



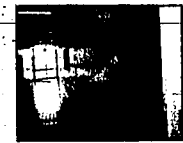
GOOD MORNING

WEATHER

Today: Sunny with light winds in the morning, increasing to 10-15 mph. High, 90. Clear tonight, low 50.

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School days: The first day of school is just two weeks away at the College of Southern Idaho, and students are busy signing up for classes and finding places to live.

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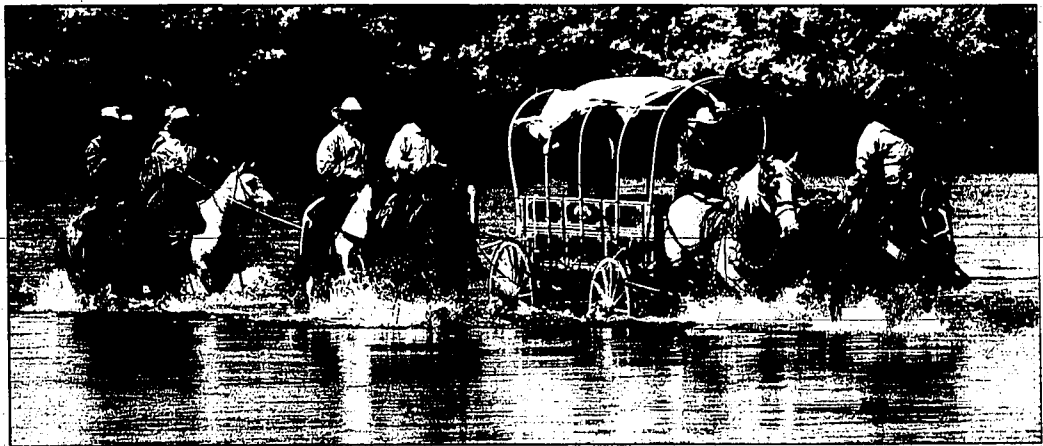
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Five wagons make their way down the bluff to the river at the Three Island State Park Crossing in Glenns Ferry on Saturday.

Photo by LORIAN CASTON/The Times-News

How the West was begun

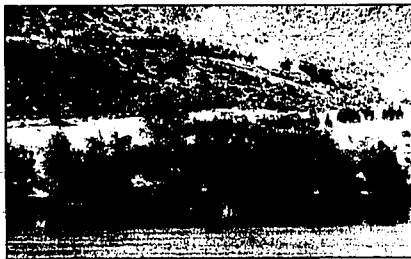
Last wagon topples during re-enactment

By Ruth Streever Times-News writer

GLENN'S FERRY — Four wagons overcame the swiftly moving Snake River without incident Saturday. But the last wagon, pulled by a pair of not-so-sure-footed oxen, couldn't quite hold its own.

Wagon teams followed the swiftly moving current downstream and then darted across to the other side, keeping momentum to avoid being swept away by the current.

The ox lost its balance and floundered. The wagon toppled and the outriders, who rode on horseback and kept the wagons upright with a rope, couldn't hold on. The wagon toppled and



The annual Three Island State Park Crossing commemorates the cross-country move west that pioneers made more than 160 years ago.

It took a good 15 minutes to bring what was left of the wagon ashore.

"It didn't seem to swim too good," smiled Bernice Fletcher of Bennington, Neb., as he remounted the horse on which he crossed the river.

Fletcher, who makes frequent trips to the area, teaches dentistry at the World Wide Equine school in Glenns Ferry. He was one of the participants in the annual river crossing re-enactment at Three Island State Park Crossing, an event that commemorates the cross-country move west to Oregon that pioneers made more than 160 years ago.

A pair of jet ski drivers provided assistance and one wagoner who had made it safely across went back to lend a hand. Despite the mishap, the crowd cheered as everyone made it safely ashore, unlike many of the original pioneers who crossed the river.

The price of moving West was sometimes death, and the rivers weren't the only tough terrain. As wagon teams kicked up dust rolling down the hillside, the announcer reminded the audience of every danger

runaway horses on steep hill-sides posed a danger to travelers. Rocks were sometimes used to weigh wagons down and slow them up. Teams would travel together with one team acting as the brakes for the other.

The crossing usually draws between 2,000 and 2,500 people. Judging by the number of buttons that ran out, organizers said at least that many came this year.

"We've never had a barbecue line like this," Three Island Crossing Organization Inc. Co-Chairwoman Claudia Morrison said following the event.

Spectators got a little more suspense for their bucks this year, because usually only three or four wagons make the crossing, Morrison said.

Lovers of history came from near and far to watch the re-enactment of the historical journey — a journey made at a time when getting lost cost hours instead of minutes and a medi-

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TF commissioners decide budget cuts this week

Layoff possibilities concern employees

By John T. Huddy Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — County commissioners plan to decide this week how to cut their 2000-2001 budget.

Every department will share

the pain, county officials agree. The possibility of layoffs is on everybody's mind at the Twin Falls County Courthouse, they say.

"My goal is that doesn't happen," County Clerk Bob Fort said. "The county commissioners are going to try and divide up the budget so no one gets laid off."

But Fort agreed that layoffs could be inevitable.

"I don't want salary cuts and I don't want layoffs," Fort said. "Can I guarantee that? I don't know."

The 2000-2001 budget, which will take effect Oct. 1, is tentatively set at \$21.3 million. That's almost 6 percent smaller than the current year's \$22.6 million budget.

County Sheriff Wayne Tousey said if his department's budget is

cut by 2 percent or more, layoffs are likely.

A budget cut will definitely mean cutting back on services, Tousey said — though he isn't sure what would be cut.

"We would weigh all of the problems we have," he said. "We would probably look at how much time our officers are spending on particular calls."

Programs such as Drug Abuse

Resistance and Education — the popular "D.A.R.E." program for children — could be cut, Tousey said.

"Obviously you don't cut all your prevention services," he said.

Tousey said the budget cuts are unfortunate, but all the blame shouldn't be put on his

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Frank Church's widow will lead Idaho Dems

The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Forty years after her late husband shared a convention stage with John F. Kennedy, Bethine Church leads Idaho's delegation to the Democratic National Convention this week.

Battered by a decade of political losses, Idaho Democrats can boast no national player such as Sen. Frank Church. His widow hopes a victory by Vice President Al Gore can help the state party's efforts to revitalize itself.

"I just think we've fallen on hard times," Church said. "Our economy turned around when Clinton came in, maybe now with the election of Al Gore, even the Idaho party will turn around."

Church is a touchstone to the power Democrats once wielded in Idaho politics and beyond, and she counts Gore's parents among her closest friends from her years in Washington.

"I knew the vice president when he was the same age as my

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eldest son," Church reminisced. "They used to stand on the Senate floor with their dads."

The clout Idaho once wielded in national Democrat politics is largely gone. Republicans have carried the state in every presidential election since 1964, and even Democratic loyalists expect Texas Gov. George Bush to win Idaho's four electoral votes in the fall.

"I truly believe Gore's going to win the presidency, but I expect that Idaho will probably go for Bush," said Carolyn Boyce, a Meridian accountant who serves as the state party's chairwoman.

With its large Mormon population, Idaho politics is largely dominated by Republicans. A handful of charismatic Democrats such as Church and former Gov. Cecil Andrus have held the state's highest offices, but no such figures loom on the

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Bethine Church, the widow of Sen. Frank Church, will lead the Idaho delegation at the Democratic National Convention.

Hollywood heroine Young dies of ovarian cancer at 87

The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Loretta Young, the Hollywood heroine who presented an image of serene uprightness and beauty both on and off stage, died Saturday of ovarian cancer, her longtime agent and friend Norman Brokaw said. She was 87.

The elegant beauty, whose acting career extended from silent movies to television and included an Academy Award for best actress in "The Farmer's Daughter," died at the home of her sister Georgiana Montalban and actor Ricardo Montalban early Saturday morning, Brokaw said.

"She was an incredible lady," Brokaw said. "I learned from her that if you can handle yourself with class and dignity, you can work as long as you want in this business."

Funeral arrangements for Young were incomplete. She is survived by her sister and three children.

From 1953 to 1963, Young



Loretta Young Epitomized Hollywood glamour

appeared on television in more than 300 episodes of "The Loretta Young Show," opening the program with her much-satirized trademark of sweeping through a doorway, always in a high-style gown. She was nominated seven times for Emmys as best starring actress and won three times.

THE REGION

Camas Prairie

High: 85 **Low:** 40
Sunny today and clear tonight. Sunny on Monday with highs in the 80s.

Treasure Valley

High: 91 **Low:** 56
Sunny, with light winds in the morning becoming northwest at 10-15 mph. Sunny on Monday with highs around 90.

Sawtooth Mountains/Wood River Valley

High: 87 **Low:** 50
Mostly sunny today and mostly clear, tonight. Mostly sunny on Monday with highs in the 80s.

Eastern Idaho

High: 89 **Low:** 48
Mostly sunny, with light winds in the morning, becoming stronger in the afternoon. Mostly sunny on Monday.

Northern Idaho

High: 86 **Low:** 56
Mostly sunny, with north-west winds 5-15 mph. Mostly sunny on Monday with highs in the 80s.

Northern Utah

High: 92 **Low:** 62
Sunny today and clear tonight. Partly cloudy on Monday with highs in the 90s.

Northern Nevada

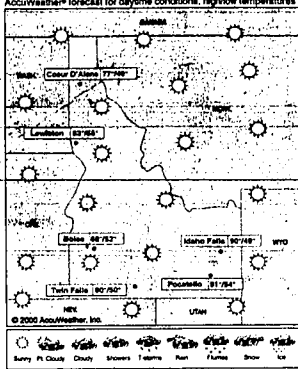
High: 92 **Low:** 52
Sunny, with winds becoming stronger in the afternoon. Partly cloudy on Monday with highs in the 90s.

MAGIC VALLEY FIVE-DAY FORECAST

Today	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
High: 90 Low: 50 Sunny, with winds becoming stronger in the afternoon.	High: 89 Low: 50 Sunny.	High: 90s Low: 50s Partly cloudy and locally breezy.	High: 90s Low: 50s Mostly clear.	High: 90s Low: 50s Mostly clear.

Idaho weather

Sunday, Aug. 13
AccuWeather forecast for daytime conditions, high/low temperatures



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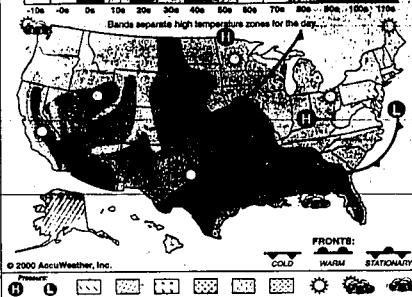
The BLM's fire danger in South-Central Idaho is Mountains: High
Prairies: High

SKYWATCH

Sunset today: 8:43 p.m.
Sunrise tomorrow: 6:43 a.m.
Lunar phase: Full, Aug. 15; last quarter, Aug. 22; now, Aug. 29; first quarter, Sept. 5.

National weather

The AccuWeather forecast for noon, Sunday, Aug. 13.



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ACROSS THE NATION

Nation: An intense area of low pressure over the Northeast was expected to bring heavy rain and thunderstorms Saturday across New England and the northern Mid-Atlantic. Some of the storms could bring strong wind, hail, and lightning. A cold front across the Carolinas and the Deep South was expected to produce scattered showers and strong to severe thunderstorms to the region. Scattered showers also were on tap for the northern Plains, upper Midwest, the western Great Lakes and Southwest.

Clear to partly cloudy skies were forecast for the southern Plains and Texas. Highs Saturday were forecast to reach the 60s and 70s across New England, the northern Mid-Atlantic, along the California coast and Pacific Northwest; 80s and 90s in the Four Corners region; 90s in the South and the Plains; and 100s in the Desert Southwest. Temperatures in the Lower 48 states Thursday ranged from a high of 116 degrees in El Centro, Calif., to a low of 36 degrees in Tucker-Tahoe, Calif. —The Associated Press

YESTERDAY'S WEATHER

Twin Falls	Precipitation
Yesterday 93 51	Yesterday in Twin Falls
Last year 88 51	Moist to date: .13
Normal 90 52	Normal mo. to date: .13
	Water year to date: 5.61
	Normal year to date: 9.41

Idaho

Boise	Max	Min	Pcp	Idaho High
Burley	96	49	.....	degrees at Lowell.
Coler d'Alene	84	39	.....	Low, 28 degrees at Stanley.
Grangeville	m	m	m	Nation's High, 110 at Death Valley, Calif.
Hagerman	m	m	m	Low, 28 at Stanley.
Idaho Falls	89	37	.....
Lewiston	89	37	.....
Mieland	95	42	.....
Malia	m	45	.....
McCall	81	38	.....
Pocatello	92	42	.....
Salmon	88	43	.....
Stanley	81	28	.....
Sun Valley	m	m	m	

The Nation

Albuquerque	Max	Min	Pcp
Anchorage	93	72	.....
Atlanta	71	50	.....
Boston	72	65	.....
Chicago	73	59	.....
Dallas	103	81	.....
Denver	85	69	.....
Des Moines	81	67	.....
Detroit	81	57	.....
Honolulu	89	75	.....
Houston	89	67	.....
Indianapolis	81	62	.....
Kansas City	92	65	.....
Las Vegas	107	87	.....
Los Angeles	90	67	.....
Miami Beach	92	79	.....
Minneapolis	86	71	.05
New Orleans	93	76	.....
New York	73	68	.24
Oklahoma City	101	71	.....
Phoenix	94	74	.....
Pittsburgh	76	57	.06
Portland, Me.	77	59	.....
Portland, Ore.	77	55	.....
Reno	95	57	.....
St. Louis	84	62	.....
Salt Lake City	97	66	.....
San Francisco	70	56	.....
Seattle	81	50	.....
Spokane	89	59	.....
Washington	108	68	.....

Canadian Cities

Calgary	70	50	rf
Montreal	72	61	cdy
Ottawa	79	59	cdy
Vancouver	67	54	cdy

Hillary Clinton hedges on debate invitation from Dem challenger

ALBANY, N.Y. (AP) — She may have the support of state Democratic officials, but Hillary Rodham Clinton is not the official Democratic nominee for U.S. Senate — not yet, anyway. She faces a Sept. 12 primary against orthopedic surgeon Mark McMahon, who so far hasn't been able to get the time of day from the first lady. Pending federal court action, Clinton could also see several other Democrats in the primary. None, including McMahon, are household names and none seem likely to threaten her chances of going up against Republican U.S. Rep. Rick Lazio in November.

But McMahon, who is from New York City, managed to collect the signatures of more than 40,000 Democrats statewide to win a spot on the primary ballot. He needed at least 15,000 signatures. Since then, McMahon has been unable to get the first lady to meet him in a series of debates on such topics as health care, education, the economy and foreign policy. "I believe that out of respect for the 4.9 million Democrats in the state she should debate the home-grown candidate on the issues New Yorkers care most about," he said.

Project involving embryos might precipitate controversy

Los Angeles Times

WASHINGTON — Reviving a debate over how society should treat the earliest stages of human life, the National Institutes of Health is close to authorizing a plan to fund medical research that relies on the destruction of human embryos. The NIH plan, in the works for more than a year, would clear the way for the first public funding of potentially ground-breaking research on embryo "stem cells," which scientists first isolated only 21 months ago. These cells have the remarkable ability to grow into nearly every component of the body. Scientists hope to learn how to guide them to become new brain tissue for Parkinson's patients, new pancreas cells for diabetics, nerve cells for spinal injury victims and cures for many other diseases.

Under NIH's draft rules, scientists could obtain the cells from embryos created by couples during fertility treatments but not used. Lobbyists who follow the NIH's work say that the plan will be released by the end of August, assuming it wins final approval from the Clinton administration, which so far has been supportive. But once it is released, the plan will face a host of political and legal uncertainties, and it will raise difficult ethical issues that could reverberate through Congress and the presidential election. "This issue pits two very important moral considerations against each other: the effort to cure disease and the effort to respect the sanctity of human life," said Ronald Green, an ethics professor at Dartmouth College. "It's going to be a political hot potato."

Budget

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Fort has blamed the county's budget pinch on chronic overspending by various county departments. The sheriff's department and the jail have seen the lion's share of the overruns: Of roughly \$300,000 in countywide overruns so far this year, more than \$240,000 went to the sheriff's department and the jail, both managed by Tousey. But Tousey said his overspending was due mostly to jail crowding and emergency overtime paid to deputies — two factors that couldn't be controlled. "This year we're holding the line on our overages," Tousey said. Across-the-board cuts are not the answer, Tousey said. "What I see every year is that there is no prioritizing," he said. "I've seen an unwillingness to look at every department in the county and prioritize. I'm not saying that other departments like Parks and Recreation aren't important. I just think there

needs to be more prioritizing." Lifting the state-mandated 3 percent annual cap on levy growth would help, Tousey said. But higher taxes are never a desirable option for residents? An override levy, which would let the county exceed 3 percent growth for two years, has been discussed by county leaders, Fort said. But they aren't seriously considering it, he said. The county tried to pass an override levy in 1998. That levy, informally dubbed the "Murphy Tax," would have given the county \$1 million over two years to cover the cost of murder trials. The levy failed at the polls nearly 3-1. An override levy is not necessary now, Fort said. But spending cuts are, he said. "The county is not broke," Fort said. "It's not going to be going to be broke." Times-News staff writer John T. Huddy can be reached in Twin Falls at 733-0931, Ext. 259 or by e-mail at jhuddy@magicvalley.com

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Crossing

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un-sized mountain seemed like a wall. But the terrain, the weather, the river, the shade cover are still the same. "I can't imagine in my mind ... crossing across (the country) in those wagons," said Ann McLaughlin of Boise. Especially across the desert between Mountain Home and Boise, she said. "They didn't even have life jackets back then," said McLaughlin, thankful for the cool

breeze blowing off the water in the hot Idaho sun. "It was the first time Priscilla Martens of Buhl watched the crossing. Most people can't get close enough to that part of the Oregon Trail to know what happened, she said, but the crossing made it real. "It's like you were here when it really happened," she said. Times-News writer Ruth Streeter can be reached at the Mini-Casita Bureau at 677-4042 or by e-mail at rstreeter@magicvalley.com

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NATION

Moves by Milosevic worry United States

WASHINGTON (AP) - The Clinton administration is worried that Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic may be preparing stir up new problems in the Balkans with a move against Montenegro.

Only 14 months ago, NATO airstrikes drove Serb forces out of Kosovo to end the Milosevic's crackdown on ethnic Albanians in the Serbian province.

Montenegro, Serbia's junior partner in the Yugoslav federation, is seen as a potential target because it has a pro-Western government whose leaders have made no secret of a desire for independence.

The United States is warning Milosevic to let the republic live in peace.

As early as January, Undersecretary of State Thomas Pickering was asked in the Albanian capital Tirana about possible Milosevic moves in Montenegro. "Any further conflict in the region should be avoided," Pickering said. He added: "We are prepared to stand firm against any



Amle's of Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic have set up road checkpoints in Montenegro, military actions of Milosevic's in the region."

Senior administration officials speak now of obvious actions by "Milosevic to increase pressure on Montenegro, apparently intending to provoke a crisis in the republic. U.S. officials say the Yugoslav military is being put on higher

states of alert more frequently, and the United States has seen increased activity in Montenegrin communities considered loyal to Yugoslavia.

Also, the Yugoslav Army is starting to monitor the flow of traffic in and out of Montenegro, the officials say. For the first time, ships arriving in Montenegro are being searched by Yugoslav military personnel, they say.

Army troops in Montenegro, which are controlled by Milosevic's government, have established checkpoints on main roads into the republic from Bosnia and Croatia.

"All of that is new in the last few weeks," said one U.S. official, speaking on condition of anonymity.

In terms of numbers, there is rough parity between Yugoslav military personnel and the number of Montenegrin police, who are considered loyal to the republic's president, Milo Djukanovic. But the paramilitary police would be no match for the better-trained

and better-equipped Yugoslav military, the official said.

Politically, the most opportune time for Milosevic to move against Montenegro would be after national elections Sept. 24, assuming things go Milosevic's way as expected.

Montenegro has 600,000 people, Serbia 6 million.

The ruling coalition in Montenegro is boycotting the election, possibly opening the way for a strong showing by candidates loyal to Milosevic against an opposition slate in elections for the federation presidency and the federal parliament.

In an interview published Saturday, Montenegro's prime minister, Filip Vujanovic, said no matter who wins, the republic's citizens will decide their future. The future of Montenegro depends only on its citizens, Vujanovic told the weekly magazine Onogost. "If we cannot make an agreement with Serbia, the Montenegrin citizens are to decide on the future of their republic."

NASA to begin study of urban heat in Houston

HOUSTON (AP) - Scientists studying urban heat will arrive this week in Houston to try to figure out what makes the nation's fourth-largest city so hot and to find ways to cool it.

The scientists are studying a problem called urban heat island - hot stifling air pockets in areas where concrete, asphalt and steel intensify heat, make smog worse and create thunderstorms.

Dale Quattrochi, a National Aeronautics and Space Administration geographer in Huntsville, Ala., will bring NASA scientists to Houston this week to study urban heat.

They will travel in a Lear jet with heat sensing equipment to find Houston's hottest areas, and how to make them more tolerable.

The researchers are also studying Los Angeles, Chicago, Atlanta, Salt Lake City, Sacramento, Calif. and Baton Rouge, La., the Houston Chronicle reported in Sunday's editions.

They are examining heat patterns in smaller cities too, like Nashville, Tenn., to help growing cities learn from the mistakes of giant metropolises.

"In this era of global climate change analysis, we're just now beginning to look at the effect of urbanization and suburbanization," Quattrochi said.

Urban growth is dramatically affecting air quality and creating weather patterns, he said.

Temperatures are often eight degrees higher in the city than the country, Quattrochi said. Rooftop temperatures can climb upward of 170 degrees. A one-degree increase in temperature can increase the chance of smog developing by 3 percent.

The change in air temperature over cities can create storms that drench towns hundreds of miles away, researchers said, and the heat can make smog worse by increasing ozone levels.

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Elevator crashes into ceiling

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NEW YORK - A World Trade Center elevator crashed into a ceiling on the 80th floor Friday, turning a 30-second express ride to terror for a dozen passengers, authorities said.

Eight people were treated at Manhattan hospitals for injuries such as broken wrists, facial lacerations and ankle fractures, according to Fire Department officials and the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey, which operates the trade center.

The passengers were evacuated from the crippled elevator in a dramatic rescue - strapped in harnesses and escorted into an adjacent elevator.

The cause is under investigation. Authorities said elevator No. 20 at Two World Trade Center - carrying 12 people - was headed from the lobby to the 78th floor when, nearing the end of the journey, it lurched two floors higher and struck the concrete ceiling of the elevator shaft. The passengers were employees and visitors to financial services, international trade and shipping companies on the upper floors of the tower.

The Port Authority declined to release the names of the injured.

Traveling at 1,600-feet-per-minute, the elevator bounced off the concrete ceiling slab before suddenly dropping back down to the 78th floor, said Fire Department Captain Terry Hatton of Rescue 1.

"The concrete was broken up," Hatton said. "It hit hard."

Firefighters and Port Authority Police emergency officers brought another elevator alongside the crippled car, removed an emergency side door between the cars and evacuated the harnessed passengers, one by one, along a two-foot-wide aluminum plank nearly 80 stories above Manhattan. The last person on the elevator was removed at 10:30 a.m.

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Radio station credits paper when it uses news stories

TOLEDO, Ohio (AP) - A radio station's morning host agreed to give credit to the city's daily newspaper when he uses the newspaper's stories on the air, according to a settlement reached by The Blade and WSPD-AM.

Both sides will "agree to friendly competition from now on," host Mark Standriff said.

In a lawsuit filed in September, the newspaper accused the station and Standriff of "pirating" stories and using them on the air as if they were the station's.

The recent agreement signed by Lucas County Common Pleas Judge Ronald Bowman said Standriff is free to use short excerpts and to comment about the newspaper's stories as long as credit is given.

The settlement said Standriff can use information from The

Blade "only if he broadcasts at the same time a proper, accurate and fair attribution to The Blade."

The station did not acknowledge any wrongdoing in the settlement.

The newspaper agreed to drop a claim seeking unspecified damages and asking that WSPD pay "The Blade all advertising profits generated during the broadcasts at issue," said Fritz Byers, the newspaper's lawyer.

"This accomplishes exactly what The Blade sought out to do," Byers said. "It stops the piracy of Blade news and the use of Blade news without attribution."

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political landscape now. In recent years, Republicans have cut into Democrats' support among blue-collar workers in Idaho's timber and mining towns by exploiting the Democratic party's ties with environmental groups.

"They've been very effective in the last few elections at convincing some of our lunch-bucket Democrats up north that if they vote for a Democrat they'll lose their jobs," Boyce said.

The U.S. Forest Service's ban on road-building in national forests is among the federal policies that weigh down Democrats locally, she said.

With little leverage at the convention, Church, Boyce and the rest of the delegation may be looking more for inspiration this week than any concrete concessions from the national party or its candidate, who will likely concentrate on issues aimed at winning big battleground states.

"When you do live in Idaho, it's always good to go to a place where there's that many people in a room who agree with you," Boyce said.

As for their priorities in the campaign, nearly all of Idaho's delegates listed education in the top three. Specifically, they're concerned about crumbling school buildings across the state.

With a budget-conscious Republican Legislature and a supermajority requirement for local bond issues, Democrats see help from the federal government as essential to handling an estimated half-billion-dollar backlog of maintenance and construction.

"We've got kids going to school in condemned buildings out here," said Dan Williams, a Boise attorney who twice failed to unseat Republican U.S. Rep. Helen Chenoweth-Hage. "I think there needs to be a partnership between the federal, state and local levels to improve things generally."

The second most important issue was health care, and Church focuses on one of the campaign's hottest themes: prescription drugs for the elderly. She derides a Republican proposal on the issue.

"This idea of a tax break for prescription drugs is absurd because most of the people who really need help with prescription drugs don't really pay taxes," Church said.

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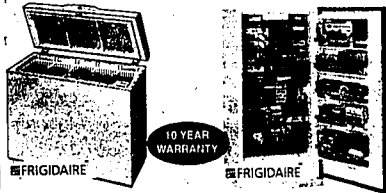
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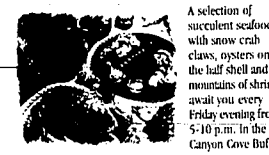
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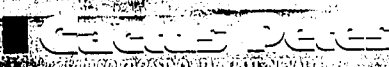
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Gore stresses environment during campaign stop

SPRINGDALE, Pa. - The lessons of environmental pioneer Rachel Carson first germinated for Al Gore at his mother's kitchen table. On Saturday, he sat with youngsters at a picnic table outside Carson's clapboard home to underscore his commitment to Mother Earth and has been "my entire life." The presidential candidate also blocked off a chunk of his Saturday schedule to work on his acceptance speech at this week's Democratic National Convention.

Aides said Gore stressed the address to stress the themes he has debated in recent days: That Democrats represent "real inclusion" and not the Republicans' "illusion of inclusion," stand for "the people not the powerful," and form the "new guard" against GOP rival George W. Bush's "old guard." Gore toured Carson's modest home and then urged young activists there to "keep at it. He told a small crowd outside the nearby school that he identified with the author of "Silent Spring," Carson's landmark 1962 call to action against pesticides.

"When she published 'Silent Spring,' she was the target of a very well-orchestrated, well-financed attack by special interests that were profiting from pollution," Gore said. Some environmentalists, including Green Party presidential candidate Ralph Nader, have suggested that Gore was stung by criticism of his 1992 environmental book that he has since backed off on some issues.

Cheney retires from oil company with rich package WASHINGTON - The oil services company that Dick Cheney ran there has agreed to let him retire with a package worth an estimated \$20 million, a person familiar with the company's plan confirmed Saturday.

The board of the Dallas-based Halliburton Co. approved the arrangements July 25, the day Texas Gov. George W. Bush announced he had chosen Cheney as his running mate. Cheney had notified the board July 20 that he would probably be leaving to join the GOP ticket, said the source, who spoke on condition of anonymity.

Cheney, who served as the company's chairman and chief executive, has said that in leaving Halliburton, which paid him \$1.3 million last year, he will "take a bath" financially. Karen Hughes, Bush's communications director, responded that "the American public should be pleased that they have a vice presidential nominee who has been successful."

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nee who has been successful." Halliburton has thrived during Cheney's five-year tenure. But the package is generous, say executive-composition specialists, considering his short time there.

Buchanan claims Reform nomination, but isn't alone LONG BEACH, Calif. - Pat Buchanan celebrated his Reform Party nomination



Pat Buchanan

of party founder Ross Perot are claiming the nomination - and the money that goes with it - for physicist John Hagelin instead. And no one is likely to see the

cash until the issue is thrashed out by the Federal Election Commission and then, probably, the courts. Reform loyalists have expressed strong objections to Buchanan's efforts to take over the party founded by the Texas billionaire. They don't like the way Buchanan has gone about it, replacing longstanding state party officials with his own, and they don't like the way he emphasizes conservative social issues, an approach they say is in direct contradiction to what most party members want.



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Unclear ideology characterizes Democrats

By Steven Thomas
Knight-Ridder News Service

WASHINGTON — As Democrats converge in Los Angeles for their national convention this week, they will reveal in how diverse they are. But they will be a lot more subdued about how discordant they sound.

After following Bill Clinton to victory in the 1990s, Democrats are entering the new century with their identity in transition, their ideology unclear and their prospects for holding the White House uncertain.

With Al Gore and presidential financing mate Joseph Lieberman at the top of the ticket, Democrats are reaching for the political center while struggling to hold on to their liberal roots. They're stretching for white suburban voters while remaining loyal to the urban minorities who are their most loyal supporters. They're appealing to a growing number of Americans who owe their loyalty to the new economy while still paying homage to large labor unions that have been part of the Democratic coalition since it was assembled by Franklin Roosevelt nearly 70 years ago.

At first glance, the party looks much as it has since the late 1960s and early 1970s, a coalition of minorities, union members and urban liberals.

At the convention, one out of three delegates will be a minority. Twenty percent of the delegates will be African-American, 10 percent will be Hispanic, 3 percent will be Asian-American and 1 percent will be Native American. About 3 percent of the delegates will be openly gay, the most ever. One will be the first openly transgender delegate in American political history.

Delegates are supposed to reflect the people who elect them," said party spokesman Rick Hess. "We are more diverse than the Republican Party, more diverse than the population as a whole."

One of the nation's most consistently Democratic bastions, Minnesota, is sending a convention delegation that is 28 percent minority from a state with a minority population of less than 7 percent.

"It may be more diverse than the state at large," said state party spokeswoman Karen Louise Boothe, "but it is representative of the state's Democrats."

It's not just the convention delegates who are diverse. Nationally, the party attracts African Americans and Hispanics in disproportionate numbers. While 35 percent of all Americans call themselves Democrats, 59 percent of Hispanics and 65 percent of African Americans consider themselves Democrats.

The party also attracts organized labor. At the convention, 23 percent of the delegates will be union members, although less than 14 percent of the nation's work force is unionized.

"What at one point was a point of contention in our party is now a source of great strength," Rep. Richard Gephardt of Missouri, the Democratic leader in the House of Representatives, said of the party's diversity.

"When I give talks around the

Analysis

country, I say, 'If we win, we will have the first African-American chairman of the Ways and Means Committee,'" he said, referring to Rep. Charles Rangel, D-N.Y., the senior Democrat on the influential tax-writing committee in the House. "People are delighted about that. They think that's good."

But if the overall picture of the Democrats as a diverse and tolerant party is an attractive and compelling image, it also could aggravate some of the party's chronic fault lines.

Yet even if the party succeeds in projecting a unified message in Los Angeles, two big divisions remain between so-called "New Democrats" and the party's traditional liberals:

- * Gore and Lieberman favor free trade, pleasing suburbanites

whose jobs are connected to the global economy but angering unions and workers who fear it will hurt their jobs or paychecks.

* Party centrists boast of fiscal discipline and restrained government spending but many liberal Democrats hunger to use the federal budget surplus for large new government programs, such as extending health care to all the nation's uninsured or restoring some of the welfare benefits cut by Clinton and the Congress.

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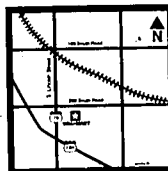


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Demographics of delegates

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White	67.9%
Black	18.1%
Hispanic	8.3%
Asian/Pacific Islander	2.5%
American Indian/Alaska Native	1.2%
Other	2.3%
Did not respond	6.6%

Occupation	Percentage
Politician	12.7%
Attorney	11.2%
Educator	8.9%
Business	8.7%
Consultant	4.2%
Union official	3.0%
Business person	2.2%
Farmer	1.8%
Entrepreneur	1.6%
Homemaker	1.3%
Other	38.1%
Did not respond	6.4%

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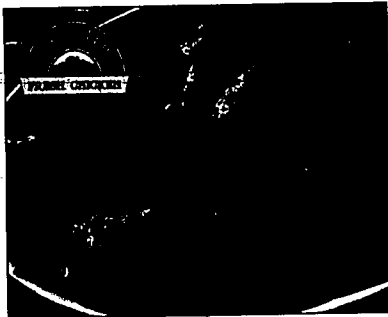
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Jared R. Kelsey, president of PAS Systems International, holds a police-style flashlight Wednesday with a built-in "passive alcohol sensor" that his Fredericksburg, Va., company manufactures.



AP photo

New breath analyzer irks civil liberties groups

FREDERICKSBURG, Va. (AP) - A motorist eases to a stop at a sobriety checkpoint and rolls down his window. A police officer thrusts the illuminated end of a flashlight six inches from the driver's face and starts asking questions. Unbeknownst to the motorist, a tiny, battery-powered device on the end of the flashlight is sucking in his breath and analyzing it for traces of alcohol.

Civil liberties groups say it's an invasion of privacy, a violation of the spirit, if not the letter, of the Fourth Amendment's protection against unreasonable search and seizure. Police and the manufacturer of the "P.A.S. III Sniffer" disagree. They say the gadget - used by hundreds of police agencies nationwide - is merely an extension of the officer's nose, and nobody's ever questioned the propriety of police sniffing out

drunken drivers. "We like what we're doing," said Jared R. Kelsey, president of PAS-Systems-International. "There's a well-established need for this technology. You just have to look at the statistics on alcohol-related traffic deaths." But the executive director of the American Civil Liberties Union in Virginia, Kent Willis, said that while getting drunken drivers off the highways is a noble cause, it should not come at

the expense of privacy. "Where will we finally draw the line? Why not just fight crime by creating adult curfews and randomly searching houses? Both would assist in crime fighting but would be a dramatic blow to privacy rights," Willis said. Covert use of the Sniffer amounts to entrapment, said John Whitehead, president of the Rutherford Institute, a civil liberties group based in Charlottesville.

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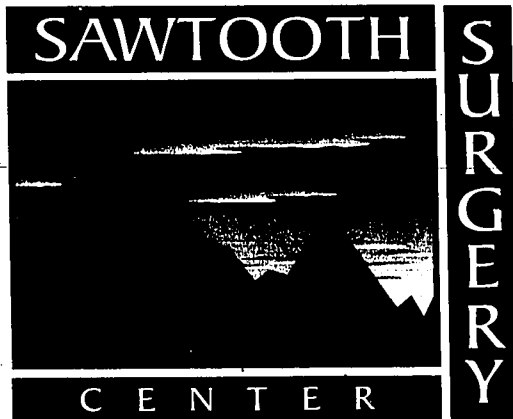
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WEST

Dry lightning sparks ravaging blaze

Coyote Gulch residents forced to flee their homes

COYOTE GULCH, Mont. (AP) — Gusts of wind shake the pines in the yard. Lightning strikes down from the clouds. Good, think Sam and Kathryn Minor as they watch from their little house in the canyon. A little rain might take the edge off the heat. But the rain never comes, and in 15 minutes the storm clouds pass.

Sam and Kathryn go to bed and think no more of it until morning, when they see — beyond the ridge, deep in the Bitterroot National Forest — two fat plumes of smoke.



Dan Demers lifts his daughter Winter, 4, out of the back of her pickup Saturday near her brothers Hunter, left, and McKenzie. Demers and his children are returning home to Wilkes, Montana, after an emergency evacuation because of the High Ore Road fire that swept through town. Demers evacuated his children but stayed behind to set a back fire and save his house. High Ore Road fire is being stabilized, but fires continue to devastate much of southwest Montana.

The West is burning as it hasn't burned in 50 years. Daily headlines describe the facts. This many homes are charred, that many homes destroyed. What numbers can't convey is the dread and suffering every blaze brings. This is a day-by-day account of one canyon, one family and one of the wildest wildfires ever seen in the Northern Rockies.

Experts say fire is an ecological necessity in the arid West, nature's way of cleaning house.

Yet ask those who live here, who breathe the smoke for weeks, who watch flames dance in the blackened hills above their homes — if they still have homes — and they will tell you that when the forest burns, more is lost than the trees.

Sam and Kathryn Minor felt they'd found refuge when they moved last month to the foot of Coyote Gulch, 15 miles south of Darby in southwestern Montana. Sam, especially, had seen hard times the last few years. Age 57 and disabled after two decades of roofing work in Las Vegas, he'd weathered an ugly divorce and the deaths of his two teenagers.

"Drugs — and more drugs," he explains tersely. But then he found Kathryn, 48, and together they found a slice of paradise. They bought a small house with a big detached workshop, tucked away on two acres between Highway 93 and the East Fork of the Bitterroot River.

It is quiet, private and just a stone's throw from the edge of the Bitterroot National Forest. Best of all, in this increasingly pricey part of Montana, they can afford it: \$92,000 with \$40,000 down.

They promise each other this will be the last move they'd ever make.

On July 26, they drive a U-Haul truck up to the workshop and fill it with two lives' worth of accumulation, both practical and sentimental: Christmas decorations passed down from Kathryn's grandmother. A china hutch. Bows and arrows. A futon couch. Plastic bags stuffed with clothes. Power tools. Glass figurines. An antique sewing machine. A microwave oven. A fire extinguisher.

They move some furniture and clothing into the house but leave 90 percent of their belongings in the workshop. No rush, they think. They have the rest of their lives to unpack.

The Minors aren't the only ones moving into the neighborhood. Six miles south on Highway 93, a tent camp of 500 firefighters is farming in a meadow to battle a blaze called the Maynard Fire, sparked by lightning July 22.

Hopes for any quick containment are dashed the evening of July 31. The dry-lightning storm that Sam and Kathryn see from their house starts fires through the mountains on either side of the Bitterroot Valley.

By the next morning, fire officials count 30 new smoke plumes. They dispatch ground crews and helicopters to dump water on the flames, 200 gallons

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NATION

Police officers win \$4 million in reverse discrimination suit

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The men said they were demoted within their department, forced out of the department and moved to other jobs with lower salaries under the tenure of department chief Willie Shell from 1994 to 1997 at Fresno State.

The lawsuit, originally filed in 1997, also claimed that minorities were disproportionately hired in the department, even if they were less qualified.

Fresno State officials have denied the charges and said they may appeal the verdict. The university called the awards "exorbitant and unreasonable."

Clinton demands houses, support for teen parents

LOS ANGELES — President Clinton ordered the government Saturday to cooperate with non-profit groups, church organizations and others to give teen-age parents safe, supportive "second-chance homes."

The homes help teen mothers who cannot live with their own parents. They teach teen mothers how to be good parents and give them reasons not to become pregnant again. Some also bring teen fathers into the equation by teaching them how to be parents or training them for a job.

Vice President Al Gore and Sen. Joe Lieberman support such homes, Clinton said in his weekly radio address.

Clinton urged Congress to provide \$25 million to start more second-chance homes.

GOP: Budget surplus belongs to Americans

WASHINGTON — The budget surplus should be returned to American taxpayers, Sen. Rick Santorum, R-Pa., said Saturday. Santorum, speaking in the weekly GOP radio address, said two pieces of legislation passed this year by the Republican-controlled Congress would have given some tax relief to American families. One bill aimed at the so-called marriage penalty has already been vetoed

Nation in brief

by President Clinton, an a veto threat hangs over another bill that would eliminate the estate tax.

Clinton has argued that the tax cuts would cause deficits, and that just as many married couples benefit from a quirk in the tax code as pay more. He has also characterized an estate tax cut as a benefit for the rich.

Search party finds missing helicopter crew dead

CORPUS CHRISTI, Texas — The frantic, two-day search for survivors of a Navy helicopter crash ended Friday when divers found the bodies of two missing airmen among the helicopter's wreckage in the Gulf of Mexico.

The men had been missing since Thursday, when the helicopter crashed into the waters of the Texas coast during a training mission.

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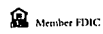
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WORLD

Jerusalem deal worries Egypt's president

CAIRO, Egypt — President Hosni Mubarak warned Saturday that a compromise over Jerusalem would lead to uncontrollable violence in the Middle East, and said no Arab or Muslim can relinquish rights to east Jerusalem and its holy sites.

But Egypt would not stop Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat from reaching a deal over the disputed city "if it's compatible with his Palestinian people's demands," Mubarak said in an interview with the Cairo weekly magazine Rose El-Youssef.

At Camp David, Barak offered the Palestinians limited control over parts of east Jerusalem, but Arafat held firm on Palestinians' demand for full sovereignty over the traditionally Arab area, which contains the third-holiest shrine in the Islamic world.

Mubarak's comments came amid reports that Arab leaders have been cold to the idea of a special Arab summit called by Arafat to seek support for his position in the peace negotiations.

Protestants defiantly march in mostly Catholic city

LONDONDERRY, Northern Ireland — More than 20,000 Protestants filled the streets of Londonderry Saturday with British flags and banners declaring "No Surrender" — a defiant demonstration made possible by a deal with leaders of this mostly Catholic city.

Amid the clamor, there were hopeful signs that common sense can prevail in Northern Ireland after years of marcho-fueled violence. Most Catholics stayed at home or went shopping in nearby malls as the Apprentice Boy Brotherhood, a historic symbol of Protestant dominance, commemorated the days when Protestants controlled this 17th-century fortress city.

A few hundred Catholics walked up from the nearby Bogside quarter. A minority were armed with beer bottles, which they hurled over police lines at the marchers.

The parade came at a crucial time for this British-linked province, which has been torn for decades by sectarian violence but has enjoyed a measure of self-rule in recent months under a 1998 peace accord.

Russia's last czar, family to be canonized as saints

MOSCOW — More than 80 years after Russia's last czar and his family were gunned down by a firing squad, the Russian Orthodox Church is preparing to make them saints, once again fueling passions over the monarch.

Aware that Nicholas II is denounced and detested as much as he is revered, the church will consider the Romanov family for the lowest level of sainthood during a Council of Bishops that starts today. The seven members of the royal family will be among hundreds considered for sainthood for facing death with humility at the hands of the Soviet regime.

Canonization of the czar and his family is expected to win approval easily.

For many Orthodox believers, Nicholas is already a saint. Followers attribute miracles to the late czar: Icons of Nicholas are said to weep blood and myrrh, and miracles are reported on the anniversary of his abdication and at the place where he and his family were killed.

Mir space station could be prize in 'Survivor' series

MOSCOW — "Survivor" lovers, brace yourselves. The

World in brief

reality-TV game show rage may climax with the winning contestant in a similar series blasting off for a stay aboard Russia's Mir space station.

Mark Burnett, producer of the wildly successful "Survivor" television series, has signed an agreement with the MirCorp investment group to develop a project at Russia's cosmonaut training facility outside Moscow.

The show, tentatively named "Destination Mir," would track contestants as they endure rigorous training in preparation for a trip to the 14-year-old station.

Russian training specialists would eliminate contestants who aren't up to the task, and the last one left would win a rocket ride to Mir.

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Cuban musicians play to home crowd for first time

HAVANA (AP) — As his gnarled hands pounded the keys of the Russian-made concert piano in the Karl Marx theater, octogenarian Ruben Gonzalez flashed a wide smile.

Gonzalez and the rest of the mostly elderly members of the Buena Vista Social Club said they were delighted to be back home to

share their music with their compatriots after playing to sold-out concerts in the United States and Europe.

"In your own land, one always feels better," said Gonzalez, a smallish man with white-cropped hair and a bright orange guayabera shirt who gave his age as "83, or 84."

"I like going over there, but I like it more here," Gonzalez added during the Thursday evening rehearsal for their first public concert in Cuba on Friday night.

As the concert got under way Friday, concertgoers said they were excited to see some of Cuba's most-heralded musicians perform. "They're really great. We were

never introduced to this music," said David Cardenas, 33.

Although they have gained fame around the globe in recent years for their music and the documentary "Buena Vista Social Club," most of the musicians are virtually unknown in Cuba, where their music has not been publicized and marketed.



Ruben Gonzalez performs Friday in Havana, Cuba.

Iraq gains new friends despite U.S.

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — Friends are lining up behind once-isolated Iraq — from grassroots Americans opposed to U.S. policies to the Venezuelan president, who followed up a recent visit with a plea to the world Saturday to take note of the suffering here.

The United States remains firmly opposed to any change in the way the world treats President Saddam Hussein and his government. But the official Iraqi press is predicting that more world leaders will follow Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez, who on Thursday became the first head of state to visit Iraq since the 1991 Gulf War.

"Who is going to be the next 'Babel,' Iraq's most influential newspaper, declared in a front-page editorial Saturday. Babel is owned by Saddam's son, Odaï.

Indonesia, the stop after Iraq for Chavez on a tour of fellow members of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries, was quick to respond. Indonesian President Abdurrahman-Wahid said after meeting Chavez that he would visit Baghdad in the coming months and wanted U.N. sanctions against Iraq ended.

Chavez said in Indonesia on Saturday that the sanctions, which were imposed to punish Iraq for invading Kuwait in 1990, are unjust and responsible for the deaths of Iraqi children.

Rebel group frees hostages

BOGOTA, Colombia (AP) — Leftist rebels freed 26 members of a scientific expedition, including an American, early Saturday after holding them captive for more than two days, the army said.

The guerrillas of the National Liberation Army released the captives into the hands of local human-rights, church and justice leaders in the grassy highlands of western Colombia, where the group had been snatched midweek.

His rebel group, the second largest in Colombia after the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia, has kidnapped hundreds of people over the years, most of them for ransom.

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EDITORIAL

Is more money for public schools justified in Idaho?

Will there ever be enough money to satisfy Idaho's voracious education establishment? Every year, a coalition of school administrators, school boards, teachers union leaders and the state superintendent of public instruction pleads impoverishment and beats the drum for more public money.

Take this year, for example. Using the standard refrain, "It's for the children," Idaho's educators caught the state Legislature with a growing budget surplus. The upshot is that Idaho's 113 school districts will chew through the largest education budget in state history - \$873.5 million - during this school year.

But giving the education establishment an increase of \$52.4 million, more than 6 percent, apparently wasn't enough. Emboldened by this year's success, state Superintendent Marilyn Howard has already announced how much money she wants for the next school year: \$1 billion.

Talk about fast learners. Classes haven't even started this year, but Howard and others are already lobbying for a \$126.5 million budget hike next year. If granted, that would be a \$178.9 million increase over two years, nearly 22 percent.

So what will Idaho taxpayers get for their money?

The education establishment argues that more money will improve the quality of teaching in Idaho. But substantial improvement requires more money. It requires accountability, which is virtually absent at present.

What's needed is a performance-based system where good results - such as high test scores and low dropout

rates - will be rewarded with more money. That would be an improvement over the current system, in which too many students are being left behind.

School officials will argue that many of today's students aren't interested in learning. They say some students have such dysfunctional home lives that they simply can't be reached.

True enough. But a recent study by the Rand Corp. shows some states are doing a good job of educating those very students. The Rand study, described in the Aug. 7 issue of U.S. News & World Report, took into account family income, whether the parents were college graduates, the number of parents in the home, and whether the children belonged to an ethnic minority group.

Idaho ranks near the middle of the list, but its students still are losing ground on test scores.

So why pour millions more into the state's salary structure, as the educators argue? Shouldn't the flow of cash be linked to results?

States from Texas to Montana are showing improved results. Why is Idaho still lagging, despite the enormous infusions of money to teacher salaries?

These are not hostile questions. They are simply questions that deserve answers before taxpayers are asked to open the financial spigot even more.

The bottom line is that educators claim to be professionals whose job is to teach students. If state lawmakers are being asked to provide more money to improve public education, shouldn't we keep track of whether the increased spending is effective?

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Board urges residents to vote against recall

READER COMMENT: Hagerman School Board

On Tuesday, patrons of the Hagerman School District will decide whether the five current members of the board of trustees should be recalled.

While the proponents for the recall, it is clear that the real basis is the board's decision not to extend the contract of high school Principal Wayne Ills.

The circumstances of the recall place us at a distinct disadvantage. By law, personnel matters are a private issue between employer and employee, and even public employees have a right of privacy their employer is bound to honor. While the proponents are at liberty to freely accuse us of acting "without just cause," we are prohibited from responding by publicly disclosing the specific reasons for our decision.

Because the issues are so important, in July, the school district's attorney made a written request for Mr. Ills' consent to allow us to speak openly to our constituents about the reasons for our decision. We received no response. A second written request has also gone unanswered.

Despite the fact that it places us at risk, we have elected to take the high road and have honored Mr. Ills' constitu-

tionally rights. We deeply regret our inability to openly discuss this matter but trust the patrons will understand our difficult predicament.

It is important for the patrons to know that our decision was not arbitrary and came only after hours of listening to evidence, discussions with Mr. Ills and careful deliberation. Contrary to the professional claims, it was not the result of personal clashes between the current superintendent and Mr. Ills, nor was it sudden or without warning. Our decision was based in part on evaluations prepared by prior superintendents in prior years which identified uncorrected performance deficiencies. Our decision was based on facts.

Our system provides that the district is to be managed by trustees elected by their neighbors and who are responsible for assuring that Hagerman's children receive the best educational opportunity. We have always welcomed and encouraged patron input. We knew

our decision would be unpopular with some but believe the patrons elected us to use our best judgment in making the right decisions, even when those decisions are opposed by a vocal and well-organized minority. Our decision represented the unanimous conclusion of five, well-informed residents of the district. We believe that, faced with the same facts, the vast majority of our patrons would have made the same decision.

Tuesday's recall election will determine whether any board responsible for managing the district's affairs will have the discretion and authority to continue with that responsibility, or whether basic personnel and operational decisions can be micro-managed through recalls sponsored by groups which have no authority.

Our action was motivated solely by the best interests of Hagerman's children, and we believe it was in keeping with the authority entrusted to us by our constituents. We encourage patrons to vote against the recall on Tuesday.

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LETTERS

Too bad changes didn't include Ills

I am saddened by what has happened in the Hagerman School District. The firing of Mr. Wayne Ills is a shame. He has dedicated his life to helping young people. He deserved better at this stage of his career. Even if he had made some mistakes, he hardly strikes me as someone who would not be willing to work at making changes. If he lacked leadership, it surely would have been evident before this. In his 12 years as principal, he has proven to be an effective leader. He has impressed me over the years with his kind and cooperative disposition. His support of our young people has been outstanding. Whenever Wendell has played Hagerman, Mr. Ills has always been friendly, supportive and helpful, even to the opposing team. The students love and respect him, as evidenced by the petition signed by them in his support. He is well liked and respected by his staff and, in all my years coaching, I have never heard a bad comment about Mr. Ills. How can a good man like this be fired?

In addition, Hagerman has lost some faculty members as a result of firing Mr. Ills. How do you replace someone like Randy Clark? He is a man of great principle and character and has passed that along to all the students and players whom he has taught and coached. Jason Warr has also left. He is a young man who is as impressive as any young coach that I've seen in all my years of coaching. What a great role model he is for young people, and now he is gone. How many more teachers have been lost in Hagerman as a result of firing Mr. Ills?

I am sincerely upset about what has happened. To me, Hagerman schools will never be the same. Over the years, I have enjoyed the relationship and friendship that exists between Wendell and Hagerman. I have joked and said that a part of me is "Pirate" as I have rooted for the coaches and teams in Hagerman over the years.

I wish the coaches and teachers good luck in their new positions, and I do hope Hagerman can work things out in their district. It is unfortunate that the changes the district felt it needed could not have been implemented through Mr.

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Ills, avoiding the loss of some great teachers and coaches.
ALLEN KEISLEY
Wendell

Where do rumors get us?

Many people are supporting the recall of the Hagerman School Board for a variety of personal reasons: the teachers are paid too much, the teachers are not paid enough, I like Wayne Ills, I dislike Lee Mitchell, the School Board spent too much money, the School Board hasn't spent enough money, and on and on. With all the rumors that are being flying around the community, I'm sure each one of us could find something negative to agree with and vote to remove the board. But where would that get us? The county commissioners would appoint a new board for us, and they would start making more decisions to disagree with.

The School Board meetings have not been the center of Hagerman social life. If anyone does show up, they are usually rather lonely. If you have never talked to your School Board representative, wouldn't this be a good time to get in touch with them, find out what's happening, and let them know what you think. We elected these School Board members to make the easy decisions, and the tough ones, too. Give them your input and give them your support.

Vote to retain your School Board representative on Tuesday.
CATHERINE DAILY
Hagerman

Ignorance not Bliss but Hagerman

To the folks of Hagerman: Several years ago, I was given the opportunity to become a school teacher at the old Hagerman High School. My science room was an old shower room.

Today, I have a beautiful, well-equipped science lab.

I would go back to that old building in a heartbeat if it would put this community back together again.

Hagerman gave us a second chance. So many people - the Bowlers, the Potters, the Sutterlins, the Henslees, the Jensens and many others we owe so much if I could work a hundred years, I could not repay this town the community.

There is a saying that "ignorance is bliss." I have been to Bliss; I know many of the people. I even got a teaching job there once. I don't believe that ignorance was ever in Bliss. But somehow it has crept into Hagerman, dividing our community.

If you take a living thing and cut it in half, it usually dies. Our school was never perfect. It probably never will be. Yes, we needed to improve it, but the cure does not have to kill.

I urge everyone to vote their conscience about this recall issue, and then, whatever the outcome, we must begin to move forward. It will take a lot of stitches, bandages, chicken soup and patience. There are probably wounds that will never heal completely, scars that will never go away. But the healing needs to begin, and it has to come from within each one of us.

JAY HOUSER
Hagerman

Removal doesn't make any sense

Hagerman School Board voters: Yours is a tough decision on Tuesday. The "facts" that the board has on the Wayne Ills issue are available in a recording that was approved by the board in executive session. Wayne has released copies of the executive session as well as copies of everything in his employee file. People throughout the community have these copies and all are invited to listen. These tapes do not attempt to hide anything. Wayne Ills is not above making mistakes. The recording of the executive session is complete to the extent of time that Wayne spent in session. I challenge anyone to compare it with the board's recording. Nothing, however, justifies the action taken by the board.

It makes no sense to remove an employee for minor details at any time in their career, yet alone three years before retirement. It makes no sense to replace an experienced administrator with one that has no high school experience. It makes no sense to have music students pay for their sheet music, have the fifth-lowest paid teachers in the state or to not have a football field when the district has more than \$800,000 to carry over.

Logic teaches us to follow evidence through to a natural conclusion. In listening to the board's "facts," I realized that the board had already arrived at a conclusion and were attempting to gather facts to support that conclusion.

BRET C. SILVER
Hagerman

Why did meetings conflict?

On Tuesday night, Aug. 8, Mr. Jim Shackelford, executive director of the teacher's union, spoke in Hagerman at the invitation of a group of people pushing for the recall of the Hagerman School Board. He was asked by the recall group to speak about topics that were recall issues. His title and purpose were not reported accurately in the Aug. 10 article in the Times-News. His visit conflicted with the monthly School Board meeting held the same night. Why was the union only able to come at a time that regularly happened to be in conflict with the regularly scheduled School Board meeting?

At this particular board meeting, the school auditor was giving his end-of-the-year auditor's report. Why do you suppose the recall group thought it was more important for a union person to supply us with information about our school finances vs. our own school auditor and School Board? I did attend the School Board meeting later, but the auditor had already presented his report and left. Fewer than 10 patrons were there to hear the auditor's report.

The union director, Mr. Shackelford, mentioned that he didn't know anything about the recall and was just presenting information. He presented many graphs comparing Hagerman to other schools; however, he did acknowledge that his graphs did not have all the variables and he was unable to answer any specifics

about Hagerman.

Teacher's salaries are dependent on the teacher's years of experience, continuing credits and higher degrees. I recently learned that it is not unusual for more than half of Hagerman's teachers to be in the lowest pay categories because of these factors. Graphs without explanation of this type of information can be very misleading. At another time, I would have been interested in the union's presentation, but at this time I question the union letting the recall group try to use them in forwarding their agenda.

I urge the patrons of Hagerman to start coming to board meetings, to talk and find out how they can help make changes in a constructive way. Come learn the facts about your schools and support the School Board in this very, very difficult and thankless job. Keep your power to vote - don't let someone else choose your board trustee.

Vote no on recall on Tuesday.
NANCY K. GOSSI
Hagerman
(Editor's note: The Aug. 10 article accurately identified James Shackelford as "executive director of the Idaho Education Association.")

Let's keep right to vote

If you vote "yes" for the recall, you have taken away the vote of the Hagerman School District residents. You will send the decision of who our School Board trustees will be to the Gooding County commissioners, one from Gooding, one from Wendell, one from Bliss. This could turn into a popularity contest, not a representation of the Hagerman School District residents. Board trustees will be the Hagerman School District taxpayers retain their right to vote for our School Board trustees. A lot of people seem suddenly to be involved in our school business. If these people are truly interested, every May when regular elections take place, these people need to run for the position and show that their interest is sincere.

A vote "no" is a vote for Hagerman residents, and I hope you will want to retain your privilege to vote.
PHIL A. GOSSI
Hagerman

Political conventions still have a purpose

In this season of national party conventions, more people than ever are asking: What's the point?

They no longer choose the candidates. The platform debates are almost nonexistent. The television coverage has shrunk. And the audiences largely have tuned out. So why bother?

Well, the conventions are still fun for the political activists and reporters who attend a great time to meet, greet and gossip. The Republican and Democratic parties are central to the functioning of our government and our political system. But for all practical purposes, they exist in visible form only for the four days every four years they hold their conventions. That seems a very small extravagance, given the role they play.

Yet it is increasingly likely that the present form of the political conventions will not long endure in an era where the presidential candidates are chosen by primaries held mostly in February and March, and where those candidates scribble their names in advance, from the choice of the running mates to the texts of the platforms.

The conventions have become, in reality, the kickoff events of the general election campaigns. It would be logical to hold them when the public is ready to think about the presidential contest — namely, after Labor Day, when family vacations are out of the way.

There is merit, too, in the suggestion of my former Washington Post colleague Paul Taylor that the parties meet at the same time, on alternating days of the same week, or perhaps, on staggered hours each evening. The prospect of direct back-and-forth debate between the opposing candidates and parties would restore some of the drama that is missing when one side of the argument is heard night after night for one week, and two weeks later, all the rhetoric comes nonstop from the other side.

Simultaneous conventions would make for better television and allow voters to make real comparisons between the personalities and the policies of the two parties.

Others, I'm sure, will have alternative and possibly better ideas for bringing the political conventions into the 21st century. Whatever changes are made, the conventions should not be abandoned. Even in their present degenerated form, they serve an important function.

That point was made very well in a lecture at Nuffield College, Oxford, last May by Robert L. Healy, a long-time Democratic Party operative now doing corporate public affairs work in Washington. Healy has an unusual perspective, because for the last two decades, he has been part of the "script and podium" team at Democratic National Conventions, one of the people who move the speakers on and off stage and assist in framing their messages.

In his talk, Healy conceded all the shortcomings that the critics allege — that the conventions lack the drama they had when the nomination battles were fought out among the delegates.

But they have evolved, he said, into something that has its own significance. They are, in his words, "framing devices, mechanisms that help frame the presidential choice. They have one principal task: positioning the presidential candidate for the fall election."

They do that in several ways. Healy identifies five of the questions the conventions help answer:

- Organizational coherence — Can the candidate and party manage their own business well enough to govern the nation?
- Message delivery — Can the candidate and party formulate and communicate a coherent set of ideas for governing?
- Party unity — Has the candidate enlisted the enthusiastic support of his own coalition, sufficient to win the election and carry through an agenda?
- Coalition expansion — Have the candidate and party positioned themselves to attract support from those outside the core constituencies and reduce the number of voters to whom the opposition can appeal?
- Political renewal — Does the party have a cadre of other leaders, including possible future nominees, with the ability to attract support, even if this year's presidential candidate fails?

That is more than a useful checklist of what the



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Republicans accomplished in Philadelphia last week and what the Democrats hope to achieve next week when they meet in Los Angeles. It is a succinct argument for preserving political conventions.

As Healy says, "Framing conventions begin from the premise that the American people are smart and discerning. They weigh what they see and hear. And, while conventions are not the only election data points for voters, the convention does provide, in an intense compact manner, powerful information for the electorate about the forthcoming fall campaign."

And besides, a good time is had by all.

David S. Broder is a Washington Post columnist.

Free market did not spawn IMF, World Bank

I'm awaiting the start of my economics class at Whittier College in California. I'm awake. My mind is ready. Today's lesson: Why the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank stink.

The professor starts class with the familiar refrain heard at many colleges about these institutions — that capitalist nations use the IMF and World Bank to exploit the world's poor.

Now, it's tough being in a class taught by a professor who continually claims to know what Marx "really meant." But I can't let this one pass, and so I raise my hand to venture the truth: The World Bank and the IMF are not free-market institutions.

The professor appears bewildered. My fellow students turn red with anger. Buzzwords such as "McJob," "exploitation" and "globalization" fill the air.

I shake my head and try to explain why the World Bank and IMF are actually pillars of international bureaucracy, not the free market. Just examine their pedigree. Appropriately enough, it was economist John Maynard Keynes, that 20th-century champion of government intervention, who engineered the creation of the IMF and the World Bank in

JEFFREY C. CLEVELAND

the aftermath of World War II. His intention may have been to help poor countries become more prosperous and less dependent on rich ones, but both institutions have spawned what amounts to a global welfare system.

The IMF and World Bank have spent the last half century funneling billions of U.S. tax dollars into Third World countries across the globe in an effort to lift them out of poverty. The result? Of the 89 poor countries that were on the international dole during the 30-year period from 1965 to 1995, 48 showed no improvement — and 32 of the 48 actually became poorer, research shows.

In fact, the 1995 U.S. bailout of Mexico probably wouldn't have been necessary if the IMF and World Bank were the engines of free-market capitalism that the lefties accuse them of being. Prior to the bailout, the IMF was pushing policies such as "pegged" exchange rates (where currency is given an artificial value) to revive Mexican exports. Wouldn't a capitalist institution have encouraged "floating" (or true value)

exchange rates, as promoted by such leading free-market thinkers as Milton Friedman?

In the end, the IMF-World Bank actions helped send the Mexican economy into a tailspin, only to be "rescued" later by U.S. taxpayers and politicians in a bailout that included another dose of bad medicine: more loans. As one published report noted, "Mexico's real external debt was higher in 1998 than in 1994, nearly a third of private businesses between 1995 and 1997 declared bankruptcy," and per capita income fell below its 1980 level. It sounds as if a few "McJobs" would have been welcome.

Back in class, the students and

the professor are still bearing my unwelcome message about the IMF and the World Bank. But scream about "evil capitalists" all they want — the real crime is impeding the market and creating a global welfare system that keeps the poor poor and makes self-sufficiency all but impossible.

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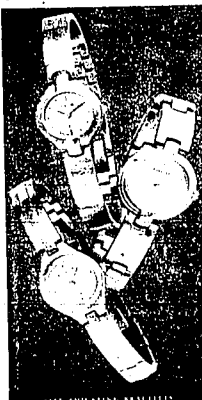
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The fish that stole Christmas

Good news, you have a pretty good idea by now what you're getting for Christmas. Golf-club mittens, shoe trees, tea cozies - you know, stuff barely worth reading.

But this year, it's a mortal lock what Santa has in store: You're getting Big Mouth Billy Bass, so get over.

Not since the Pet Rock has their been a chochke so fiendishly destined to be so overexposed. Gemmy Industries of Irving, Texas, has already sold scads - so many, in fact, that they've migrated from novelty shops to toy stores to Albertson's.

By December, they'll be the oldest joke since Canned Hams, and twice as hard to get rid of. But for the moment, you gotta admit that Billy is inspired.

It's a faux version of a big-mouth bass mounted like a trophy - but, thanks to a motion sensor, springs into song whenever someone walks by.

Its repertoire includes "Don't Worry Be Happy" or "Take Me to the River," depending upon the mood of its microchip. And for the music stars, Billy's tall taps, his mouth flaps. When he gets to the chorus, his head, which has been lying flat on the board, suddenly swivels to face his audience.

Imagine these in dorm rooms, one-burr kitchens, office corridors and bathrooms all over this green and pleasant land of ours. By Thanksgiving, they'll be inescapable - hilarity will ensue, followed shortly thereafter by homicide.

And how appropriate that it's a big-mouthed bass, the cash cow of sport fishery. It already supports an entire industry - competitive bass fishing - and two or three cable channels. By the end of the year, it will dominate the entire domestic retail economy.

Bass fishing, of course, is the silliest sport since pole-bending. Practiced by overweight, overwrought guys in gimme caps and boats they've mortgaged the house for, it is a towering testimony to the power of 3.2 beer and big-screen television.

I suspect that bass fishers will snap up Billys by the boatload, all without a touch of irony. And the specter of "Daddy" becoming the national anthem of Basshood is too wonderful weird for words.

Gemmy, of course, plans to ride the wave as far as it will go, and already has introduced a Christmas Billy Bass, a red Santa hat, who sings "Jingle Bells" and recites "The Night Before Christmas."

A Halloween fish will also be hitting store shelves soon. With that holiday raking in sales second only to Christmas, Gemmy has high hopes for its skeleton fish, Mr. Big Mouth Billy Bones. Pick a holiday: You can do it all for \$19-\$24.

I'm already stocking up. Got one for everyone on my Christmas list, and more importantly, a few left over to give out next year when the Billy Bass fad will be campy enough to be trendy again.

And of course, I didn't forget myself. There's one already installed in the hall, just out of reach of the resident lassie apso, who has even less sense of humor about Billy Bass than she does about UPS guys and meter readers.

The first three bars of "Take Me to the River" already drive her into low geosynchronous orbit. Imagine what she'll do with "Jingle Bells" by the time Christmas is gone. Traditionally, fish as guests won't go away, and not this one: Billy has been to be gifted to you. So make your list and check it twice. It'll be real good practice.

Times-News features editor Steve Oramp reminds you that if God had intended for Bassmasters to rule the world, then he wouldn't have invented Arkansas.

Champagne wishes

Tour opens doors to Sun Valley dream homes

By Karen Bossick
Times-News correspondent

SUN VALLEY - As ambassador to Belgium, Alan Blinken is used to glad handing.

Good thing because he had a thousand pairs of hands to shake Saturday.

The ambassador and his wife, who was in Los Angeles Saturday entertaining celebrities attending the Democratic Na-

tional Convention at Tipper Gore's request, opened their 12,000 square-foot home to a thousand strangers Saturday.

The 22nd Community Library Association Tour of Homes was dubbed the "Northern Exposure" tour since it featured five homes north of Ketchum in an area ranging from the Bigwood Golf Course to Fox Drive, said Carol Harlig, a member of the library's board of directors.

The record-setting number of tourists, who came from as far away as Georgia to take part in the tour, walked through one of the Blinken's forest green marble showers, gawked at a ballet room, eyeballed an original Winnie the Pooh print hanging in one of the grandchildren's bedrooms, strolled past pictures the Blinkens had taken with Al Gore and Bill Clinton and Please see HOMES, Page B6



Curtis Kemp and Joel Graft enjoy a few laughs and a little wine while serving as traffic cops in Gale Allison's wine cellar during Saturday's 22nd annual Community Library Association's Tour of Homes.

FIRST GLANCE



Casey Lish tries to sneak a peek at the diesel mechanics lab at the College of Southern Idaho. Lish will be a freshman at the college this fall.

CSI students prepare for class

By Jennifer Sandmann
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - The first day of school is just two weeks away at the College of Southern Idaho, and students are busy signing up for classes and finding places to live.

Jamie Shelter, the college's high school relations coordinator, is showing new students around campus and helping them prepare for the first day Aug. 28.

College freshmen Casey Lish of Blackfoot and Julie Willis of Inkom visited campus last week for the first time. Shelter showed them the dorm, the class areas for the programs they signed up for, and campus services such as the fitness training room.

Firefighters get pole-extended deadline

Both students said they were excited to start school and be on their own. "I'm looking forward to learning something new. I'm starving to learn," Willis said.

She plans to take courses in equine studies. Lish wants to learn diesel mechanics. He said the reputation of the college's program brought him to CSI.

The college customizes campus visits for new and prospective students, Shelter said. The Student Information Office this year has individualized its tours down to welcoming students on computerized reader boards around campus. Visitation can

asking how the busy fire season will affect their ability to attend school.

CSI saw its enrollment grow by 3 percent during this summer semester compared with summer 1999, Registrar John Martin said. Summer sees the lightest enrollment. This semester 1,744 students took classes.

Fall 1999 enrollment surpassed 5,000 students, and the college reports that registration for fall 2000 is moving along briskly. "We're optimistic," Beck said. "Things look very good. Enrollment is very strong."

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About the election

A recall election of the School Board will be held from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday inside the elementary school multipurpose room. Residents in each zone may vote for their zone's school board members.

Boise lawyer for the Idaho School Boards' Association who has represented the Hagerman School District.

The recall started after the board voted unanimously on May 25 to replace Iles. After 12 years as principal and 34 years with the district, Iles is scheduled to begin the new school year as a vocational agriculture teacher.

About 80 Iles supporters filed petitions to remove the board, and the resulting debate has inflamed the community.

Hagerman School District office at 324 North Second Ave.

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Looking for help

Lincoln County seeks federal aid, declares disaster

The Times-News

SHOSHONE - Two weeks after Lincoln County received drought status, the county has declared a disaster, putting itself in the running for state and federal assistance.

A Thursday evening range fire that burned 35,000 acres of federal land, more than 3,000 acres of private property, 2,000 acres of grain, 200 livestock, irrigation pivots, tractors and combines.

According to the declaration, there is a strong possibility further range fires will occur, fires that "could threaten structures, livestock, public utilities, lines of communications, infrastructure and lives in Lincoln County.

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WEST

Environmentalists, ranchers join forces for cattle-free area

REDMOND, Ore. (AP) — Ranchers and environmentalists are putting aside their 20-year battle over grazing in the West to support creation of the nation's first cattle-free wilderness.

"This is the future of the Oregon high desert, which is why it's so important," said Bill Marlett of the Oregon Natural Desert Association.

But Sen. Ron Wyden of Oregon called effort to win approval of Protection for the Steens Mountain area a race against the clock. The key to passage before Congress adjourns — rated at 50-50 — is finalizing land exchanges involving five ranches with private holdings high on the south-eastern Oregon mountain.

The trades for lower-elevation parcels of public land must be considered fair by everyone,

Wyden said. Fearful that President Clinton will declare Steens Mountain one of a new string of national monuments, Oregon Congressman Greg Walden proposed creating the 143,000-acre Steens Mountain Wilderness and the 500,000-acre Steens Mountain Cooperative Management and Protection Area.

Walden, Wyden and others have been out, trying to build support for the bill.

Walden emphasized that a national monument would not preclude cattle grazing nor prevent private landowners from someday selling their 250 parcels for resort development. His bill will.

"We can do more for the environment and more for the ranchers," Walden said.

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Just a day away: Cassia County Fair starts Monday with fun for everyone

By Dan Fields Times-News writer

BURLEY - There'll be a carnival, award-winning singers and a plethora of animals to see. But Dean Draper thinks there's a better reason why people will attend this year's Cassia County Fair and Rodeo.

have been brisk for Tuesday's Jamboree, which will feature country singer Ty Herndon and opening act Katie Riggs. Tickets are \$14 for the grandstand and \$10 for bleacher seats.

Other items of interest will be horse racing on Friday and Saturday and the many exhibits in various buildings.

Heyburn Hoedown celebrates small-town life

By Dex Dutton Times-News correspondent

HEYBURN - Nothing captures a slice of small-town Americana quite like an old-fashioned country hoedown. And Heyburn was the place to be on a warm and breezy Saturday afternoon as the city of Heyburn hosted the 14th annual Heyburn Hoedown.

help us has been so cheerful to help," Durant said. "This has come together so well."

see old friends and meet new people. Kay, a Heyburn City Council member, also served as Heyburn's Postmaster for 17 years. For Kay, knowing the people of Heyburn was a big part of her career.

Nevada restricts fires

The Times-News

ELKO, Nev. - It's one of the driest fire seasons on record, which means fire restrictions are in effect throughout northern and central Nevada, according to a news release from the Nevada Division of Forestry.

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Homes

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scanned a collection of Peruvian artifacts. President Allende had given Blinken.

to decorate their own homes.
"Next home I build I'm going to put in concrete floors," said Mike Batchell, of Boise, eyeing the concrete floors stretching through Jean Paul and Isabelle Montupet's ultra-contemporary home overlooking Bigwood Golf Course.

of aspen on the Blinkens' lawn. Board members also worked into the night ahead of time figuring out what areas of the homes to rope off and what items to put out of sight.

Blinken home.
Verle Storey knew what it's like to have several hundred people traipsing through her house. She and her husband Will opened up their European-style home in Sun Valley with its 24-foot tall ceiling, Oriental carpets and antiques for the tour five years ago.

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Recall

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Ills said. "We had nothing to say, so we elected to excuse ourselves."

Mallea was unavailable for comment Saturday.
Tuesday's ballots will list five reasons the recall committee thinks the board should be replaced.

superintendent's pay was necessary because the salary had not been competitive with other districts.
Supporters of the board say Hagerman's administrative salaries this year will be \$135,675 - compared with Murtaugh's \$159,677 or Hansen's \$156,300.

people of Hagerman will make up their mind and we will move on.
"We don't know all the facts, but we elected board members to learn both sides of the story and make a decision," said Phil Gossl, a School Board supporter. "The board has done a good job."

"More people are interested and informed," Mavencamp said. Often nobody attends board meetings, but recent meetings have drawn a crowd, he said.
"I hope six months from now board meetings won't be empty," Mavencamp said.

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Lawmakers wonder if discussions will produce privacy bill

BOISE (AP) — A legislative panel meant to study commercial transfers of personal information admits it may only be able to define privacy, rather than create laws to manage it.

"This issue is highly polarizing," House Judiciary and Rules Committee Chairwoman Celia

Goold of Buhl said Friday at a meeting of the Transfers of Personal Information Interim Committee. "There is a big lobby — I don't know how to say it any gentler — to quite frankly not do anything."

Panel co-chairman Coeur d'Alene Sen. Jack Riggs said

the committee's biggest accomplishment may be to better define Idaho's privacy issues.

"Clearly, if there are misuses, that's where our focus should be," Riggs said.

After the House killed privacy legislation authored by Attorney General Al Lance this year,

the Legislature created the panel.

It is studying whether financial institutions should be able to sell information about customers, or if medical providers, insurance companies and credit-card companies can sell lists of data about their customers.

OBITUARY

WENDELL



Erin N. Holloway

Erin Nicole Holloway, beloved daughter, sister, granddaughter, niece, cousin, and friend, died Thursday, August 10, 2000, of injuries sustained in an automobile accident. She was a 17-year-old senior at Wendell High School.

Born December 14, 1982, at Magic Valley Memorial Hospital. Erin was the daughter of Minnie Bates Holloway (Wendell), Bill and

Leslie Holloway (Twin Falls), and "almost dad" Glenn Schulte. She was a devoted daughter and resided primarily with her mother in Wendell. In the summer months, Erin lived with her father and stepmother in Twin Falls and spent time camping with her family in the Smoky Mountains. She loved spending time at the mall and shared many happy hours shopping with her mother.

The most important part of Erin's life was her family. She is woven into the hearts of her brothers, Travis Holloway (Twin Falls) and Adam Holloway (Gooding), and her stepbrothers, Saylor Kibbles (Buhl) and Skylar Iverson (Buhl). She is kept in the prayers of her grandparents, Bob and Barbara Holloway (Filer), Francis and Roberta Ashcraft (Twin Falls), and her grandmother, Colleen Lamp (Twin Falls). Her smile is remembered fondly by her aunts and uncles, John and Jody Holloway (Filer), Scott and Ann Bybee (Jerome), John and Victoria Berglund (Phoenix), Bob and Carolee Perry (Twin Falls), Dave and Dobra Dietsch (LeaWoods, Kansas), Tom Lamp, (Twin Falls), Lora Bates (Twin Falls), LaDona and Roy Moises (Twin Falls), Lora Leedom (Twin Falls), Bud Streetley (Boise) and Bob Clawson (Twin Falls). Her

laughter is celebrated by her cousins, Uraih, Elijah, Caleb and Kells Holloway (Filer), Anza and Shawn Bybee (Jerome), Majkon and Jax Berglund (Phoenix), Darron and Stephanie Moore (Twin Falls), Nick Bates (Twin Falls), Thomas Smith (Twin Falls), Jonathan and Trina Edgar (Twin Falls), Sarah Bates (Twin Falls), Coley Caswell (Twin Falls), David Rockwell (Twin Falls), Toby, Cody and Woody Drury (Jerome), Davey and Troy Johns (Jerome), Briney, Danielle and Shea Lamp (Twin Falls), and Melissa and Chris Dalton (Salt Lake City).

Erin was active in her high school activities, which included music, dance, theatre, cheerleading, and especially soccer. She worked at McDonald's in Jerome and Fiesta Ote in Twin Falls. She will be missed by her many friends, especially Whitney Holman (Wendell), Liz Gabriel (Gooding), and Jessica Sitas (Wendell), as well as her soc-

cer teammates. She was known for her team-spirit and love of life.

The family will receive friends at Parko's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road, Twin Falls, on Monday, August 14, 2000, from 4-8 p.m. Funeral services will be held Tuesday, August 15, 2000, at 10 a.m. at the Twin Falls Reform Church, 1631 Grandview Drive North, Twin Falls. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made in Memory of Erin Holloway to Wendell High School, c/o Girl's Soccer Program.

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Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls.

Floyd Brady
RUPERT — Floyd Brady, 86, of Rupert, died Saturday, Aug. 12, 2000, at his home.

Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel.

Mack Fleetwood
KIMBERLY — Mack Fleetwood, 67, of Kimberly, died Saturday, Aug. 12, 2000, at Heritage Retirement Center in Twin Falls.

Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls.

George A. Serr
WENDELL — George Albert Serr, 69, of Wendell, died Saturday, Aug. 12, 2000, at the Twin Falls Clinic & Hospital.

Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Demaray's Wendell Chapel.

SERVICES

Clifford Davis of Twin Falls, private service at 10 a.m. Monday at Sunset Memorial Park. Visitation will be held from 9-10 a.m. Monday at the Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home in Twin Falls.

Ernest Phillip "Mick" Eills of Hazelton, service at 10:30 a.m. Monday at the Hazelton Cemetery (Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls.)

Willabelle C. "Billie" Moore of Tekoa, Wash., graveside service at 11 a.m. Monday at the Mountain View Cemetery in Forest Grove, Ore. (Kramer Funeral Home in Tekoa.)

Hershel Smith and Nadine (Allred) Smith, formerly of Jerome, memorial service at 11 a.m. Wednesday at the Heyburn LDS Church, 530 Villa Dr. in Heyburn.

Jane Maxine Robison Wilson of Pocatello, memorial service at 11 a.m. Saturday at White Mortuary, 136 4th Ave. E. in Twin Falls.

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Woman recovers after tiger attack

BOISE (AP) — A woman mauled by a tiger Friday night at a fund-raiser for Zoo Boise was listed in serious but stable condition Saturday.

Janet C. Gold, 40, of Boise was taken to Saint Alphonsus Regional Medical Center for injuries to the head, neck, leg and shoulder areas after the cat was able to slip through a cage door to confront some patrons, police reported. The zoo was holding a fund-raising dinner called "Feast for the Beast."

A spokeswoman for the hospital said Gold was talking and alert Saturday afternoon.

She underwent surgery "during the night" for an injury to

"her leg," said Saint Alphonsus spokeswoman Roseanna Moulton. Police reported that Gold suffered a "gunshot wound to her left leg," during the attack.

The zoo facility features a building which houses the cages for two Amur tigers from Asia. A group of six to eight patrons along with police Sgt. Rich Schnebly were inside the building in a service workers area where the cats are fed, Boise Police Lt. Jim Tibbs said.

"Somehow, one of the tigers bumped open a gate on the cage and attacked the woman," Tibbs said. "Everyone else ran out."

Police chief Don Pierce said

Schnebly's view was blocked as the patrons fled. Once the group had passed, the officer saw that the tiger was on top of the woman, pinning Gold by the shoulders and the back of the head.

"The officer fired two shots over the tiger's head. He couldn't shoot at the tiger because he was afraid he would hit the woman," Tibbs said.

The cat retreated. But when Schnebly and a zoo official approached Gold, the tiger advanced again. The policeman fired a third shot — this time aimed at the animal — and the tiger backed into the cage and the men locked the gate.

Otter admits violation over wetland conversion

BOISE (AP) — Idaho Lt. Gov. Butch Otter has filed legal documents admitting he violated the Clean Water Act by filling wetlands near Star without a permit.

But an unrepentant Otter said he will try to change the law if elected to Congress.

assistant regional counsel for the department, Congress set the maximum fine for such cases at \$137,500.

"We're only asking for 58 percent of what Congress authorized," Ryan said.

Otter had argued earlier the

water on his property is not related to the Boise River a quarter-mile away, because it just bubbles up from the ground.

But federal experts testified at a June hearing Otter's waterways rise and fall with the river's level, and flow directly back into the river.

"I'm hopeful the judge will throw the whole thing out and say, 'Hey, we're talking about private property, here,'" Otter said Friday. "Obviously, he's going to have a problem doing that."

Otter is the Republican candidate for the 1st Congressional District in northern and western Idaho.

Environmental Protection Agency Administrative Law Judge Carl Charneski is expected to rule within a month or two on Otter's case. The agency seeks an \$80,000 fine for Otter's third violation of the act in six years, all involving work he did on his property near the Boise River, where he has converted marshes into landscaped ponds.

Otter said the brief admits he polluted "waters of the United States" without a permit.

The document also argues the proposed \$80,000 fine is excessive, citing the U.S. Constitution's 8th Amendment guarantee against cruel and unusual punishment. It claims the agency has not justified such a steep fine, so no fine at all should be imposed.

The agency, which also filed briefs, pointed to cases in Colorado and Wisconsin in 1998 in which similar violations were found, and the fines were set at \$80,000 and \$90,000 respectively. Both involved first-time violators.

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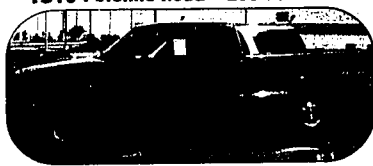
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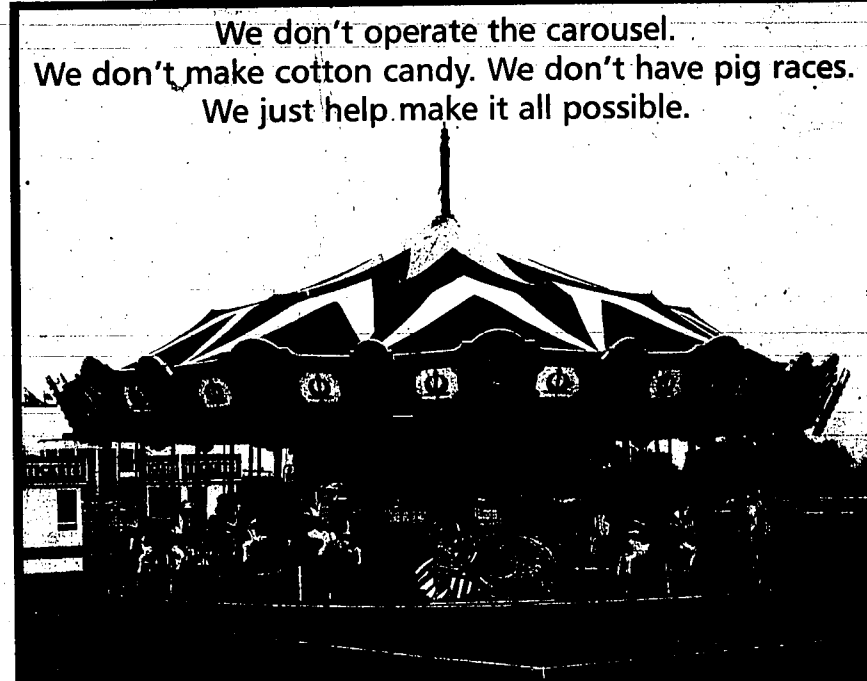
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MORNING LINE

SPORTSQUOTE

Terrible drive, terrible second shot, terrible third shot, and three terrible putts. Other than that, it was a great hole, thank you very much.

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—Tiger Woods, after his double-bogey on No. 15 Saturday at the Buick Open

TRIVIA

QUESTION:

What NHL goalie holds the record of 502 consecutive complete games?

...answer below

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

Golf

Coors Club Championship, at Twin Falls Municipal
 Ronald McDonald House tourney, at Jackpot, Nev.
Legion baseball
 Buhal at Northwest Regional A Tournament, in Lewiston

IN BRIEF

Kleinkopf, Undhjem grab early leads

TWIN FALLS — Brett Kleinkopf and Virginia Undhjem jumped out to early leads on Saturday in the first round of the Coors Club Championship at Twin Falls Municipal Golf Course.
 Kleinkopf shot a 66 in the championship flight to lead Filer's Nathan Stinson by three strokes, with Gary Jenkins and Cory Nunneley tied at 71 behind them. Undhjem, who fired an opening 74, holds a two-stroke lead over second-place golfer Jennifer Heuberg.

In the lower men's flights, Greg Lanting's 70 is tops in the first flight heading into today's final round. Scott Jerome opened with a 71. Andy Venn had a 72 and Todd Jones a 73. In the first flight lead after one round with a net 49.1, while ICGA president Donald Loos and his wife Mae were just .4 back with a 49.5. Next were Ken Lattimer and Jeanne Alban with a 49.7.
 Jim and Joyce Fleming carved out a first-day lead of their own with a 44.6 in the second flight, and Paul Miller, celebrating his 71st birthday, teamed with Jeanne Miller for a second-place 47.1. Third are Royce Kline and Jean Ferreira with a 47.2.
 Play resumes at 9 a.m. today with a shotgun start, and open play will follow.

Hitchcock, Johnson lead couples golf

TWIN FALLS — Bob Hitchcock and Jeanette Johnson teamed for a first-day net 51.6 Saturday to grab the lead at the Idaho Couples Golf Association Chapman at Candleridge Golf Course.

Reed and Sherran Dayton followed with a 52.1, and Gary and Kim Craighead shot a 52.8. Dave and Muriel Pettit of Burley took the first flight lead after one round with a net 49.1, while ICGA president Donald Loos and his wife Mae were just .4 back with a 49.5. Next were Ken Lattimer and Jeanne Alban with a 49.7.

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TRIVIA ANSWER:

Glen Hall

Buhl stays alive in Lewiston with 10-9 win

By Jeff Rosen
Times-News sports editor

LEWISTON — The football helmets are glistening and the cross-country running shoes are calling, but the Buhal American Legion Baseball team is making good on its pledge to extend its summer sports season at least one more day.
 "Riding the resilient arm of ace Seth Mathews and 5-for-5 swing of Cody Chandler at the Northwest Regional Class A Tournament, the Tribe shook off Friday's first-round loss to Lakeside of Washington state with a 10-9 decision on Saturday over Lebanon, Ore.
 The victory sets up a losers' bracket

Hanging tough

After losing its opener on Friday, the Buhal American Legion Baseball team dug in for a 10-9 comeback victory over Lebanon, Ore., on Saturday.
Other games: Lewis-Clark topped Anchorage, Alaska 12-0, and Bitterroot Valley, Mont., blanked Lakeside, Wash., 4-0.
What's next: The Tribe plays the loser of Saturday night's late Marysville, Wash. Powell, Wyo., matchup today at 5:30 Mountain Time. A win ensures Buhl a final four, trophy finish.

showdown pitting the Tribe against the loser of Saturday night's late contest

between Washington state champion Marysville and Powell, Wyo.

"One more day, at the very least, of baseball for Buhl."
 "We made it real interesting there at the end," said Buhl coach Lee Cline, whose team ground out an 8-3 lead, let it slip away and had to score twice atop the ninth to eke out the win. "Like I told the kids, if we were going to go down, we were going down guns blazing."

Mathews struck out 10 going the distance for Buhl (38-12), but his most critical work took place in the bottom of the ninth. He hung up the side there after handing Lebanon six runs — and what looked to be a damaging 9-8 lead — in the eighth.

"Seth's been great for us," Cline said. "I wasn't going to take him out. We were going to dance with the one that brought us."

Lebanon pitcher Justin McDowell also went the distance, but the Tribe applied its typically steady pressure throughout the game. Buhl posted two runs in the first when TJ Cline reached base on an error with two away, Sean Van Elderen was hit by a pitch and Chandler slapped his first hit of the day, a two-run double.

Buhl stretched its lead to 3-0 in the first on a Josh Prince walk, a Mathews single, a fielder's choice by Cory Hamilton and Sonny Thornbrough's RBI single.

Chandler's solo home run in the third Please see BURL Page C2

FIFTEEN AND FLYING

No record for Malchow: youth steals the show

The Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — With Tom Malchow leading the way, 15-year-old Michael Phelps became the youngest male swimmer in 68 years to earn a spot on the U.S. Olympic team Saturday night.

Malchow was on pace to break his own world record in the 200-meter butterfly before fading badly in the final 50 meters. He still got on the Olympic team with a winning time of 1 minute, 56.87 seconds — 1.69 off the mark he set June 17 in Charlotte, N.C.

"I got my ticket to Sydney," Malchow said. "Now, the battle begins. If I didn't make the team, that might have been my career."
 Closing fast, Phelps touched at 1:57.48 to earn the second Olympic berth. He becomes the youngest member of the men's team since 13-year-old Ralph Flanagan, who competed in the 1932 Los Angeles Games.

"Phelps is awesome," said Malchow, 23, of Ann Arbor, Mich. "I might have retired a little sooner, or with someone like that coming up. He didn't get caught up in the hype, which is a credit to him. He stuck to his game plan."

Phelps, a native of Baltimore to turn 15 on June 30, actually made the team with ease, cruising away from Jeff Somensanto (1:58.07).

"He doesn't know what it means to go to the Olympics and it's going to change his life," said Malchow, who was a silver medal as youngest man on the American team in 1996. "He's going to find out soon."

Cristina Teuscher of New York, who won gold in the Atlanta Games on a relay, dominated the women's 200 individual mix, reaching the finish in 2:13.36 to



Michael Phelps, of Baltimore, takes a breath as he swims in the finals of the men's 200-meter butterfly at the U.S. Olympic Swimming Trials in Indianapolis Saturday. Phelps finished in second with a time of 1:57.48, becoming the youngest male swimmer to make the Olympics in 68 years.

beat runner-up Gabrielle Rose (2:14.95) by nearly two seconds.

Rose made her second straight Olympic team — with two different countries. She represented Brazil in 1996 but now lives in Memphis, Tenn.

Lindsay Benko of Los Angeles captured the night's other final, the women's 200 freestyle. She swam 2:00.45 to edge Rada Owen of Chesterfield, Va., who claimed the second spot at 2:00.54 over a fading Samantha Arsenault of Peabody, Mass.

"It wasn't my best time, but I got my hand on the wall first," the 23-year-old Benko said. "I wish everybody could feel what I'm feeling now. I've been swimming for 17 years and I couldn't imagine what my life would be like without it."

Arsenault, who had the fastest time Friday in both the preliminaries and semifinals, had her slowest time (2:00.79) of those three races. She will still go to Sydney for the relay.

Malchow's trip to the Olympics

seemed a formality; the sellout crowd at the Indiana University Natatorium wanted a world record.

Malchow was nearly a half-second out under the pace as he made the final turn, but he couldn't sustain it.

"Everybody was expecting to see a world record. I was trying to provide one, but I got a little too caught up in it," he said. "At times, it's a lot hanging on my head. I put myself in position where a lot was expected of me."

Tiger stays tame at Buick Open

No run for Woods at Valhalla warmup

The Associated Press

GRAND BLANC, Mich. — Maybe it was the guy with the large plastic tiger glued to the top of his hat. Or, the roaring, roaming crowds.

How else to explain why Tiger Woods couldn't make a move in the third round of the Buick Open on Saturday.

More golf — Not only did the best golfer on the planet not make a run at the lead, he didn't even win his group.

Woods, paired with Phil Mickelson, shot a Sunday-par 67 for a three-round total of 11-under 207 on the Warwick Hills Golf and Country Club course. Mickelson, one of the few who can drive the ball as far as Woods, shot a 65 for a 205 total.

"I missed my share of opportunities today," said Woods, playing his first tournament since winning the British Open at St. Andrews to complete the career Grand Slam.

Chris Perry, who shot a 65 for a 201 total, took a one-stroke lead over Rocco Mediate into Sunday's final round.

Woods, six strokes off the pace, didn't seem worried about the 15th hole, after all, the Buick Open. It's the PGA



Championship — which starts Thursday — that really matters to Woods, who, with a win at Valhalla, would become the first player since Ben Hogan in 1953 to win three professional majors in one season.

"You have to remember, you need your game to peak at the right time," Woods said. "Next week is the right time."
 Which isn't to say he isn't trying to win this weekend. He is. There were ample signs of that during this up-and-down round.

Woods and Mickelson started the day tied at 4 under, 10 strokes behind second-round

leader Woody Austin. A three-putt first green set the tone for Woods. Mickelson, meanwhile, birdied the first four holes.

That got the crowd into it.

"He had such a great start," said Ed LaCross, a Dow Chemical Co. worker from Midland who followed the pair. "That's why I started cheering for Mickelson. You could almost feel that energy."

The thousands of spectators following them saw both long hitters pull out their drivers repeatedly, often booming drives in excess of 330 yards. At the 335-Please see GOLF, Page C2

Liberty make some noise in Mystics' house

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — In the noisiest arena in the WNBA, against a team making its playoff debut, the New York Liberty got off to a perfect start.

The Liberty made their first five shots to take a 12-2 lead, quieting the crowd and rattling the Mystics.

WNBA playoffs
 New York then held off a late rally to beat the postseason newcomers 72-63 Saturday night in Game 1 of the Eastern Conference playoffs.

"The start killed us," Washington interim coach Darrell Walker said. "They were flat. They lacked intensity. To get out 15, 16 points. We spent all our energy to get back into the basketball game."

Vickie Johnson and Tari Phillips scored 20 points apiece for the top-seeded Liberty, who will be home for Game 2 on Monday night. Game 3, if necessary, will also be in New York, where the Liberty have won 10 in a row.

A deafening crowd of 16,331, including part-owner Michael Jordan, welcomed the Mystics on the floor. But the Liberty dominated early, overcoming the full court press to lead by as many as



Houston guard Cynthia Cooper, right, goes up for the shot over Sacramento center Valanda Griffith during Game 1 of their Western Conference WNBA playoff series Saturday.

18 in the first half, and by 40-28 at halftime.

"It helped us tremendously to get out of the box early," New York coach Richie Adubato said. "With this club, there is no lead that is safe, because Darrell has Please see WNBA, Page C2

SPORTS

Colts blank Saints for rare shutout victory

WEST LAFAYETTE, Ind. (AP) — Peyton Manning, who saw little action in the first two exhibition games, passed for 106 yards and a touchdown in Indianapolis' 17-0 victory over New Orleans.

It was the first Colts preseason shutout victory in 11 years, and the Saints' first preseason shutout loss in 20 years.

Egerrin James, who did not play in a loss at Seattle last week, rushed for 53 yards, including a 29-yard carry.

The Colts (1-2) led 14-0 lead after three quarters, then stopped the Saints (1-2) in the final period with interceptions by Mustafah Muhammad, Patrick Sapp and David Macklin.



Detroit running back James Stewart (34) dives into the end zone for a one-yard touchdown run against the Buffalo Bills in first-quarter preseason action at the Pontiac Silverdome Saturday.

yards for a touchdown. Rookie Chad Pennington, who took over for Testaverde, left with a sprained left knee after going 5-for-12 for 61 yards.

Chargers 31, Vikings 7

SAN DIEGO — Rookie Ronney Jenkins was a one-man highlight show for the otherwise uninspiring San Diego Chargers. Jenkins scored on his second 86-yard kickoff return in as many games and powered his way for a 2-yard touchdown as the Chargers scored the final 31 points to beat the Minnesota Vikings 31-7 Saturday night with virtually no contributions from the first-team offense.

Ryan Leaf made his first competitive appearance in San Diego since midway through his trou-

bled rookie season of 1998, leading the Chargers (2-0) on one scoring drive, although it was only a 5-yard drive thanks to Scott Turner's interception of a deflected pass by Daunte Culpepper.

Bears 19, Browns 6

CHICAGO — Jaret Holmes made two long field goals and Eddie Kennison caught a 41-yard touchdown pass from Cade McNown as Chicago beat Cleveland.

Holmes, who was the Bears' kicker in the season finale a year ago, hit from 54 yards on the final play of the first half to give Chicago (2-0) a 13-6 lead. He also made a 48-yarder. Chicago intercepted Tim Couch three times in the first half. Cleveland dropped to 1-1.



Colts running back Edgerlin James outruns New Orleans' safety Sammy Knight, left, and jumps over a Colts blocker during the first quarter Saturday.

Lions 15, Bills 13

PONFIAK, Mich. — Jason Hanson made a 50-yard field goal with 5:42 remaining to lift Detroit past Buffalo.

James Stewart scored on a 1-yard run and Hanson added a 3-yarder for the Lions (1-1), who also got two points on a safety.

Rob Johnson, who played into the third quarter, hooked up with Eric Moulds on a 72-yard touchdown pass play for Buffalo (1-1).

Ravens 10, Jets 0

BALTIMORE — Vinny Testaverde's first pass was intercepted for a touchdown, and the former Baltimore quarterback lasted only two series before leaving with an injured toe as the Ravens beat the New York Jets 10-0 on Saturday night.

The extent of the injury was not immediately known. Testaverde, who entered in the second quarter, completed one of three passes for 10 yards and was sacked twice. His first pass was intercepted by Chris McAlister and returned 33

new quarterback, a new coach and a new role as underdogs in the AFC East.

"It's awesome, because no one is giving me much of a shot," Thomas said. "It's different, but it's good. Any time it's a group against the world, it makes the group stronger."

Don Shula came to town in 1970, then coached the Dolphins to a perfect season two years later, and they've been one of the NFL's marquee franchises since. With only two losing seasons in 30 years, the Dolphins have been perennial playoff contenders while ranking among the league leaders in TV ratings, memorabilia sales and Hall of Fame inductees.

Now they're Marino-less, Johnson-less and faceless.

New coach Dave Wannstedt and quarterback Damon Huard inspire about as much fan fervor as the Florida Marlins, who might actually have a better shot at a

.500 finish.

"Nothing stays the same," linebacker Derrick Rodgers said. "Eventually Dan was going to leave and Jimmy was going to leave. It's just a matter of everybody realizing that sooner or later we have to come out of the shadow. We're going to surprise a lot of people. Don't overlook the Dolphins."

They're easy to overlook. Miami has a couple of Pro Bowl defenders in Zach Thomas and Sam Madison, but the best-known player on offense is Thurman Thomas, an aging reserve who made his name running roughshod over the Dolphins and others for the Buffalo Bills.

"People see the Dolphins and say, 'They don't have anybody on their team,'" Rodgers said. "We've got the popularity of Johnson and Marino declined a bit at the end of last season,

which ended with a 62-7 playoff loss at Jacksonville.

Attendance at training camp practices is unchanged from a year ago, and the Dolphins have sold more than 58,000 season tickets, a slight decrease from last year, but the fourth-highest total since Pro Player Stadium opened in 1987.

Support could fade quickly if the Dolphins start slowly. But Wannstedt says their situation is similar to many teams.

"All you've got to do is look around the league at the changes that have taken place just in the last two years — no Marino, no John Elway, no Steve Young," Wannstedt said. "And with coaching — Jimmy, Dick Vermeil, Bill Parcells, Mike Ditka — changes are happening all over the league."

"I've talked to our team and coaches about this. All that matters on Sunday is how well we play."

No Marino, no Monday Night for Miami

MIAMI (AP) — For years, a Monday night home game has been almost as much a part of the Miami Dolphins' season as Dan Marino.

"My wife was talking about taking our son to the Monday night game here this year," receiver Lamar Thomas said. "I said, 'We don't have one.' She said, 'What do you mean?' I said, 'Dan Marino's gone. All the big-name people are gone.'"

For the first time since 1989, there's no regular-season Monday night game in Miami — a subtle signal from NFL schedule-makers that the Dolphins' star power has faded.

A franchise long led by larger-than-life personalities faces a celebrity void for the first time since the AFL expansion days of the late 1960s, when Joe Auer and Wahoo McDaniel were the team's biggest names.

With the retirement of Marino and Jimmy Johnson, Miami has a

point play and followed with two no more free throws to put New York back ahead 58-55. Holderslaw tied it again by drawing the foul on a fast-break layup for a 3-point play with 3:44 remaining, but Tami Whitmore sealed the next possession to put the Liberty back ahead for good.

Turnovers were a problem for the Mystics during the stretch as the Liberty scored 10 of the game's final 12 points.

McCray had seven of Washington's 17 turnovers, and Holderslaw had four.

Vicky Buller led Washington with 22 points and five blocks. McCray had 15 points and 11 rebounds, and Holderslaw had 18 points and eight rebounds. "We've got nothing to lose," Walker said. "We're down 1-0. We're going to press and press in New York City, the whole game. They're going to have to beat us our way."

Comets 72, Monarchs 64

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — Cynthia Cooper scored 25 points in the three-time defending WNBA champion Houston Comets' victory over Sacramento on Saturday.

Game 2 of the best-of-three series is Monday night in Houston. If necessary, a third game will be Tuesday in Houston. The Comets are 11-3 in the playoffs in the four-year history of the league.

Was it because he was a Tiger fan, or because he wanted some good times rolling at least one more day. Ryan Wagner will start on the mound today when Buhl takes the field again at 5:30 p.m. "If Wagner does well, and we hit the ball like we should, that puts us in the final four," Cline said. "That's what we're looking for."

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them playing the way he used to play.

The Mystics, spurred by some solid defensive stops, tied it at 53 on Nikki McCray's baseline drive for a layup with 5:45 to play. Chamique Holderslaw then gave Washington the first lead of the game by drawing a foul and hitting two free throws on the next possession.

Phillips then converted a 3-

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made it 4-0.

Lebron recovered one in the third and two in the fourth to make it 4-3, but Mathews led off the sixth with a triple and scored on Thornborrow's sacrifice fly, and the lead swelled to 8-3 in the seventh. Van Elderen doubled, Chandler singled and Jeff Watts rapped a base hit before Van Elderen. Prince followed with a walk, Chandler came

home on a passed ball and Wagner hit into a double play that still scored a run.

The tables turned drastically in the eighth, however, when Lebron battered Mathews for four straight base hits en route to a six-run swing.

"He got a strikeout to get out of inning, but now we're down 9-8," Cline said. "We knew we had to get started."

Chandler, Walker and Prince

all singled to lead the bases with one out in the ninth. Wagner hit what appeared to be a double-play ball, but he legged out the throw and the tying run scored in Chandler. Mathews followed with a ground ball that was bobbed by the Lebanon third baseman, and Walker raced home for the go-ahead run.

"We got a couple breaks late," Cline said.

Now the Tribe hope to keep

tiger on top.

Was it because he was a Tiger fan, or because he wanted some laughs?

"A little bit of both," Drilnicka said. "I get more laughs walking around here than playing any club."

Woods' explosion from the stand didn't check up, rolling to the back of the green. Three putts later, he had double-bogey and was back to 8-under.

Golf

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yard 12th. Woods drives his ball through the green — while John Cook and Tim Herron were still putting.

"Well, they're waving us on, now," Mickelson said with a laugh as he teed his ball.

Woods finally pulled even with Mickelson, at 10, under, with a birdie at 14, a 322-yard hole he almost eagled after reaching

the green with a driver off the tee. That really sent the crowd into a frenzy.

"I really enjoy playing with Tiger," Mickelson said. "But about one day of that every other month is enough. I can't imagine how he does that day in and day out. It's amazing. People just don't understand what he's done for the game of golf."

But that was Tiger's last hurrah. For this day, at least.

Woods pulled his drive right, under a white birch tree on No. 15. The trunk of the tree hindered his backswing and Woods found a greenside bunker with his second shot.

On his way to examine the damage, Woods had to walk past Bob Drilnicka of Homer, who has recently launched a standup comedy career. Drilnicka was sitting cross-legged, wearing a wide-brim straw hat with an orange

LOCAL SPORTS IN BRIEF

Make-up soccer rules clinic is Monday

TWIN FALLS — A make-up rules clinic for high school soccer will be held Monday at 7 p.m. in the Twin Falls High School faculty lounge. Registration, \$30, begins at 6:45. The clinic fee is \$10. For more information, call John Jacobson at 734-3151.

Gulles takes Rupert CC ladies club title

RUPERT — Diann Gulles fired an 82 to win the championship flight gross title at the Rupert Country Club Ladies Club Championship. Brenda Sanford carded a 65 for first net.

Second gross went to Wilma Shockey (84), while Judy Cutler's, 68 was good for second net. Penny Berg (95) and Debi Hondo (99), topped the first flight gross, and Debbie Renz (65) and Marilyn-Hess and Barbara Carney, who each recorded 71s, tied for second net. In the second flight, it was Belva Heinze (109) and Pat Adams (114) atop the gross scoring, with Karen Arritt, Johnnie Deblaquiere and Carla Blincoe all tied with 73 on the net side.

Vineyard Greens hosts best ball Aug. 19

GLENN'S FERRY — Vineyard Greens will host the annual Diamond Laundry Two-Person Best Ball on Saturday, Aug. 19. There is a seven-stroke spread between men and 10-stroke spread between ladies and couples. Cost is \$30 per person, and there is also a mandatory. The event begins with a shotgun start at 9 a.m., with a complimentary tea bar to follow play. For more information, call the course at 366-7531.

Declo HS volleyball tryouts start Monday

DECLO — The Declo High School volleyball team will conduct tryouts for girls in grades 9-12 Monday from 8-10 a.m. and Tuesday from 7-9 a.m. at the school gymnasium.

Ellingham wins Burley club tournament

BURLEY — Doris Ellingham won first place in the Burley Ladies League Club Champion Tournament Tuesday at Burley Golf Course.

Diann Gulles finished second and Sergene Jensen placed third. Shirley Stoker took top first flight honors. Next week's play will be Least Putts.

Register now for TFTA Team Tennis

TWIN FALLS — Registration for the Aug. 18-20 Twin Falls Tennis Association's Team Tennis Classic is now open, and will continue through Monday, Aug. 14.

Playoff format, sponsored by Robert C. Welch, MD, the Center for Physical Rehabilitation and Dr. Mike Zigich and family, will be played in Twin Falls. Teams will have a minimum of four players (two women and two men) and a maximum of six (three women, three men). Each team will play six matches: one men's singles, one men's doubles, one women's singles, one women's doubles and one mixed doubles. Players without a team will be placed on one. Tournament entry forms are available at Ace Printing, Elevation Sports, CJB's Frame and Gallery and the YFCA. To register, volunteer or obtain more details, call Tom Schmidt (732-4917) or Eric Riedl (733-4917).

Jerome Rec sponsors soccer camp

JEROME — The Jerome Recreation District along with co-sponsors Challenger Sports and British Soccer present several week-long youth soccer camps at Forsyth Park.

Children aged 4-5 can sign up for mini-soccer, which runs from 9:10-10 a.m. or 10:40-11 a.m. to 12:10 p.m. Half-day camps for ages 6-10 run from 9 a.m. to noon. For ages 11-18, the half-day camp is 1-4 p.m. Full-day camps for ages 10-18 are from 9 a.m. to noon and 1-4 p.m.

All participants receive a free soccer ball, trading cards and T-shirt. Free clinics for interested parents and coaches will be presented after camps each day.

For more information on camps and prices, call the recreation office at 324-3389. Online, visit www.challengersports.com.

Compiled from staff reports

Don't mess with Henman

First Sampras, now Kuerten at Tennis Masters Series



MASON, Ohio (AP) — Tim Henman followed up his upset of the defending Wimbledon champion, the French Open champion, Henman, who beat Pete Sampras earlier in the week, advanced to the final of the Tennis Masters Series-Cincinnati with a 6-7 (11), 6-4, 7-6 (0) victory over Brazil's Gustavo Kuerten on Saturday.

"It's not by any means a fluke," Henman said. "I said at the end of last year things needed to be changed and I had a plan for my career. Now I'm reaping the rewards from that hard work."

The British star will face Sweden's Thomas Enqvist in the final. Enqvist, seeded seventh, beat France's Arnaud Clement 6-2, 6-2.

"I felt very good, played solid and served well today," Enqvist said. "I'm happy with the way I played."

Unseeded Clement went into the semifinal as the only player who had not lost a set this week, while knocking off three seeded players.

"It was a good week for me, but not tonight," Clement said. "So many mistakes."

Henman is a four-time tour winner but has not won a title since 1998. Enqvist has 16 wins but none this year.

Serena's too much for Hings at style.com

MANHATTAN BEACH, Calif. — Strength and power were the decisive ingredients for Serena Williams against Martina Hings.

Williams, the defending champion and fifth seed, rallied for a 4-6, 6-2, 6-3 victory over Hings, the world's top-ranked player, in Saturday's semifinals of the

Tennis



Tim Henman hits a volley against Gustavo Kuerten in a semifinal match at the Tennis Masters Series Cincinnati tournament Saturday. Henman won 6-7, 6-4, 7-6.

estyle.com Classic.

The 18-year-old Williams, ranked No. 7 in the world, lost only eight points in her five service games in the third set — four in the final game — but expressed disappointment in her serve.

"I did not serve well, but I was able to come out on top, I like that," Williams said. "She's No. 1, so I beat the top player in the world."

Williams will face Lindsay Davenport, ranked second in the world, in today's final at the Manhattan Country Club.

The second-seeded Davenport eliminated Elena Dementieva 6-4, 6-4 Saturday night for her fourth straight-set win in as many life-time matches against the 18-year-old Russian.

Williams has beaten Davenport four straight times after losing the first match between the two in 1997. The winner will earn \$87,000; the loser collects \$43,500.

"It's going to be tough," the 24-year-old Davenport said.

SPORTS

SCORES AND STATS.

BASEBALL

American League Boxes

Table with columns for team names (Boston, Baltimore, Detroit, Kansas City, Cleveland, Chicago, Tampa Bay, New York Yankees, Toronto, Oakland Athletics, Seattle Mariners, Anaheim, Houston Astros, St. Louis Cardinals, Pittsburgh Pirates, Cincinnati Reds, Philadelphia Phillies, Milwaukee Brewers, San Diego Padres, San Francisco Giants, Los Angeles Dodgers, Colorado Rockies, Arizona Diamondbacks, Florida Marlins, Montreal Expos) and rows for W, L, P, GB, and various statistics.

AL Standings

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SPORTS



The Cardinals' Jim Edmonds (15) celebrates with teammates after hitting a three-run home run in Minneapolis, July 17. In his hometown of Anaheim, Edmonds was known as a showboat outfielder who poisoned the clubhouse. In St. Louis, he has become one of the most popular players and has helped put the Cardinals in first place in the National League Central Division.

Edmonds loving life with the Cardinals

ST. LOUIS (AP) — Jim Edmonds left his bad-boy rap back in Anaheim.

When he was with the Angels, many thought he was a showboat outfielder who timed his spectacular catches for maximum effect, a malingering and clubhouse poison. Even when he missed the second half of last season with a knee injury, the team's failures were his fault.

"I was being blamed for having the manager fired — and I wasn't even at the stadium for three months," he said.

In St. Louis, he's the people's choice, the man who's replacing the missing offense of injured Mark McGwire. He's pictured in a national publication with the city's two MVPs, Kurt Warner of the Rams and Chris Pronger of the Blues.

The implication? Edmonds could be an MVP, too.

"Things," he said, "are very different here."

McGwire warmed Edmonds during spring training.

"There's no other place to play

Major League notebook

in the country," McGwire said then. "You'll see how these fans appreciate baseball players."

St. Louis, eager to prevent Edmonds from becoming a free agent, agreed in May to a \$57 million, six-year contract extension, the longest deal in Cardinals' history.

He's already bought a home in St. Louis County. Joining the Cardinals has improved his stature — helped by big numbers: a .317 average, 32 homers and 80 RBIs.

To him, it's more about timing — time zones.

"We're not playing at midnight on the East Coast," he said. "I've had people tell me they've never seen Anaheim play a baseball game, and their scores are never in the paper the next day, and they're on 'SportsCenter' when I'm in bed."

"I think you get a little more

exposure here, especially with Mark here and what he's done and what the city has done."

Heading into the weekend, Edmonds led the major leagues with 104 runs and needed just one more homer to match his career high set in 1995 on Thursday, his two-out double in the ninth inning gave St. Louis a 5-4 win over Colorado.

"He's a big-time candidate for MVP," Cardinals batting coach Mike Easler said. "Take him off our ballclub, see where we'd be."

Life after Wrigley
Frank Castillo has come a long way since he won a job as Toronto's fifth starter in spring training. He has won eight games in a row and his 3.91 earned-run average is the league's top 10.

Royals manager Tony Muser complimented Castillo after his latest victory. "He's probably their best pitcher right now," he said, overlooking 17-game winner David Wells.

Castillo, 31, has been stunned by his success. "Kind of blows me away," he said. "I certainly never won eight in a row before. Just enjoying the ride."

Whispers

No pitcher has won the AL Rookie of the Year Award since Gregg Olson in 1989, but Minnesota's Mark Redman could change that. The lefty started the year in the bullpen but has won 10 games, including four of his last five starts. ... Don't be surprised if the White Sox or another contender gives Ken Hill, released by Anaheim, a chance. He worked through the fifth in four of five starts after the All-Star break. ... Mike Mussina turned down five years, \$60 million from Baltimore and is believed to be looking for at least six years, \$84 million. The White Sox have a great relationship with his agent, Aron Tellem, but it's hard to see how they could add a \$14 million salary given the existing costs to keep the team together. ... Cal Ripken Jr. hopes to be back Aug. 21, and his health down the stretch could determine whether he retires next year.

White Sox douse Devil Rays in 10 innings

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. (AP) — Carlos Lee homered and drove in the go-ahead run with a 10th-inning sacrifice fly as the Chicago White Sox beat the Tampa Bay Devil Rays 5-4 Saturday.

Magglio Ordonez, who went 4-for-4 with two RBIs, opened the 10th with a single off Roberto Hernandez (3-4).

4), took second on Mike DiFelice's passed ball, advanced on a balk and scored on Lee's fly to left.

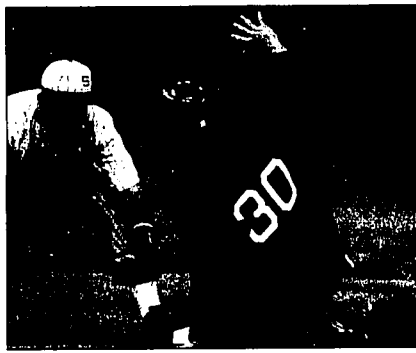
Indians 5, Mariners 4

SEATTLE — Bartolo Colon (11-8) struck out eight in seven innings, allowing just four hits as Cleveland rallied from a 2-0 deficit to win for the eighth time in 10 games.

Kenny Lofton put the Indians ahead 3-2 in the fifth against John Halama as he circled the bases on his double — center fielder Mike Cameron kicked it and shortstop Alex Rodriguez threw wildly to third for a double error.

Athletics 9, Tigers 5

OAKLAND, Calif. — Jason Giambi hit his 30th home run and Ben Grievie added a three-run



Chicago's Magglio Ordonez (30) steals second base as Tampa Bay's Miguel Cairo tries for the tag in the tenth inning Saturday. Ordonez later scored the go-ahead run in the White Sox's 5-4 win.

homer as Oakland stopped a six-game losing streak.

Tim Hudson (13-4) took a one-hit shutout in the seventh, then was chased and wound up allowing four runs and five hits in six-plus innings.

National League

Rodriguez (4-2), Mike Hampton (12-7) improved to 9-0 lifetime against San Francisco.

Reds 3, Cubs 0

CHICAGO — Jason LaRue homered twice and Ken Griffey Jr. reached 100 RBIs for the fifth straight season, leading Scott Williamson and the Reds past the Cubs. Williamson (5) pitched seven shutout innings, striking out Sammy Sosa three times in a row.

Cardinals 2, Brewers 1

MILWAUKEE — Will Clark drew a two-out, bases-loaded walk from Curtis Leskanen in the 12th inning as the St. Louis Cardinals beat the Milwaukee Brewers. The Cardinals' lead in the NL Central stayed at 4.5 games over Cincinnati. Their division lead hasn't been smaller than four games since June 13.

Twins 6, Blue Jays 3

MINNEAPOLIS — Rookie Mark Redman (11-5) allowed one run and six hits in six strong innings and Torii Hunter hit a two-run homer off Esteban Loaiza (6-9) as Minnesota won for the sixth time

Braves 4, Dodgers 1

ATLANTA — Chipper Jones hit his first home run in 77 at-bats, a two-run shot, and Greg Maddux pitched 6 1/3 strong innings as the Atlanta Braves beat the Los Angeles Dodgers. Jones, the reigning NL MVP, broke out of 1-for-27 slump — the worst of his career — with a go-ahead RBI double in a five-run eighth inning in Friday night's 7-2 win over Los Angeles.

Phillies 3, Astros 2

PHILADELPHIA — Robert Person pitched 7 1/3 strong innings and the Philadelphia Phillies beat the Houston Astros in a game delayed nearly 2.5 hours by rain.

It was the Phillies' first home win against Houston in eight games, dating back to Aug. 17, 1998.

Pirates 9, Diamondbacks 6

PITTSBURGH — Kevin Young's infield single turned into a run as third baseman Matt Williams threw wildly in the seventh inning, ending Pittsburgh's six-game losing streak against

San Annika Sorenstam after the third round of the du Maurier Classic.

Lane, who won the Michelob Light Classic last week for her first LPGA title, matched Sorenstam at 6-under 210 on the Royal Ottawa course. Sorenstam shot a 72.

Mary Hallon (72) and Diana D'Alesio (73) were tied for third at 213, and Juli Inkster (74) and Trish Johnson (70) followed at 214.

It's Orr over Monty at British Masters

WOBURN, England — Scotland's Gary Orr shot a 4-under-par 68 to take a two-stroke lead over countryman Colin Montgomerie after the third

in 10 games.

Rangers 6, Red Sox 3

ARLINGTON, Texas — Ricky Ledece hit a fourth-inning grand slam to back Rick Helling and the Texas Rangers handed Boston its fifth loss in seven games.

Ledece homered off the fourth off Tim Wakefield (6-7), his second career slam and 10th homer of the season, his first since Texas acquired him from Cleveland on July 28. Ledece added a sacrifice fly in the eighth for his fifth RBI, matching his career high.

Orioles 12, Royals 11

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Albert Belle hit a two-out, two-run homer to cap a four-run ninth inning, and the Baltimore Orioles overcame Jermaine Dye's six RBIs to beat the Kansas City Royals.

Kansas City trailed 8-3 in the fifth before taking an 11-8 lead in the eighth on a two-run single by Dave of Buddy Groom (5-3) and Mark Quinn's RBI single.

Delino DeShields hit a two-run single off Jerry Spradlin in the ninth and Belle followed with a homer off Ricky Bottalico (7-4), who blew a save for the seventh time in 20 chances.

Curt Schilling and rallying the Pirates past Arizona.

Schilling (9-7) had been 3-0 since the trade to Arizona and was 9-1 in his last 10 starts against the Pirates before allowing five runs and eight hits in seven innings.

Rockies 14, Expos 2

MONTREAL — Jeff Cirillo went 4-for-6 with a career-high seven RBIs and Larry Walker had his fourth four-hit game of the season to lead the Colorado Rockies over the Montreal Expos. Colorado, which on May 3 set a team record with 24 hits in a 167-run of the Euse at Coors Field, had 22 hits off five pitchers.

Padres 2, Marlins 1

MIAMI — Eric Owens blooped a single with two outs in the 10th inning to break a scoreless tie and send the San Diego Padres past the Florida Marlins. After Owens singled off Antonio Alfonseca (4-5), Mike Dart followed with an RBI double. Kevin Walkey (5-0) pitched one inning for the victory.

Welsh boxer retains title in WBO bout

WEMBLEY, England — Joe Calzaghe overwhelmed Omar Shelka with a barrage of punches for a fifth-round TKO on Saturday to defend his WBO super-middleweight title for the sixth time.

Benny's boner nearly costs Mets the game

NEW YORK GORK — Benny Agbayani's yank cost the New York Mets just a run, not the game.

Agbayani allowed a run to score when he handed the ball to a 7-year-old fan in the stands when there were only two outs, but the Mets rallied to beat the San Francisco Giants 3-2 on Todd Zeile's two-run double in the seventh inning.

Down 1-0 in the fourth, the Giants loaded the bases with one out and Bobby Estalella hit a lazy fly to left field. Agbayani ran toward the line to make the catch.

With Jeff Kent tagging from third and scoring, Agbayani jogged toward the seats and handed the ball to Jake Burns, who broke into a big smile.

As soon as Agbayani gave the ball away, another fan appeared to shout that there were only two outs, but it was too late. Agbayani grabbed the ball back from the fan and threw it to the infield, but the runners were given two extra bases on the error.

Zeile doubled off Felix

Golf

started the third round two shots back at 6 under.

Fleisher, seeking his fifth victory of the year, felt fortunate to be in front.

"I'm not that comfortable with this golf course, especially when it's this windy," Fleisher said. "I think my experience and a bit of patience helped me through it."

Jenkins, the second-round leader at 8 under, shot a 70.

Two share du Maurier Classic lead

LYLMEER, Quebec — Canada's Lorie Kane shot a 1-under-par 71 to pull into a tie with Swedish

Fleisher steps to the forefront at Senior

WINNIPEG, Manitoba (AP) — Bruce Fleisher made a 20-foot birdie putt from the fringe on the last hole Saturday for a share of St. Charles Golf and Country Club's Senior Open.

Fleisher, the Senior PGA Tour's top money winner this season with just over \$1.8 million, is tied with Tom Jenkins at 10-under 206 through 54 holes at St. Charles Golf and Country Club.

"I surprised the heck out of me when it went in," said Fleisher, referring to the long putt on the par-5 18th that capped off a round of 4-under 68. "I got it rolling pretty good. I'm just glad it hit the center of the hole."

On Friday, Fleisher had a disastrous final hole, stumbling in with a double-bogey. So instead of being tied with the leaders, he

SPORTS IN BRIEF

Holyfield fights to a unanimous decision

LAS VEGAS — Evander Holyfield, showing signs of age and ring wear, battled back in the late rounds Saturday to win a unanimous decision over John Ruiz and become the first boxer in history to win both light and heavyweight title fights.

At the age of 37, Holyfield displayed only flashes of the fighter who beat the likes of Mike Tyson and Riddick Bowe, going 12 rounds before winning the WBA title vacated by Lennox Lewis.

Fighting a boxer who had never been in a title fight before, Holyfield won by only one point on two ringside scorecards and, four points on a third. He fought best in the final round, when he battered a tiring Ruiz to seemingly pulp the fight out.

Montana freestyle skier soars Down Under

MT. BULLER, Australia — World and Olympic aerials champion Eric Bergoust of the United States edged compatriot Jerry Grossi in the opening round Saturday of the 2000-2001 Freestyle World Cup at Mt. Buller.

Bergoust, a native of Missoula, Mont., scored 250.3 events to clinch the first round in Australia's Victorian Alps. Grossi placed second on 248 points, with Canadian Steven Omisch placing third on 226 points.

No Niners-Falcons: Rams-Titans hit MNF

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — The Vince Lombardi trophy won't be on the line, the starters won't play more than a half and the game doesn't even count. People likely will be more interested in how Dennis Miller performs in the ABC booth.

Monday night's Super Bowl rematch with the St. Louis Rams visiting the Tennessee Titans has its own magic. The Titans' last Monday night game was in 1994. The drought is even longer for the Rams (1-0). They were playing in Anaheim in 1991 when they lost a 33-10 game to San Francisco during a 3-13 season.

Kats top SaberCats, march to ArenaBowl

SAN JOSE, Calif. — The Nashville Kats don't seem to have too much trouble winning on the road. That bodes well for them next week in the ArenaBowl.

The sixth-seeded Kats upset the top-seeded San Jose SaberCats 51-42 on Saturday to advance to the championship game. Their opponent will be decided today when the fifth-seeded Arizona Rattlers and the second-seeded Orlando Predators play.

Memorial to Stewart pleases his mother

SPRINGFIELD, Mo. — A statue of the late golf star Payne Stewart was dedicated Saturday in his hometown, with Stewart's mother pronouncing the bronze memorial "perfect."

See Payne-Stewart said she was pleased with "the expression on his face, and the fact that it's so huge, because he was a huge person." Lora Thomas, the late golfer's sister, spread some of his ashes around the statue's base.

'Jordan of Rodeo' makes Hall of Fame

DENVER — Ty Murray, considered the Michael Jordan of rodeo, was inducted Saturday into the Pro Rodeo Hall of Fame.

The 30-year-old seven-time World Champion All-around cowboy was surprised to get the honor since his rodeo days are far from over. "I think it's neat because I'll get to enjoy that for the rest of my life," said Murray, who flew from a bull riding competition in Oklahoma City to attend the ceremony in Colorado Springs.

Wilt's ball returns to the auction block

PHILADELPHIA — The ball that Wilt Chamberlain might have used in his NBA-record 100 points is back on the auction block.

In May, the ball's sale was called off because of questions about its authenticity. The disputed ball will be back at Leland's auction house in New York Sept. 21 and 22 with a notarized affidavit from nine spectators at the historic game between Chamberlain's Philadelphia Warriors and the New York Knicks at Hershey, Pa.

Robinson works out for Carolina Panthers

SPARTANBURG, S.C. — Safety Eugene Robinson, a three-time Pro Bowler, worked out Saturday for the Carolina Panthers.

Robinson, 37, is a 15-year NFL veteran who has played for Atlanta, Seattle and Green Bay. He was the league's active leader in interceptions with 56 but was not re-signed by the Falcons after last season and became a free agent.

Defensive tackle Mercer to miss season

BETHLEHEM, Pa. — Philadelphia Eagles defensive tackle Grady Mercer will miss the entire NFL season after tearing a tripe muscle in practice Saturday.

Mercer signed a two-year contract with the Eagles July 18 and had impressed coaches throughout training camp with his quickness. Mercer, Paul Gasmanis and Kelly Gregg were competing for a backup defensive tackle spot. In two preseason games, Mercer had 10 tackles.

Labonte earns rainy Watkins Glen pole

WATKINS GLEN, N.Y. (AP) — Bobby Labonte was hoping to get some help in his attempt to win for the first time on a road course.

He got far more than he could have expected Saturday, awarded the pole after qualifying was rained out for the second time in 24 hours at Watkins Glen International.

It was a case of being in front — in the Winston Cup standings, that is — that put Labonte in front.

Nearly as fortunate was series champion Dale Jarrett, who starts the Global Crossing today alongside Labonte because he's second in points.

"I don't know if we could have won the pole or not," Labonte said. "At least we were better than we have been here."

For that, he can thank Joe Gibbs Racing teammate Tony Stewart, who tested earlier this month on the 2.45-mile road course. Labonte, whose best road-course finishes are a trio of fourths, got his second pole of the season and the 20th of his career.

Schumacher wins pole for Hungarian Grand Prix

BUDAPEST, Hungary — Michael Schumacher won the pole Saturday for the Hungarian Grand Prix, while his McLaren teammate David Coulthard won impressively fast his Ferrari looked.

"I don't think time is too important here," David Coulthard said. "It's simply the nature of the track. It's bumpy. You can get stuck. That's why you have big margins."

But Schumacher, clinging to a two-point lead in the drivers' race, came out on a hot day and produced a best qualifying lap time of 1 minute, 17.514 seconds, on his first trip around the track. He missed that mark by only 0.002 seconds on a later spin.

The two McLarens weren't close. Coulthard was second, 0.372 seconds behind, and two-time world champion Mika Hakkinen was 0.408 back.

Washington duo carries the Huskies' hopes

SEATTLE (AP) — If Marques Tuiasosopo and Paul Arnold are as good as the Washington Huskies think they are, the rest of the Pac-10 might be in trouble.

The Huskies believe the senior quarterback and the sophomore tailback are talented enough to get them back to the Rose Bowl for the first time since Don James' last season in Seattle in 1992.

"Marques is capable of the whole enchilada," second-year coach Rick Neuheisel said Friday. "He's capable of winning the Heisman Trophy. He's proven he's capable of great things."

And what is Arnold capable of doing? "Paul's got great athleticism," Neuheisel said at the Huskies' media day before the team left for Olympia to begin fall prac-

tices at The Evergreen State College. "I think the sky is the limit for him."

Despite the possible loss of starting wide receiver Chris Juergens, who will be unavailable for the start of fall practices beginning Saturday, Tuiasosopo and Arnold give the Huskies a potent 1-2 punch.

Everybody interested in college football on the West Coast has heard about Tuiasosopo, who became the first player in history to pass for 300 yards and run for 200 in an NCAA Division I game last season.

Not everybody knows about Arnold, a 6-foot-1, 203-pounder who was the star recruit in Neuheisel's first recruiting class at Washington in 1999. They should know a lot more about him by the end of the season.



Washington football players Paul Arnold, right, and quarterback Marques Tuiasosopo are being counted on to lead the Huskies' offense this season. "It's great to have Paul Arnold on my side," said Tuiasosopo, who is being billed by the Huskies as the best offensive player in the Pac-10. "He's going to be a force to reckon with this season. I think he's going to have a great year."

Auto racing

de Ferran uses crash to advantage at Miller Lite

LEXINGTON, Ohio — Gil de Ferran clinched the pole position for the CART Miller Lite 200 by crashing his car.

Late in Saturday's final qualifying session de Ferran's Reynard-Honda slid across the Mid-Ohio Sports Car Course at the apex of the first turn and its rear end struck a tire barrier. The car turned over, trapping de Ferran briefly, but course workers quickly got it upright and he emerged unharmed.

The accident brought an abrupt end to the session. No driver had improved on de Ferran's 124.394 mph lap that led Friday's qualifying, so that means the Brazilian will start first in today's race.

Tolsma takes checkered flag at Federated 250 race

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Randy Tolsma made a 73-race victory drought Saturday night, beating Dennis Setzer by 1.402 seconds in the NASCAR Craftsman Truck Series' Federated Auto Parts 250.

Tolsma led the final 102 laps on the 0.596-mile Nashville Speedway USA after two-time champion series Jack Sprague's truck had an engine failure during a routine pit stop. Tolsma averaged a race-record 83.577 mph in his Dodge in the series' final race at the Tennessee State Fairgrounds.

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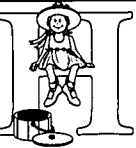


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PAUL - Paul and Becky Robertson of Paul announce the engagement of their daughter, Charlyn Robertson, to Travis Roy Hanks, son of Brent and Tammy Hanks of Rupert.

Robertson is a 1997 graduate of Minico High School and also a graduate of Bon Loss Hair Academy in Provo, Utah. She is employed at Salon D' Shaw in Burley.

Hanks is a 1997 graduate of Minico High School and a graduate of Idaho State University. He is employed by the Bureau of Land Management in Burley and Shoshone.

The wedding is planned for Thursday at the Logan LDS Temple. A reception to honor the couple will be held from 7 to 9 p.m. Saturday at the Paul Stake Center, 424 W. Ellis in Paul.



Vanessa Schroeder and Jason Perron

SCHROEDER-PERRON

TWIN FALLS - Robert Schroeder of Twin Falls and Lola Hoobler of Kimberly announce the engagement of their daughter, Vanessa Dawn Schroeder, to Jason Linn Perron, son of Denis and Deanna Perron of Twin Falls.

The wedding is planned for 4 p.m. Saturday at the Twin Falls LDS Church, 847 Eastland Drive.

McKASSON-HILVERDA

TWIN FALLS - Stephen and Carol McKasson of McAllen, Texas, announce the engagement of their daughter, Susan Elizabeth McKasson, to Brian James Hilverda, son of James and Bonnie Hilverda of Twin Falls.

McKasson is a 1996 graduate of McAllen High School in McAllen, Texas, and a 2000 graduate of Brigham Young University in Provo, Utah. She is employed at the Harold B. Lee Library in Provo.

Hilverda is a 1995 graduate of Twin Falls High School and is attending BYU. He served an LDS mission in Panama. He is employed at the Harold B. Lee Library in Provo.



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The importance of encountering life's obstacles

If life was continually easy would we ever learn anything? From the time we are born the majority of us generally have to face obstacles of one kind or another. Some of us have more to face than others, but all of us face difficulties as we make our way through life. How we react to these difficulties is often an indicator of our character.

We all know people who would rather take the easy way, or who just quit as soon as a problem occurs. But we also know people who face life

head-on, no matter the obstacles, using these obstacles as hurdles - gaining momentum as they are crossed, to push them to a successful journey's end.

I saw a true story on TV the other night about a young black man.

I would like to use him as an example. This young man was born in a ghetto. His father was gone before he was old enough

to know him, and he spent his early years being angry and fighting with anyone who was handy, including his mother. He was, however, very bright, and, in spite of himself, got good grades.

Still, his anger was such an obstacle that he was constantly in trouble at school, at home and with the law, and it appeared that he would, more than likely, end his life in prison. One night, when he was a teen-ager, he became furious with his friend and would have killed him except for an incredible piece of luck. The knife he thrust toward his friend's abdomen glanced off a belt buckle.

The shock of what he had done sent him hurrying home, when he locked himself in the bathroom, took a good long look at himself in the mirror and decided that his life was doomed to failure unless he could somehow overcome his anger at the world.

His mother was religious, but he was not. He decided to try to follow her example, so he left the bathroom, found the family Bible and began to read. From that day forward his life changed. He refused to give in to anger, except to be angry at himself whenever he stumbled in his search for a goal. He completed high school, through a scholarship went on to Yale, and, eventually, graduated from a prestigious medical school as a neurosurgeon.

Now he's head of neurosurgery at Johns Hopkins University - the youngest person ever to achieve that position. His skill has saved hundreds of lives.

Instead of letting the obstacle of anger get in his way, he used it as a hurdle to press forward and affect not only his own life, but that of many others as well.

This is but one example, and I am sure that all of us can think of people in our own lives - perhaps not as prestigious but as important to us, none the less - who have continued to strive forward no matter what they have had to face. They have overcome their own personal obstacles to become great examples for all of follow.

Obstacles are what we make of them. They are either impediments that we allow to stand in our way and control our lives, or they are stepping stones which can push us toward a greater goal.

Our willingness to make that push can help us in our effort to be better than we are - to be the best we can be.

Gay Petersen is a retired teacher who lives in Wendell. Her column appears on Sundays. Write to her at petersen@magicklink.com

After Class
Gay Petersen

Meet him or her before a problem arises; each day when you pick up your child, take a few minutes to ask the teacher about your child's day.

Let your child's teacher put a face with a name; it's easier to communicate with "Johnny's dad" than with "Mr. Smith."

Show up at end-of-term parent-teacher conferences, without fail.

If a problem arises, deal with facts, not rumors.

Call the school and make an appointment if you need to talk with a teacher about a serious problem.

Know what you're going to discuss, and be prepared to listen and ask specific questions.

Dress and behave like a professional.

Show up on time; keep your meeting to the point and teachers have other commitments.

Ask how classwork is graded. Specifically, ask what the teacher is looking for.

Don't be confrontational; you both want the same thing for the child.

Don't make excuses for your child, but make sure the teacher knows about your kid's needs.

Recognize when you're out of the loop; chances are the teacher has a better handle on what's going on at school than you do.

Taking ownership of YOUR CHILD'S EDUCATION



Heille Blakeslee, 7, right, her brother, Austin, 9, and sister, Heather, 16, play a vocabulary game. Blurt, with their sister, Ashleigh, 14, and mom, Shirley Blakeslee. Shirley started home-schooling Austin four years ago and began with the girls a year later.

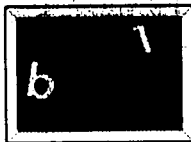
'I think as a parent, you have to take the first step'

By Steve Crump
Times-News writer

CASTLEFORD - For Jacqueline Machado, taking ownership of her kids' education was simple: She just got to know everybody involved with it.

"It's a small town," said Machado, whose elementary school-aged children attend Castleford School. "We see the teachers at other functions and around town. If something is wrong at school, it's pretty easy for us to find out about it."

Therein lies the secret of managing your child's education, say educators: Do your homework, and that starts with introducing yourself to your child's teacher.



Back to school a closer look

This is the last of three special Sunday sections on getting your kids ready to go back to school.

"I'd even get to the point of saying, 'OK, open your back-

packs; let's see what you brought from today,'" said Maggie Machala, a mother of junior-high aged students in Twin Falls. "If you ask a kid a general question like 'What did you learn in school today?', you won't find out anything. But if you're specific about what you ask, you'll get more."

Jinger Burton of Filer, whose kids are 9 and 7, took involvement a step farther: Last February, she started teaching her children at home.

"It's complete involvement in what they're learning, and I like that," Burton said. "Some days school lasts three or four hours, some days it lasts eight. It just depends on what the kids are involved with."

All three parents agree that a passive approach to managing your child's education doesn't work.

"I can't imagine not knowing what was going on in my kids' classes, who their teachers are, what they're learning," Machala said. "You do that by showing up at PTO meetings and volunteering, if you have the time."

"When we first considered home-schooling, I wondered if I was up to the job," Burton said. "It turns out that I'm learning right along with the kids, and I can't think of better way of managing their education."

It gets harder once children get into secondary school, Machala said.

"There are more teachers who have more students in more classes," she said. "They don't have as much time to communicate with parents as they do in elementary school. It's really up to the parents."

"I think it starts with going to parent-teacher conferences," Machala said. "They're optional once the kids get into junior high, so not all parents go."

"Teachers want parents involved, but I think as a parent you have to take the first step," Machado said.

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Report: Some kids have bigger opportunities to learn at small schools

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS - Kids usually go for big ice cream cones and giant rides at the fair. But when it comes to school size, research clearly says that kids thrive on small.

A new report from the Northwest Regional Education Laboratory finds overwhelming evidence that student attitudes, behavior and participation are better when school size is smaller. As for student achievement, small schools get results at least equal to, and in some cases superior to, big schools.

That's good news in the Pacific Northwest, where 1,500 schools enroll fewer than 138 students, according to one analysis.

In Oregon, nearly 200 schools have fewer than 100 students.

In Idaho, 174 schools average well under 200 students.

In Montana, more than half of the school have 70 or fewer students.

In Oregon, more than 300 schools have fewer than 500 students. And about 11 percent of those schools have fewer than 125 students.

"Research has repeatedly found small schools superior to larger ones on most measures and equal to them on the rest," said author Kathleen Cotton in the report "School Size, School

More information

South-central Idaho's smallest public schools (excluding alternative schools)

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1. Three Creek 9
2. Almo Elementary 16
3. Albion Elementary 32
4. Murtaugh Middle School 612
5. Hollister Elementary 102

- Source: Idaho Department of Education

Climate, School Performance." "This holds true for both elementary and secondary students of all ability levels and all kinds of settings."

Students in small school are more likely to participate in activities, less likely to drop out, more likely to attend regularly, less likely to engage in risky behavior, and are more likely to view teachers positively.

Researchers point to a number of reasons for the success of small schools. For one thing, students are less likely to be

overlooked or isolated in small schools. To have adequate numbers of students, everybody's participation is needed for clubs, teams and student government. And people in small schools come to know and care about each other to a greater degree than would be possible in much larger schools.

This caring and inclusive environment leads to a greater sense of personal effectiveness, researchers found. Students tend to take responsibility when classes are smaller.

Furthermore, scheduling is more flexible than in larger schools.

Small schools use innovative teaching methods, including:

- Mixing students according to skill and readiness levels, not arbitrary age groups.
- Individualizing learning activities.

- Grouping students to work cooperatively.
- Pooling teachers' skills and abilities to team-teach.

Another benefit of small schools, according to the report, is that they are more likely to make learning both active and relevant to the world beyond the classroom. Kids get to be involved in projects and activities that keep them engaged in learning.

- Source: Northwest Regional Educational

ENGAGEMENTS

NICKELS-WHITE

TWIN FALLS - James and Carole Nickels of Twin Falls announce the engagement of their daughter, Tracey Marie Nickels, to Aaron White, son of James and Carla White of Ashland, Ore.

Nickels is a graduate of Twin Falls High School. She is employed at Treasure Valley Life Care in Boise.

White is a graduate of Joint Apprenticeship Training Committee in Boise as a journeyman electrician. He is employed by the International Brotherhood of Electric Workers Local 291 in Boise.



Aaron White and Tracey Nickels

The wedding is planned for Saturday.

DUFF-HANCHETT

RUPERT - Larry and Merry Duff of Rupert announce the engagement of their daughter, Gina Duff, to Todd Hanchett, son of Lanier and Paulette Hanchett of Portland, Ore.

Duff is a 1992 graduate of Minico High School. She obtained marketing and finance degrees from the University of Idaho in 1996, and graduated in May from Willamette University College of Law in Salem, Ore.

Hanchett graduated from Portland Adventist Academy in 1992, received an accounting degree from Walla-Walla College in 1996, and graduated from Willamette University College of Law in 1999. He is currently working with the law firm of Barran and Liebman LLP in



Todd Hanchett and Gina Duff

Portland, specializing in employment law.

The wedding is planned for Aug. 20 at the Oregon Golf Club in West Linn, Ore. A reception to honor the couple will be held Sept. 16.

After a honeymoon in Hawaii, the couple will reside in Portland.

RICHARDS-JOHNSON

FILER - Ed and Debra Richards of Filer announce the engagement of their daughter, Marci Ann Richards, to Jared Dennis Johnson, son of Tim and Mary Johnson of Soda Springs.

Richards is a 1999 graduate of Filer High School and is attending Idaho State University. She is employed at Silver Creek in Pocatello.

Johnson is a 1998 graduate of Soda Springs High School and is attending ISU.

The wedding is planned for Thursday in the Salt Lake LDS Temple. A reception will be held Saturday at the Filer LDS Church.



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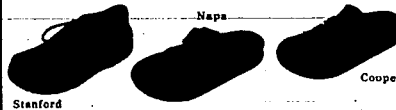
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Shell is a 1994 graduate of Kimberly High School. She is currently employed with Floro Pharmacy in Boise as a certified pharmacy technologist.

Haskell is a 1991 graduate of Kimberly High School and is also a graduate of the College of Southern Idaho. He will be joining Summit Real Estate Services in Boise.

The wedding is planned for Aug. 26 at Our Savior Lutheran Church in Twin Falls. A reception



Angela Shell and Andy Haskell

will follow the ceremony at Cavanaugh's Hotel.



Michael Lawrence and Victoria Lassiter

LASSITER-LAWRENCE

TWIN FALLS - Neil and Darlene Lassiter of Twin Falls announce the engagement of their daughter, Victoria Helene

Lassiter, to Michael David Lawrence, son of David and Joretta Lawrence of Twin Falls.

Lassiter is a 2000 graduate of Twin Falls High School. She is employed at Ponderosa Paint in

Twin Falls.

Lawrence is a 1996 graduate of Twin Falls High School and is pursuing an accounting degree through Boise State University at the College of Southern Idaho.

He is employed by Jules Harrison Ford in Twin Falls.

The wedding is planned for 7 p.m. Friday at Bethel Temple Church in Twin Falls. A reception will follow the ceremony.

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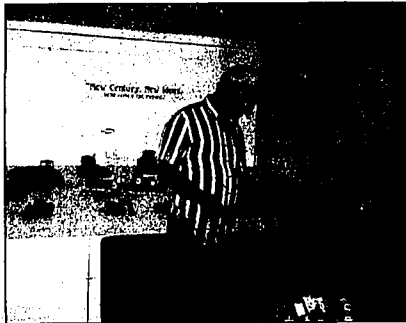


4-H contestants participate in the baby bottle show at the recent Lincoln County Fair.

Lincoln County Fair gives special awards, ribbons

SHOSHONE - Lincoln County Fair announced special awards and other ribbon presentations given at the recent event.

- Round Robin
- Stetson Weber and Cody Telford
- Cathy Churchman Memorial Award
- Bryoni Southwick
- Best Decorated Booth Award
- Hooked on 4-H/4H Critters
- Cleanest Individual Stall Award
- Cade Norman
- Cleanest Group of Stalls
- Lincoln County Barncats
- Champion Round Robin Showman
- Stetson Weber
- Reserve Champion Round Robin Showman
- Cody Telford
- Non-Livestock Projects
- Top Sr. Natural Resources Project
- Jessica Halsey
- Top Know Your Government Project
- Bryoni Southwick
- Top Teen Leader Project
- Bryoni Southwick
- Second Teen Leader Project
- Jessica Halsey
- Top Jr. Natural Resources Project
- Valerie Pantone
- Second Natural Resources Project
- Rachel Pantone
- Top Wild, Wild West Camp Project
- Kellie Whittaker
- Second Wild, Wild West Camp Project
- Max Piper
- Top 1st Year Ceramics Project



Volunteers from the Dietrich Grange decorate their booth.

- Christopher Dayton
- Second 1st Year Ceramics Project
- Emily Hoskisson
- Top 2nd Year Ceramics Project
- Kassidy Whittaker
- Top 3rd Year Ceramics Project
- Kellie Whittaker
- Second 3rd Year Ceramics Project
- Jeremie Halsey
- Top Jr. Miscellaneous Project
- Valerie Pantone
- Second Miscellaneous Project
- James Naylor
- Top Leather Project
- Kassidy Whittaker
- Top Foods Project
- Nicki Miller
- Second Foods Project
- Rachel Pantone
- Top Consumer Choice Project
- Nicki Miller
- Second Consumer Choice Project
- Dana Naylor
- Top Intermediate Style Review
- Mandie Miller
- Top Jr. Style Review
- Nicki Miller
- Second Jr. Style Review
- Dana Naylor
- Top Intermediate Creed Speaker
- Mandie Miller
- Top Junior Creed Speaker
- Nicki Miller
- Second Junior Creed Speaker
- Matthew Lezamis

CSI center opens for fall registration

GOODING - Registration for College of Southern Idaho fall 2000 semester classes is open. Fall classes begin the week of August 28.

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PARK CELEBRATION

The newly-created recreation district in Castelford and Jean's Park hosted a community barbecue July 15. Handling cooking chores was caterer Sharon Quaresma and helper, George Bobango. Quaresma donated her time and equipment for the cookout. Idaho Gov. Dirk Kempthorne appointed Lisa Knutz, Greg Gandaga and Raymond Fabola as recreation commissioners. Jean's Park is made up of 18 acres with eight acres developed for soccer and baseball games and a picnic area. The remaining eight acres will be developed with the help of the recreation district.



MARY LOU POTTER/The Times-News

Twin Falls Elk gains new office

TWIN FALLS - The Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler Robert R. Lemire of Twin Falls was installed as the new leader of the South Central District during the BPO's 136th annual Grand Lodge Convention held July 2-6 in Dallas, Texas.

At the convention, Lemire voted on key issues facing the order and helped elect its new national leaders. Lemire's attendance at the national convention

helped inspire Elks to continue their long-standing commitment to promoting charity and patriotism in their communities, Elks leaders say.

Last year, 1.2 million members of the Elks made charitable contributions totaling more than \$160.7 million from cash and in-kind contributions, which went to support scholarships and education grants; drug awareness



Elks District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler Bob Lemira, left, of Twin Falls is pictured with Grand Exalted Ruler Dwayne E. Rummy of Wilmar, Minn. Lodge 952.

and education program aids to the nation's veterans; youth athletics; and the Elks state association's state major projects, which provide funding for everything from cancer treatment and

research to shelters for domestic violence victims.

Lemire is a member of the new Snake River Lodge, a joint lodge of Jerome and Twin Falls members.

Dun joins the Army under delayed program

Thomas J. Duncan has joined the United States Army under the Delayed Entry Program.

The program gives young men and women the opportunity to delay entering active duty for up to one year. The enlistment gives

the new soldier the option to learn a new skill, travel and become eligible to receive as much as \$50,000 toward a college education.

After completion of basic military training, soldiers receive advanced individual training in their career job specialty, the Army says.

The recruit qualifies for a \$6,000 enlistment bonus.

Duncan, a 2000 graduate of Mountain Home High School, reported for basic training at Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C., June 13.

He is the son of Marilyn A. and Thomas D. Duncan of Mountain Home.

SERVICE NEWS

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Jerome School District sponsors child screening

JEROME - The Jerome School District will sponsor a free child screening on Friday at the Wellington School.

This screening is for children between the ages of 3- to 5-year-old who are not eligible for kindergarten this fall and who may be having delays in speech or language development, social or behavioral development, learning skills or motor development. For more information, call the Jerome Early Education Program (JEEP) at 324-1284.

Shoshone Junior, Senior High registers students

SHOSHONE - Shoshone Junior and Senior High School will register brand new students between 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Thursday and Friday at the school, 61 East Highway 24.

New students to the district must bring a birth certificate, immunization records and copy of last report card.

Returning students may pay fees or register if they haven't yet done so between 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Aug. 21-22 at the school.

The school also is seeking junior high cheerleaders. Students who are interested may sign up at the front office. School starts Aug. 28. For more information, call 886-2381.

Buhl resident celebrates 100th birthday next week

BUHL - An open house to celebrate Adena Fields' 100th birthday will be held from 2-5 p.m. Aug. 20 at the Moon Glo Village at 910 Moon Glo Road in Buhl.

Adena Fields was born Sept. 7, 1900 to Carl and Alma Carlson in St. Marys, Kan. After she graduated from high school in 1919, Fields taught school for five years and clerked in a grocery store for two years.

In 1926, she married Stanley Fields and they farmed near St. Marys until 1935 when they moved to Cassville, Mo., where they resumed farming in 1940. In 1946, Adena and Stanley Fields, along with their five children, moved to Castelford where they lived on a farm until Stanley Fields died in 1983.

The celebration will be hosted

Mining Yankee Fork program set this weekend

STANLEY - The Redfish Lake Visitors Center invites the public to learn about mining and dredging the Yankee Fork at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday at the Redfish Lake Visitor Center Amphitheater in Stanley.

For more information, call the Redfish Lake Visitor Center at 774-3376.

West End Senior Center serves up breakfast

BUHL - The West End Senior Center will host a community breakfast from 8-10 a.m., Saturday at 1010 Main in Buhl. Breakfast will include scones, eggs, hash browns and sausage. Cost for the meal is \$2.50 adults and \$1.25 for children age 6 and younger. For more information, call 543-4577.

Last quarry tour of the summer set at Fossil Beds

HAGERMAN - The National Park Service will conduct the final Hagerman Fossil Beds National Monument horse quarry tour of the summer at 9:30 a.m. Saturday.

The tour will start at the Park Service Visitor Center at 224 State St. in Hagerman. Participants will be required to use their own vehicles and should wear sturdy footwear, sunscreen and bring water. For more information, call the Park Service at 837-4793.

Hollister Elementary School registration set this week

HOLLISTER - Registration for the 2000-2001 school year will be from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Thursday and Friday at the Hollister Elementary School in Hollister. All new students and kindergarten students must have current immunization records, legal birth certificates and Social Security cards to register. For more information, call Dorothy Boss with the Hollister Elementary School at 655-4215.

Mass transit registers students for school

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Jody Harris and Amy Nebeker
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KIMBERLY - Gary and Linda Nebeker of Kimberly announce

the engagement of their daughter, Amy Marie Nebeker, to Jody Blake Harris, son of Jerry and Linda Cramer of Ririe and the late Steve Harris.
Nebeker graduated from Kimberly High School in 1993 and attended Ricks College. She is employed by Dr. Allison Shearer-Depp's in Boise.

Harris graduated from Ririe High School in 1989, served in the military, and attended Idaho State University. He is employed by Western Aircraft in Boise.
The wedding is planned for 6 p.m. Saturday at the home of the bride's parents on the Pleasant Valley Golf Course in Kimberly.



J. Don Dayley and Stacy Schaffer

SCHAFFER-DAYLEY
BURLEY - Leonard and Dorothy Schaffer of Burley announce the engagement of their daughter, Stacy Lynn Schaffer, to J. Don Dayley, son of Rex and Nancy Dayley of Burley.
Schaffer is a 1994 graduate of Minico High School and a 2000 graduate of Boise State University with a bachelor's degree in horticulture. She is employed by Far West Landscape in Boise.

Dayley is a 1992 graduate of Burley High School and is currently pursuing a degree in computer science through University of Phoenix. He is employed by Hewlett Packard in Boise.
The wedding is planned for Saturday at the Burley Inn courtyard.
A reception to honor the couple will be held at 7:30 p.m. Saturday at the Burley Inn.
The couple will reside in Meridian.

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TWIN FALLS - Mary Brown of Seattle and Herman Johnson of Logan, Utah, announce the engagement of their daughter, Candace Marie Johnson, to Kevin Curtis Jensen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Mark Jensen of Twin Falls. Johnson graduated from Jerome High School and attended Boise State University. She is employed at Digestive Health Clinic in Boise. Jensen graduated from Twin Falls High School and attended Idaho State University. He is



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Dear Amy: Why do some British Web sites spell words wrong? Don't they speak English, too? —Vera, Portland, Ore.

Dear Vera: The English language has its roots in Great Britain, in England. And then it spread rapidly across the world, especially after Europeans started coming to America. Some people think there are many different varieties of English, such as American English, British English, India English, Australian English and more. All of those areas in the world were settled by British English speakers, and then the language changed through use in each of those places.

English speakers from different parts of the world don't only sound different. They also use different words for the same thing, or they spell their words differently. For instance, American English speakers call the part of a car that covers the engine "the hood," whereas British English speakers call it "a bonnet." The American English users spell the place where criminals are held a "jail," whereas British English users spell the same place "gaol," and they pronounce it the same, too!

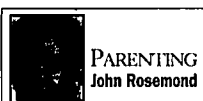
The English language is a fascinating thing. To learn more about British English, go to <http://www.bps.com/top/ukdic/index.html>

Send your questions about the WWW to: Ask Amy, 3001 Dole, Lawrence, KS 66045 or AskAmy@4Kids.org

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Biting toddlers need moderate spankings

Q. My brother and his wife have a big problem with their son, Axel, who recently turned 2. For the past 6 months or so, he has been biting people — adults and children alike — and often for no reason.



PARENTING John Rosemond

In and of itself, this is not abnormal or indication of anything "wrong" with the child or his/her family situation. Biting is a primitive response to frustration, and toddlers are primitive. As a group, toddlers reflect our original nature: self-centered, territorial, instant gratification oriented and aggressive; even violent. You can't begin to do much about this until a child is into the third year of life, when discipline needs to begin in earnest, and only powerful, consistent discipline (like locker combination) and the freedoms that come with them.

assure that light taps on his bottom and a minute in a chair are the equivalent of blowing smoke into the teeth of a hurricane.

You cannot talk a toddler out of biting. You must respond, immediately, and such that he is persuaded not to bite — ever again, preferably. I actually have no problem with a spanking and time out. Applied with moderate force and followed with a relatively long period of time out (5 to 10 minutes for this age child), spanking might work. The problem is that most 2-year-olds are still in diapers, and a swat to a padded rear means nothing.

Will your nephew outgrow this? Perhaps, but I hear of too many 4- and 5-year-olds who are still biting to want to take the risk. By that age, the problem is far more difficult to solve, believe me. To nip this in the bud, I'd recommend a combination of moderate spankings (the best research on the subject indicates moderate spankings are effective across a wide spectrum of misbehaviors with this age child) and 10 minutes of time out.

Before the child is released from the chair or other confinement (a small room with a

gate, for example), he must apologize to his victim and kiss the "boo-boo."

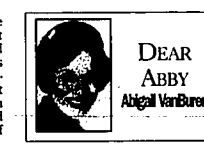
Many, many, many women of my mom's generation have told me that they solved this problem before it became a problem by biting the child back.

They describe a retaliatory bite that is just hard enough to cause pain without breaking the skin. Most of these women tell me that one such bite was enough to make a permanent impression, figuratively speaking. Let me assure the reader that fighting fire with fire in this fashion is not confining to a child. Let me also make clear that I am not recommending this approach, only relating it as a matter of historical interest. On the other hand, one is moved to wonder, "Is there anything new under the sun?"

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Widows, widowers can get Social Security at 60

DEAR ABBY: I am an income tax accountant. During the past two years, I have encountered several widows and widowers who are unaware that they qualify for Social Security benefits at age 60. This is true even though they may have been divorced from their spouse at the time of his or her death.



DEAR ABBY Abigail VanBuren

Is there any way you can spread the message? —CHUCK IN OKLAHOMA

DEAR CHUCK: Absolutely. This comes right out of the Social Security Handbook:

If you are divorced, you can receive benefits on your ex-husband's (or wife's) Social Security record if he (or she) is receiving Social Security benefits (or is deceased) and your marriage lasted 10 years or longer; you are presently unmarried; and you are age 62 or older. (If he or she is deceased, you can collect benefits at age 60; age 50 if you become disabled.)

Those who feel they may qualify for benefits or have other questions about Social Security should contact the nearest Social Security office, or call 1-800-772-1213. The department hearing may call a toll-free TTY number: 1-800-325-0778. The Web site is www.ssa.gov.

girlfriend, do not pressure her into an exclusive relationship when she goes off to college. She wants the entire "college experience," to meet new people and not feel tired down. It is a healthy attitude — for both of you.

Couples in love give each other the freedom to be themselves. To do otherwise is controlling, and people run away from those who make them feel smothered. If you are meant for each other, you can get together when she comes home on weekends and holidays. She will be far more interested in seeing you if you have not made her feel guilty about other men with whom she may have seen a movie or gone for coffee.

While she's gone, think of new ways to brood your HIR. This should be a period of exciting growth for both of you.

DEAR ABBY: I have been dating my girlfriend for six months. We have a close relationship that are deeply in love. She is going away to college this fall. The school is two hours from our hometown. We had a talk about what we are going to do when school begins. She wants to break up with me because we won't see each other as often. I personally believe we can work it out.

How can I convince her that we should remain a couple? In my heart, I feel we are meant for each other.

DEAR SARA: Not to be tooting my own horn, but I wasn't wrong. Gideon was a liberator as well as a judge. In Chapter 7 in the Old Testament book of Judges, Gideon leads a force of 300 men against the Midianites. Gideon and his men blow trumpets as they attack, which makes it seem as though a huge army surrounds the Midianites — who flee in terror.

HEARTBROKEN IN HAWTHORNE, CALIF.

DEAR HEARTBROKEN: If you want to keep the lines of communication open with your

Transition to middle school can cause anxiety

Quick. Gotta be quick. Gotta hurry, the bell's gonna ring in four minutes. Gotta open the locker.

OK, spin the dial to the right three times.

First, 18, then to the left to 5. Then back to 4. Hurry up!

No, wait, it's no 4, no, it won't open; help, the bell's ringing!!! I'm gonna be late and I don't have my math book!!!!

Knight Ridder Newspapers

LEXINGTON, Ky. — For parents, the first day of middle school means anxiety about their soon-to-be-grown-up baby in a big school with big kids talking them into all kinds of bad things, with big classes and hard subjects.

For kids, strange as it might sound, it's all about the lockers. "I was really nervous about the lockers because if you couldn't get the locker open, you'd be late and

you wouldn't have the right books," said Ian Boyd, who now speaks with the confident expertise of a soon-to-be seventh-grader at Turkey Foot Middle School in Kenton County, Ky.

Ian really wasn't concerned about all the lockers conjured up by his mother, Stephanie — the pressure on her son to work harder in a place where no one would care about him, along with the possible teasing and hazing of older kids.

He would tell upcoming middle school students to take it easy: "Don't worry, they'll be really nice to you. Don't worry about anything."

Easier said than done. The first day of middle school is one of those Great Life Transitions, like kindergarten or college, way up there on the anxiety-inducing scale for parents and children. Unlike the nurturing scene of

kindergarten, middle school is a morass of hormone-riddled children who are being asked to find their books and classes on their own for the first time. They are imbued with new responsibilities (like locker combinations) and the freedoms that come with them.

While that is both exciting and nerve-wracking to kids, for most parents it's merely nerve-wracking.

"When I dropped my son off at his first day of school, I burst into tears, and of course my son thought I was corny," said Kim Joiner Johnson of Louisville, Ky.

"It's high anxiety because you know their peers become such an important part of their life, and they do things you don't know about," she said. "It's a new independence."

The shift from junior high school to middle schools was started about 20 years ago by educa-

tors who saw the sixth-through eighth-grade configuration as a better academic and social transition period between elementary and high school than the seventh-through ninth-grade scheme.

But while the middle school concept is uniquely geared toward the emotional, psychological and academic needs of early adolescents, it still requires students to make a dramatic shift in the way they learn — from one teacher and one classroom to different teachers, more stringent classes and much more homework.

"I think I was much more nervous than my child," said Anslay Alexander, a Lexington, Ky., mother whose son James, now a seventh-grader, started at Morton Middle School last year.

"I was concerned whether teachers would have the same level of communication with me as they did in elementary school."

Parents can start to prepare tots for changes to come in kindergarten

The Orlando Sentinel

ORLANDO, Fla. — Parents typically take seriously their roles in preparing their preschoolers for school. They spend gobs of money on learning toys, workbooks, and such and invest hours of time to enhance their children's self-reliance, small motor, reading, math, social, and language skills.

While, all this social and cognitive prep work certainly helps, as the first day of kindergarten briskly approaches, parents should turn their attention to preparing the Osh Kosh set for the changes that lie ahead in kindergarten.

You might be tempted to believe that with so many children enrolled in nursery school, preschool, and day care these days that the kindergarten transition lacks the wallop it once carried as a

child's first extended experience away from Mom and Dad.

To some extent, that is true. Now, two and three-year olds often absorb that stiff impact as they start preschool. Nevertheless, child development experts say the transition into the formal public education system remains a big move that startles some 5-year-olds like a face-full of ice water.

"They don't often think of preschool as 'real school' — going to kindergarten is 'real school,'" says Sarah Sprinkel, senior administrator for early childhood and community outreach for Orange County (Fla.) Public Schools. These kids see kindergarten as "kind of neat," she says. "It's different, and it's the first institutional education program they've had, and for many students, it's the first full day (away from home) they've had."

Even with the first day of school just days away, parents can do many things to soften the blow and prepare children for the transition to kindergarten.

Start with a visit to your child's school — even if it's closed," says Noreen M. Nichols, director of the Child Development Center at Widener University in Chester, Pa.

If the school is closed, Nichols suggests packing a picnic lunch, allowing the child to play on the swings and slides, and hoisting the child up to the window so he can see what's what. Such a reconnaissance trip "really helps out," she says.

Such a venture proves a greater help provided you can meet your child's teacher. Schools these days typically stage open house events, where parents and

children can meet the administration and tour the school. That way, the child becomes familiar and comfortable with this strange, new place.

Helping a child familiarize himself with the school and staff "makes for the best transition," Nichols says. Beyond that, the "very best thing a parent can do is establish a routine," Sprinkel says. Discuss daily routines such as getting up, eating breakfast, getting to and from school and going to sleep.

And don't forget the small stuff. Something as simple as eating lunch in the lunchroom can cause great havoc for a 5-year-old. Spindly arms can quiver when trying to support a lunch tray and a plate of mystery meat. Tiny, chunky fingers often fumble about when confronted with opening a hermetically sealed half-pint of low-fat chocolate

milk.

Practice makes perfect. On a grocery run, buy several cartons of milk, and come supertime, set your child's plate on a tray and have her lug it to the dining table.

Then there's the potty problem. Going to the restroom can prove maddening for kindergarten kids. Parents ship munchkins to school in clothes with zippers and snaps that require of them a level of fine motor coordination many have yet to master.

"Forget the overalls," Nichols says. "Buy clothes for (potty) success." Consider pants with elastic waists. Belts, she says, are developmentally inappropriate. She also suggests parents pack a spare outfit in the child's backpack or to leave it in the child's classroom cubby.

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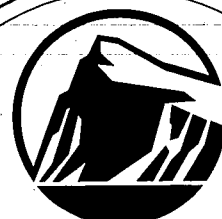
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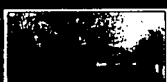
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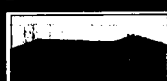
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\$58,000. 2 bedroom starter or rental. Great area, excellent price. PLEASE CALL RICK BEARD @ 737-3912 OR 539-5311. #96533



\$79,900. Escape the landlord...finally a home you can afford to own. A great 3 bedroom, 1 bath home you won't believe. Nice quiet street located in Kimberly. Call for details on this budget pleaser. CALL DIANNE DOMAN @ 737-3918 OR 735-1428. #96260



JUST REDUCED! \$96,900. Delightful newer 3 bedroom, 2 bath home in Kimberly. Gas heat with central air conditioning. Wonderful landscaping with fenced back yard. Double car garage with opener. CALL DOROTHY @ 737-3903 to see this beautiful home. #95314



\$99,900. Great family home - 4 levels, 3 bedrooms, 1 3/4 baths, 2 family rooms - (1 poss. bedroom), 2 fireplaces, 2 car garage, auto sprinklers, large back yard with fruit trees & garden spot. CALL DIANA WHITNEY @ 737-3919. #95940



\$129,900. This home explodes with pride! 3 or 4 bedroom, 2 bath immaculate home in a desirable northeast neighborhood, visually inviting courtyard for evening relaxation, many upgrades, almost 2000 sq. ft. deck, sprinkler system, 2 car garage, must see this beauty! Must Call TODAY @ 737-3918 OR 734-8783. #96802



\$194,500. QUALITY THROUGHOUT! 3375 sq. ft. on 1.23 acres with a 10x20 shop. This immaculate kept home has it all! 4 bedrooms, 3 1/2 baths, Jacuzzi tub, central vac, intercom, sprinkler system, indoor spa room, oak kitchen, maintenance free exterior & a full guest suite! Must see! 1 mi. south of Dunlap. JOANN REAVES 737-3961. #90332



\$249,900. GREAT INCOME PROPERTY! 4-Plex, each unit has 1016 sq. ft. w/3 bedrooms, 2 baths and a 1 car garage! Newly built w/metal & vinyl siding, gas heat. CALL DAN BEARD FOR DETAILS 737-3908 OR 731-2121. #94410



\$74,900. A great starter home with extra large 2 car garage. Good condition 3 bedroom, 1 bath. Double lot. It has it all-call today! 737-3988, SANDY SAYS YOU'LL BE GLAD YOU DID! #96629



\$79,900 for this nice cottage in Twin Falls. 3 bedrooms, 2 baths. Plenty of room with approx. 1300 sq. ft. on the main and 1000 in the basement. CALL KATHY PARRTRIDGE 737-3920 OR RON FREEMAN 737-3915 for more information and to see this home. #96155



\$99,900. Gorgeous home interior, 4 bedrooms, 2 baths. Split bedroom floor plan. Large oak kitchen with center island, breakfast bar and a kitchen nook! French doors into office and off kitchen to outside. CALL DEBBIE @ 737-3907 to see this home! #96207



\$129,950. Spacious 4 bedroom 2 bath home built in 1998. 1719 sq. ft. Huge master bedroom with walk-in closets. Entry efficient gas heat and central air with clean-air filter/humidifier. Auto sprinklers, tile entry, maple cabinets, 4-tone paint, much more! Located on large lot in MorningSide school district. CALL LYNN RASMUSSEN 737-3927. #96470



PRICE REDUCED! \$139,900. Beautiful spacious 5 bedroom brick home in MorningSide/O'Leary school district. Main floor family room, 3 fireplaces, hardwood floors. Newer gas furnace and central air. Gorgeous granite counters. CALL DOROTHY @ 737-3903. #95632



\$199,900. Lovely home features split plan, vaulted great room with fireplace, island in kitchen, 4 bedrooms, 3 baths, fenced yard. Includes Jacuzzi in master suite! For more information CALL KATHI SCHRADER @ 737-3917 OR 736-9219. #96111



\$378,000. ONE OF A KIND HORSE PROPERTY! Unlimited income potential with boarding stables, huge indoor arena, outdoor arena and corral. Would be great for horse shows, call roping and pleasure riding. Includes a 2020 sq. ft., 3 bedroom, 2 bath home. CALL DAN BEARD FOR INFORMATION AT 737-3908. #95884



\$75,000. Great Horse Property! Nice 3 bedroom, 1 bath home on 1 acre. Has horse corral and lots of room for more. Outbuildings, cold storage, close to town. To see, CALL JOANNE @ 888-2994. #95061



\$84,500. Located in Gooding, this 3 bedroom, 1 bath home has 1500 sq. ft., plus an unfinished basement. Features include central air, forced air gas heat and RV parking on a corner lot. For more details CALL WALT HESS @ 737-3939. #95311



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\$134,900. 1 acre horse set up! The home features 4 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, large oak kitchen, family room, wood stove, covered deck with hot tub, central air conditioning and app. 2054 sq. ft. Outside features horse barn and tack room, pasture, and large lawn for family fun. CALL LYNN RASMUSSEN @ 737-3900 OR 420-2807. #95611



\$157,000. ALL BRICK 6 bedroom, 3 bath home in NE Twin Falls. Beautiful lots of new carpet and paint, some new marble in bathrooms. Convenient entry way, large kitchen and eating area, large family room, double garage, fenced yard and more! CALL LYNN RASMUSSEN @ 737-3900 OR 420-2807. #96202



\$199,900. Golf Course Living! This brand new home is on the Pleasant Valley Golf Course and features over 4000 sq. ft., 5 bedrooms, 3 1/2 baths, triple garage, slucco/vinyl siding and sits on 1.28 acres. Golf membership for 2 is included. CALL WALT HESS @ 737-3939. #902909



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This key position is responsible for managing the overall profitability and performance of the station. The selected candidate will be an enthusiastic professional who can take charge and effectively lead a team of Customer Service Associates. Related retail experience, including previous sales experience, is preferred. Transportation and a valid driver's license are required.

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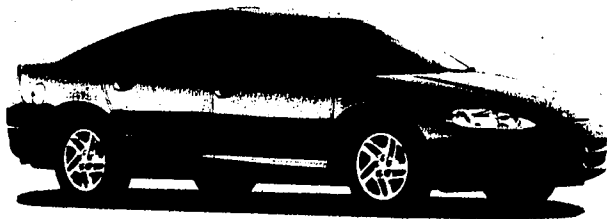
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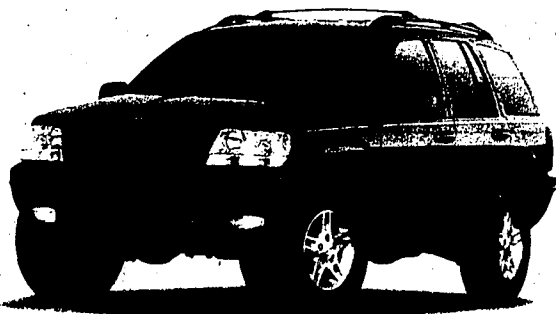
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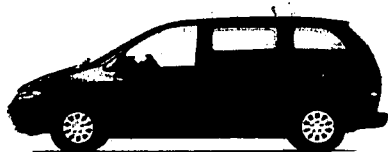
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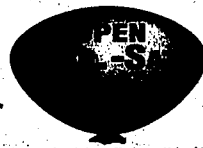
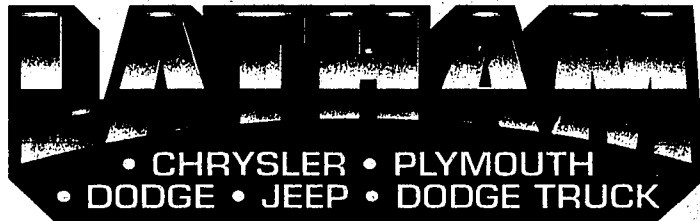


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BRIEFLY IN MONEY

Chamber workshop promotes sales skills

TWIN FALLS - The Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring an "EXCELLENCE in the WORKPLACE" workshop with Pat McGaughey.

The workshop will be held from 8:30 to 11:30 p.m. Aug. 28 at Cavanaugh Canyon Springs Hotel.

The chamber encouraged businesses to have their employees participate in the workshop, which is designed to motivate them and help them become better team members, masters at excellent customer satisfaction and better skilled at selling and up-selling their company's products and services.

McGaughey is a "fast-talking, joke-telling, 20-plus-year veteran of communicating with people as a radio personality, chamber executive, public speaker and workshop presenter," the Twin Falls chamber said.

Cost is \$199 per firm for up to 10 participants. For more information or to register, call the chamber office at 733-3974.

Bank: Payment cards teach teens fiscal responsibility

MINNEAPOLIS - U.S. Bancorp said it will offer U.S. Bank Visa Buxx, a parent-authorized, reloadable, prepaid payment card that helps teach teens financial responsibility while providing a safer alternative to cash.

U.S. Bank Visa Buxx cards are not like credit or debit cards, said the banking company, which has branches in the Magic Valley. Parents can load money onto the card in advance to accommodate teens' spending. While the cards do not extend credit to teens, they can be used at any of the 18 million Visa merchants worldwide, and cardholders can access cash at any UBANK or Plus ATM.

Parents and guardians can apply for a U.S. Bank Visa-Buxx card at the bank's web site starting Aug. 21. The teen's name is embossed on the card, and all materials are mailed to the parent's address.

Parents can transfer money to the card regularly, review purchases and apply restrictions on the card's usability. Parents can also authorize friends and family to contribute to the card as gift givers.

"Managing personal finances is a necessity for today's teens, who spend more than \$153 billion a year - mainly with cash," said Jeff Kana, executive vice president at U.S. A. "We've developed a safer, more convenient tool for teens to spend responsibly while providing an effective way for parents to control that spending and teach the benefits of money management."

U of I is on the path with garden symposium

BOISE - Idaho gardeners will delve into cold-hardy plants, cozy garden designs and come-hither garden paths when the University of Idaho hosts its 51st annual "Refracting Idaho Landscapes" symposium Sept. 9 at the Boise Centre-on-the-Grove.

Vermont garden designer Gordon Hayward will show participants how garden paths can link houses and gardens in creative and intriguing ways, the university said. A noted garden designer, consultant, lecturer and author, Hayward has written three books, including "Garden Paths: A New Way to Solve Practical Problems in the Garden."

In a second presentation later in the day, Hayward will focus on the "intimate garden" that can be created with welcoming entrance gardens, human-scale spaces, garden-embracing enclosures, warming colors, old materials and inviting outdoor architecture and dining areas.

Minnesota plantsman Michael Heger will teach participants how to heighten performance and lengthen lives of cold-hardy perennials for the nation's northern tier. These plants - all good-to-go to 20 degrees below - include such Idaho favorites as asters, beagones, bellflowers, clematis, conifers, cranberries, grasses, daylilies, irises, lilies, peonies, phlox, pinks, sages and stonecrops. Heger is co-author of the 1998 book, "Growing Perennials in Cold Climates," which covers 1,700 plants and assigns five-star ratings to 400 of them.

The horticultural symposium is co-sponsored by the UI College of Agriculture, Idaho Botanical Garden and UI Master Gardeners and hosted by extension horticulturist Michael Colt.

Check-in and late registration will begin at 8:15 a.m. Sept. 9 outside the Summit Room. General admission is \$39, while Master Gardeners and students pay \$34. Space is limited, and pre-registration by Aug. 31 is encouraged. Call Maurine Baucum at 722-6701, Ext. 228, in Parma.

Compiled from staff reports

TF construction regains pace

Commercial structures boost numbers

By Virginia S. Hutchins
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - With a fresh wind, construction in Magic Valley's largest city regained a strong pace in July.

A couple of \$600,000 new commercial structures and a \$500,000 entertainment destination - along with higher new-home values - last month sent Twin Falls' building activity soaring from year-earlier levels. Twin Falls' construction values in July jumped 84 percent from the year-earlier total, the second-biggest such rise so far in 2000. The city last month issued building permits for projects totaling an estimated \$4.6 million - that's \$2.1 million more than in July 1999 - for combined construction types.

That improvement, following shortfalls in May and June, put year-to-date 2000 construction ahead of the first seven months of 1999 for combined construction types. The residential side, despite fewer home starts, contributed to last month's expansion.

July's number of permits for single-family homes in the city fell to 15 - down from 17 in July 1999. But the homes' average value climbed 15 percent to \$95,657 from the \$83,273 of a year earlier, for a total construction value in that sector that beat July 1999's total value.

Last month's average also beat June's \$81,110 average new-home value for single-family projects, as well.

No developers in July took permits for new multifamily housing in Twin Falls, and the city issued no permits for mobile homes.

Projects in the equipment and automotive industries topped the bustling commercial sector's July activity. Here's the news behind some of the numbers:

Construction for Cats

In the largest chunk of Twin Falls construction news, Western States Equipment Co. announced it will build a new facility on its 3085 Kimberly Road property east of Twin Falls, after its product line and staff in Twin Falls have expanded rapidly in the past five years.

The new building will be just more than 20,000 square feet and have 11 maintenance bays, said Pete Edmunds, director of marketing. More than 3,600 square feet will be devoted to on-hand parts.

The factory will expand product support for the construction, agricultural, truck engine, lift truck and power generation products manufactured by Caterpillar Inc.

The \$825,582 value on the building permit is approximately correct, Edmunds said.

The company's existing 12,500-square-foot facility will get a remodeling and sign facility and house Western States' Cat Rental Store upon completion of its new companion.

After the new building's completion in December or January, Western States will open there with the same number of employees it has now, Edmunds said.

But we are very confident this move will create new career-type positions" in the near future, he said.

Western States will employ about 30 people, with five of them assigned to rental services.

"We anticipate that our business will grow more rapidly with this expansion, and we will continue to provide career employment opportunities for technicians who add value to the Caterpillar products we sell," said Tom Miller, vice president of service.

Western States said it acquired the Kimberly Road location in 1994 and has made several modifications to accommodate Caterpillar's expanding product line and Western States' growing customer base.

Western States said it is the authorized Caterpillar dealer for most of Idaho, eastern



Travis Klundt and Dusty Jenkins work for Shane's Plumbing on the construction of the new Treasure Cove, a family entertainment center in Old Towne Twin Falls.

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Construction values

Estimated values for construction that received permits in July from Twin Falls city:

Type	July '00	July '99
New single-family homes:	\$1,434,862	\$1,415,604
New multifamily units:	0	0
New commercial projects:	\$3,017,623	\$432,209
Commercial alterations/additions:	\$34,500	\$457,467
Total (including such things as mobile homes, residential alterations/additions and signs):	\$4,621,500	\$2,514,207

Source: City building department.

Washington and Oregon, and part of Wyoming. It has 13 construction/industrial branches, seven Car rental stores and two stand-alone truck shops.

Place for parts

Napa Auto Parts is trying to pick up the pieces - and put them in one place.

The Twin Falls Napa operation - locally owned and operated, along with other Magic Valley stores, under a handshake agreement with Napa headquarters in Atlanta - is scattered in three locations around town. A parts store on Kimberly Road. Storage for bulk items on Locust Street South. Offices on Blue Lakes Boulevard.

"We're trying to bring everything back together under one roof," said Bob Dyson, independent owner of 11 Napa stores in southern Idaho.

So he's erecting a new building at 1880 Kimberly Road, on the site of a former motel that had been converted to apartments before Napa bought it and tore it down in February, along with a bar on the site.

The new 17,500-square-foot, one-story building will have 5,000 square feet of sales area, 10,000 of warehouse space and 2,500 of corporate offices, Dyson said. It'll replace the leased Napa store down the street at 1550 Kimberly Road, which Napa has outgrown and will vacate, he said.

Dyson's Napa operation is distributing to six other stores out of the Twin Falls store, he said, "and we've just basically run out of room." The move will provide breathing room and the opportunity to expand more in sales and employment, he said.

He expects construction to start by the end of August and

the operation to make the move in early 2001.

The \$802,110 listed on the building permit is about right for the construction alone, Dyson said, but the entire project will ring up at \$1.4 million.

Old Towne entertainment

Treasure Cove Golf-N-Games Inc. is building a family entertainment center in the city's redeveloping historical warehouse district.

The new 14,000-square-foot building, at the corner of Shoshone Street and Fifth Avenue West, should be open by the end of October, owner Julie Mahler said.

The games and miniature-golf business will move from its current Blue Lakes Boulevard North location to the Old Towne site, next to Maverik Country Store.

In Old Towne, Treasure Cove still will host birthday parties, have batting cages and redeem game tickets for prizes, Mahler said earlier. But she might update the miniature-golf course, bring in a franchise to run the snack counter, add some new games and expand the laser tag competition to per-

haps host leagues.

The building permit lists a \$507,052 value.

Spaces for stores

A Twin Falls businessman finally has launched development of 1111 Blue Lakes Blvd. N., now with a scaled-down plan for a retail center there.

Joe Russell plans a retail center with a new 15,000-square-foot building as an adjacent companion to the existing 14,000-square-foot building that now houses the Deseret Industries thrift store and is destined for exterior remodeling and fresh landscaping. He has declined to name the size of the investment, but the building permit for the new six-unit structure lists an estimated \$401,587 value.

Centre Pointe Plaza will be on just more than two acres, between Blue Lakes and Lincoln Street, already zoned for commercial use.

Centre Pointe, a project of the Joe and Rose Marie Russell family limited partnership, is soliciting leases to start in November. Joe Russell earlier said a Northwest retail and services

chain was negotiating to occupy 5,400 square feet, the largest space inside the planned structure. The two spaces fronting Blue Lakes could accommodate two food services, he said.

A lift for business

Arnold Machinery Co.'s growth in Twin Falls reflects the overall growth in Magic Valley's business community, said Ray Woolley, local branch manager and parts manager for Salt Lake City-based Arnold Machinery.

That's because everything that's agricultural - a seed warehouse, for example, or potato cold storage - relies on a forklift, he said. And even small businesses, such as carpet shops, need to load and unload products.

The Twin Falls Arnold Machinery's revenues has increased each of the 11 years Woolley has worked at the location, he said, as more businesses come into the area the forklift company serves - from Glenns Ferry to Burley, and from Sun Valley to Jackpot, Nev.

"About five years ago you outgrew ourselves," Woolley said. So Arnold Machinery purchased more ground just to the west of its 464 Washington St. location and is building a larger facility there to include a sales office, parts area, materials-handling area and a shop for servicing forklifts. The company is a dealer of new Hyster, and it offers service, parts and used equipment for all forklift brands, he said.

The total project, start to finish, will fall somewhere around \$750,000, he said. The building permit is for an estimated

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YOUR BUSINESS

CAREER MOVES

TWIN FALLS - The Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce's chamber operations director, **Mary Brand**, graduated in July from the U.S. Chamber Institute for Organization Management Course held at Colorado College in Colorado Springs.

The four-year, one-week course offers innovative, challenging and leading-edge continuing education for chamber executives and key staff members, the Twin Falls chamber said. The institute is designed to position chambers to meet the needs of the 21st century.

The Colorado College one is one of seven institute programs held each year at U.S. college campuses. Nearly 2,000 people attend annually.

TWIN FALLS - Dr. Michael Gold announced his new orthodontic practice in Twin Falls at 1431 N. Fillmore, Suite 100 (across from the new post office).

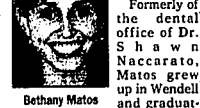


Gold grew up in Vancouver, Wash., attended Ricks College, served a two-year LDS Church mission and earned a bachelor's degree from Brigham Young University. He attended dental school at the University of Louisville, where he said he finished No. 1 in his class and received many scholarships and awards, including the Hinman Scholarship and Outstanding Graduating Senior Award.

He did a two-year residency at the University of Louisville and earned his specialty in orthodontics.

Gold and his wife, Joanne, have three children. Children and adults are welcome at the practice. For complimentary screening exams and appointments, call 737-0066.

TWIN FALLS - Dr. Michael Gold added Bethany Matos to his orthodontic dental team at 1431 N. Fillmore, Suite 100.



Formerly of the dental office of Dr. Shawn Naccarato, Matos grew up in Wendell and graduated from Wendell High School. She attended Boise State University, where she finished in the top of her class and earned a technical certificate. She is a certified dental assistant.

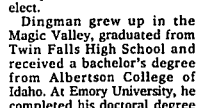
TWIN FALLS - Rosemarie Irwin was selected Salesperson of the Year 1999-2000 at The Northwest Connection Inc., a subsidiary of Garnand Marketing Inc.

Irwin joined The Northwest Connection in 1989, bringing with her 24 years of transportation experience and a strong background in the food-distrib-



uting industry. She earned the award by receiving recognition as salesperson of the month throughout the year in excess of any other sales broker.

TWIN FALLS - Twin Falls dentist Dr. Mike Dingman was installed recently as president of the Idaho State-Dental Association. His term will continue through June 30.

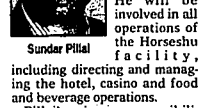


Dingman served on the ISDA Board of Trustees from 1995 to 1998, then moved through the chairs of ISDA as vice president and president-elect.

Dingman grew up in the Magic Valley, graduated from Twin Falls High School and received a bachelor's degree from Albertson College of Idaho. At Emory University, he completed his doctoral degree in dental surgery in 1973. He has conducted a practice in general dentistry in Twin Falls for 25 years.

ISDA is a voluntary professional organization with membership of more than 650 dentists in Idaho. As president, he serves as chairman of the board of trustees, the policymaking body for the ISDA.

JACKPOT, Nev. - Cactus Petes Plateau Players Club manager **Sundar Pillai** has been appointed director of Horseshu operations for the Horseshu Hotel & Casino in Jackpot, Nev. He will be involved in all operations of the Horseshu Facility, including directing and managing the hotel, casino and food and beverage operations.



Pillai's primary responsibilities include overseeing a staff of more than 100 employees, leading the functional areas of annual budgeting and planning, compiling a comprehensive marketing plan in conjunction with the Cactus Petes director of marketing and making recommendations and assisting with plans for property remodeling and upgrades.

Pillai joined Cactus Petes in 1996, first as operations analyst. Since then, he has been lead slot manager and Plateau Players Club manager.

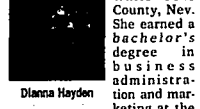
Immediately before joining Cactus Petes, he was assistant manager for Westin Peachtree Plaza in Atlanta. He also held

positions at the International Farmer's Market in Atlanta and The Taj Intercontinental in Bombay, India. Pillai holds a bachelor's degree in accounting, auditing and managerial economics and a master's degree in advance costing and business administration from the University of Poona, India, where he graduated with honors. He also received an associate's degree in hotel/motel and restaurant club management from the Indian Institute of Hotel Management in Bombay and a post-graduate diploma in systems management from the National Institute of Information Tech, also in Bombay.

In 1999, Cactus Petes President and CEO Craig Neilsen honored Pillai with the President's Award for dedication, leadership ability and commitment to the company. His department also was honored for best guest service.

A Jackpot resident, Pillai is married and the father of a son.

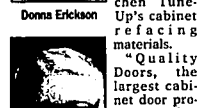
TWIN FALLS - Dianna Hayden is the new manager for Homes America on Kimberly Road in Twin Falls.



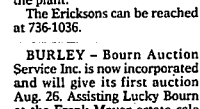
Hayden was born and raised in White Pine County, Nev. She earned a bachelor's degree in business administration and marketing at the University of Nevada in Reno. She has worked in advertising and other areas of business and been an employee of Homes America for four years.

Homes America is a Champion retail center.

TWIN FALLS - Donna and Noel Erickson attended a national semi-annual Kitchen Training Conference recently in Dallas.



The conference was hosted by Quality Doors, which makes Kitchen Tune-Up's cabinet refacing materials.

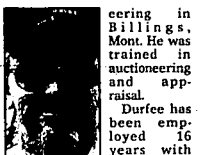


Quality Door, the largest cabinet door producer, makes 20,000 doors a day.

Donna Erickson said the couple had a three-hour tour of the plant. The Ericksons can be reached at 736-1036.

BURLEY - Bourn Auction Service Inc. is now incorporated and will give its first auction Aug. 26. Assisting Lucky Bourn at the Frank Maurer estate sale will be two new associates:

• Nick Durfee, 44, has completed his course at the Western College of Auction-

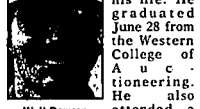


ing in Billings, Mont. He was trained in auctioneering and appraisal.

Durfee has been employed 16 years with Handy Truck Lines, in public relations with customers in addition to truck driving. He has been involved in the Scouting program in Mini-Cassia and was camp director for Cassia County Cub Scouts in 1998.

"I've done a lot of family reunion auctions. I've always been intrigued by auctions," Durfee said. "I always told myself that when I got into auctioneering, I guarantee that I will never tell anybody something just to get a sale, and I won't run down another company to get sales."

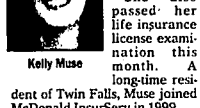
Durfee is married to Tonya Durfee and they have three sons. He may be reached at home at 678-7205 or on his cell phone at 431-7205.



• Walt Damron, 42, wanted to be an auctioneer since childhood, and he has been around auctions most of his life. He graduated June 28 from the Western College of Auctioneering. He also attended a business management school with the military in Kansas prior to his 1989 move to Mini-Cassia.

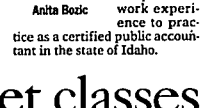
He has been employed at Randy Rich Equipment for 10 years. He said he is trained in appraisals as related to auctioneering. He can be reached at home at 436-9433 or on his cell phone at 670-2235.

TWIN FALLS - Pete McDonald, vice president of McDonald InsurServ, announced that Kelly Muse is employee of the month for July.



She also passed her life insurance license examination this month. A long-time resident of Twin Falls, Muse joined McDonald InsurServ in 1999.

TWIN FALLS - Anita Bozic, a staff accountant with Janet L. Neef CPA, passed the May Uniform CPA exam.



Bozic recently graduated with honors from Boise State University. She has completed one of the two years' work experience to practice as a certified public accountant in the state of Idaho.

Without leaving Twin Falls, students can earn bachelor's degrees in accounting, general business management or criminal justice administration (after completing lower-division core requirements), the university said. Courses toward a master's degree in bilingual education also are offered. The classes are offered in the evenings at CSI.

Registration is under way in Room 202 of the Taylor Building on CSI. Fees are \$124.70 per credit or \$1,423.25 for eight credits or more (includes \$198 refundable health insurance); graduate fees are \$158.70 per credit. Textbooks are available at the CSI Bookstore.

For advising, registration and more information, call Shari Stroud, Twin Falls program coordinator for BSU, at 733-9554, Ext. 2284, or (800) 680-0274, Ext. 2284, and a fax to 736-2154 or e-mail to stroud@oci2.edu; or see Stroud in Room 202 of the Taylor Building.

- compiled from staff reports

SPLASH OF PAINT



Diane Griffin, left, Deirdre Griffin and Target store employee Debbie Graham help other Target volunteers and their friends and relatives paint playground equipment at Fair's Field in Buhl July 29. Bright blue, red, green and yellow transformed the equipment into colorful slides and rides. Target furnished all the paint for the nationwide playground cleanup. Janet Staughter is captain of the Twin Falls team.

CONTRIBUTIONS

■ As fires burned out of control in eastern Idaho earlier this month, the Bureau of Land Management added another tool to its firefighting arsenal - 20 wireless phones and air time donated by U.S. Cellular through the wireless company's HELP (Hometown Emergency Loaner Phones) program.

The phones were used to communicate with those fighting fires as far north as the Montana border, south to the Utah border and west to the Craters of the Moon area.

■ Smith's Food & Drug Stores will donate up to 5 percent of customers' purchases to their

favorite Idaho preschool, elementary, junior high or high school when customers use the store's Fresh Values Card.

Any customer wishing to earn donations for a favorite school may enroll in the program by calling toll-free (800) 764-8997, or by picking up an enrollment application at any Idaho Smith's store. The customer's Fresh Values card number will be linked to the designated school. After that, Smith's will automatically donate up to 5 percent of the registered customer's purchases to that school. Each school may receive a maximum of \$1,800 per quarter or \$7,200 each school year.

Schools may use the donations on their most needed items, including computers, books or athletic equipment, without restriction.

TELL US YOUR BUSINESS

YourBusiness 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.
- New certifications.
- Seminars and workshops.
- Awards and achievements.
- Charitable business activities.
- Other business news.

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YourBusiness deadline: Noon Thursday for publication the following Sunday.

CSI Mini-Cassia program offers business courses

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 workforce. Class sizes are limited, and early registration recommended.

Three workshops will be led by LaMont Turner:

- Internet Business Research Workshop will teach participants how to use Internet tools to conduct business research with different search engines. Students will learn how search engines work and how to frame search criteria, utilize Boolean operators, do quick searches, create personal and professional web pages and free and fee sources of information from government Web sites. Class will be held from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Sept. 5. Cost is \$20.
- E-mail Fundamentals Workshop will be from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Sept. 6. The workshop includes fundamental e-mail functions, creating e-mail lists and addresses, exploring chat rooms and news groups and using e-mail for business communications and public relations. Fee is \$20.
- Computer and Internet Essentials Workshop will explore Internet and browser basics, open browsers and access the Internet. Participants will learn to point, click, link, scroll, bookmark, search, copy and save text messages, and use browser controls. Cost is \$20. Class is scheduled 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Sept. 7.

Computer courses available during the fall semester, Aug. 28 through Dec. 21, include the following:

- Introduction to Keyboarding: 4:30 to 7 p.m. Tuesdays, Sept. 12 to Oct. 10.
- Introduction to Computers: 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, Sept. 12 to 26, or 7 to 9:30 p.m. Tuesdays, Sept. 12 to Oct. 10.
- Introduction to Excel: 4:30 to 7 p.m. Wednesdays, Oct. 18 to Nov. 15.
- Introduction to Windows98: 4:30 to 7 p.m. Wednesdays, Oct. 4 to Nov. 1; 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Thursdays, Oct. 19 to Nov. 2; or 6 to 9 p.m. Thursdays, Oct. 19 to Nov. 16.
- Introduction to MSWord: 4:30 to 7 p.m. Wednesdays, Sept. 13 to Oct. 11.
- Introduction to Quickbooks: 7 to 9:30 p.m. Thursdays, Oct. 19 to Nov. 16.
- Introduction to HTML: 4:30 to 7 p.m. Mondays, Sept. 11 to Oct. 9.
- Intermediate HTML: 4:30 to 7 p.m. Mondays, Oct. 16 to Nov. 13.
- FrontPage 2000: 7 to 10 p.m. Mondays, Sept. 11 to Oct. 9.
- Intermediate FrontPage: 7 to 10 p.m. Mondays, Oct. 16 to Nov. 13.
- Introduction to Internet: 6 to 9 p.m. Thursdays, Sept. 14 to Oct. 12; or 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Tuesdays, Oct. 3 to Oct. 17.
- Tech Curriculum: 4:30 to 7 p.m. Thursdays, Aug. 29 to Dec. 12.

Academic classes are \$66.50 per credit, plus books and lab fees. For more information or to

Chamber, Qwest offer Internet classes

TWIN FALLS - The Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce announced a partnership with Qwest (formerly US West) offering e-BITS classes Sept. 7 and 8 in the conference room at the chamber office, 858 Blue Lakes Blvd.

The free classes are intended for business owners, managers and employees who need to know more about accessing the Internet.

Pre-registration is required. Space is limited to 14 participants on a first-come, first-served basis, but individuals can take more than one class. Classes are expected to fill quickly; if there is enough interest, a second round will be offered later in the fall.

Available classes include (1) Computer Basics for Small Business, (2) Internet Essentials for Small Business, (3) Introduction to Web Authoring,

Business in brief

- (4) Intermediate Web Authoring.
 - (5) Advanced Web Authoring.
 - (6) Advanced E-Commerce.
 - (7) Combine the Internet and Desktop Applications.
 - (8) Essential E-mail Communications and Public Relations for Business.
 - (9) Power e-mail, Communication and Public Relations for Small Business.
 - (10) Market Watch and Invest on the Web.
 - (11) Internet Business Research.
 - (12) Internet Legal Issues.
 - (13) Gadgets.
 - (14) Web Graphics.
 - (15) QuickBooks.
- Classes start at 8 a.m. each day and continue all day. To sign up, send the individual's name, preferred class numbers, and company name, address, phone number, fax number and e-mail address to the Twin Falls chamber, 858 Blue Lakes Blvd. N., Twin Falls, ID 83301, or by fax to 733-9216.

Business management, accounting classes available

TWIN FALLS - Boise State University's Division of Extended Studies is offering several general business management and accounting classes in Twin Falls.

Classes available during the fall semester, which runs Aug. 24 through Dec. 19, include Intermediate Accounting III; Analysis, Design, Audit of Accounting Information Systems; Business Communications; Commercial Law for Accountants I; Employee and Labor Relations; Principles of Marketing; and Marketing Management.

Two classes have limited enrollment: Management and Organizational Theory will be taught with the use of the Internet and e-mail, and Human Resource Management will be transmitted from BSU to the College of Southern Idaho campus live via microwave.

Personal finance

Pension programs turn passe

Knight Ridder News Service

For more than a century, pensions reflected a sacred contract between company and worker. Once a person retired, the company would reward long years of service by providing financial security for life, a promise that predates Social Security.

But as people and economies change, so do pension plans. In today's bullish, tech-driven economy, the pension plan suddenly seems passe.

The reasons are many. Younger workers are unlikely to spend their careers at one company, some experts say. Others point to the enormous cost of administering a pension plan. And in the so-called New Economy world of dot-com millionaires, retirement benefits at some companies have taken a back seat to stock options and venture-capital funds.

The result has been a significant shift in the past decade over who is ultimately responsible for a worker's retirement. Companies now allow employees greater flexibility and control to manage their benefits, including 401(k) plans and to a certain extent, the newer and more controversial cash-balance plans.

Since 1985, the number of traditional pension plans has declined from 114,000 to 40,000, according to the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corp., the federal agency that insures pension funds. The number of active workers covered by the plans dropped 17 percent from 1988 to 1996, from 27.3 million to 22.6 million.

In 1875, American Express offered its workers the country's first private defined-benefit plan. The company agreed to pay retirees a specific monthly benefit based on years of service and percentage of salary. The utilities, banking and manufacturing industries soon followed suit.

Pensions, however, were not always a sure thing. Some companies like Starbuck's in 1963 failed to pay out benefits it promised to 4,000 auto workers. Congress sought to protect workers' pensions by passing the 1974 Employee Retirement Income

Security Act, or ERISA, which set up federal oversight of pension programs.

Under the law, the Labor Department and Internal Revenue Service would regulate how companies managed their pension funds and invested their assets. Should a pension fund collapse, the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corp. would pay benefits to affected workers, much in the same way the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp. insures deposits in banks.

Ironically, the demise of the pension plan can be traced to ERISA, said Ray Westfall, a partner in Seattle-based Employee Benefits Planning, a consulting group. The web of federal regulations, he said, drove up the cost of pension plans, making them increasingly unattractive to businesses.

"ERISA reduced the flexibility companies had with pension plans," said Westfall. "It became more and more expensive to maintain these plans. Culturally, employers were less willing to take on the responsibility. It's not worth it anymore."

Pension funds railed for cash

During the 1980s, corporations frequently raised their pension funds for cash when they bought out other companies. The government, in turn, imposed stiff penalties on companies that withdrew money from pension funds for purposes other than paying out retirement benefits.

Wendy Foster, director of business development at New York Life Benefit Services, said companies were wary of the huge potential liabilities associated with cash-funded pension plans, which could drastically drive down earnings.

Today, the opposite holds true. A flush stock market has left huge billion-dollar surpluses collecting in pension funds at corpo-

rations such as Boeing, General Electric and US West. Those companies have frequently used pension surpluses to improve profits.

Satisfying a mobile work force

Foster said workers today find pensions confusing. Some prefer 401(k) plans, which clearly state the plan's value as an account balance. Since the employer and worker usually contribute to the account, 401(k)s, also known as defined-contribution plans, are not covered by the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corp.

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Companies such as Starbucks and Nordstrom like 401(k) plans because a good percentage of their workers are young and mobile. Starbucks even extends 401(k)s to part-time workers.

"Pension plans are not appealing for the newer generation," said Joe Demart, vice-president of human resources at Nordstrom. "They are not interested in staying that long at one company."

Although 401(k)s are extremely popular, so-called cash-balance plans have earned the most attention recently. Similar to a 401(k), the value of a cash-balance plan is kept track of as if it were in an account.

Cash-balance plans also are portable, meaning employees' benefits can be transferred when they change jobs. The accounts can consist of a percentage of pay plus interest credits based on a U.S. Treasury security.

Unlike 401(k)s, however, cash-balance plans are considered hybrid pension plans and are insured by the government because they offer a predictable retirement benefit.

Large corporations are adopting cash-balance plans at least 20 percent of Fortune 500 companies have, according to Time magazine.

For these companies, cash-balance plans are useful during mergers and acquisitions because

they keep buyers from having to reconcile multiple pension plans. In January, Boeing converted to a cash-balance plan for its nonunion, salaried employees. Company officials said the switch was necessary to create a uniform pension policy for Boeing and McDonnell Douglas, which Boeing acquired in 1997.

But Boeing's plan does not include a provision found in most cash-balance plans. Employees who leave the company cannot opt to take a lump-sum payment instead of transferring the benefits into their retirement accounts.

The conversion to cash-balance plans has drawn harsh scrutiny from Congress. The IRS and retirees' groups, which accuse companies of discriminating against older workers. Middle-aged employees enrolled in traditional pension plans can have their benefits reduced once a company converts to a cash-balance system because they are closer to retirement and cannot accrue money as quickly as younger workers.

Cash-balance plans are a "stealth product," said Paul Edwards, chairman of the Massachusetts-based Coalition for Retirement Security.

"It's a slick program designed by the pension industry to take (benefits) away from (older) employees and to get a product in corporate hands that will lessen their liabilities," Edwards said.

Last month, a large group of shareholders opposed an IBM plan to switch to a cash-balance system amid protests by the company's older employees.

Some corporations argue that cash-balance plans are cost-effective and ensure that pension benefits are distributed equally among all workers. Should a worker choose to take a lump-sum payment, the company is no longer obligated to pay that employee retirement benefits.

Whether conversion to cash-balance plans will pass government scrutiny is not certain. But what's even less clear is the role, if any, pension plans will play in the uncertain New Economy, whose fortunes are ultimately tied to the stock market.

Online applications hurt credit rating

The Washington Post

Internet surfers, beware: Using the World Wide Web to check different lenders to see if you can afford that new house or car, or to calculate the savings on refinancing the mortgage, might be hazardous to your credit rating.

Giving your Social Security number to an online lender to see if you qualify for a particular rate means the lender will run a credit check. And doing that several times over more than a month can hurt your credit "score," because lenders figure consumers who seek a lot of credit may be strapped for cash - and have a harder time paying it back.

"The conversion to cash-balance plans has drawn harsh scrutiny from Congress. The IRS and retirees' groups, which accuse companies of discriminating against older workers. Middle-aged employees enrolled in traditional pension plans can have their benefits reduced once a company converts to a cash-balance system because they are closer to retirement and cannot accrue money as quickly as younger workers."

"I wanted to shop around until I found the best deal out there, and I was in no hurry to close quickly," said Elms, an industry analyst for Garner Group Inc., a Connecticut technology consulting firm.

"At most Web sites, she could obtain general information about current rates and origination fees, also known as points. But to find out precisely what interest rate and fees she would have to pay, she had to submit her Social Security number."

"Many lenders make it clear they will run a credit check to determine creditworthiness, one key factor lenders weigh in setting specific rates and fees for each borrower. But they don't disclose that multiple applications can hurt your credit score."

"As I kept shopping around online, I found that lenders who initially made me offers, after a while, either not accepting

my application or making less and less favorable offers," said Elms, who said she submitted her Social Security number at least nine times in hope of better offers.

"The offers started out with a 7.5 percent interest rate and no points. But after four months, Elms kept submitting applications, the interest rates and points kept increasing. Interest rates were rising slightly during the period, but not enough to explain some offers as high as 8.5 percent, plus 3 points, she said. Elms figures the changes would have cost her an extra \$52 a month in mortgage payments and \$4,500 in closing costs."

"A number of lenders pointed to my declining (credit) score" to explain the difference in rates and points, she said.

Elms finally decided to refinance through her credit union. But her online experience prompted her to do more digging in her job as research analyst for Garner's e-business services division. That led to a report her company issued last month to clients, who include online lenders.

Craig Watts, consumer affairs manager for Fair, Isaac & Co. (FICO), the nation's leading credit-scoring firm, said scoring models have been adjusted to treat multiple queries within a 14-day period as a single request for credit. And the models ignore any queries within the last 30 days when calculating a score.

"But Elms contends - and industry officials agree - that these exceptions may not be adequate to cover online shoppers."

"Online, you can window-shop for credit, follow an ad or use a search engine, not because you are considering doing it, but because you wonder there may be a better rate or terms out there today, or may wonder what you will be able to get when you're ready to buy a house six months from now," Elms said.

Construction

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\$227,037 portion of the cost. Arnold Machinery hopes to move the building around Thanksgiving. Then the current structure will be torn down. And eventually the new building's size will double when Arnold Machinery's division for sales, parts and service of heavy construction equipment adds into the new facility for itself, Woolley said.

Helpful housing

A Twin Falls-based nonprofit organization's aging building that provides homes for mentally ill people isn't getting a new building. So it's erecting a new housing facility, and this one will be fully compliant, said Carol Cliett of CORE - Community Organization for Rehabilitative Efforts.

"As I kept shopping around online, I found that lenders who initially made me offers, after a while, either not accepting

Valley Regional's Canyon View Psychiatric and Addiction Services building - to grow some of the permits and other flowers used on hospital grounds every year, Harrison said.

"It'll be a very nice addition to us," he said.

"The building permit lists a \$4,992 value for the construction work."

Elsewhere in town

Other July building permits out in Twin Falls included:

- The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints' construction of a new 4,885-square-foot seminary building at 457 Maurice St. N. The building permits lists an estimated \$250,112 value.
- The Sizzler restaurant's rebuilding of a mansion at 719 Blue Lakes Blvd. N. listed at an estimated \$22,000 on the building permit.

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by Craig Smith



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Investors try to unravel fund fees

Even those with business knowledge run into difficulty

Knight Ridder News Service

MIAMI - Terry and Julie Zobel of Plantation, Fla., are a successful and smart couple. She runs her own public relations business and he's managing director of a corporate finance consulting unit.

But they don't have it easier than anyone else when it comes to deciphering the costs of a mutual fund.

"It's not easy to get the expense ratios, the surrender charges and to figure out the 'whole structure of the charges,'" Terry Zobel says. "I think you should take the time to get those questions answered before you make the investment."

Not only are fund fees difficult to unravel, they're also the subject of one of the biggest argu-

ments in the fund industry.

In one corner, industry veteran John Bogle, founder of the Vanguard Group, is a vocal critic of high fees. He says expense ratios for stock funds are up by 50 percent over 1982.

In the opposite corner, the Investment Company Institute, the industry trade group, recently put out a study saying the total cost of stock funds has declined by one-third since 1980. What's more, the bigger a fund becomes, the smaller its expenses tend to be, the study says.

In the middle are the investors who face little choice but to struggle with the facts - or ignore them all.

"Which is what a tremendous number of people do, apparently," Arthur Levitt, chairman of the SEC, said that SEC research shows only 8 percent of fund investors clearly understand what they're paying in fees on their funds.

It makes for more difference than a penny here or a penny

there. Consider this example, from the SEC:

If you invested \$10,000 in a fund that produced a 10 percent annual return and had annual operating expenses of 1.5 percent, you'd have roughly \$49,725 after 20 years. If, however, the fund had expenses of just 0.5 percent, you'd have \$60,858.

Federal law requires funds to disclose their fees, but even that, usually in a table at the front of a fund's prospectus, doesn't tell investors the whole story.

To figure out what a mutual fund will really deliver to you, you can use those fees and expenses, determine how long you'll hold the fund, assume a future rate of return for the fund and factor in your own tax rate.

However, there are some costs you may never quite get a handle on, such as the commissions or transaction costs that funds are paying to buy and sell shares. These brokerage fees are not listed in the prospectus - because they are unpredictable.

"Clearly, this is a great business for the fund managers," Bogle said in a speech last spring to the Economic Club of Phoenix. High fees, he said, are the industry's second most flawed feature. First, by the way, is that funds' performance doesn't match the market's rise. Bogle contends that the high fund fees are the reason why.

Levit in January blasted funds for advertisements that boast of triple-digit returns.

Such promises of fast riches "play to people's emotions rather than their intellect," he told the Associated Press.

Levit cautioned investors to focus on the big picture, not just past performance, and to especially not overlook what they're paying for these fabulous return investments.

"It's kind of like still believing in the tooth fairy," says Miami financial planner and investment advisor Frank Armstrong. "Somehow people believe that if they pay more in fees, they'll get more."

for at www.personalfund.com, from financial writer Andrew Tobias. In both of these figures and others, plus it offers up cost comparisons among your fund and other similar ones.

Vanguard offers a cost comparison calculator on its site, www.vanguard.com, but it takes a little more work. You have to select what fund you want to compare with Vanguard's offering, for example.

The Investment Company Institute's site, www.ici.org, frequently asked questions About Mutual Fund Fees. It's comprehensive and compares the returns offered by load and no-load funds at different expense ratios. ICI also offers a video on the subject as well.

Finally, the North American Securities Administrators Association has a good publication, The Informed Investor, No. 2, at its site, www.nasaa.org, that has a good discussion of funds.

Compare the differences in mutual fund costs

Knight Ridder News Service

Are no-load funds really less expensive to investors?

What's the real difference between paying sales fees when you buy a fund and when you sell it?

Is there any way to compare one-time sales fees with every-year charges for operations?

Is a low-fee fund better, no matter how the fund performs?

There are a lot of good questions to ask about mutual fund fees. To get the answers, however, takes some work.

To start, there are two types of funds: load and no-load.

Loads are the industry term for sales charges. There are front-end loads - paid when you buy - and back-end loads - paid when you sell. These are one-time fees.

These fees are listed in your fund's prospectus.

Back-end loads go by various names, such as surrender charges or contingent deferred sales

charges. This is usually a percentage of the original purchase price or the value of shares redeemed. Redemption fees, which can run up to 2 percent, may be levied on top of a back-end load.

If you invest in an upfront load fund, the load is subtracted from the amount that is invested. The average stock fund load, according to the Investment Company Institute, is 1.49 percent, but by law loads can be as high as 9.3 percent.

Even without loads, no-load funds are not automatically cheaper.

They can charge investors service fees of up to 0.25 percent every year basically as a handling fee. These, too, are in the prospectus.

No-load funds also charge investors every year for operating expenses. Of course, load funds do this too.

Among the operating expenses are management fees and the so-called 12b-1 fee, named after an

SEC rule. This is an operating expense to pay for marketing and distribution. It is subtracted from the fund's assets. It can be up to 0.75 of the fund's average net per year.

Even with all this information, you do not have the whole story about fees.

Funds pay brokerage fees, but because they are hard to predict, funds don't put these figures in their prospectuses. However, the Investment Company Institute points out that you can find these fees factored in - along with all other expenses - when a fund advertises its performance.

What's the best way to figure what you're really paying? The Securities and Exchange Commission has added a mutual fund fee cost calculator to its Web site at

www.sec.gov/mfcc/mfcc-int.htm. That calculator does not include taxes and transaction costs into its formula.

Another one does. The calcula-

MONEY

Study: Physicians over 50 are ready to move on

The Dallas Morning News

About 40 percent of physicians older than 50 plan to retire within three years, according to a new survey conducted by Merritt, Hawkins & Associates, an Irving, Texas-based physician staffing firm.

An additional 10 percent said they hope to find a job in a non-medical or nonclinical setting, Merritt reports.

Merritt's chief executive, Joseph Hawkins, said the findings reflect a dramatic change in attitude from a generation ago, when older physicians were the profession's workhorses and carried the biggest patient loads.

And younger doctors aren't stepping in to pick up the slack as older physicians leave the field, Hawkins said.

"The younger physicians don't carry as large a practice as the older physicians did," he said. "Quality of life is making a difference to younger physicians."

The survey indicates that managed care is driving many of the older physicians into retirement. More than 50 percent of the doctors Merritt surveyed said managed care was their No. 1 professional frustration. And about half said managed care was a "significant factor" in their decision to retire, slow down or look for another job.

Hawkins said that retirements could hurt short-staffed hospitals and clinics. Few hospitals have succession plans and often must scramble to find replacements, he said.

The survey found that only 30 percent of these older physicians had made plans to transfer their patients to other doctors when they retire. About 21 percent said that they were working on succession plans with their affiliated hospitals or groups.

Hanging up their stethoscopes

Almost 40% of physicians 50 or older plan to leave medicine or switch careers. Their plans for the next three years, in percent of doctors surveyed:

Retire	38%
No change	18%
Will not take on any new patients or significantly reduce their workload	16%
Substitute for another doctor	12%
Seek non-clinical or non-medical job	10%
Other	4%
No answer	2%

BY SUZANNE KIRT SOURCE: Merritt, Hawkins & Associates THE DALLAS MORNING NEWS

Those staffing problems also can have a trickle-down effect. "I think that it puts a strain on the ancillary service," Hawkins said.

"For example, if I have a surgical department that I've staffed up based on the number of surgeons, and all of a sudden the surgeon leaves, then I have all these nurses whose salaries I'm still paying while looking for another doctor," he said.

But along with this gloomy news, the survey did indicate a few bright points, Hawkins said. The majority of physicians, about 60 percent, said that patient relationships were the single greatest source of their professional satisfaction.

"Despite strains on the system and in their own practices, many physicians still believe the health-care profession is doing something right," Hawkins said. "So there is hope."

Renovating adds value to your house

Knight Ridder News Service

DETROIT — Kevin O'Reilly knows he got his money's worth from the \$2,400 he put into his house before it went up for sale in June.

He stripped old wallpaper, painted and updated bathrooms, installed neutral carpet and painted the four bedrooms. The work paid off fast.

"The couple that made the offer was the first couple to look at the house," he says. The two-story in Sterling Heights, Mich., listed for \$179,900 and sold for \$179,000 three days later.

People preparing to sell their homes sometimes wonder how smart it is to invest in things like paint and new carpet when they're getting ready to move.

According to real estate agents, they'd be wise to stop wondering and to grab a paintbrush. Sellers who make needed cosmetic updates nearly always recoup their costs, and often more. They may also hasten the sale.

"Homes that are fixer-uppers don't appeal to people anymore," says Jim Ford, an associate broker with 30 years of experience at Weir Mutual Snyder & Ranke Realtors in Birmingham, Mich. "People want to move in and have to do nothing."

Ford describes a three-bedroom ranch in Royal Oak, Mich., listed earlier this year that had lots of lookers but no offers.

After the home spent several months on the market, the owner decided to spend \$10,000 to improve its appearance. New paint and carpet updated the interior. A bathroom was freshened with paint, new fixtures, a tub surround and strip lighting. Exterior paint was touched up.

When the house went back up for sale, it was listed for about \$8,000 more and sold within days for an even higher amount, Ford says. In his view, the improvements made all the difference.

How much sellers spend on quick fixes depends on what needs to be done, as well as the price the house is expected to bring.

In O'Reilly's case, he credits a previous owner with making sound choices that gave the house a more modern feel. For example, the kitchen had already been lighted with color and new fixtures. The family room's dark wood paneling had been painted off-white.

So O'Reilly concentrated his efforts on removing dated wallpaper in the bathrooms, painting, replacing toilets and flooring. In the bedrooms, he repainted walls, spending \$120 on a power roller that allowed him to work faster.

It pays to renovate

Investing in updates can help you sell your home sooner rather than later.

Remodeled kitchen

150%*
A kitchen update can reward a seller with a sizable payback. Just remember, though: Splurging on fancy finishing materials or sophisticated equipment may cut into your profit. Keep it simple.

Fireplace

100%*
Especially if it's energy-efficient, such as a good gas-powered model, a fireplace holds the promise of cozy family gatherings around the warmth of the hearth.

Room addition

80%*
For the most attractive return on your investment, the added room should be a family room or a third bedroom.

Master suite

70%*
To keep costs down, try to find extra space by combining existing rooms and spaces. Heavy structural work entailed by adding space diminishes your return.

Exterior paint

50%*
Sanding up siding, sprucing up trim, etc. can take years off the look of an older house.

Lawn and garden

100%*
A healthy, green lawn and a modest but colorful flower bed will entice potential buyers. The few hundred dollars invested may yield several thousand in profit.

Second bath

90%*
All it takes is a simple 5-foot-by-9-foot second bath to make mornings more civilized for most families. This is a must-have for today's buyers.

Remodeled bath

60-80%*
A master bath is on many buyers' wish lists. They may have only one bath, install two, sink or a double vanity mirror to handle the morning crowd.

Deck

70%*
Outdoor living space is a desirable asset no matter what the locale. Low-maintenance decking material leaves lots of leisure time, too.

Finished attic

50%*
You can expect to recoup most of your investment if you make sure the renovation does not detract from the aesthetics of your home. It is especially attractive as an extra bedroom in a small house.

*Percentage of your investment typically recouped at an resale. Source: First Free Press Research Group/MARTHA THERRY/DETROIT FREE PRESS

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Study: Nurses are abused by doctors, patients, supervisors

The Dallas Morning News

Nursing professor Helen Cox began studying the verbal abuse of nurses in the early 1980s when one of her best students threatened to quit school.

The young woman was ready to drop out of nursing after a surgeon lit into her when she didn't know where he kept his "special" scrubs. "The unleashed some of the most obscene verbal abuse on her. I wouldn't even repeat it," said Cox, now executive associate dean of nursing administration at Texas Tech University. "That really struck a cord with me. I wondered, 'How much of this is really going on?'"

Since then, Cox has conducted four studies on nurse abuse. Each time, more than 90 percent of the nurses she questioned said they had been verbally abused by physicians, patients' families and nursing supervisors.

Cox said she hoped her research would draw attention to the problem — and help bring an end to it.

She's been disappointed. New studies indicate no improvement, even in the middle of an unprecedented nursing shortage in which hospitals are eager to attract recruits.

Cox fears the problem may have gotten worse. "I haven't seen a significant change one way or the other," Cox said, "although I can see with the shortage there might be a worsening. 125of verbal abuse.375 due to RNs being stretched thinner and thinner."

Laura Sofield, who conducted a study last year that duplicated Cox's findings, said verbal abuse "does have an effect on turnover, morale, errors, and it has an effect on hospital facilities holding onto and maintaining the nurses that they have."

Sofield said the nursing shortage may force nursing administrators and hospital officials to "pay attention to the problem."

"I do think that they're noticing it more," said Sofield, "the survey and practice manager at MedWise Primary Care for Seniors in West Long Branch, N.J." "I think that because they are losing a great number of

qualified, experienced nurses, and I think hospitals are trying to look at what is going on in their facilities."

Some health-care facilities are redefining their policies on workplace violence to include verbal abuse. They also are investing in peer mediation and teaching employees how to deal with stress without yelling at other people, she said.

Sometimes those employees are nurses.

The studies by Cox and Sofield found that experienced nurses are often among the worst abusers. Professionals often refer to "nurses eating their young," and the problem is often discussed on online nursing forums.

"The nurses are very, very busy and are focused on being as close to perfect as they can. They tend to be pretty harsh sometimes. It is very hard on the new graduate," said Leah Curtin, a former editor of Nursing Management magazine who now publishes the online newsletter CurinCalls (www.curincalls.com).

Curtin said nurse-on-nurse abuse — once tolerated as part of the professional experience — is beginning to fall out of favor. She said her readers think so, too.

"There was some genuine discussion to our responsibility to help socialize people in the profession and to reach out with collegial support rather than anger or condemnation," Curtin said.

Hospital administrators must support such efforts, Cox said.

"I think we have to pay attention to things we are doing like other ways to cope with our stress," Cox said. "We need to have policies and procedures in place to deal with the chronic verbal abuses. We've got zero tolerance of drugs, and we should have zero tolerance for verbal abuse."

Fund investors go online for information

By Dunstan Prial

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Mutual fund investors have grown understandably wary of putting their hard earned dollars into funds that focus on upstart Internet companies.

Yet those same investors are turning to the Internet in increasing numbers when they need help in making their investment choices.

Indeed, a recent study showed that 68 percent of the 48 million U.S. homes that own mutual funds used the Internet between April 1999 and March 2000.

And nearly half of those investors used the Internet specifically to review the Web sites of companies that sell mutual funds, according to a study by the Investment Company Institute, the fund industry's trade organization.

A similar study by the Washington, D.C.-based ICI in 1998 found 62 percent of mutual fund owners had used the Internet, but only about one-third had done online to view mutual fund Web sites.

Research seems to be the primary reason mutual fund investors go online.



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Alexander Sharon, a Manhattan resident who is considering investing in mutual funds, said she uses the Internet because it's easy to find performance statistics for funds.

"I'm looking for growth and potential," she said.

Sharon said she goes directly to the sites of the individual fund companies to conduct her research, rather than browsing the sites of objective research firms like Morningstar or Lipper.

Her online experience is limited to research, however. Like many people who use the Internet, Sharon said she is wary of conducting financial transactions on the Web and refrains

from providing personal information over the Internet.

Sandy West, ICI's director of market policy research, said Sharon's response is typical among fund owners who use the Internet. "The study found that most fund owners aren't transacting online. They're using the Internet for information gathering," she said.

Of the 513 fund owners surveyed by the ICI who conducted a transaction between March 1999 and April 2000, just 8 percent used the Internet exclusively to buy or sell shares.

Another 10 percent used both the Internet and traditional methods to conduct transactions, while 82 percent stayed clear of Web transactions altogether, preferring to call the company or stop by a local retail office, she said.

The study found fund owners usually use the Web to look at performance figures and share prices, and to review their personal account information.

In addition to revealing investors' apprehension for conducting business online, West said the ICI study provides further evidence of how influential the Web has become as an informational tool.

"In all aspects of life in the

much greater return than in fiberglass insulation," Nabor says, especially if it transformed the bathroom from "dreary to cheerful and nice."

He says real estate professionals should be able to suggest what needs to be updated or replaced and give ideas on ways to do it so the house will move more quickly and for a good price.

Clients don't always want to hear the advice, however.

"One of the biggest jobs I have is getting across that it's in their best interest to do these things, whether they do it themselves or hire it out," Nabor says.

The kitchen is particularly important, Ford says. Older cabinets should be replaced or refaced, and appliances should be recent.

"It's not the money you spend, it's where you spend it," says Sharon Snyder, broker and owner of Snyder & Company of Ann Arbor, Mich. For houses in expensive neighborhoods, even spending \$50,000 or more to remodel a older kitchen just before selling the house can pay off.

"Where you expect granite, Corian and high-end appliances, you will get your money back," she says. On the other hand, "if it's a \$125,000 house and you put \$40,000 in a kitchen, I wouldn't expect the same return."

In a separate category are major structural repairs a house may need. A state law requires sellers to sign a disclosure of defects or problems such as leaky basements or roofs.

Snyder advises her clients whose homes have any structural problems to make the repairs before putting the house on the market.

Otherwise, sellers should disclose the problem and get several estimates of how much the repair will cost. They can then present the estimates to potential buyers and adjust the asking price accordingly.

Cosmetic improvements generally cost less, and who the issue is whether or not to make them, Ford says it's a no-brainer: Just do it.

"As much as you put in, you will get back, sometimes with a little profit, and the house will sell quickly. We know if you don't the house will sit around for a while," he says.

Snyder says the key to remember is that people buy houses based on emotion, especially their first impression when they walk in the front door.

"You want it looking as fresh as possible. You want to unclutter the house and you want it neutral ... always neutral for resale," she says.

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Much of the ICI's findings confirmed to widely held views of Internet-users demographics. For example, 75 percent of mutual fund owners, or those under the age of 35, are more likely to use the Internet than fund owners over 65.

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Final the percentage of online users is far higher among more affluent households. About half the fund-owning-homes with income under \$25,000 used the Internet, according to the study, while 91 percent of the homes with incomes over \$100,000 went online.

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"Just tell him his partner is here"

Bermuda firm makes connections

Company expands cable network

Knight Ridder News Service

MIAMI — By almost any measure, Global Crossing is the most aggressive. The Bermuda-based company owns a state-of-the-art cable network — on land and under the sea, built for the high-speed transport of data, voice and video communication. It covers five continents, 27 countries, more than 200 cities and has 14,000 employees worldwide.

By next spring, when the entire network is completed, it will link the United States to Europe, the Far East and Latin America in one, seamless loop, extending 101,000 miles.

South Florida serves as Global Crossings' gateway to Latin America, the access point to about 20 percent of this extensive network.

Some 20,000 miles of fiber-optic cable link Miami to the Caribbean, Central America, Mexico and South America. The company's regional headquarters is based here. Its investment in the region, including its presence in South Florida, totals about \$2 billion.

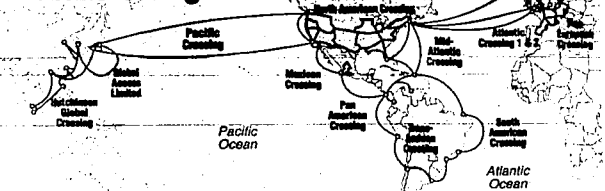
The company also has grown through acquisitions, swallowing up a quick order Frontier Communications, Britain's Racal Telecom and Global Marine.

Three years ago, Global Crossing was just getting off the ground when founder Gary Winnick raised \$75 million to lay the company's first fiber-optic cable across the Atlantic.

In a way, the explosive growth has been the easy part. Now comes the difficult job.

Global Crossing has carved a niche for itself in a lucrative business, giving the exponential growth expected in data, voice and video communications in coming years, and the corresponding demand for high-speed Internet. It now has to prove it can grow the company the old-fashioned way — writing profits out of its high-tech-cable network by signing up more customers and selling them more services.

Global Crossing's cable network



Global Crossing Ltd.

■ Description: A fiber optic cable, Internet services and communications company

■ Top executives: Gary Winnick, founder and chairman; Leo Hindery Jr., chief executive officer

■ Headquarters: Hamilton, Bermuda

■ Market capitalization: \$2.4 billion

■ Total assets: \$8.03 billion (as of March 31, 2000)

■ One-year stock performance: -31%

SOURCE: Global Crossing Ltd. Graphic/MIAMI HERALD

REVENUE	2000	2001
1998	\$418 million	
1999	\$1.08 billion	
2000	\$2.7 billion	\$2.7 billion (estimate)

\$4.1 billion proforma, to include three acquisitions in 2000

EARNINGS*	1999	2000	2001
1999	\$1.2 billion		
2000	\$1.7 billion	\$1.7 billion (estimate)	
2001			\$2.5 billion (estimate)

*Before interest, taxes, depreciation and administrative expenses

EMPLOYEES	1998	1999	2000
1998	148	12,400	14,300

*Approximate number

FIBER-OPTIC CABLE MILES	1998	1999	2001
1998	3,000		
1999		42,252	
2001			101,000

By mid-year 2001

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"The challenge is to take the assets we've gathered and turn them into a substantial operating business," says Leo Hindery Jr., Global Crossings' chief executive officer.

To better serve U.S. clients who want to do business in Latin America, as well as better reach Latin customers who need a vital link to the states, Global Crossing is expanding its presence in South Florida.

Global Crossing has built a state-of-the-art cable house in Hollywood, where its Mid-Atlantic Crossing lands, linking New York to South Florida. From Hollywood, the undersea cable goes through the Caribbean and on down to circle South America. The cable lands in Las Toninas, Argentina, travels across the Andes to Valparaiso, Chile, and then back underwater as it heads north again along the Pacific Coast.

The first phase, which takes

the network to Santiago, should be completed in October. The loop up to Panama should be done next April.

The company also plans to establish a GlobalCenter in downtown Miami. GlobalCenter is the company's Web hosting and Internet services arm, providing infrastructure and a speedy network for such major Internet firms as Yahoo!, Ziff Davis, Motley Fool, MP3.com and eToys. For instance, 90 percent of Yahoo's traffic goes through Global Crossing's center in Sunnyvale, Calif.

The Miami facility will also provide space so other telecom companies can exchange information with Global Crossing. There are already six GlobalCenters in operation, including ones in Australia and London.

Patrick Jogerger, Global Crossing's president for South America, says the company has

regarded Latin America as a key market. "When Global Crossing set out to build its network, Latin America was an integral part of it," he said.

Besides building the network to link the continent, Jogerger says there are plans to establish a land network in metropolitan centers to provide a seamless link for users.

The goal is eventually to link customer to customer. "We don't want to leave those photons on the beach," Jogerger says.

The company's network is well positioned to serve as the fiber-optic backbone for wireless communications in Latin America, where mobile Internet access is expected to grow rapidly.

"Portability is important," says Diane Sanchez, president of the company's Mexico, Caribbean and Central American operations. "Global Crossing wants to go everywhere its clients want to go."

Net provides avenue for identity thefts

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You lose your wallet. A few days later your credit card company calls to verify that you charged a \$5,000 vacation for two to Costa Rica and \$1,000 for a custom surfboard from Murphy's Surf Shop.

Uh, no. That wouldn't be you. You only surf the Net and the last wave you saw were in your lava lamp.

"Feel a bit queasy? Some jerk just stole your personal identity."

Identity theft is an invasive crime in which another person illegally uses your name, your Social Security number or some other protected form of identity to gain access to your money or private property.

The Internet has created a larger playground for identity thieves. Witness the lucker who stole thousands of credit card numbers and posted them on a Web site.

"It is on the increase," said Cetsy Broder, assistant director for planning and information at the Federal Trade Commission in Washington.

The federal government is taking this crime seriously. In 1998, Congress passed a law that criminalized identity theft and charged the commission with helping consumers. The commission built a centralized repository for theft data and opened a toll-free hot line: 1-877-IDTHEFT (438-4338).

Complaints are flowing in. The hotline gets 800 complaints a week. Last year the Social Security Commission reported 39,000 complaints related to the theft of Social Security numbers and data. And credit bureaus also say they are receiving more complaints.

Broder said more investigations were expected. "We think our ID theft database will add to that." The information is being made available to the nation's police forces through a secure Web site.

"We can identify trends, find the worst offenders and identify business practices that make consumers more vulnerable," she said.

For most people the theft comes as a shock. Stephanie, a young Kansas City woman, was irate when a collection agency began hounding her for a delinquent \$1,500 electricity bill for an apartment she did not rent. (To protect her identity, her last name is not being used.)

"It's shocking. You have to give your Social Security number to so many people," she said. "It seems anyone can get it and use it with few questions asked."

She said she was able to resolve her differences with the utility company, but the unpaid bill temporarily placed a mark on her credit report, which hurt her credit rating.

She is hardly alone, said Jody Beebe, hot line director for the Privacy Rights Clearinghouse, www.privacyrights.org. One of the leading consumer groups that monitors the crime of identity theft.

"Your Social Security number is the key to credit," she said. "You can imagine if your wallet is stolen, the thieves have your number, your picture and lots of other personal information."

The Internet can innocently facilitate thieves. "You can go online and never have to face-to-face with a retailer. There's no

way to verify your signature or photo," Beebe said.

The trade commission is pressuring Internet sites to tighten and clarify their privacy and security policies.

There have been few prosecutions so far, she said, because credit card companies find it easier to simply write off their fraudulent losses, which are covered by their insurers. And cardholders are limited to no more than \$50 in losses because of fraud.

Theft is high-tech and low-tech. It can happen anywhere you share personal information: when you write a check at the mall, charge tickets at a sports event, mail your tax returns, call home on your cell phone or apply for a new credit card.

Identity thieves pounce on personal information left or discarded in mail boxes, trash bins and parking lots and on car seats. "They scourge for your bank and credit card account numbers, your ID numbers, your names, address and phone numbers."

Crafty thieves can obtain your mother's maiden name — often used as a security backup with online services — from genealogy services or buy them from Web sites that sell private information.

The thieves can then fill out a change of address form to divert your mail to a new address. They may steal your credit report by posing as a landlord or an employer. They might get your medical or personnel records at work and combine them with public records, such as your birth certificate.

They can open a credit card account, using your name, birth date and Social Security number, and charge your phone company and gas utility. They can file bankruptcy under your name.

Can you completely prevent the crime of identity theft? Perhaps not.

But you can learn to be cautious and minimize the dangers, trade commission officials say, by managing your personal information closely.

• Carry a record of your conversations and written inquiries. Then contact the fraud departments of each of the three major credit bureaus and tell them to place a "fraud alert" on your account.

This will alert other creditors and prevent a thief from doing any more harm. Also know that credit bureaus must provide you with free copies of your credit report if it is inaccurate because of fraud.

• Call the creditors for any accounts that appear to have been opened fraudulently. Those creditors might include phone companies, utilities and credit card companies. Follow up with a letter.

Credit card companies hold members liable only up to \$50. They may waive even that amount if you report the fraud swiftly. Close accounts, especially bank accounts, with which you suspect were tampered.

• Report the theft to your local police. Keep a copy of the report as proof of the crime.

If a thief stole your personal mail, report the theft to the local postal inspector. Also report theft of investment information to the Securities and Exchange Commission.

Take the company tour during job interviews

By Amy Lindgren

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Have you ever gone to an interview and left wondering what the company does?

Everyone will tell you that's your mistake, not theirs. Before you even apply, the logic goes, you should be researching the company. By the time the interview is scheduled, you should know the products, the customers and what the cafeteria serves on Fridays.

I agree with this advice. In fact, I dispense it on a regular basis. But I have noticed that I never understand a company as well as when I go there in person and see how things operate. There's a name for this activity: taking the tour. One of the best times to do this is during the job interview. It's a good sign when the interviewer offers to take you around the company. Since tours are time-consuming and intrusive for other workers, they are generally offered only to very promising candidates.

Nevertheless, if you get to the end of the second interview and there is no tour in sight, it's up to you to ask for one. A good place to slip it in is when they ask if

you have any questions.

Answer: "Not a question, exactly, but I would like very much to see more of the company. Would you have time to give me a brief tour when we're finished here? If today isn't convenient, I could walk by later in the week, or I could walk around with someone else in the department."

Assuming you have gotten your wish, you now have a problem. As anyone who has taken an "interview tour" knows, it can be a very awkward situation. You will not catch most people's names, but I would like to understand what all the departments do, and you will spend significant periods of time looking at your host's back as you walk through hallways, desk areas or warehouses.

What you get home you'll scratch your head over the thank-you notes and wonder if they're going to bill you for the machine that mysteriously stopped running about the same time you lost your pen.

Despite the "hazards," I still recommend asking for a tour whenever possible. If nothing else, squiring you around the building will imprint you on the interviewer's mind. The information you gather also can be

invaluable when you negotiate your job offer there. How do you know you'll have a desk and phone if you don't actually see them?

Here are a few tips to help you enjoy — or at least get through — your next company tour:

• Plan for the possibility of a tour by wearing appropriate footwear, or bringing it along in the car. This is especially important if the employer has more than one building, or a large production area.

• Anticipate the interviewer's surprise by preparing a short list of things you'd like to see. "I was hoping to see the department where I would be sitting, and also the mail center, since this job includes direct-mail programs."

• If possible, leave your briefcase in the interviewer's office. You'll be glad to have your hands free when you meet people, accept a cup of coffee, write notes, etc.

• Carry a notepad, but ask permission to use it, in case the company is sensitive about "spies." Use the pad to note people's names and departments as you

meet them, or a few key details that might appear in your work, such as the number of shipments leaving the warehouse daily, etc.

• Remember that your interview has just expanded from one or two people to all the people you encounter on the tour. Walk with good posture, greet everyone you meet with a smile, make eye contact and offer a handshake if it's convenient. When you run into someone who would be key to your decision to take the job, write down his or her name and consider asking permission to touch base later.

• Be respectful of everyone's time. Don't start complicated discussions with anyone, but instead jot down your questions for later review with your host.

• When the tour is complete, thank your host and ask what the next step in the interview process will be.

• Finally, remember to keep your notes. If you don't get the job, you may still wish to follow up with someone you met and network your way into an interview with a different department.

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POINT OF LAW

By Tom Kershaw

CHANGING CHILD SUPPORT?

Questions: I was divorced a number of years ago and my ex-husband has been paying the child support ordered at that time. Since then, the children have grown older and more expensive, and my ex-husband has finished school and earns a lot more than he used to. Can I get the child support increased?

Answer: It is always possible to request a modification of the original divorce order in matters concerning the children, including child support. For many years, the law has been that such a modification will be granted only if there is a "substantial and material change of circumstances." "Material" means important or significant.

Now days, child support is usually set according to guidelines established by the Supreme Court. Those guidelines provide that a modification will be granted if there is a "substantial and material change of circumstances." In other words, if you should be getting more child support under the guidelines, you can make an application to the court to change the amount. This can be done through the Department of Health and Welfare Child Support Services, or through a private attorney.

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Shopper friendly

Consultant, author urges retailers to make stores more convenient

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Joe Lascola, who lives west of Boca Raton, Fla., calls himself "a sinner, a waiter."

That doesn't mean baby-sitting or waiting on tables.

It means he spends a lot of time waiting while his wife shops. So he can't understand why more stores don't provide chairs.

"The stores want you to keep walking, going through the displays," he said, as he waited for his wife in the Town Center at Boca Raton mall.

Shopping-consultant Paco Underhill sympathizes. He is a fanatic on seating.

Of life's necessities, Underhill thinks seating comes just after water and shelter, and before money and love. When it comes to stores, a chair says: We care.

Retailers spend millions each year advertising to get customers in the store, and they scrutinize cash register tapes as if they were archeologists trying to understand ancient civilizations. But many merchants have customers walking through the store who are ready to spend but are not finding the store a pleasant and efficient place to shop, Underhill said.

"You guys are guilty of leaving serious money on the table," Underhill told hundreds of retailers recently at the annual National Retail Federation conference in New York City.

Underhill, 47, a former urban studies specialist who turned his expertise to figuring out how people use stores, knows a thing or two about this subject. In his book, "Why We Buy: The Science of Shopping," published by Simon & Schuster, he explains his methods of observing shoppers and gives common-sense advice on how to make stores friendlier and more profitable.

And it has generated a buzz, having been written up in publications as diverse as The New Yorker, Smithsonian, The New York Times and Fast Company.

In a telephone interview, Underhill said he wrote "Why We Buy" to give smaller retailers advice they might not be able to afford otherwise. Commissioning his Manhattan consulting company, Envirocell, to do a study could cost \$30,000 to \$500,000; his clients include McDonald's, Starbucks and Eberd.

But you don't have to hire a consultant to observe consumer behavior, he said. Just stand in the door of your business and watch how people move through the store, where they stop, where they linger.

Underhill, who has been a retail consultant since 1979, is best known for the concept of the "butt brush."

Shoppers, especially women, hate to be bumped from behind. So narrow aisles or crowded checkouts lanes can hurt sales.

At the New York retail conference, Underhill showed a video in which an elderly male bent over, squinted at a bottle of pills, compared them to a tiny shelf sign and inadvertently blocked an aisle for more than three minutes. Seeing him, shopper after shopper did a U-turn. That's a lesson for manufacturers to increase the type size on product labels and for stores to make signs readable, Underhill said.

Then there's the bathroom. Most retailers know bathrooms need to be clean but don't realize that bathrooms can help sell.

Underhill said he once was touring a store with some executives when he asked to look at the women's bathrooms. Though their combined experience in the business topped 100 years, none of the executives—all male—had been in their stores' women's rooms.

The bathroom turned out to be

clean but boring. Underhill told the executives that they should contact their suppliers to help transform it into a showcase, with sinks, fixtures and lights from the display floor.

"I bet 95 percent of the women (who enter the store) would make it to that restroom and look at those fixtures," he said.

There's another way the bathroom can sell: Think about the stereotypical scene of men standing outside, waiting for a woman to emerge.

"Those guys standing outside the bathroom would look at just about anything," he said. Even a sales pitch.

So give them a seat, and a sign to read, or maybe an ad for a man's product.

Despite some flaws in the real-world shopping experience, Underhill fervently believes

that the Internet will never displace the shopping center. Though the Internet is a great place to sell items such as stocks, travel packages, books, music, videos and computer products, its virtues may be overrated. Take delivery, for example.

"I don't live in Ozzie and Harriet land where somebody's home 9 to 5 to pick up deliveries," he said. "I don't know how many people do."

Still, he believes that the Internet and the store can work well together. Many people would appreciate being able to order something over the Internet at work, then pick it up at the store on the way home.

Underhill is not a fan of make-up counters, which he thinks are quite intimidating.

"I don't know how many women want to walk through a department store to talk to a Kabuki-painted cosmetics sales assistant" who wants to remake the customer in her own image, he said.

He likes so-called open-sell cosmetics that invite women to sample the merchandise. Sephora, a unit of LVMH Moët Hennessy Louis Vuitton, arranges its makeup and perfume by color and scent rather than by manufacturer. The store lets women find what they want themselves, using logical groupings.

The trend to open-selling has not gone unnoticed in the department store business. Sephora sued Federated Department Stores and its Macy's West unit in August, claiming that the chain copied the look of its stores.

Also, Underhill is a big supporter of hand baskets or carts. Why? You only have two hands.

"If you don't have a cart, part of what you end up purchasing is based on what you can carry," he said.

Department stores have been rethinking their reluctance to supply shopping carts, which came about because designer dresses and perfume don't seem to mix with the supermarket-like image of shopping carts. But Federated Stores, parent of Burdines, Bloomingdale's and Macy's, will try shopping carts at its Sien's stores in the Northeast and its Rich's, Goldsmith's and Lazarus stores in the Southeast, by the end of the year.

Sears is adding shopping carts to its stores after a successful experiment in its Midwestern stores. It's part of a move to retool its clothing departments to revive disappointing sales.

These shopping carts will double as baby strollers. Many of Sears' shoppers are women with children.

"Shopping used to be more of a leisure activity; shopping has become much more of a chore," Sears spokeswoman Jan Drummond said. "We need to find a more efficient way for people to shop."

KEEPING CONTENTED EMPLOYEES

To keep valued workers, corporate culture might need changing

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A valued employee announces he or she is leaving your company. Should you make a counteroffer?

Even in this tough labor market, the answer is "no," said Bill Frank, president of The Curtis Group International, an executive search firm based in Boca Raton, Fla.

"It's a lose-lose situation," Frank says. "It sets a tone."

If you offer the employee a salary hike, "the message that is sent is, 'I've been taking advantage of you for a long time. Now you're threatening to leave and I'll give you what you want,'" Richard Hadden, co-author of "Contented Cows Give Better Milk," agrees. "How do you stop the bidding? Money and perks attract, but strong and caring leadership retains."

Frank says counteroffers don't work because the real reason people leave companies is not salary. It may be lifestyle. It may be an opportunity they can't pass up. Or it may be you didn't appreciate them while they were around.

When an employee tenders his resignation, "they've mentally committed to leave," Frank said. "When you try and dissuade them from that, it will keep them happy with their wallet, but it won't change the fact they don't like their supervisor or corporate culture or there are

no promotional opportunities. In less than a year, you will find the employee gone anyway."

When an employee is so critical to the company that it must fight to keep him or her, "they have to do it with a different job in the organization. Say, 'We've been thinking about moving you into another assignment. How does this sound to you?'"

Hadden said while money is important, more critical is the opportunity for career development. If managers provide training and promotion opportunities, employees are more likely to say, "I'm really in this for the long haul."

But your valuable employees are being wooed by recruiters and potential new employers every day. What can you do about that?

"You have to change the corporate culture to retain employees," Frank said.

Hadden, with co-author Bill Catlett, examined employee relations and the bottom line in "Contented Cows." They point to companies such as Southwest Airlines, General Electric, Federal Express and Wal-Mart that treat people right and make

more money because of it. Why is it important to have contented cows? "A person's degree of satisfaction with their work situation is entirely and directly related to their output," they said.

According to the view taken by Contented Cows companies, employees want and deserve:

- Meaningful work: Employees need to feel proud of their work. They want suitable challenges and the freedom to pursue them.

- High standards: They dislike losing organizations and don't want to hang around with losers.

- Clear sense of purpose and direction: Timely, relevant and meaningful (truthful) information is a must.

- Balanced "Worth-Its": Interest and investment in them must be demonstrated. Internal systems must support rather than impede their efforts. "If I'm going to knock myself out for the company, is the company going to knock itself out for me?"

- Level playing field: Reciprocal caring, a sense of justice and assurance the company

won't take advantage of them. "You should be equitable. You should reward excellent work and not reward mediocre work and then you send the message this is what it takes to be successful here. Then you're going to keep the kind of people you want," Hadden says.

- Feeling of competency: To be and feel competent.

- So how do you keep contented cows?

Frank says managers and supervisors are the first line of defense in retaining good employees: How are managers interacting with your employees? Are you choosing managers who work well with people?

"The lines of communication have to be open. If something is unpleasant, can it be said in a constructive way? You need someone who can set positive and reasonable expectations for employees," Frank said.

Managers tend to emulate managers they've had: some "angelers," some are coaches. "Let them know what is expected of a manager, what enters into being a successful manager," Frank said. "Employees want to know one thing: How am I doing? Recognition is more than money. They need to feel appreciated."

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