card Nation," argues that giving children credit cards without limits is like handing them the keys to the family car with no restrictions.

"He's seen students run up thousands of dollars on credit cards, and those given cards by their parents to see the students through emergencies.

"The term 'emergency' gets redefined when you get to college," Manning says. "Parents worry about their kids being stranded at an airport. But the kid may worry about having dinner out with friends, going to \$150 rock concerts ... even spending \$5,000 to fly to London on spring break."

"I suggests one strategy is to give a student a credit card with a \$500 limit in his freshman year. If he proves he can handle his spending wisely, that can be raised \$500 a year so he's up to \$2,000 by the time he's a senior.

No matter which alternative you choose ...

Students under 18 need their parents to co-sign for credit cards. That generally gives parents a handle on how much their children are spending — and also makes them liable for any unpaid debt.

But parents also need to be aware that when their children turn 18, they can get credit cards on their own — and many do after they're targeted by mail campaigns or on-campus card promotions.

Care plans are popular but pricey

It pays to plan ahead, do a bit of research

The Miami Herald

Alvin Davis, 59, has a close-up view of what happens as people age.

The Boca Raton, Fla., resident's 98-year-old mother needs someone to stay with her full-time and has spent her savings for that care. That's why Davis and his wife recently purchased long-term care insurance for themselves. "We hope we never have to use this for a long, long time," Davis said, "but you never can tell."

Indeed, two of every five Americans age 65 and over today will likely enter a nursing home, with more than 20 percent of those admitted staying more than five years. Other aging people will need help in their homes, or in assisted living facilities, designed for those with less chronic health needs who need help with day-to-day activities such as bathing, dressing, eating, using the bathroom, or getting out of a bed or chair.

About 8 percent of the elderly population now has private long-term care coverage to pay for that assistance, according to a new study. Insurers routinely sell more policies to consumers. Sales of the policies are surging, up 50 percent in just four years.

But as more people are considering the long-term care insurance option — when, depending on the coverage, can help defray the cost of nursing home stays, assisted living expenses or home health-care bills — financial experts warn that the coverage isn't a sure thing. Insurers routinely sell more policies to consumers. Sales of the policies are surging, up 50 percent in just four years.

The average buyer of an individual long-term care policy is 59, while the average age in an employer group is 42, said Catherine A. Carey, director of individual long-term care products for insurance firm Unum Provident.

"Obviously, the younger and healthier they are, they're easier

to underwrite and will pay less premium," she said.

For instance, a 55-year-old man would pay \$991 annually for a long-term care plan providing nursing home or in-home care offered by insurer Continental Casualty Company (CNA), according to calculations from Lighthouse Point, Fla., financial planner Jay Shein. Someone who's 65 would pay more than double — \$1,492 — for the same coverage.

The issue is grabbing headlines. Congress is considering legislation-backed-by-both-insurance and consumer lobby groups that would allow consumers a tax deduction for the entire cost of a long-term care insurance policy at discounted rates. If approved, that would give federal government and military employees and retirees the ability to buy long-term care insurance policies at discounted rates. If approved, that proposal could prompt private-sector employers to offer similar coverage to their workers.

Some companies have already taken the plunge. The number of business home residents in a comprehensive long-term care policy, according to insurance industry estimates.

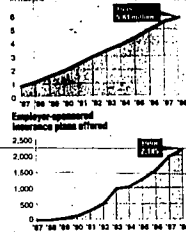
While it is far cheaper to buy a policy when a person is in his or her 50s or 60s, the average age of nursing home residents is 85. So consumers must be prepared to pay their premium faithfully, or risk losing both their coverage and all the money they've paid in.

Furthermore, about one in four people over age 65 have pre-exist-

Long-term care policies

Scale of long-term care policies and the number of long-term care policies sold in 1999.

Long-term care policies sold in 1999



Average annual premiums for leading long-term care sellers*

Age	Continental	CNA	MetLife	Unum
50	\$274	\$595	\$557	\$770
60	\$365	\$808	\$685	\$1,018
65	\$1,007	\$1,850	\$1,732	\$2,305
70	\$4,100	\$5,500	\$4,770	\$7,602

*Premiums paid on a policy with a \$25,000 face value and a \$100,000 benefit. Premiums are for a 10-year term. Source: Long-Term Care Insurance Association.

ing health conditions — including severe diabetes or early-stage Alzheimer's disease — that exclude them from obtaining private long-term care insurance, according to the Long Term Care Campaign, a Washington, D.C., advocacy group.

As in other health care-related industries, consolidation is also entering the picture, leaving some consumer experts on the lookout for rising long-term care insurance costs.

Large long-term care insurers who have abandoned the market include Fortis, which sold its division to John Hancock Life Insurance Co., and Travelers Life & Annuity, which agreed in March to sell 90 percent of its long-term care business to GE Financial Assurance, according to the advocacy group.

CNA, which has offered long-term care policies since 1974, is looking for a partner for that business. This consolidation will likely put pressure on insurance companies to increase prices, according to consumer advocates.

Consumers face uncertainty when their policies are acquired

Questions accompany long-term care insurance decision

The Miami Herald

while you're in a nursing home, or do you want assisted-living facility and home care expenses to also be covered? Experts recommend that you go with a comprehensive policy offered by an insurer with sound grades from major insurance-rating companies. Rating agencies include A.M. Best Co. (908-439-2200 or at ambest.com), Moody's Investor Service (212-553-0377 or at moody.com) or Weiss Research (800-289-9222 or at weissrating.com).

Decide how long you'll wait before your policy starts making payments. More expensive policies kick in immediately; others have waiting periods of 30 days or more, during which the policyholder pays out of pocket. For how long will the policy pay out benefits? Some companies state the maximum benefit limit in a dollar amount, while others give the limit in years. Payout periods can go from one year to lifetime, although three to five years is usually adequate, says Linda Lubitz, a financial planner with the Lubitz Financial Group in Miami. "Most people have the need for long-term care for a few years or more," Lubitz said.

But compare prices. "There's very little increase in costs for a policy that pays for three years and one that pays for your lifetime. If it's not much more, definitely you'd want the better benefit," said certified financial planner Mari Adam of Adam Financial Associates in Boca Raton, Fla.

Find out if the plan is federally qualified. If so, all or part of those premiums can be included as medical expenses and be deducted from your taxes. If not, the total annual expense exceeds 7.5 percent of your adjusted gross income. Also, benefits collected from a federally qualified plan will not be counted as income. However, benefits received from those allowed in nontax-qualified plans, according to the National Association

of Insurance Commissioners. With nontax-qualified plans, premiums are not tax deductible. Those benefits may be counted as income, although the U.S. Department of Treasury has not ruled on the issue yet.

If you are purchasing policies for both yourself and your spouse, ask for a couple's discount, which can be as high as 20 percent. Companies can afford this, says Ben Kaufman of New York insurance brokerage DeWitt Stern Group, because experience shows that people who live together are less prone to enter a nursing home and have shorter stays if they do.

Also, check out availability of long-term care insurance through groups such as the AARP. That senior lobby group offers coverage to its members in conjunction with Metropolitan Life.

Ask whether your employer offers long-term care policies as part of its benefits package. Many companies require workers to pick up the entire tab. But the premium is likely to be lower than you would pay for an individual plan. Some employers also permit workers' parents or in-laws to enroll.

Wait until you're at least 60 before buying a long-term care policy, says Weiss Ratings, an independent provider of insurance company ratings and analysis. With the average age of a nursing home resident at about 85, buying earlier could mean you end up paying premiums for decades on a plan that could be obsolete by the time you need it.

At the same time, don't wait too long after turning 60 to buy.

The premium costs surge as you get older, especially if you have a pre-existing health condition.

To counter the cost of inflation, consider purchasing a long-term care policy with an optional "inflation protection" feature, especially if you don't expect to need the benefits for at least 10 years.

If current rates continue, the average annual cost of nursing home care could rise from \$42,000 in 2000 to \$80,000 in 2010.

Typically, the insurance firm will add an extra 5 percent to your daily benefit, compounded annually. For example, if your policy provides a \$100 daily benefit today, the payout would rise to \$163 in 10 years, according to Weiss. Inflation protection can add 25 percent to 40 percent to the price of the premium.

Some insurance companies also offer a "return of premium" feature. If you don't use your insurance policy, you'll get your money back. But the premium is likely to be higher than you would pay for an individual plan.

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by a new firm because they can't predict how the purchaser will view the profitability of current premiums and whether premium prices will increase.

While some long-term care sellers stress that they lock in the rate as a guarantee that premium prices will never rise.

"What happens is they can't raise my individual premium," said Jon Dauphine, executive director of the Long Term Care Campaign, a consumer coalition of 147 aging and disability consumer groups. But if long-term care companies can show that claims are rising faster than expected, state regulators may approve an increase in all premiums to compensate.

"Premiums can and have gone up," sometimes dramatically, Dauphine said.

Consumer experts suggest that people considering long-term care policies shop around and stay away from companies dangling significantly lower prices than other firms for comparable coverage. Carriers with extremely inexpensive policies might be more likely to see shortfalls when claims roll in and could be more prone to raising rates.

"You need to start out with as solid a company as you can get and someone who's committed to the long-term care industry" and has been selling the policies for several years, said Deena Katz, a partner at Evensky, Brown & Katz, a financial planning firm in Coral Gables.

"If you're buying long-term care insurance to protect your assets so you can pass them on to your children or a favorite charity, then you've got to have some assets to protect," said Joshua Wiener, principal research associate and long-term care policy expert with the Urban Institute.

"The average elderly person, not counting the house, has about \$30,000 in assets," Wiener said. He's asking whether it's worth paying \$2,400, if you're single, each year to protect this relatively small amount of money.

A 1993 report from the U.S. General Accounting Office said long-term care insurance policies have been in force for at least five years without policyholders ever using their benefits.

"No one goes into buying a long-term care policy thinking they'll drop it," Wiener said. "But

many people do, because the market has been changing and they find a better policy, or they find the policy they have has gotten too expensive. Or they decide the reasons they bought their coverage in the first place are not as important as they were initially."

On the other end of the financial spectrum, people worth more than \$1 million probably have enough to cover the cost of a nursing home stay, time spent in an assisted living facility or for help in their home.

People buying long-term care insurance should keep in mind that their coverage can be used as a supplement to cover long-term care costs, but not for other savings, investments or real estate pitching in the rest.

For example, Katz said, someone who determines he or she would need \$250 a day to pay for nursing home care might take out a \$120,000 policy and cover the rest with savings.

Some long-term care insurers are pitching their policies to younger people, especially as a growing number of companies offer long-term care coverage as an add-on to other insurance companies now offer individual long-term care policies to people as young as 18 and as old as 90, a survey by the Health Insurance Association of America found.

While you get a much better deal if you buy long-term care policies when you're young, it's not recommended because so much is going to change," said Dauphine, of the Long Term Care Campaign.

So it's imperative that younger buyers of long-term care policies also consider inflation protection, which can boost the policy's cost by one-third, Dauphine said.

Despite the marketing, long-term care policies are not total solutions, said Katz, the financial planner from Coral Gables.

"They're not to pay for something like, like getting someone to cook for you or grocery shop for you," she said. "You want this policy to take care of you in case of a catastrophic problem. Most people can take care of 90 percent of their nursing home care or home assistance without going broke. It's the three- or four-year-long nursing home stay that we're worried about. You need to weigh how much you will pay today for that promise that it might come tomorrow."

premiums if a buyer cancels his or her policy, or lets it lapse. Expect this option to add at least 10 percent — sometimes much more — to the policy's cost, according to the National Association of Insurance Commissioners.

There are other private financing alternatives for long-term care costs. Financial insurance policies offer options allowing people to use a portion of the policy's death benefit while they're still alive.

Other alternatives could include selling life insurance policies for a virtual gift of 60 percent to 80 percent of the policy's face value, selling your home or taking a reverse mortgage, where you are paid up front for your home's value and do not need to repay the loan as long as you live in the house. Upon your death, the bank claims ownership of the property.

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PHILADELPHIA — Broadband service is the Holy Grail of the Internet, promising consumers a super-fast, always-on connection to the Web that goes far beyond the capabilities of regular dial-up modems.

With a broadband connection, for instance, consumers can watch and hear an action flick on their computers — something they can't do at all with just a 56-kilo-bit-per-second dial-up modem.

Ironically, however, broadband service has been reaching the public at a snail's pace.

While many have heard of the technology — which can make Web pages pop up quickly, stream videos and music into PCs, and even handle plain old telephone service — few consumers use it in their homes.

According to Forrester Research Inc., only 2.2 million households nationwide have broadband service, which is delivered primarily through cable television and phone lines.

Despite the slow rollout, Forrester estimates that 36 million, or about one-third of all households nationwide, will have some form of broadband service by 2005.

Why has such a fast technology caught on so slowly? Some likely suspects:

It's expensive. For residential computer users, a typical broadband connection to the Internet costs \$40 to \$50 a month, compared with about \$20 or less for most dial-up services.

It's not universally available. Most cable-TV and telephone companies are upgrading their systems so they can handle high-speed data along with their customary TV and phone services, but the process is expensive and time-consuming.

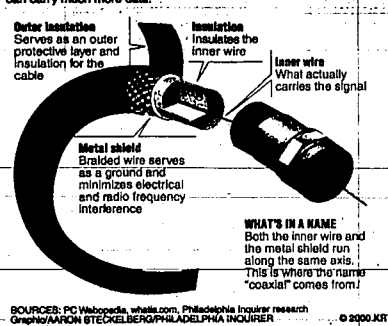
There's not a whole lot of material online yet that requires a high-speed connection. Basic e-mail works just as well over a dial-up modem as over a broadband connection, and Web surfers may or may not notice a significant improvement, depending on the sites they visit most often.

It's complex. Installation usually requires one or more visits by a technician, and complaints about reliability are common.

"In all fairness, when the tech-

Inside coaxial cable

Coaxial cable is the common cabling used by the cable television industry and often used for computer networks. Although more expensive than standard telephone wire, it is much less susceptible to interference and can carry much more data.



WHAT'S IN A NAME
Both the inner wire and the metal shield run along the same axis. This is where the name "coaxial" comes from!

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nology is up and running, it is fabulous and it is fast," said Efrain J. Crespo, a Philadelphia pediatrician who installed DSL service from Bell Atlantic Corp. in March. "But on average, once every two weeks there is no way you can connect. ... You can be without service for 48 to 72 hours."

Forrester analyst Patrick Callinan suggested that increasing competition should soon lower rates — the company estimates the monthly price will average \$30 by 2003 — and make broadband service more widely available.

Word of mouth also may help sell it. "Consumers recommend it to friends," Callinan said. "Once you get broadband, you never go back."

That may be because a broadband Internet connection seems to do more than simply speed up Web surfing.

"Broadband, because it has spectacular capacity, changes your computer into a multipurpose medium," said W. Russell Neuman, communications professor at the University of Pennsylvania's Annenberg School for Communication. "The real secret behind broadband is that it moves your computer from a specialty medium to an

all-purpose medium. You can get videos, video encyclopedias, stuff we haven't thought of yet."

The cable and telephone industries began rolling out broadband in 1996, when the federal government deregulated the nation's telecommunications industry. The new law allowed cable companies to sell phone service, and it unleashed a slew of high-profile, multibillion-dollar cable and phone-company mergers.

As a result of the new competition, cable and phone companies have been reengineering their lines to carry both voice and data and building out their networks so broadband could reach more households.

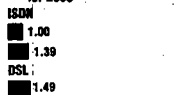
The cable industry has invested \$36 billion on its broadband networks over the last four years; telecommunications companies have spent about \$10 billion.

So far, cable modems have a big early lead in the field, providing high-speed Internet service over cable-TV lines in about 1.8 million U.S. households, according to Forrester's estimates. An additional 443,000 households get their high-speed Internet connections from digital subscriber lines (DSL) — a service provided over

High-speed Web access

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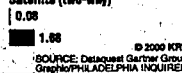
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Cable modems
Fixed wireless



Satellite (two-way)



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telephone lines. Phone companies initially resisted rolling out DSL, in part because they didn't want the service to compete with their other high-speed data products, such as ISDN and T1 lines.

"The Bells did drag their heels on DSL deployment," Callinan said. He noted that growing competition from cable companies and firms that place phone calls over the Internet lately have been pushing phone companies to deploy DSL faster.

Which is better — cable or DSL? Forrester's Amanda McCarthy said they offer about the same level of quality right now.

"The average guy just wants something that works better than dial-up," she said.

The bigger question at the moment is whether consumers can get cable modems or DSL service at all. Those broadband networks now reach only about one-third of U.S. households, according to consulting firms Kinetics Strategies Inc. and TeleChoice Inc.

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PHILADELPHIA — Movies "on demand" Interactive television. Software that you can use instantly simply by visiting a Web site. High-fidelity online music. Lightning-fast video games played over the Internet.

They all are examples of broadband content — the stuff that proponents of fast Internet connections hope will entice consumers to sign up for cable modems or digital subscriber lines.

Thousands of companies are experimenting with broadband content, and many — including multimedia Web sites, America Online, and broadcast and cable-TV networks — are already delivering it to those Web surfers who can get it.

"Everyone thinks of movie trailers, or MP3 downloads (when broadband is mentioned). That's part of the equation, but we're looking at doing 20, 30, maybe 50 different things that are out there," said David Ginsburg, chairman of the Broadband Content Delivery Forum, an industry group looking for ways to quickly ramp up the Internet for broadband.

In a recent survey done for DSL distributor NorthPoint Communications Group Inc. of San Francisco, 52 percent of respondents said they would e-mail friends and family more often if they had broadband connections. In addition, 38.1 percent said they would view movies and listen to music online, 44.1 percent would use the Internet more often to book airline tickets and make purchases, 33.8 percent would play interactive games online, and 27.6 percent would telecommute.

A combination of "utility and entertainment" services — such as enhanced graphics and video, online games, and remote access to software over broadband connections — will attract users to cable and DSL modems, according to a research report issued earlier this year by Jupiter Communications.

One of many companies putting movies online is a New York-based cable channel, the

Independent Film Channel. The

IFC is not on cable television systems in Philadelphia, but next Wednesday it will begin offering a full-length documentary film, "Home Page," that anyone with a computer can watch from its Web site at <http://www.ifc.com>.

Those with the high-speed connections generally attained with cable modems will be able to watch it in full-screen, full-motion video, not the jerky, jerky, matchbook-size image that dial-up modem users will have to endure.

As with a VCR, once a viewer clicks to start the movie, the user can pause, rewind or fast-forward the film, said Joe Cantwell, executive vice president for new media at IFC.

In addition, Cantwell said, the broadband version of the film "is an online exhibition, surrounded by a lot of original interactive content, including live chats with the filmmaker and the star."

America Online calls its broadband content AOL Plus. While standard modem users may be offered an electronic slide show on AOL's weather or entertainment channels, AOL Plus users with high-speed connections set menus of options for viewing recorded videos, live events (such as the view from the spy cameras set up for the CBS show "Big Brother") and movie trailers, or for listening to CD-quality music.

AOL is slowly rolling out its own brand of DSL service, and it expects to offer a high-speed satellite version later in the year, said spokeswoman Anne Bentley. At ScreamingMedia, a company that supplies content for use by AOL, About.com, Sun Microsystems, MSN's MoneyCentral and others, broadband represents a new frontier. "We're very much focused on broadband content," Kevin Clark, chief executive officer at ScreamingMedia, said.

"The service that we've provided until recently has primarily centered around text content," Clark said. But with the rise of broadband, he said, "now our ability to contextualize content with photos and video is creating an even more compelling opportunity for us."

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