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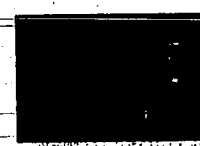
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Going forward

Adjudication issues remain, but case sees some progress

By N.S. Nokkentved
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — When state water judge R. Barry Wood steps down, he will leave some key issues still to be resolved.

One is the unsettled question how to manage conflicting uses of ground and surface water — known as conjunctive management.

The other is a motion by the Nez Perce to disqualify Wood and vacate his denial of the tribe's claims to water in the Snake River.

But Wood also leaves the Snake River Basin Adjudication moving smoothly, say some of those who have been involved in the state's largest water rights case, involving some 150,000 water rights in 38 of the state's 44 counties.

"It's done an excellent job," said Norm Semanko, executive director of the Idaho Water Users Association Inc. and former Twin Falls attorney.

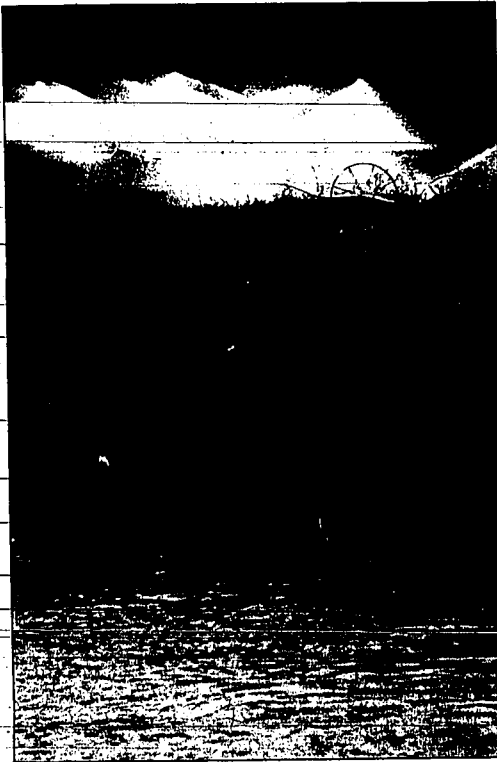
The Supreme Court recently decided to remove Wood from the case because of a potential conflict-of-interest with Justice-elect Dan Eismann. The two judges are related by marriage and are longtime associates. The court was responding to an Idaho Judicial Council ruling that said Eismann would be unable to rule on appeals of any of Wood's decisions.

Wood has presided over the massive case since 5th District Judge Daniel Hurbitz retired at the end of 1998.

Eismann had offered to recuse himself from any of Wood's cases that make it to the Supreme Court, but the Supreme Court decided instead to replace Wood on the water court.

Nez Perce issue
But replacing Wood doesn't necessarily resolve one Nez Perce tribal issue — a conflict-of-interest complaint against Wood. Questions surrounding Wood's denial of Nez Perce claims in the adjudication could be extended to Eismann.

On Nov. 10, 1999, Wood rejected the tribe's 174 claims to water in the Snake River based on fishing rights. He ruled fishing rights did not enti-



BY GUY SMITH/The Times-News

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tle the Nez Perce to the water right the tribe has sought. Claims opponents said would virtually dry up all irrigated agriculture within the Snake River Basin.

The tribe has since filed motions to disqualify Wood and to vacate the denial. The tribe asserted that Wood's own water rights, and his family's water rights claims, constitute a conflict of interest in ruling on the tribe's claims.

Wood said his family's claims would not conflict with the Nez Perce claims. His sister, Sharon LeBacker, owned irrigation rights in the Challis area, and

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Judge wanted

Chief justice seeks Wood's successor

By Michael Journee
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Finding a new judge to oversee the Snake River Basin Adjudication will determine any changes that may be made to the court, Idaho Supreme Court Chief Justice Linda Trout said.

Whether the court will remain in Twin Falls, or even southern Idaho's 5th Judicial District, depends on who Trout finds to replace 5th District Judge Barry Wood, who was removed from the

case by the Supreme Court late last week because he's the brother-in-law of Justice-elect Dan Eismann.

Wood's departure has triggered a lot of speculation about who will oversee the high-profile and politically charged case — and whether the case will even remain in Twin Falls.

The court could technically reside in any of the 38 of Idaho's 44 counties involved in the complex water rights case. It would go to the new judge's jurisdiction.

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Analysts: OPEC's oil output boost won't affect prices

The Associated Press

VIENNA, Austria — As international pressure mounts on OPEC to pump more oil to stem surging fuel prices, members of the petroleum producers' cartel said Saturday they supported raising their official output by at least half a million barrels a day.

Oil ministers from Iran and Algeria said they would back an increase of 500,000 barrels a day — or 2 percent above OPEC's cur-

rent production — when they meet with their counterparts at a crucial meeting Sunday in the Austrian capital.

Saudi Arabian oil minister Ali Naimi went further, suggesting that the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries would add "at least" that many fresh barrels to thirsty world markets. Saudi Arabia is OPEC's biggest producer and its only member with significant spare capacity to pump new oil.

Nigeria would support adding

as much as 800,000 barrels to the group's daily output target, according to a Nigerian source who spoke on condition of anonymity.

While oil-importing nations are sure to welcome any increase, energy analysts warned that an addition of just 500,000 barrels a day would do nothing to roll oil prices back from 10-year highs.

"It wouldn't make a difference," said New York-based consultant Gary Ross. An increase of

that amount is "already priced into the market," he said.

High fuel costs have sparked concern and even outrage in several consuming nations. French truckers and taxi drivers blocked roads to protest gasoline prices, while farmers in Britain mounded similar, if smaller efforts to disrupt traffic.

Americans living in the Snow Belt worry that low fuel inventories will lead to soaring prices to heat their homes this winter.

Clinton endorses forest thinning

President proposes aid for stricken towns

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Clinton proposed spending about \$1.6 billion to help communities recover from the forest fires that have scorched the West this summer and to thin millions of acres of federal forests in hopes of preventing future blazes.

A report submitted Saturday to Clinton by two Cabinet secretaries said the in-c-r-e-a-s-e-d removal of trees and brush is needed to reverse almost a century's worth of firefighting policy that left forests with acres of under-

growth and ready-to-burn timber.

"For almost 100 years, our nation passed a policy focusing on extinguishing all wildfires," Clinton said in his weekly radio address, broadcast from New York where he attended the U.N. Millennium Summit.

"It was well intentioned, but as a result, many of our forests now have an unnatural buildup of brush and shrubs. This excessive undergrowth fuels forest fires, making them far more dangerous and difficult to control."

Clinton also announced the release of nearly \$40 million for 90 restoration projects across the West, where fires have charred 6.5 million acres and 38 large fires continue to burn across nine states.

Clinton's proposal led environmentalists to worry that stepped-up thinning could reopen federal land to large-scale commercial logging.

Also, congressional Republicans said they would have to weigh Clinton's request against other spending priorities.

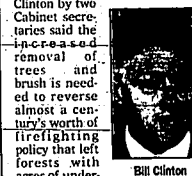
"The GOP is committed to looking at all options," said Rep. J.C. Watts of Oklahoma, Republican House's fourth-ranking member.

Idaho Republican Larry Craig, chairman of the Senate Agriculture's forestry subcommittee, said the report "contains some important initiatives that suggest" the Clinton administration officials "have at last recognized that our nation's publicly owned forests are not healthy and that this forest health problem is contributing to our current wildfires."

He hopes a hearing before his subcommittee this week will provide more details on Clinton's proposal.

The U.S. Forest Service will thin 2.4 million acres this year. The report from Interior Secretary Bruce Babbitt and Agriculture Secretary Dan Glickman recommends an additional \$257 million next year for clearing.

Administration officials could not provide estimates of the acreage to be thinned in the future, although a draft report called for removing 16 million acres of brush over the next five years.



Bill Clinton

Managing surface water and groundwater will be a thorny issue for whoever replaces state water judge R. Barry Wood.

'MOMMA? ARE YOU OK?'

Children live with corpses after parents die

The Associated Press

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — Travis Butler, 9, terrified by being sent to foster care, tells no one.

In Massachusetts, 7-year-old Lydia Hanson tells her teacher, and gets scolded.

In Oklahoma, 4-year-old Karina Pistorio does as she's been taught: Never go outside, never answer the phone.

In Michigan, Ahmad Washington, with the magical faith of a 6-year-old, thinks his mother will wake up.

a trailer in the North Carolina backwoods.

Five children whose single parents died at home within three months, beginning last December. Cases in which a child lived days, sometimes weeks, with a corpse.

Such vigils as these, reviewed by The Associated Press, have been studied, child psychology experts say. They worry the incidents may signal a macabre trend among the swelling number of single-parent households.

"What does it say about American life that a parent would die and no one would miss them for about a

month?" asks Cornell University psychologist James Garbarino, who works internationally with traumatized children.

"Americans have tried to make kids safer by telling them constantly how dangerous the world is," Garbarino says. "Some children are so frightened and so afraid, it seems a dead parent is better than no parent."

"They don't have a community of adults to rely on," says Wheelock College professor Diane Levin, author of "Teaching Young Children in Violent Times."

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Kimberly Hanson of Peabody, Mass., left, and her daughter, Lydia, 7, are shown in undated family photos in this image from television. Lydia Hanson spent a night sleeping in her dead mother's arms after a teacher apparently ignored the girl's claim that her mother had died.

THE REGION

Camas Prairie

High: 66 Low: 37
Mostly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of light rain. Partly cloudy on Monday and a little warmer.

Treasure Valley

High: 76 Low: 46
Increasing clouds with light morning winds becoming stronger in the afternoon. Mostly sunny on Monday.

Sawtooth Mountains/Wood River Valley

High: 67 Low: 43
Mostly cloudy, with a chance of afternoon showers. Partly cloudy on Monday with highs near 70.

Eastern Idaho

High: 73 Low: 45
Partly cloudy, breeze and warmer. Partly cloudy on Monday with highs in mid to upper 70s.

Northern Idaho

High: 61 Low: 31
Rain likely, with west winds 5-10 mph. Mostly clear Monday with patchy fog in the morning. Highs near 70.

Northern Utah

High: 74 Low: 50
Mostly sunny today and fair tonight, partly cloudy on Monday, with highs around 80.

Northern Nevada

High: 76 Low: 48
Increasing clouds, with light winds. Partly cloudy and milder on Monday.

MAGIC VALLEY FIVE-DAY FORECAST

Today	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
High: 78 Low: 47 Increasing clouds, with light winds.	High: 80 Low: 49 Mostly sunny and warmer.	High: 80s Low: 50s Dry and milder.	High: 80s Low: 50s Dry and milder.	High: 70s Low: 50s Partly cloudy with scattered showers.

Idaho weather

Sunday, Sept. 10
AccuWeather forecast for daytime conditions, high/low temperatures

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National weather

The AccuWeather forecast for noon, Sunday, Sept. 10.

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YESTERDAY'S WEATHER

Twin Falls	Precipitation
Yesterday: 63-41	Yesterday in Twin Falls
Last year: 83-59	Month to date: 0.00
Normal: 83-44	Normal mo. to date: 0.30
	Water year to date: 0.00
	Normal year to date: 0.00

Idaho High/Lows

City	Max	Min	Pcp	Idaho High	High at 4300'
Boise	67	44	0.00	26	26
Butte	62	46	0.00	26	26
Coeur d'Alene	61	34	0.00	26	26
Grangeville	61	34	0.00	26	26
Hagerman	61	34	0.00	26	26
Idaho Falls	63	44	0.00	26	26
Lawton	61	34	0.00	26	26
Malad	61	34	0.00	26	26
Malla	72	40	0.00	26	26
McCall	57	31	0.00	26	26
Palmetto	66	47	0.00	26	26
Saxton	63	37	0.00	26	26
Stanley	60	26	0.00	26	26
Sun Valley	61	34	0.00	26	26

The Nation

City	Max	Min	Pcp
Albuquerque	89	60	0.00
Anchorage	56	38	0.00
Atlanta	80	68	0.00
Chicago	85	67	0.00
Dallas	94	74	0.00
Denver	86	56	0.00
Des Moines	87	67	0.00
Detroit	80	67	0.00
Honolulu	88	77	0.00
Houston	88	77	0.00
Indianapolis	89	69	0.00
Kansas City	89	69	0.00
Las Vegas	82	57	0.00
Los Angeles	86	75	0.00
Memphis	89	75	2.73
Miami Beach	89	76	0.00
Minneapolis	88	65	0.00
Nashville	89	68	0.00
New Orleans	88	66	0.00
New York	86	68	0.00
Oklahoma City	94	68	0.00
Omaha	93	70	0.00
Portland, Me.	69	52	0.00
Portland, Ore.	69	52	0.00
Reno	86	45	0.00
St. Louis	85	73	0.00
Seattle	81	62	0.00
San Francisco	73	56	0.00
Seattle	81	62	0.00
Spokane	63	38	0.00
Washington	82	60	0.00
Yuma	104	77	0.00

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Sunrise: 6:07 a.m.
Sunset: 7:57 p.m.
Sunrise tomorrow: 7:13 a.m.
Lunar phase: Full, Sept. 13; last quarter, Sept. 21; new, Sept. 27; first quarter, Oct. 5.

FIRE DANGER

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

SKYWATCH

Sunset today: 7:57 p.m.
Sunrise tomorrow: 7:13 a.m.
Lunar phase: Full, Sept. 13; last quarter, Sept. 21; new, Sept. 27; first quarter, Oct. 5.

ACROSS THE NATION

A tropical depression was forecast to sweep ashore Saturday in Louisiana, triggering heavy rain and thunderstorms in the lower Mississippi Valley, while major rain showers were expected in the central Plains and West. Record heat was possible in the Desert Southwest.

The depression was expected to bring localized flooding to the lower Mississippi Valley, with smaller but more scattered rains in the Deep South, Florida and the Tennessee Valley.

Moisture trailing high pressure along the Eastern Seaboard was expected to bring scattered showers and thunderstorms to the southern Ohio Valley, with winds up to 60 mph and rains in excess of an inch.

In the central states, a strong cold front was expected to sweep east through the Dakotas and into the upper Mississippi Valley, bringing scattered showers and thunderstorms with winds up to 60 mph to Minnesota, Iowa and Wisconsin.

Most of the Midwest was expected to be dry, although a weak disturbance over the Pacific Northwest was forecast to bring clouds, rain and high-elevation snow showers to Washington, Idaho and Montana.

- The Associated Press

Atlantis closes in for tricky Water

space station rendezvous

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) - Space shuttle Atlantis closed in for a weekend rendezvous with the international space station, a complicated job made even tougher by a failed navigation device.

One of Atlantis' two star trackers was deemed unusable Saturday, forcing commander Terrence Wilcutt and his copilot, Scott Altman, to add a couple of flip-flop maneuvers to their repertoire.

"It adds a little bit of complexity," said flight director Phil Englauf.

The linkup was scheduled to take place 220 miles above Kazakhstan late Saturday.

Although still uninhabited, the space station has expanded since astronauts last visited in May.

The arrival of the Russian control module, Zvezda, 1.5 months ago nearly doubled the space station's size. A Russian supply ship carrying fuel components, Atlantis' seven astronauts and cosmonauts will unload the supply ship as well as the shuttle later this week. They will install as much of the equipment as possible to ease the burden for the first permanent residents, who are due to move in at the beginning of November.

In preparation of Atlantis' arrival, flight controllers turned on the heaters inside the U.S. segment of the space station. They also were going to cleanse the air inside the much larger Russian section.

Following docking, the crew planned to duck into an outer space station compartment to take an air sample for analysis back on Earth. NASA wants to see how well the air filters inside the station work.

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his brother, Dr. Fred Wood III, irrigated farm land with water from the Burley Irrigation District, Wood said in a court disclosure.

The tribe has asked the court to suspend consideration of its appeal of Wood's denial of water rights claims until the question of Wood's conflict of interest is settled, tribal attorney Heidi Guggel said.

The case might not come before the Supreme Court until next year - after Eismann takes his seat on the bench. Eismann is married to another of Wood's sisters.

Groundwater vs. surface water

The other big unsettled issue in adjudication is how to manage conflicting ground and surface water uses.

Development of groundwater pumping from the Snake River Plain Aquifer has affected aquifer-fed springs.

But it is difficult to pinpoint wells that affect a particular surface water right, water experts say.

Surface water users say groundwater development already has depleted their rights, and pumpers should mitigate effects on senior rights, Deputy Attorney General Clive Strong said.

Not enough is known to require pumpers to mitigate effects on surface water rights, he said.

The issue is of particular interest to the shareholders of the Twin Falls Canal Co., whose surface water rights arise from springs in the upper end of the American Falls Reservoir. Groundwater pumping already has affected those flows, company officials say.

Wood has set the issue for trial beginning Oct. 30. He also ordered mediation in a dual-track effort to reach a settlement and appointed a mediator, Boise attorney Robert E. Bakes, a former Idaho Supreme Court justice.

Status

Dave Tuthill, head of the adjudication bureau at the Department of Water Resources, said the department's efforts in adjudication are well over halfway to completion.

The department has issued 112,316 recommendations for water rights, and has another 30,000 yet to file. The department expects to complete its part in the case by 2005, Tuthill said.

The number of water rights claims is lower than earlier estimates of 150,000 to 180,000 because some claims have been withdrawn, he said.

The court has approved rec-

ommendations for 72,515 water rights.

The issue of conjunctive management could still affect how some water rights are administered but the effort will go forward even while that is being settled, Tuthill said.

"But it doesn't hold us up," he said.

Changing judges again may set back the effort, but it won't derail it, he said.

Wood has been good to work with, Tuthill said. The department didn't always agree with his decisions, but they have been well-laid-out and easy to understand, Tuthill said.

Wood declined to comment on the water rights case until the Supreme Court issues an order officially removing him from the case.

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Investigation: Nursing mistakes cause deaths

CHICAGO (AP) - Poorly trained or overwhelmed nurses are responsible for thousands of deaths and injuries each year in the nation's hospitals, according to a Chicago Tribune investigation.

Since 1995, at least 1,720 hospital patients have died and 9,548 others have been injured because of mistakes made by registered nurses across the country, the Tribune found in an analysis of 3 million state and federal records. The analysis is published in the Tribune's Sunday editions.

The records include cases of patients getting overdoses of medication, vital care being delayed for hours and nurses performing medical procedures without proper training.

The Tribune report, which focused on nursing mistakes, follows claims made in a wider-reaching 1999 report by the Institute of Medicine that estimated medical mistakes kill anywhere from 44,000 to 98,000 hospitalized Americans each year.

Judge

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Trout said.

"It would certainly be nice to have it in Twin Falls," Trout said Friday. "It really depends where the new judge is from."

Twin Falls was originally selected as the case's venue because of its central location and because it had suitable facilities to house it, said the court's first judge, former 5th District Judge Daniel Hurlbut.

Finding a home for the court aside, finding the right judge to head the adjudication isn't easy.

"It's not a job people like to take - with its long hours, redundant arguments, tedious management demands and political pressure.

After an extensive search in early 1999, Trout finally appointed Wood to succeed Hurlbut.

"You need someone well-schooled in law, judicial management experience, strength of character and moxie not to get pushed around by special interests or political whims," said Hurlbut, who presided over the case for a decade.

But Trout wouldn't speculate on who Wood's predecessor will be.

"It's just starting the memo asking all the judges about their interest," Trout said.

Only after she gauges interest in the position can she even speculate about what form the court will take, she said.

Wood will stay on as the adjudication judge until his replacement is found. He will then return to the position he held before taking on the water rights case, acting as administrative judge for the 5th Judicial District.

much the change of judges will cost.

Hurlbut and Rep. Goldehr-Lindford-Rosenberg, said the late numbers of the case will force a slowdown in its progress as the new judge catches up on the backlog.

And for Linford, chairman of the House Resources and Conservation Committee, that means the already costly case will cost more. The case has already cost in excess of \$30 million - and could cost another \$20 million.

"There's going to be a learning curve time that has to slow things down," Linford said.

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NATION



Production assistant Matt Leves places name cards on reserved seats at the Shrine Auditorium in Los Angeles Thursday, in preparation for the Emmy Awards show to be held today.

The Emmys show new energy, loosen up by changing some rules

By Mike Duffy
Knight Ridder News Service

Let the statuette fretting begin.

Garry Shandling and his droll, neurotic comic stylings should be a perfect match for "The 52nd Annual Primetime Emmy Awards," which he's hosting tonight on ABC. It shows at 6 p.m. in the Magic Valley.

Shandling, always amusingly fearful in his worrywart way, will mirror the awards anxiety bubbling forth from the folks at "The Sopranos" and "The West Wing." Those two heavyweight Emmy drama nominees — each with 18 nominations — lead all programs — are in the spotlight for what is potentially "one of the most intriguing Emmy Awards in years."

Intriguing because conservative Emmy is finally loosening up a bit.

In an attempt to pump some life into a hidebound voting process, the Hollywood folks who oversee the awards, the Academy of Arts & Sciences, have changed their rules.

For the first time, voters have been able to screen tapes of nominated shows in their homes, something the Academy Awards have done for several years.

Before, those who wanted to participate in Emmy voting had to truck on down to Los Angeles area theaters and hotel meeting rooms for daylong screening sessions. Most who showed up tended to be older and have all kinds of time on their hands.

By giving academy members

the freedom to screen at home, Emmy officials hoped to increase the number of people voting. They also wanted younger, more adventurous voters.

That may yield less conventional winners for a change.

Older voters tended to vote for old favorites like "Frasier" or Dennis Franz of "NYPD Blue" year after year. The safe picks.

But this year, it's President Bartlet (Mattin Sheen) and his White House political gang in a statuette shoutout with Jersey mob boss Tony Soprano (James Gandolfini) and his bada-bing brethren.

Both series are among a new breed of smart, challenging television dramas with an adult sensibility.

Emmy categories and predictions

DRAMA SERIES: "ER" (NBC), "The Practice" (ABC), "Law & Order" (NBC), "The Sopranos" (HBO), "The West Wing" (NBC).
 Will win: "The Sopranos."
 Though "The West Wing" had a sensational rookie season, HBO's mob masterpiece remained in an astonishing stranglehold groove during its excellent second season. It deserves the Emmy that it was rudely denied last season when "The Practice" (overrated!) topped the awards.
 Should win: "The Sopranos."
 Bada boom.

COMEDY SERIES: "Everybody Loves Raymond" (CBS), "Frasier" (NBC), "Friends" (NBC), "Sex and the City" (HBO), "Will & Grace" (NBC).
 Will win: "Will & Grace" is on a roll, breezily telling the stories of a quartet of hawdly sophisticated New York female friends, has been the coolest and most consistently entertaining comedy on television the past three years.
 LEAD ACTOR, DRAMA: Jerry Orbach, "Law & Order"; Dennis Franz, "NYPD Blue"; Martin Sheen, "The West Wing"; James Gandolfini, "The Sopranos"; Sam Waterston, "Law & Order."
 Will win: James Gandolfini. He was robbed last year when an embarrassed Dennis Franz picked up his fourth Emmy. But because of a possible presidential election year up to Martin Sheen.
 Should win: Gandolfini. Bada boom.

and emotionally rich as Gandolfini's angst-filled gangster.

Should win: Sela Ward. Like I said, repeat winners are a bore. And Ward's vivid portrayal of suburban divorcee Lily Manning is a charming knockout.

LEAD ACTOR, COMEDY: John Lithgow, "24 Rock from the Sun"; Michael J. Fox, "Spin City"; Kelsey Grammer, "Frasier"; Ray Romano, "Everybody Loves Raymond"; Eric McCormack, "Will & Grace."
 Will win: Michael J. Fox. Oh sure, it's a sentimental choice for a sentimental favorite. But do you really want to see John Lithgow or Kelsey Grammer win this award for the fourth time?
 Should win: Sean Hayes. I know, I know, the madcap jester of "Will & Grace" isn't even nominated in this category. But he's the single funniest actor on a sitcom right now.

LEAD ACTRESS, COMEDY: Jenna Elfman, "Dharma & Greg"; Patricia Heaton, "Everybody Loves Raymond"; Jane Kaczmarek, "Malcolm in the Middle"; Debra Messing, "Will & Grace"; Sarah Jessica Parker, "Sex and the City."
 Will win: Sarah Jessica Parker. Just a hunch that Carrie Bradshaw connects with those screening-at-home Emmy voters, though Messing could also be the victorious choice.
 Should win: Jane Kaczmarek. Her loopy Lois, a suburban mother courage, is the standout performance on any comedy series this year.

Other predicted winners:
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Farmers look for more money

WASHINGTON (AP) — Farmers are looking for more cash from Congress this fall, as much as \$3 billion in disaster aid on top of the \$15 billion package of agricultural assistance lawmakers approved this spring.

The bailout President Clinton signed into law in June will not cover losses by farmers hurt by drought in Nebraska, Texas and parts of the Southeast, farm groups say.

"It appears to us that the disaster continues to have gotten worse over the last month," said Mary Kay Thatcher, a lobbyist for the American Farm Bureau Federation.

"In Georgia alone, economists estimate farm losses at \$739 million; and damage in Texas has been put at about \$600 million. Nebraska officials expect to make an estimate after the U.S. Agriculture Department issues its monthly crop report Tuesday.

Congressional leaders will consider the farmers' request, said John Feehery, a spokesman for House Speaker Dennis Hastert, R-Ill. "Obviously, the farm economy is important to this country. The speaker feels we need to take a look at these requests."

The earlier federal aid package included \$8.2 billion to subsidize the crop insurance program and \$7.7 billion in compensation for depressed commodity prices.

The additional money farmers now are seeking likely would be included in an appropriations bill that will fund operations of the Agriculture Department and Food and Drug Administration for 2001.

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McCain enters the budget fray

WASHINGTON (AP) — Republican Sen. John McCain recruited by GOP leaders for their budget fight with the White House, asked Americans to vote out any lawmaker who would undermine the nation's surplus with wasteful spending.

The former presidential hopeful expressed suspicions that both parties might share guilt by the time this year's budget is enacted. He had especially harsh words for President Clinton.

Clinton does not want compromise, the Arizona senator said Saturday in the GOP's weekly radio address, and will do anything to defeat Congress in the annual battle, even at the cost of renewed budget deficits.

"The president is a charming fellow, and a heck of a salesman," McCain said. "But I wouldn't buy a used car from him if I were you."

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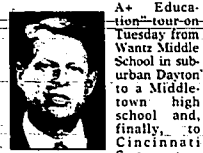
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Gore and Lieberman focus on education

WASHINGTON (AP) - Democrats Al Gore and Joseph Lieberman will cross Ohio in matching yellow school buses, pushing a back-to-school campaign message in a week crowded with television appearances and nearly \$10 million in fund raising.

Cincinnati supporters spent Saturday painting signs for what the White House hopefuls have dubbed their "On the Road to an Education" tour.



Vice President Al Gore

The road trip risked being overshadowed by Gore's star-powered fund raising and guest turns on Oprah Winfrey's and David Letterman's popular TV shows.

Gore, the presidential nominee, got a jump on the week of collecting cash at a pair of Atlanta events Friday night, beseeching Democrats to help even the financial score with rival George W. Bush and the GOP, which have raised record amounts this year.

"I'm glad just help us remain in the same ballpark even close, then that's what we need," he said.

Bush has raised a staggering \$100 million and, through June 30, the GOP had \$214 million in hard cash in the bank, compared with \$93.3 million for the Democrats.

Since then, both parties have spent millions on an unusually early and aggressive ad war. Gore will help the Democratic National Committee replenish its coffers next week with three benefit concerts.

Singers Cher and Michael Bolton star at Tuesday's \$800,000 gig in Philadelphia. On Wednesday, it is singer James Taylor in Boston to raise \$1 million. The Thursday finale, at New York's Radio City Music Hall, employs the likes of Bette Midler, Jay-Z, Jovi, Pat Simon and Julia Roberts to bag the week's biggest tally - \$5 million.

CAMPAIGN 2000

Candidates on the Issues

Republican presidential nominee George W. Bush and Democratic nominee Al Gore are staking out their positions on a broad range of issues. Associated Press writer Calvin Woodward examined where the candidates stand.

	George W. Bush	Al Gore
ABORTION	Nominates only Supreme Court justices who share their views on abortion? No. But would nominate "strict constructionists" taken by some to mean justices sympathetic to abortion restrictions.	Not explicitly. But in the context of judicial appointments, has said: "I will protect a woman's right to choose."
CAMPAIGN FINANCE	Ban unregulated "soft money" from corporations and unions. No more from others. Allow political "issue ads." Increase disclosure.	Ban soft money, increase taxpayer campaign financing. Make broadcasters give candidates free time.
CHILD CARE	Tax relief, including doubling existing child tax credit to \$1,000.	Expand existing tax credit for child care expenses so families can claim half of expenses, up from 30 percent. Poor families that don't get the credit because they don't pay income tax would receive up to \$2,400 for child care.
DEFENSE	Sees nuclear stockpile as excessive and favors cuts, even if Russia does not match them. Build robust missile defense system, even if that breaks Anti-Ballistic Missile Treaty. \$20 billion more for weapons research and development. \$1 billion more a year for military pay raise, giving average soldier \$750 more in first year.	Opposes unilateral nuclear arms cut. Develop technology for limited missile defense while seeking Russia's agreement to amend ABM treaty.
EDUCATION	\$47 billion, 10-year plan. In first five years, \$5 billion more for literacy, \$8 billion more for college aid, \$300 million fund to reward states that improve pupil achievement. Five percent cut in education money to states whose performance lags. Let families save \$5,000 tax free per student per year for education expenses at all ages. Let federal tax dollars be used to help parents send children to private schools? Yes, when schools in poor areas fail standards for three years.	\$170 billion, 10-year plan. Subsidized preschool. \$5,000 raises for good teachers in poor and rural areas. \$5,000 more for "master teachers," tougher standards for teachers. \$3 billion in 10 years to recruit more teachers. Tax breaks for college savings and expenses, after-school care, \$8 billion in school construction.
ENVIRONMENT	Halve capital gains taxes when landowner sells property for conservation. \$50 million for state matching grants to landowners who restore habitat or protect rare species while farming or ranching. Allow oil drilling in Alaska's Arctic National Wildlife Refuge. Opposes unilateral extension of federal control over forests, seashores and monument properties.	\$150 billion trust fund over 10 years for cleaner energy and environment, including tax credits for buying cleaner vehicles and energy-efficient new homes and \$68 billion in incentives for cleaner power plants. Apart from fund, spend \$2 billion over 10 years to set aside more parkland. No drilling in Alaskan refuges.
HEALTH CARE	Tax credit of up to \$2,000 per low-income working family to buy health insurance. Expand tax-free savings accounts for health expenses. 1,300 rural health care centers. Cover prescription drugs for elderly poor and help other seniors pay for drugs in \$158 billion plan for Medicare beneficiaries.	Expand federal-state health plan for children to include more children and allow some parents to be covered, too. Tax credit to buy individual health policies. Add \$253 billion prescription drug plan to Medicare giving free coverage to elderly poor and helping other seniors pay for drugs.
RETIREMENT	Gives workers option of staying entirely in Social Security system or else investing a portion of their Social Security taxes in individual retirement accounts.	Opposes diverting any Social Security money to personal accounts but offers a tax credit to low-income and middle-income people to match their own retirement investments. Value of credit varies according to income.
TAXES	Cut all income tax rates, with lowest rate dropping to 10 percent and highest to 33 percent. Promises no increase in personal or corporate tax rates. Estimated cost through 2010: at least \$1.3 trillion.	Selected tax relief for tuition, health insurance, retirement, day care and more in estimated \$500 billion package over 10 years.
TRADE	More free trade agreements, including an expansion of North American free trade to include rest of hemisphere, excluding Cuba.	More free trade agreements, but with labor, environmental and human rights standards attached.

Clinton's legacy might be unfinished business

By Walter R. Meers
The Associated Press

Analysis

WASHINGTON - When the time comes to weigh President Clinton's legacy, it will be a bequest of decisions awaiting Al Gore or George W. Bush in the White House inbox next year.

There always is pending business left over for a new president. The demands of the office do not stop while power changes hands. Even so, the decisions deferred to the new occupant are not customary so specific as the one Clinton left to Gore or Bush on a national missile defense system, an issue of technology, diplomacy and politics all in one.

Other issues the next president will have to handle are more familiar: foreign policy and U.S. military commitments that span 200 years, the Social Security and Medicare financing future Clinton had wanted resolved as part of his presidential record, and probably the Middle East peace process in which he became both prodder and negotiator.

The missile defense decision is at the head of the list. Both Bush and Gore are committed to developing a system; despite arms race warnings from Beijing and Moscow, and resistance among U.S. allies to a space defense that would breach the 1972 Anti-Ballistic Missile Treaty.

Bush is pledged to the next step, saying he would deploy a system as soon as he could get one developed. The last two flight tests of the system have failed and the next one will come after the election, probably in January. There are to be 16 more tests, at \$100 million apiece, of a system estimated to cost \$60 billion to build and deploy.

Gore, who has not decided whether he would go ahead with deployment, said he welcomed

Clinton's delay because it allows more time for testing to see whether the system will work. There also is a choice to be made between developing a limited system to protect the United States against ballistic missile attacks by outlaw states, terrorists or accidental launchings, and a more ambitious one, which would guard U.S. allies as well.

Bush advocates the latter. Either way, the issue will put a complex diplomatic and defense question on the desk of the new president. That will be compounded by political pressure from Republicans in Congress bent on a missile system and accusing Clinton of irresponsibly delaying it.

Russian President Vladimir Putin told the United Nations on Wednesday that there should be a Moscow conference in 2001 to seek a ban on the militarization of space - meaning the projected U.S. system.

In his Sept. 1 announcement that he would leave the question for the next man, Clinton cited a CIA estimate that deployment would lead China to substantially increase its ballistic missile force. Clinton said no nation can have a veto over American security, whatever the international arms impact of a U.S. missile defense system.

But, Clinton said, "as the next president makes a deployment decision," he will need to avoid stirring a nuclear arms race that could involve China, India and Pakistan. "We should not move forward until we have absolute confidence that the system will work and until we have made every reasonable diplomatic effort to minimize the cost of deployment and maximize the benefit," Clinton said.

Race tightens in several states; Newsweek poll gives Gore edge

WASHINGTON (AP) - Democrat Al Gore has an edge over Republican George W. Bush in a Newsweek poll of likely voters released Saturday, while a tracking poll shows a very close race.

The race was tight in Illinois and New Hampshire, while Bush still has a big lead in Texas, according to several new state polls. The state-by-state battle for electoral votes is crucial because the winning candidate has to win enough states to collect 270 electoral votes.

Gore was up by 49 percent to 41 percent over Bush in the Newsweek poll of 595 likely voters was taken Thursday and

Friday. That poll had an error margin of 5 percentage points.

A CNN-USA Today-Gallup poll taken Wednesday through Friday showed Bush at 46 percent and Gore at 45 percent; about where the race has been for several days.

The tracking poll of 675 likely voters has an error margin of 4 percentage points.

The Newsweek poll showed Gore was supported by 85 percent of Democrats and 18 percent of Republicans. Bush had the support of 75 percent of Democrats, 8 percent of Republicans and 43-34 edge among independents.

Bush changes course, takes page from primary

CLEVELAND (AP) - George W. Bush is retuning his message and attacking his rival, a replay of the quick-change gambit in February that helped the Texas governor survive stunning Republican primary defeats.

The opponent this time is Democrat Al Gore, who, on the Arizona Sen. John McCain's GOP contest, has dashed Bush's dreams of an easy victory. In both cases, Bush abandoned his pledge to run a positive campaign and took a more pragmatic, hard-nosed approach.

Even with his campaign at a crossroad, Bush's goal remains the same: persuading relatively content and prosperous voters that it is time for change. He hopes to do so by turning them against the vice president.

"Can I believe him?" a narrator asks about Gore in the latest Bush-approved Republican Party ad.

"Why should we trust him on anything?" says the narrator in a new Bush campaign ad.

Bush himself plans to challenge Gore's integrity this week by accusing Gore of making false promises on issues such as education, prescription drugs, Social Security and tax reform.

Bush has the tall task of convincing voters that he and the GOP are better equipped than the incumbent party to maintain the



Texas Gov. George W. Bush

nation's prosperity.

"People like the economy but want a change, and that's the horns of the dilemma," Bush ally Ron Kaughman said. "When you focus on the last eight years, Gore does well. When you focus on the next four years, Bush does well."

Republican Gov. John Engler of Michigan agreed that voters are torn.

"People like the economy the way it is," he said. "But they don't want four more years of Clinton-Gore. That's a pretty powerful emotion out here."

Thus, Bush plans an unrelenting assault on Gore's character.

It is familiar territory for the GOP nominee.

After McCain beat Bush in New Hampshire and Michigan, Bush labeled the senator a hypocrite and accused him of negative campaigning. The tactic countered McCain's clean-government agenda.

Bush also changed his message overnight, trimming his stump speech, conducting question-and-

answer sessions with audiences and rolling out a new slogan - "Reformer with Results."

After allowing Gore to climb back into the presidential race, Bush unveiled his new "Real Plans for Real People" slogan last week and - surprise - pledged to hold town hall meetings.

Yet the governor dismissed a suggestion in August that he start conducting such meetings. While campaigning with McCain, Bush told a reporter that the informal chat sessions only work in small state primaries.

That was when he held a double-digit lead over Gore and could afford to play it safe.

The vice president rebounded at the Democratic National Convention to tie the race, raising anxiety among Republicans and forcing Bush to make at least cosmetic changes in his campaign.

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Can Firestone survive the firestorm of tire recalls?

Key to survival might mean phasing out brand-name

Knight Ridder News Service

AKRON, Ohio — It's everywhere you look.

Jay Leno shows a video of a kid on a backyard tire swing. The tire, a Firestone, explodes. The audience howls.

Big photographs of blown-out Firestone tires appear on the front page of the New York Times and USA Today. CNN beams images around the world of overturned cars, people swarming into stores to get rid of their recalled tires and congressmen attacking the company as uncaring.

Still others join in calling the brand "Gravestone" and "Tombstone." Michael Feldman, host of the public radio show "What Ya Know?" renames the tire the "Firestone ShredMaster."

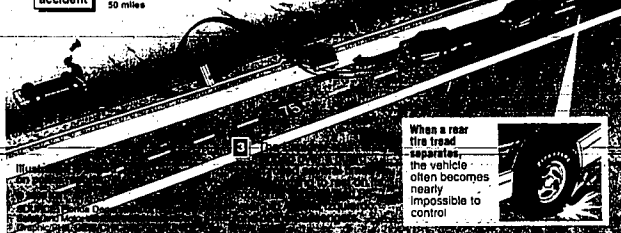
It continues day after day, with no let-up in sight.

Still others see the extensive coverage as a firestorm of attack and ridicule? Even one with a century of name recognition, a strong No. 2 position in U.S. tire sales? Even a brand linked over decades to quality tires, racing victories and



Anatomy of an accident

A look at what happened to one family in July 1999 after the tread separated from one of the Firestone tires on their Ford Explorer.



1 Rafael Valdes and four relatives were traveling west on Interstate 75 in a 1996 Ford Explorer. It was about 5 p.m., and the car was traveling at about 70 mph.

2 The left rear tire came apart, and Valdes lost control of the vehicle.

When a rear tire tread separates, the vehicle often becomes nearly impossible to control.

support of the arts and education? Just a few weeks ago it was hard to find a marketing expert who felt the Firestone brand's days were numbered. But that's beginning to change.

Firestone, some now say, is morally wounded by weeks of bad publicity over the handling of its recall of 6.5 million tires and an

ongoing government investigation into whether they were responsible for 88 deaths and hundreds of injuries.

It's just a matter of time, they say, before the company kills the brand.

"The Firestone brand name has become tarnished forever," said Deepak Sirdeshmukh, assistant

professor of marketing at Case Western Reserve University's Weatherhead School of Management, who specializes in consumer trust, brand management and crisis communications.

"It's impossible for this firm to recover," he said. Not necessarily, others say. As long as Bridgestone/Firestone

snaps out of its defensive posture and seizes the initiative, it can save the brand. After all, Firestone has survived other setbacks, including the recall of 14 million 500-series tires in the late 1970s, the longest labor strike in tire history and a civil war at its Librarian rubber plantation.

Bridgestone/Firestone Inc. says it has no plans to scrap its cherished brand. "It has tremendous heritage and tremendous awareness and consumer loyalty," said John Lampe, an executive vice president.

But the stakes are high. For grabs are the sale of tens of millions of tires a year to autodealers and truck fleets and millions more to the replacement market — the tire dealers and mass merchants who sell tires directly to consumers. Beyond that, billions of dollars invested in plants, equipment, advertising and good will.

The company has several options. It could pour money and effort into rehabilitating the Firestone name. It could drop or rename the Wilderness line, which has been associated with most of the faulty tires. It could phase out the Firestone name in favor of Bridgestone. Or it could create a whole new brand name. Each would have its benefits and costs.

Sirdeshmukh, who said he initially felt shortly after the Aug. 9 recall that the Firestone brand would probably survive, has changed his mind as more details emerged in recent weeks.

"I think they've dug a very, very deep hole. It continues to be dug by them and by others," he said.

One of "the others" is Jacques Nasser, chief executive of Ford Motor Co., the biggest customer of Firestone tires. Nasser, who apologized in national television ads shortly after the recall, has since distanced his company from Bridgestone/Firestone.

But Nasser is also fighting for the health of his own company. The Ford Explorer, the nation's best-selling sport-utility vehicle, is equipped with Firestone Wilderness AT radials. That has put the Explorer and Ford under the spotlight for safety problems associated with the tire blowouts.

It remains unclear which company will suffer more lasting damage. Firestone points out that most of the accidents occurred on Explorers and that the vast majority of its tires are safe.

Nasser, however, insists the problems lie with the tires, not the vehicle. He said he is disappointed in how Bridgestone/Firestone is handling the recall.

Inside Firestone report detailed tire problems

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — A detailed Firestone report in mid-1998 showed a dramatic increase in customer claims on a particular model tire that was among those recalled two years later.

The report, part of the documents the House-Commerce Committee gathered during its probe into Firestone tire problems, is one of dozens of documents reviewed by The Washington Post indicating that Bridgestone/Firestone Inc. had a series of warning signs about growing problems with the tires stretching earlier than known before. Similar documents had dated Firestone's assessment of such information at the end of 1999.

The June 24, 1998, Firestone document is part of a report that tracked payments on customer property-damage claims. It outlines 1997 claims and shows Bridgestone/Firestone executives had early knowledge of a growing problem with certain 15-inch tires that were among the 6.5 million tires Firestone recalled last month.

It showed that the number of

warranty claims on ATXII tires had jumped to 279 in 1997 from 42 in 1995, an almost sixfold increase.

The report also shows that Firestone knew of 259 tread-separation cases in 1997 involving ATXII tires on light trucks. Of those cases, 238 involved the 15-inch tires that were recalled last month.

The tiremaker saw further evidence of tread separation in 1998 claims. A table submitted to the House Commerce Committee shows that of the 469 claims of ATXII tread separation, 93 percent of them were on the 15-inch tires recently recalled.

Firestone spokeswoman Christine Karbowiak said Friday night the company does not know why the spike in ATX II tread separations and claims occurred. "That's what we're trying to figure out," she said. When asked about a similar document at a House hearing Wednesday, Firestone executives said that the claims data is not used to determine problems with products because not all claims are considered valid indications of defects.

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 "Some kids have learned not to ask for help." ...

In an east Memphis housing project where hope is nearly as dead as the grass, Crystal Wells, age 30, stands at the stove last Nov. 3, cooking dinner.

Her only child, Travis Butler, comes through the front door, and Wells hollers her school-night command: "Do your homework and get ready for supper."

Travis minds his momma. He is all she has. They keep to themselves in the Mallard Pond Apartments, a mammoth complex of three, two-story buildings. Most people around here do.

Then, from the kitchen comes a noise so loud, Travis runs. "Momma? Are you OK?"

Wells is sprawled over the threshold between kitchen and living room. There is "red stuff" in her hair. Her eyes are rolled back and "all white," the boy says later.

An autopsy will show she died of complications from a benign tumor, the size of a fist, in her lung.

What Travis does next is based on a belief, uttered much later, that without his momma he will be sent to juvenile hall and then to a foster family of strangers.

That fear has yet to be explained. His housing project playmates say they don't know what foster care is.

Travis carries on for 33 days. He takes the bus to school. He buys milk and macaroni and cheese at Kroger's. He microwaves frozen pizza for Thanksgiving dinner. He pays the electric bill with a money order he finds in the house, carefully addressing it the way he watched his momma do it. When gum sticks in his hair, he cuts his hair himself.

"I knew my mommy was dead," he says later, "but I felt safe because she was still in the house."

On Dec. 9, three days after Crystal Wells' body is found, Lydia Hanson goes to school in Peabody, Mass., and tells her adored teacher, "I think my mommy is dead."

The woman, according to Lydia's maternal grandmother, chides her pupil for telling stories.

Lydia is a shy girl who doesn't question adults. At the end of the day, she trudges home. Inside the house, mummy is in the same spot.

Kimberly Hanson was only 33. That morning, as Lydia dressed for school, Hanson sat in the living room recliner reading the mail. She made "a sucking sound," her daughter says later, "was a fatal seizure, brought on by diabetes and a bad heart."

The child climbed into the chair, kissed her mother and nibbled her cheeks. Outside, a car horn announced Lydia's arrival. Afraid of being late, she scurried out the door.

Now she's back and it's getting dark outside. In the kitchen, Lydia microwaves dinner. Later, she makes popcorn, as usual, and her mother do every night.

Then Lydia gets a blanket, climbs into her mother's lap and watches TV until sleep comes. The blanket, she later tells her grandmother, was for her. "Mummy was so cold," Lydia says.



Travis Butler, 9, is comforted by his stepgrandfather, H.P. Wilder, left, and grandmother Shirley Wilder at the funeral of Butler's mother, Crystal Wells, in Memphis, Tenn. Family friends dropping by for a visit Dec. 6 found Butler alone with the corpse of his mother.

installed a new phone system. Lydia couldn't work it. "Why didn't you go next door?" "I didn't want to leave mummy," she says.

Months later, Mrs. Tucker is still angry. "They just sent her home. She should never have had to spend the night like that. Never."

The Tuckers have used the school for vigilance. "I don't want any other child to have to go through this," she says. The teacher and school officials declined the AP's request for comment.

The Tuckers are now living apart. Mrs. Tucker and Lydia have moved to Pennsylvania. Richard Tucker remains in Peabody. "It's been very hard on him," she says, which is exactly what he says about her.

Their granddaughter goes to a new school. "Nobody knows what happened to her," Mrs. Tucker says. "They treat her just like she's anybody else."

Child experts say schools should provide a haven where children know they will be heard. When that doesn't happen, "it just reinforces the child's perception that I am all alone," says Claire Kopp, professor of psychology at California's Claremont Graduate University.

And being alone is terrifying. "Children's greatest fear is to be separated from their parent," says Cornell's Garbarino. "Kids' paranoia is much greater than it's ever been."

But there are no statistics. Authorities say it's impossible to know whether these recent cases are an anomaly.

"I've never heard of it," says Dr. Phyllis Rolfe Silverman, co-director of the Harvard Bereavement Study, a long-term survey of 125 children who've experienced deaths of parents. Without hard numbers on children who stay with the dead, she says, "it's hard to know what to make of it."

What happens of these children will depend on what they are told.

"If the people who come next encourage the child and tell them that a great responsibility they have on their shoulders is to take care of their mother, then there is hope," says Garbarino.

All five have received psychological help.

The stories of Travis and Lydia, because of their mothers' bodies, were discovered just days apart, got extensive, even gruesome, media play. "Corpse Kid," the New York Post called Travis.

The three children who followed received far less attention. In May last year, Okla. Karina Pistorio spends Christmas week

end next to Pat Pistorio, 31, dead from a ruptured aorta. The 4-year-old puts a cold cloth on daddy's head and brings him the cordless phone so he can call for help.

"She knew he was gone," says Karina's maternal grandmother, Ethel Catrano. "She just had some sense. He had taught her not to go out, not to answer the phone. She just did what she had been taught to do."

Neighbors finally bang down the door after holiday packages pile up outside. The Citranos, who live in Long Island, N.Y., go to Oklahoma to get their grandchild. Their daughter, Karina's mother, had died of cancer two years before.

They decline to be interviewed in person. "My husband and I don't want to exploit this story," she says. "Enough has been done already."

On Jan. 19, inside a trailer in remote Kelly, N.C., Bobby Corbett Jr. is trapped. His father, Bobby Corbett Sr., 56, has dropped dead from heart failure. The 3-year-old is alone for two days before family members, who live just next door, find him.

By then, the toddler is frostbitten and dehydrated.

Relatives say Corbett was a crusty recluse. One reported him to child welfare authorities for neglecting Bobby, who is developmentally delayed.

"When people wanted to check in on him, he didn't want anything to do with them," his niece tells the local paper.

Bobby is now with a foster family who wants to adopt him. His mother, who never married Corbett, "doesn't have the means to care for him," says June Koenig of the Bladen County Department of Social Services.

"We certainly have been mind-boggled by this," Koenig says. "It's just so sad, but we feel better about it because of the way things have worked out. He is a happy boy now. It's a happy ending."

She catches herself. "It don't mean happy. Things have worked out for the good."

On March 7, in Gaines Township, Mich., Ahmad Washington sees the deputies pull up outside Woodfield Apartments and pretends to be just another kid playing.

They're looking for him because he's missed school for several days.

find the decomposed body of his mother, Juanita Reynolds, covered by a mattress pad.

One deputy goes outside and asks Ahmad his name. Reluctantly, he answers.

The 29-year-old Reynolds, the coroner says, probably died around Feb. 14 of natural causes. Because of advanced decomposition, it is impossible to pinpoint the cause of death. There are no signs of violence. Her family believes her diabetes may be responsible.

Ahmad, now 7, has speech and learning problems. He is a ward of the state while officials await a determination from Texas whether his father, Paul Washington, meets standards for custody.

Reynolds' sister, Tracy Erby, sought custody of Ahmad, but authorities say she once abused her own son.

"Ahmad would like to go home with his father," says Dave Murkowski, Ahmad's court-appointed attorney. "We would like that, too."

Ahmad likely stayed with his mother's body because "he was just waiting for her to wake up," Erby says.

Murkowski says his young client survived on cereal and crackers.

"I don't know why he didn't seek out someone," he says. "It may have something to do with his disabilities."

Travis Butler was the first of the five cases, and the most notorious. The shy boy from an East Memphis housing project became a media spectacle. His maternal grandmother, Shirley Wilder, who lives in Carthage, Miss., took him on syndicated talk shows. The Rev. Jesse Jackson called.

Professional basketball players, celebrities and ordinary people around the country donated food, clothes and more than \$200,000, which has been placed in trust. Much was given by two wealthy New York women who read about Travis and now call themselves his aunts.

Wilder is fighting for custody with Travis' biological father, who before Wells' death had not seen his son in years. He denied paternity when Travis was born, but a blood test proved otherwise and child support was deducted from his Army pay. The parents met and split up while both were in the service.

The grandmother's attorney resigned after she tried to use Travis' trust money to buy a four-bedroom house on the edge of a golf course in northern Mississippi's upscale DeSoto County.

In August, a judge removed the boy from her care, placed his trust funds under the control of a court clerk and awarded temporary custody to the couple who had discovered his mother's corpse.

Dorothy and Nathaniel Jeffries live in Olive Branch, Miss., the same area where Wilder wanted to buy a house. The suburban enclave is about 15 minutes from Memphis. The couple met Wells about two years ago, they say, when her car broke down and they gave her a ride.

The judge has also issued a gag order barring all involved from discussing the case, and banned the public from court proceedings. The constant media attention, the judge says, is damaging Travis, now 10.



Paul Cumlin, left, and Betsy Rathe, right, were so touched by the story of Travis Butler that they started a trust fund worth more than \$100,000 to ensure the 10-year-old boy overcomes the trauma of his mother's death. Shirley Wilder, center, is the maternal grandmother of Butler.

Mississippi court guards Travis Butler's trust fund

CARTHAGE, Miss. (AP) — Travis Butler broke the hearts and opened the wallets of people here over the past year.

From across the country, money poured in. Checks written by strangers who couldn't bear to think of a boy so terrified, and so determined not to be treated as an orphan, he lived with his mother's corpse.

More than \$200,000 was collected. Then his maternal grandmother, Shirley Wilder, tried to use it to buy a big house. Then his estranged father, Kevin Butler, who Travis didn't know, sued Wilder and accused her of stealing.

Then a judge stepped in, took Travis away from his grandmother and barred her and the father from touching the money. The two are also fighting for custody. What happens to the money depends in large part on who wins Travis.

Last month, Chancery Court Judge Bill Lutz took control of the trust funds and had deputies remove Travis from the Wilders' run-down trailer.

He now lives in northern Mississippi with Dorothy and Nathaniel Jeffries, friends of his mother who discovered her body 33 days after she collapsed and died.

Lutz also imposed a gag order on everyone involved in the custody case, saying news stories about the Memphis, Tenn., boy who lived with a corpse were hurting Travis.

"I'm not going to give you any information, I'm sorry," Lutz told The Associated Press.

"It ain't right," says Travis' step-grandfather, H.P. Wilder, who lives in the rural outpost of Carthage, about an hour's drive from Jackson, Miss. "He got kin-folks. He shouldn't be with some stranger."

Betsy Rathe, a wealthy New Yorker, read about Travis in the newspaper and donated \$60,000 toward his education. She says it cannot be used for anything else.

"You can't get into that with a lock-and-key-and-a-chain-saw," Rathe says. "If anybody thinks I am helping anybody else Iota other than Travis Butler, they have the wrong people."

About \$110,000 has been given for Travis' general care, and an additional \$15,000 has been donated for housing. Celebrities and professional athletes contributed some of the funds.

The court, at the behest of the fund's trustee, may grant withdrawals for necessary items such as clothes, shelter, food and transportation.

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The growing hole in the ozone layer

Scientists at NASA have detected the largest-ever hole in the ozone layer over Antarctica, three times the size of the United States. The ozone layer protects Earth from harmful ultraviolet radiation from the sun. The hole in this protective layer is blamed on human-made chlorine compounds such as refrigerants and aerosol sprays.

Chlorine is present in the ozone layer in forms that are not ozone harmful. But in early winter, when it's very cold, clouds form in the stratosphere, and these chlorine gases collect on cloud particles and are converted into forms that are extremely ozone destructive. Sunlight over Antarctica then triggers the reactions that eat the ozone.



Average size of hole in the ozone layer September 1985 About 4.6 million square miles	Second-largest hole recorded September 1998 10.5 million square miles	Current and largest hole recorded September 2000 11 million square miles
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Source: NASA's Goddard Space Flight Center

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Summit promises will be tested

ABIDJAN, Ivory Coast (AP) — When the speeches are over at the Millennium Summit, when the world's leaders have gone home and the limousine-clogged streets around the United Nations are clear, it will be in places far from Manhattan's sleek East Side where their grandiose promises will be tested.

It will be in countries like Congo, where months of effort to get a U.N. force mobilized across the sprawling nation has yielded little more than a few dozen monitors in isolated pockets. And in Sierra Leone, where the world's largest peacekeeping force faces attacks by a rebel movement whose brutality strains belief. And in country after country ravaged by poverty, illiteracy and disease.

Still, the promises come. "We will spare no effort to free our peoples from the scourge of war," U.N. members pledged Friday in one segment of the eight-page declaration that capped off the three-day summit of presidents, prime ministers and kings, with some 150 countries committing themselves to a slew of good intentions from poverty eradication to reversing the spread of AIDS.

Money, manpower, decades of experience. The United Nations has all that and more to wage war with the world's ills. But the challenges are often even greater.

Much of the talk at the summit was about Africa; its wars, its poverty, its battle with AIDS. It is in Africa where the world body's resolve will face the greatest test

and an entire section of the concluding Millennium Declaration was devoted to "meeting the special needs of Africa."

President Clinton told the summit Africa should be a priority.

The problems of sub-Saharan Africa can seem intractable. Glossy U.N. reports point to a sub-Saharan life: more than one in six children die before age five, the per capita gross national product is less than \$2 a day and just over half the adult population is literate.

Fighting those troubles is an army of U.N. employees, from paper-shuffling bureaucrats to medical staff who venture deep into the Sahara to machine-gun carrying soldiers who nervously watch over roads.

Houston outpaces Los Angeles to retake 'smoggiest city' lead

HOUSTON (AP) — A series of sweltering days and soaring ozone levels pushed Houston ahead of Los Angeles for the title of the nation's smoggiest city, just as southern California's smog season is likely to wind down.

Houston this past week recorded its ninth consecutive day with an ozone reading above the national health standard, giving Houston 37 high-ozone days for the year, compared with 34 for Los Angeles.

A potent high pressure ridge over Texas is to blame.

"High pressure dictates stagnation. You have no clouds and no wind," said Steve Allen, a National Weather Service meteorologist.

"The pollutants that are there are going to stay there. You cook them every day with the sun, and you get a lot of ozone."

Houston hit 107 degrees on Aug. 31 and Sept. 1, and on Monday, the city hit a record high 109.

Thunderstorms were pushed inland from the Gulf of Mexico Thursday and Friday, breaking the heat and the string of ozone days.

In Southern California, the final week of August and first few weeks of September are historically the smoggiest of the year. In Houston, smog season lasts much longer, sometimes beginning in February and persisting as late as

November.

Last year, for the first time, Houston had more smoggy days and higher peak readings than Los Angeles: 52 days of unhealthy ozone for Houston, compared with 41 in Los Angeles.

Los Angeles regained the dubious title on Aug. 24, but days of blistering temperatures and windless, cloudless days nudged Houston ahead again.

Much of Los Angeles' ozone is formed when exhaust from cars and smokestacks released during the day mixes with other chemicals and sunshine. In Houston, much of the pollution comes from oil refineries, petrochemical plants and cargo ships.

House may add millions to fight drugs

WASHINGTON (AP) — House leaders are considering whether to follow up on a \$1.3 billion aid package designed to help Colombia's military combat the narcotics trade with \$99.5 million more to bolster Colombian police and drug efforts.

In negotiations over the original package, which emphasized military aid, congressional Republicans already switched 14 helicopters and other material to the police.

John Feehery, spokesman for House Speaker Dennis Hastert, said Saturday that Hastert saw a possible need for additional help when he accompanied President Clinton to Colombia on Aug. 31 for the symbolic delivery of the first package.

Hastert, R-Ill., "went down there and felt that Colombia's national police are an important part of the war on drugs," Feehery said in an interview.

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Probe questions firm after pipeline explosion

ABILENE, Texas (AP) — Two utility agencies and Exxon Mobil Corp. say they've found no evidence that an excavation company warned them it planned to dig near a gas pipeline, which ruptured and fueled a deadly fire.

A company lawyer says notice was given.

Authorities have said the 12-inch propane pipeline owned by Exxon-Mobil apparently was ruptured by a bulldozer Thursday afternoon.

The cloud of escaping propane was ignited by a spark from a passing truck or car.

A motorist suffered third-degree burns over 90 percent of his body and died less than 10 hours later. A resident was injured when she jumped into her pool just ahead of flames that leveled her house.

Although the propane was shut off shortly after Thursday's explosion, the last flames didn't die out until Saturday.

Taylor County authorities said about 30 evacuees still had not been allowed to return to their homes Saturday.

Texas law requires anyone digging deeper than 16 inches

with mechanized equipment to call a reporting agency 48 hours before digging.

But representatives of the state's environmental agency, the two excavation warning agencies and Exxon-Mobil said Smith Dozer Service apparently didn't inform the proper officials before starting to dig.

Officials were still sorting through the records of Texas Excavation Safety System Inc. and the One Call Board of Texas, two nonprofit organizations that keep track of buried pipelines or cables, but had not yet found any indication the company called either agency.

The two organizations are required by state law to contact each other when they receive calls, but officials said they had found no indication the company called either agency.

"The apparent failure" in this instance to follow this standard procedure, if substantiated, would have been an inexcusable deviation from a common practice," Dick Rabinow, president of Exxon Mobil Pipeline Co. in Houston, told the Abilene Reporter-News.

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Idaho's new public TV issue draws interest outside state

By Judith Graham
Chicago Tribune

BOISE - In the world of public broadcasting, Idaho Public TV is small potatoes. But a simmering controversy over a legislative clampdown on public television is capturing national attention, and raising 1st Amendment issues.

The dispute began last year, when Idaho Public TV decided to air "It's Elementary," a documentary about what schools were doing to teach tolerance toward gays and lesbians. The religious right mobilized, and state lawmakers passed what broadcasting groups call the most restrictive set of regulations on public television in the nation.

The rules ban programs that could be construed as encouraging acts that violate state law, such as sodomy, and require the state Board of Education to closely monitor programs suspected to be of a controversial nature. They went into effect last month. What effect the regulations will have on Idaho Public TV is open to question. The Legislature has approved 28 percent of the station's operating budget, but could be at risk if the directives aren't followed. Most of Idaho Public TV's funding, about 55 percent, comes from private contributors.

Legal experts suggest the new rules, passed as part of an appropriations bill this spring, may violate the 1st Amendment and constitute "prior restraint" on speech. The Idaho attorney general's office has contended that the restrictions are permissible because the state holds the public television license and can regulate its own "government" speech.

The Idaho Christian Coalition and the now-disbanded Idaho Family Forum were the lead groups behind a push to mobilize the Legislature. "It's Elementary" was propaganda for the homosexual point of view," said David Ferdinand, a Christian Coalition spokesman. "It spoke directly to the advantages of the gay lifestyle but not the disadvantages. The rules but don't use our tax dollars to support this."

Last month, the state Board of Education, which holds the license and oversees public television, passed new rules designed to comply with the Legislature's directives. Besides requiring greater advance reporting on its programming, Idaho Public TV also must broadcast disclaimers several times a day disavowing any intent to encourage criminal conduct.

At a public hearing before the board made its decision, citizens voiced their dismay with the new rules. Lonnie Willis of Boise noted that the board in 1987 had adopted a "Statement of Principles of Editorial Integrity in Public Broadcasting" agreed to by at least 40 other states, and would violate its own principles with the new rules. Among the principles, cited by Willis: "Public broadcasters must operate above suspicion of vulnerability to undue influence."

Carl Rowe of Boise was more blunt. "The only reason we are here is that a couple of powerful legislators are obsessed with homosexuality and willing to declare themselves arbiters of public taste," he said.

About this story

Idaho's new regulations governing programs on public television has gained attention outside the borders of the state. Here's how a reporter from the Chicago Tribune sees the issue.

Before the meeting, three national groups monitoring the situation in Idaho — the Public Broadcasting Service, the Association of America's Public Television Stations and the Organization of State Broadcasting Executives — sent a letter expressing concern that the Idaho rules violate the 1st Amendment and run contrary to the Federal Communications Act of 1934.

The 1st Amendment guarantees free speech and does not permit the government to impose an unconstitutional burden on speech by manipulating funding, argued Robert Corn-Revere of Hogan & Hartson, a Washington law firm, in the letter. Federal broadcasting laws are explicit about encouraging programming that takes creative risks and meets the needs of underserved audiences, and are clear about the importance of insulating programming decisions from political control, Corn-Revere wrote.

In cases such as this, federal laws pre-empt state legislation, he argued.

The Idaho attorney general's office, which is advising the Legislature and the state Board of Education, declined several requests to clarify its legal arguments.

But state Sen. Hal Bunderson, a Republican who wrote the legislative restrictions, said the Board of Education hadn't been vigilant enough in overseeing public television.

"They criticize our legislation for supporting censorship. We don't want censorship," he said. "We want controversial programs to be balanced, and this one wasn't."

Idaho Public TV recognized the potential for problems with "It's Elementary" in advance and went to some lengths to try to ensure it would air the right thing in airing the program.

The station's director of broadcasting, Ron Pisaneschi, called colleagues in surrounding states to find out who was planning to air the show. They all said it was on their schedules. Furthermore, the documentary's subject, tolerance, was in the news after the Columbine High School shootings a few months before, and the start of the new school year made it timely, station manager Peter Morrill said.

Morrill told Board of Education members about the program well in advance, as is his custom with shows that address sensitive topics. After the station put out a news release about "It's Elementary," the campaign against the program began. One morning in September 1999, before the program aired, Morrill said, five influential legislators and a businessman who put up billboards across the state protesting the documentary showed up at his door for an unannounced meeting. Their message: "We're not threatening you, but cut off the consequences if you go ahead," Morrill and Pisaneschi said.

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Republican Gov. Dirk Kempthorne's office, the station moved the documentary to a later time slot, 11 p.m. on Tuesday last September, a time when most children could be expected to be asleep. Also, recognizing that the documentary had a specific point of view, Idaho Public TV scheduled an hour-long public affairs program

two days after the show aired to discuss the issues.

The Idaho Christian Coalition and Family Forum refused to participate on the grounds that "once a bell has been rung, you can't un-ring it," said Nancy Blomquist, a former executive director of the Christian Coalition. Instead, the station brought in the American Family

Association from Mississippi, as well as a local school district superintendent, to represent the religious conservative view.

Months later, the Idaho Legislature funded \$3.5 million of the station's \$5.4-million-annual budget request, reducing by half a request for capital funding to help Idaho Public TV begin converting to a digital format. All public television stations are required by the federal government to undergo such a conversion by May 2003. Morrill anticipates it will cost the station \$11 million.

The general manager appears determined not to bow to pressure. In June he aired "Our House," a documentary about the issues gay families encounter when they raise children, provoking another round of condemnation from outraged legislators.

"Our House" was part of the PBS national program schedule, and he said he saw no reason to black it out. "I feel quite passionate about Idaho citizens' rights to have access to the same public broadcasting material that citizens in surrounding states have access to," Morrill added.

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A 700-foot bucking bull on thirteen acres of corn greets the commuters on I-84 off the Eagle exit near Meridian Wednesday. The 'maize maze' was created by designer Brett Herbat of Salmon. The maze, which took Herbat about a month to complete, opened to the public Friday.

Chinese troupe of disabled performers starts tour in Boise

BOISE (AP) — Deng Pufang is the son of former Chinese premier Deng Xiaoping, but that is not how he is best known in his nation.

A revered national figure, he is an outspoken champion of children and the disabled.

"We believe that we should treat our disabled citizens as others," Deng said through an interpreter at a press conference Friday in Gov. Dirk Kempthorne's office.

Deng is chairman of the China Disabled Persons' Federation. His father succeeded Mao Tse-tung and ruled China from 1976 to 1997. Deng is a paraplegic, after Red Guards threw him from a window during the cultural revolution.

He was in Boise for the first performance of a six-city tour by the China Disabled Persons' Federation Performing Arts Troupe. The glittering show includes dance and music, all performed by disabled artists.

It will play in Carnegie Hall in New York and the Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C.

Boise is on the list because of a local nonprofit adoption agency called the CASI Foundation for Children, which is sponsoring the troupe's tour. CASI has placed more than 600 children in adoptive homes and has launched special projects to assist orphaned children in China.

Ted Johnson, a Boise attorney, retired judge and CASI board member, said on a recent trip to China for CASI, he and other representatives were invited to meet with the Chinese president.

Some educators say school listing is imperfect

BOISE (AP) — Faculty members cheered when Albertson College of Idaho President Kevin Learned recently announced the Caldwell school was ranked the No. 1 liberal-arts college in the West for the fourth straight year by U.S. News & World Report.

But at nearby Northwest Nazarene University in Nampa, President Richard Hagood said his school's No. 7 ranking, while up from No. 13 in 1999, would not do much to increase enrollment and is not a measure of anything in particular his institution is doing differently.

It is nice to be included in the rankings, presidents agree, but the meaning of the rankings is up for debate.

"It's an imperfect science," Hagood said. "But we're always pleased with the category they

put us in." Even U.S. News & World Report spokesman Richard Folkers said the Best Colleges guide should not be used as the only resource for choosing a college.

"This is purely looking at academics, but in finding the best school, students shouldn't worry if it's No. 1, No. 5 or No. 30," Folkers said.

Learned said he likes the bragging rights from being at the top, but said schools further down the list are not necessarily worse.

"But if in the future we're not No. 1, but we're No. 5, I don't know how much difference there is."

Any college ranking system is controversial, university presidents say, because none details

the individual benefits each college offers.

Boise State University President Charles Ruch said he wishes there were categories for the number of internships students get and what percent get jobs after college.

Metropolitan colleges with a high percentage of nontraditional students tend not to do as well, he said.

Boise State was ranked 57th for best regional universities in the West, sharing the spot with 27 other schools, on the so-called third tier.

One of the most controversial measures in the U.S. News rankings is in academic reputation.

The magazine gives the greatest weight to what presidents, provosts and deans of admissions at other colleges think of

their peer institutions.

"It's subject to the whims and opinions of other universities," Hagood said. "It tends to fluctuate depending on a college's relationship with other schools."

University of Idaho President Bob Hoover said he finds the ratings helpful for comparing his university to similar institutions, but not to compare Idaho to other in-state schools.

The Moscow school was 115th among the best national universities, sharing that rung with 56 others, or the third tier. Idaho State University came in 172th, on the fourth tier with 51 other schools.

"I honestly have never heard anyone say they chose to go to a school because of these rankings," Idaho State President Richard Bowen said.

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FEATURES

British director receives honor at festival

Toronto film festival gives retrospective on Anthony Freaux

TORONTO (AP) - Stephen Freaux was a natural choice when Toronto International Film Festival planners decided they wanted to honor a filmmaker for the event's 25th anniversary. The trouble was convincing Freaux to agree.

Freaux, a British television director whose career swung upward after "My Beautiful Laundrette" proved a hit at the festival in 1985, was gun-shy about the attention and (at first) tributes tend to signal the end of a film career.

When festival planners first contacted Freaux, his reaction was "one of horror," he said Saturday in an interview before the tribute. "People ask to do retrospectives and you think, oh, I see, I'm virtually dead, and I always think I don't feel I've even started."

Freaux has had a far-ranging career that includes the unusual horror flick "Mary Reilly," the modern-western "The Hi-Lo Country," a new take on film noir with "The Grifters" and the costume epic "Dangerous Liaisons." The latter two grabbed multiple Oscar nominations.

The last time the festival did a tribute was for Warren Beatty in 1984. Since it was the 25th anniversary for the Toronto fest, North America's top movie showcase, organizers decided to pay respects to a filmmaker who had a long and successful relationship with the event.

"He wanted to honor someone who's not at the end of their career but someone in the middle, who's got films ahead of him," said festival director Piers Handling. "It helped that he had a really great this year, too."

Freaux's work this year included the hit "High Fidelity," starring John Cusack, the live TV remake of "Fooli Safe," with George Clooney, and his latest film "Liam," the story of working-



British actor Anthony Borrows is held by British actor Ian Hart while he jokes with British director Stephen Freaux, right, on the catwalk of the Lido Cinema building on Tuesday. Their movie "Liam" will be presented at the 57th Venice Film Festival.

class Irish immigrants in Liverpool in the 1930s. "I'm on a good roll," Freaux said. "It's been a good millennium."

"Those three films kind of sum up how wide his career has been," Handling said. "A live TV drama, an experiment in live BBC and a contemporary American slacker film."

Freaux made "My Beautiful Laundrette" for British television, never figuring it had potential for a theatrical release. The movie was a sharp commentary on racial tensions and economics in Margaret Thatcher's Britain, centering on a homosexual relationship between a Pakistani laundry operator and the white punk buddy he hires to help out.

"Would you think it had theatrical possibilities? It's about a gay, Pakistani laundrette owner," Freaux said. But the movie was acquired at the Toronto festival for theatrical release and became an arthouse hit. That led Freaux into bigger budget films and ultimately to Hollywood.

"When I started making films for television, I never particularly wanted to be a cinema director," Freaux said. "I certainly never thought I'd get to Hollywood. It was just inconceivable. It was as if someone said, do you want to go to the moon?"

"Liam" is screening at this year's festival, along with a retrospective of Freaux's movies that includes "Dangerous Liaisons," "The Grifters," "Sammy and

Rosie Get Laid" and "The Hit," his first film to play at Toronto, back in 1984.

Saturday's lineup for the Freaux tribute included Cusack, John Hurt, who starred in "The Hit," Jack Black from "High Fidelity" and Roddy Doyle, whose Dublin novels "The Snapper" and "The Van" were adapted for film by Freaux.

Freaux said it was a nice homecoming to revisit Toronto because of the positive reaction audiences there have given his films.

"I remember being told that some critic in Toronto had written the nicest thing anyone's ever said about a film of mine," for "Dangerous Liaisons," Freaux said. "That it was like eating chocolate in bed."

Iranian film about women takes top prize in Venice

VENICE, Italy (AP) - An Iranian film about the tough life women face in that Islamic state took the top prize in the Venice Film Festival on Saturday.

"The Circle" ("Dayereh"), which won the Golden Lion award, was a popular favorite after it was screened at the festival, which began on Aug. 30.

It is 40-year-old director Jafar Panahi's third feature film. His 1995 "The White Balloon" ("Badkonake sefid") and 1997 "The Mirror" ("Ayneh") have won several international awards. "The Circle" tells the story of

eight Iranian women struggling with the restrictions their society places on them because they are women. The opening scene shows a woman giving birth to a child unwanted because she is female.

In earlier comments about the movie, Panahi said he decided to make the movie after noticing a small newspaper article about a woman who committed suicide after killing her two young daughters.

The freedom of women in Iran, he has written in the past, "is limited to the point where it seems as if they are in a big prison."

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Australians celebrate Olympics with hemp

SYDNEY, Australia (AP) - The 3:45 p.m. ferry to Darling Harbor trailed a huge green-leaf flag not accredited to the Olympics, and its bearer, an underfed gentleman named Chicken George, was clearly no athlete.

George wore a bright charcoal, wool knit bodysuit, sort of a mix between a knight's chain mail and a kid's bunny-feet pajamas, with a five-pointed marijuana leaf emblazoned on the chest.

"We figure there's enough paranoia in this town now," explained one of his entourage, Robin Harrison, a ponytailed actor in galesley pants. "We thought we'd show there were still a few normal blokes around."

Normal for Sydney. This is not your average sort of place. And as the 2000 Summer Games approach, Sydney's local lawlessness shifted to yet a higher gear.

The ferry ride was Friday. On Saturday, George rode astride a 42-foot-long joint as rolled down Broadway to Town Hall, flanked by feeling-no-pain supporters and followed by a phalanx of amused mounted policemen.

A red-painted lip glowed at the monster reefer's business end. The words "Let It Grow" ran along one side. The other was scented: "The Law is the Crime."

This capped the cannabis-scented Hemp Olympics in Victoria. Bark joint rolling for speed and density; a tradition of hauling fertilizer and water on a crawling through bush; and a bong (water pipe) throwing contest.

Marijuana use is illegal in Australia, but like a lot of popular social activities, such as drinking in the streets and flouncing nude on beaches, enforcement is not draconian.

Police Sgt. John Tate laughed when asked what he thought of escorting a giant joint and half-naked dancers through the heart of Sydney. "It's such a minor offense," he said. "Let 'em have their fun."

At official levels, tension is high. Nearly a half million cops during the Summer Games supercharged two weeks mean the potential for every threat from traffic nightmares to high-tech terrorism.

Immigration authorities, traffic police and security guards near Olympic sites feed the mood of paranoia Harrison described. But most residents of Australia's beloved, signature city, now being in-worldwide attention, are taking things easy. "G'day, mate" is slipping in usage, but the constant



A man who calls himself Chicken George leans against a giant makeshift joint as he pretends to smoke a fake marijuana cigarette and supervises the organization of the Hemp Olympics in Victoria Park in Sydney, Australia, Saturday.

watchword remains: "No worries." At Darling Harbor, a private boat disgorged a wedding party, a dozen young people dressed to kill in black-ties and buckles-gowns. Half of them guzzled from long-necked beer bottles.

Weekend crowds spilled out of pubs onto public squares, office workers in suits and high heels mingling easily with the cutoffs-and-flipflop class.

Some talked of sports, but others trashed any public figure whose name happened to arise. A few made macabre jokes about the season's sensational news story: A man's head was found in the belly of a 90-pound cod.

that smacks of authority or discipline." She appreciates a thickening layer of sophistication in Sydney, with fine food and excellent theater. But she is proud of her deep Australian roots, her tint of aborigine blood and her bush traditions.

"We're all the spawn of criminals, what do you expect?" she concluded, with a merry laugh. "Pretty nice, hey?"

A faux Princess Anne, eerily like Britain's real item, opened the Hemp Olympics, praising its sense of reality in the face of the "Over-the-Top Olympics," which get under way Friday.

Declaring herself Hempress of Gaiety, she said: "It gives me great pleasure not being the queen, not opening the Not Olympics. Hemp, hemp, hooray." Then she lit up a regal-sized joint.

Lisa Yeates, the actress in royal clothing, later said these "games" had a serious purpose: to focus attention on drug laws that send youths to jail, where they emerge as human wrecks, if not real criminals.

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Diplomats see military breakdown as threat

JAKARTA, Indonesia (AP) — Last week's unchecked rampage by militiamen in West Timor is being seen as the strongest evidence to date that the chain of command in Indonesia's once and then "pro-Indonesian" army has broken down.

And now, diplomats and others warn that the violence is a threat to keeping the nation united as it builds a new democracy. Indonesian soldiers have done nothing to stop attacks by militiamen that began last Wednesday with the fatal stabbing and beating of three United Nations workers whose bodies were burned in the street.

"The fragmentation of the Indonesian military has reached the point that they have difficulty controlling the situation in Timor and elsewhere," Harold Crouch, an expert on the Indonesian armed forces at the Australian National University in Canberra, said Thursday.

Some foreign diplomats speculated that the murders of the U.N. workers was orchestrated by army hardliners to humiliate reformist President Abdurrahman Wahid and persuade Western governments to withdraw their support for his increasingly ineffectual administration.

The U.N. workers were slain just hours before the opening of the U.N. Millennium Summit, a major global summit in New York, where Secretary-General Kofi Annan, President Clinton and other leaders criticized Indonesia — in the presence of Wahid — for not preventing the bloodshed.

Wahid, whose embarrassment was evident, has often accused elements of the military of instigating violence to destabilize his 11-month-old government as it struggles to keep Indonesia together.

Since Wahid assumed power, the land of 17,000 islands and

Violence-plagued trouble spots in Indonesia

Dozens of foreign aid workers fled West Timor on Thursday and Indonesia sent in fresh troops a day after a mob led by pro-Indonesian militia gangs killed three U.N. aid workers. This is the latest in a series of attacks in Indonesia that has killed many, injured hundreds and left thousands of refugees since East Timor voted for independence from Indonesia in a UN-sponsored ballot.



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hundreds of ethnic groups stretching across an area the length of the United States has been wracked by repeated outbreaks of mayhem.

Indonesia's army formed the main pillar of former President Suharto's 32-year dictatorship, which collapsed in 1998 amid public unrest over the country's economic slump.

During Suharto's reign, the army exercised tight control, repressing all opposition and the ethnically, religiously and racially disparate archipelago. It committed extensive human

rights abuses and earned lasting animity from large sections of the population.

Suharto, himself an army general, rewarded the army's loyalty by appointing senior officers to key government posts and the rubber-stamp legislature. Retired generals became provincial governors, ambassadors and managers of state enterprises. The army's 14 regional commanders enjoyed autonomy, controlling an extensive network of lucrative business

But the fortunes of the army, which accounts for about two-thirds of Indonesia's 300,000 mil-

itary personnel, weakened after Wahid's election last October.

He moved quickly to rein in the army by appointing navy admirals and air force generals to top command positions and abolishing the doctrine of "dual functions" — or dual function, which allowed the top brass to meddle in the workings of the government.

In February, Wahid fired the powerful security minister, Gen. Wiranto, after he was accused of being responsible for the destruction wreaked by Timorese militiamen on East Timor after that province voted for independence a year ago.



A pro-Indonesian militiaman with traditional sword on his chest stands with comrades in the West Timor village of Betun Friday in this image made from TV. The militia were staging a show of strength at the funeral of one of their commanders killed in a clash with pro-independence villagers.

U.S. family wonders why son died in Timor

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico (AP) — Their son is dead — and the family of the American relief worker slain in a militia-led rampage in West Timor wants answers from the United Nations and Indonesia. Why was Carlos Caceres allowed to work without protection even after he received a death threat?

"They should have got him out of there," the victim's father, Gregorio Caceres, told The Associated Press from his home in Jacksonville, Fla. on Thursday. A mob led by militiamen stormed the U.N. office Wednesday in Atambua, West Timor, and killed three U.N. aid workers — including Caceres, 33,



who was born in San Juan. Witnesses said militiamen beat and stabbed the three foreign men before mutilating their bodies and burning them in the street. Other U.N. workers were cut by machetes and axes but escaped.

Earlier Wednesday, Caceres sent an e-mail to a friend, a U.N. security official in Macedonia, saying he had heard that "a wave of violence would soon pound Atambua."

"We sit here like bait, unarmed," he wrote. "We are waiting for the enemy."

Caceres had expected to be evacuated a few weeks before, said his father, who last saw his son on a Christmas visit in Florida. Caceres last telephoned his father Aug. 26.

"I was in fear for him. He told me, 'Dad, as we speak there is danger... He told me he was going to evacuate himself and his co-workers from that location to another location because of the danger,'" Gregorio Caceres said.

The father said a Geneva official of the U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees told him the United Nations had evacuated its workers two weeks earlier and only sent them back after the Indonesian government promised its soldiers would ensure their safety.

The UNHCR had received warning of possible trouble and was assured by Indonesian security forces that agency staff would be protected. But witnesses said Indonesian troops stood by during the attack.

Carlos Caceres had told his family that he saw a militia leader giving an order to Indonesian TNI troops. Troops then ignored it when a militia leader threatened his life, he said.

"Despite the fact that over 70 TNI and police personnel were present at the scene, it is known that one refugee was beaten... by militia elements," Caceres told

Josefa Collazo, left, speaks to a reporter about the killing of her son, Carlos Caceres, as her daughter Elba Caceres listens at her home in Sweetwater, Fla., Thursday.

his family. When Caceres tried to protect the refugee — his job as a protection officer — a militia leader he identified as Manek told Indonesian troops to escort him away.

"It was clear that Manek had authority over the TNI and that any order he made was going to be followed," Caceres wrote.

A month ago, Caceres sent an e-mail to his sister Elba, in Miami, noting, "The militia, by the way, hate me."

He implied he was not getting much help in the last message received by his family four days ago. "Here things are difficult, but one keeps working, with or without international support."

Caceres' grieving parents are puzzled by what lured their eldest child and only son so far from home.

His mother, Josefa Collazo, said she once asked him why he didn't work as a lawyer in Miami, where she lives. "He said, 'I like what I am doing — to see how other people are living, to see what they need, and to be able to help them.'"

Caceres' family moved to Miami in the 1970s. Caceres studied journalism at the University of Florida, then law at Cornell and went to Britain's Oxford University. He earned three doctorates and spoke five languages, including Czech and Russian, which he learned on assignment with the UNHCR in Moscow.

In East Timor, he wrote to sister Elba, he was the only foreigner for miles around Betun, a jungle village near the border.

"I became an instant celebrity. Flocks of people follow me wherever I go, everyone screams 'hello mister' when they see me," he said. "I attempted jogging once, and didn't do it again."

"I couldn't get a second of solitude and everyone started running after me. It was scary because I thought the militia was trying to get me."



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Archaeologists Arthur Demerest, right, and Tomas Barrientos look at a piece of an altar at a site in Guatemala.

Scientists uncover Mayan market

GUATEMALA CITY (AP) — Scientists and looters ignored the ruin for nearly a century because it appeared devoid of temples and burial sites that might yield valuable treasures and artifacts.

They had no idea what they were missing.

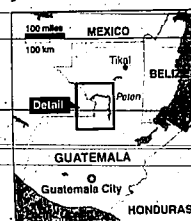
Underneath the jungle curtain of mud and dense foliage was a sprawling lost city called "Cancuen," (can-ku-wen), one of the most important commercial centers of the Mayan world for more than 1,200 years.

Cancuen has been rediscovered by Guatemalan and American scientists working deep in the country's northern jungles. They believe it will take 10 years to fully unearth the city, which dates to 400 B.C.

It is buttressed by a 270,000-square-foot Mayan palace — with three floors — each 66 feet high and 170 rooms. It is among the most grandiose Mayan structures ever discovered, the National Geographic Society announced Friday.

The society is a chief sponsor of the Cancuen excavation project.

"We started off working with what we thought was a small palace, part of a small Mayan



settlement," said Arthur Demerest, a Vanderbilt University archaeologist and

head of the Cancuen project. "What we found was a palace 20 times as large as we were expecting and an important Mayan marketplace that had been forgotten for almost 100 years."

Built in the shadow of the hulking palace, the 5-square-mile city featured a crowded rectangular layout of heavy stone walls, 11 spacious stonetailed patios and buildings with cubbyhole-like rooms and thick, multileveled roofs.

While Demerest said scientists aren't sure how many Mayan merchants traded in Cancuen, the city is thought to have attracted thousands from nearby highland settlements, including the sprawling, majestic city of Tikal, 85 miles to the northeast.

Cancuen, an ancient Mayan word meaning "Place of the Serpent," became a key trading post because of the sprawling River Passion in what is known today as southern Peten, Guatemala's northernmost province, Demerest said.

First discovered in 1905 by Austrian explorer Toboer Winter, scientists and looters ignored the site for years.

Jews, Palestinians alike hail man who died saving a drowning boy

Knight Ridder News Service

HAMLE, West Bank — Omri Jadah was accorded the funeral of a martyr.

His casket was draped in the red, white and green of the Palestinian flag and carried aloft through the dusty village streets. A Muslim holy man thundered exclamations of his heroism over a loudspeaker. Nearly 7,000 people marched solemnly in procession.

Not since the "intifada," the uprisings a decade ago, had the village seen such a large funeral, and those were for the youths killed fighting Israelis.

But Jadah was a martyr of a decidedly different mold. The 24-year-old construction worker lost his life rescuing a child from drowning. An Israeli child. A Jew.

The accident took place Aug. 5 at the Sea of Galilee, the biblical lake that is a favorite swimming spot for Israelis and Palestinians alike. Jadah and a cousin had spent the afternoon barbecuing kebabs on the beach, napping

"He did what was right under Islam. He saved a life."

— Nidal Bardawi, 22.

and swimming. They were packing up to leave when they spotted a 6-year-old boy flailing in the lake and screaming for help.

Jadah swam out and towed the child back to the shore, fighting a strong current. Another Palestinian took the child from Jadah's arms and returned him unharmed to his mother. But Jadah himself, exhausted from the effort, was dragged toward the center of the lake by a strong undertow. By the time he was brought back to shore, he was in a coma.

He died two days later in a Tiberius hospital, leaving behind a 2-year-old son, a 10-month-old daughter, and a pregnant 23-year-old widow.

Jadah's heroism turns on its

heels some of the conventional assumptions about relations between Israelis and Palestinians. What was remarkable was not just the individual act of bravery, but the seemingly universal acclaim it has received in a community where most of the heroes were those killed fighting Israelis, not rescuing them.

Indeed, the main square of Hamle is known as "Midan El Shuhada, Martyr Square — built around a monument to five Hamle boys killed during the "intifada."

A group of young men who sit curbside the other day smoking cigarettes concurred that Jadah was a martyr and hero, just the same as those resistance fighters.

"He did what was right under Islam. He saved a life," declared Nidal Bardawi, 22.

Abdul Halim Jadah, Omri's father, says that he has yet to meet a Palestinian who believed that the young man died in vain saving a Jewish boy.

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Philippine Muslim rebels release four Europeans

CEBU, Philippines - Military helicopters lifted four European hostages from a southern Philippine jungle Saturday in a dramatic end to their 140 days of captivity at the hands of extremist Muslim rebels.

Government negotiators called in the helicopters following a bloody ambush of two go-betweens en route to remote Jolo island. One of the go-betweens' bodyguards was killed and eight others were wounded in the attack, negotiators said. Many civilians were also injured, they said.

The tourists' flight to freedom came after they were released by the Abu Sayyaf rebels, who say they are fighting for an independent Islamic state in the mostly Roman Catholic Philippines.

The Abu Sayyaf still have 16 other hostages, including two French journalists, 13 Filipinos and a separatist faction of the same rebel group.

Negotiators said rising violence on Jolo and growing tensions within the Abu Sayyaf over the sharing of millions of dollars in ransom are likely to hamper efforts to gain the French journalists' release.

Truck explodes in China, killing 60, injuring hundreds

BEIJING - Investigators believe a massive explosion on a truck near the capital of China's tense Muslim northwest that killed 60 people and injured 173 was likely an accident, but have not ruled out terrorism, an official said Saturday.

The truck, which was carrying explosives for disposal, detonated during Friday evening's rush hour on a major road in the western suburb of Urumqi in Xinjiang province. More than 200 police, soldiers and medical personnel sealed off the area sifting through more than 20 scorched and damaged vehicles and buildings for survivors, government officials and the state-run Xinhua News Agency said.

Based on the initial evidence, police believe an accident caused the blast, although they have not excluded terrorism, said an official with the Xinjiang government's foreign propaganda office, who only gave his surname, Zhang.

But the explosion's timing and location - in the carefully guarded heart of a region with a history of separatist violence - has raised doubts about the government's version and fears it might be linked to Muslim separatists waging China's most violent internal rebellion.

French truckers end fuel tax protest, lift blockades

PARIS - French truckers began lifting nationwide blockades at oil refineries and fuel depots Saturday after union leaders unanimously called for an end to a six-day protest that has strangled fuel supplies, causing airport delays and chaos at gas stations.

With a majority of France's gas stations still dry, however, the removal of blockades was not expected to ease immediately the plight of motorists, who have had to line up bumper-to-bumper to fill their tanks.

The Interior Ministry said 30 oil refineries and fuel depots were still blocked as of Saturday evening, compared with more than 100 earlier in the day.

French trucker group UNOSTRA called on members Saturday to remove blockades, saying union leaders had accepted a deal offered by the French government to cut taxes on fuel.

Brooding civil liberties alarm Russian rights activists

MOSCOW - Human rights activists are cautioning that civil liberties in President Vladimir Putin's Russia are under threat, even though there has been no notable rise in rights violations since he took office last year.

The activists have a receptive audience in the West, where many are as unnerved by Putin's AGS past as the former Soviet dissidents who were persecuted by the spy agency and who now

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lead some of Russia's most prominent human rights organizations. But others say the human rights climate has improved since President Boris Yeltsin left office Dec. 31.

Putin won praise for his ambition to install a "dictatorship of law," which some hope will punish corrupt officials, gangsters and shady businessmen who have profited from the chaos that followed the 1991 fall of the Soviet Union.

Activists say Putin's intention to put muscle in the law should cause more fear than hope. They point to recent raids on the offices of grass-roots groups and independent media, and periodic, often brutal sweeps of public places and private homes for potential terrorists and draft-dodgers. They have also protested espionage cases against several environmentalists, journalists and others who are accused of passing state secrets to foreigners.

Jamaican prime minister tours anti-crime plan

NEW YORK - Jamaica's prime minister is seeking to reassure business leaders and government officials that his country will handle a rising tide of violent crime.

In a speech Friday at the Americas Society, Prime Minister P.J. Patterson outlined his government's new plan aimed at easing violence and stemming the flow of drugs and guns. More than 600 people have been mur-



Freed hostage Marc Wallert of Germany shouts for joy in a military camp in Jolo island Saturday shortly after he was freed by extremist Abu Sayyaf rebels in the southern Philippines.

dered this year on the Caribbean island.

"We have reason to be concerned," Patterson said. "We are determined to ensure that our beautiful country is a safe place."

The Jamaican economy has shrunk 4.2 percent since 1996, and although unemployment is officially running at 16.3 percent, the true figure is estimated to be between 20 percent and 25 percent.

Both local and foreign businesses have complained recently about Jamaica's high crime rate. The island's leading entrepreneur, Gordon Stewart, who owns Sandals Resorts International

chain and Air Jamaica, recently said he might leave the country if the crime situation doesn't improve.

Colombia passenger plane hijacked into rebel territory

BOGOTA, Colombia - Airline passenger Jose Orlando Ossa didn't find it suspicious when a man on his domestic flight over the Andes got up and went to the bathroom.

Neither, apparently, did the three federal prison guards who were supposed to be watching the man - a suspected rebel serving time for a policeman's death.

Not until he emerged from the lavatory waving a handgun and headed for the cockpit.

"He said it was a hijacking, that it was to obtain his freedom and that he was a guerrilla," Ossa told reporters late Friday after the plane's harrowing diversion into rebel-held southern territory.

Ossa was among 22 passengers and crew aboard the Aires airlines Dash 230 turboprop, hijacked during a flight from Bogota to the southwestern provincial capital of Florencia.

All were freed unharmed after the plane touched down on a guerrilla-held southern airstrip, dropped off the hijacker, then landed safely in the southwestern city of Neiva. No other demands were made.

Yugoslavia rules out Western observers at crucial elections

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia - The Yugoslav government will not allow observers from Western countries considered hostile to monitor elections here, a top official said Saturday.

The rejection, which comes amid fears of possible vote-rigging in the Sept. 24 election, is meant "to protect Yugoslavia's sovereignty and integrity," Information Minister Goran Matić said.

He also blasted government critics who had warned of fraud as "delegates of American institutions whose aim is to occupy our society."

Milosevic is running for re-election. His main challenger,

Vojislav Kostunica, who is representing a group of allied opposition parties, currently leads independent polls by more than 10 percentage points.

Castro's visit to U.S. ends pleasantly for both sides

NEW YORK - Fidel Castro's first visit to New York in five years ended Saturday in Harlem, with 2,000 Cuban solidarity supporters cheering, chanting his name and singing "Happy Birthday."

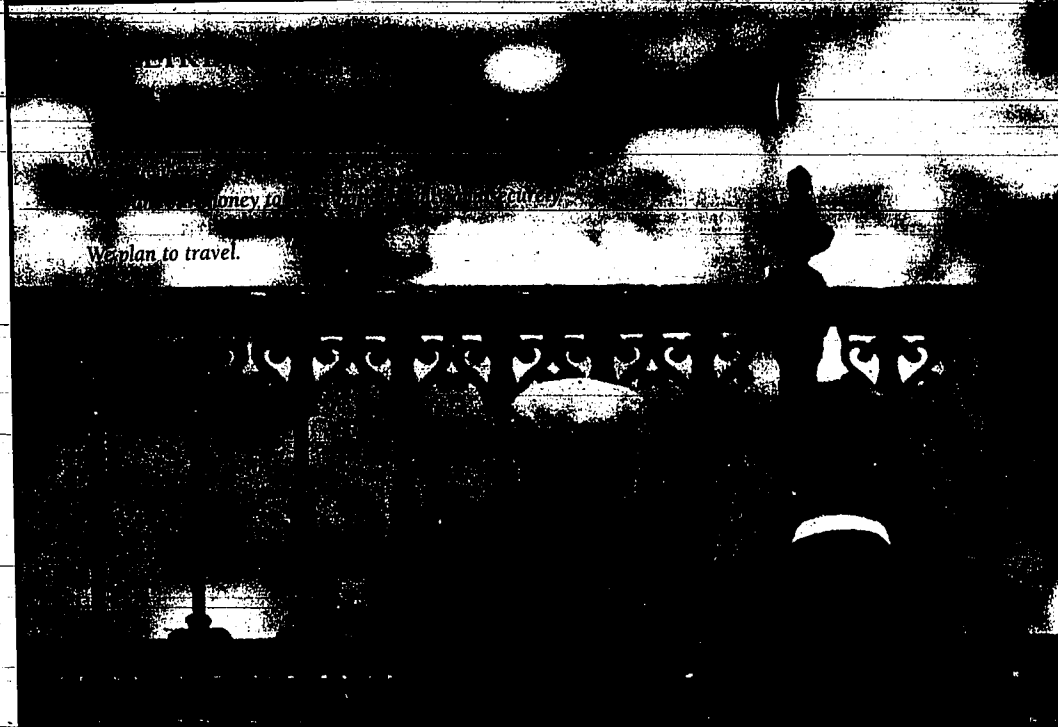
"Dear brothers and sisters," he told the invitation-only event at the historic Riverside Church, hugging several children who gave him a plastic-wrapped bouquet of flowers. "You have been extremely generous and kind with us."

Following the event, which began Friday night at 8 p.m. and ended in the wee hours Saturday, Castro flew home, where he was greeted at the airport by other top officials, including Vice President Carlos Lage, Cuba's Radio Rebel reported.

The church full of admiring American supporters in Harlem told them about his encounter with President Clinton earlier in the week. In a much-discussed encounter, the two leaders shook hands Wednesday at a luncheon of the U.N. Millennium Summit.

"I feel satisfied by my respectful and civilized behavior with the president of the country that had been host of the summit," Castro told the crowd to applause.

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EDITORIAL

Seeds of school violence can blossom into gunfire

Nothing plays at a parent's fears like news of a school shooting. "My God," many ask themselves, "could it happen here?"

After studying 18 school shootings over the past two years, the FBI says it still can't tell you who will begin blazing away in a schoolyard. But the bureau has identified several characteristics shared by schools where innocence was shattered by gunfire.

The most likely targets, the FBI study says, are public schools where bullying is common and little is done to prevent or punish disrespectful behavior. Such schools tend to have strong social cliques, and discipline is meted out disproportionately.

A lot of schools fit that description, including some in the Magic Valley. As for the typical shooter, the FBI says he's likely to be a boy who has an

attitude of superiority yet is easily frustrated. He is likely to be a loner or a member of closed social group. He probably favors entertainment that's laced with violence, and has had a stormy relationship with his parents. He has access to guns.

Sadly, there are plenty of young men with these traits in every American community.

Whenever a school shooting occurs, parents across the country stop to wonder: "Could it happen here?"

Under the wrong circumstances, a school shooting could happen almost anywhere. Even here.

The way to ensure that it doesn't is to spot the violent seeds before they blossom. That may require extra vigilance on the part of teachers, counselors, parents and even fellow students.

Firestone chief shouldn't face scorn from senators

The Japanese CEO of Firestone tires came to Washington on Wednesday and did something rarely seen in the nation's capital: He apologized, then took full responsibility for a serious problem.

Masatoshi Ono had a lot of explaining to do, because his company's tires may be linked to 88 highway deaths in the United States. On top of that, Bridgestone/Firestone Inc. apparently waited before publicly announcing the problem.

It was time to eat humble pie, and Ono got a full serving from a Senate subcom-

mittee on transportation. It's not a situation he would have had to endure in Japan.

"Where was your sense of concern, as a human being and a corporation, to yell 'Look out, America! Danger is coming!'" asked Sen. Barbara Mikulski, D-Md. If Mikulski and other congressional critics were football players, they would have been penalized for piling on.

Was the attack justified? Some might think so, given the scope of the problem. But that didn't diminish the specta-



Economic vote still up for grabs

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. — The day the Democrats released their basic economic platform for 2000, Al Gore's running mate, Joe Lieberman, appropriately enough wound up his campaign here in President Clinton's home town. Eight years ago, the slogan on the wall of Clinton's Little Rock headquarters read, "Is the economy stupid." This year, as the Democrats need the pocketbook issue if they are going to win.

It ought to be easy for them. The statistics recited by Gore and Lieberman in matching speeches last week are impressive indeed. "During the last eight years," as Lieberman put it, "we have created more than 4 million new businesses, 22 million new jobs, the lowest inflation in a generation, the lowest African American and Hispanic unemployment rate in history, and the strongest economy in the 224-year history of the United States of America." He could have added that real incomes for even the poorest Americans began to improve and the poverty rate declined.

And yet, Republican nominee George W. Bush is managing to hold his own on the economic issue — a puzzle not just to Americans but to foreign spectators. When a top adviser to British Prime Minister Tony Blair, who will face the nation next year, visited Washington last week, he peppered reporters with questions about why Gore was not coasting to victory on the strong economy.

There are some explanations that Washington Post reporter Dan Balz and I heard when we were out interviewing voters in some of the battleground states, before the two party conventions.

For one thing, the economy has been going so well for so long, some people are taking pride in the United States. As some measures, the United States has experienced only six months of recession in the last 17 years — the short dip that contributed to Clinton's victory in 1992.

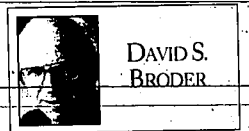
For another, there are many authors who can claim a hand in the writing of this economic success story. Impartial observers have noted that the budget deal President Bush negotiated with a Democratic Congress in 1993 — which he paid a high price among rebellious Republicans — actually began the long march back from the record Reagan-era deficits.

The progress accelerated after the first Clinton budget passed Congress in 1993 over unanimous Republican opposition. But it was not until the Republicans took control of Congress in 1995 that the goal of a balanced budget came into view — a goal that was sealed in the agreement between Clinton and GOP congressional leaders in 1997.

The voters Balz and I met are also aware — many of them — of the one constant through this whole period, the stunningly adept performance of the Federal Reserve Board and its chairman, Alan Greenspan.

So when it comes to handing out gold stars for this record prosperity, Gore is pretty far down the list of likely recipients. When the Democratic National Convention gave Clinton an opportunity to tell the nation how Gore had contributed to this record, he failed to do so.

Since Los Angeles, Gore has muddled the waters further by wrapping his economic message in the populist language



DAVID S. BRODER

favored by pollster Stan Greenberg and media adviser Bob Shrum. Gore is selling voters two contradictory things about where he thinks the economy is.

Upbeat Al, in classic incumbent fashion, says, metaphorically, "You never had it so good... and literally, "You ain't see nothin' yet."

But Downbeat Al complains that the big corporations — especially oil, drug, insurance and tobacco companies and HMOs — are ripping people off and profiting in the same speech, the two themes The two messages are actually aimed at separate groups of swing voters, both predominantly female — one group married and relatively secure and the other single and struggling. But when merged in the same speech, the two themes sound muddled and confusing.

Bush's message is simpler — but perhaps more fundamentally flawed. He is saying that the good times will roll if he is elected, and promising that a big chunk of the growing government surpluses will go back to the voters in the form of tax cuts.

But his top-heavy tax cuts have looked politically vulnerable ever since John McCain dissected them in New Hampshire last winter, and Bush strategists can offer no evidence that swing voters prefer tax cuts to a steady whittling away at the national debt.

So they have fallen back on saying you can do everything at once — shore up Social Security and Medicare, finance more spending on the schools, pay down the debt and still cut taxes across the board. That proposition seems dubious to many voters, as questionable as Gore's claim that he can fit all his new spending proposals into a balanced budget. And so the economic issue still clouds either candidate's firm grasp.

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LETTERS

4-H is education for life

Four-H provides youth with an educational program they can use the rest of their life. Four-H has recently been wrongly accused by Monica Smith.

Members have the responsibility to complete their record books after they sell their project animal, which in turn teaches them record-keeping skills. They also do demonstrations, attend meetings, care for their project animals and complete their projects.

Four-H members do demonstrations on different breeds of livestock, meat products and animal husbandry, so these members are educated on what happens to "Floppy," etc. Ms. Smith's absurd idea of having the 4-H members watch their animals be processed is ridiculous due to the fact this is not a normal process for livestock members or livestock producers to watch.

One day our farmers are going to have to be replaced by a younger generation. It is very unlikely that a city person who has no agriculture background would start a dairy, raise livestock, grow cotton or grains, etc. It is the 4-H program that can provide the beginning foundation of knowledge for the younger generations. Those 4-H members may be the ones farming. As a society, our quality of life depends on the production of agriculture commodities.

The 4-H program provides youth with excellent projects. If Ms. Smith thinks it is wrong for them to participate in it, then let us watch our youth miss the opportunity to be actively involved in a functional program. Instead, we will watch our youth cause trouble in the streets of our communities. Increased vandalism and theft will threaten our safety as citizens.

For nine years, I have raised pigs and steers. Yes, I proudly took care of my animals. However, I never abandoned my animals. I also did not get the highest but learned responsibility. Every year, there the day after the fair, I fed, watered and kept their pen clean. Therefore, I am offended when someone can falsely accuse me of abandoning my animals.

I think it is very important that one person can so falsely criticize the 4-H program. Maybe you should get involved in 4-H

and see all the scholarships, educational trips and pride it offers before you downgrade the program.

HEIDI HOPPER
 Bliss

Society depends on animal products

I am writing in response to the recently published letter stating that all 4-H kids should be forced to watch animals be slaughtered. I believe that this invitation should be extended to everyone who is a consumer of animal products. Every employee and patron of a restaurant, grocery store, anyone who drives a car, uses cosmetics or takes medication manufactured from an animal source needs to take their place in line.

I can respect a difference of opinion in use of animal products, but I don't believe the author of the above-mentioned letter understands how many animal products are used daily for many separate products. The truth is, we as a society are becoming more and more dependent on animal products from a smaller number of producers. This is true in almost all retail businesses, as seen in the recent growth of large retail stores in our area. So why judge kids involved in agriculture at the local county fairs? Why not try to reach your point of view to the next generation of consumers? Be a merit badge counselor in organic gardening, teach Cub Scouts about how to maintain a bike, teach Girl Scouts that a healthy body and strong mind are more important than the walking around half-naked with lots of cosmetics on, walk with senior citizens to improve their physical and mental health.

We as 4-H and Future Farmers of America parents are trying to teach our kids responsibility through animal husbandry and stewardship. I personally have found this community of parents, farmers, ranchers, fishermen, 4-H leaders and FFA advisors to be the most caring, generous and supportive network of people. I encourage all consumers to educate themselves on their product choices. I also encourage all people to take more self-sufficiency in and take responsibility for your place in society.

ANNETTE BUSBY
 Buhl

Canning helped ancestors survive

This is in response to the article of Sept. 3 by Steve Crump, "Canned fruit doesn't deserve a blue ribbon."

I beg to differ with Mr. C. Food preservation is as old as civilization. Where would our ancestors be from harvest to harvest if they had no food preservation, including canned fruit?

To master food preservers, canning is an art — culinary art. Is the University of Idaho and other universities wasting money testing and developing better methods of food preservation? Not so many years ago, fresh fruit was not available year round, so canning was the only way to ensure variety in the diet.

I have been canning for more than 50 years and still feel great satisfaction in looking at and sharing the rows of fruit and other goodies stored for winter. Tastes good, too! And I've won a few blue ribbons over the years. So why shouldn't homemakers be rewarded occasionally with a blue ribbon?

GALE HEWITT
 Burley

More power should go to the states

The U.S. government is the biggest business in the world. It would be better if it was divided. The states have about the same departments as the federal government. And wouldn't it be better to have more of the governing done at

the state level. And the Army National Guard serves as the state's Army. And when necessary, they are called into the national Army.

The state does a much better job of legislation than Washington does because the legislator is acquainted with local problems within their state. They are usually not professional but successful farmers and businessmen. It would kind of eliminate the trouble with the Forest Service and the Bureau of Land Management.

I am reminded of former Gov. Phil Batt, a farmer and businessman. After studying a problem, he would come up with a sensible solution. Several years later, most concluded that he found a good answer to the problem. They should have made him president.

I think that the state's handling their own problems make for a better deal than the federal government trying to run everything from Washington. We have the best form of government in the world. But it's wrong to turn everything over to Washington, D.C. They could do a lot better.

LOYD THURBER
 Gooding

Letters

I would like to add some helpful insights on nutrition.

Since it is very difficult to eat a well-balanced diet these days and since most of our food is grown on mineral-depleted soil, I would recommend that people take whole-food complex supplements as much as possible. What a whole-food complex is, is whole food instead of fragmented synthetic vitamins.

The reason whole-food complexes are important is because research shows that just taking fragmented synthetic supplements can be unhealthy or even harmful to the body. An example is Vitamin C. When you take only synthetic acid, you are only getting about one-sixth of the true whole-food Vitamin C complex found in nature.

When you are only taking synthetic fragmented vitamins, it would be comparable to going out to drive your car sitting in your yard and the only thing sitting in your yard is a steering wheel or transmission. The car just isn't going to drive very good when you only have certain parts of the car and not the whole car put together. That's the way our vitamins and supplements need to be. Vitamins need to be whole-food complexes so you are getting all the food factors that the body needs.

Anyone requesting more information on whole-food complexes can feel free to call my chiropractic office at 336-9015 for free additional information.

TROY W. CRANE
 Rupert

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Vitamin article extremely helpful

I found your recent article, "Take daily vitamins," to be a good and helpful article. Having studied clinical nutrition and having used clinical nutrition in my practice for the past 12 years,

'Survivor' mirrors office politics

M.J. ANDERSEN

Some years ago, I and another woman noticed a peculiar form of behavior in our office.

From time to time, a few of the men would talk on the phone while standing. It was not necessary to stand. But standing made these men very visible in the open layout of the newsroom.

There they were, standing, urgently talking - working, by George. How could anyone fail to notice? My female colleague and I developed a word for this behavior, and would say the word whenever we saw the act: "display."

The most convincing explanation I have seen is why it was Richard Hatch who triumphed on the TV show "Survivor" probably covers this telephone behavior as well. In a group, the theory goes, power does not necessarily accrue to strength, beauty or intelligence. It falls to those who manage to get noticed, however silly the means.

Like him or not, the occasional nude Richard Hatch was the one who compelled our attention, through all 13 episodes of "Survivor." (As nearly everyone knows by now, the show pitted 16 people against each other on a remote island, and offered \$1 million to the one remaining after a series of tribal votes and competitions.)

For most of the summer, and despite the whisperings of my better angels, I was happily addicted to "Survivor." If I had not accidentally watched the first installment and gotten hopelessly carried, I would probably be weighing in right now alongside the show's many disdainful critics. (The main ethical objection: We collude in the contestants' sale of their privacy.)

But the opposite happened. And my interest was as transparent to me as those lovely waters off Pulau Tiga must have seemed to the castaways. "Survivor" was every office in America, minus the confusing illusion that work needed to get done.

To watch the show was to see your whole personal history in the labor force flash before your eyes. In "Survivor," as on the job, the primary goal is to get ahead. How well those of us who realized this later recall the scamping heels of those who saw it sooner!

The stand-up callers I knew were not necessarily better writers or reporters than many of their colleagues. But they were widely believed to be. And they in-

fact got more good assignments, did less of the grunt work and advanced more quickly than others.

Richard Hatch, not by accident a corporate trainer, announced at the outset of "Survivor" that he saw the show as a game, had pondered his strategy and would pursue it without apology.

"Survivor" was not about being nice, noble or hard-working; it was about winning. This kind of gamesmanship is a fact of life in most of the nation's workplaces. "Survivor" stripped our daily group strivings to their basic elements, and allowed us to contemplate the price of practicing virtue.

The sociologist Richard Sennett is greatly concerned with the kinds of "Survivor"-style bargains he thinks Americans are forced to strike nowadays. In his recent book "The Corrosion of Character: The Personal Consequences of Work in the New Capitalism," he argues that the sheer unrepresentability of employment in today's world makes old virtues, such as loyalty, trust and commitment, irrelevant. People feel upset about having to sacrifice these virtues. Yet they increasingly seem to stand in the way of survival.

If the old contract - long-term employment in exchange for steady effort - is gone, why be loyal? Moreover, why offer the virtues of a team player - empathy, self-sacrifice, cooperation - if the team is shortly to be disbanded? Today's workers are encouraged to see themselves as free agents in an endless game of self-promotion. It is less important to cooperate than to appear essential.

The growing army of the down-

sized, not to mention temporary and contract workers - know, like the "Survivor" cast, that forming bonds with others in the group is wasted effort. Soon, they will move on.

No wonder Rudy Boesch, the show's grizzled Navy Seal veteran-tickled viewers when he flayed the camera there was no one on the island he hoped to see again. Like too many Americans, he understood the folly of personal investment in such an uncertain setting.

Susan Hawk, the Midwestern truck driver, provided an almost excruciating contrast. In the final episode, she starkly denounced Hatch and Kelly Wiglesworth, his co-finalist, as a snake and a rat. Immediately, she became the symbol of all that is wrong with "reality-based" TV.

Yet many viewers might have missed her quite moving disclosure, in an earlier episode, that her best friend had recently died. Her eyes filled with tears as she spoke of how Kelly had come to fill the void.

Kelly, of course, became the rat. In the end, she joined in voting Susan off the island.

Friendship had cost Susan her "job." Ambition in America is nothing new. But Sennett's provocative thesis is that the terms of employment have so changed as to make the habits of good character a liability. Hence, character steadily erodes.

If he is right, it was not low taste or bad morals that drew so many of us to "Survivor," and held us captive all summer. It was our own anxieties about where we stand, and our very real fears of displacement, in the new world of work.

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Why are our students slipping?

WILLIAM J. BENNETT

Much is being said about education in this election season. Yet with all the talk about class size and vouchers, school construction and teacher training, more needs to be said about the nuts and bolts of education: what is taught in the classroom.

Almost 15 years after a presidential commission warned in a report entitled "A Nation at Risk" that "a rising tide of mediocrity" threatened America's public schools, student achievement in grades K-12 is still mediocre at best.

Much has been made of the recent announcement that this year's SAT math scores were the highest in 30 years. However, we have done nothing more than retrace ground lost since 1970.

Two of America's most successful businessmen - Microsoft's Bill Gates and Intel's Andrew Grove - recently testified before Congress about how their industries are threatened by our weaknesses in math and science.

This is why the national debate about highly skilled immigrant workers has become so heated. H1B legislation allows U.S. companies to import skilled workers to fill math- and science-intensive jobs. We need these workers because every month thousands of jobs are going unfilled because our schools are not producing enough well-prepared students.

The most urgent question, obviously, is how to begin to improve math and science education. My view is that we begin with a few simple steps. We should:

Devote more time in school to math and science and begin teaching more of it in the early years. If math and science are not well taught in the early grades, by the time kids get to high school they will have learned to dislike both.

Teach math and science more effectively. After years of preaching the fuzzy "New Math"

approach, even the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics recently revised its standards and called for a return to the "Old Math" and its emphasis on accuracy, computation and basic skills.

Open up the teaching profession to people who know science and math. In America, most public schools place a premium on a teaching certificate that "certifies" that a holder has taken a certain number of generic education classes. This should change.

These reforms would usher in a new chapter in American education. In this most political of all seasons, the voters should keep the important issues in mind - and few are more critical to this nation's health than giving every child an excellent education, with math and science holding a prominent place in our schools.

William J. Bennett, a former U.S. Secretary of Education, is co-director of Empower America. He wrote this commentary for The Washington Post.

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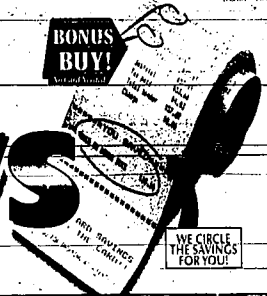
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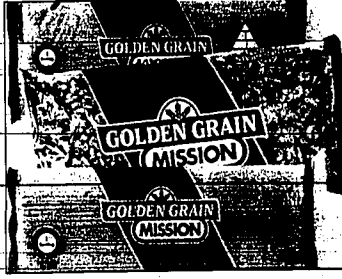
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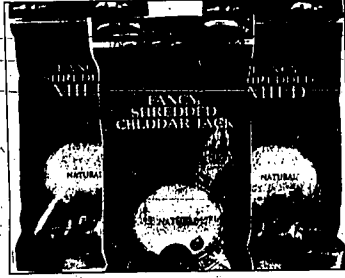
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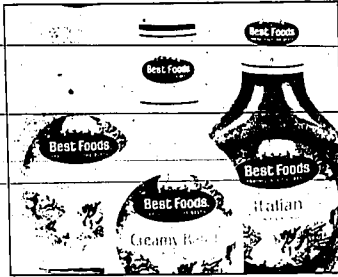
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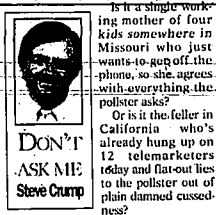
Section B

But which candidate can make me laugh?

I'm real suspicious of political campaign polls because, as far as I can tell, nobody has ever asked me who I'm going to vote for.

Granted, I live in Idaho where folks would support Elmer Fudd if Elmer had an elephant logo next to his name. Even Dennis Miller could figure out who's going to win this state's four electoral votes.

Still, it makes you wonder who George Gallup keeps calling.



Is it a single working mother of four kids somewhere in Missouri who just wants to get off the phone so she argues with everything the pollster asks?

Or is it the feller in California who's already hung up on 12 telemarketers today and flat-out lies to the pollster out of plain damned cussedness?

For the dirty little secret of politics in America is that politicians and the chattering class they support take themselves a whole lot more seriously than Americans as a whole take them.

Politics, when you get down to cases, has become much like the U.S. mail: Most of us could get along without it for a pretty long time.

Nationwide, 39 percent of eligible voters bothered in 1998. Television commentators shake their heads at that number and nod gravely.

Why? Seems to me that voter turnout is itself a referendum on politics. Maybe it's not that Americans by and large don't care about government. Maybe it's that they have a deep and abiding bemusement with the fraternity of governance.

In most of the world's democracies, such confusion would manifest itself as anger. Votes of no-confidence. Truck drivers blocking roads. Students taking it to the streets - that sort of thing.

But Americans are blessed with a finely honed sense of irony about politics that's served us well over the years. We don't get mad; we get Jesse Ventura.

Bill Clinton, bless 'em, brought marvelous clarity to American politics. Before Monaghan, he seemed snarky and insincere. Ever after, they've been proudly snarky and insincere.

Only in turn-of-the-millennium America could the impeachment of the president of the United States lead directly to the resignation in disgrace of two speakers of the House of Representatives.

So you ask me who I'm going to vote for, I ain't saying. A person has a constitutional right to keep his befuddlement to himself.

That's why I'm befuddled, I'm no cynic. Seems to me that cynicism drains all the fun out of politics, which is after all is about the most fun an American can have without being indicted by a grand jury.

That's why I'm wishing CNN/Gallup/CBS/New York Times/Newsweek/Time/Pew/Los Angeles Times would call me up. I'd give them the real deal on this state of the commonweal.

(If the election were held today ...?) ("... it would be November.")

In 1944, a singing cowboy by the name of Glen Taylor was elected to the U.S. Senate from Idaho. He was a Democrat, a borderline socialist and a lapsed benefactor of the pretension that passed for gravitas in wartime Washington, D.C.

And as far as I can tell, he was utterly unqualified to help run the country. And yet my grandfather, a passionate rural Democrat of a breed that's largely disappeared from Idaho, was absolutely delighted.

"That Glen Taylor," he told me years later, "he brought some gosh-damn common sense to government."

In my granddad's snarky phonebook, we found a black-and-white photo of Taylor in a cowboy hat, strumming his guitar and singing on the steps of the Capitol. It was autographed:

"To Henry, Give me a home, 'neath the Capital dome. Cheers, Glen Taylor."

In case you're wondering, voter turnout in Idaho in 1944 was 79 percent.

Times-News features editor Steve Cump reminds that Italy hasn't produced a funny politician since Naxos Machiavelli, since that's the only one had 48 governments since the end of World War II?

Trout: Water ruling delay not deliberate

By N.S. Nokkervold Times-News writer

BOISE - A ruling in the case that helped cost Supreme Court Justice Cathy R. Silak her job still is pending, for at least the next month or so.

The court is reconsidering its controversial October 1999 ruling on federal wilderness water rights. Oral arguments were heard in February. But no decision has yet been issued.

A decision is expected in the next month or two, Chief Justice Linda Copple Trout said Friday. It is a difficult decision, and the court wants to ensure it receives the careful and thorough consideration it deserves, she said.

The delay is not the result of any effort to hold off the decision, Trout said. The delay was partly the result of Silak's re-election campaign, which kept her busy and kept her away from some court proceedings, Trout said.

"That's what happens when one justice doesn't participate," Trout said. "It just slows the process down."

Silak's schedule affected not just the wilderness water right decision, but the court's workings.

Silak lost her post on the Supreme Court in a bitter election in May. Her successor, 4th District Judge Dan Eismann,

will take office in January 2001.

Silak did not respond to a request for comment Friday.

The court's 3-2 ruling upheld a 5th District Court decision, granting the federal government-implied water rights to unappropriated water within the Frank Church-River-of-No-Return, Gospel Hump and Selway-Bitterroot wilderness areas and the Hells Canyon National Recreation Area.

Seven petitions for rehearing were submitted to the Supreme Court in October.

The petitioners said the court erred in saying the Wilderness Act implied a federal reserved water right.

Others said the court was simply following previous U.S. Supreme Court rulings.

The underlying issue was the interpretation of a clause in the Wilderness Act that referred to water and whether Congress intended to reserve water rights in wilderness areas.

Writing for the majority, Silak argued that appropriating water in a wilderness area is incompatible with the intent of the Wilderness Act. Therefore, in designating wilderness areas, Congress must have included the water that was part of that wilderness.

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AT HOME ON A HARLEY



Myla and Stan Shaw of Twin Falls join about 80 other riders Saturday for the second annual Harley 2001 Model Open House Ride sponsored by Snake Harley Davidson in Twin Falls. The group rode from Twin Falls to Glenns Ferry where they enjoyed a barbecue before the ride back home.

Area's Hispanic population growing fast

By Aaron Brock Times-News writer

BURLEY - The Hispanic population is the fastest growing ethnic group in the United States, according to a 1996 study by the Population Division of the U.S. Census Bureau.

And many Hispanics are making Idaho their home. In fact, from 1990 to 1996,

when the most recent census was taken, the Hispanic population in Idaho grew over 50 percent to around 81,000 citizens.

The number of Hispanics in Idaho is estimated at almost 100,000 and is projected to grow to more than 200,000 residents by the year 2025, according to the U.S. Census Bureau study.

In 1996, Minidoka County had 5,340 Hispanic residents, making it the Idaho county with the

third-largest Hispanic population. Twin Falls County was fifth on the list with 4,870 Hispanic people, and Cassia County was eighth with just under 3,800.

In years past, growth in this area was primarily a result of migration. But today's numbers are being bolstered by children who were born and raised in the Magic Valley.

"A lot of growth is coming from within," said Gladys

Esquibel, chairwoman of the Idaho Commission of Hispanic Affairs. "More people are settling in the area, getting married, having kids."

"It's normal growth, like in any other population," said Alex Castañeda, the regional manager of the Idaho Migrant Council.

Originally, the increase in the number of Hispanic people to

Low enrollment worries officials

By Aaron Brock Times-News Writer

BURLEY - As the Minidoka County population has fallen slightly in the past six years, school enrollment has taken a substantial hit, causing officials to reason that young families are more and more likely to leave the area.

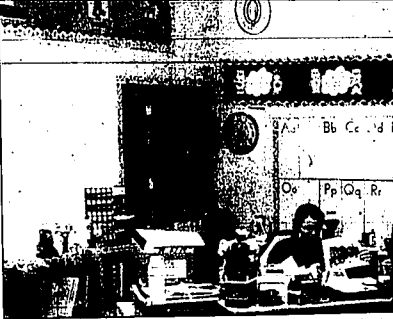
The overall population in the county dropped just over 1 percent, from 20,536 in July of 1994 to 20,284 in July of 1999, according to numbers from the Idaho Department of Commerce.

During the same time period, the county's school enrollment numbers fell from 5,354 students in early 1994 to 4,699 at the end of the 1999-2000 school year, a 12 percent drop. School rosters have continued to lose students. The most recent enrollment count was 4,473.

But there are slightly different numbers across the Snake River.

The commerce department reports that since 1994, Cassia County's total population has risen almost four percent, from 20,792 in 1994 to 21,573 in 1999. But over that time, enrollment in Cassia County schools fell from 5,390 to 5,088, a drop of six percent.

Alan Porter, the information services manager at the Idaho Department of Commerce, pointed to the significance of agriculture in Minidoka County as a reason for the overall population decline.



First-grade students at Heyburn Elementary School gather around teacher Teresa Vargas' desk during a school exercise Friday. Enrollment at Minidoka County schools has dropped considerably in the last six years.

"There are just limited job growth opportunities," he said. School superintendents Jerry Doggett, of Cassia County, and Nick Hallett, of Minidoka County, also cited economic reasons for the local school enrollment drop.

With a jobless rate of 7.8 percent in August, Minidoka County provides a less appealing job market than Cassia County, which had a 6.5-percent unemployment rate, according to the

Idaho Department of Labor's website.

"If there are more jobs (in Cassia County), people are going to come this way for sure," Doggett said.

Still, the reason for the numbers is not due to a big influx of students moving from Minidoka to Cassia, Hallett said. Instead, these families are leaving for Salt Lake City, Boise, or other

Supporters celebrate levy victory in Jerome

By Dixie Thomas Reale Times-News correspondent

JEROME - School levy supporters celebrated Friday, happy that Jefferson Elementary School will be getting some new classrooms.

Jerome residents on Thursday voted 1,514-988 to approve an \$875,000 supplemental levy to build a 4,500-square-foot multi-purpose room, a 1,800-square-foot library and two classrooms.

The addition will cost an estimated \$950,000 and the Jerome County School District will pick up the difference.

"Life will be easier around here for us," said Jefferson Elementary School Principal Duff Layne.

The new library will provide shelves for books now stored in boxes. All teachers will have physical education and music classes will not have to be interrupted because it's time to serve lunch.

District officials will meet with architects Sept. 19 to work out

Caretaker, society in dispute over ranch

By Mark Heinz Times-News writer

HANSEN - A former lawyer hired as a caretaker at the historic Stricker Ranch and Stricker Homestead is now essentially squaring up the property according to a suit filed by the Idaho State Historical Society.

Bruce R. Bacon has filed a countersuit against the historical society, contending the society owes him compensation for several months' work, plus damages for defamation, court documents say.

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The suits are pending in 5th District Court in

Twin Falls. Among the issues disputed by the parties is whether Bacon had the authority to solicit bids for the painting of a building on the Stricker property near Hansen.

George Guerber, executive director of the historical society, said Friday that Bacon was hired as a caretaker and tenant of the property in June 1998 but was never given authority to call for bids on any other such decisions. Bacon's job was only to keep an eye on the place and do basic maintenance, Guerber said.

Under a month-to-month contract, Bacon was paid \$300 a month and was given free housing on the Stricker property, Guerber said.

Bacon, who is representing himself in the case, declined to comment on Friday.

But in his countersuit, Bacon contends he had permission to order the painting of the Stricker home - a task that cost more than \$5,000 - and the dispute was over how to get the job done. Federal rules call for historical buildings such as the Stricker home to be painted only by hand with oil-based paint, while the historical society wanted the building spray painted, according to Bacon's suit.

Guerber said the historical society never ordered any work that wasn't in line with state historical regulations. As a state-owned property, the Stricker site is covered by state, not federal, standards, he said.

Because of the spat over the paint and other problems with Bacon's work performance, the historical society decided in February not to renew his contract, according to court documents, Bacon was given until the end of March to vacate the property, but he was still there Friday.

In his countersuit, Bacon claims he is entitled to compensation for the work he did on the property since the termination of his contract.

Guerber said Bacon has not been paid since then.

Bacon was a Twin Falls lawyer until 1998, when he resigned from the state bar in the face of charges that he took money from a trust fund for personal uses.

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TWIN FALLS



Hilda L. Wyatt
Hilda Lucy Wyatt, 57, of Twin Falls died Friday, Sept. 8, 2000, at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center.
She was born April 28, 1943, in Poland, the daughter of Paul and Anna Fabian Nickel. She emigrated to the United States in 1954 with her father, brother, and sister. The family settled in Twin Falls, Idaho. She graduated from high school in the Magic Valley and had made her home here since that time. She worked as a food demonstrator at Costco's and was a member of Immanuel Lutheran Church.
She is survived by one son, Michael Bayle, of Twin Falls, three brothers, Walter (Carol) Nickel of Filer, Daniel Nickel of Twin Falls, and Edward (Sherry) Nickel of Denver, Colo., one sister, Gertrude (George) Hollett of Magna, Utah. She was preceded in death by her parents, Paul and Anna Nickel, and by one sister, Etta E. Eisenhauer.
Funeral services for Hilda Wyatt will be conducted at 1 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 12, 2000, at Immanuel Lutheran Church, with Rev. Lawrence Wedder officiating. Interment will follow in Sunset Memorial Park. Friends may call at White Mortuary on Monday from 4-8 p.m. The family suggests memorials to the Immanuel Lutheran Church, 2055 Flor Ave. E., Twin Falls, Idaho 83301.

BURLEY

Wyatt J. Maier
Wyatt Jaden Maier, the infant son of John and Shirley Maier, passed away September 6, 2000.
Our beautiful and precious son was called home by Heavenly Father. We can find strength and peace in the fact that he is serving Heavenly Father in perfection.
John and Shirley Maier of Burley, one sister, Annie Larsen, grandparents Dennis and Judi Maier, and Vance and Joan Matthews, all of Burley, are officiating. Services will be at the direction of Hansen Mortuary, Burley Chapel, 321 East Main Street.
Graveside services will be held at 1 p.m. Monday, Sept. 11, 2000, at the Oakway Cemetery with Bishop Doug White officiating. Services are under the direction of Hansen Mortuary, Burley Chapel, 321 East Main Street.

Buhl



Patricia A. Smith
Patricia Ann Looney Smith died Thursday, Sept. 7, 2000, of a short illness.
She was born March 17, 1935, in Hutchinson, Kansas, to Charles Smith Looney and Muriel (Dodd) Looney. She graduated from Twin Falls High School in 1953 in her senior year. She achieved the baritone position in the All-Northwest Band. She attended the Idaho State University in Pocatello and played in the band. There she met Ormond Thomas Smith, and they were married May 1, 1954, at the First Baptist Church in Buhl, where she was a church member. "Uncle Sam" then said, "Mr. Smith, we need you in the Army." In 1955, God blessed them with a daughter, Kathryn Lynn. After her time in the service, Pat and Ormond returned to Buhl to work in his father's business, Smith's Dairy in 1959. God sent them another ray of sunshine, daughter Teresa Joan. Patricia was active in the Buhl Jaycettes and the Filer Wagonwheeler posse. She raised German Shepherds and received many awards in Obedience Training and 1st Place in a Boise show with a shophound under 1-year-old. She also raised Icelandic horses and several "foster" children.
Her work with leather and jewelry was beautiful and a benefit to many people. She said she wanted to be able to have an interesting conversation with anyone. This made her one of the most intelligent people to grace the earth. She loved the mountains at Stanley Basin, and the great times she spent there with her daughters, sisters and parents.
She is survived by her mother, Muriel, age 97, of Twin Falls; husband, Ormond, of Buhl; daughter, Teresa and husband, Ray Strickland, of Buhl; daughter, Kathy and husband, Randy Hanson, of Boise; grandson, Christopher Allen, Filer; wife, Marion, and great-granddaughter, Selene Lynn-Marie Frix, of Buhl; grandsons, Jeremy (J.D.) and wife, Becky, of Kuna; brother, Daniel S. Looney and wife, Julie, formerly of Twin Falls; nieces, nephews and extended family members. Pat was preceded in death by her father, Charles; brothers, Robert Looney and Richard Looney; and sister, Mary (Mrs. Richter).
A memorial service will be held at 3 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 14, 2000, at the First Baptist Church in Buhl. Friends are requested to

bring to the church, hand-written notes of their happy times with Pat. The notes will be included in a Memory Book prepared by the family for the enjoyment of future generations of grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Donations and memorials may be made in Pat's name to the First Baptist Church in Buhl.

JEROME



Mildred M. Hartman
Mildred Marie Hartman, 79, of Jerome, passed away Thursday, Sept. 7, 2000, at St. Benedict's Family Medical Center in Jerome.
She was born Sept. 5, 1921, at Rogersville, Tenn., to John Davis Quary and Laura Belle (Shank) Quary. She moved to Rupert, Idaho, with her parents in 1922, and then to Kimberly, Idaho, in 1926. She attended schools in Kimberly through the 10th grade. Her family purchased a farm west of Wendell, where she finished high school and graduated in 1939. She went to St. Ann's Hospital in Boise for nurses training and graduated in 1942. She came back to Wendell and was employed at the St. Valentine's Hospital, where she met her husband, Edward Hartman. They were married on July 24, 1946. Mildred continued working at the hospital, spending three years with Drs. Boston and Peterson in Twin Falls, 13 years with Dr. McGraw and three years with Dr. Alex in Twin Falls as office nurse. During these years, Milly was past mistress of Eastern Star in Buhl and later became a member of the P.E.O. Sisterhood. She was a devoted Christian and always expressed her love for the Lord. During her moves with her husband, who was in banking in Buhl, Missoula, Montana, Burley and finally in the Emmett, Ontario area, Milly loved to decorate and furnish the various beautiful homes they enjoyed. When retirement came for her husband of over 54 years, they came to Jerome where he was born.
Survivors include her husband, Ed Hartman of Jerome, one daughter, Linda Stahlman of Kearney, Neb.; four grandchildren, Angela, Doug, Dan and Kim, and two great-grandchildren.
Milly truly was loved by all who came in contact with her. Often she went the extra mile to help friends and share in need.
Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Monday, Sept. 11, 2000, at the Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home in Twin Falls.

Few believe leaders acted alone

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Hardly any Utah residents believe two ex-Olympic leaders charged with bribery are solely responsible, according to a new poll.
Just 4 percent say former Salt Lake Bid Committee President Tom Welch and Vice President Dave Johnson are the lone culprits, while 74 percent believe other 2002 Salt Lake Bid Committee officials share the blame, according to a copyright poll in The Salt Lake Tribune on Saturday.
And fewer than 10 percent of those polled believe Welch or Johnson are innocent victims of an international Olympics Committee atmosphere in which bribes were required in order to secure a successful bid vote for the Games.
The poll of 1,238 registered voters, conducted by Valley Research from Aug. 28-31, has a margin of error of 2.9 percentage points.
The poll also shows that 22 percent of residents surveyed think Gov. Mike Leavitt knew details

of the bribery scandal, while another 41 percent say he knew general details or didn't want to know.
More than Salt Lake City Mayor Deedee Corradini and other high-ranking Olympics officials knew about the scandal.
Forty-four percent say bid committee officials knew and 35 percent say they knew in general or didn't want to know. And 49 percent say Corradini knew, while another 28 percent say she knew

generalities or didn't want to know.
Welch and Johnson have been indicted on 10 counts of fraud, four of interstate racketeering and one count of conspiracy to commit commercial bribery.
Welch and Johnson insist their actions and strategies for obtaining the 2002 Winter Olympics were well-known, at least in general, by Leavitt and approved by high-ranking bid-committee officials and board members.

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Nieta Margaret Buxton of Twin Falls, service at 1 p.m. Monday at White Mortuary. Friends may call from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Monday at the funeral chapel.
Shirley Ann Harkins-Peterson of Dallas, Texas; memorial graveside service at 11 a.m. Sept. 18 at the Elmwood Cemetery in Gooding (Demaray's Gooding Chapel).

DEATH NOTICES

Lillian Fairchild - Buhl, Lillian Fairchild, 83, of Buhl, died Saturday, Sept. 9, 2000, at her home.
Arrangements are pending and will be announced by the Farmer Funeral Chapel in Buhl.
Jean King - BURLEY - Jean Booth King, 84, of Burley, died Friday, Sept. 8, 2000, at her home.
The funeral will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday at the United Methodist Church, 450 E. 27th St. in Burley, with the Rev. Al Trachsel officiating. Friends may call from 6-8 p.m. Tuesday

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Cassia 4-H club forms teen association

By Lorraine Cavener
Times-News correspondent

BURLEY — From the moment Ashley Mejia could talk, she told her mother she wanted to be a doctor.

Her mother, Laurie Villa, said Mejia's goals and ambition are the reason she wants to be involved in the new Cassia County Teen Association.

"Everyone should be in it," Mejia said. "It teaches you how to get involved with the community and work as a group."

Another reason Mejia wants to be involved with the Teen Association is for the opportunity to travel. She has never been to Montana. One of the goals of the group is to visit another state and have youth from that state visit Mini-Cassia.



Ashley Mejia, left, and her mother, Laurie Villa, discuss some of the 4-H projects they've worked on together. Mejia plans to join the new Cassia County Teen Association and is encouraging other teens to join as well.

Group plans meeting

The first Cassia County Teen Association meeting will be held at 4:30 p.m. Sept. 22 at the Cassia County Extension office in Burley. The group invites all teens to participate. The association is also looking for adult 4-H leaders. For more information, call the Cassia County Extension office at 878-9461.

Katherine Walker said she didn't know how much her stipend would have been, but she had a wonderful experience judging projects and told 4-H officials to put the money back into the program.

Stipends vary depending on the amount of time they spend judging, Lower said.

"4-H is a good thing for our kids," Walker said. "It is creative, educational and gives them something for their future."

As far as Mejia is concerned, Walker's words ring true. She became involved in 4-H two years ago to improve opportunities for her future.

"It has opened a lot of doors for her," Villa said.

Child development is one of the many 4-H projects Mejia completed. She became involved because of her desire to someday become a pediatrician.

Villa called day care centers and found one that allowed Mejia to observe infants and learn about caring for them.

While Mejia has become involved in 4-H, along with two of her siblings, her mother and father, Joe Villa, have become leaders because of opportunities for their children.

"There is so much they can do so much benefit," Laurie Villa said. "We want to make sure they get every opportunity they can."

Being a member of the Teen Association is one more opportunity, Mejia said. To help prepare for a leadership role in the association, she took the citizenship 4-H project, she said.

Kimberly Miller is another 4-H judge who can see the benefits. Miller also donated her stipend to the Teen Association.

"Teens need somewhere to go, things to do. It sounded like a good idea to me," she said. "I have faith the money will be used in the best way."

The association will meet once a month on a regular basis with planned activities for each meeting. The first activity will be to visit a corn maze west of Paul.

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Waiting for a miracle

Ute leader's wife, late would-be saint have something in common

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Augustine McCook and Kateri Tekakwitha, a 17th century Mohawk woman and Christian mystic, have something in common: They are both in need of a full-fledged, indisputable miracle.

For Tekakwitha, nothing less than sainthood is at stake. Beatified by the Vatican in 1980, she is one authenticated miracle — one Rome is satisfied cannot be explained by other-than-super-natural factors — away from canonization as the first Roman Catholic American Indian saint.

For McCook, it's a matter of life and death. The wife of O. Roland McCook Sr., chairman of the Northern Ute Indian Tribe at eastern Utah's Fort Duchesne, learned in December she had terminal stomach cancer.

Doctors "gave me only three years to live, but we'll see about that," said all the prayers going up here, said the upbeat 57-year-old grandmother. "I have just two more weeks of chemotherapy, and I'm feeling pretty good."

Many of those prayers are being offered at Fort Duchesne's tiny Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha Mission, where McCook has worshipped for more than two decades.

"I first learned about Kateri from the nurse who used to be at the mission (the last of the sisters there retired four years ago). I've been praying for her ever since," she said.

With Pope John Paul II reportedly eager to declare Tekakwitha's sainthood, now could not be a better time for Kateri to prove her bona fides as a heavenly intercessor, says the Rev. Thomas Culleton, who-pastors the 12-member mission along with churches in Duchesne and Roosevelt.

"She needs what we would call a first-class miracle," Culleton said. "(Augustine) has been praying to Kateri, and the whole parish has been praying for this woman's healing too."

Probably thousands of Tekakwitha devotees nationwide are hoping to provide the miracle that finally makes her a saint, the priest acknowledged. The number of American Indian Catholics in

the United States is estimated at 400,000.

But he admits his own prayers to the "Lily of the Mohawk," as Tekakwitha is called by those who revere her, are for Augustine McCook. "Wouldn't it be wonderful? It would show there is another saint that is accessible and special things can happen," he said.

Tekakwitha was born in 1656 to a Mohawk warrior and his wife. Her mother died of smallpox when she was just 4 years old; the disease also attacked the young girl, leaving her almost blind and with a horribly scarred face. She went to live with relatives. In 1676, Tekakwitha became one of the first American Indians to be baptized into the Roman Catholic Church, and was the first to take conversion was unpopular with her Mohawk band, leading her uncle to physically abuse her. In 1677, she moved from her upstate New York village to another Mohawk settlement in Canada. Tekakwitha died in 1680 at age 24, her body weakened by years of physical deprivation.

Today there are two shrines dedicated to her in New York state and one in Montreal, Canada. Each August, American Indian Catholics are invited to a gathering put on by the Tekakwitha Conference National Center in Great Falls, Mont.

She was declared "venerable" by Pope Pius XII in 1943, the first of three steps toward sainthood. Pope John Paul II beatified her in 1980 — the 300th anniversary of her death. Tekakwitha became known as the patroness of peace and ecology, and July 14 was set aside as her feast day.

In elevating Tekakwitha to one step below sainthood, the pontiff described her as a "sweet, frail yet strong figure of a young woman" who was resolute in her adopted religion even when reviled by her own people.

The pope clearly was impressed with the Mohawk maiden's testimony, noting that "Her last words, simple and sublime, whispered at the moment of her death, sum up, like a noble hymn, a life of purest charity: 'Jesus, I love you.'"

Rupert festival salutes Idaho spuds

By Ruth Streeter
Times-News writer

RUPERT — It's Idaho's sacred vegetable. And only in Rupert do people truly know how to salute their esteemed spud.

With its flares for small-town festivals, Rupert will enter into its annual Love Rupert Potato Fest and continue to add new features for festival-loving folks.

"Rupert is very aggressive. They're becoming more aggressive all the time," said Jean Asson, director of the Mini-Cassia Chamber of Commerce.

Scheduled for Sept. 22-23 on Rupert Square, the Potato Fests are at least a decade old, said Quinn Montague, director of the

Spud celebration

What: I Love Rupert Potato Fest
When: Sept. 22-23
Where: Rupert Square

Organization of Rupert Businesses.

This year's celebration will feature an antique car show, live music, clothing, a community yard sale and craft fair, potato bar, free horse-drawn wagon rides, drawings for prizes and Rupert's weekly farmers market.

"The potato bar is very good and very well-attended," Asson said.

New to this year's festival is the "Battle of the Bands" concert, the brainchild of 5th

District Judge J. William Hart and Minidoka County Prosecutor Rick Bolter. At least four bands playing four genres will perform on four stages around the square; each venue competing for fans.

The annual Mini-Cassia Crop Walk is also scheduled for that day, starting at 10:30 a.m. in Burley and Rupert, with registration starting at 10:15 a.m. Last year's Crop Walk, part of the Christian Rural Overseas Project to fight hunger, raised \$9,442. Twenty-five percent of that money went to local programs.

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such as ORB and Rupert Renaissance have been working together, the city's enthusiasm for local projects has grown, Asson said.

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the details of the project. The completed designs will then go to the state for approval. Once approved, the project will be put out for bid.

"We hope to have construction begin by spring," Layne said. "It's a small enough project that we should be using the classrooms next fall."

Superintendent Jim Cobble said the election results show that the project has a lot of support from the community.

"Several areas of the United States were elected by 65.2 percent of the voters it

would be called the biggest landslide in history," Cobble said.

The current levy is expected to cost the taxpayer \$1.49 per \$1,000 of taxable property value and will be paid off in one year.

"Not everyone is celebrating the passage of the levy."

"Now the taxpayers have to pay the bill," said Margaret Kennison, who voted no on the levy. "They need space? Why don't they take all the bean-coup bucks and fix up Washington Elementary School? There's lots of room there. They're just using it for office

space."

After voters rejected five school bond issues with amounts ranging from \$10.9 million to \$13.9 million in just four years, voters last year said yes to a \$1.25 million levy to build eight new classrooms at the high school, Nancy Lee, a member of the district's facility committee, said.

Levies are much more popular with voters than large bond issues.

"The price tags are smaller and the payback time is not as long," Lee said. "The district will now look ahead to the future and how best

to meet the needs of its students. "We haven't addressed all the district's needs but we are getting there — one step at a time," Cobble said.

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Hispanic

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the Magic Valley was strictly a seasonal migrant population that came in the summer to take advantage of the agricultural jobs, Esquivel said. Over time, sons, families settled in the area and found year-round employment.

As Hispanic families found more stable work, they were able to allow their children to focus more on education, which has been one of the reasons families consider staying in the area. In a migrant family, Castaneda said, "kids were taken from school to school and were not advancing at all."

Esquivel said today's Hispanic

population is becoming more economically diverse as more and more Hispanics get the education to take advantage of opportunities in areas other than agriculture. Much of this is aided by the migrant council which has worked since 1971 to help migrant laborers and families to find permanent homes.

"Our goal is to get them out of the migrant stream," Castaneda said, "and to get them to take advantage of the American dream."

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larger job markets.

"This whole area down here is suffering (economically)," said John Povlsen of Povlsen Company Realtors. "It's not just Minidoka."

Hallett pointed out that with farming becoming more efficient, less land is needed.

"Also, there is an overall decline in the ag economy. We're not immune to that," he said.

Parents with school-age children may be the most likely group to leave the area in search of better wages, because, as Doggett said, "if I wanted to make big bucks, this is not where I would come."

cent (from 43,328 to 41,857) from 1994 to 1999. But since 1994, the combined school enrollment is down nine percent, from 10,744 to 9,787.

The influx of residents to replace the leaving families is often made up of elderly people who leave urban areas to retire in a rural setting, Doggett added.

These new residents rarely have children to enroll in the schools.

Several area real estate agents reported that residential home sales in the area were not falling substantially. They said they also hadn't seen a notable trend of parents moving to Cassia County for the schools.

Many of the Realtors who operate in Minidoka and Cassia counties felt there was no significant difference between the counties.

"In my opinion, it's just one large area," Povlsen said. "I wouldn't say there's a (property value) difference between the two."

"I don't want to people with a preference for one county," said Sheila Adams, a Realtor with Century 21.

Still, the fact that Cassia improved its buildings after passing a bond issue in 1995 has not hurt its appeal.

"I think people moving into the area do, in fact, like new facilities," Doggett said. "When people see new facilities, it makes an impression."

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Aryan Nations leader vows he won't be run out of Idaho

HAYDEN LAKE (AP) - Aryan Nations leader Richard Butler vowed Saturday he will not leave Idaho, despite a \$1.3 million judgment against his racist organization.

Butler said from the pulpit, standing next to a silver bust of Adolf Hitler. He said he may seek a new trial. A jury found that Butler and his organization were negligent in selecting and overseeing security guards who assaulted James awarded of the damages to the Keenems, who were chased, shot at and assaulted after they stopped their car near the entrance to the Aryan Nations' compound.

Nations owns to pay the judgment, including the sect's name. Butler looked all of his 82 years, as he spoke. He criticized reporters as pawns of a media controlled by Jewish interests. He compared his trial to trials in the former Soviet Union under dictator Josef Stalin. He said local "politicians want to improve the image of Idaho by mongering the white race up here."

Idaho politicians and community leaders expressed hope after last week's judgment that Butler would leave the area and take his organization with him. Instead, Butler has applied for a permit to hold at least one more parade down the streets of nearby Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, either on Oct. 15 or Oct. 28. The parade will take place on the point that Butler is not leaving the loss of the compound which he bought nearly 30 years ago. The wooded site includes Butler's home, his church and numerous outbuildings, and has been the site of annual gatherings by his supporters.

"This place was built on love," Butler said. "It is a place to worship with your own kind." He said he had no idea where he would go when he is forced to leave. There has been speculation that two wealthy computer industry executives from California who have been supportive of Butler in recent years might come to his financial aid. Butler said he has not asked Vincent Bertolini or Carl Story, both of Sandpoint, Idaho, to pay the judgment. "They don't have that kind of money," Butler said. "We never talked about it."

Rumors of predators have residents howling Group disputes opposition to grizzly bears

LEWISTON (AP) - Following reports of wolf-sightings and attacks on livestock and pets near Bovill and St. Maries this summer, residents have invited an anti-wolf speaker to town.

COEUR D'ALENE (AP) - Marc people support full protection for grizzlies in Idaho's Bitterroot Mountains than the government admits, the Alliance for the Wild Rockies claims. But the Alliance's Friday announcement does not tell the full story of public opinion on bear reintroduction.

Also, oversight of grizzly management would be handled by a citizens group, not by agency scientists. The written comments showed 51.4 percent in favor of Alternative 4, the Alliance reported. The comments were submitted to the wildlife agency following the release of the draft environmental impact statement in 1997.

Wolves are suspected of killing a dog, goat and horse this summer, but none of the incidents could be linked to the state's burgeoning wolf packs. The incidents were investigated by the Nez Perce Tribe, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the U.S. Department of Agriculture Wildlife Services in late July. But Mark Collins of Wildlife Services said there was insufficient evidence to link the killings to wolves.

The Alliance supports Alternative 4, the so-called conservation biology alternative, which would give bears full protection under the Endangered Species Act. But the agency's preferred alternative is Alternative 1, the citizen management alternative that gives the bears experimental and "nonessential" status. That means that the U.S. Forest Service does not have to consult with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service on timber sales, road-building and other impacts to habitat.

Those comments totalled 1,501. The agency also received another 1,566 postcards in favor of Alternative 4, but these were counted only once as a petition, rather than as individual comments. The agency also received nine other petitions, six of which opposed grizzly bear introduction. The Alliance does not point out, however, that the number of signatures on nine petitions totalled 19,861. Of those, 14,794 supported the agency's preferred alternative, which calls for the experimental status, while 5,002 opposed reintroduction, according to the final impact statement.

Court upholds decision against ex-site employee

IDAHO FALLS (AP) - A former EG&G employee has lost her legal battle to prove she was unjustly fired and that her boss defamed her character. The Idaho Supreme Court upheld a district court's ruling that essentially dismissed the claims of Sandra Olson, who sued the former Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory contractor and her boss seven years ago.

She argued that being escorted out of the building by armed guards in front of her co-workers caused emotional stress and depression. A jury in 1996 found that Olson did not prove her case against the contractor. They did agree that Olson's supervisor defamed her character by listing that emotional distress as caused by Blackwood was not severe.

Olson, who worked as an administrator for laboratory fellowships at the site for 18 years, was fired for poor performance in 1993. Olson claimed information in her notice of termination, prepared by her new supervisor Constance Blackwood, was false.

Seventh District Judge Brent Moss then overturned the verdict and dismissed Olson's case, ruling there was not clear and compelling evidence that the emotional distress she suffered was severe. The case was appealed to the Supreme Court, which agreed last week with the district judge's original decision.

Moscow's Troy High School fails facility study

MOSCOW (AP) - Whitepine School Board member Gary Osborn wants the dilapidated Troy High School bulldozed and now feels he can justify his opinion. The school has failed a facility study requested by the school district and conducted by architects and engineers. "We're looking for quite awhile that we had to get out of there. Now there's proof."

The report said it would be more cost-effective to vacate the 94-year-old school and build a new one. The basement has the most severe problems with its narrow hallways and inadequate exits.

The kitchen, cafeteria and girls' locker room are in the basement. Emergency lighting, smoke detectors and fire arms are lacking. Fifteen school districts have sued the state, questioning if it is meeting its constitutional responsibility to ensure public schools can provide all Idaho children with safe, learning-conducive environments. Troy High School is the poster child for their demand for adequate buildings.

Even with the unsettling results, students will continue to attend the school. The district does not have extra funds to fix even some of the most severe problems. Instead, it is waiting to complete its deconsolidation process which would allow Troy residents to handle their own facility problems. Whitepine school patrons will vote Dec. 12 district.

Shelter: Dead boy's mom wasn't asked to leave

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) - The YWCA crisis shelter said it doesn't turn away women under any circumstance, despite the claims of a woman whose son was beaten to death two days after she left the shelter. Priscilla Wagner, the mother of 6-year-old Trevor Wagner, said she wanted to stay at the shelter two nights before her son was beaten to death. But she said the shelter turned her away because she showed up late.

Wagner was turned away from the crisis center three days before the boy's death for returning late. Wagner said she had been staying at the shelter since Aug. 7 to escape her abusive boyfriend, and was told to leave Aug. 16. Wagner went back to Salt Lake. Anne Burkholder, executive director at the YWCA, said even those who repeatedly arrive late are not refused access. If there is no room at the shelter, they are referred elsewhere, she said. Priscilla and Trevor Wagner left her shelter on Aug. 16. We had reason to believe that they were returning to a safe environment," Burkholder said, otherwise refusing to elaborate on the dispute. "Had we believed that their safety was in jeopardy, we would have taken whatever precautions were necessary to assure their continuing safety."

Wagner stayed overnight with San Juan on Aug. 15 because he would not allow her to leave, she said in her court statement. In a statement she released Friday through Salt Lake City district advocate Wes Galloway, she said she stands by her court statement. When Wagner returned to the shelter Aug. 16, Galloway said, she and her children had to vacate by 5 p.m. for violating the curfew. With no way to get to another shelter, she felt she had no choice but to return again to San Juan, she said in the petition for the protection order.

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Idaho's new religious freedom law comes under scrutiny

BOISE (AP) — Idaho's most influential business lobby is scrutinizing the state's new religious freedom law because of concerns about its potential harm to Idaho's industries.

"Some of our members have expressed some concerns," said Steve Ahrens, head of the Idaho Association of Commerce and Industry. "It might create ways for people to hide illegal or improper actions behind the guise of practicing their religion."

Supporters and opponents of

the new law met Friday with Gov. Dirk Kempthorne and agreed to look into whether it needs amending to ensure that it would not be used to justify law-breaking. The opponents include an array of Idaho religious leaders.

Businesses are worried that the law could hurt their employee recruitment efforts, Ahrens said. "It plays into the image problems that Idaho has."

Kempthorne brought about the meetings by brokering a deal last spring. He signed the measure

into law, but delayed its effective date until February 2001, to give the two sides a chance to talk.

"I think everyone going into this knows there is no assurance that there will be changes," Kempthorne said.

Boise Republican Sen. Grant Ipsen worked with the Idaho Christian Coalition in sponsoring the bill. It requires proof of a "compelling governmental interest" exists before any action is taken that would "substantially burden a person's exercise of religion."

That would provide new protection for religious practices against any governmental interference, including laws.

Critics tried to amend the bill in the Senate to add a clause saying it would not sanction discrimination, but supporters said that would gut the bill by putting civil rights ahead of religious rights.

Opponents warned putting religious rights first would allow people to use religion to justify discrimination, spousal or child abuse, or hate crimes.

"Some of the concern is that people will begin to use the religious defense in breaking the law," Ipsen said. "History doesn't prove that out."

He said the bill was intended to reverse a 1990 U.S. Supreme Court decision that some say lessening protections for religious freedoms.

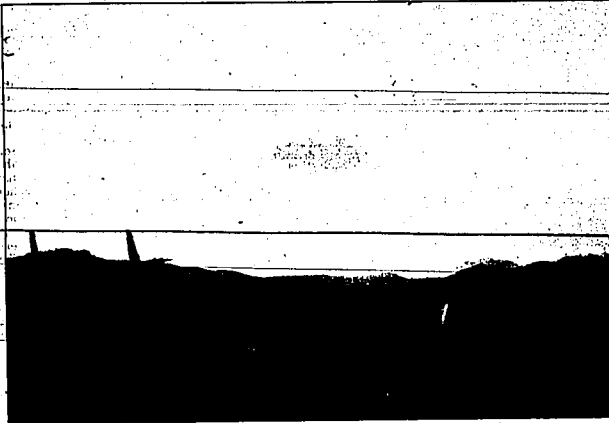
In that case, two American Indian drug counselors ingested peyote during a religious ceremony, then tested positive for drugs at work. They were fired, and

applied for unemployment benefits. Oregon denied them the benefits because they had broken the law.

The high court ruled there cannot be a religious excuse from a generally applicable law, and the court upheld Oregon's move.

When Congress passed a law similar to Idaho's new law, seeking to protect religious practice, the high court found it unconstitutional in 1997. Since that decision, several states have passed similar laws.

BLUE SKIES



David Burcham chops straw for the Falth Dairy under clear skies in Bozeman, Mont., Wednesday. Smoky skies have finally cleared in southwestern Montana after weeks of forest fires.

Police charge suspect with seven robberies

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) — A man shot during a bank robbery last month has been charged with committing seven bank robberies in Oregon and more charges in three other states are expected.

FBI agents contend that Martin Allen Willsey, 33, is the bank robber known as "the traveler" and responsible for 41 heists in Oregon, Idaho, Utah and Washington since 1993.

According to a federal grand jury indictment made public

Friday, Willsey is charged in Oregon with seven counts of armed bank robbery, each carrying a maximum of 25 years in prison, and two counts of using a firearm in the commission of a crime of violence.

Berry-Sheldahl, an assistant U.S. attorney in Portland, said indictments against Willsey are also expected in Washington, Idaho and Utah.

Willsey is described by federal agents as a smart crook who

never left a fingerprint or trace of his identity. He is accused of stealing \$743,025 during a seven-year robbery spree, according to court records.

In a strip-mall parking lot outside a Washington Mutual in Clackamas on Aug. 14, police say, Willsey pointed a 9 mm Beretta at a bank security guard, who shot Willsey in the head.

FBI special agent John King is heading the Oregon investigation.

Officials find hunter's death suspicious

POCATELLO (AP) — Bannock County Sheriff Lorin Nielsen now says the death of 41-year-old Thomas Sherwood could not have been a suicide as initially suspected.

Authorities are currently investigating Sherwood's death as a homicide. As a result, they are releasing very few details about the local outdoorsman's death.

"We've reconstructed the scene and feel that his death could not have been self-inflicted," Nielsen said.

Nielsen declined to say how Sherwood died or if there are any suspects.

Sherwood's body was found Monday night by his wife, Stephanie Bodnar Sherwood, at their home.

The avid hunter had planned to scout Grays Lake for sandhill cranes with some friends the morning of his death, his wife said.

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Parents say commissioner began altercation with 9-year-old boy

SPRINGVILLE, Utah (AP) — Utah County Commissioner David Gardner's run-in with a 9-year-old child left the boy covering in a corner of his home, trying to telephone a parent, says another parent whose son witnessed the dispute.

Gardner, 44, is charged with disorderly conduct after allegedly manhandling and scolding the boy in a July 29 spat over a broken flashlight.

The boy's parents, Chris and Shyan Valentine, had been quiet until Gardner's attorney blamed their son for the incident.

Police say Gardner was so angered at hearing that the Valentines' son had blamed his 13-year-old son of breaking the Valentines' flashlight that he hopped the fence into the Valentine's yard, picked up the boy by the neck, and set him down on the fender of a trailer, screaming at him and poking him in the stomach.

On Tuesday, at a pretrial hearing, Gardner's attorney, Michael Espin, told reporters that Gardner merely grabbed the boy's arm and gave him a stern lecture. The attorney said the incident was part of a feud started by illegal fireworks the Valentines set off July 24.

Espin also accused the Valentines' son of egging Gardner's home, swearing and calling Gardner names.

The Valentines say they and the Gardners were friendly neighbors for 2.5 years until the Valentines moved into a new home a few weeks ago.

Chris Valentine said both families set off illegal fireworks on July 24th. Shyan Valentine said the real problem on Pioneer Day started when her son lit his flashlight in the faces of Gardner's children, prompting Gardner's 13-year-old son to take the flashlight away. When the mother asked for the flashlight

back, the 13-year-old said he broke it, says Shyan Valentine.

The Valentines admit their son then called the teen a name and tossed an egg onto the Gardner's driveway a few days before the July 29 confrontation. But that doesn't excuse Gardner's actions, say the Valentines.

"He picked my son up by the neck with one hand and set him down," Chris Valentine said. "Then he picked him up again and set him on the wheel well of our trailer. He picked him up by the neck high enough that he was able to set his feet on the wheel well."

Shawn Guzman, a Springville planning commissioner who lived several houses down, said he heard the screaming and was inclined to ignore it.

"But it became so ugly and violent that I grew concerned," he said.

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The river draws Indian fishermen

LYLE, Wash. (AP) - Brian George, like many generations of Yakima men, is making his own dip net. He deftly weaves a small shuttle threaded with coppery 125-pound line back and forth to create the diamond pattern, making modest remarks about being relatively new at the craft.

When the basket-shaped net is finished, he'll affix it to a pole, perhaps 30 feet long, with a 3- or 4-foot diameter rim, and head across the basalt rocks to the rushing water of the Klickitat River to fish for salmon - big salmon, maybe 40 or 50 pounders.

"I take fish home to my aunts and grandpa, to families in mourning, to those who have no young men to fish for them," says George, 34, of Toppenish.

A few miles away, Brian Begay, 31, is at home in Celilo Village, on the Oregon side of the Columbia River, hoisting down his gill nets. His boat is ready to go, and in the evening, he, too, will be fishing for salmon.

He's been fishing since he was 8 years old. He says it's the lure of tradition that draws him back year after year.

"It's not for the money, that's for sure," Begay says. "It's just fun being on the water."

This is the second week of the annual fall salmon season on the Columbia River, where tribal fishermen in boats dot the choppy water from the Bonneville Dam near Portland, Ore., 150 miles east to McNary Dam, near Umatilla, Ore.

Both Begay and George fish for their families, catching the salmon that has provided sustenance for Northwest Indians since time began. It is canned, smoked, dried or frozen.

"It's pretty much preparation for the winter months," George says.

Increasingly, the salmon season also is a small commercial enterprise, marketed by the Columbia River Inter-tribal Fish Commission with the slogan: "Taste the tradition."

Signs advertising fresh fish line the frontage roads along Interstate 84. They lead to the village near the site of Celilo Falls, a historic Indian fishing place lost forever with the construction of The Dalles Dam.

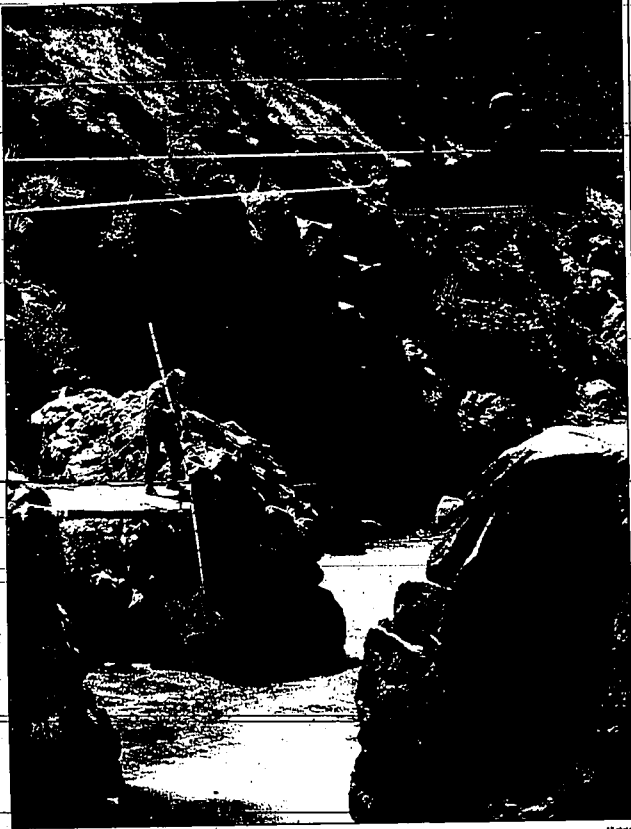
Here almost every house has a makeshift stand for fish sales to the public. As if on cue, as a car drives down the gravel road, a scruffy, small black-and-tan dog trots by, a prized chunk of bright orange salmon in its mouth.

The sales continue at least through this weekend. The two-to-three-week season is negotiated annually among the National Marine Fisheries Service, the states of Washington and Oregon and four Columbia River tribes - the Yakima, the Nez Perce, the Umatilla and the Warm Springs.

The catches have been controversial as government, industry and agriculture struggle with issues of federally ordered salmon and steelhead protection. Controversy about Indian fishing, particularly gill-net fishing, is common at the frequent government hearings on salmon protection in Eastern Washington.

Charles Hudson, a spokesman for the Portland-based National Mission, said he hopes the monumental stack of research on Columbia Basin fisheries will put an end to the demonization of tribal fishing in salmon depletion. "It's particularly abundant in the face of overwhelming scientific evidence that has exonerated tribal fishing as the cause of the decline," he says.

"The tribes have sacrificed enormously and many times and untarably. They've cut back their fishing. Suddenly their fishery is 2 percent of its historic level, yet people dare to say we're the problem."



Above, dip net fisherman Leonard Deve, Jr. reaches the wooden platform he fishes from on the Klickitat River, a tributary of the Columbia near Lyle, Wash., by means of a pulley system Tuesday. Using dip nets is a traditional American Indian technique to catch salmon and continues today because of tribal treaty agreements.

Left, Brian George uses 125-pound line to construct a dip net to fish for salmon on the Klickitat River Tuesday.

"The evidence is right there in those biological opinions - the hydropower system is allowed to take up to 88 percent of juvenile fish and 20-plus percent of adults. "Yet our 2 percent harvest is still scapegoated." Salmon-based Indian cultures flourished along the waterways of the Columbia Basin long before explorers Meriwether Lewis and William Clark documented their journey to the Pacific Ocean almost 200 years ago. In 1855, many tribes, their numbers decimated by disease, particularly the white man's small pox, negotiated treaties with the federal government. In those treaties they secured permanent homelands, what are today's reservations, and the right to take fish and game at all

their usual and accustomed places. By the turn of the century, those treaties were in dispute and a number of legal battles pit tribal treaty rights against state authority. But key decisions on access and the right to fish without state regulation upheld the basic tenets of the treaties. In the 1970s, the historic Boldt decision quantified the treaty by stating that the tribes are entitled to half of the harvestable surplus of fish passing their usual and accustomed places. "This is often mischaracterized as the tribes get half the fish in the river. That is not the case," Hudson says. The subsequent Belloni decision further qualified the issue by setting priorities for managing

fish: conservation, tribal ceremonial and subsistence fishing, tribal commercial fishing, and then state decisions on fishing. "That's still an active case. It serves as a forum where fish pro near Lyle, Wash., by means of a pulley system Tuesday. Using dip nets is a traditional American Indian technique to catch salmon and continues today because of tribal treaty agreements. The Belloni decision, he says, "reminded a century-old practice of discrimination by states against tribes where management and regulation heavily favored non-Indian constituents over the tribal fishery." "It stated further that the tribes are to be the co-managers of the resource." "But court decisions haven't returned to the tribes the salmon that white settlement, dam construction and the development of the West took away.

Regional fisheries chief leaves post for law firm

SEATTLE (AP) - After six years in the Northwest salmon-recovery hot seat, Will Stelle is leaving the National Marine Fisheries Service to join Seattle's oldest law firm, Preston Gates & Ellis.

Stelle, 49, took on his Commerce Department assignment at a time when the salmon crisis was becoming big news. Now, every major river in Washington is home to a fish protected under the Endangered Species Act, and NMFS has a say in land use on both sides of the Cascades.

Six years of that was enough, Stelle says. "I can feel in my bones that it's time for a change," he told The Seattle Times.

As a father of four and sole family breadwinner, he's also ready to earn more than his \$130,200 government salary. He joins the law firm as a partner Oct. 2, focusing on in-house issues and environmental law.

NMFS has been at the center of controversy over several issues, including resumption of whaling by the Makah tribe, protection of sea lions and dwindling salmon runs. Judges from Seattle to California have faulted NMFS for its environmental-impact statement on the whale hunt, for fisheries decisions with impact on endangered Steller sea lions and for being too accepting of business-as-usual as the region's salmon runs declined.

The agency has also been criticized by Methow Valley residents for taking on irrigators and challenging hatchery practices, by the environmental community for not tearing down lower Snake River dams, and by industry for not taking dam breaching off the list of options.

"I think he's gotten tired of the hot seat," said Jim Stearns of the National Wildlife Federation's Seattle office. "We are not surprised Will is leaving. It was a question of

when. But there is a real disappointment on our part that we still don't have a clear direction on salmon," Stearns said. "We needed someone to frame up our choices and make decisions early, and he chose to put off decisions," he said.

Others disagree. "No one is paid enough to take that kind of abuse," said Bill Bakke of the Native Fish Society in Portland, who praised Stelle's bids for hatchery reform and defense of wild fish.

"I give him high marks," Bakke said. "The most important hatchery reform in the Northwest is being done because of (NMFS') efforts. They stood their ground at great political cost, and I give them all kinds of credit on that."

Environmentalists in Oregon are still grateful for 1998 NMFS efforts to reform timber practices to protect fish. "That got him in a lot of trouble," said Trygve Stetland of the Pacific Rivers Council in Eugene. "Politically, it may have set things back, but ultimately it was a huge step forward."

Bonnie Lawrence of the Okanogan County Citizens' Coalition, which has gone up against NMFS over hatcheries and irrigation ditches, laughed when Stelle was going to a law firm. "It's great to see him take a position that he has the training to handle," she said.

Stelle said he is optimistic for salmon-recovery, especially in the Puget Sound region. "The initial phase of recovery is complete, he said: Fish are listed, and broad rules requiring their protection have been issued, leaving room for state and local decisions on how to proceed."

The second phase will involve working out the details and putting the strategy in place. "I think the prognosis in the Puget Sound region is very good," Stelle said.

Panel: Improving logging rules will help save salmon

SALEM, Ore. (AP) - Improved fish passages and logging roads would help save salmon from extinction and bring logging rules in compliance with Oregon's salmon recovery efforts, a state panel has concluded.

The Forest Practices Advisory Committee on Salmon and Watersheds said its 18-month study was a step in the right direction but falls short of federal requirements for salmon protection. The Department of Forestry must next adopt the proposals. It could be 18 months before they find their way into the state Forest Practices Act, most of them through changes in administrative rules.

"One of the things we were clear on was that these were improvements on the existing act," said Jim Myron, Oregon Trout, a Portland-based organization dedicated to fish habitat preservation. "But they are not sufficient on their own to satisfy the Endangered Species Act or the Clean Water Act." The panel had earlier recommended that Oregon should create economic incentives for timberland owners to protect river habitat but said the details should be worked out by the Family Forestland Committee, which represents small landowners. The panel recommended improving fish passages through road-culverts and other obstacles, making logging roads less likely to dump damaging sediment in streams, reducing the likelihood of improving riparian fish habitat preservation group. Some of the recommendations "go beyond what is supported by currently available scientific research or environmental monitoring," said Gary Springer, a logger representing the Oregon Small Woodland Association on the committee. Myron and Springer were among the 13 environmentalist loggers and landowners on the panel charged with implementing Gov. John Kitzhaber's Oregon Plan to increase wild salmon and reduce federal oversight of recovery efforts. The panel's conclusions were reported by The Statesman Journal newspaper in its Thursday editions.

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Arizona residents level suits against polygamist group

COLORADO CITY, Ariz. (AP) — She refused to allow her 16-year-old daughter to become the second wife of a 39-year-old man. As a result, Lenore Holm says leaders of a polygamous church are trying to evict her, her husband and her 10 children from their home.

"Because we didn't break the laws of Arizona, they want our home and they want our children on the street," says Holm, who is suing to block the eviction.

It's just one of a series of lawsuits leveled against the Fundamentalist Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, a polygamist group that owns 95 percent of the homes in Colorado City and adjoining Hildale, Utah, through its trust, the United Effort Plan.

The former members suing the church say dissension has been on the rise since Warren Jeffs, the spokesman for the church's 50-year-old patriarch, Rulon Jeffs, returned to town from Salt Lake City about two years ago.

"Since Warren moved down, that's when everything went wacko-wacko," said Holm. "It's felt more and more like a cult."

daughter was to marry the man who had done free work on Jeffs' spacious, gated brick home.

Holm resisted, but Warren Jeffs convinced her that the girl's father, who is divorced from Holm, wanted the marriage. That wasn't the case.

The girl was to be married the next day when the father threatened to sue for custody of the couple's children if ceremony proceeded.

Holm called Jeffs to stop the marriage and within minutes he had told the family they were excommunicated from the church.

"(Warren) said you've lost your priesthood," recalls Milt Holm, Lenore's second husband. "You let your wife rule over you. He said you're no longer a member of this church. You are to move off the property."

Since then the Holms have been battling in court to keep their home, which Milt helped build.



Lenore Holm and her husband, Milt, sit with nine of their ten children in their home in Colorado City, Ariz., last month.

not to comment on the private lives of the members of the church and their families," he said.

The UEP is trying to evict Daunt and Lucas Hammon. Daunt Hammon is allowing his nephew to live in his home while Daunt Hammon builds a home a few miles away in a new develop-

ment started by dissidents.

Their lawsuit has been combined with the Holms and sent to Arizona Superior Court in Kingman. But since he was thrown out of the church, Milt Holm can't get a job in Colorado City, and the family is without money to hire an attorney, leaving them in a double bind.

Two years ago, the Utah Supreme Court ruled that 21 former members of the church in Utah and Arizona could live in their homes until they died.

In another lawsuit, Jason Williams is suing the church for \$10 million, claiming alienation of affection. He says church leaders told his wife that she had to leave Williams, take his two children, and become another man's second wife if she was to receive salvation.

Williams said Warren Jeffs told his wife that, because Jason associated with his father and brothers who had left the church, the family could not be saved. Williams also lost his home but said he is only fighting to keep his wife and children.

"I'll fight to the death for that right," he said. "My children are my life."

Some see apocalyptic motive in group's school withdrawal

COLORADO CITY, Ariz. (AP) — Since mainstream Mormon leaders abandoned polygamy in 1890, the people of Colorado City and Hildale, Utah, have lived as parish in the desert.

They have been recluses in these isolated, joined towns on the Utah-Arizona border, just south of Zion National Park, practicing "The Principle" of plural marriage.

In recent months the Mormon splinter group's members have withdrawn even more, following edicts from its leadership to pull their children out of school and cut off communications with outsiders and former church members.

Members of the Fundamentalist Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints devote their lives to Rulon Jeffs, a man in his 90s who does most of his communication to his flock through son Warren.

Church members say they are opting for home-schooling for the same reason as thousands of parents across the country — to control what their children learn.

Others say it's preparation for the apocalypse.

Enrollment in the communities' four schools has plummeted, from 1,400 students last year to just 350 today. Most of the teachers also quit their jobs.

"There's not one (FLDS) student there and there's not one teacher who stayed," said DeLoy Bateman, a former church member and a science teacher at the Colorado City high school.

Church officials, who shun publicity, won't discuss the decree.

Colorado City Mayor Dan Barlow, a church member, said the proclamation was merely "a suggestion that people take that responsibility for themselves."

Barlow started home schooling a year ago.

"I just felt like I could do much better teaching them the things I know and give them some spiritual teaching as well," he said.



Colorado City, Ariz., Mayor Dan Barlow discusses the drop in enrollment at public schools at his office last month.

But church dissidents say the order to abandon the schools is rooted in apocalyptic prophecy and a long-standing rift between two groups of fundamentalist Mormons.

For years, the FLDS church has awaited Christ's return as prophesied in Scripture and by the church's prophets.

Leaders have supposedly scheduled several dates for the Second Coming, only to see them pass.

However, church leaders and those within the church who hear the prophecies directly from the

Jeffs won't discuss the teachings, leaving only those on the outside, relying on secondhand sources, willing to talk.

In a written response through their Salt Lake City attorney, the Jeffs denied forecasting the end of the world.

"The Fundamentalist church and its officers have not made any predictions in regard to the exact date of the Second Coming," their statement said. "It has long been the teaching of the church that no man knows the hour or the date of that event."

Since the church settled the border areas, its leaders have been reclusive and fearful of outsiders.

The church leaders can flex a lot of muscle to make sure their wishes are followed.

Members who cross leaders can be excommunicated from the church, losing their chance at salvation. Apostates, as those who leave the church are called, are shunned in their community and can lose their jobs.

Moreover, in 1942, FLDS members signed over their homes and land to a church-run trust called the United Effort Plan. Today, the UEP holds tens of millions of dollars worth of assets.

More than 6,000 of Rulon Jeffs' followers live in Colorado City and Hildale. Mike King, an investigator with the Utah attorney general's office, estimates there are between 2,000 to 6,000 more scattered around the Western United States and Canada.

The towns are modest, with

wandering dirt and paved roads lined with houses clad in untreated plywood. Because residents don't own their homes, they can't borrow the money to finish them.

Toys and bikes litter the often grassless yards where children — girls with pigtails and long dresses, boys in jeans and plaid shirts — watch outsiders with suspicion.

They are taught early to be wary.

"Once learning the truth, you don't need to waste your time with the ways of the world," says Warren Jeffs in soothing, methodical tones on a taped sermon, one of a series children must listen to daily.

Church members don't speak to outsiders, meaning only dissidents will discuss the inner workings of the FLDS.

Church attorney Scott Berry says apostates have an axe to grind and distort the facts.

Both Rulon and Warren Jeffs own massive gated homes on the Utah side of town; and are said to

have dozens of wives. It was Warren who decreed in July that children should be educated at home.

But the declaration's origins go back further. In 1993, Rulon Jeffs told high school graduates not to attend college since the world would end before they could finish, said Bateman, who was a member at the time.

As a result, apostates and outsiders started filling teaching positions. That worried church leaders about what the flock was being taught and prompted the withdrawal as well, said Bateman.

Alvin Barlow, the Colorado City school superintendent and brother of the mayor, says classes are smaller, but still going forward, and he sees benefits from the change.

"I see a focus on education right now at a higher point than I've seen it in the history that I've been here," said Barlow, who has spent 38 years in the district.

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Through the years, northern Idaho cabin is touchstone for families

PRIEST LAKE (AP)—Every year, the same thing happens. The green hallway of trees along state Highway 57 bleeds burgundy, fire-orange-mustard-yellow. The ground turns cool and wet. People move and grow, things live and die. And through the past 103 of those years, a stalwart cabin on Eight Mile Island has remained. In its longevity, the cabin is as spectacular as the families it has tied together for a century: the Vinthers and the Nelsons. On Sept. 3, 130 distant and nuclear relatives of Samuel Vinther and Nels Nelson gathered at this historic spot to celebrate the centennial. "It makes me cry," said June (Vinther) Bech Linke, 89, Vinther's daughter. "I cried all day long." To look around, the reunion seemed like any other. Relatives gathered in groups of three or four, talking or gossiping over beers about their uncles and

aunts and brothers and sisters. Others told stories, the same tall tales they've been spreading all of their lives, of childhood accidents, adventures, lost dogs. The family dogs ran from group to group, panting, exhilarated at the unbelievable number of shoes to sniff. The kids, too-jolted with a boundless, unceasing energy of play. Teenagers stunk off into the woods in packs, to do cool stuff like stroll down dirt roads with their hands in their pockets. Cameras were the most important prop, save perhaps for the cannon with which Jim Bech, a Vinther grandson, insisted upon blasting blanks at wooden boats. Cameras have helped keep this stream of relationships together for so many decades. Photo albums lined a table on the porch of the cabin that's now a museum. Its caretaker is Stan Vinther, and he

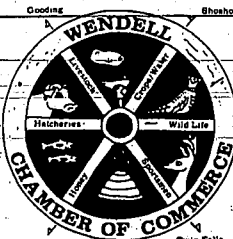
"We used to come here as kids."
—Newt Vinther, 91
can't restrain himself from giving people the grand tour. The cabin was built in 1897; for use in mining the Deer Trail Lode. It was sold shortly afterward to a homesteader, who cleared much of the landscape to raise livestock. Samuel Vinther and Nels Nelson, two cousins and partners in the hardware business, bought the cabin in 1900. But because politics kept a mining claim from going through, Vinther and Nelson had to forgo their ownership for a special use permit, granted by the U.S. Forest Service in 1909. "It's kind of a semi-public, private place," Bech explained. "When the state

of Idaho found out about this, they were excited. This is the oldest building on Priest Lake." For the next several decades, the Vinther and Nelson families spent memorable summers—what would-be renamed Eight Mile Island. "We used to come here as kids," remembered Newt Vinther, 91, Samuel Vinther's son. Today, the hand-hewn fir and larch logs are stacked stiff in defiance. The antique wood-burning stove informs its users they can cook food from warm to hot to very hot. Old product cans, unearthed from the yard, let visitors see history. There's a bottle of mango medicine, complete with precipitated sulphur. Another bottle, of Old Taylor Whiskey made by the American Medicinal Spirits Co., has a prescription label on the side: "One-half ounce every four hours," Bech reads of the Prohibition relic.

Outside, a makeshift church, complete with an arch made of branches and pews and a pulpit of 2-by-4's. A rickety outdoor house: A nine-hole putt-putt course. A shed, all preserved for so long. And walking through it all, a family preserved for just as long. "My father would bring up both families," remembered Jeanne (Vinther) Danver, 80. "Then he'd go home, Lincoln Park would come take over for the rest of the summer. My favorite thing as a child was to steal the rowboat and go out in the roughest water I could." In Danzer's eyes, a glint of sadness shimmered, as she realized there won't be many more reunions for her. "This means the last trip I'll make here," she said. But the next generation promises to carry on. "We'll spend the bulk of a summer up here as children," said Jim Bech, Vinther's grandson. "It was just a handful of people. Now there's 150."

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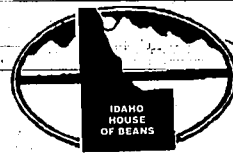
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COUNTDOWN to Sydney

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Olympic update

The IOC is insisting on an explanation for the Australian government's decision to deny entry to two Asian Olympic officials with rumored criminal links.

March to the medals

American Regina Jacobs, considered a top medal contender in the women's 1,500 meters, has withdrawn from the Olympics because of a respiratory infection.

Olympic footnote

The Olympic transportation system had a mixed day Saturday — there were few problems getting people to Olympic Stadium for an opening ceremony dress rehearsal, but IOC president Juan Antonio Samaranch had to cancel a tour of the international broadcast center when a bus failed to show up.

MORNING LINE

IN BRIEF

Golden Eagles mow through Yavapai

PRESCOTT, Ariz. — The College of Southern Idaho volleyball team played execution volleyball on Saturday, winning the Yavapai Tournament championship in three matches — none of which went more than two games.

The Golden Eagles dispatched Eastern Arizona College 21-14, 21-17, Scottsdale Community College 21-8, 21-12 and Yavapai College 21-19, 21-17.

"We did well," said CSI coach Ben Stroud. "And we had moments where we really played well."

Highlights included the spirited play of sophomore Stephanie Martin, Stroud said, and the awakening of Brazilian freshman Karla Bersano.

"Stephanie, she's hitting it from everywhere. That was exciting," Stroud said. "Karla well, she got off to slow start, but had a great game. We got on her a bit, and she finished really well. She had quite a few six-packs today."

Stroud also liked the energetic play of Sonymar Santana, a Puerto Rican freshman.

"This was her breakout weekend," Stroud said.

The Golden Eagles (26-1), winners of their own tourney and the Utah Valley Invitational in the last two weeks, were due to fly home today.

"I think our team is really improving," Stroud said. "We starting to feel more comfortable with each other."

"We're not ready to win the national championship yet, but we're showing signs of improvement."

CSI opens its Scenic-West Athletic Conference schedule playing at Snow College, Dixie State College and the College of Eastern Utah — the big Utah road trip — later this week.

After that, it's back to Arizona for another tournament, Stroud said.

Special Olympics athletes prepare

BOISE — Special Olympics Idaho's Fall Sports Tournament will be held Friday, Sept. 29 through Sunday, Oct. 1, with some 350 athletes and 300 coaches and volunteers expected to attend.

The opening ceremonies are Sept. 29 at 7 p.m. on the fairgrounds. A barbecue and dance will take place at 4:30 p.m. in the Boise Hawks Memorial stadium. Closing ceremonies and fireworks will be held there starting at 8:30 p.m. For more information, call Doug Kleintop at (208) 623-0482, Ext. 15.

Compiled from staff reports

Up, U and A

Dragila vaults toward dream of Olympic gold

By Kevin Hall
Times-News writer

POCATELLO — Propelled by a pliable fiberglass pole, women's pole vaulting pioneer Stacy Dragila is scaling new heights in her quest for Olympic gold.

The world record holder and gold medal favorite for the inaugural women's pole vault event at the 2000 Sydney Olympics, which open Friday in Australia, Dragila competes today at a final pre-Olympic meet in Brisbane, Australia.

And for the transplanted Pocatellan, a native of Auburn, Calif., who transferred to Idaho State University in 1992 from Yuba College and is now one of the university's assistant track and field coaches, that's just fine with her.

Olympics — C7

She is the only Idaho resident competing in the Olympics.

"Just to finally be a part of the Olympic celebration, I never thought that'd be a part of my life," she said, following a community sendoff Aug. 30 at ISU's Davis Field.

"To go there and have fun and do my best, I can't ask for more."

Having fun means a lot to the 5-foot-7, 138-pound Dragila, who has cleared 15 feet, 6 inches in practice.

She vaulted 15-5 in June, pocketing a cool \$50,000 at the Beach Pole Vault Challenge in Santa Barbara, Calif. But the height wasn't an official world record due to a springy wooden platform.

Her official mark stands at a paltry 15-2.25 — a height set during the U.S. Olympic Trials in July in Sacramento, Calif.

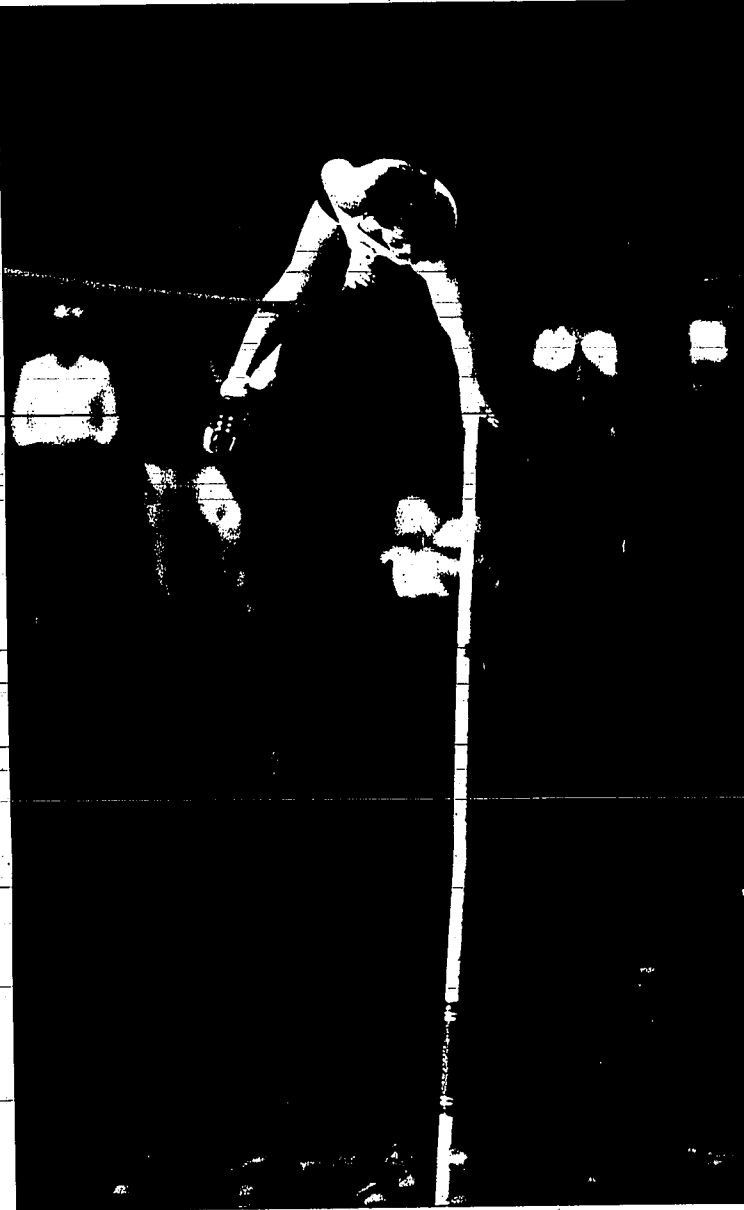
At the Aug. 30 celebration, where an estimated 3,000 witnessed Dragila attempt 24 vaults of varying heights, the spunky athlete stayed well into the night signing autographs, laughing and thanking her many well-wishers.

"I think it's fun," she said. "It's fun for me to be able to give back to the kids, because when I was growing up, you know, I wanted to be a part of that. So for me to be able to do that for these kids in a community that needs role models, I want to be that person."

"If I have to stay until midnight, then I'll do it."

One of the supporters in the crowd was '92 Olympian Amber Wely-Crossed. She is a former NCAA high jump champion and heptathlete at ISU ('87-'90), who still holds the Big Sky Conference meet record at 6-2 in the event.

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The pride of Idaho, Stacy Dragila is headed to the Sydney Olympics blimming with confidence. She thinks the 16-foot barrier can be broken during the games.

BRUCE BRIDGES/The Times-News

Venus pounces on U.S. Open title

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — A glittery aura in her hair and menace in her strokes, Venus Williams tightened the family grip on women's tennis Saturday night, capturing the U.S. Open title her sister won a year ago.

Two months after beating Lindsay Davenport for her first Grand Slam title, Williams confirmed her place as the best in the game, if not in the rankings, by beating Davenport again 6-4, 7-5 in the hardest-hitting women's final in U.S. Open history.

Never before had two women's finalists walloped shots so fiercely, so consistently, from both sides as Williams and Davenport in this rain-delayed, 1-hour, 25-minute duel. They each needed to be fast to keep up with the other, and no one in the game is faster than the sinewy, long-legged Williams.

"I really have some wheels," Williams said. "I'm really speedy these days. It helped me out a lot."

It was not always pretty as they each pummeled flat line drives, going for the corners, the sides, the baseline, finding them often, but nearly as often hitting wildly.

Please see VENUS, Page C2



At the Open

NEW YORK (AP) — Highlights of Saturday's play at the \$15 million U.S. Open tennis championships:

Women's singles, championship: Venus Williams won her second successive Grand Slam title, defeating Lindsay Davenport 6-4, 7-5. Williams also beat Davenport in the final at Wimbledon two months ago.

Men's singles, semifinals: Marat Safin, a 20-year-old Russian, reached his first Grand Slam final and Pete Sampras reached his 16th. Safin beat Todd Martin 6-3, 7-6 (4), 7-8 (1), while Sampras beat Lleyton Hewitt 7-6 (7), 6-4, 7-6 (5).

More on the men: Page C2

Bruins fall to Capital

By Holly Keay
Times-News writer

More high school sports — C2

TWIN FALLS — An excited Twin Falls High School volleyball team met at the gym at 7:30 Saturday morning for the annual Twin Falls Invitational.

Thirteen long hours later, the team, minus Keri Coats, fell to Capital in the championship game, 10-15, 15-9, 15-11.

Coats stumbled Friday night at a school dance and sprained the same ankle that kept her out of the season until last week. She only managed to get one game in before she hurt the ankle again, and will be out for at least another two weeks.

"I'm pretty upset," Coats said. "I think it was kind of stupid. It was just one of those odd things."

But the day was not a loss for the Lady Bruins or the other 19 teams that gathered at Twin Falls High School for the tournament.

"We saw a lot of great volleyball, great competition and excellent camaraderie today," said Bruin coach Kelly Youree.

The tournament started out with the 20 teams, hailing from Boise to Pocatello to Lowry, Nev., divided into pools of five. Twin Falls took first in their pool, never losing a match.

"Today we showed that if we come together, we can beat a lot

of competitive teams," said senior setter Paige Allen.

Minico, Capital and Caldwell were the other teams to be in front of their divisions.

The top four teams in each pool advanced to a single-elimination tournament in the afternoon. Buhl and Gooding were two of the teams who had to go home after neither team won a match.

The four local teams still in the running — Twin Falls, Minico, Burley and Jerome — were seeded in the same bracket for the tournament.

In the first round, Twin Falls beat out cross-bridge rival, Jerome, 15-10, 16-14. The Spartans also advanced, easily outdistancing Kuna 15-13, 15-10.

Burley defeated Marsh Valley (15-6, 11-15, 15-3) and headed into the second round where they would face Twin Falls. But the Bruins ended any Bobcat hopes for a tournament win in two games, 15-4, 15-8. Minico also had to leave after falling to Lowry in an emotionally heated match (15-6, 15-2).

Please see VOLLEYBALL, Page C2

Pettite outduels Pedro in AL East

BOSTON (AP) — Andy Pettitte and Pedro Martinez duelled for the second time this season. And for the second time, the power of the New York Yankees prevailed. Scott Brosius hit a three-run homer off Martinez (16-5) in the seventh inning, leading the Yankees to a 5-3 win over the Red Sox on Saturday and an eight-game lead over second-place Boston in the AL East.

Indians 9, White Sox 3
CLEVELAND — Roberto Alomar hit three doubles and drove in two runs and Dave Kruk was just what self-sufficient Cleveland needs to beat Chicago.

Athletics 10, Devil Rays 0
OAKLAND, Calif. — Tim Hudson pitched a two-hitter and Jason Giambi hit two home runs as the Oakland Athletics defeated the Tampa Bay Devil Rays 10-0 on Saturday.

Major League Baseball
Oakland defeated Tampa Bay.
Blue Jays 6, Tigers 5
TORONTO — Reliever Billy Koch blew David Wells' bid to become the first 20-game winner in the majors, but Toronto won on Brad Feldman's RBI single in the ninth.

Orioles 10, Angels 3
ANAHEIM, Calif. — Jose Mercedes overcame rare wildness for his fourth straight win as Baltimore beat Anaheim.

Rangers 6, Royals 5
KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Gabe Kapler had two hits and two RBIs in a six-run fourth inning that carried Texas past the Kansas City Royals.

Rockies 7, Dodgers 6
DENVER — Todd Helton, Todd Walker and Todd Hollandsworth hit RBI singles in a six-run first inning and Colorado dealt Los Angeles its fifth consecutive loss.

Phillies 6, Mets 3
NEW YORK — Turk Wendell (7-5) allowed a pair of seventh-inning runs to put Philadelphia ahead to stay, then threw his glove into the stands in disgust as New York lost meekly again.

Reds 6, Pirates 4
PITTSBURGH — Dmitri Young hit a home run, two-run homer in the seventh inning and Cincinnati ended Pittsburgh's eight-game winning streak.

Expos 7, Braves 5
ATLANTA — Brian Schneider drove in the go-ahead run with a sacrifice fly and Tommie Lee Ross ended an RBI double in the 12th inning for Montreal.

Cardinals 7, Brewers 6
MILWAUKEE — Ray Lankford homered leading off the ninth, and Mike Matheny homered and singled to pace a 15-hit attack, helping St. Louis edge Milwaukee.

SCORES AND STATS

BASEBALL

American League Boxes

Table with columns for Team, W, L, P, H, R, E, B, SO. Includes Yankees vs Red Sox, Athletics vs Devil Rays, Blue Jays vs Tigers, Orioles vs Angels, Rangers vs Royals, Texas vs Royals, Rockies vs Dodgers, Phillies vs Mets.

YANKEES 5, RED SOX 3

Box score for Yankees vs Red Sox. Includes batting, pitching, and fielding stats.

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Box score for Orioles vs Angels. Includes batting, pitching, and fielding stats.

BALTIMORE ANAHEIM

Box score for Baltimore vs Anaheim. Includes batting, pitching, and fielding stats.

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SYDNEY 2000

Pumped-up Summer Games enter fourth millennium



American swimmer Gaby Rose smiles while warming up at a training session in Brisbane, Australia, Saturday.

SYDNEY, Australia (AP) - A sleepless, manic, magical energy runs through every Olympics, a 16-day-and-night rush-of-speed strength and surprises in 30 places at the same time. In the 21st century, that energy will be pumped up a notch. This is a \$3.5 billion bash in a beautiful booming city, a celebration of the Olympic Games, that energy will be pumped up a notch.

It's a Summer Games in Australia's spring and in Northern Hemisphere's fall, vernal and autumnal equinoxes colliding in the middle, every visitor trying to figure out what time it is back home. It's swimmers in neck-to-neck body suits sleek as shark skin, divers warding off real sharks with sonar signals in the first triathlons, and triathletes swimming, cycling, running through a panorama of postcard scenes.

It's the Olympics embarking on its fourth millennium from the Peloponnesian War, still bringing enemies together, uniting this time at long last at the opening ceremony Sept. 15, North and South Koreans. It's 10,200 athletes of every color and class from 199 countries, winning and losing by hundreds of a second, hundredths of a meter, a point in double overtime, the difference between life-time and silver, the difference of a lifetime and, sometimes, millions of dollars.

Friday Oct. 1
Opening ceremonies
Closing ceremonies
world record holder, taking on the challenges of Americans Jenny Thompson, Tara Torres and Amy Van Dyken. In gymnastics, it's Svetlana Khorkina, the Russian who wept when Kerri Strug's vault sealed the American team's gold in Atlanta, now back to face down threats from another American, Elise Ray, as well as a 16-year-old Romanian, Andreea Raducan.

It's another Olympics where Cubans and Americans duke it out in boxing and baseball, where NBA and European pro reorganize along national lines, where Andre Agassi, always against, will be Pete Sampras stays home, and Grand Slammer Venus and Serena Williams kick their sister act to the games. It's Lisa Leslie and Sheryl Swoopes straight from the

WNBA, and speedskater-turned-cyclist Chris Wittu, out to become the first American woman to win a medal at the Summer and Winter Olympics.

It's Lance Armstrong, weakened by raging but undetected testicular cancer in Atlanta, seeking his first Olympic medal after winning his second Tour de France.

It's Dr. Dot Richardson, her medical training done, back on the softball diamond with perfect-game pitcher Lisa Fernandez, and a Mia Hamm-like American women's soccer team that looks a lot like the one that won the World Cup a year ago.

It's Steve Redgrave, a 38-year-old English rower trying to become just the second Olympian to win gold in five consecutive games, and Tara Nott, a 28-year-old American who switched from gymnastics to weightlifting to win her first ticket to the games. It's a Russian wrestler Alexander Karelin, who hasn't lost a match in three Olympics and nine world championships, and a Turkish weightlifter, Naim Süleymanoglu, coming out of three years of retirement to go for a fourth gold.

And it's Yueling Chen, a 1992 champion race-walker for China, competing now for the United States, thanks to a last-minute appeal and waiver. It can't even imagine what I will feel like during the opening ceremonies in Sydney," Chen says. "I think I will be superexcited."

There are stories everywhere and deadlines to meet: all the time all around the world, a media mob of 15,000 pumping out news in every language 24 hours a day, searching for that special moment, that will define these Olympics.

Events to watch

BASEBALL
WHIERE: Baseball Stadium, Blacktown Olympic Park.
BASEBALL: Opening ceremonies, Sept. 17.
MEDALS: Eight men's teams will compete.
OUTLOOK: Professional players are eligible to take part in the Olympic Games. Cuba, the Cubans won the first two Olympic gold medals in baseball. The U.S. team has taken every world championship since 1974. Watch for former major leaguers Tim Lincecum and Alex Rodriguez, who played in Australia, which earned an automatic bid as the host nation.

A champion's prize
Each medal at the Sydney Olympics will bear the names of the sport and event for which it is awarded. For the first time, an engraving service will be provided in the Olympic village so medalists can have their names added. Only about two-thirds of the medals produced will be distributed. The rest will be destroyed.



SOCCER
WHIERE: Various locations. Men's final at Olympic Stadium, women's final at Sydney Football Stadium.
MEDALS: Men's team competition. OUTLOOK: The men's field consists of 16 teams. There are eight women's teams. While professionally allowed in the men's game, it's not yet a team sport in women. Rules require teams to play under 21, except for three exemptions. The women's tournament is open to players who are at least 15. Nigeria, the 1996 champion, along with Brazil, Argentina and Germany head the men's field. The United States, which won the 1996 Olympic gold, has four years ago in Atlanta, is again the favorite. Australia, as the host nation, earned an automatic bid to both fields.

Weight and gold silver:
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On the face of the medal is Nike, the Greek goddess of victory, and aprigs of wattle, the Australian national flower.

BOXING
WHIERE: Sydney Exhibition Centre, Darling Harbour.
MEDALS: Awarded in 12 weight classes. There are seven semifinals in each class.
OUTLOOK: Boxing is an ancient-time sport. It is trying to become the third three-time Olympic medalist. U.S. boxer Mike Tyson, who won the 1984 Olympic gold medal in the middleweight class, has retired. Tyson is the only fighter who has won both world and Olympic titles. For the first time, boxers had to qualify for the games in a series of tournaments in the Americas, Europe, Africa and Oceania. Cuba, as the world's top-ranked team, didn't have to qualify.

3,100 medals produced to be awarded
Gold: 1,000
Silver: 1,000
Bronze: 1,100

WEIGHTLIFTING
WHIERE: Sydney Convention Centre, Darling Harbour.
MEDALS: Men will compete in eight weight classes. Women will compete in several classes of eight weight classes. Men's weightlifting was part of the 1896 Games in Athens and became a full member sport in 1920. Turkey's Naim Süleymanoglu, known as Turkey's Hammer, retired after winning his third gold in the Atlanta Games, only to unexpectedly announce that at 38 years old he would try for a fourth gold medal at 137.75 pounds (62kg), winning a medal he has never done. He stands at only 4-foot-11.

SOFTBALL
WHIERE: Softball Centre, Blacktown.
MEDALS: Women's team competition. OUTLOOK: Softball, which debuted in Atlanta in 1996, is the only sport with an eight-team field. The United States, which won the inaugural gold medal, is a heavy favorite to repeat. Lisa Fernandez, who lost a perfect game and the best yet to Australia in the 19th inning of the 1996 opening round, pitching five consecutive perfect games in the U.S. women's Olympic prep tour. She struck out all 21 batters in the final game of the 1996 tournament. In the 1996 Olympic Games, she is finished with her medical training and back to the U.S. team.

SWIMMING
WHIERE: Sydney International Aquatic Centre.
MEDALS: Men and women compete in sprint, middle and long distance. OUTLOOK: Synchronized diving medals in Olympic debut. Eight solo divers will compete in each synchronized event. The United States has dominated Olympic diving, winning 25 of the 222 medals, including 46 of 75 gold medals. Chinese divers won three of the four gold medals at Atlanta in 1996.

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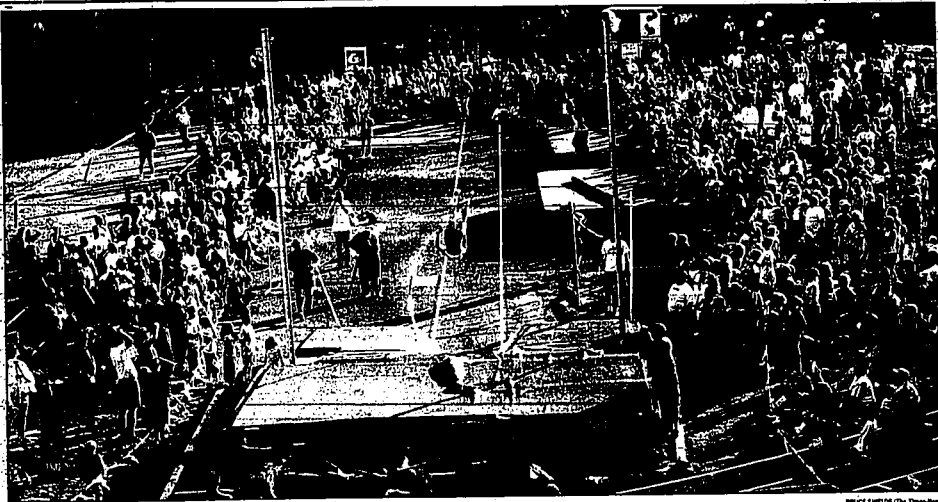
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OLYMPIC GAMES 2000



BRUCE SHIELDS/The Times-News

Be careful what you say Down Under

Thousands of well-wishers and media from all over the state came to Draglia's last practice Aug. 30 in Pocatello.

SYDNEY, Australia (AP) — Visitors to Australia might think they're hearing a foreign language, but it's simply English with a few local twists.

The version spoken Down Under has its roots in the language of the British convicts who first populated the continent in the late 1700s. But recent decades of immigration, mostly from southern Europe, have changed the dialect.

And many A-u-s-t-r-a-l-i-e words, particularly place names such as Wagga, Wagga and



Cootamundra, and animal names such as kangaroo and kookaburra, are based on Aboriginal languages.

Visitors will have to make a few adjustments. If they ask for directions to a hotel, they might end up at a bar. In Australia, the word "hotel" refers to a pub, as well as the Hilton. Want a slice of cantaloupe? Ask for "rock melon."

And of course, there are those "well-known Aussie sayings," "G'day, mate" and "Throw another shrimp on the barbie."

Although most any Australian will understand visiting Americans, or "Yanks," there are a few expressions to be avoided at the risk of embarrassment.

There will be no "roosting" for athletes — in Australia that's slang for sexual intercourse. Instead, fans will be barracking for Olympians.

Audients call that sipped pouch around your waist a "fanny pack" — in Australia, a fanny refers to the front of a woman's lower anatomy. Instead, call it a "bum bag."

Draglia

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Now the leggy redhead resides in Wendell with husband Frank, daughter Ariana and son Sybrand. Besides helping manage three family businesses, Wely-Crossen works part-time as a juvenile probation officer in Twin Falls.

She recalls her experience at the Barcelona Games in Spain as a life-changing one.

"No matter where you're from or where you live, if you want to achieve it, you can."

She said "That's what it means. I went there with the goal of top-five, and I ended up about 25th out of 52. It wasn't what we'd gone there for, but it was incredible experience."

Now she says it's Draglia's time to show the world how far she's come in a short seven years of vaulting.

"I just really know she can win," she said. "She has the drive, the dedication and the determination. She's an innovator and she'll be looked at like Dick Fosbury, only instead it'll be Stacy Draglia."

Draglia said just being around Amber when the two trained together from '92-'95 helped her gain the confidence she needed to step up to the elite level.

"Being around that caliber of athlete gave me that incentive to go after my dreams and goals," Draglia said. "Now I'm able to fulfill them and it's a dream come true for me."

Draglia, 29, didn't begin vaulting until 1993 on a challenge from ISU head track and field coach Dave Nielsen, a former pole vaulter himself.

Four years later, Draglia won the first major title awarded in the women's pole vault — the 1997 World Indoor Championship — where she cleared 14.575.

She has led the way in the

still-burgeoning sport, matching or breaking five U.S. indoor and outdoor records this year alone.

And though she is a five-time consecutive indoor U.S. champion, Draglia doesn't win all the time.

She placed fourth June 18 at the IAAF Pontiac Grand Prix Invitational meet in Raleigh, N.C., clearing 13.525. Her most recent setbacks came in August at the MAI-Galan and DN-Galan events in Sweden, where Draglia placed third and second, respectively. She even failed to make 14 feet at the MAI-Galan meet.

Though she matched the winning height of 13-feet, 11.75, she had more misses than the winner, China's Shuying Gao.

"It was probably stupid of me to schedule those meets after such a huge win and a big emotional, high winning the nationals," she said. "But in a way, it was good for me to get over there and be in that competition — to know that anything can happen."

Draglia said she has since refocused on improving her approach and working out technical details for the upcoming Sydney Games. Women's pole vaulting opens its preliminary trials Sept. 23. Finals for the event are set for Sept. 25.

"I think that just pushes me to go to that next level," she said — of her losses in Scandinavia. "If I was up there by myself, I think it would just be harder to go to that next world record. I know that there's people knocking on my back door and I have to perform every time I go out."

Nielsen said Draglia's unyielding work ethic and intense competitive spirit drive her to new heights.

"She's a leader by example," he said. "One of the reasons

she's so successful is she's so competitive. She's also focused on performing well and is just a good person to be around, not some prima donna."

Along with her athleticism, her outgoing personality and infectious smile have helped propel Draglia's celebrity.

She earned \$230,000 in 1999, and has appeared in Vogue and Glamour magazines. She also posed for a stylish nude calendar of track athletes and can be seen in a Visa commercial.

Last Tuesday, Draglia appeared on "The Tonight Show with Jay Leno," making two vaults, including one over two cardboard 7-2 Shaquille O'Neal stacked one on top of the other.

"The celebrity part has changed a lot," she said. "A lot of people know who I am, even when I go grocery shopping. I don't have that kind of down time that I was used to. But it changes, and I guess that's a good thing."

Through all of her accomplishments and world records, Draglia is motivated to keep pushing the bar just a little higher.

Sixteen feet high, to be exact.

That's the new, seemingly unreachable goal for elite women's vaulters. And a goal Draglia believes is attainable.

"I don't know if I will fall (at Sydney)," she said. "But going after it in practice has given me the confidence that if I put the perfect jump together, 16 feet is real close. With that jump, I know I'd win the gold medal. That would just be the perfect ending to my year's story."

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SPORTS

Woods, Waite lead Canadian

OAKVILLE, Ontario (AP) — The Canadian Open brought forth a new lineup of challengers to try to stop Tiger Woods.

On a day when six players were tied for the lead at one point, Woods hit a spectacular in the head but did little else wrong Saturday in a round of 8-under 64, giving him a share of the lead with Grant Waite and a chance for the winning season on the PGA Tour in 30 years.

Woods said it won't be easy, not with 11 players within five strokes of the lead.

"It's pretty wide open because so many players are bunched up," said Woods, who was at 201 and had an outside chance to set yet another tournament scoring record.

But none of them have the ability to overpower Glen Abbey. None of them has as much experience posing with the trophy.

That was not lost on Waite, who played the final six holes in 5 under for a 68 that put him in the final pairing with Woods, the first time they have played together since the Byron Nelson Classic — in 1993.

"He was 17 and I could beat him then," Waite said. "He wasn't as intimidating."

Woods is every bit of that now. "Victory would be the perfect end to an incredible summer during which he won three straight majors and completed the career Grand Slam. At stake Sunday is a chance to become the only player besides Lee Trevino in 1971 to win the innocuous "Triple Crown" — the U.S. Open, British Open and Canadian Open — in the same year. "An Open is an Open," Woods said. "A national open is something you take pride in winning."



Tiger Woods pumps his fist as he sinks an eagle putt on the 16th hole during the third round of the Bell Canadian Open Saturday.

Morgan still ahead at Comfort Classic

INDIANAPOLIS — If the wind blows today as it did for second round of the Comfort Classic, defending champion Gil Morgan might get his wish.

"I'd like to separate myself from the field, if I could," Morgan Saturday said after recording his 17th consecutive sub-par round on the tour. "Being in the lead is advantageous, I think. Sometimes you don't have to score as low."

Morgan overcame stiff winds to birdie the last two holes for a one-shot lead heading into the final round of the Senior PGA Tour's Comfort Classic.

Morgan, who shared the first-round lead with Tom Wargo after shooting an 8-under par 64 on Friday, came back with a 67



Gil Morgan watches his drive during the Comfort Classic Senior PGA Tournament Saturday.

Saturday at the Brickyard Crossing Golf Course on the grounds of the Indianapolis Motor Speedway.

He's one stroke ahead of Jim Ahern, who shot Saturday's low round of 64.

Rested Redmond looks

Betsy King Classic

KUTZTOWN, Pa. — Michele Redmond can appreciate the value of a good night's sleep.

Redmond, coming off a 4-under-par 68 in the opening round, fired a 66 Saturday to take a one-stroke lead in the LPGA First Union Betsy King Classic.

Nine golfers are within four strokes of the lead heading into Sunday's final round of the \$800,000 tournament.

For Redmond, though, it was an odd mixture of rest and tension.

"I sleep well," she said, "and I'm paid off," said Redmond, who had a sixth-place finish seven weeks ago at the Giant Eagle Classic.

Redmond had five birdies, including four on her back nine of 33. She hit a chip shot on her way to a 16-foot putt on the 16th hole and followed that with a 10-footer on the 17th.

NHRA's Pedregon wins at Englishtown; Mears takes pole

ENGLISHTOWN, N.J. (AP) — Cruz Pedregon won his 22nd career NHRA title Saturday at the rain-delayed 31st annual Matco Tools SuperNationals at Old Bridge Township Raceway Park.

Pedregon limped his Pontiac Firebird down the track in 6.543 seconds at a top speed of 124.18 mph to defeat rival John Force and his Ford Mustang in a tire-smoking Funny Car finale. The victory was Pedregon's first since the '98 Matco Tools SuperNationals in Houston.

Doug Kalitta, Jeg Coughlin, and Angelle Seeling also were winners in their respective categories at the \$2 million event, postponed by rain last spring.

Kalitta won his third event of the year in 4.637 at 313.29 mph to hold off Gary Scelzi.

Coughlin won his eighth event this season in his Oldsmobile Cutlass. His pass of 6.943 at 198.41 mph was just enough to hold off Greg Anderson who went 6.988 at 195.76 mph.

Seeling won her fifth Pro Stock Motorcycle final this season, covering the distance in 7.250 at 179.44 mph.

Rookie Wheldon earns second CART win

MONTEREY, Calif. — Rookie Daniel Wheldon earned his second victory of the year, taking the CART

Auto racing

Toyota Atlantic race at Laguna Seca on Saturday night.

Wheldon, who shaved eight points off Buddy Rice's points lead, earned the maximum 22 points for the weekend, picking up two extra points for winning the pole on Saturday morning, and leading the most race laps on the 2.238 mile road course.

Wheldon led wire to wire and trails Rice by 14 points with just two races left in the 2000 season. David Rutledge was second, while Rice was third.

Mears claims first career pole at the Dayton Indy

MONTEREY, Calif. — Casey Mears claimed his first career pole in qualifying Saturday for the Dayton Indy Lights Championship at Laguna Seca Raceway.

Mears, who turned in the top speed in Friday's first qualifying round, improved to 106.163 mph to win his first pole in four seasons of Indy Lights competition.

Indy Lights points leader Scott Dixon, of New Zealand, will start second on the grid with an average speed of 106.082. Rookie Jeff Simmons qualified third at 105.846.

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Report: Three-way trade not dead yet

NEW YORK (AP) — A three-way mega trade thought to be dead — involving Patrick Ewing, Glen Rice and Horace Grant — is still alive.

Patrick Ewing would go from the New York Knicks to the Seattle SuperSonics, Glen Rice would move to the Knicks from the Los Angeles Lakers, and the Lakers would acquire Horace Grant from the Sonics.

Unidentified NBA officials were quoted as sources for the reports in Saturday newspapers in the three cities.

Ewing, Rice and Grant were the key players, but as many as five others could be involved to make the trade fit salary-cap requirements.

The Knicks and the Lakers possibly could swap backup centers Chris Dudley and Travis Knight, The New York Times reported.

For salary-cap purposes, the Sonics would have to ship off

such role players as Greg Foster, Vladimir Stepania and Vernon Maxwell, The Seattle Times reported.

The Sonics and Lakers were described as ready to close the deal, and waiting for the Knicks to sign off on it.

Messages were left for Sonics representatives and Grant's agent, Jimmy Sexton.

Neither Scott Layden, the Knicks' general manager, nor coach Jeff Van Gundy could be reached for comment, The New York Times said. A Knicks spokeswoman said Saturday the team had no comment.

Lakers general manager Mitch Kupchak, contacted in Hawaii by The Los Angeles Times, would not comment.

Sonics general manager Wally Walker told Grant on Friday a trade was possible, without giving him details.

"If I go to L.A., they might as

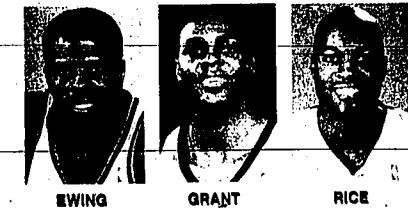
well fit us for another ring," Grant told The Seattle Times.

The trade started off last month — as a four-team, 13-player deal that would have been the largest in NBA history. But it fell apart when the Detroit-Pistons backed out.

Ewing also was headed to Seattle in that trade. The Knicks in return, would have received Vin Baker from the Sonics, along

with Rice and Knight from Los Angeles. The Lakers would have acquired Dudley and Detroit's Christian Laettner.

The Pistons pulled out because of fan backlash and because the Dallas Mavericks offered Cedric Ceballos for Laettner on the day the deal was supposed to be completed. Dallas and Detroit completed that trade two weeks ago.



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Slowly tapping into equity markets

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Institutional investment in equity markets is expected to rise from 1% of total institutional investment in 1999 to 2% of total institutional investment in 2000.

BRIEFLY IN MONEY

Dairy producers plan Sun Valley confab

SUN VALLEY - Dairy producers from Idaho are invited to the 2000 United Dairymen of Idaho Annual Meeting to be held Oct. 25, 26 and 27 in Sun Valley.

The theme for this year's meeting is "Meeting New Challenges Together."

The event begins at 6 p.m. Oct. 25 with the REAL Dairy Gala Reception. At the reception, producers can enjoy a glass of milk with cheese and hors d'oeuvres and meet with fellow dairymen. Vendors will be exhibiting technology and services for the dairy industry at the reception and throughout the annual meeting.

Oct. 26, producers will hear industry leaders speak about challenges facing the dairy industry. They will include the future of trade, how pricing really works and what producers can expect from the farm bill.

In addition, the Idaho Milk Quality Awards, the Idaho Dairy Hall of Fame and the Ed and Elizabeth Award will be presented at lunch. That evening, the annual meeting banquet will feature the historical adventure program "Lewis & Clark - West for America," presented by David Williams.

The meeting wraps up Oct. 27 with the IDA business meeting, followed by lunch.

Attendance at the annual meeting is free for dairy producers; however, pre-registration is required. In addition, meals listed on the registration card are free to dairy producers.

Producers must register for the annual meeting by Oct. 16 with the United Dairymen of Idaho office; call 327-7050.

Internet offers help making workplace disabled-friendly

WASHINGTON - A searchable resource is now available on the Internet to employers seeking to make workplace accommodations for employees with disabilities.

Launched earlier this summer, SOAR is a Web-based service of the President's Committee on Employment of People with Disabilities Job Accommodation Network. The program is designed to a... users explore and identify accommodation options for persons with disabilities in the work setting.

The program takes the user through a step-by-step process, beginning with identification of the impairment and functional limitations of the individual needing accommodation. It then points the user to recommended accommodations, as well as examples of accommodations other employers have made.

If equipment is recommended, the program will provide a list of potential vendors.

SOAR is still in development and will continue to add information. Even when fully developed, the program cannot cover every conceivable situation.

So to reach the Job Accommodation Network by phone, call (800) 526-7234.

Red Cross CPR, first aid workshop starts next week

TWIN FALLS - The American Red Cross is sponsoring a "Workplace Training: Standard First Aid" course that includes adult cardiopulmonary resuscitation and first aid in a 5 1/2-hour session this month.

The class is set for 6 p.m. Sept. 18 and 19. Preregistration and prepayment are required for all classes.

For more information, call 733-6464 or (888) 367-6321, or stop by the American Red Cross office at 718 Shoshone St. E.

Compiled from staff reports



Tamará Hamilton-Harney, foreground, and Herb Harney, right, answer questions about their Hamilton Manufacturing Inc. paper-recycling plant from a delegation of Chinese visitors. From left, Yu Yao Sun, Zhou Qing, Cao Guoli and He Qing represent a Shanghai construction giant.

Chinese building giant eyes Idaho

Construction firm's subsidiary helps Idaho find business

By Virginia S. Hutchins
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - Idaho has a powerful partner in the Chinese city of Shanghai.

Courted as a small Twin Falls manufacturer's client for a year and a half, Shanghai-based construction giant Yongye Group already has made many friendly overtures to the local recycled-paper company, Hamilton Manufacturing Inc., and to Idaho's whole business community.

Declared in existence in 1995 for rapid reconstruction of the Chinese city, Shanghai Yongye Enterprise (Group) Co. Ltd. has subsidiaries in property management, public housing, housing maintenance, gardening, demolition, stock, construction, building materials, real estate, advertising, bioengineering, travel and car service. It's a joint-venture partner in real estate, hotel, resort and building material companies.

But this summer, it formed a new technology-development subsidiary specifically to help Idaho companies do business in China, said Wendell E. Babcock, an international-trade specialist with the Idaho Department of



Yongye Group's He Qing, right, and Eddie Yen, manager of the state's Idaho-Asia Trade Office, learn a few technical details from Tamará Hamilton-Harney, whose Twin Falls plant produces insulation and hydroseeding mulch.

Commerce.

Babcock on Thursday brought a vanload of visitors to Hamilton Manufacturing including Yu Yao Sun, the president of the new subsidiary, and four other Yongye officials.

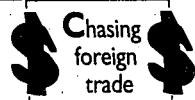
Over tea in Hamilton's office, Yu said the new organization will oversee Yongye investment in new building materials, informa-

tion technology, environmental products, biotechnologies and international trade. Because of the construction giant's growing relationship with Idaho companies, its new subsidiary will act as an Idaho trade office, Yu said, speaking through a translator.

"Just what does that mean?" Any Idaho com. any visiting Shanghai with a product that fits

Yongye's lines of business will be sent to Yu, said Eddie Yen, manager of the state's formal Idaho-Asia Trade Office. And Yu's group will make business connections elsewhere in Shanghai for Idahoans peddling other products.

Yu made progress last week on his Idaho tasks, Babcock said. Yu and the rest of his delega-



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

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

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

tion in Boise discussed the Yongye subsidiary with Idaho Commerce Director Gary Mahn and heard the Idaho Department of Agriculture talk about its worldwide exports. They worked on a contract with Boise's E-negotiations, a wireless network company that profits interest for Yongye's high-rise building projects. They learned about Tru-Joint-Weyerhaeuser's engi-

Please see TRADE, Page D3.

Weekly watch

Here's how a few companies with Magic Valley locations, or other local ties, fared in the stock market during the past week.

Symbol	Description	Friday's close	Previous Thursday	Weekly change	52-week high-low	Annual yield
ABS	ALBERTSON'S	21 3/8	21 1/8	0	42 3/16 - 29 7/8	3.66%
ASCA	AMERIST	4 9/16	4 9/16	0	20 7/16 - 15 1/16	4.91%
CAO	CONAGRA	16 3/16	16 5/16	1/2	26 7/16 - 23 1/16	NA
COST	COSTCO	37 11/16	34 7/16	3 1/4	80 1/2 - 25 1/4	2.83%
FD	FEDERATED	28	27 5/8	3/8	53 7/8 - 21	3.85%
FSCO	FIRST SECURITY	15 7/8	15 1/4	5/8	31 - 10 3/4	3.00%
H2	HOME DEPOT	52 15/16	48 1/16	4 7/8	73 - 25 1/16	4.52%
HNZ	HOVING	48 1/16	48 1/16	0	70 - 41 3/4	0.5%
JCP	J.C. PENNEY	12 7/8	14	-1 1/8	23 - 25 1/16	4.82%
JPR	JUDICIAL	18 1/2	17 3/4	3/4	10 1/2 - 15 1/16	10.20%
KEY	KEY CORP.	23 1/4	20 3/4	2 1/2	30 1/2 - 18 9/16	4.62%
KMART	KMART	17 1/2	17 1/2	0	17 3/4 - 0 9/16	NA
KR	KROGER	22 11/16	22 11/16	0	26 15/16 - 18 1/16	NA
LRW	LABOR READY	3 7/8	3 7/8	0	14 5/16 - 3 1/16	NA
SKG	SHOPIK	11 1/2	12 1/8	-1/8	27 1/2 - 28 1/8	2.68%
MCD	MCDONALD'S	28 13/16	29 7/8	-1 1/16	40 1/2 - 29 5/16	0.00%
MIL	MICRON TECH	89 1/16	81 3/4	7 3/8	12 1/16 - 12 1/16	NA
NK	NORRISON KNUDSEN	1 1/2	1 1/2	0	1 3/4 - 0 3/4	NA
OMX	OFFICEMAX	4 5/8	5 3/16	-9/16	8 - 3 3/4	NA
PHA	PHARMACIA	51 13/16	50 1/2	1 1/2	74 1/2 - 33 1/4	NA
RAD	RITE AID	48 3/4	48 3/4	0	66 - 27 1/2	NA
S	SEARS	34 1/2	31 3/16	3 1/16	10 1/16 - 3 3/4	11.5%
SKW	SKYWEST	47 7/8	49 11/16	-1 3/16	61 1/2 - 38 1/4	0.83%
TGT	TARGET	23 1/16	23 1/16	0	29 3/8 - 21 3/4	0.68%
UNP	UNION PACIFIC	36 5/8	30 3/4	5 7/8	65 1/2 - 34 1/4	2.07%
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Compiled by Rob Weaver, investment representative for the Edward Jones office at 1440 Fillmore St. in Twin Falls. Note that this compiled the previous week's data using Thursday results.

Consumers borrow less in mid-summer

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON - Borrowing slowed in July from June's torrid pace as Americans cut back both on using credit cards and buying autos and other personal items on credit.

The Federal Reserve said Friday consumer credit increased by a smaller-than-expected seasonally adjusted \$9.4 billion in July, or 7.7 percent at an annual rate, the slowest pace in three months.

Many analysts had expected borrowing to grow by \$10 billion in July.

Consumer credit in June grew by a whopping \$14.7 billion, the biggest one-month gain since January, according to revised figures. That was more than the Fed previously estimated and translated into an annual growth rate of 12.2 percent.

In July, the total nonrevolving credit, such as loans for new cars, vacations and other big-ticket items, advanced by \$5.7 billion at an annual rate of 8.2 percent. That was down from \$9 billion and a 13.2 percent rate in June.

YOUR BUSINESS

CAREER MOVES

TWIN FALLS - Gayle Bengochea joined Magic Valley Real Estate as a professional Realtor.

Bengochea is a longtime resident of Magic Valley. Besides selling real estate, she joins her husband, Jose Bengochea, in farming and has been a 4H leader for the past eight years. She has been licensed for 20 years and holds a Graduate Realtors Institute designation.

TWIN FALLS - Westerra Real Estate Group added Les Patterson to its real estate team.

After 14 years in the U.S. Air Force, Patterson and his wife, Theresa, and their six children settled in the Gooding area, where he has worked in construction for several years. Patterson will specialize in residential and new construction.

TWIN FALLS - John M. Head of Twin Falls was installed as 2000 president of the Idaho Funeral Service Association on Aug. 29 at the National Funeral Service Conference of the Northwest in Coeur d'Alene.

Head, a funeral service leader from Oregon, Idaho, Washington, Montana and Wyoming were inducted into office by National Funeral Director Association President William F. Aaron and Treasurer Robert F. Vandenberg. Head, a Magic Valley native, graduated from Minico High School in 1974 and earned a bachelor's degree from Boise State University in 1978. He later attended Mount Hood College and earned an associate's degree in funeral service education in 1983. A licensed funeral director in Idaho since 1983, Head moved to Twin

Falls in 1987 and has been affiliated with Reynolds Funeral Chapel since 1989. In addition to his duties with the Idaho Funeral Service Association, Head has been an officer in the Twin Falls Optimist Club, serves on the Magic Valley Regional Medical Center Foundation Board and is a member of the Prime-Time Foundation for the Senior Citizens Center in Twin Falls. He and his wife, Lori, have two children.

TWIN FALLS - Glanbia Foods Inc. announced the recent addition of two new employees.

John L. Howard joined Glanbia Foods in March as the new corporate safety manager. He is based at the Gooding facility, where he ensures all four plants comply with Glanbia safety procedures and Occupational Safety and Health Administration regulations. He oversees all employee safety training programs. Howard has a background in industrial safety management and is a certified safety professional and has had extensive training in OSHA and other areas of industrial safety. His was vice president of Idaho Products Inc., a food processing company in Everett, Wash.; was in charge of employee training and the implementation and enforcement of OSHA requirements for the Central Washington State of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints; and, most recently, was district safety manager for Amalgamated Sugar Co. in Nampa.

Howard and his wife, Athea, plan to relocate to the Shoshone area after selling their Caldwell home.

James E. Brown joined Glanbia Foods in July as a production supervisor at the Richfield plant. He oversees general operation of the Richfield facility and reports directly to Owen Rice and Mitch Henson in Richfield. Brown earned a bachelor's degree in business in 1973 at

the University of Minnesota in Minneapolis. After college, he held various positions with AMPI in Dawson, Minn., most recently as shift supervisor in the drying department.

Brown will reside in Richfield. His wife, Jacquelyn, will join Brown in Idaho after their son-in-Minnesota graduates from high school next spring.

TWIN FALLS - Dean Seibel, an Edward Jones investment representative in Twin Falls, accepted a limited partnership offering in Jones Financial Cos., the holding company for a St. Louis-based financial services firm.

Edward Jones said it employs more than 20,000 employees in all 50 states and, through its affiliates, in Canada and the United Kingdom. Under the current partnership offering, 2,010 associates received initial limited partnership offerings. Another 3,228 received an increase in their ownership of the firm.

John Bachmann, the firm's managing partner, said: "Edward Jones is owned entirely by its employees. We believe one of the best ways to offer them an opportunity to share in the ownership of the company they help build."

Seibel, a native of Twin Falls, joined Edward Jones in 1992. He served investors in the Boise area for six years and in the Twin Falls area for the past two.

BURLEY - Zions Bank named Gregory N. Osterhout vice president and commercial loan officer in Burley.

Prior to joining Zions, Osterhout worked at Key Bank as a commercial and agricultural loan officer. He graduated in 1996 from Utah State University with bachelor's degrees in business and pre-law. Osterhout is a member of the Burley Chamber of Commerce and is a scoutmaster for Boy Scouts of America. Osterhout lives in Burley with his wife and three children.

MILESTONES

Institute for wellness opens in Twin Falls

TWIN FALLS - The Weaver Institute for Wellness opened Aug. 26 at 308 Shoshone St.

Owner Karen Martinat, a licensed social worker, said her vision for the institute is to have a place where individuals interested in personal growth and wellness can come together to learn, grow and enhance their lives.

The institute's Gary Webb is a speaker who has more than 20 years' experience in assisting troubled adolescents and couples to discover the spiritual aspects of their lives. Webb holds a master's degree in metaphysics and is a member of the American Association of Christian Counselors.

Laura Baxter is the current owner of Magic Valley Pool Supply. She is responsible for the institute's general business operations and community relations.

The Weaver Institute offers wellness workshops, weekly groups, and seminars promoting emotional, physical and spiritual wellness. Yoga classes are starting soon. A workshop titled "Living the Life You Always Wanted to Live" is scheduled Saturday.

For more information, call 732-8432.

Reynolds Funeral Chapel gets award for excellence

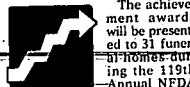
TWIN FALLS - Reynolds Funeral Chapel will receive, for its first time, the 2000 National Funeral Directors Association Pursuit of Excellence Achievement Award for outstanding community service, consumer relations and professional education programs.

The Pursuit of Excellence award is the premier standard for funeral service excellence," said NFDA Executive Director Robert Harden in a statement. To achieve the recognition, funeral homes must meet quality service standards in eight categories: education; compassionate service; technical skills; community and professional service; variety of media resources; professional development; in-house staff training; and public and community relations.

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The achievement awards will be presented to 31 funeral homes during the 119th Annual NFDA Convention & International Exposition on Oct. 8 in Baltimore. A total of 153 funeral homes will be honored at various levels at the convention.

Verizon Wireless revamps local digital calling plans

DENVER - Verizon Wireless announced new local digital calling plans that include free weekends for life and nationwide long distance. "Our research shows that while Mountain Region customers do most of their travel within their home state, they want the freedom to call anywhere in the U.S.," said Marri Walden, president-tur-Verizon Wireless in Colorado, Utah, Idaho, Montana and Wyoming. "Now, customers are getting what they want with digital calling plans targeted to their local area that include some of the benefits of our national SingleRate plan."

The Digital Choice plans include free weekends and free nationwide long distance when calling from a home service area. The plans are available in Colorado, Utah and Idaho and offer choices such as 250 minutes for \$20 per month, 500 minutes for \$40 per month or 700 minutes for \$50 per month. Verizon Wireless also is offering a new entry-level regional calling plan that includes 200 minutes of free weekend minutes and 150 any-time minutes for \$30 per month when traveling in your home region.

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Governor's conference kicks off Monday

The Times-News

BOISE - More than 350 participants will attend the 2000 Idaho Governor's Conference on Housing on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday at the Boise Centre on the Grove.

Monday evening kicks off the conference with a Governor's Welcome Reception and Legislative Mixer from 6 to 9 p.m. at the Boise Art Museum. Tuesday's schedule begins at 8:30 a.m. with a welcome address from Gov. Dirk Kempthorne, followed by keynote speaker Mark Shields. Breakout sessions begin at 10:30 a.m. and conclude at 5:30 p.m. On Wednesday, the conference is 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Dozens of local and national speakers will include: Mark Shields - political analyst, "The News Hour with Jim Lehrer"; moderator, CNN's "The Capital Gang."

• Michael Pyatok - award-winning architect of affordable housing.

• Peter Dreier - leading national housing policy analyst and director, Urban and Environmental Policy Institute, Occidental College.

• Scott Morgan - host, National Association of Home Builders' Home and Green Television's "Dreambuilders" series.

For more information, call 331-4884.

Explore Idaho every Thursday in The Times-News' Outdoors section

Public can comment on risk education

The Times-News

BOISE - Boise was selected as one of three sites nationally at which farmers, ranchers and other members of the public can provide their input on risk management education.

On Sept. 25 at the Holiday Inn-Airport, administrators of the USDA's Cooperative State Research, Education and Extension Service will address "Listening sessions" addressing the full range of risk-management education needs for producers. These include the use of futures, options, agricultural trade options, crop insurance, production contracting, debt reduction, production diversification, farm resources risk reduction and other risk-management strategies.

According to Paul Patterson, University of Idaho extension agricultural economist in Idaho Falls, Congress appropriated \$5 million a year for the next five

years for risk-management education assistance.

"Here's an opportunity to influence how some of this money is going to be spent," he said.

While the primary focus of the Sept. 25 listening sessions will be educational programs, the scope is "wide open," Patterson said. "If people want a pilot project to help them deal with price volatility in a small acreage crop, if they're not satisfied with the current risk-management tools available to them, if they have a recommendation for improving crop insurance or revenue policies, or if they just want to discuss the types of production risks they face, this will give them an opportunity to be heard."

Donald West, national program leader and risk-management sessions coordinator, said producers' comments will lead to improved programs tailored to regional and local needs, more effective delivery

of educational assistance, and new and innovative risk-management approaches. Both West and CSREES deputy administrator Dan Kugler will attend the Boise meeting.

The morning session, which begins at 10 a.m., will consist of opening statements and presentations of five-page, menu-independent oral comments are invited during the afternoon session, which concludes at 3 p.m.

Participants wishing to present prepared statements must send their comments on or before Sept. 22 to Agnes Lamar. For information on the suggested format, contact Lamar at (202) 401-4318 (phone), (202) 401-1706 (fax) or rmea@reusda.gov. Producers planning to attend may do so without prior arrangements. Those who would like to have input but are unable to attend should send comments to Lamar.

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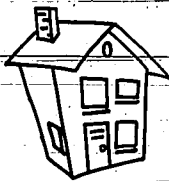
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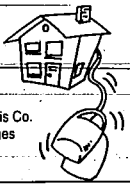
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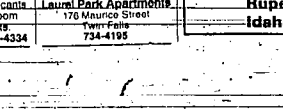
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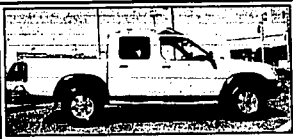
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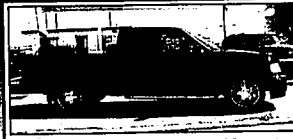
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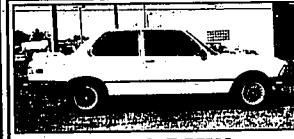
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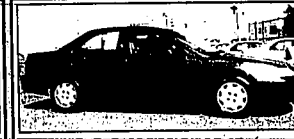
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"One small coffee."
"That will be 50 cents, please."
I must have taken a hundred orders like that before Mr. Bigspender happened along. I was working in the Boy Scout concession stand at the Twin Falls County Fair. It was about 9 p.m. on a rainy night. Mr. Bigspender was the only math error I made all night. I'm sure of it. I always got A's in math.

"The guy ordered a large coffee (price: \$1), and I said, "That will be 50 cents, please." He handed me a dollar bill and I handed him back two quarters. When he had the quarters in hand, he flashed me a big grin and said, "Isn't a large coffee a dollar?"

"Oh sure. I'm sorry. It's been a long night."
I held out my hand to retrieve the two wayward quarters.

"Too late," Mr. Bigspender said, flipping the quarters into his other hand and running away.

"The money is for the Boy Scouts," I mumbled, to no one in particular.

The next day, when I was parking cars for my Lions Club at the fair, I think I met a couple of Mr. Bigspender's relatives - Mr. Deafant, Ms. Deceiver - you get the idea. Try, "I left my handi-



LIFE AND TIMES
Denise Turner

capped - license plate at home, but can I still park in handicapped parking?" Or, "I know this isn't an exit - I just had a fight with my wife and I won, so I'm going out the entrance."

I must admit, most of the people I encountered at the fair were nice, polite sorts. But, as it is everywhere in life, there are always a few people who try their best to undo the good stuff.

I think the "difficult" people who make me nervous about navigating the traffic in the parking lots. The way I talked myself into going was by assuring myself that there would be capable people in those parking lots who would be using my services.

"Maybe I was wrong," I began thinking, "Maybe I could have gotten someone like me."

I recently read that, if all the volunteer workers in the 600,000 non-profitable charity organizations in the United States were paid for their services, the combined annual salary would top \$10 billion.

Most of us do the work because we really do want to help other people. And I think we usually end up accomplishing the goal, no matter how qualified or unqualified we might be.

I remember the year when my daughter was about 9 and my son was just learning to walk and I dragged them to a convalescent home at Christmas time to perform in a play. My daughter was at the age when her definition of "funny" was a 9-year-old boy sticking straws up his nose and pretending to be a walrus. My son was at the age when his favorite pastime was crawling around on the floor looking for stuff to put in his mouth.

Many times that day, I asked myself why I was there.

But nearly 15 years later, my daughter still talks about the blind woman at that convalescent home who was so happy to feel a child's face and tell her how pretty she was.

The same night Mr. Bigspender pocketed my quarters, a kindly patron refused to accept her rightful change and insisted that I donate it to the Boy Scouts. I think I should focus on people like her. Otherwise, I'd probably end up going goofy from the stress.

And we've all heard that stress is bad for us - high blood pressure, headaches, irritability - we've heard it all. Or almost all.

Just yesterday, I read about a lesser-known way to deal with stress.

According to "Consumer Rates and Trends 2000", stress can give you "dandruff, caused by stress-induced hormone surges."

I think I'll sit home and meditate. But just in case it's not dead: Does anybody have any Head and Shoulders?

Denise Turner is assistant features editor at The Times-News.



Glenn Young, vice president of the board of directors of the Friends of Stricker, stands in the dry cellar that was used for storage, protection from the Indians and as a temporary jail.

BIG HOUSE ON THE PRAIRIE

Rock Creek community - the Magic Valley's cradle - celebrates a centennial milestone

By Steve Crump
Times-News writer

HANSEN - Consider, Marian Posey Wilson says, how the Stricker Home must have looked from the cheap seats of a rattletap huckboard bouncing among sagebrush the size of trees.

"Here was this magnificent two-story Victorian house almost literally in the middle of nowhere," she said. "It must have been quite a sight."

A time to reflect



Prosperous storekeeper Herman Stricker built the place for his wife and six children while I.B. Perrine was still trying to figure out how to irrigate a desert. The Stricker Home is probably the oldest surviving house in Twin Falls County, and it stands a few yards from the remnants of the Rock Creek store which dates from the Civil War and is the oldest structure between Boise and Fort Hall.

Since the youngest of Stricker's daughters died a generation ago, a coalition of friends, neighbors, amateur historians and the Idaho State Historical Society has conspired to preserve the 16-room house and its outbuildings.

They're at the heart of the Rock Creek community, which is to the Magic Valley's history what Sutter's Mill is to California.

And on Sept. 23, they'll celebrate the success of their efforts the old-fashioned way - with an ice cream social.

The Stricker centenary is actually the first in a series of 100-year anniversaries that will lead up to Twin Falls' centennial celebration four years from now.

"We're very proud the work that's being done," said Wilson, who's long

been active in the Friends of Stricker. "We think something very special has been preserved out there."

To understand why, you need to know that the site, which is five miles south and a mile west of here, was the confluence of the most important branch of the Oregon Trail and of the stagecoach and later freight route from Kellton, Utah to Boise.

In 1864, overland stagecoach mogul Ben Halladay decided to build a home station for the new line at the head of Rock Creek Canyon.

Halladay owned the rights to the first mail route between the railhead at Salt Lake City and The Dalles, in Oregon Territory, via Fort Hall and Boise.

A trading post was built at Rock Creek in 1865. It attracted every saint and sinner within 200 miles, and in the 20 years before the Oregon Short Line Railroad reached Shoshone, Rock Creek station was the scene of both mirth and mayhem.

"There was a shootout there that some people think was the model for 'High Noon,'" Wilson said. "And a few yards from the saloon, there was an opium den that the Chinese miners from the canyon used to frequent."

Stricker, a German immigrant and a wounded veteran of the Union Army in the Civil War, made his grubstake by selling supplies to the Chinese miners, and eventually earned enough to become proprietor of the Rock Creek enterprise, marrying the daughter of Charles Waldgamm, a friend of Perrine's and a key figure in the development of the Twin Falls tract.



These beer bottles in one of the bedrooms of the Stricker house were donated by Edyth Fazler. They belonged to her mother, Gladys HOWGALLY. Upper left, at the request of Lucy Stricker's grandson about 20 years ago, local Boy Scouts pulled these beer bottles that lined the garden paths. They pulled nearly 500 bottles that originally came from the nearby saloon.

Stricker had been a prosperous merchant for a generation by the time he built the current Stricker House to replace one that had burned down. By any standard, it was a magnificent place - five bedrooms upstairs, several more downstairs, kitchen, dining room.

It may not have been intended as a hotel, but it often served that purpose, according to Wilson.

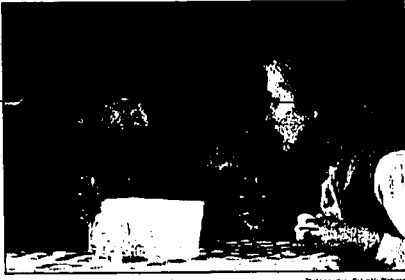
"The cowboys would get drunk in the saloon and then wander upstairs to the bedrooms and sleep it off," she said. "The next morning, Mrs. Stricker would serve them breakfast."

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Defeating divorce

Marriage Movement aims to keep couples together — happily
Knight Ridder News Service

First comes the engagement ring. Then comes the wedding ring. And then comes the suffering. No, no, marriage doesn't have to be painful, insists therapist and relationship educator, Rita DeMaria, one of a growing legion of soldiers deploying to fight divorce in the "Marriage Movement."



The classic Hollywood portrait of love on the rocks: Dustin Hoffman and Meryl Streep in the 1979 film, "Kramer vs. Kramer."

"Being single is a choice that most people do not choose," says DeMaria, director of the Relationship Center in Spring House, Pa., near Philadelphia. "People want to be married."

A Marriage Movement statement of principles was signed on June 20 by 100 scholars, activists and religious leaders, elected officials, and family and relationship professionals, including DeMaria. Among its points:

• "Unwed childbearing revolution has failed" because "more births to unmarried mothers has not led to greater freedom ... for women."

• "The decline of marriage weakens civil society and spreads social inequality."

• "Marriage is not a conservative or liberal idea, not a plaything of passing ideologies."

• Supporting marriage "does not require turning back the clock on desirable social change, promoting male tyranny, or tolerating domestic violence."

• DeMaria says, "People are happiest in stable, fulfilling marriages," and if people need help in having marriages like that, well, she and

other educators can help teach the skills to bolster relationships.

Her father was in the Army, and she grew up in Japan, Turkey and Ethiopia. The family moved to Horsham, Pa., outside Philadelphia, when she was a teen-ager, and DeMaria was a cheerleader at Lutzburg-Horsham High School.

She is 47, mother of two and married 21 years to John DeMaria, whom she has known since college. Her family was close, but her parents' marriage was hurt by her father's drinking and occasional violence.

She has asked her mother why she didn't leave.

"She said to me: 'Rita, I didn't have the same options you did. There were no shelters. Where would I go?'"

"My mother's choices and expectations were different in 1951 than mine are now. We are redefining relationships. People need new

skills, and they can learn them."

The skills that DeMaria and other relationship educators say they can teach include structuring conflict, enhancing communication, and listening with empathy.

"They will try to make you understand that there is relationship knowledge that few are born with, and that 'if we love each other, everything will be OK' is a myth."

"What are the warning signs of a troubled marriage?" she asks. "Do you feel entitled to ask for what you want? How do you deal with anger? What do you really need to know? What do you do if you're stuck?"

Marriage and relationship education and enhancement courses to teach these skills are meeting nationwide in churches, hotels and conference rooms. While not as popular as bowling, working on your marriage became a common couple pastime in the 1990s and shows no signs of slowing down.

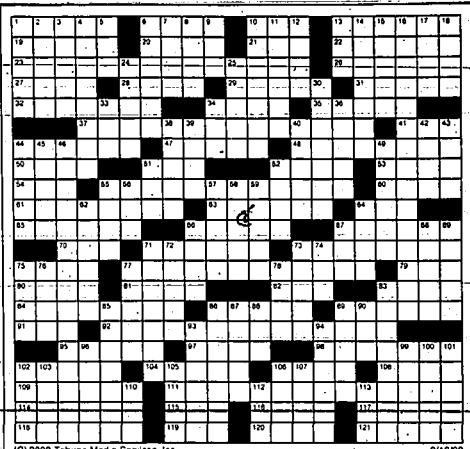
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THE Sunday Crossword

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Fears can keep you from true intimacy

The Dallas Morning News

Men may be from Mars and women from Venus, but don't blame the galactic divide for your relationship problems. Blame Mom and Dad instead.

As cliched-as-it-sounds, that's what psychotherapist Robert W. Firestone and educator Joyce Catlett contend. And their arguments are compelling. Many people who say they want serious romance are afraid of the very thing they seek: intimacy. They have a "traumatic forming" line bonds because they learned negative attitudes as children.

If, for example, Mom and Dad were stingy about doling out affection, their children will be, too. Or, if one or both parents smothered their children with attention, their children will become smotherers.

"Typically, people have the same

defensive patterns as their parents, because they imitate their parents unconsciously," says Firestone, who collaborated with Catlett to edit the recently published "Fear of Intimacy" (American Psychological Association, \$39.95).

Those defense mechanisms, such as hostility, mistrust, emotional withdrawal and manipulative behavior, are the main culprits in failed adult relationships. And although giving up those lifelong defenses can free people, the process can force them to question their very being.

Intimacy comes from a close, loving relationship in which both partners respect each other and communicate openly and honestly. Both people show affection, consideration and kindness without losing their individuality. But achieving such intimacy has become increasingly difficult because people seem to be leading

busier lives and depending on technologies that isolate them further.

The range of alternatives to face-to-face communication is boundless, says Lee Harrott, a psychology professor at Seattle Pacific University.

"It's so easy to go through your life these days and hardly talk to a real person," says Harrott, co-author of "Relationships An Open and Honest Guide to Making Bad Relationships Better and Good Relationships Great" (Zondervan/HarperCollins, \$16.99).

For some, deep-seated fears of forging close, romantic bonds can cripple their social lives.

Difficulties with intimacy are the root of a range of problems people face once they're grown up, says Althea Horner, a clinical psychologist in Pasadena, Calif., and author of the book "Being-and-becoming" (Jason Aronson Publishers, \$19.95).

Study: Living together doesn't help

The Washington Post

One reason often cited by people who live together before marriage is that cohabitation is good practice for The Real Thing. But a new study by researchers at Pennsylvania State University has found that couples who lived together for as little as one month before marrying actually displayed poorer communication and problem-solving skills than those who did not.

The research directed by Catherine Cohen, an assistant professor of human development, is the latest in a spate of studies that disproves the popular notion that living together is useful preparation for married life. In the past decade several studies have found that couples who live together first — as have almost half of American adults — are more likely to separate or divorce than those who wait until they are married to cohabit.

To assess the relationship between cohabitation and communication, Cohen, who recently presented her study at an international conference in Australia, studied the problem-solving skills of 92 newly married Pennsylvanians couples under age 35. About 40 percent never lived with their spouse or any other partner, an equal number had lived only with their spouse and 20 percent had lived with their spouse and at least one other partner.

Researchers visited the couples at home, interviewed partners separately and then videotaped two 15-minute sessions in which the partners, without the interviewer present, sought to solve a problem that had been selected by each from a list that included sex, money, children, housework, career and religion.

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Hollister High School graduates gather for their all-school reunion, held at the Turf Club in Twin Falls.



Hollister grads keep up tradition

By Marilyn Kramer
Times-News correspondent

HOLLISTER - A tradition spurred on by the Idaho Centennial continues to flourish as Hollister graduates gathered at a recent reunion.

"I came to see my classmates but I'm the only one who came," said Ora Jones, class of 1936.

Blanche Skeem Burgess, 1926; Betty Leonard Jones, 1928; Georgia Sudrook Barkley, 1931; Fern Lowe Brackett-1932; or Arthur Griff 1946 could have spoken those words, as well. But this was small town Hollister so chances are a brother or sister of the classmate was there to fill in the family news so none were disappointed.

The 53 graduates and their spouses attended a banquet at the Turf Club on Monday evening, July 8. Many attended church services at the Hollister Community Presbyterian Church on Sunday morning. They re-

vened at the Turf Club for brunch following on Sunday.

Betty Jones and Dwight Shaw, 1939, initiated the reunion idea in the early 1960s. Since Idaho's Centennial 10 years ago, Hollister High School graduates have gathered every two years for a reunion. Hollister High held its first graduation in 1925 and its last graduation in 1948 when the Hollister District merged with the Filer District. Now, the school echoes the voices of elementary students grades kindergarten through fifth-grade.

Faye Lowe Cameron, 94, the only surviving member of the first class of 1925, has attended every reunion until the latest two but sent greetings with her sister, Fern Lowe Brackett.

Donna Burgess praised the excellent teachers - Betty Jones reminisced about the cold rides from Rogerson but remembers many fun times.

The class of 1937 had the largest class with 17 graduates

and had the best attendance at the reunion with eight members present: Dora Parrott Chick, Dwight Parrott, Leslie (3811) Dean, Janet Pastor Plank, Ann Frey Harris, Wayne Strickling, Catherine Pohlman and Ray Sudrook.

The class of 1940 was congratulated on its 60th anniversary. Members of the class in attendance were Marguerite Caudle Lanting, Elmer Clute, Helen Corak Huddleston, Ruby Frey Helvey, Leslie Jones, No'ma Jones Earl and Dorothy Parrott Humphries.

Corrie Lanting, 1944, gave a memorial tribute to the nine graduates who have died since the reunion two years ago.

Donna Schnitzer Lanting, 1947, made meal tickets, book covers, name tags and table decorations - Betty Jones and Dwight Shaw, along with Betty Brown Pastor, 1939, have kept the reunions going over the years.

Former teacher's life is filled with music

By Marilyn Kramer
Times-News correspondent

HOLLISTER - Ruth Farrar's life has been a continuous song, played out by mostly on the keyboard of Idaho.

Farrar, a former Hollister High School teacher who attended the latest school reunion, has spent a lifetime writing songs and poetry. One of her songs was adopted as the National Grange march.

She once wrote the program and all the songs for a minstrel show. She and fellow Grangers took on the road as a fund-raiser for the piano drive.

She and husband, Elmo also put together a slide show of pictures of Idaho, Oregon and the California desert to entertain groups. Elmo sang songs she composed while she accompanied him on the piano.

Farrar, who turned 90 Sept. 6, came to Idaho by herself on a train at age 15 from Missouri. At age 19, she married.

Although she served as postmistress in Hollister in her early years, music had a far greater influence in her life. She taught piano lessons and chorus at Hollister High School until its close in 1948.

"I had the sweetest girls ever to work with, but ... the boys were also very good," she recalls of her teaching days.

At the time, she also played piano for student solos and the school operettas.

"She is one of the most remarkable ladies I know," said Betty Pastoor, a former student of hers. "She never has an unkind word for anyone."

Words to one of Farrar's songs seemed to fit the occasion.

"We've traveled many a weary mile towards the rainbow's end, and life was made the more worthwhile just because of dear old friends."

SCHOOL LUNCH

BUHL SCHOOL	MURTAUGH SCHOOL
Breakfast Menu Monday: Cereal w/ toast Tuesday: Waffles w/ maple syrup Wednesday: Biscuits and gravy Thursday: Donuts Friday: Cereal w/ cinnamon toast Lunch Menu Salad bar and milk served every day Monday: Turkey and noodles, green salad, ranch, crackers, fruit, chocolate cake Tuesday: Cold cut sandwich, tortilla chips, apples, carrot sticks, apples, cookie Wednesday: Spaghetti w/ meat sauce, green salad, ranch, crackers, french bread, cherry strudel Thursday: Pepperoni pizza, french fries, bread sticks, pineapple Friday: Grilled cheese sandwich, tomato soup, crackers, grapes	Milk served every day Monday: French dip sandwich, au jus sauce, salad, peaches Tuesday: Tacos, corn, cinnamon-apples-brownies Wednesday: Spaghetti, bread sticks, baby carrots, dip, grapes Thursday: Open menu Friday: Chicken burgers, fries, apple wedges, frozen yogurt
CASTLEFORD SCHOOL	ROBERT STUART AND O'LEARY JUNIOR HIGH
Breakfast menu Monday: Doughnuts, cereal, juice, milk Tuesday: Cinnamon rolls, cereal, juice, milk Wednesday: Scones, cereal, juice, milk Thursday: Pancakes, cereal, juice, milk Friday: Breakfast muffins, cereal, juice, milk Lunch menu Monday: Lasagna Tuesday: Fish burger Wednesday: Chili Thursday: Hot dogs Friday: Pizza	Breakfast menu Milk served every day Monday: Cereal, banana, graham crackers Tuesday: Egg, ham, and cheese sandwich, pears Wednesday: Cereal, grapes, muffin Thursday: French toast, syrup, sausage links, apple Friday: Cereal, fruit, bagel bites Lunch menu Milk served every day Monday: Corn dogs, french dip sandwich, or salad bar, mustard, ketchup, french fries, pears, chocolate pudding Tuesday: Hot Italian sub sandwich, beef toquito, or soup and sandwich bar, potato chips, school boy apple, Rice Krispie cookie Wednesday: Pizza or taco bar, vegetables, ranch, kiwi, breadsticks, pizza sauce Thursday: Finger steaks, barbeque beef sandwich, or potato bar, scalloped potatoes, strawberries, bananas, angel biscuit w/ honey Friday: Chicken sandwich, chicken wonder bites, or salad bar, lettuce, mayonnaise, tater tots, orange half, brownie
FILER SCHOOL	ST. EDWARD'S HIGH SCHOOL
Monday: Spaghetti Tuesday: Ham and cheese sandwich Wednesday: Turkey w/ gravy Thursday: Cook's choice Friday: Chef salad	Monday: Hoagies Tuesday: Cheese burgers Wednesday: Bean burritos Thursday: Tuna sandwich
HANSEN SCHOOL DISTRICT	TWIN FALLS ELEMENTARY
Breakfast Menu Milk served every day Monday: Yogurt, toast, juice Tuesday: Biscuits and gravy, fruit Wednesday: Cereal, toast, juice Thursday: Cheesy buns, fruit Friday: Long Johns, cereal, juice Lunch Menu Milk served every day Monday: Spaghetti, bread sticks, salad, fruit Tuesday: Chicken sandwich, tater tots, carrot sticks, fruit Wednesday: Sloppy joes, cheese slice, corn, fruit Thursday: Corn dogs, french fries, fruit, pudding Friday: Finger steaks, potato wedges, fruit, roll	Breakfast menu Milk is served every day Monday: Cereal, banana, graham crackers Tuesday: Egg, ham, and cheese sandwich, pears Wednesday: Cereal, grapes, muffin Thursday: French toast, syrup, sausage links, apple Friday: Cereal, fruit, bagel bites Lunch menu Monday: Corn dog, mustard, ketchup, french fries, chilled pears, chocolate pudding, milk Tuesday: Chef's salad w/ diced chicken, red grapes, super pretzel, milk Wednesday: Chili, crackers, baby carrots, apple sauce, cinnamon roll, milk Thursday: Finger steaks, scalloped potatoes, strawberries, bananas, angel biscuit w/ honey, milk Friday: Chicken sandwich, lettuce, mayonnaise, potato chips, apple slices, birthday cake, chocolate milk
IMMANUEL LUTHERAN SCHOOL	VALLEY SCHOOLS
Choice of milk every day Monday: Ham and cheese wraps, vegetables, dip, fruit, Very Best Oatmeal cookie Tuesday: Sloppy joe, vegetable, apple crisp Wednesday: Salad bar, bread, sticks, fruit, zucchini bread Thursday: Macaroni and cheese, vegetable, rolls, jelly, fruit Friday: Pizza, Italian sausage, vegetables, dip, ice cream sundae bar	Monday: Chicken burger w/ bun, lettuce, pickles, potato wedges, cinnamon apples, ginger cookie Tuesday: Nachos, salsa, corn, pears, cinnamon bread sticks Wednesday: Turkey w/ gravy, mashed potatoes, peas, hot roll, butter, apricot crisp Thursday: Hot dog w/ bun, spicy fries, pickle spears, spice cake, apple Friday: Vegetable soup, crackers, turkey sandwich, fruit, Jell-O, cinnamon crispie cookie
KIMBERLY SCHOOL	TWIN FALLS HIGH SCHOOL
Milk served every day Monday: Nachos, salsa, whole wheat rolls, sliced pineapple Tuesday: Roast turkey, potatoes w/ gravy, carrots, rolls, cinnamon apples Wednesday: Hot dogs, tater tots, pears, Teddy Grahams Thursday: Pork chop, potatoes w/ gravy, rolls, half banana Friday: Chili, crackers, cinnamon bread sticks, applesauce	Breakfast is served everyday. Lunch: The high school has a choice of main line, hamburger bar, and salad bar each day, taco bar on Wednesdays and potato bar on Fridays. Main line menus vary everyday. <i>School lunch menus are printed as a public service. Printed with the menus in Sunday's paper, send the menu to: The Times-News, P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls, ID 83403, or fax it to 734-5538, attention: Lunch Menus. Deadline is noon Wednesday for publication Sunday.</i>
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Milk served every day Monday: Corn dog, mustard, ketchup, french fries, chilled pears, fudge brownie Tuesday: Chef's salad w/ diced chicken, red grapes, super pretzels Wednesday: Hot Italian sub sandwich, potato chips, school boy apple, Rice Krispie cookie Thursday: Finger steaks, scalloped potatoes, strawberries, bananas, angel biscuit w/ honey Friday: Barbeque beef sandwich, tater tots, orange half, chocolate pie	

National Association of Retired Employees meets

TWIN FALLS - The Twin Falls National Association of Retired Employees Chapter will hold its first luncheon meeting of the season at 11:30 a.m. Monday at the Mandarin House in Twin Falls.

Guest speaker Brian Barney will provide information on assisted living.

All presently employed and retired federal employees are invited.

For more information about the group, call 733-0969.

Snake River Weavers meets for demonstration

CASTLEFORD - The Snake River Weavers will meet at 3:30 p.m. Tuesday at the home of Lorraine Reese in Castleford.

There will be a demonstration on Krokbraug Rug Weaving. Anyone interested in learning to weave is invited.

For more information, call Lorraine Reese at 537-6572.

Indian rock art will be discussed at meeting

JEROME - The Jerome County Historical Society will meet at 7:30 p.m. Thursday at the Jerome Library.

Kelly Murphey will present a program on "Indian Rock Art in Idaho."

Murphey has been doing an intensive archeological study on the subject.

Anyone is welcome.

For more information call Emma Guisquet 424-4612.

Pet Partners holds workshop for pet owners

TWIN FALLS - An all-day Pet Partners workshop will be held on Sept. 10.

The workshop is designed to educate those interested in becoming Pet Partners, what is required of the pet and its owner and teaches how to handle various situations, also explains The Delta Society's Part in Pet Partners.

The program trains a personal volunteer team qualified

to provide animal-assisted activities and animal-assisted therapy to hospital patients. The program said it has established guidelines for teams to provide informal, non-medical contact opportunities to hospital patients, nursing home residents and people in other facilities and become formally involved in patient treatment regimens.

The workshop will be \$40 and there will be a Pet Partners evaluation to see if their pets can be certified to visit a hospital.

Preregistration is required.

For more information, call 324-4111.

Valley Booster Club holds spaghetti dinner

HAZELTON - The Valley Booster Club will hold a spaghetti dinner from 5-6:45 p.m. Friday in the Valley High School lunch room.

Suggested donation is \$3.50 per person and \$15 per family.

For more information, call Mike Waite or Lana Black at 829-5663.

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ANNIVERSARIES

THE BEUSES

TWIN FALLS - Mr. and Mrs. David Wayne Beus of Twin Falls celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with their family in early August with a dinner at Jaker's followed by a week of camping at Island Park.

Beus and Roberta Peterson were married Sept. 8, 1950, in Kimberly. They have lived their entire married life in Twin Falls. He was employed by Amalgamated Sugar Co. for more than 30 years. She was a longtime employee of the Twin Falls Clinic & Hospital. Since retirement, they have spent their winters in Hope, Ariz.



David and Roberta Beus

The couple has three children, Michael (Cheri) Beus of Burley, Dan (Sherril) Beus of West Bountiful, Utah, and Susan (Lee) Kane of Clarkston, Wash.; and six grandchildren.

THE JENSENS

PROVO, Utah - Mr. and Mrs. Richard Burke Jensen of Provo, Utah, and formerly of River Heights and Logan, Utah, will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on Tuesday.

Jensen and Joyce Willson were married Sept. 12, 1950, in the Logan LDS Temple. He was an Air Force colonel and a pilot. He retired after 33 years of active duty. She is a homemaker and an avid tennis player.



Burke and Joyce Jensen

Debra Ann Jensen, both deceased. The couple has six grandchildren and a great-grandchild due in October.

THE HALLS

JEROME - Herman and Jenna Hall of Jerome will celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary on Sept. 18. They were honored by their family at a gathering July 1-7 in Sun Valley when all could attend.

They were raised in Preston, met in 1939, and were married Sept. 18, 1940, in the Logan LDS Temple.

They lived in Preston, then in Rupert from 1941-1946, and moved to Jerome in 1946, where they have since resided. He farmed and operated the R.C. Rich sheep ranch in Rupert, was a contract hauler for Jerome Cooperative Creamery from 1946-1962, and farmed southwest of Jerome from 1952-1989. They sold the farm and moved to 750 E. 16th St. in Jerome. He worked at the North Side Canal Co. from 1967 to the present time.

She was employed by Dr. R.E. Williams from 1960-1971, at the Twin Falls Clinic & Hospital from 1971-1991, and Bankers' Life and Casualty Insurance from 1986-1999. She is currently working part-time with Magic Valley Staffing Home Health Care.



Jenna and Herman Hall

The couple has been lifelong active members of the LDS Church, holding many responsible positions. They are active in Magic Valley Steppers ballroom dancers, Buttons and Bows square dance group and Fountain of Youth square dance group while wintering in southern California. They have traveled extensively in the United States and in foreign countries.

They have two children, Gayle (Galen) Neber of Sunnyside, Calif., and John Edwin (Jean) Hall of Portland, Ore., six grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren. The couple invites friends to telephone or drop by for a visit.

THE CHENEYS

TWIN FALLS - Mr. and Mrs. Ted N. Cheney of Twin Falls will be honored at an open house on Saturday for their 50th wedding anniversary. Friends and relatives are invited to call from 3 to 6 p.m. at their home, 988 Plainview Drive.

Cheney and Dorothy Chandler were married Sept. 17, 1950, at the bride's home, south of Buhl.

They have lived in several southern Idaho towns, in Seattle and in Dillon, Mont.

He worked at M.H. King's for 20 years and retired from Sherwin Williams Co. in Twin Falls.

She worked at several nursing homes and at Sky View nursing home in Twin Falls. He has been active in the Masons, Jaycees, Toastmasters and the Presbyterian Church. She has been active in the Eastern Star, PEO and the Presbyterian Church.



Dorothy and Ted Cheney



The couple has seven grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

WEDDINGS

CRISP-PASCAVIS

FORT COLLINS, Colo. - Kimberley Jill Crisp and Kurt David Pascavis were married June 17 at St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Fort Collins. A reception was held at the Marriott Ballroom in Fort Collins.

Officiating was the Rev. Harold Warren.

The bride is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Carl E. Crisp of Orinda, Calif.

Parents of the bridegroom are Mr. and Mrs. Richard Matt of Windsor, Colo.

Laura Oster served as the bride's matron of honor.

Bridesmaids included Carrie Mitton March, Ariana Hoke, Stephanie Mick, Lisa Pascavis and Sara Schackelford.

Junior bridesmaids were Rachel Rodgers, Allison Rodgers, Erika Oster, Samantha Oster and Amanda Pascavis.

Rachel Olson was the flower girl. Mark Pascavis served as best man.

Groomsmen included Andrew Kramer, Brett Giefer, Terry Oster, Justin Mick and Eric Strauss. Paul VanLare was the usher.

Junior groomsmen were Benjamin Rodgers, Wes Rodgers and Austin Pascavis.

Fierce Herschede was the ring bearer.



Kimberley Crisp

Terry Kramer gave a reading at the ceremony.

Jana Kramer and Erika Ross attended the guest book.

"Photography" was by Kevin Kramer.

Other local relatives in attendance included Fern Crisp of Buhl, Kevin Kramer of Twin Falls, and Doris Kramer, Kathleen Kramer, Andrew Kramer, Allison and Rachel Rodgers and Wes Rodgers, all of Castleford.

The bride and groom graduated from Colorado State University in May with bachelor of science degrees in mechanical engineering.

After a honeymoon to Chicago, the newlyweds reside in Fort Collins.



Richard and Jennifer Heiken

TWIN FALLS - Jennifer Sheen and Richard Heiken were married Aug. 12 at the Salt Lake City LDS Temple.

The bride is the daughter of Ernest and Lynn Sheen of Twin Falls.

Parents of the bridegroom are Don and Cindy Heiken and Brenda Spencer, all of Dietrich.

Carrie Heiken, sister of the groom, served as the bride's maid of honor.

Bridesmaids included Kayla Peck, Brianna Lentz and Stephanie Hafer, friends of the bride, and Emma Howard, Sophia Sheen and Mary Sheen, sisters of the bride.

Sarah and Joy Sheen, sisters of the bride, were the flower girls. Patrick Carrie, friend of the groom, served as best man.

Groomsmen included Tom Spencer, cousin of the groom, and Ernest Sheen and Tim Sheen; brothers of the bride.

Stetson Cox, cousin of groom, and Joseph Sheen, brother of the bride, were the ring bearers.

Special guests included grandparents of the bride, Glen and Wanda Sheen and Jan Dudley, and grandfather of the bridegroom, Dean Hick.

Receptions were held in Twin Falls and Dietrich.

Serving were Ruth Ellison, Julie and Crystal Blau, Connie Blau, and Courtney Smith, friends of the bride.

Sandra Butters, friend of the bride, was the gift attendant. The bride is a graduate of Twin Falls High School.

The bridegroom is a graduate of Dietrich High School and is employed at Glambia.

The newlyweds reside in Dietrich.

ENGAGEMENTS

KYLE-MCQUESTEN

TWIN FALLS - William and Donna Kyle of Twin Falls announce the engagement of their daughter, Kristin Deann Kyle, to Daniel Walter McQuesten, son of Walter McQuesten of San Francisco, Calif., and Carol Miller of Eugene, Ore.

Kyle is a 1991 graduate of Twin Falls High School and a 1995 graduate of the University of Washington in Seattle. She is employed as an international officer with Western Bank in Seattle.

McQuesten is a graduate of the University of Washington and served eight years in the U.S. Air Force as a Russian linguist. He is



Kristin Kyle and Daniel McQuesten

employed by Bensuson Deutsch and Associates Inc. in Woodinville, Wash.

The wedding is planned for Sept. 30 at Sun Mountain Lodge in Winthrop, Wash.



Lisa Estridge and Donny Taylor

ESTRIDGE-TAYLOR

TWIN FALLS - Vicky Estridge of Twin Falls announces the engagement of her daughter, Lisa Kaye Estridge, to Donny Taylor, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Taylor of Twin Falls.

Estridge is a 2000 graduate of Twin Falls High School and is attending the College of Southern Idaho. She is employed at Con Pauls Inc. in Jerome.

Taylor is a 1999 graduate of Filer High School and attended CSI. He is employed by Home Depot in Twin Falls.

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

Community

A page for you and your neighbors.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank our families and many friends for all they did to make our 50th Anniversary such a memorable celebration. The many beautiful cards, wonderful messages and photos were sincerely appreciated. A special thanks to Kara, Kay, Larry, Lee, Erika, Sarah, Lynn and Allison Shaffer, Bonnie Moss, Scott Hyler and Wade Hyler for their super efforts in making this occasion such an outstanding success.

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It takes a special kind of person to work in a nursing home. It takes a caring, careful, kind and patient person to work with people who may be unresponsive, sometimes abusive—and often need every bodily function attended to. Most of the people who so carefully take care of the old and infirm are not nurses (though the nurses too are kind and loving)—many have little education beyond high school, their pay is minimal and the hours they work are long, yet the majority with whom I have had contact in our local nursing home



AFTER CLASS
Gay Petersen

are patient, kind and genuine in their love for those in their care. The general public seldom goes into a nursing home, and I must admit myself that were it not for a family member who resides there I probably would never go in myself. Perhaps it is

because we see ourselves one day in a place that is similar, and we hate to face the fact that we may eventually require such care.

Whatever the case I am glad that I have had the opportunity to see these kindly aides at work. How patient they are as they walk an Alzheimer's patient around and around the hall because she cannot be left alone. How much care they take as they feed a patient who can no longer feed himself. How kind they are as they read to patients who no longer see well,

help them as they play Bingo or make doughnuts or dye Easter eggs.

I well remember one day as I entered the main room of the nursing home I saw one little aide surrounded by Alzheimer's patients. She was playing music on a CD player and was taking each patient in turn — dancing with them in time to the music.

"It's your turn, Lillian," she'd say as she twirled Lillian slowly around. I'm sure the smile on Lillian's face was all she needed for the thank you she would never receive.

To take people who are forced by reason of health to leave their homes after many years of caring for themselves and keep them as content as they possibly can is a task not many could handle. But these caregivers handle it well.

The administrator in charge of the nursing home told me that the staff works hard to make the people who now live there feel that this truly is their home — that the purpose of the staff is to make that home as comfortable for the residents as possible, and they do that.

Hats off to the nurses and aides who care for those who are no longer capable of caring for themselves. Though they receive little in the way of monetary rewards, may they know that those of us who watch, as they struggle to make the residents for whom they care happy and comfortable, are grateful, more than words can say.

Thank you somehow seems quite inadequate.
Gay Petersen is a retired teacher who lives in Wendell. Write to her at petersen@magictink.com

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SEPTEMBER IS NATIONAL HEALTHY AGING MONTH

Americans are living longer and their transition into the ranks of old age will not simply be a matter of greater numbers and higher proportions of older Americans living within the policies, institutions, and economic and social contexts of today. The average age of the U.S. population has been increasing throughout this century. A 1997 longevity and retirement study revealed that 41 percent of people now working feel it is at least somewhat likely that they will live to age 85, 23 percent feel somewhat likely they will live to age 90, and even 15 percent feel it is at least somewhat likely they will live to age 95. America is on the brink of massive social change.

As we approach the 21st century, these demographic realities require all Americans to take stock of what an aging America means to them. Policymakers at all levels need to ensure that there are resources, programs and policies in place to provide much-needed support and information for an increasingly older population. Also, it is critical for each American to understand the importance of comprehensive planning for their own longevity.

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Many people view aging with both optimism and worry. This need not be the case. The keys to enjoying later life are understanding and planning for what lies ahead. It is never too early or too late to begin. Aging well and leading a quality life depends on much more than what an individual has in the bank, although that is certainly an important consideration. It is also dictated in great part by personal health and well-being as well as lifestyle issues such as housing, leisure activities, volunteerism and life-long learning.

It is important for all Americans to understand that today's choices do have consequences in later life. Leading a quality life as Americans grow older is actually a three-legged stool that, if left unbalanced, will topple over and leave the individual open to negative consequences that can affect their whole sense of well-being. Health, financial and lifestyle choices can enhance the quality of an individual's later years.

Lifestyle
Living quality lives as Americans grow older is defined almost entirely by individual financial planning followed by some level of acknowledgment of good health practices, but other lifestyle issues are rarely included in discussions related to longevity. Lifelong learning, volunteerism, caregiving, leisure pursuits, second and third careers, and transportation involve issues which routinely impact on the lives of many Americans. However, most people do not readily identify that decisions made in these areas are an integral part of preparing for their future.

Americans should understand the importance of planning for late life. By gathering information and developing strategies to ensure the best quality of life possible, individuals can ensure that as they live longer, they are also growing stronger.

As the leading advocate for older people and their families at the federal level, the Administration on Aging (AOA) is concerned with the issues facing current and future older Americans. Our advocacy efforts for the rest of this century and into the next millennium will include working to promote the concepts of self-preparation and personal responsibility with regard to aging well.

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Heap in pastry lined pan. Dot with 1 Tbsp. butter if desired. Cover with top crust. Bake until crust is nicely browned and apples are cooked, bake 425 F. for 15 minutes, then at 350 F. for 45 minutes. NOTE: Vinegar makes artificial sweetener taste less noticeable than does lemon juice.

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