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Sunday, Sept 17, 2000

GOOD MORNING

WEATHER

Today: A 30 percent chance of morning showers then decreasing clouds. Light southwest winds becoming northwest 10-15 mph in the afternoon. High, 78. Mostly clear tonight, low 50.
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MAGIC VALLEY



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ODOR ISSUES

Dairy industry, regulators struggle with the smell

By N.S. Nokkentved
Times-News writer

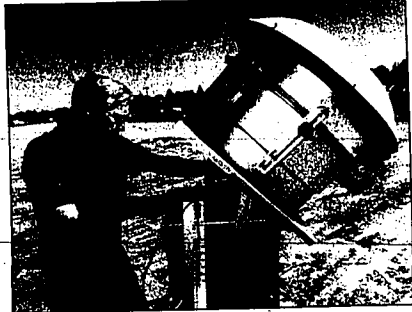
TWIN FALLS — Some days the smell drives him indoors, and some days it oozes into the house like a fog.
"You can't have a barbecue or a birthday party outside," said Earl Miracle, who lives about a half mile east of Hank Hafiger's 5,000-cow dairy in western Twin Falls County.
Hafiger is spending \$250,000 to reduce the odor problem from his operation, the largest in the county. That hasn't provided Miracle much relief, yet, from what he describes as a septic tank smell, not a cow or pasture smell, that seems worse in the mornings and evenings.
For Miracle and other county residents, the growth of the dairy industry boils down to a visceral quality-of-life issue. Odor is not the only concern arising from the growth of large dairies in recent years, but it has

Dairies in 2000

A two-part update on issues surrounding Magic Valley dairies

- Today
 - Measuring odor
 - The dairy boom
- Monday
 - One dairy's struggle
 - Comparing rules

come to the forefront in the past year.
Just ask Steve VanZandt, air quality officer with the state Department of Environmental Quality in Twin Falls. During most of his six years here, he fielded only a few odor complaints about dairies.
"Lately I've gotten a lot," he said. Though he also fields complaints about dust and burning, "odor complaints are right at the top of the list."
And in the past year, those



Steve VanZandt, air quality officer with the state Department of Environmental Quality in Twin Falls, changes the filter in a device designed to measure air pollution particles. While this device does not measure odors, VanZandt would be responsible for using a new 'Jerome meter' to measure dairy odor if the Legislature sets odor standards.

complaints have been about dairies — particularly a couple of big new dairies.
Last year, Hollister residents told a similar story, when odor

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sit on his back porch and enjoy a sunset, and that was a violation of his property rights.

At certain times of the day, when the odor was noticeable, residents said they would close doors and windows, and still the odor seeped into their homes. Fifth-graders at Hollister Elementary School asked not to go outside for recess because of the smell from a nearby dairy. The smell was unlike any normal agricultural smell, residents said.

One component in the odor was hydrogen sulfide — a compound that the human nose can detect and which becomes unpleasant at concentrations below the level at which it presents any direct health threats, experts told Hollister residents.

Odor has long been a common complaint about large dairies, but state officials have had no way to quantify olfactory offensiveness.

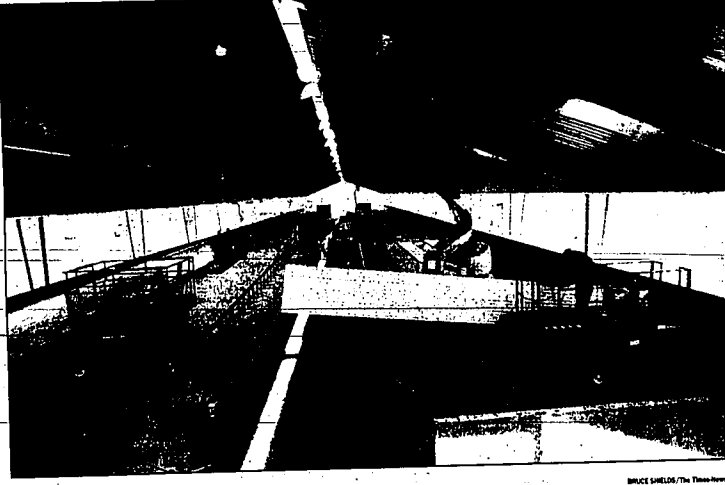
Until now.
An inventor has developed a device — known as the "Jerome" — to measure dairy odor.
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See how they grow

Some say valley's dairy explosion may be over

By N.S. Nokkentved
Times-News writer

CASTLEFORD — Southern Idaho is a good place for a dairy, says Bill Vanderpol, one of the Magic Valley's newly arrived dairymen.
Vanderpol grew up on a dairy farm in southern California. He was born in Artesia, where his father ran a 120-cow dairy. Population growth later pushed them to the Chino area. That's a common story among Chino dairymen, and now Chino's 300 or so dairies, sitting on 15 square miles, are surrounded by high-density residential development on three sides and by the Santa Ana River on the fourth.
"We've been moved out twice," he said.
Vanderpol started the Rockridge Dairy in Castleford in 1993. Here he and other dairymen have found abundant feed, a market for milk, a good climate for cows. He also found a community and a church to his liking.



Steve Rutter lifts a ceiling panel into place in a barn on a dairy under construction in western Twin Falls County. Some industry experts believe the boom in new dairies might be slowing.

Idaho vet preaches the power of pets

By Cynthia Taggart
The Spokesman-Review

The conversation in the "Good Morning America" green room leapt from polite chitchat to intimate personal stories the moment Marty Becker entered.
There sat supermodel Bey Johnson and television journalist Diane Sawyer. Ted Kaczynski's brother David, former Clinton aide George Stephanopoulos and ABC-TV's voice of the Olympics, Jim McKay.
Becker, a veterinarian from Burners Ferry, who grew up in Castleford, is one of the world's more personable people, but it wasn't his you-can-tell-me-anything smile that opened up this



Marty Becker and friend

group. It was his dogs, friends said. "Everyone had to sit in the dog," he says, as pleased as if they had doted over his children.
"I'm talking to David Kaczynski about what his pets meant to him throughout the whole ordeal with his brother. It was incredible."
Becker, 46, tells such stories everywhere he goes. He can't talk enough about the power pets have over people. He's convinced pets can change humanity and he's

Column debuts — E1

leading the crusade to convince the world. Fo that end he's appeared monthly for two years as the guest veterinarian on "Good Morning America."
He has talked pets on Sally Jessy Raphael's show and spread his expertise via computer as Amazon.com's veterinary expert. He has co-authored the wildly popular books "Chicken Soup for the Pet Lover's Soul" and "Chicken Soup for the Cat and Dog Lover's Soul," appeared several times on Animal Planet's "Pittsburgh U.S.A." and advised Hallmark on its Pet Love greeting cards.

"He's heavily influenced our card line," says Kathi Mishek, Hallmark's spokeswoman.

As if that's not enough, Becker advises the Disney Corp. on animal care, consults regularly with pet owners through Petopia.com, an Internet site offering pet supplies, information and advice, and is writing his fourth book, "The Pet Prescription."

In his spare time, he's working with the nation's top veterinarians and doctors to persuade U.S. Surgeon General David Satcher to spotlight the pet connection to human health.

And now he writes a weekly pets column, The Bond, available to about 375 newspapers in the U.S.
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Boy remains in hospital

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS — A Twin Falls boy who was severely injured in a Friday morning accident is still at St. Alphonsus Regional Medical Center in Boise.

The hospital didn't have parental permission to release the current condition of 10-year-old Triton Martin, a hospital spokeswoman said Saturday. "We did confirm the boy was still at the hospital. He was listed in critical condition in the hospital's intensive care unit Friday.

Triton Martin's sister, Katrina, 11, was treated and released Friday from Magic Valley Regional Medical Center, a hospital spokeswoman said Saturday.

The exact cause of the accident is still under investigation and no citations have been issued, Twin Falls police Sgt. Dennis Pullin said Saturday.

The driver of the 1970 Chevrolet truck, Ryan Canoy, 22, of Butte, told police he did not see the children because the sun was in his eyes. Canoy apparently wasn't driving faster than the posted 25 miles per hour, police said.

Philippine military launches assault on rebels

Hostages' fate is unclear

The Associated Press
ZAMBOANGA, Philippines — Thousands of Philippine troops pursued fleeing Muslim rebels Saturday and helicopter gunships strafed their hide-outs from the air. The fate of their 19 hostages, including an American, was unclear.
The military imposed a news

blackout after the surprise attack aimed at rescuing the hostages held in a remote jungle on Jolo island. Authorities launched the attack before dawn Saturday following nearly five months of negotiations with Abu-Sayyaf rebels and the reported payment of more than \$15 million in ransom for other captives.
President Joseph Estrada said his patience broke after the rebels, Please see HOSTAGES, Page A2



Residents look at a row of F5 jet fighters of the Philippine Air Force Saturday in Zamboanga City in the southern Philippines.

MAGIC VALLEY FIVE-DAY FORECAST

YESTERDAY'S WEATHER

THE REGION

Camas Prairie
High: 75 Low: 37
Mostly cloudy this morning with a chance of morning showers, then decreasing clouds.

Treasure Valley
High: 82 Low: 50
Decreasing clouds, with winds becoming north-west 10-15 mph in the afternoon. Sunny on Monday, high 83.

Sawtooth Mountains/Wood River Valley
High: 77 Low: 40
Mostly cloudy, with a slight chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly sunny and cooler on Monday, high 70.

Eastern Idaho
High: 82 Low: 42
Mostly cloudy, with south winds 10-20 mph shifting to northwesterly in afternoon.

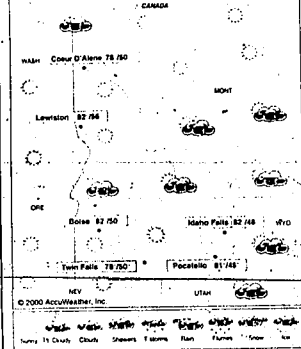
Northern Idaho
High: 83 Low: 57
Mostly sunny, with light winds. Sunny on Sunday with highs in the low 80s.

Northern Utah
High: 84 Low: 52
Mostly sunny, with south winds 10-20 mph shifting to northwesterly in afternoon.

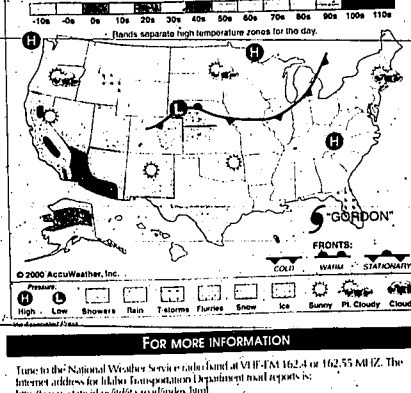
Northern Nevada
High: 80 Low: 51
Partly cloudy, with a chance of showers this morning, then decreasing clouds.

Today	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
High: 78 Low: 50 A chance of showers this morning, then decreasing clouds.	High: 79 Low: 49 Mostly cloudy.	High: 80s Low: 50s Sunny.	High: 80s Low: 50s Sunny.	High: 80s Low: 50s Sunny.

Idaho weather



National weather



Twin Falls	Precipitation	Idaho	Highs/Lows
Yesterday: 86 Last year: 85 Normal: 79	Yesterday in Twin Falls: Month to date: .51 Normal: mo. to date: .40 Water year to date: 62.3 Normal: year to date: 10.14	Max: 85 Min: 56 Precip: .02	Idaho: High: 77 degrees at Burley. Low: 42 degrees at Pocatello.

City	Max	Min	Pcp
Albany	85	56	.....
Burley	87	52	.....
Coeur d'Alene	82	48	.....
Grangeville	m	m	.....
Idaho Falls	89	43	.....
Lewiston	78	50	.....
Malad	m	m	.....
McCall	75	44	.....
Pocatello	82	46	.....
Salmon	80	54	.....
Stanley	81	44	.....
Sun Valley	m	m	.....

The Nation

City	Max	Min	Pcp
Albuquerque	91	66	.....
Anchorage	51	40	.....
Atlanta	75	54	.....
Boston	68	53	.....
Chicago	67	44	.....
Dallas	95	63	.....
Denver	79	43	.....
Des Moines	89	77	.....
Detroit	67	43	.....
Houston	89	63	.....
Indianapolis	66	43	.....
Kansas City	80	49	.....
Las Vegas	106	67	.....
Los Angeles	74	52	.....
Memphis	86	76	.....
Miami Beach	86	76	.....
Minneapolis	66	43	.....
Missoula	81	46	.....
New Orleans	84	71	.....
New York	66	43	.....
Oklahoma City	88	59	.....
Omaha	85	62	.....
Phoenix	107	82	.....
Pittsburgh	67	46	.....
Portland, Me.	61	41	.....
Portland, Ore.	80	50	.....
Reno	88	50	.....
St. Louis	70	46	.....
San Antonio	84	59	.....
San Francisco	71	59	.....
Seattle	69	59	.....
Spokane	82	54	.....
Washington	68	51	.....
Yuma	106	84	.....

UV INDEX
Index: 5 (moderate)
Burn time: 30 minutes

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

SKYWATCH
Sunset today: 7:45 p.m.
Sunrise tomorrow: 7:23 a.m.
Lunar phase: Last quarter, Sept. 21; new, Sept. 27; first quarter, Oct. 5; full, Oct. 13.

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ACROSS THE NATION
The Northeast, Great Lakes and New England were fair and cool. Scattered showers fell in the eastern Ohio Valley and Pennsylvania. Clouds and isolated showers also spread over the Northwest and north-central United States. Temperatures in the Lower 48 states Saturday ranged from a mid-twenties high of 87 degrees in Phoenix, Ariz. to a morning low of 30 degrees in Rhineclander, Wis.

Hostages

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who claim they are fighting for an independent Islamic state in the southern Philippines, seized a new group of hostages from Malaysia on Sept. 10.
"We have exhausted all efforts toward a negotiated settlement," he said in a nationally televised speech. "We will not allow kidnappers or other lawless elements to mock our laws or control our lives."
France, Germany and Malaysia expressed concern about the decision to attack the rebel camps, saying it could endanger the lives of the hostages.
Various Abu Sayyaf factions are holding an American Muslim, two French journalists, three Malaysians, a Filipino captured in April and 12 Filipino Christian evangelists.
Puno said four bodies of rebels had been spotted, and 18 guerrilla government soldiers were injured in the fighting, he said.
Four injured civilians were being treated at a Jolo hospital and one woman died. The civilians said they were in a group of about 10 people strafed by the military because one was wearing camouflage clothing. A number of other injured civilians were unable to pass through tight military lines to reach the hospital, they said.
"The military was checking unconfirmed reports that the American, Jeffrey Schilling of Oakland, Calif., was killed during an escape attempt," Puno said. That the evangelists were executed by a rebel firing squad after the military attack began, Puno said. The military also was trying to verify a report that the two French journalists had escaped.

Campaigns agree on series of 'free-flowing' debates

WASHINGTON (AP) — Campaign aides for Al Gore and George W. Bush agreed Saturday to a series of three debates moderated by Jim Lehrer of PBS that both sides said will provide more flexibility and more of a "free-flowing style" than previous debates.
Both campaigns and officials from the bipartisan Commission on Presidential Debates called the new approach "historic."
In a departure from the strict guidelines of past debates, the moderator, more discretion in following up on questions and allowing the candidates to continue to debate a particular topic.
"It gives the moderator a more free-flowing style and more dis-

Pets

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ent shift when his parents first invited Skeeter, the toy Manchester terrier to move into the house. Animals were more than workers; they were family. He opened his heart to Skeeter, who happily returned his love tenfold. "The strength of the bond impressed him."
"Everyone has a timeless and tangible need to be loved," he says. "We need our pets. When we deal with people, we wear masks over ourselves. We don't with our pets."
College validated his instincts. Washington State University veterinary school chairman Leo Bastard taught Becker that veterinary medicine is more than treating injuries; it's preserving relationships.
Becker opened one veterinary practice, then six more in Idaho and Utah. One of his practices was like 1950s diners and included hospitals, pet stores with fish and birds, grooming, boarding, adoption centers and bakeries with wholesome pet-treats.
By 1985, magazine editors were calling for his expertise and veterinary schools and associations were inviting him to lecture.
Everything Becker did reinforced his belief that people need pets as much as pets need people. His desire to spread that gospel began to outweigh his need for clinical work.
With travel in mind, Becker moved his family — his wife, Teresa, daughter, Mikkel, and son, Lex — to the comfortable 80-acre ranch nestled between the Purecell, Cabinet and Selkirk mountains. He cut his clinical

LOTTERY UPDATE

POWERBALL
Saturday, September 16, numbers
1 19 40 49
POWERBALL NUMBER 14

WILD CARD
Saturday, September 16, numbers
1 9 13 28
WILD CARD: King of Clubs

PICK 3
Saturday, September 16, numbers
1 28 36 41 42

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NATION

Former scientist's daughter finds Asian-American voice

LOS ALAMOS, N.M. (AP) — Alberta Lee grew up a sheltered young woman out of touch with her Asian-American heritage. That would change dramatically when her father, former Los Alamos scientist Wen Ho Lee, was thrown into solitary confinement.

In the nine months since then, Ms. Lee, a 26-year-old technical writer in San Francisco, has emerged as a graceful, impassioned spokeswoman for her father and for Asian-Americans.

And now, with her father a free man, she wants to go to law school and make a career out of defending others' rights.

"I think the one stellar person in all this is Alberta. She's the one to watch. She's going places," said John Vance, a safety engineer at Los Alamos National Laboratory and a supporter of Ms. Lee's father.

Last week, Ms. Lee celebrated her father's freedom after the government dropped all but one of 59 counts alleging he breached national security. Neighbors threw a big backyard welcome-home party for the 60-year-old Taiwan-born scientist, and Ms. Lee brought him cups of tea and introduced him to supporters.



Alberta Lee, right, walks behind her father, Dr. Wen Ho Lee, as he leaves federal court in Albuquerque, N.M., Wednesday. Alberta Lee, a 26-year-old technical writer in San Francisco, has emerged as a graceful and impassioned spokeswoman for her father and for human rights, and now wants to go to law school.

The investigation has made Ms. Lee "extremely ashamed" of her country, she said. "My dad came here for a better life and a more stable political system and look what's happened to him," she added.

His case — which led to allegations that investigators had unfairly singled out her father because of his Chinese background — also forced her from the comfort of her sheltered upbringing, she said.

Neighbors in White Rock, a bedroom community outside Los Alamos where many of the world's brightest scientists live, said Ms. Lee was a typical American teen-ager who did above-average work in school. But in a community filled with Ph.D.s, her academic record "wasn't remarkable, and she lived in the shadow of her brother, now 28."

"He was on the prom court, homecoming court, he was class president and voted most likely to succeed, wasn't any of those," Ms. Lee said with a laugh. "I really felt like the dorky little sister following her big brother around in high school."

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Clinton: Fund nursing homes

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Clinton proposed spending \$1-billion to remedy what he said is inadequate staffing at nursing homes, the "number one culprit" leading to neglect for too many older Americans.

"Older Americans, who have worked hard all their lives, deserve respect, not neglect," Clinton said Saturday in his weekly radio address.

He was broadcast live from the Washington Home, a venerable nursing home not far from the White House.

The Republican-controlled Congress, which expects to consider health care this fall, "will try to find fair middle ground" on a variety of issues, said John Czarnecki, spokesman for Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott.

Sen. Charles Grassley, chairman of the Senate Special Committee on Aging, found the president's proposal "promising" and awaited details.

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Storm could become hurricane

TAMPA, Fla. (AP) — Florida Gov. Jeb Bush activated emergency response teams Saturday as Tropical Storm Gordon threatened to become a hurricane and strike Florida's Gulf Coast.

Up to 5 inches of rain was possible by today in the Keys and much of South Florida, officials said. The storm already had poured up to 10 inches of rain on western Cuba early in the day.

Storm watches and warnings were posted along much of Florida's Gulf Coast, and several counties recommended voluntary evacuations of barrier islands and coastal or low lying areas.

In the central Atlantic, meanwhile, Hurricane Florence, a 30 mph storm, glided the island nation only a glancing blow.

State officials said Gordon could strike anywhere between Fort Myers and the Panhandle sometime late Sunday as a Category 1 hurricane, with sustained wind of 74 to 95 mph. The minimum for a storm to be called a hurricane is 74 mph.

The National Hurricane Center posted a tropical storm warning for a 210-mile stretch from Bonita Beach, just south of Fort Myers, to the Suwannee River, about 100 miles north of Tampa.

A hurricane watch was issued for a 400-mile stretch from Bonita Beach to the Panhandle town of Apalachicola.

Across the state on the Atlantic coast, NASA considered moving the space shuttle Discovery off its seaside launch pad at Cape Canaveral and into its hangar. Discovery is scheduled to blast off Oct. 5 on a space station construction mission.

At noon MDT Gordon was centered about 345 miles southwest of Tampa, with top sustained wind of 70 mph. Its forward motion had slowed slightly but it was expected to resume a northeasterly course at about 9 mph, forecasters said.

Bands of showers already were moving across the state during the afternoon.

Disease officials in Hernando, Manatee and Pinellas counties told residents they should start packing and that shelters would be opened for them late Saturday.

In addition to Gordon's heavy rain early Saturday in Cuba, the storm had poured heavy rain on Mexico's Yucatan Peninsula on Friday, causing street flooding in the resort city of Cancun.

In the Atlantic, wind blew across Bermuda at 60 mph early Saturday as Hurricane Florence passed north of the island.

There was no damage or flooding, said James Buxton, meteorologist with the Bermuda

Weather Service.

Rip currents associated with Florence were blamed for at least three surf deaths Tuesday in North Carolina.

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Odor

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meter" for short - that measures the concentration of hydrogen sulfide. The name has no connection with the county or city of Jerome.

DEQ's Twin Falls regional office recently acquired one of the devices. It's expensive - about \$12,000 to \$14,000 each, and it must be calibrated twice a year at about \$500 each time.

But it is not clear yet whether the meter would improve things for the Miracles or the residents of Hollister - or anybody else who lives near a large dairy with odor problems. Relief for them could depend more on the willingness of dairy operators to recognize and fix the problem.

The state has no quantitative standards for hydrogen sulfide, based on nuisance. And even if the Legislature approves such standards, the state's Right To Farm law grants a nuisance waiver to agricultural operations.

State and federal standards for hydrogen sulfide are based on a level of 500 parts per billion, when the rotten-egg smelling gas becomes a health concern. The human nose can detect hydrogen sulfide at concentrations about 1,000 times lower than that.

Relying on the Jerome meter, however, Minnesota state officials have set odor standards based on nuisance. That standard set a half-hour average of 50 parts per billion, not to be exceeded two times a year, or 30 parts per billion, not to be exceeded over two days in a five-day period.

The meter would remove the subjective nature of odors, VanZandt said.

Enforcement would be another matter.

Unless the Legislature approves some standards for hydrogen sulfide, the meter can be used only to gather information about gas concentrations in various odors, including dairy odors, said Doug Howard, DEQ's Twin Falls regional administrator.

Regardless, DEQ officials don't respond to odor complaints if they're about dairies.

VanZandt handles odor complaints from many sources, he said. But if the source is a dairy, he refers the problem to the Idaho Department of Agriculture, which regulates environmental compliance at dairies.

DEQ's proposed new odor policy, expected to be released for public comment this week, would not change that. It clearly states that any odor complaints relating to dairies would be handled by the Agriculture Department.

But the Ag Department has little or nothing in the way of rules covering odors, Dairy Bureau Chief Mary Patten said. Department officials are working on an odor policy, but it is unclear how it would be enforced because of the nuisance waiver in Idaho's Right To Farm law, he said.

The department responds to complaints and visits the dairy to determine whether it is violating any waste management regulations. If not, department officials work with the dairy operator on voluntary efforts to fix the problem.

Greg Ledbetter, owner of C Bar M Dairy in Jerome, and others say odor problems create a public relations problem for the dairy industry. Solving the odor problem should be the industry's - and government's - highest priority.

Other dairymen are making their own efforts. Halliger has tried to correct the problem at his facility. And the Hollister dairy has changed its operation to reduce odors.

Residents still get the smell

Cows by the numbers

	Growth curve				Four-county total	
	Twin Falls	Jerome	Gooding	Cassia	total	State
1990	13,000	27,000	22,000	8,400	70,400	170,000
1995	25,000	44,000	46,000	11,000	126,000	220,000
2000	41,554	53,794	79,799	19,273	194,420	319,707

	1995-2000 (in percent)	66	23	74	73	54	45
Beef cows	29,664	10,750	16,421	28,260	85,095	520,000	

Irrigated acres

	Twin Falls	Jerome	Gooding	Cassia
	276,300	151,700	112,665	266,000

Sources: Idaho Department of Agriculture; U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Rankings, and a comparison

In 1997, Gooding County was 14th in the country in the number of dairy cows. Jerome was 18th, and Twin Falls was 46th. In the state, the top three dairy counties in Idaho are Gooding, Jerome and Twin Falls counties; Cassia County ranks fifth.

The total number of dairy and beef cows is 280,000. The human population is 112,559.

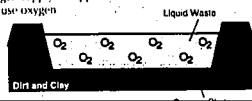
Anatomy of a Waste Pond

Liquid waste: Water from milking parlor and corral runoff. Organic sludge: Composed of solid organic particles in the waste water that help to seal pond.

O₂: Oxygen

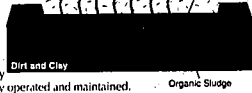
Properly Functioning

Provides a sufficient oxygen supply to support aerobic bacteria, the kind of bacteria that use oxygen to break down organic material and release little odor. Oxygen level is about 1 to 2 parts oxygen to a million parts water.



Odor Producing

Without oxygen, anaerobic bacteria, the kind of bacteria that don't need oxygen to break down organic material, take over. These bacteria produce methane, hydrogen sulfide and other complex organic gases that produce offensive odors. A lack of oxygen results when ponds and waste management systems are not correctly designed or not properly operated and maintained.



Sources: Idaho Department of Environmental Quality; Times-News graphic by Kent Schmitt

occasionally, especially at night. But it's not as bad as it was, and it appears the dairy owner is trying to fix the problems, Hilda Kopydlowski said.

The basic biology of dairy odor problems is related to bacterial activity in liquid waste ponds.

Dairies use water to clean cows before they are milked and to clean the milking parlor. That water, and runoff from corrals where the cows are kept, is collected and stored in ponds.

But to reduce the amount of solid organic matter, the liquid is run through either a mechanical separator or a settling pond where the solids settle out. The resulting liquid is then piped into the ponds.

The less organic solids in the liquid, the less potential for odor.

The odor comes from bacteria - known as anaerobic bacteria - that break down the organic material without oxygen. They create methane, hydrogen sulfide and other complex organic gasses that make up offensive odors.

If the liquid in the pond contains enough oxygen, oxygen-using bacteria - known as aerobic - break down the organic matter. They don't create much odor.

As long as the level of oxygen in the pond stays above 1 or 2 parts oxygen to 1 million parts water, the aerobic bacteria continue to function.

But the aerobic bacteria use the oxygen, and as the temperature goes up, so does the rate of

oxygen use. So the longer the waste sits in the pond undisturbed without additional oxygen introduced, the worse the potential for odor becomes.

To reduce the potential for odor, a dairy can reduce the amount of solids going into the ponds, clean its settling ponds often and provide a way to ensure an adequate oxygen supply in the liquid.

Environmental officials say odor can be reduced or eliminated by recycling the waste

quickly, using odor-masking chemicals, or enhancing biological activity by aerating the liquid.

In Castleford, Bill Vanderpol, who owns the Rockledge Dairy, has stopped flushing cow alleys. Flushing takes more pond space - and waste ponds are the source of most odors, he said.

He spreads green manure before it starts to stink, and he spreads liquid directly on the ground - not with sprinklers. Those efforts have been expensive, but they have eliminated 90 percent of the odors from his operation, he said.

"We're just going to have to do things differently," Vanderpol said.

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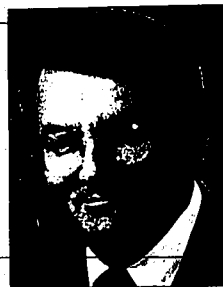
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Water

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Vanderpol and his son-in-law, Jerry Visser, who is building a 3,500-cow dairy in Twin Falls County, are part of the boom in large dairies in Gooding, Jerome, Twin Falls and Cassia counties in the past 10 years.

Dairy growth in those counties has outstripped growth in the state in general. In the past 10 years dairy cow numbers in four southern Idaho counties have increased by 124,020, or 176 percent, while numbers across the state as a whole grew by 149,707, or 88 percent.

The boom, not just the result of dairies moving in from California, might be winding down. But the rapid growth of large dairies has raised concerns among residents and some state officials. They don't expect the Magic Valley to become Chino II, but they are concerned about the potential effects of the growth on the environment.

The Chino story

Not all the dairies in Chino are moving to Idaho, Vanderpol said.

Many are staying in California, and some are moving to Oregon, New Mexico, Texas or Arizona. In northern California land costs about \$1,000 more per acre than land in Idaho, just because it's California, he said.

Some will stay in Chino. And people there have gotten used to cows, said Robert Holub, supervising engineer with the Santa Ana Regional Water Quality Control Board in Riverside, Calif.

But the concentration of dairies there has left ground and surface water polluted with salts and nitrates.

Dairies began moving into the Chino area in the early 1950s and 1960s, Holub said. The agency began regulating them in 1972 — the first government agency in the nation to do so, he said. The area since became home to the nation's highest concentration of dairies.

The Chino basin sits atop an extensively used groundwater basin, and the land drains into the Santa Ana River. Dairies were so concentrated that they didn't have room for waste storage ponds or room to dispose of waste. So whenever it rained, it all drained into the river — or soaked into the groundwater, Holub said.

The waste has contributed to the salts and nitrates that plague Chino basin groundwater. The groundwater also has been affected by 100 years of agriculture and surrounding cities. But dairies have been the major source of the problem, Holub said.

About 350,000 animals in the area produce just over 1 million tons of manure every year. As a result, the board has imposed rules that require shipping the waste out of the region.

It is not the intent of the agency to force the dairies out, but the stricter regulations may be an incentive, he said.

Developers are buying out dairies at about \$100,000 per acre to be replaced by high-density housing. Meanwhile, dairies now have to ship waste up to 150 miles away. It used to cost about \$35 per cow per year to dispose of the waste, Holub said. That is now three or four times higher.

Idaho's boom

Though some dairymen moved to Idaho from California, much of the growth came from dairymen already here, expanding existing facilities or building new facilities, state and county officials say.

Along the way, the industry has grown in magnitude. Idaho's dairy industry, worth an estimated \$823 million in 1999, employs 15,000 people in production, processing, transportation and distribution of milk and milk products. Idaho has grown into the nation's sixth-largest milk producer and fourth-largest cheese manufacturer.

But the boom may be over. The milk supply — most of which is sold to cheese plants — has outstripped those plants' capacity, said Lewis Eilers, executive director of the Idaho Dairymen's Association.

"With new dairies coming on, I don't know what we're going to do with that darned milk," Eilers said. Magic Valley dairies can pro-

duce about 2 million pounds of milk per day more than the area processors can handle.

"I think the dairy explosion is over," Vanderpol said. "I don't think you're going to see more dairies moving in."

Still, the growth has caused concerns among local residents and state environmental officials. The Chino basin might be an extreme example, but officials in Idaho also are concerned about the potential environmental effects of concentrations of large dairies and the disposal of their waste.

The overapplication of animal manure to farmland is one of the biggest potential sources of ground and surface water contamination, state officials say. Larger dairies present a larger potential effect.

Nitrogen in manure, when spread or sprinkled over the ground, turns to nitrates — some in a few days, some in a few weeks, and some stay in the soil for next year. Nitrates are a form of nitrogen usable by plants. But in drinking water they can be a health concern — especially for infants, in whom excess nitrates cause the potentially fatal blue baby syndrome — known as methemoglobinemia.

The federal drinking water limit is 10 parts nitrate to a million parts water.

State and federal studies have shown that nitrate levels are rising in groundwater beneath the Magic Valley.

The U.S. Geological Survey says the sources of nitrates in groundwater in the Upper Snake River basin are inorganic fertilizer, 45 percent; cattle manure, 29 percent; and legume crops, 19 percent. Precipitation adds about 6 percent and domestic septic systems contribute less than 1 percent.

In addition to nitrates, manure and liquid waste from dairies can contribute pollutants such as phosphorus, organic matter, sediments, disease-causing bacteria, heavy metals, hormones, antibiotics, and ammonia to the environment, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency says.

Bacteria in manure include E.

coli, salmonella, shigella, campylobacter, giardia, and cryptosporidium. These bugs can cause symptoms including diarrhea, abdominal cramps, fever, nausea and vomiting. The most virulent strains of E. coli also can cause bloody diarrhea and more serious illness.

Handling the growth

A mature dairy cow produces as much manure as 20 humans. To properly dispose of all that manure requires an average of one acre per cow, said Mike McMasters of DEQ's Twin Falls office.

For example, a 7,000-cow dairy would need to have 7,000 acres of farmland nearby to spread the manure.

The nearly 200,000 dairy cows in Twin Falls, Gooding, Jerome and Cassia counties produce as much manure as 3.9 million people — nearly three times the population of the entire state, more than the city of Los Angeles. And that doesn't include the region's 85,000 beef cows.

If it takes one acre per cow to dispose of that manure, they would need almost 300,000 acres of farmlands. The four counties have more than 800,000 acres of irrigated land.

Some localized areas have dairy concentrations, such as southwestern Jerome County and southern Gooding County, that could lead to problems with overapplication of waste. But such problems could be resolved by the nutrient management plans all dairies in Idaho are required to complete, Eilers said.

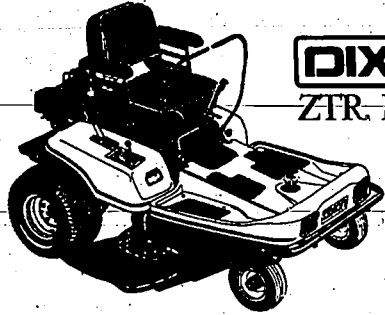
There's a limit to how far dairymen and farmers can haul manure economically to spread it on fields, he said. The limit for wet manure is about 10 miles, and for dried manure, it may be 15 miles.

Problems with dairy manure depend on what happens to the manure, not on concentrations of dairies, Eilers said. Composting manure, for example, makes it economical to haul it farther.

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Cheney loosens up on campaign trail

The Washington Post

DENVER - It's not every day that Dick Cheney tells a joke about a cowboy. George W. Bush's running mate usually plays it pretty straight, but earlier this week Cheney opened his stump speech with a tale about his re-election campaign in Wyoming in the early 1980s:

Determined to "personally greet" everyone at a local event, he wandered up to "one old cowboy" and backed up against the tree. "Hi, I'm Dick Cheney. I'm running for Congress and I'd like your vote." He said, "You got it. That fool we've got in now is no damn good."

The joke, which drew gales of laughter from an audience of seniors in Kingston, Pa., seemed to suggest a change of tack, after criticism of Cheney's campaigning and questions about what he brings to the ticket.

Lizanna Glover Weiss, Cheney's press secretary, said his approach had naturally evolved as he reverted to campaign tactics he learned as a six-term House member. The cowboy anecdote was one he has told in his House races, but in recent years he has not had cause to use it.



Republican vice presidential candidate Dick Cheney, left, jokes with a supporter as Cheney works the rope line at a rally at the Jefferson County Airport in Broomfield, Colo., during a campaign stop on Friday.

Much of the change is about body language. At a Pittsburgh seniors' home on Tuesday, Cheney came out from behind the lectern and leaned casually on it, gesturing with his hands to emphasize his message. And touring a farm in Michigan, he dressed

down - donning an anorak, chinos and nubuck shoes.

He's trying hard to show his lighter side to reporters, inviting them to the back of his plane on Thursday and regaling them with tales of his honeymoon with high school sweetheart and now wife of

36 years, Lynne. The couple were \$600 in debt so the honeymoon lasted just a single night - in a Holiday Inn in Wyoming. The next day they rented a place to live for \$54 a month; Cheney's bride burst into tears when she saw the uninsulated cinder-block apartment.

Sensing the stylistic shift, reporters queried who was behind it and seized on the appearance on the campaign plane of Steven Hofman, a GOP strategist and former House Republican leadership aide. "Steve's an old friend from our days in the House. He provides wise counsel," Cheney said, admitting to making "a few adjustments after Hofman's arrival on the scene."

Audiences have appreciated the more aggressive Cheney, who, for example, dismissed Vice President Al Gore's budget plan in a speech to the Economic Club of Grand Rapids, Mich., as a "Swiss cheese budget - because it has so many holes in it." It was a similar tone that guaranteed him a rapturous reception Thursday from supporters in Paducah, Ky., where he delivered his standard stump speech but with more emphasis and fluency than in recent weeks.

Candidates tout their election proposals

Chicago Tribune

SAN DIEGO - As Vice President Al Gore visited Howard University in Washington, D.C., last week to discuss his education initiatives, Republican candidate George W. Bush used a stop here to criticize the Clinton administration's defense policies.

Visiting a city with a heavy military presence, the Texas governor on Friday commemorated Remembrance Day with an address to members of the military and their families at Balboa Park.

"Today the armed forces of the United States are used too much and supported too little," Bush said. "These are difficult days for our military and they will not be allowed to continue."

Bush told the crowd that the "fullest possible accounting" of soldiers missing in action and those held prisoner during wars would be a "presidential priority" for him.

Gore swapped off a week in which he focused on education and also addressed an issue of great importance to the mostly black audience - police brutality - without ever uttering those two words. He used a recent tragic incident involving a Howard student to condemn racial profiling by police agencies.

The Democratic candidate took the unusual step of asking the audience of mostly college students for quiet out of respect for a student killed under questionable circumstances by an undercover police officer.

A short time later, while saying that it wouldn't be proper to discuss the case's details because it was still under investigation, Gore told the crowd: "The whole practice of racial profiling must come to an end. I will make that the first civil rights act of a Gore-Lieberman administration."

Then he promised to end the

police practice of stopping citizens based less on probable cause than on race. That vow brought the audience to its feet.

Gore seemed for the most part able to explain the key parts of his educational proposals - including a tuition tax credit, school construction, teacher testing and plans to hire 100,000 teachers - without lapsing into a lecturing tone.

Students were impressed by Gore's performance. "He moved me very much, actually," said

Brandon Cain, an 18-year-old freshman from Washington, as he stood with his friends outside the campus auditorium. "We were just discussing how, before, he wasn't so much as a people person who could reach the crowd like Bill Clinton did."

"And now, it seems like he got straight to the heart, spoke straight to us and delivered the message very well," said Cain, who called himself a Gore supporter.

Bush also talked about educa-

tion with a visit to Central Elementary School in a Latino neighborhood of San Diego.

As Gore supporters chanted "Bush failed kids," the governor told parents, teachers and administrators that he wants to see schools shift away from "feel good" curricula and focus more on the basics of reading, math and science.

Later Bush spoke at the University of New Mexico before returning to Texas for a stay at his ranch near Crawford.

Gore apparently gains upper-hand in some industrial states

WASHINGTON (AP) - Al Gore has opened leads in three of the big industrial states in America's heartland and erased George W. Bush's advantage in a fourth, according to new polls.

In the surveys released Saturday by a Michigan pollster, the vice president had an edge in Michigan, a state that has been a dead heat for weeks; had wide leads in Pennsylvania and

Illinois, supporting earlier polls; and had pulled into a tie in Ohio, the Midwestern state that most favors GOP presidential candidates.

Gore was up by 8 percentage points in Michigan, 45-37; ahead by 15 points in Illinois, 48-33; and had an 18-point bulge in Pennsylvania, 51-33, according to the polls by EPIC/MRA of Lansing, Mich.

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Astronauts leave space station

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) - Space shuttle Atlantis astronauts wrapped up work inside the international space station on Saturday, leaving the place "pretty homey" for the first permanent crew.

Atlantis will undock from the space station late tonight, ending an eight-day visit.

At the launch and landing site, meanwhile, NASA braced for Tropical Storm Gordon, churning out in the Gulf of Mexico and heading toward Florida.

Kennedy Space Center workers rushed to tie down or remove loose objects and prepared for a possible rollback of space shuttle Discovery into its hangar.

Discovery was moved to the launch pad just last week. It's supposed to lift off Oct. 5 on a space station-construction mission.

The approaching storm boded ill for Atlantis, too: Atlantis is scheduled to land early Wednesday - weather permitting.

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Transplant could lead to cancer killers

The Associated Press

An experimental approach to treat kidney cancer that uses blood cells from a patient's sibling drastically reduced or eliminated tumors in some patients, researchers say.

The newly harnessed cancer killers may also reverse the spread of kidney cancer, according to the study in Thursday's New England Journal of Medicine. "This is the biggest advance in kidney cancer in my research career — in my almost 22 years of doing kidney cancer research," said Dr. Nicholas Vogelzang of University of Chicago, a medical adviser for the Kidney Cancer Association.

The cancer killers are T-cells, the roving attack dogs of the immune system. When they work, they usually go after the body but do even worse damage to tumors, according to the study.

While transplants have been used for decades to treat leukemia and other blood cancers, this is their first use against solid cancers. But the authors at the National Institutes of Health cautioned that the approach is still being studied and is itself dangerous.

About 30,000 new cases of kidney cancer are found each year in the United States. If it is caught before it spreads, removing the kidney may cure the patient. But in about 11,000, it is out of the kidney before it is found. Then it moves swiftly,

Cancer experiment promising

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RESULTS:

19 patients, ages 37 to 65, received the treatment



3 responded strongly; cancer disappeared



7 had tumor shrink by more than 50%; 2 died of side effects and 1 died of cancer



9 had no response to treatment; all but 2 died of cancer

*Transplants of this sort are known to stop leukemia, lymphoma, myeloma (blood cell cancers)

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often killing within a year, Vogelzang said. Chicago is

among at least 10 institutions testing the new approach described

in the study by Dr. Richard Childs of the National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute.

Childs and researchers at the National Cancer Institute are preparing tests against 15 other cancers, including those of the lung, breast, prostate and esophagus. "The only way we're going to know if it works is trials. Animal trials have not been particularly helpful," Childs said.

The study describes the first 19 people to get transplants to treat cancer which had spread from the kidney. Tumors disappeared completely in three, and shrank to half their former size in seven others. Two died.

Only two of the seven had a later relapse, and one of them improved again after additional treatment with a different immune therapy.

The patients got transfusions of both stem cells, the immature cells which develop into various kinds of blood cells, and T-cells, which destroyed tumors, Childs said.

But the T-cells took months to work. Four months after John Sirmans' transplant, his tumors were still growing. A CAT scan of his lungs "looked like golf balls in a sock," said Sirmans, of Dayton, Ohio. That was in December. He thought that Christmas would be his last. "Then 30 days later, I came back and these things were shrinking like crazy."

He has been cancer-free since summer.

N.Y. Mayor Giuliani begins his treatment

New York Daily News

NEW YORK — With no public notice, Mayor Rudy Giuliani had radioactive seeds implanted in his cancerous prostate Friday, leaving Mount Sinai Medical Center in good spirit and with hopes for a full recovery after the one-hour procedure.

"Right now, I feel great," a chipper Giuliani said before leaving the hospital, as his aides and frequent companion Judi Nathan looked on. "I feel like I could go back to work and do whatever I had to do."

The mayor was given a spinal anesthetic and calmly listened to a tape of the "Three Tenors" — Jose Carreras, Placido Domingo and Luciano Pavarotti — as his two doctors injected 90 rice-size pellets of radioactive titanium into his prostate gland.

The procedure began at 7:30 a.m. Afterward, his doctors said the "prognosis is excellent" the mayor will be cured of the cancer that has rocked his political and personal lives since he disclosed it April 27.

His illness forced him to abandon his U.S. Senate bid against first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton. Also, it prompted him to publicly acknowledge his long-strained marriage to broadcaster Donna Hanover and his relationship with Nathan, a 45-year-old divorcee.

While Giuliani was in the hospital, his wife was receiving an award at The Plaza Hotel for her work on behalf of breast cancer. Looking uncomfortable, she read a brief statement and immediately left.

"I am doing everything possible under the circumstances to help him," she said. "I am also keeping life as normal as possible for our children."

At a press conference five hours after the procedure, Giuliani said he felt no pain or discomfort. He said he felt a sense of relief and that he expects to return to work Monday or Tuesday.

He was resting Friday night at Gracie Mansion, but the workaholic mayor, who often says he has the best job in the world, hinted to reporters, "Maybe I'll see you this weekend."

Foreign-born children become U.S. citizens

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) — Standing beside her adoptive parents and dressed in a bright white T-shirt featuring the U.S. flag, 3-year-old Corina Rose Lange raised her right hand and said "I do," forsaking her allegiance — to China.

Her parents say the swearing-in Friday at the Sacramento Zoo — one of two children-only naturalization ceremonies in the nation — marked a fitting finale to the adoption process begun by the couple before their daughter was even born.

"We're so happy," said Roger Lopez of Yreka. "We hope that someday she realizes how lucky she is to be an American."

Thirty-seven flag-waving children from 13 countries took the oath of citizenship at the event. The other children-only naturalization ceremony is held in

Washington, D.C. "These aren't like our normal ceremonies," said David Stills, an Immigration and Naturalization Service administrator. "It's a little difficult to tell these new citizens to read the newspaper and remember to vote."

Adoptions of foreign-born children are increasing across the nation, with almost 15,000 from October 1997 to September 1998, the most recent statistics available. That's about 2,500 more than the year before.

Obtaining citizenship for foreign-born — adoptees takes about six months, INS officials said.

Jo Froehlich waited years to adopt a Chinese girl.

"You see those orphanages on TV... It's so bad. But I fell in love with you from the first picture I saw," Froehlich said, nuzzling 3-year-old Leah Ji Xiyu Steele.



AP photo Jacob Moy, 4, unfurls a flag during a citizenship ceremony Friday in Sacramento, Calif.


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NATION

Survey: Girls try to grow up too fast
Girl Scouts talk with youngsters ages 8-12, hear about loss of childhood

Knight Rider News Service

KANSAS CITY, Kan. -- Too many little girls are taking on big-girl worries, says a new survey released by the Girl Scouts of the USA.

An increasing number of girls 8 to 12 worry about their popularity and their appearance, the study said. They dress and act like teenagers. Some are even dating.

As a result, teen angst has descended upon the elementary school playground. Girls who may still believe in the tooth fairy fret that they may never get a boyfriend in the next school. Girls too young to spell bulimia are worried about their weight.

"Girls Speak Out: Teens Before Their Time" was based on conversations and surveys involving 214 girls aged 8 to 12 in seven cities, and on Internet surveys with more than 1,000 other girls in the same age range.

The study, released last week, is the first produced by the new Girl Scout Research Institute. Girls in the ages of 8 to 12 are seemingly caught in an "age compression" caused by a society that forces children to grow up too fast and a pop culture obsessed with sexuality.

Jennifer Barben, 9, of Leawood, Kan., isn't part of the trend. She's more interested in playing basketball than in looking like pop singer Britney Spears, but says some of her friends are wearing lipstick and eye shadow.

"I think they just want to be cool," Jennifer said.

Is it working?

"No," she answered.

Some of the survey's findings: As the third grade, 75 percent of girls liked the way they looked. But by the seventh grade, that number dropped to 56 percent.

"Being Britney Spears would be nice because you could wear a bikini without a big, fat tummy sticking out all over the place," one third-grade girl told researchers.

Among girls 10 to 12, nearly a fourth -- 23 percent -- thought that 12 or 13 was an appropriate age for a person's first romantic relationship.

"Go into her elementary school and you'd swear you were in a high school," Stephanie Gromling said of her daughter's fifth- and sixth-grade school in Belton, Kan. Gromling said many parents fail to set boundaries.

Her 11-year-old daughter, Elizabeth, said she isn't allowed to wear makeup or buy skimpy clothing, but many girls in her school do.

"Some are already dating and stuff," she said.

Seventy-three percent of girls 8 to 12 appear to have strong ties to their families.

But many girls said their parents were unwilling to talk about sex and boys if they thought the girl was too young to be asking the questions.

"Girls are begging for the adults in their lives to listen to all the problems and emotions," said Ellen City, a spokeswoman for the Girl Scouts.

Experts say girls today develop physically and cognitively at a younger age, but their emotional development has not kept pace.

"The worries we used to hear from 13- and 16-year-olds -- we're now hearing from 8-year olds and they don't have the emotional tools to handle the stress and anxiety," said Leslie T. Dunn, director of the Feud Institute in Kansas City, which does research into child development.

Dunn, who also is a board member for Girl Scouts of Mid-America, said she hoped the study served as a red flag to parents and others who work with children.

"Ten to 15 years from now, we could have a major problem with preteen pregnancy and preteen suicide," Dunn said.

Neither Dunn nor Christie knew of similar studies involving boys.

So what's caused this loss of childhood?

Some local parents blamed the entertainment industry. They say movies and television harm children with unrealistic portrayals of love and beauty.

Scout leader Grace Barben also said television has failed to provide programming for 8- to 12-year-olds.

"They grow up with Barney and then go to MTV -- there's nothing

in between for these kids," Barben said.

Other mothers complained that it's difficult to purchase "little girl" clothes today. They say designers have simply shrunken junior styles to fit younger girls.

"It's hard to dress a little girl these days," said Antoinette Robinson of Lee's Summit. "But you can sure find a lot of bare midriffs, short skirts and platform shoes."



Pop stars Britney Spears, left, and Christina Aguilera, shown here Sept. 7, in the MTV awards in New York City, are role models for many young girls not yet in their teens.

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Six-point buck kills woman

MAPLETON, Kan. (AP) - A 75-year-old woman was killed by a deer she raised from infancy.

Margaret Hershberger was gored and cut by her 200-pound, six-point buck, Major, at her home Tuesday.

Her husband, Richard, found her body after she did not return from shutting her chickens in for the night, Bourbon County Sheriff Hank Coleman said.

Her husband killed the white-tail deer in a nearby pen and called authorities, who killed the 8-year-old animal.

"People have to understand that deer are wild animals," Coleman said. "They get frisky. This is a horrible example of what can happen when you try to tame wild animals."

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Man's best friend is sometimes deadly

ATLANTA (AP) — Rottweilers have passed pit bulls as America's deadliest dog breed, according to a study released Friday.

The large dogs were involved in 33 fatal attacks on humans between 1991 and 1998, the American Veterinary Medical Association said.

Pit bulls, which had been responsible for more deaths than any other breed, were involved in 21 fatal attacks over the same period.

Rottweilers, first bred in Germany, surged in popularity during the 1990s as more people sought them for protection, said Jeffrey J. Sacks, an epidemiologist with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

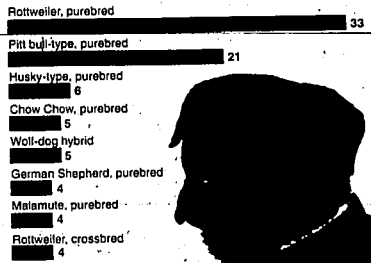
"People are more in fear of crime and violence, and this has led to a selection of bigger dogs," he said. "If you start selecting bigger dogs, you'll get bigger bites."

The study's authors, using data from the Humane Society of the United States and media accounts of dog maulings, reported 27 people — 19 of them children — died from dog attacks in

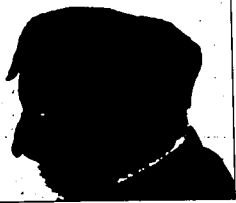
America's killer canines

Rottweilers top the list of America's deadliest dog breeds, according to a study by the American Veterinary Medical Association. People, not dogs, are mostly to blame for the 27 deaths from dog attacks that occurred in 1997 and 1998, researchers say, citing a common failure to train dogs correctly and ignorance of how to behave around them.

Dog bite-related fatalities, 1991-98, by breed



Source: American Veterinary Medical Association
1997-and-1998. The numbers highlight wide spread mistreatment of dogs and a growing public ignorance of



how to behave around them, researchers said. They blamed adults for not teaching children to stay away from unfamiliar dogs.

"It's not a Rottweiler problem or a pit bull problem," said Randall Lockwood, the Humane Society's vice president for research and educational outreach. "It's a people problem."

The annual number of reported fatal attacks has not varied widely in the past 20 years, the study said.

But overall attacks are on the rise — likely because families are busier, leaving them less time to train their dogs and watch their children.

"A dog has to have its behavior monitored and consequences put in place," Sacks said. "People don't seem to have a lot of time in their lives for that."

Pit bulls led all breeds for fatal attacks between 1979 and 1998, with at least one pit bull involved in 66 mauling deaths, the study said. Rottweilers were blamed for 37 — most of those in the 1990s — followed by German shepherds with 17 and huskies with 15.

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Female singer releases Spanish-language album

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Christina Aguilera's moves on stage don't require translation. But the pop singer wants to make sure her Spanish-language fans understand the lyrics.

Aguilera this week released a Spanish-language album, "Mi Reflejo," that includes five translated versions of songs from her debut album and six new songs, including a duet with Latin pop star Luis Fonsi.

Aguilera's father is from Ecuador, and her U.S.-born mother worked as a Spanish translator. Aguilera, born and raised in the United States, says she spoke Spanish at home for the first five years of her life, until her parents divorced.

Squeaky-clean star curves, shocks 'Blossom' co-stars

NEW YORK — Joey Lawrence, who starred as a child in TV's "Gimme a Break" and "Blossom" always had a squeaky-clean image

People in the news

on the set. That changed a bit after he flubbed one of his lines while filming "Blossom" and stunned cast members by uttering a four-letter word, he said in Saturday's Daily News.

"I was always a clean-cut guy, and everybody heard me and everyone gasped," said Lawrence.

Def Leppard's Kansas concert huge success

HUTCHINSON, Kan. — Rock group Def Leppard has been around for 23 years, and its appeal doesn't seem to be fading, at least not in Kansas.

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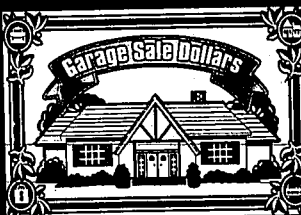
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Three AH-1Z1H Helicopter Attack (Light) Helicopters sit on the flight deck of the USS Tarawa off the coast of Dili, East Timor, Saturday. Four United States naval vessels, carrying over 4,000 troops, arrived Thursday on a three-day humanitarian mission to assist the struggling nation.

U.S. ships end their mission to East Timor

DILI, East Timor (AP) — Four U.S. warships that delivered food and reconstruction materials to devastated East Timor ended their mission on Saturday.

The USS Tarawa, USS Duluth, and USS Anchorage, brought aid to three widely separated parts of East Timor, including the isolated enclave of Oecusse. While there have been similar previous U.S. missions before to East Timor, the ships were escorted for the first time by a warship because of recent violence on the island.

The mission had been planned for months, but security for the more than 4,000 sailors and marines was stepped up due to last week's attacks by pro-Indonesian militia gangs, which killed three U.N. aid workers in the West Timor border town of Atambula.

"Because of some of the troubles on the border we've had a fairly robust protection posture," said Navy Captain Allan Wall, commander of the amphibious squadron.

Wall said there were no incidents during the three-day mission. More than 500 tons of building materials and food were delivered by air and sea to hard-to-reach areas.

The sailors and marines repaired schools, opened dental



and medical clinics and painted the Dili cathedral steeple.

It is the fourth such U.S. mission to the stricken island since international peacekeepers intervened a year ago in response to anti-independence militia violence following an independence vote.

The armed gangs fled to West Timor, where they have used border refugee camps as bases for incursions into East Timor.

All four vessels are sailing to Singapore before heading to the Middle East.

Tourists return home early after ship seizures

HALIFAX, Nova Scotia (AP) — Angry, luggage-toting tourists returned to their vacation homes or heading home after a U.S. company abruptly suspended operations, dumping 2,800 passengers from four luxury ships in ports in Canada, Mexico and the Bahamas.

Premier Cruise Lines of Port Canaveral, Fla., shut down after its primary lender seized the ships, which had been put up for collateral.

The Rembrandt and the Sea Breeze were seized Thursday in Halifax, and the Oceanic was impounded in Nassau in the Bahamas. The Big Red Boat III was seized the same day in Cozumel, Mexico.

In Halifax, the seizures caused pandemonium on the dock, where confused and irate passengers begged reporters to use their cell phones to call home. Passengers said they had been given 15 minutes to pack and leave the ship. "This is a disaster," added Karen Ledet, a passenger from New York City. "I just don't believe anything (the crew) is saying."

One British man who asked not to be identified yelled for someone to call the British consulate, saying they were being held hostage.

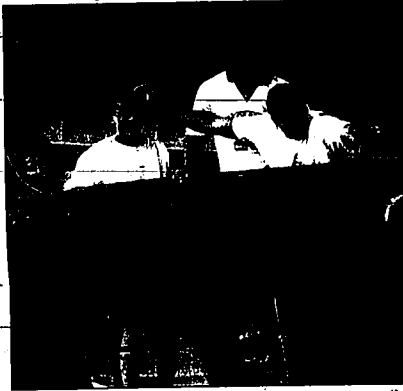
In the Bahamas, 600 passengers, many dragging luggage and with children in tow, were put ashore in Nassau then told flights to Florida would be available on a first-come, first-served basis.

From Orlando, Fla., buses came to take them to Port Canaveral, the start of the cruise, where they arrived late Thursday and were left scrambling to find accommodations for the night.

"We haven't had anything to eat or drink but coffee since 5 a.m.," Tina Thomas of Murfreesboro, Tenn., said after arriving in Port Canaveral.

At a telephone news conference in Port Canaveral, Fla., Alan Twaits, a Premier vice president, said: "No passengers were stranded."

The decision to seize the ships came after the New York investment firm of Donaldson Lufkin



Crew members onboard the Rembrandt fish for mackerel from the back of their cruise ship in Halifax on Thursday. The Rembrandt and Sea Breeze, vessels belonging to Premier Cruise Lines of Port Canaveral, Fla., were seized following a Federal Court order requested by five companies.

Jenrette learned that other creditors might be trying similar moves. Catherine Conroy, a senior officer at the firm, told the news conference.

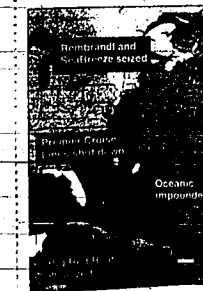
Most of the Halifax passengers

were flown back to their home ports, but several hundred were allowed to board Premier's Big Red Boat II for a return cruise to New York.

The Big Red Boat II, also

Vacations scuttled

Passengers aboard four luxury cruise ships got a rude awakening when the cruise line's primary lender seized and impounded the ships, forcing the more than 2,800 stranded passengers to find their way home from ports in Canada, Mexico and the Bahamas.



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Police find grenades near Basque town

King's visit spurs angry separatist group to arm

HERNANI, Spain (AP) — Police with helicopters and sniffer dogs uncovered eight grenades in woods near a Basque town just hours before a visit by King Juan Carlos, Prime Minister Jose Maria Aznar and German Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder.

Authorities said the grenades were planted by the armed Basque separatist group ETA — whose political allies warned this week that although Schroeder was welcome in Hernani, the king and prime minister were not.

The grenades were found in rudimentary launching tubes in a pit about 600 yards from the open-air museum of sculptor Eduardo Chillida, which was inaugurated by the king and later visited by Aznar, Schroeder and more than a dozen other Spanish politicians.

"The grenades had a launching mechanism but it was so sloppily put together they would have not gone further than a few" yards, said a spokeswoman for the Basque regional Ertzaintza police force who refused to be identified. "There was no danger of anyone being injured."

The event went ahead as scheduled, and ETA issued no immediate comment.

"There had been conflicting police reports earlier as to whether the grenades had launching devices.

The grenades were found only half an hour before the king's arrival, despite a week of intensive police searches of the hills and woods around the museum to prevent any attacks.

ETA has admitted to about 800 killings since it began fighting for independence of northern Spain's Basque region in 1968. It has escalated its campaign since ending a cease-fire last December and claimed 11 killings so far this year. It is also blamed for a 12th.

Several hundred police, many in full riot gear with rubber-bulb rifles and massed in front of the museum around the museum and Hernani, a traditionally pro-independence town. Helicopters constantly hovering overhead.



Basque national police move to disperse a group of Basque nationalist supporters carrying Basque flags who were trying to get close to the new Chillida sculpture museum near Hernani, northern Spain, Saturday.



Alleged Basque separatist leader Ignacio Gracia Arregui, left, alias Inaki de Renteria is detained by police Friday in Bidart, France.

Unable to reach the museum, about 1,000 people paraded through Hernani chanting "The king of Spain should stay in

Spain!" and "Independence now!" Others shouted in favor of ETA, whose name is a Basque-language acronym for Basque Homeland

and Freedom.

"My family and I are Basques, through and through. We're not Spanish," said Jose Alarza, a 60-year-old native of Hernani. He said he felt ETA's killings were often wrong, but insisted "it's the only way they can fight, and if they don't fight for independence, who will?"

The latest victim of the violence was a university teacher and former Socialist politician who survived a shot in the face Thursday outside his house in nearby San Sebastian.

The museum visit came three days after Spanish police arrested 20 suspected ETA fund-raisers and organizers. Then on Friday, French police just across the border detained Ignacio de Gracia Arregui, also known by his nom de guerre Inaki de Renteria, considered the head of ETA's military planning.

Gracia Arregui, a fugitive for more than a decade, is under investigation for his alleged role in several ETA killings. He also is accused of planning a foiled assassination of the king in 1995.

Top cardinal resigns from key Vatican post, citing his health

VATICAN CITY (AP) — A Brazilian cardinal often mentioned as a possible successor to Pope John Paul II resigned from two key Vatican posts Saturday for reasons of health.

John Paul offered the resignation of Cardinal Lucas Moreira Neves from the influential Congregation of Bishops and the

Pontifical Commission for Latin America.

Neves, who turned 75 on Saturday, was archbishop of Sao Salvador da Bahia for 10 years until called to the Vatican in 1998. Reported health problems already then were a factor for observers speculating about possible papal candidates.

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Saddam orders year-round military training for party

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — President Saddam Hussein has ordered his party members to conduct military training year-round because of rising hostility toward Iraq, newspapers reported Saturday.

The order, made during a Cabinet meeting Thursday, coincided with a Clinton administration decision to provide \$4 million to the Iraqi leader's political foes and another \$4 million in stages under a program with the Iraqi National Congress, which is trying to oust Saddam.

"Because our enemy is fighting us in all fields and under all sides, we must boost our capabilities to face the enemy in the fields we are capable of," Saddam said in remarks carried

by the official Al-Qadisiya newspaper.

Military training is usually conducted during crises and summer vacations only.

The decree allows civil servants and regular citizens to volunteer for military training. Volunteers are taught to fire automatic weapons and rocket-propelled-grenade launchers.

Tensions between the United States and Iraq have been rising, mostly over a renewed attempt to have U.N. inspectors look for hidden weapons of mass destruction.

Secretary of State Madeleine Albright said Wednesday the United States will back vigorous diplomacy with a threat of force to preserve stability through the Middle East and Persian Gulf.

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Killings dampen students' spirits

MONTERIA, Colombia (AP) - Escalating campus violence, including the assassinations of several professors, is turning Colombia's universities into battlegrounds.

The latest victim was Hugo Iguaran, an outspoken professor killed Sept. 10 during a meeting at the home of the rector of the University of Cordoba, located in this northern city.

In just over a year, five professors in Colombia have been killed and others have been attacked or kidnapped.

"There is a climate here of fear, of anxiety, of distrust," said industrial science professor Herly-Gastillo, president of the University of Cordoba teachers' association. "Everybody watches themselves, takes special care in what they say."

Castillo spoke in hushed tones, warily eyeing two colleagues in the teachers' lounge. The two looked up periodically from their newspapers, then stared back downward when Castillo caught their eyes.

As a 36-year armed conflict escalates between leftist guerrillas, a rival right-wing paramilitary group and the U.S.-backed military, bloodshed is increasingly spilling over onto university campuses in this South American country.

On Friday, the National University in the capital commemorated the first anniversary of the assassination of Jesus Bejarano, an economics professor and former government peace envoy who sharply criticized all sides in the country's war. His colleagues are so shaken, they don't dare speculate publicly on who may have killed him.

Miguel Juarez waltzes with his family Saturday for the beginning of a military parade in downtown Mexico City. In honor of Mexico's Independence Day, the march honors the 1810 beginning of Mexico's war for Independence from Spain.



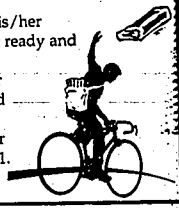
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Truckers win fuel reprieve

LONDON (AP) - Truckers in Hungary won a reprieve from higher fuel taxes Saturday while scattered protests continued elsewhere in Europe and British motorists waited their turn to fill up after a disruptive week.

The Hungarian government, which met with truckers' representatives, said Saturday that it would postpone a 6 percent increase in excise taxes. "This was an important achievement for us," said Istan Galambos, spokesman for the seven organizations representing truckers and taxi drivers.

The government promised not to introduce the 6 percent tax hike as long as the world crude oil price remains above \$25 a barrel on a quarterly average. The tax increase would have gone into effect Jan. 1.

MOL, the Hungarian oil and gas company, raised wholesale gasoline prices by 2.7 percent and diesel prices 5.4 percent Friday.

Transport Minister Laszlo Nogradi said the formerly state-run oil company was now 75 percent owned by foreign investors and freezing the planned excise tax raise is the best we can do right now.

High tax on gas is a policy adopted in Europe decades ago as an environmental measure to discourage excessive fuel consumption.

Taxes range from 51 percent in Greece to 73 percent in Britain, where diesel cost an average of \$4.33 a gallon last month.

Crude oil prices have tripled since last December, to more than \$30 per barrel from \$10, reaching a level transport workers call a threat to their livelihood.

French truckers began the fuel protest Sept. 4, winning a tax break from the government and inspiring protests in other countries.

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Former opposition leader lives in self-imposed exile

BUDVA, Yugoslavia (AP) — Whiffing around his summer apartment in red Reebok sneakers, the opposition firebrand looks haggard, glancing uneasily at the bullet holes sprayed across his living room wall.

Vuk Draskovic says the June assassination attempt is the reason that with the country heading toward a Sept. 24 presidential vote that could be the climax of years of struggle against his

nemesis, Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic, he's sitting by the beach in Montenegro, leaving a colorless lieutenant to carry his party's standard.

"This," he says bitterly, looking around his apartment, "is how I live here."

For much of the past decade, Draskovic was the only figure in Serbia with acknowledged rhetorical skills and a significant following of common citizens who would spill onto the streets at his command. And until this

election season, he was the only serious threat to Milosevic.

That's all changed, though, in the aftermath of two assassination attempts, both of which Draskovic blames on Milosevic's secret services. Now he appears certain that Milosevic will flat-out steal the election since opposition candidates are providing a strong challenge.

Milosevic is facing his strongest challenge in a decade in power from an unexpected candidate, law professor Vojislav

Kostunica. His unexpected popularity appears to have caught the Yugoslav strongman off guard.

Milosevic apparently bet the opposition would pick Draskovic, a mercurial figure who inspires as much anger as he does devotion. But after the attacks, Draskovic's Serbian Renewal Movement party refused to let him return to Serbia from his self-imposed exile in Yugoslavia's smaller, republic, Montenegro, suggesting he would be a target if he returned.



Yugoslavia President Slobodan Milosevic meets factory workers near Belgrade Friday.

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EDITORIAL

TF School District did the right thing in transfer flap

They could have handled the flare-up better, but Twin Falls school officials generally did the right thing recently by shifting a teacher and about two dozen students between schools. The transfers equalize class sizes and optimize staff allocation, which is exactly what the school district should be doing.

The only problem with transferring a kindergarten teacher from Bickel Elementary and students from Sawtooth Elementary was that district officials appeared indifferent to the concerns of parents. That was bad form, and unnecessary under the circumstances.

In the future, Superintendent Terrell Donich and his staff should pay more attention to the niceties of customer relations. At the same time, parents should hone their understanding of what it takes to staff a school district.

The flap at Sawtooth started because the district has long wanted parents to send their children to the elementary school of their choice, provided there's room. That policy made Sawtooth, which is in the relatively affluent northeast end of town, a favorite with parents who live in other elementary school zones.

But the upshot was that too many students were enrolled at Sawtooth this fall. The answer was to send some

out-of-zone students to other elementary schools. That, in turn, led some parents to the extreme step of seeking partial guardianship of their children to people who live in the Sawtooth zone.

These parents clearly want the best for their children, and are willing to go to great lengths to get it. But are the demographics of Sawtooth really so superior? Are children in the early grades truly disadvantaged by attending a school such as, say, Morningside Elementary?

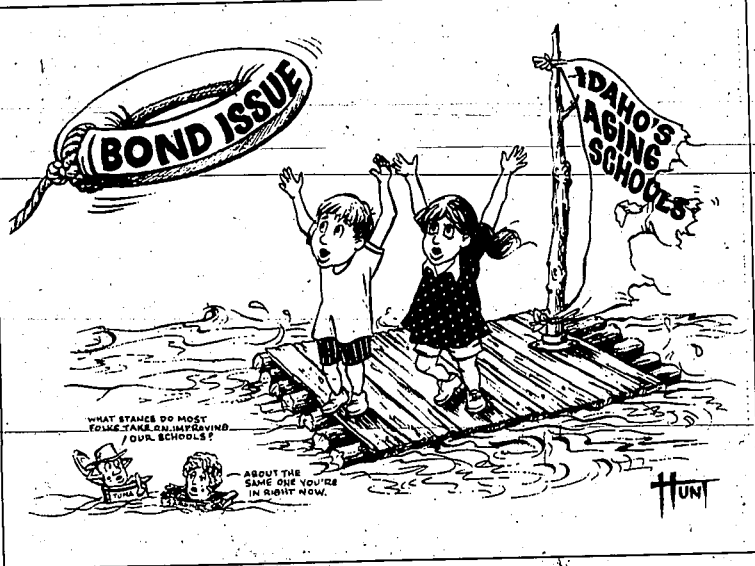
Children are surprisingly resilient, but they still shouldn't be used for a tug-of-war between parents and the school district. Remember, sending children to an out-of-zone school is a privilege, not a right.

The irony here is that while Sawtooth has become wildly popular, total enrollment is declining throughout the district. That's why the kindergarten teacher was transferred from Bickel.

Allowing the district to reassign teachers to schools where they're needed is essential for cost-effective use of taxpayer money. So is culling out-of-zone elementary students when class sizes are too large. The school district shouldn't be faulted for making these fundamental management decisions.

This squall has blown itself out. It's time to move on.

Sending children to an elementary school outside their normal attendance zone is a privilege, not a right.



Sociologists haven't solved our troubles

LAURENCE D. COHEN

The college kids barely had time to unpack when the warnings began: Don't smoke. Don't drink. No unprotected sex. No drugs. But no one ever warns them about the real danger lurking inside those ivy-covered walls. Stay away from the sociologists.

These sociologists are a sneaky bunch. They creep out beyond the sociology department and teach urban studies and African American studies and feminist studies and all sorts of victimization studies, some of which have been promoted to make-believe departments of their very own. But don't be fooled. They're still sociologists.

Some of them are postmodernists, a bunch of them are interactionists, lots of them are highfalutin, number-crunching politicos.

Typical question: Are you a racist? (a) all the time, (b) most of the time, (c) some of my best friends are black. The sociologists know that the road to tenure, promotions and fat grants from loopy foundations is filled with victims, so the curriculum is overloaded with beleaguered women and minorities and misunderstood criminals. When Youngstown State University in Ohio launched its Center for Working-Class Studies in the early 1990s, it was considered groundbreaking. Part of the focus was going to be blue-collar white folks. Neither of the co-founders was a sociologist.

Although many academic disciplines maintain the pretext of objective exploration, the sociologists have pretty much transformed themselves into knee-jerk

advocates. Take the nuttiest thing you ever heard a left-wing Democrat say out loud and you can find it in a sociology textbook or journal article. In a funny article about this year's meeting of the American Sociological Association (almost all stories about the ASA are funny), the writer noted that Ralph Nader was one of the speakers. Why was a presidential candidate speaking at an academic convention devoted to dispensation research? His call to action against the ills of society was thorough in the spirit of the occasion." Right.

In his book "Jail: Managing the Underclass in American Society," sociologist John Irwin is in the mainstream of his profession when he complains that jails treat people like, well, you know, prisoners. "The jail routine makes it virtually impossible for a prisoner to maintain his normal physical appearance," Irwin writes. "The degradation caused by all jail processes is summed up in the relatively uniform appearance of prisoners—plain, sallow, unclean, disheveled."

Occasionally, a sociologist even admits the truth. William Harris, an assistant professor of sociology at Boston College, wrote to the Chronicle of Higher Education last December: "Most of our graduate students and almost all of our undergraduate students come to the discipline seeking a means to bring about positive change in society. But due to our poor training, most of us do not really understand the

difference between theoretical-empirical and applied work. ... Sociology needs professionals committed to putting the discipline to work in the service of society."

In the real world, one need only look at welfare reform to see how irrelevant sociologists and their colleagues in the social worker community have become. After decades of watching academic sociologists and social workers craft and defend a destructive welfare system that provided perverse incentives for victims to stay victims, it took a gaggle of ideologically driven politicians and economists to fix the mess, with financial incentives to do the right things and avoid the wrong things. That isn't called sociology; it's called Economics 101.

Nevertheless, social work, the vocational education end of sociology, remains a hot job category. As we speak, New York City is advertising for dozens of such folks to "evaluate" and "train" and "supervise" and "coordinate" — much of which is a lot better than actually doing social work. The pay range is \$55,000 to \$82,000, which is more than some of the sociology professors make.

If your child succumbs to sociology, don't give up hope: The kid may stumble upon the work of Scott Schaffer, a sociologist at California State University, Fullerton, who produces the online Journal of Mundane Behavior. Now, that's the kind of sociology you can learn to love.

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Don't magnify the problem at INEEL

READER COMMENT
David Kipping

A new U.S. Department of Energy proposal involving production of plutonium could reopen Building 666 at the Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory, shut down 11 years ago for environmental problems, and add to the site's already overwhelming cleanup problems.

INEEL is home to every type of nuclear waste and has the largest burial ground of plutonium-contaminated refuse in America, sitting unprotected above the Snake River Aquifer. The revised price tag for cleaning up the entire site is approximately \$2.2 billion and is expected to take 50 years. More than 60 percent of site's annual \$1 billion budget is expressly for cleanup projects.

This known, any new plan to produce new waste should be dismissed out of hand unless it has some tremendous value to us as taxpayers. Unfortunately, there is a new plan and it concerns production of plutonium-238 — an isotope unusable for weapons but more radioactive than its weapons counterpart, plutonium-239.

The Department of Energy states it has space-probe instrumentation. However, NASA has recently stated it won't need any more of this plutonium. Underneath, the DOE is pressing forward.

It is unlikely that INEEL would actually produce the plutonium. The DOE would prefer to do this at the Hanford facility in southeast Washington. However, INEEL could be the scene of the extraordinarily messy extraction of Pu-238 from the targets that come out of the Hanford reactor. This would entail more shipments of nuclear materials through Idaho.

In order to remove the plutonium, the targets would be bathed in nitric acid and a host of other chemicals generating approximately 288,000 additional gallons of the most problematic form of nuclear waste in existence — liquid waste that is both radioactive and hazardous. INEEL extracted uranium-235 for the nation's nuclear weapons program using a similar process. In 1989, Building 666 was used for this process — was shut down because it could not comply with environmental laws. The DOE was still working on bringing it up to standards when, in 1992, the Bush Administration officially canceled the reprocessing program complexwide.

This was done to demonstrate the United States' willingness to stanch the flow of weapons-grade material and to persuade other countries not to engage in this threatening technology.

A return to the use of this weapons facility would obviously fly in the face of existing U.S. non-proliferation policy. It would also mean more waste for a site that needs more nuclear-waste like the DOE needs more security scandals. Cleanup should continue to be the major priority at INEEL.

A major part of the work of the Snake River Alliance is to ensure that money is there for cleanup and that it is done properly. What we don't need is a generation of more waste to make an already expensive and difficult cleanup job more expensive and difficult.

Alternative 5 in the current environmental study concerning this proposal would end the plutonium production program all together and allow the DOE to continue cleanup of INEEL without further complications. Please tell the DOE and your congressional representatives to support this alternative.

David Kipping of Haley is board president of the Snake River Alliance, an Idaho-based grassroots group working for responsible solutions to nuclear waste and contamination.

LETTER

Thanks, T-N, for Hispanic page

I want to extend my appreciation for the new Hispanic community page. As a teacher this will help me to stay in touch with my students at Robert Stuart who share the Hispanic culture.

Since moving to Twin Falls seven years ago I have been amazed at how little the Hispanic culture is celebrated by the community when it makes such an important impact in the area.
KATY DABESTANI
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LETTERS

4-H members live their pledge

In all of the letters to the editor I have read over the past 30 years, never have I seen anything so misleading, inappropriate, inaccurate, insensitive, etc., than the letter from Monie Smith of Jerome.

I was a 4-H beef leader for 25 years; my daughter, Carol (who was one of my 4-H members), has now served an additional 15 years as a beef leader.

Perhaps, Ms. Smith, you should read the 4-H Pledge: "I pledge my head to clearer thinking, my heart to greater loyalty, my hands to larger service and my health to better living for my club, my community, my country and my world."

Every meeting we had started with the Pledge of Allegiance to our flag, followed by the 4-H Pledge. Four-H members not only recite both pledges, they live both pledges. I have seen literally thousands of young people go through the 4-H and Future Farmers of America programs. Never have I seen a loser. Some win more than others, but never a loser. Since you are an employee in the health-care field, here are a few facts on what animals contribute to health care.

Our bodies easily accept medication or treatment with beef, collagen, blood factors, chondroitin, collagen, cortisol, glucagon, heparin, insulin, pancreatic thrombin, visopressin and Vitamin B12. Gelatin comes from the connective tissue of cattle and is used to make candies, jellies, many of the products in your hospital are made from cattle by-products: candles, ceramics, cosmetics, crayons, deodorants, detergents, floor wax, insecticides, insulation, linoleum, mouthwash, paints, paper, perfume, plastic, shampoos, soaps, synthetic rubber, after being removed from the animal and properly treated, provides us with leather used to make clothing, shoes, belts, purses, wallets, gloves, luggage and automobile and furniture upholstery. Cattle by-products also help keep our ambulances operating, antifreeze, asphalt, auto lubricants, high-performance brakes, brake fluid, automobile glue and tires. All of these items contain beef by-products. I believe sheep skins are still used in hospitals to prevent bed sores and make the patient more comfortable. I personally would prefer to have the sheep skin removed from the animal before it is used in my bed, regardless of how barbaric that might sound.

Congratulations to all of the 4-H and FFA members; we are all proud of you.
BILL BROCKMAN
Kimberly

Valley students test accurately

Education in Idaho vs. Texas. Hopefully many people including The

Times-News editors tuned into 60 Minutes Sunday evening.

Texas education system has been telling everyone their educational testing is so much higher than most of the other states. Now we know why they are stating this fact.

Several teachers on the program told how they are required to teach to the tests and one teacher stated she was told not to teach social studies because that was not being tested. If every school had this policy, then every school would not have accurate results in any test. Also, a representative from the University of Texas stated most seniors from their high schools were not ready to enter the university.

After teaching in our Magic Valley schools for many years, I know that our teachers are not teaching to tests so our students are showing true test results that have been very good in Idaho.

I sincerely wish the editors and many other people who criticize our schools would visit classes in their school system so they would really know what is being taught in our schools.

Yes, there are some students in our earlier grades who are having a problem in learning to read, but parents and family members would be able to help this problem if boys and girls were read to in English when they were two, three or four years old before beginning school. I know many families may not have such books as Mr. Sixes books in their home, but if many of us donated these books to our junior high and high school libraries, perhaps students would take these home and read to their younger brothers and sisters in preparation for schools.

Yes, our library has many of the books for the younger grades, but unless you are able to pay a large fee for the privilege of using the library.

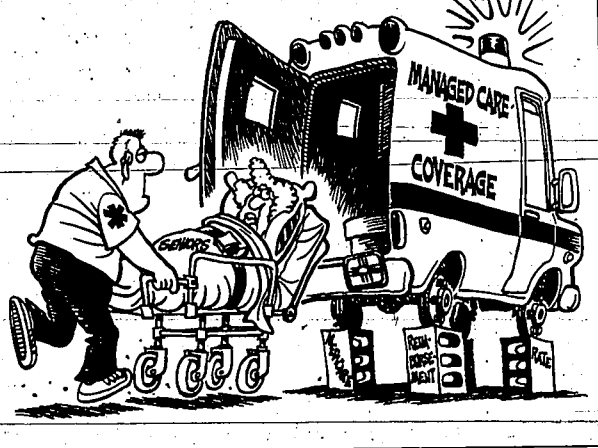
Let us all know what is being taught and how the teachers are actually teaching before we criticize our school systems.
JEAN EMBERSON
Twin Falls

T-N needs to give unbiased report

I'm tired of the half-truths and unverified research studies referred to in numerous editorial letters regarding environmental contamination from the excessive use of our water really being contaminated? Is something being done about it? What about the other dairies in our valley?

Let's forego the sensationalism and find out the character assassinations and find out the facts. I challenge The Times-News to do an unbiased investigative report of the issues.
DR. STEVE SCHMIDT
Twin Falls

TEAR UP YOUR REMOTE
BY BERNICE KANNER



America runs by remote control

BERNICE KANNER

NEW YORK — There are more remote control devices in America than there are people.

According to the Consumer Electronics Association, the average household now has more than four remote controls, to operate their televisions and stereos, as well as ceiling fans, air conditioning and fireplaces, house lights and window blinds.

No longer residing just under den sofas, remotes are also found on car dashboards and hanging around computers. A new WebRemote device allows the user to browse Web sites without actually having to sit near the computer.

Nine out of 10 households in this country have up to seven electronic devices that can be controlled by remote, according to a study from Philips Consumer Electronics.

Harris Interactive asked more than 2,000 Americans about their remote control habits and preferences. Nearly 30 percent say their biggest problem with remotes is having too many of them operating different products in their home.

Only 1 percent of respondents have a remote that controls everything. Zenith Electronics, now The Zenith Radio Corp., pioneered the development of remote controls by introducing "Lazy Bones," the original TV remote control in 1950.

Zenith also introduced the first wireless remote, which relied on tightly aimed flashlight beams, in 1955. Remotes have remained a challenge for advertisers, but more than that they have become the symbol for how American lives.

Philippe's survey found: Americans go to great lengths to

avoid exerting themselves when it comes to reaching for the remote. Thirty-four percent admitted they have actually stretched for it to the point of falling off the furniture.

A quarter of us tend to reach for the remote with their feet or toes. More than half of the respondents (53 percent) would rather have someone throw the remote across the room than get it themselves.

But sometimes, get it they must. Rather than go without a remote, 60 percent of people take the batteries out of another appliance in order to keep their remote functioning.

Fifty-five percent consider their remote to be such an important piece of equipment they have taped it back together after breaking it. Many people won't get up from the couch to turn on the TV, but will instead spend a chunk of time searching for the remote.

We're living in a remote-controlled world. Dan Williard, president of Replacement Remotes, says people are lost without it. His company receives frantic calls to replace broken or missing devices on the eve of big sports events.

Remote control — that is, who's controlling the remote — can be a source of marital distress.

Nineteen percent admit they feel anger when someone else has control, says Thorsten Koch, senior vice president and general manager of Philips Video North. Often it seems the remotes have minds of their own. How else to account for the fact they migrate under cushions and other unthinkable places?

Because of their penchant to

move on, many hotels have nailed or screwed the devices into the nightstand. New, sleek ones with LCD touch screens have also emerged.

These pricey high-tech gizmos can talk to personal computers and in many ways resemble personal digital assistants. Philips found more than half of people would like their remote to remind them when their favorite program was on.

Others wanted the device to take on such other tasks as lawn watering (17 percent), operating the security system (16 percent) and monitoring what the kids watch on TV (26 percent).

Bernice Kanner writes on advertising and marketing from her base in New York. She writes this commentary for BridgeNews.

A new century for conservation

The 20th century can rightly be called America's conservation century. From President Theodore Roosevelt forward, Americans began to embrace their land rather than just use it. This ethic of conservation has created, protected and preserved tens of millions of acres of open space.

But conservation is not something that concludes just because a century does. We are not done, nor will we ever be. While protecting our natural resources is often a quiet, steady exercise, sometimes moments of great opportunity arise. We are at such a moment now.

The U.S. Senate has before it legislation that would do more to protect America's heritage than anything in a generation. The Conservation and Reinvestment Act (CARA) is in the true spirit of the early conservationists: It plans for the future while solving immediate problems; it provides for recreation as well as preservation; and it has bipartisan support.

The House has passed the bill, and the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee has approved it. With the administration supporting the legislation, all that is needed is Senate action in the remaining days of this Congress.

CARA's origins stretch back to 1958, when President Eisenhower created the Outdoor Recreation Resources Review Commission to conduct a three-year inquiry into America's growing outdoor needs.

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do. CARA represents the first good opportunity in 20 years to set our conservation path back on track. It not only fully funds the LWCF but also addresses critical needs in wildlife management, urban parks, coastal protection and historic preservation.

Most important, it establishes a dependable source of funding for these programs. The presence of those who created the fund was that conservation especially could not be haphazard; the inexorable march of development and simple wear-and-tear on resources require a permanent commitment. CARA returns us to that premise, providing approximately \$3 billion a year and a firm precedent for future funding.

CARA returns us to another important ideal: bipartisanship. Republican Dan Young of Alaska and Democrat George Miller of California did a masterful job of steering CARA through the House, winning a 315 to 102 vote. In these gridlocked times, CARA's bipartisan treatment is a reminder that policy can sometimes overcome politics.

By reviving the Land and Water Conservation Fund before it goes home this year, Congress can do just that.

Lady Bird Johnson, the widow of President Lyndon B. Johnson, was instrumental in bringing about the Highway Beautification Act of 1965. Laurance S. Rockefeller is a conservationist and philanthropist. They wrote this commentary for The Washington Post.

Its findings suggested a new approach: The federal government should embark on a new venture to provide matching funds that state and local governments could use to meet a broader set of outdoor needs.

In 1964 President Lyndon B. Johnson signed into law a bill creating the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF), which not only affirmed these commitments but set American conservation on a course it still follows.

The foresight embedded in LWCF was strengthened later in the 1960s by tapping money from offshore oil and gas leases to fund LWCF projects.

Congress had made a promise and found a way to keep it. And for years, the LWCF worked wonders.

After 15 years of generally faithful adherence to LWCF's unique bipartisan, presidential administrations and Congress began to redirect large chunks of fund revenues to their intended purposes to other budget items.

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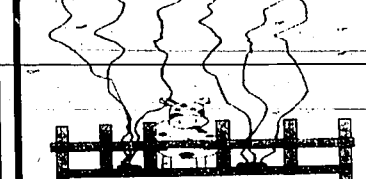
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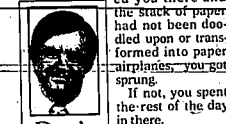
Those monks should have got out more

Sister Mary Agnes used to tell her fourth-grade class about medieval Benedictine monks so righteous that they'd fast for three days if they neglected to clean up a single candle drip or sweep the dirt floors of the 8-by-12 cells where they lived alone. Understand, she had an agenda: A Benedictine nun teaching in a Catholic school, she was surrounded on all sides by big Mormon families and creeping secularism. Monasticism, I guess, became sort of a loss-leader in the cause of contemplative piety.

It's a noble enough cause - European monasticism kept Western civilization alive by stringing the Dark Ages - but it was a tough sell to 20th century 10-year-olds.

So to drive home the point, she converted a closet at the back of the classroom into sort of miniaturized Trappist monk's cell. Any venial sin committed publicly within the classroom - pulling ponytails, throwing erasers, listening to a hidden transistor radio through an earpiece - landed you in the closet.

It was antiseptically clean and absolutely bare except for a 60-watt bulb, a chair and a small table, and on the table, a stack of ordinary writing paper. Sister Mary Agnes would leave you in there for an hour. If she checked back and found the closet as neat as it was when she first deposited you there and



DON'T ASK ME
Steve Crump

the stack of paper had not been doiled upon or transformed into paper airplanes, you got a pat on the back.

If not, you spent the rest of the day in there.

Wanna guess how many kids in our class who were sentenced to the closet got out in an hour?

It's hard-wired into the human brain, I guess, that folks who live alone foul their nests, or worse - as Thomas Hardy famously pointed out - become strange.

That's of compelling interest to me because I was divorced over the summer and already find myself sliding down the slippery slope of bachelor solitude.

Oh, I was ready enough to revisit the pizza-boxes-under-the-couch-chestions experience, I suppose, but the other day I absent-mindedly put the phone in the fridge and watered the ficus plant with beer.

Mind you, these are practices that I have not engaged in since I was 22 years old. But they seem alarmingly second-natured, somehow, fueling my worst fears that I'm about to succumb to Charley Syndrome.

Charity was a bridge-club friend of my mother's, a lovely lady who had finished raising six or seven kids alone after she was widowed in her early 40s.

But after the last of them left home, she took a turn for the wretched.

Charity's two or three cats soon became eight or nine, and they prowled the premises like ill-tempered upholstery. She took to saving things like string, aluminum foil and rubber bands, and most of bizarre of all - became obsessed with chockcherry jelly.

Now anybody who grew up poor and rural in Idaho during the first half of the last century knows all about chockcherries - they're free and abundant in the high country in August and September, and for the price of 10 pounds of sugar, some pectin and a few Mason jars, a more-than-passable substitute for Smucker's that will see a family through the winter.

Trouble was, when Charity's family left, the fruitwoks didn't shut down. She jellied compulsively, until the stuff filled her basement and refrigerator. When the cats wouldn't eat it, she tried feeding it to the bridge club until it did its dealing elsewhere.

And after Charity died, her kids found three or four jars of chockcherry jelly in her safe-deposit box down at the building and loan.

Now maybe this isn't a cautionary tale to you, but it scares the hell out of me.

Why? In the back of my refrigerator, down on the bottom shelf where I almost never look, I found a small jar of homemade chockcherry jelly the other day.

And I have no idea where it came from.

Times-News features editor Steve Crump wonders whether Rod Serling was a bachelor.

Wendell holds first Ag Day celebration

By Ruth Streever
Times-News writer

WENDELL - The Wendell Fire Department's beer barrel had been locked away in storage for years.

But on Saturday the keg came out - still empty after all these years. And tethered six feet off the ground, it pitted friend against friend and brother against sister in a combative late summer cool-off like no other.

"It's an old sport but this is the first time we've done it in a while," said Fire Chief Red Orr at Wendell's Hub City Ag Days at City and McGinnis parks.

It's beer barrel volleyball, and it's played with 110 pounds of water pressure, or 80 for children. Gripping firehoses, players pummed the barrel with water, pushing it back at their soaked opponents.

Surging with water, the hoses lift like lead. But persevere, and you may confuse your opponent in heavy waters, send him or her backtracking for a better angle, and to the ground in a puddle of shame.

And a strategic misfire into the eye can momentarily disable the enemy, although Joanne Christopherson-of-Wendell said it wasn't intentional.

"I didn't see" she said.

Kaleb Davis, 13, of Wendell, had the upper hand until his opponent got a second wind and pushed him back to the start, where he took a hit in the jaw.

It's not a sport for the easily amused. As



Kaleb Davis, 13, plays some 'beer barrel volleyball' at Hub City Ag Days Saturday afternoon in Wendell. 9-year-old Stephanie Mason of Wendell, beaten by her younger brother and the fire chief, would tell you - you giggle, you lose. "That little girl was giggling too hard," said Crystal Houser, Mason's drenched firefighter teammate.

Despite the sunny weather, there were few participants at Wendell's first Ag Day, but more folks were expected to show up for the free barbecue later in the afternoon.

The event also included air antique tractor pull, live entertainment, dance teams, wagon rides and a toy auction.

The purpose of the event was to recognize the agriculture industry and to encourage younger generations to pursue agriculture careers.

Times-News writer Ruth Streever can be reached at the Mini-Cassia Bureau at 677-4042, Ext. 109, or by e-mail at rstreever@magicvalley.com.

Rifty will help promote Magic Valley, Mini-Cassia

Economic growth will mean a focus on tourism, officials say

By Ruth Streever
Times-News writer

Adding it up

Estimated spending by county in 1999 (in millions of dollars)

Blaine	\$100 million (9)
Butte	\$75.4 million (7)
Cassia	\$27.2 million (16)
Gooding	\$10.5 million (26)
Jerome	\$9.7 million (29)
Minidoka	\$9.2 million (30)
Lincoln	\$3.4 million (43)

HEYBURN - With a mountain bike in one hand, fishing rod and car in the other, Mike Jones beams as his feet and the hot desert sun beam as his face, the caricature known as "Rifty" silently describes southern Idaho.

---Rifty is a far cry from Joe Farmer, who has seen more sun rises over his sugar beet fields than the tourist has from any corner of the valley. He bears little resemblance to the generations who have nurtured the area.

But the South Central Idaho Tourism and Recreation Development Association, or SCRIDA, is using Rifty to help supplement a struggling ag economy on which the region depends.

Locally and regionally, officials are promoting the Magic Valley and Mini-Cassia to outsiders, hoping to make the area a destination, rather than a pit stop.

"We've always said we wanted people to move to stop for a gas and a Twinkie," said Joan Anson, executive director of the Mini-Cassia Chamber of Commerce.

Little more to cross-country travelers than a "drinking community in the middle of a desert,

Department of Commerce

Mini-Cassia has a deep-set image to overcome.

The biggest challenge is changing the mind-set of people who make them realize the Great Rift is not "a desert to drive through, but a desert you explore and experience," said Heather Tiel, executive director of SCRIDA.

While tourism is the state's No. 3 industry, southern Idaho has historically not been a tourist destination. In 1997, the south-central region earned less visitor revenue than any other region of the state, according to the Idaho Department of Commerce.

Of the \$1.7 billion visitors spent in Idaho that year, \$136 million was spent in southeastern Idaho, which includes Cassia, Gooding, Jerome, Lincoln, Minidoka and Twin Falls counties. Southwestern Idaho ranked first in the state, at \$523 million, with North Idaho coming in second at \$342 million, and central Idaho - which includes Blaine County - third at \$237 million.

"Plenty of people pass through the area, but rarely do they stop



Dixie Malhot, with the Mini-Cassia Chamber of Commerce, folds T-shirts promoting southern Idaho's new tourism logo, "Rifty." Rifty is part of a valley-wide tourism plug for "The Great Rift," a name that gives a "destination identity" to the entire region.

long. A University of Idaho visitor study in 1993 showed that the majority of visitors to North Idaho spent \$250 a day. In southern Idaho, the average was \$150.

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Ketchum might finalize blueprint

By Karen Bossick
Times-News correspondent

KETCHUM - Ketchum City Council members struck a blow for fishermen's and hiker's access to the rivers threading through Ketchum as they put the finishing touches on the city's comprehensive plan this past week.

The council hopes to finalize the plan, which serves as a blueprint for the city's future, at a public hearing at 5 p.m. Monday in the Ketchum City Hall.

Councilman David Hutchinson, who lives along the river, said he wants to find a way to preserve people's rights to walk along the river.

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State law allows fishermen to walk along banks within 100 feet of the high water mark, but riprap makes it impossible to traverse some of these banks without the city's approval, and recreationalists are uncomfortable traversing banks where homeowners extend their lawns right into the public access part.

The river might as well not be running through town if it's so hard to reach, said Planning and Zoning Administrator Lisa Horowitz.

City Council members also stressed that the plan needs to make clear that the city intends to examine zoning options for federal parcels within the city and the city's area of impact. The city also intends to contest land trades or sales of public land.

Council members have been concerned that the Bureau of Land Management might sell its holdings, which include the widely used Sun Peak Picnic Area and kayaking pond at Hiker's Meadows just north of Ketchum, to private developers.

"I've seen development plans for the Sun Peak area, and so has

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Hailey airport says thanks to community

By Karen Bossick
Times-News correspondent

HAILEY - Friedman Memorial Airport was mobbed Saturday by passengers flying to Salt Lake City or Seattle.

The visitors were turning out for the airport's first open house in its 70-year history.

Scott Pike of Hailey climbed 10 feet off the ground into the cab of a humongous yellow-orange snow blower, wishing his dad would buy one for driving around the neighborhood.

"It's high up and it would be cool to drive."

Eighteen-month-old Emily Stone got decked out in a free firefighter hat while 2-year-old Jeremy White loaded up on captain's wings and plywood airplanes.

Scott Priesler of Boise climbed inside a Piper that was for sale for \$220,000 and dreamed about

what it would be like to own it. Anthony Mossman, who was returning home from Sun Valley got to duck airplane food by loading up before she left on barbecued hamburgers, cake and cookies.

Airport manager Rick Baird said Community Appreciation Day was designed to give Wood River Valley residents a chance to see the airport up close and personal. The only time people get a chance to see it is when they fly in and out since it's fenced in, he said.

The airport, named after pioneer Simon Friedman who was born in Germany in 1853 and died in Hailey in 1926, was dedicated in 1923 during the height of the Depression. But airplanes have been landing on the site since 1914, judging by a picture of a biplane. Curtis Pughler that hangs in the new historical exhibit that opened in conjunction with the open house.

"I was surprised how early

they had airplanes here. That wouldn't have been too long after the Wright brothers got their planes up and running," said Mke Rasch, manager of Sun Valley Aviation.

In the early days Hailey's then-grass-covered runways ran parallel to the Wood River branch of the Oregon Short Line and what was then called "Highway No. 93." Boy Scouts had cleared the field of rocks.

The highway department had filled ditches and removed trees.

A compass 100 feet in diameter sat at the north end, a flagpole in the middle and directional arrows on the ends.

The airport is now the second-busiest in the state behind Boise's, according to Baird, with 70,000 flights taking off and landing there each year.

But having five planes show up at the dedication ceremony on May 19, 1932, was a big sur-

prise to the crowd that had expected one. Among the planes was a Wasp-motored Zenith bearing former Chief Justice Isaac Sullivan. It had flown in from Atlanta after flying to that Idaho mining town from Boise the evening before.

So excited was the crowd that they ignored the band that had just struck up and rushed out on the field to greet the airplane.

Once the crowd settled down, they formalized the ceremony by firing off air bombs, singing the "Star Spangled Banner" and reading Walt Whitman's "O Pioneers."

The airport would one day be important, one speaker intoned, in accommodating miners and others who "live farther back in the interior."

"I doubt they had any idea how busy the airport would become," Mossman said.

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EDEN



Jay Revere Fowles

Jay Revere Fowles passed on September 14, 2000, and submitted himself to the next with the same determination that he entered this life with. He will be missed by all his loving wife: Earlene Fowles, Jason and Marie Fowles and their children, Scott, Monica, David, Eric, Ryan and Curtis; Tammy and Larry Buchanan and their daughters, Kimberly and Bethany; and Margaret and Dan MacLennan and their children, John, Benjamin and Carolyn.

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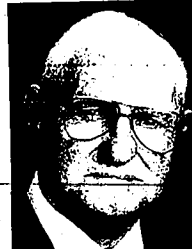
Larry Staudt

Larry Staudt passed away Thursday, September 14, 2000, at his home in Paul. He will be greatly missed by all who knew him. Larry was born September 6, 1939, in Port Jervis, New York, to John and Mildred Staudt. He attended local school and graduated from Deer Lodge High School in 1957.

Larry and Lois Kolsen, and Don and

Idonna Gibson, all of Jerome, Idaho, and maternal grandparents, Bruce and Linda Carpenter of Gooding, Idaho. A graveside service will be held at 2 p.m. Monday, Sept. 18, 2000, at the Riverside-Thomas Cemetery in Blackfoot, with Bishop Ludell Evans officiating. Family will meet with friends and relatives from 11 a.m. to 1:45 p.m. on Monday, Sept. 18, 2000, at the Hawker, Hill, and Sanberg Funeral Home in Blackfoot.

RUPERT



Max R. Jones

Max R. Jones returned to his Heavenly Father at 12:20 a.m. on September 14, 2000. Max was born to Jane Caroline Roberts and George Oscar Jones on August 16, 1914, in Hooper, Utah. He lived for a time in Hooper and later the family moved to a farm in the Unity Area. He was raised and attended schools in Burley. After graduation, he attended Utah State University in Logan, Utah.

room schoolhouse. Lorena married

Earl McGinnis in 1927 at Compton. They moved to Jerome, Idaho, in 1940. Living in various places there until moving to a farm in the Wendell area in 1964. Lorena helped with the farming, yet always found time to tend a helping hand to those in need. Making quilts and giving them to the needy were some of her hobbies. She loved taking care of her garden and canning the bounty. Lorena was a lifelong member of The Church of Christ.

CASCADE

William P. Hunter

William Patterson Hunter passed away Aug. 17, 2000, at his home in Cascade, Idaho. He also lived for many years in Twin Falls, Idaho, and Cle Elum, Wash. A memorial to celebrate his life was held on Aug. 26, 2000, at Margaret Cemetery in Cascade. Burial was on Aug. 15, 1921, in Gillespie, Ill., the third son of Joseph and Garace A. Hunter, who both migrated to this country from Scotland. He married Georgia F. Dixon on Dec. 30, 1939, and their union of sixty plus years blessed them with three children, Jane (Larry) Mitchell of Pocatello, Wash., Jo Jardine of Boise, Idaho, and John W. (Dorae) Hunter of Pocatello, Wash. He had eight grandchildren and eleven great-grandchildren, most of whom were able to attend the memorial service.

motor home. Although they started

late in life, he and Georgia both became avid skiers. Bill was a World War II veteran serving from 1943 to 1945. To My Husband: Take his hand O'Lord, walk him to the promised land where the streets are made of gold, and the beauty is too great to behold. Where the light is always shining bright, there is no need for darkness or night. There is no sadness nor sorrow, no worries of the tomorrow, where his soul is set free and forever more with you shall be.

HUNTSVILLE, ALA.

Joseph de Blaquiere Jr.

Joseph Albert de Blaquiere Jr., age 54, has passed away quietly with his family in Huntsville, Ala. He was born March 8, 1946, in Grand Junction, Colo. He moved to Idaho in 1964, and attended the Fairway School in 1964, and attended the United States Military Academy at West Point, Class of '68. He served in Vietnam as a Company commander. He left the Army with the rank of Major in 1979 to live and work in Huntsville, Ala. At the time of his death, he was founder and president of Pro-Ex Corporation. Joe is survived by his wife Donna, married 32 years; a son and daughter-in-law, Joseph and Molly de Blaquiere of Huntsville, Ala.; a daughter and son-in-law, Michelle and John Langakers of Fairway, Kan.; a son, Thomas de Blaquiere of Huntsville, Ala.; his mother, Entie "Johnnie" de Blaquiere of Rupert, Idaho; a brother, Gary de Blaquiere; and sisters, Patricia Suedel of Pocatello, Idaho, and Judy Schlicher of Walla Walla, Wash. Joe was predeceased in death by his father, J.A. de Blaquiere Sr. of Rupert, Idaho.

Jay R. Fowles

Jay Revere Fowles was born in Denver, Colo., with a determination to succeed. He was born in 1927 and never wavered for 75 years. Jennie Revere Fowles and Sarah Inez Fowles were the proud parents of this unique individual. Jay is the oldest of six children. Shirley, his sister and her husband Steve who reside in Missouri; Richard and his wife Shirley who are in Twin Falls; Harrison Fowles and his wife Lela live in Myton, Utah; Lee Ann and her husband Bob Barnard who now reside in St. George, Utah; and then there is the youngest, Jennette and her husband Keith who live in Boise.

WENDELL

Brodie Don Kolsen

Brodie Don Kolsen, recently born son of former Blackfoot residents, Kuni and Melissa Carpenter Kolsen, died Thursday, Sept. 14, 2000, at the Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls. He is survived by his parents of Wendell, his brothers and sisters, Cameron (14), Damien (13), and Spencer (11), paternal grandparents,

Max is preceded in death by his

parents, a stepfather, Glen Robinson, two brothers and four sisters. He is survived by his wife, Virginia, of Rupert; his children, Dennis (Walter) Jones of Sandy, Oregon; Ken T. (Sue) Jones of Burley, Idaho; Bob T. (Garilyn) Jones of Boise; Steven T. (Gina) Jones of Mesa, Arizona; and Cindy (Paul) Cahmoli of Riverton, Utah; 22 grandchildren, 18 great-grandchildren, and one sister, Jane Church of Salt Lake City, Utah.

WENDELL

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William Patterson Hunter passed away Aug. 17, 2000, at his home in Cascade, Idaho. He also lived for many years in Twin Falls, Idaho, and Cle Elum, Wash. A memorial to celebrate his life was held on Aug. 26, 2000, at Margaret Cemetery in Cascade. Burial was on Aug. 15, 1921, in Gillespie, Ill., the third son of Joseph and Garace A. Hunter, who both migrated to this country from Scotland. He married Georgia F. Dixon on Dec. 30, 1939, and their union of sixty plus years blessed them with three children, Jane (Larry) Mitchell of Pocatello, Wash., Jo Jardine of Boise, Idaho, and John W. (Dorae) Hunter of Pocatello, Wash. He had eight grandchildren and eleven great-grandchildren, most of whom were able to attend the memorial service.

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Quilting just for the art of it

By Coren Hart
Times-News correspondent

BURLEY—Nobody loves quilts more than Evelyn Spreier. Her fingers are a tad raw these days. But it's been worth it because she's won numerous honors at three county fairs in the past two months and has quilted a fantasy of Sunbonnet Sue's, flowers and vines.

Spreier is one of many quilters whose work will be displayed for two days at the Mt. Harrison Church in Burley at the Mt. Harrison Quilt Guild's annual show. Guild president Cynthia Mickelson said the show is always full of variety.

"We have a challenge every year," she said. "The members choose to make a block from a specific fabric and then we vote on our favorite. And we had a Friendship 2000 block exchange in June. Some of those may be finished in time for the show."

Spreier has been a member of the guild for about seven years. "At first I attended the night group until that disbanded," she said. "Then I retired from Magic Valley Foods and realized I had nothing to do. I didn't feel productive so I got depressed. I joined the day meeting and have been making quilts ever since."

Spreier credits the guild with teaching her new methods and skills.

"We have people come in from out of the area sometimes and teach us the latest methods now that the guild has grown quite a bit," she said.

Spreier will teach a class on hand applique, her specialty, at the next meeting Sept. 26. All the quilts she entered in fairs this year were applique projects which took top honors.

"I've never stopped to figure out how to do a quilt," she said. "I'm never off my quilt. I'm adjusting the folds. It's just something you do."

Her newest passion is stack and whack in which identical pieces are cut from large prints and arranged in a spinning star. Depending on how the design is centered, the same print can generate several different blocks—a kaleidoscope pattern. She said it's an adventure.

"You can't wait to get to the



COREN HART/The Times-News

Her latest project, Country Love, is keeping Evelyn Spreier busy these days. It should be ready for next year's county fairs. Spreier's work will be displayed at the Mt. Harrison Quilt Guild's annual show Oct. 6-7.

Quilting show

The Mt. Harrison Quilt Guild's annual show from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Oct. 6 and from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Oct. 7. Dozens of quilts, table runners, wall quilts and other projects will be on display at the United Methodist Church at Almo and 27th Streets in Burley. There is a suggested donation of \$2. The show will include door prizes. Those interested in attending a quilt meeting? The next one is at 1:30 p.m. Sept. 28 at Rupert's Trinity Lutheran Church. Evelyn Spreier will be teaching hand applique methods with assistance from Marjorie Green. There is no charge.

Prizes include sewing and quilting items. A suggested donation of \$2 will be collected at the door.

Next block," Spreier said. Newsletter officer Terri McAfee said the two-day show will include a raffle drawing.

Coroner investigates links between asthmatic's death and burning fields

COEUR D'ALENE (AP)—The Kootenai County coroner is investigating the role smoke from field burning may have played in a Rathdrum woman's death.

Marsha Mason, 49, died Thursday morning of an acute asthma episode, Coroner Dr. Robert West said.

The day before, smoke billowing off torched bluegrass and alfalfa fields in northern Idaho sent her quality toward unhealthy levels, Mason's severe asthma was probably aggravated by the smoke, West said.

"Certainly the timing is there," he said. "She was sufficiently ill to be hospitalized from her underlying asthma recently."

But West said environmental conditions are only one potential factor he is considering.

Mason was an ex-smoker who breathed cigarette smoke in a restaurant where she worked. She also suffered from mild diabetes and had been treated for breast cancer.

The investigation comes as field burning opponents head to federal court in Coeur d'Alene Monday to ask for an immediate ban on torching stubble in the Panhandle.

Area farmers burn their fields annually, say it is the only way they have to clear stubble and ready crops for regrowth.

Spokane clean air group Save Our Summers wants U.S. District Judge Edward Lodge to block burning in northern Idaho.

That case involves two children with breathing difficulties: By-year-old Alex Hessel of Post Falls with cystic fibrosis, and 11-year-old Timothy Krautkraemer of Pullman, a chronic asthma sufferer.

On Wednesday in Spokane, U.S. District Judge Robert S. Griesbach issued a U.S. Department of Justice opinion that the Americans with Disabilities Act applies to clean air rules regarding wheat-stubble burning. Erik Smith, a lawyer for Save Our Summers, said Whaley's opinion sets a precedent that also applies in Idaho.

But Idaho Deputy Attorney General Curt Fransen disagreed, saying the Justice Department opinion addressed Washington field burning practices. Idaho manages grass field burning on a voluntary basis only.

Save Our Summers argues the federal act applies to the children because they stay out of school to avoid health problems from the smoke.

In Marsha Mason's case, the coroner said, it is generally impossible to prove environmental conditions triggered a fatal attack. But whatever killed Mason apparently occurred quite recently, he said.

"She's otherwise been functionally quite adequately up to this episode," West said. "There's something that has to have happened in the last month to change that."

Pollution levels on Thursday nearly violated air quality standards over a 24-hour period. But a one-hour "snapshot" of the air on Wednesday, however, was nearly twice those guidelines, according to state records.

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LORRINE CAVERNER/The Times-News

Bryan Dayley is one of the volunteers helping to fix up Rupert's Wilson Theater. The restoration project is being conducted through efforts by the Rupert Renaissance.

Put your name up in lights

Rupert Renaissance seeks money, volunteers to restore building

By Lorraine Caverner
Times-News correspondent

RUPERT—For a mere \$1.7 million, the Wilson Theater could be named after you.

For \$850, you can have your name etched on a balcony seat. The Rupert Renaissance is looking to the community to help restore the theater—a project that will cost \$80 to \$100 per square foot.

But the Rupert Renaissance isn't just looking for money. It's also looking for volunteers to donate their time to help restore the historic building.

While some members of the Rupert Renaissance and Wilson Theater committees are in the midst of tearing down parts of the building, other committee members are out in the community speaking to groups about raising funds for rebuilding. The committees will hold a special event in November to officially launch the fund-raising effort.

Maria Young, chairman of the theater's finance committee, is one of many volunteers helping with fund-raising. Her reasons for getting involved in the project are simple.

"I grew up here," she said. "I always loved the Wilson Theater."

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Train accident kills Boise resident

The Associated Press

A Hawaii man and Boise man were killed in separate accidents Friday in Idaho.

Russell Drinkall, 21, of Boise was killed instantly around 5 p.m. when his truck was hit by a train on Robinson Road north of Greenhurst Avenue.

Witnesses said the northbound truck stopped on the tracks and then accelerated in an apparent attempt to beat the oncoming train.

They said the driver may have hesitated or the truck could have stalled.

Investigators said the train was going about 60 mph and took nine-tenths of a mile to stop.

The truck's utility box and its contents were scattered within 100 feet of the point of impact. But the truck—with Drinkall trapped inside—remained on the front of the train until it came to a stop almost a mile west of the Robinson Road crossing.

The train weighed almost 4,000 tons and included three engines and 54 freight cars. Witnesses said they heard the train blow its whistle before the truck entered the tracks.

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A similar university study conducted this spring showed that on our own, updating travel trends throughout the state. It will also gauge the effectiveness of Rifty, but the spotty figure is being tested over on T-shirt at three visitor centers—Heyburn, Twin Falls and Mountain Home.

Mini-Cassia officials are upfront about their community's low-profile status on the cross-country corridor. But the positive feedback from travelers makes them optimistic.

"They're in awe of the beauty here," Asson said.

"We're never going to be a Sun Valley or a Coeur d'Alene," Tiel said. "But we could have a destination identity."

Regional and local agencies have proven to be ambitious and aggressive in creating identities and said Georgia Smith, spokeswoman for the Idaho Department of Commerce.

Southcentral Idaho is a major thoroughfare for business travel, Smith said, but there's also a lot to do, Smith said. Trouble is, people don't know that.

To show people what's here, SCIRDA is developing an adventure package for Mini-Cassia similar to one unveiled last spring in Hagerman. That package has attracted only about a dozen buyers since its inception. But Tiel expects that number to increase as the word gets out.

"We're selling vacations, not shoes," she said.

Local vendors and recreation sites will offer adventures in a "one-call-does-it-all" package, Tiel said. Once the packages are defined, an advertising company will produce brochures that are as early as October will be advertised as far as Salt Lake City.

Around the valley, communities are jumping on the bandwagon. Rupert has snagged some grant money for two freeway billboards, while the chamber is putting together a brochure on hiking and biking in the area.

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Ketchum

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Rep. Wendy Jaquet, so we can't be complacent," said Councilman Randy Hall.

"This is an area people care passionately about. All it takes is one slip and we're in trouble," Hutchinson said.

In addition, council members pressed for the city to begin monitoring growth and reviewing growth management issues on a semi-annual or quarterly basis.

There's been a groundswell of discontent among residents and tourists this summer with the constant influx of hammers that have overtaken the quiet in the Community Library. A bicyclist incurred a bloodied face when she took a spill going over a speed bump placed at one construction site.

Emstrutson also has negotiated a shoulder on the highway at Ketchum's southern entrance, bagging traffic down.

Proposals include developing standards for construction activity and having contractors submit a plan for where they plan to park construction vehicles and what time they plan to come and go.

"We need to look and see what other communities have done to make sure the tourist season is not ruined so visitors refuse to come back," Hutchinson said.

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Rollover injures four

TWIN FALLS — Four people were injured in a Saturday morning in a one-car rollover about 25 miles east of Burley. The driver and passengers, all from Idaho Falls, were taken to Cassia Regional Medical Center where they were treated and released, hospital officials said. The accident occurred just after 7 a.m. at milepost 7 on Interstate 86. The driver, Betty B. Carpenter, 68, reached into the back seat to retrieve an item for her front-seat passenger when she rolled off the road, overcorrected and rolled the white Chevrolet Blazer, the ISP said. Carpenter and the front seat passenger, Ruth Holland, 73, were extricated from the vehicle, the ISP said. Carpenter suffered a broken clavicle, according to the ISP. The back-seat passengers were Angela Bradley, 21, and Susan Bradley, 43. All four were wearing seat belts, the ISP said.

Historical society will use designs to renovate oldest jail in Panhandle

COEUR D'ALENE (AP) — The course of the renovation will be governed by the navy blue design. Fine lines spell out the visitor's area, where the criminals lived, even the rooms where "insane" patients slept. Drawn before 1890, architectural drawings for the old jailhouse were discovered last week. They illustrate to the exact dimensions of the original two-story jail, the oldest in the Panhandle. The find is the missing clue the Westwood Historical Society has sought for the past year. The group is in the middle of restoring the old jail, a leftover symbol of the days when Kootenai County seat. It will attempt to restore the building to its original design and turn it into a museum. Rathdrum used to be the central station to what are now Bonner, Boundary, Shoshone, Benewah and Kootenai counties. Assistant Kootenai County

planner George Evjen eyed the maps moved into as when the county moved into its new building. Fond of historical buildings, he took the maps home and filed them away, not knowing to which building they belonged. A recent trip to Rathdrum, though, Evjen stopped to look at the old jail. It looked familiar, but he could not figure out where he had seen the building before. Two hours later he remembered and dug out the old pages. "The upper floor windows are very distinctive," he said. Evjen gave the designs to the historical group. "When something like that finds its way back home, that's good," Evjen said. "I'm glad they made someone happy." The building was constructed in 1890 and served as the county jail until 1908. It was the city library and most recently housed the city street department; said Beverly Young, secretary/treasurer of the historical group.

Zoo manager will be back at work after tiger attack

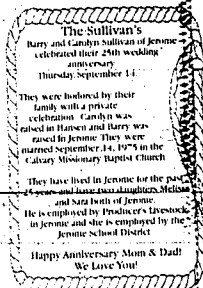
BOISE (AP) — In a tiger-mauling incident last month, Zoo Boise manager David Wayne will be back at work this week, but not at the zoo, city officials said. Wayne was injured on another occasion of the Parks Department on zoo administrative matters, Jim Hall, Boise's Parks and Recreation director, said on Friday. Boise Community Ombudsman Pierce Murphy will begin a separate investigation into the conduct of zoo staff. Wayne has 27 years of working as its manager for most of that time. He was also the keeper tending to the tigers at the time. He was placed on paid administrative leave Aug. 13, two days after a tiger in his care mauled Jan Gold. She was one of a dozen people led into the zookeeper's hallway in the tiger building by Wayne during the annual Feast-for-the-Beast fundraiser. The door to the tiger's den had been left unlocked. Taiga, a 25-year-old male tiger, escaped through the door and jumped on Gold. Boise police Sgt. Rich Schneyder fired three shots at the 600-pound cat to drive it back into its cage. Gold suffered head, neck and shoulder lacerations from the attack, and was also struck in the left thigh by a bullet, which police said had ricocheted. The tiger was not hit. An investigation by Boise police ruled out any criminal culpability in the incident, which parks officials have attributed to human error.

Lewis-Clark State College sorts out past of interim athletic director

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with Southwest Texas State and felt the expense reimbursement and resignation were separate matters. He said the flap about Hannan's expenses centered around Hannan's expense reimbursement. Hannan thought were appropriate. Hannan said he wanted to delay announcing his resignation from Southwest Texas State because he was looking at some jobs and did not want his departure to muddy up those waters. "There were several there who didn't like me," he said. "I was an outsider down there. I was probably too aggressive, but I am pleased at what we accomplished." Hannan said most of the expenses questioned involved six or so NCAA basketball tournament tickets in Ogden, Utah, he purchased for boosters. He was athletic director at Weber State University from 1989 until 1992. He said he got stuck with the tickets, and that Southwest Texas qualified for the basketball tournament and the boost-

ers opted to go see the school play. Hannan said he asked the business manager to bill him and that failed to happen. Zimmerman said he consulted former Lewis-Clark State President Lee Vickers about Hannan, who was athletic director and basketball coach in Lewiston from 1974 until 1989. Vickers now is president of Dickinson State University in North Dakota. "Lee was quite high on me and had thought he'd done a good job there," Zimmerman said.



The Sullivan family celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary Thursday, September 14. They were honored by their family with a private celebration. Family was gathered in Hansen and Burley was honored by the community. The celebration was held at the Holy Trinity Episcopal Church. They have lived in Jerome for the past 25 years and have three daughters. He is employed by Proctor's Hardware in Jerome and she is employed by the Post Office. Happy Anniversary Mom & Dad! We Love You!

SERVICES

Robert Warren Reed of Gooding, rotary at 7 p.m. today followed by a funeral Mass at 11 a.m. Monday at St. Elizabeth's Catholic Church, 1515 California St. in Gooding. Shirley Ann Harkins-Graveson of Dallas, Texas memorial graveside service at 11 a.m. Monday at the Elmwood Cemetery in Gooding (Demaray's Gooding Chapel). Terry Rae Quintana Southern of Aloha, Ore. service at noon Monday at the Fernsworth Memorial Church, 1343 South Lincoln St. in Jerome. Visitation will be held one hour before the service.

Margie Bradley Beckwith of Twin Falls, service at noon Monday at the LDS Stake Center in Ely, Nev. Friends may call from 11 a.m. until service time Monday at the church (White Mortuary in Twin Falls). Elizabeth 'Betsy' Robb Spencer of Burley, memorial service at 2 p.m. Monday at the 27th Methodist Church, 450 East 27th Street in Burley; graveside service at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Cloverdale Memorial Park, 1200 North Cloverdale in Boise. Friends and family may call from 6-8 p.m. today.

Katherine Veatch of Twin Falls, service at 2 p.m. Monday at the Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road in Twin Falls. Friends and family may call from 1-4 p.m. today at the funeral home. Max B. Robbins of Rupert, service at 2 p.m. Monday at the Rupert First Christian Church. Friends and family may call from 6-8 p.m. today at Hansen-Turner Funeral Chapel. Service will be before the service on Monday at the church.

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Groups continue to struggle over grazing land

WEIPPE (AP) - Both parties seeking to lease the 16,000-acre Lacey Meadows Grazing Allotment on state endowment lands have appealed a recent auction.

The auction losers - members of the Lacey Meadows Grazing Association - have appealed on grounds that the winner submitted an inadequate land management plan to the Idaho Department of Lands.

The winner, Jon Marvel of the Idaho

Watersheds Project, has his own appeal as he claims the project has been wrongfully stuck with a \$29,000 bill for costs incurred by the prior leaseholder to build fences and other improvements.

The Lacey Meadows Grazing Association had offered \$7,500 to continue the grazing rights they had for the past several decades. Marvel bid \$8,000 and said he was ready to go higher in an effort to rid the land of cattle.

The appeals are scheduled to go before the Idaho Land Board Nov. 14. Each will be allowed to submit rebuttals beforehand.

The cattle grazers say the allotment is necessary to their business futures. Marvel contends it is more important to get the cattle off the range to protect streamside areas.

He and other Watersheds members have vowed to continue ousting Idaho cattlemen for grazing rights on state endowment lands.



Samore with CoffeeClubhouse.com, talks to Heather Yeaman about his product at Coffee Fest Friday in Seattle. CoffeeClubhouse.com arranges for its members to meet online for dates, then directs them to a local coffee house.

State: Farragut Springs is hazardous

ATHOL (AP) - Faced with an imminent ban on the use of water from a stream for health reasons, a couple wants to form a "water-haulers association" as an alternate source.

William and Chris Hanks want to secure land for a well to be drilled near Farragut State Park. It could be part of a filling station used by residents who for decades have counted on the Farragut Spring, said William Hanks.

Because the Hanks are not located near any other major water system, their only water source is the spring about a mile away. The Hanks make regular trips to the spring hauling their water in a 450-gallon tank.

"This stream has a really good history," Hanks said. "A lot of people depend on it. We've been told it's been in use for about 90 years. Our living depends on that stream."

Farragut Spring flows above ground and underground through Athol, Cecillia, Spirit Lake, Garwood and Farragut State Park. But the water is not safe, said Tony Davis, a drinking water officer with the state Department of Environmental Quality.

"It's very open and susceptible to contamination," Davis said. "It's an extraordinarily dangerous water system because of the potential for bacterial problems."

"We sympathize with them," Davis said of the residents. "They do have other sources they can use. But they're not free."

From expresso to first dates

Coffee company gets customers buzzing at local java hangouts

SEATTLE (AP) - It was a coffee lover's paradise.

The air was thick with the smell of roasted beans. Booth upon booth offered free samples - from espresso to coffee cake to little paper condiment packets to top your brew with cinnamon. And you couldn't throw a sugar packet without hitting either someone who owned a coffee shop, or was getting ready to start one.

That was the scene Friday at this weekend's Coffee Fest trade show at the downtown convention center.

Coffee Fest, sponsored by Festival Inc. of Mercer Island, was started in 1991. Organizers stage a fest about three times a year in various cities, said David Heilbrunn, vice president and show manager. This weekend's Fest is the 10th in Seattle.

The convention brings companies from virtually every aspect of the coffee and tea industry together with owners of coffee

and tea shops. But Coffee Fest is also a place where coffee shop owners can get pointers on how to improve their business.

In the mornings, people can attend classes on how to run a better coffee shop.

"It's just how to do coffee rights," Heilbrunn said. "We do a tremendous amount of training between 9 a.m. and noon."

Perhaps one of the most interesting of the 198 booths was the one set up by Coffee Clubhouse.com. Scheduled to launch in November, Coffee Clubhouse is an online dating service that will encourage potential couples to meet face to face at their local coffee shop. Company CEO Gleb Klioner said it's a great way to find out "who loves you a latte."

In addition to attracting new customers, coffee shops that register with Coffee Clubhouse.com also get a percentage of the money lovemorn Web surfers pay to get hooked up.

"It's a great synergy between brick and mortar and online," Klioner said.

This is Salvatore Russo's first time at Coffee Fest. He is getting ready to open a coffee shop in Hudsonville, Mich., and looking for information that would

help him out.

"So far, I think it's very entertaining, plus there's a lot of information to gather."

Russo said he's also been attending the morning classes. Lee and Kim Stallman, starting a drive-through espresso trailer in Fall City, Wash., said they were learning a lot from the classes.

"They're definitely worth the while," Lee said. "You pick up one or two pointers that'll set you apart from the competitors."

Robin Sindich, who owns a tea shop in Claremont, Calif., was at the Coffee-Fest fine-tune out about expanding her business into coffee. Other trade show participants have been helpful with ideas and advice, Sindich said.

"They're very open about sharing what they've learned," she said.

A big bowl of foam was the most prominent item at a booth set up by Java Toppers. Owner Jody Davis was promoting powdered coffee condiments - packets of cinnamon, cocoa and other flavors to accent one's espresso.

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Convicted murderer Sandy Murphy, second from left, makes a statement to Judge Joseph Bonaventure during sentencing on Friday in Las Vegas while her attorneys, John Momo, left, Gerald Scott, and defendant Rick Tabish, right, listen.

Judge sentences gambler's killers

Los Angeles Times

A Las Vegas judge sent a "con man" and a young sex dancer to prison Friday for the murder of casino heir Lonnie "Ted" Binion, ending the most publicized criminal case in the city's history.

Rick Tabish and Sandra Murphy received slightly less than the maximum term from District Judge Joseph Bonaventure, but both must spend about a quarter century of potential life terms in prison before they will be eligible for parole.

Tabish, 35, will not have a chance to be freed until he is 62, said David Roger, chief deputy district attorney for Clark County. The long-time girlfriend of the murder victim, Murphy, 28, will not be eligible for parole until she is 52.

A jury had already determined that a man should serve a minimum of 20 years behind bars. District Judge Joseph Bonaventure tacked on additional time for conspiracy and other offenses, including a plot by the secret lovers to loot some \$8 million in silver from Binion's underground vault.

Tabish received more time because he also was convicted of assault and extortion against a businessman in an attempt to gain control of a construction sand pit in the desert.

Both Tabish and Murphy insisted they were innocent, with Murphy tearfully telling District Judge Bonaventure: "I loved Teddy very much and we shared a lot of happy times together. I would never hurt him."

But Bonaventure appeared unmoved. "It is the court's hope that, after your period of incarceration, you will awaken from your 'Alice in Wonderland' dream state," Bonaventure said to Murphy, adding: "Your involvement in these crimes is horrific and strikes at the very core or trust between significant others."

Las Vegas was captivated by the case for nearly two years, since an apparently frantic Murphy called 911 on Sept. 17, 1998 to say that Binion had stopped breathing, inside the home the two shared west of The Strip.

The death at first appeared to be the inevitable demise of the hard-living Binion, whose father founded the Horseshoe Casino in Las Vegas' down-

town. Ted Binion's heroin addiction was almost as well known as his friendships with mobsters and his affinity for strip-pers.

But a second autopsy by prosecutors found that Binion's death had not been a self-administered overdose, as the coroner had found, but a suffocation and forced drugging.

Tabish and Murphy's lawyers said Friday they will continue to pursue appeals. The defendants insisted in their remarks to the judge that they had remained loyal to Binion, he as a friend and she as a live-in partner.

Frequently depicted in the media as a fast-living gold-digger, Murphy said she wanted nothing more than to be a homemaker for Binion and to spend time with him horseback riding, fishing and tending a garden.

Gone for Friday's sentencing were the tailored suits and stylish hair that Murphy had worn through much of the case. Dressed in jail-house blues, her hair pulled back, her arms shackled to her sides, Murphy appeared pale and gaunt.

Before being led out of court, she blew a kiss toward Tabish.

Report says enraged teen-ager died at hands of fellow passengers

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — A 19-year-old Las Vegas man who flew into a rage during a Southwest flight to Salt Lake City was killed by passengers who tried to restrain him, an autopsy by Utah State Medical Examiner's office concluded.

The U.S. Attorney's Office is not filing any criminal charges, however, saying Jonathan Burton's Aug. 11 death was unintentional and merely an act of self-defense by frightened passengers.

Burton was aboard Flight 1763 when, 20 minutes before the plane was expected to land, he became combative, hitting passengers and pounded on the locked cockpit door. As many as eight of the plane's 120 passengers subdued him.

The autopsy report, provided to The Salt Lake Tribune by an

attorney representing the Burton family, said Burton's death likely was homicide because it resulted from "intentional actions by another individual or individuals."

"(Burton) was placed face down on the aisle with compression on his neck and torso by multiple individuals," the report said.

It said Burton suffocated to death. He also had contusions and abrasions on his torso, face and neck and suffered other blunt force injuries.

Burton was pronounced dead at LDS Hospital in Salt Lake City, shortly after he was taken into custody.

The autopsy also found low levels of marijuana in Burton's body but said it was an "unlikely explanation" for his violent out-

Burton family attorney, Kent Spence of Jackson, Wyo., said family members have not decided whether to pursue a civil case against Southwest Airlines or the passengers who restrained him.

"He was strangled, beaten and kicked," Spence said. "We'd like to know how this could have happened to this young man. This kind of history of violence, he would sooner take a spider outside than kill it."

Spence said Burton's mother, Janet Burton, is still asking

"Why is my son dead? Why is my son dead? Why is my son dead?" She took him to the airport in a sound mind and in a good mood. She said goodbye to him and he was fine, and an hour later he was dead," Spence said.

Janet Burton did say, however, that her son watched a television report about airplane crashes the night before his fatal trip.

Nader blasts Yucca Mountain site

LAS VEGAS (AP) — Nevada's safety will be threatened and the state's tourism industry will suffer if Yucca Mountain becomes the nation's dump for nuclear waste, Green Party presidential candidate Ralph Nader says.

Yucca Mountain, 100 miles northwest of Las Vegas, is the only site the federal government is studying as a permanent storage for 77,000 metric tons of mostly spent nuclear fuel rods from commercial power reactors.

Much of the material would come from the Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory.

A Yucca Mountain dump would be "the greatest single risk in the history of the state," Nader told a USLV student rally Friday, adding, "There are 49 states who don't really care all that much as long as they can get rid of it."

proof that surface water won't seep into the dump or that the site would withstand earthquakes. He also said transporting high-level nuclear waste to Nevada is too risky because of possible radiation leaks in case of an accident.

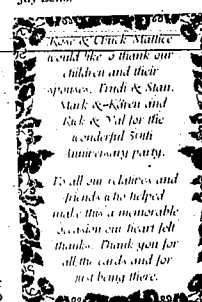
"The risk of accident here is not theoretical," Nader said, suggesting that power plants across the country keep their nuclear waste until a way is found to neutralize radioactivity.

"It's easy just to send it to Nevada," Nader said, adding that such shipments would be a disaster for the tourism industry — the state's lifeblood.

Talking about his candidacy, Nader said he's the only presidential hopeful funded by public money instead of special interest groups.

He criticized the Democratic and Republican parties as too

similar, saying the only difference is that one party watches late-night talk shows host David Letterman and the other watches Jay Leno.



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Plague, land management politics hamper ferret recovery

MALTA, Mont. (AP) — The once-high hopes of reintroducing one of North America's rarest mammals in Montana have diminished this year, the indirect victim of a plague by Mother Nature and land management politics of humans.

For the first time in six years, officials at the Charles M. Russell National Wildlife Refuge in north-central Montana have decided not to introduce any more black-footed ferrets at the refuge, considered the second-most successful reintroduction site in the country.

"I don't think there's much more potential for ferrets to do much more there than they already are," said Mike Lockhart, ferret recovery coordinator for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in Laramie, Wyo. "The habitat, frankly, is pretty limiting. It's too small and too fragmented."

The decision not to introduce ferrets this year has less to do with ferrets than it does the prairie dog, a small burrowing rodent.

Prairie dogs not only make up more than 90 percent of the ferret's diet, they build and then begrudgingly share their intricate system of underground tunnels with the ferrets.

But sylvatic plague, known as the bubonic plague in humans, has killed off prairie dogs on thousands of acres in the region since the early 1990s.



Wildlife officials have decided not to release any black-footed ferrets into a Montana refuge this year due to limited habitat.

The plague, which is spread by fleas and hard to predict, struck again this year on the Fort Belknap Indian

Reservation in northern Montana, another reintroduction site.

Some wildlife officials say the plague is not the only culprit. They contend management of public lands that has permitted — sometimes advocated — the shooting of prairie dogs has compounded the losses.

For years, the sport shooting of prairie dogs has been widely accepted in Montana and other areas where the animals thrive. Defenders say the prairie dog shoots are a valuable control method. The events also bring welcome business to the small, rural towns by out-of-state shooters.

But environmentalists have become more vocal in calling for an end to the sport after learning that the ferrets were being reintroduced into prairie dog areas.

"It's as much political, I suppose, as it is biological at this point," said Marc Whistler, wildlife biologist with the Bureau of Land Management.

The BLM, which for years permitted prairie dog shooting on its land, has changed its policy. The agency imposed a mandatory ban late last year on 15 prairie dog towns where ferret reintroduction efforts are under way or planned.

John Grensten, a wildlife biologist for BLM, said the agency is trying hard to juggle its responsibility to protect the ferret and its requirement to allow pub-

lic access to the land. It has not been easy.

"I've always had the philosophy that if all sides are upset, we're probably doing a good job," Grensten said.

The Fish and Wildlife Service has said prairie dog losses from plague, poisons, shooting and other factors have become so high, the prairie dog itself may be warranted for listing as a threatened species.

For those trying to increase the black-footed ferret population, the losses have added up to a significant disappointment.

"Things are bleaker now than we thought even three or four years ago," said Lockhart, of the Fish and Wildlife Service. "We're struggling for ferrets to be recovered in any meaningful way in the near future."

Ferrets were once thought to be extinct or near extinct. But a remnant population was discovered in 1981 on a ranch near Moosee, Wyo.

Reintroductions began in 1991 in Wyoming and have occurred in a handful of other Western states since. As of last year, about 1,200 ferrets had been reintroduced into the wild, but with just moderate success.

The goal is to establish at least 10 separate self-sustaining populations with a total number of 1,500 ferrets by 2010.

So far, just six sites in North America have been identified as high quality —

healthy enough to sustain a growing ferret population. A number of those are in South Dakota and so far have been unaffected by plague.

Reintroductions also have been successful at the Buffalo Gap National Grasslands site in southwest South Dakota. About 25 "kits," or juvenile ferrets, from that site are expected to be sent to what was a site in the state.

At the Montana refuge, biologists are timid about reintroducing more ferrets right now. While shooting is banned there and the plague has not been detected, they don't want to add more ferrets until they are confident the prairie dog population both in the refuge and on adjacent land is healthy and growing.

"We'll see what the (ferret) population does on its own and continue monitoring it," said Randy Macthett, a biologist at the refuge. "We're really limited to what we can do here."

"Am I optimistic? No. But you've got to try," he added.

At Fort Belknap, where officials counted only a half-dozen ferrets last spring and just one new litter this year, more ferret releases are planned this fall, despite the plague outbreak.

Tim Vosburgh, a tribal biologist, admits it's a gamble.

"This year is going to be critical in determining whether ferrets will be on Fort Belknap," he said.

Low rainfall pushes Arizona bears out of the hills, into the suburbs

PHOENIX (AP) — Bears have left Arizona's mountains and headed for the cities, drinking from swimming pools and hanging from trees in the booming suburbs that are pressing closer to the animals' homes.

Those dual forces are making this what Arizona Game and Fish officials call an unprecedented year of bear sightings. They estimate that the department physically removed more than 50 bears this year, about three times the normal rate.

"A hungry animal will do anything and that's why they're moving into town," said Stan Cunningham, research biologist for Game and Fish. "They're just moving around and Phoenix just happens to be in the way."

Ten bears have been sighted in the Phoenix area within the past

month alone. On one July day in eastern Arizona, Game and Fish trapped and relocated five bears.

The county doesn't capture them. Because of recent storms, puddles of water have allowed the bears to travel farther into the desert to areas that haven't seen a bear in years, like the booming Phoenix suburb of Chandler or Central Arizona's Casa Grande.


What they're looking for is nourishment, something that is sorely lacking in the mountain areas. Normally accustomed to eating acorns and berries, the low rainfall has forced the bears to rely solely on prickly pears, which now provide little aid.

So they've focused their appetite on garbage or bird feed or — just this month — an Apache Junction swimming pool.

O'Brien cites a story of a man who found paw prints on his couch, where a bear was apparently sitting and eating leftover food. Another past incident occurred when a bear's keen sense of smell led him to chew through the side of a cabin to get to food.

O'Brien said people should not turn and run, but instead should look a bear straight in the eye and make lots of noise. He encourages people not to feed animals or leave food out.

Therein lies much of the danger with the bear migration. Once they lose their fear of humans, they become increasingly dangerous. Colorado's Division of Wildlife has killed about 100 bears this summer due to their constant interaction with city life, a huge problem in the Aspen community.



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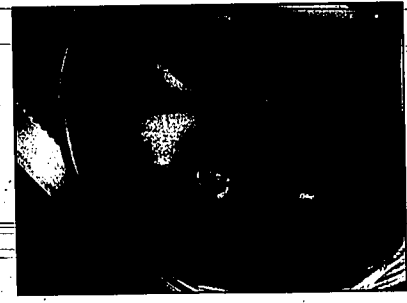


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MORNING LINE

SPORTSQUOTE

Playing against a 7-foot woman is not what you come across every day.

—Six-foot New Zealand center Gina Farmer on Poland's 7-foot-2 post Margo Dyjak. The Poles beat New Zealand 75-52 in Sydney early Saturday.

TRIVIA

Name the Idaho State boxer who won gold in the 1952 Summer Olympics in Helsinki.
...answer below

IN BRIEF

Eagle volleyball trip ends with win

PRICE, Utah - After an hour-long delay waiting for referees to show up Saturday night, the College of Southern Idaho volleyball team overcame a slow start and rallied to their third conference win in as many days at the College of Eastern Utah, 15-12, 15-6, 15-7.
"We were supposed to play at 5 p.m. but the refs never showed up," said CSI coach Ben Stroud. "So we decided they're not coming, and they showed up at 5:45."
While not thrilled with giving up so many points after the delay, Stroud was pleased with his team's passing. Karla Bersano had 11 kills and Stephanie Martin added nine, but the number that really caught the coach's eye was 0 - as in no passing errors.
"Can't ask for more than that," he said. "The brightest spot of the whole day was our passing was good."
CSI improved to 29-1, 3-0, and plays in a tournament in Arizona this week. CEU fell to 5-9.

CSI sweeps Gem Staters in opener

TWIN FALLS - The College of Southern Idaho baseball team had no trouble giving fans two wins on Saturday, sweeping the Idaho All-Stars 11-0 and 10-1 in a Frontier Field doubleheader that opened the Golden Eagles' home fall season.
With the CSI offense providing 11 hits in each contest, a pair of freshmen recorded the pitching victories. In Game 1 it was Brad Burrow out of Taylorsville, Utah picking up the win at the expense of the All-Stars' Andrew Gates. In Game 2, British Columbian import Andy Myette outduelled Matt Montalone for the win.
The CSI pitching staff limited the All-Stars to six hits afternoon, surrendering just one in the first contest. The Golden Eagles continue their scrimmage season Sept. 30 in Ontario, Ore., against Treasure Valley C.C.

azelon man holes tough 6.6 at Pleasant

KIMBERLY - Hazelton's Kerm Douglas recorded just the second hole in one ever on the sixth hole of Pleasant Valley Golf Course Saturday.
Using a 5-wood into the wind, Douglas hit his tee shot into the air, off the pin and into the cup. Witnessing the shot - Douglas's first career ace - were Mrs. Kerm Douglas and Parker Folkman.

Golfer Thomey catches Clear Lake's No. 15 hole

BUHL - Gary Thomey aced the No. 15 hole at Clear Lake Country Club on Friday with an 8-iron.
Ron Gomez, Rick Imboden, John Nels and Jerry Douhy witnessed the shot.

Compiled from staff reports

TRIVIA ANSWER

The late Ed Sanders, who collected heavyweight gold when Swedish fighter Ingemar Johansson threw in the towel.

Down Under no-no

Americans open with shutout win

The Associated Press

BLACKTOWN, Australia - It's tough to improve on the 0.00 ERA that Lori Harrigan posted in the Atlanta Games, but she managed to do it in the Olympic softball opener in Sydney.
Harrigan pitched the first solo no-hitter in Olympic softball history Sunday (Saturday night in the U.S.) to begin the Americans' gold-medal defense with a 6-0 victory over Canada.

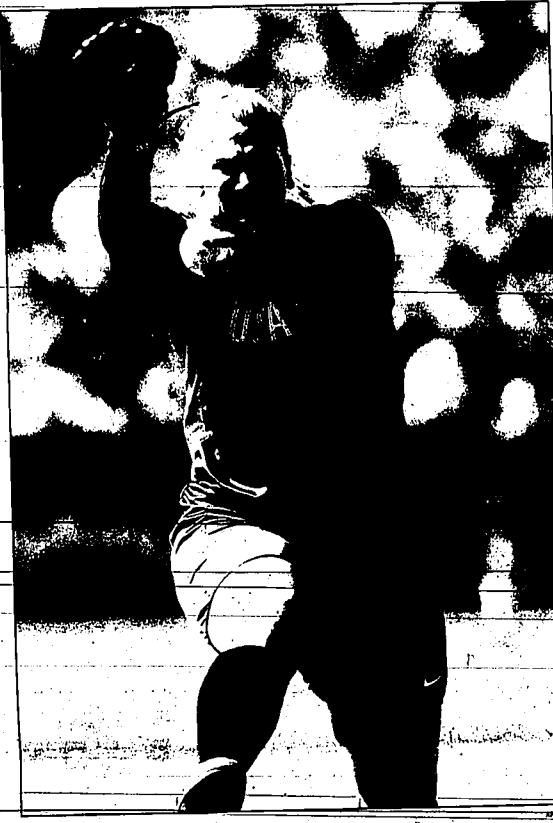
"Once Vegas threw that first pitch, it was showtime," said Dot Richardson, who homered along with Crystal Bustos and Jennifer Brundage. "Lori Harrigan did a great job - in the first game of the Olympics. There was a lot of pressure on her because of that."
Harrigan fumbled a grounder in the first inning, although the error was charged to first baseman Sheila Doty. She then retired 20 consecutive batters. Only four batters hit the ball out of the infield.

"I gave up the perfect game," Harrigan said, "so I don't have to blame it on anybody."
Although no-hitters and perfect games are more common in softball, where the quality of opponents can vary widely, no one ever has pitched a perfect game in the Olympics. Two Chinese pitchers combined on a no-hitter in 1996, when softball was added as an official Olympic sport.

The United States won gold in Atlanta, losing just one game during the tournament and only three games since. They have won 113 consecutive games going to the 1998 world championships, going 60-0 on their pre-Olympic tour while allowing a total of four runs.

Harrigan may be less accomplished than U.S. ace Lisa Fernandez, who pitched five consecutive perfect games during the "Central Park to Sydney" tour, including six straight no-hitters. "Vegas" - so called because of her security job at the Bellagio hotel and casino - is no slouch, but her invincible ERA was only good enough to tie for tops on her team in Atlanta.

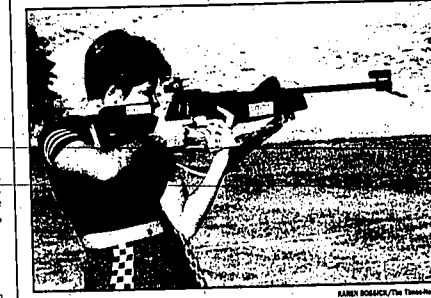
This time, Harrigan was picked to start the opener because the Canadian lineup is dominated by lefties. And if anyone thought the Americans were saving their best for the big matchup against Australia, they soon discovered how deep the U.S. pitching staff can be. "They're both good pitchers," Canadian pitcher Vicky Bastarache said. "Obviously, Lisa is an excellent pitcher. But Lori threw well today and she deserves the credit."



United States pitcher Lori Harrigan hurries a pitch on her way to a no-hitter against Canada Monday in Sydney, Australia. Harrigan pitched the first solo no-hitter in Olympic softball history Sunday, leading the U.S. to a 6-0 victory.

Doty had an RBI single in the first inning to give the Americans all the runs they would need. Bustos hit a two-run homer in the third, Brundage hit a two-run shot in the fifth and Richardson added a run in the sixth of all the no-hitters she's thrown as a schoolgirl and at college at Nevada-Las Vegas, where her number is retired, that hasn't diminished the thrill of throwing them. As in baseball, none of her teammates would say the words during the game. "It doesn't matter who we throw it against," she said. "It's still special."

Ukrainian biathlon team trains in Sun Valley



European Junior Biathlon champion Oksana Yakovleva takes aim at targets 184 feet away at Sun Valley Gun Club.

By Karen Bosalck
Times-News correspondent

SUN VALLEY - Olena Petrova lifts the 22 off her shoulder and pretends to fire at a paper target on the wall of the Sun Valley condo.

With a robotic flourish, she slides the strap over her back, lies down on her belly and repeats the move of taking the 8- local stuff and I have been trying to run some cross-country races up and down the West Coast. Right now I run about 70 miles a week, lift some weights and ice a lot. I am running those hills in Boise every day.

"Ten time zones away from her native Ukraine, she repeats those moves for an hour in a ritual that she hopes will give her an edge in the 2002 Winter Olympics.

"The motion has to be totally rote, totally memorized, totally fluid," biathlon team coach Roman Bondaruk explains through interpreter Laryssa

Temple. "Any time you don't have to think about what you're doing, you have the chance to cut your time in competition."

Seeking an edge is one of the reasons the Ukrainian women's biathlon team has come to Sun Valley to train 1 1/2 years before the Winter Olympics in Salt Lake City.

The team, which fields two of the top 10 biathletes in the world - second-ranked Olena Zubrilova and 1998 Olympic silver medalist Olena Petrova - is the first of the Olympic teams to come here. Others are expected to follow, including the world's top cross-country men's ski team from Norway.

Sun Valley is an ideal venue for the athletes to train at. It sits 800 feet higher than Soldier

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RIM TO RIM

Armstrong, Marcroft run to victory

By Joe Sunnen
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - The times-tested Rim to Rim Run and Walk myth held true - the first ones to the top of the hill won.

Travis Armstrong, last year's overall men's winner, paced the group up the first-grade out of Blue Lakes Country Club and secure Rim to Rim championship with a time of 42:17.
And Katrina Marcroft of Hailey easily outdistanced her nearest competitor to win the women's overall championship with a time of 49:33.

Marcroft and Armstrong each pocketed \$100 for their speedy ascents from the canyon, getting a good workout in the process.

"I have never done a race quite like this," Armstrong said. "The hill climb for the money gives me a little incentive and it's a lot of fun. Winning the money sure helps out a poor college student."

Armstrong, of Boise, collected All-American honors in the steeplechase at Boise State and finished seventh in the event at the NCAA outdoor track and field championships in 1999, his final year of collegiate eligibility. "I tried to qualify for the Olympic trials this last summer,"

Armstrong said. "But I didn't make it so I was just a spectator instead. I have been running to run some cross-country races up and down the West Coast. Right now I run about 70 miles a week, lift some weights and ice a lot. I am running those hills in Boise every day."

Armstrong was pushed throughout the race by Derrick May, a former College of Southern Idaho runner from South Africa who now lives in Hailey. May moved ahead on the other side of the Perrine Bridge

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Clark's on top in Boise

The Associated Press

BOISE - Tim Clark's name sits at the top of the leaderboard through three rounds of the Buy.com Boise Open presented by Albertson's.
But to hear Steve Woods tell it, the top isn't always a pleasant place. Woods is one of 24 golfers who will tee it up in today's final round at Hillcrest Country Club within six shots of Clark.

Boise Open

"When you're in contention to win a golf tournament, what you feel is pressure," said Woods, whose 5-under 66 Saturday pushed him into a tie for third. "Not for the money or from the golf course, but from the other players. It's like you can feel them stepping on your heels or pulling away."

The second-round tri-landers - Clark, Chris Zambri and Spike McRoy - felt plenty of players on the attack Saturday, even before they teed off. But none could pull away. Clark finished with a 69 for an 11 under total, one shot better than Zambri.

McRoy fell back to a tie for eighth with a 73.

"I figured (the leader) would get to 13 or 14, at least," said Clark, who tees off at 2:10 p.m. "I would have thought one of us would have shot a bit better."

Instead, the top rounds came from the middle of the pack. There was a 66 from Mike Heinen in the first pairing. He finished an hour before the leaders teed off and had cut his deficit from eight shots to three.

Rob Bradley, who is a Boise baseball player, fired a 64 and Patrick Burke posted a 65. Both are tied for fifth at 8 under. And Woods, who rebounded from a first-round 73 with a second-round 65, tacked on a 66 to get within two shots

Oregon pummels Vandals

The Associated Press

EUGENE, Ore. - Joey Harrington threw four touch-down passes and Maurice Morris ran for two more as Oregon rolled over Idaho 42-13 for its 16th straight home victory.

Oregon (2-1) scored six touchdowns and totaled 45 yards, as Harrington completed 14 of 21 passes for 173 yards. He left the game after the Ducks' first series of the second half.

Howry proved to be Harrington's favorite target, catching five passes for 101 yards and two touchdowns. Morris ran for 76 yards on 14 carries.

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David Knight and Christine Knight run across the Perrine Bridge Saturday morning during the Rim to Rim run.

SPORTS

Racing season sets at Speedway

By Kevin Hall Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - A charged-up racing crowd experienced an equally exciting season-ending night of NASCAR Weekly Race Series action Saturday at Magic Valley Speedway.

Besides the running of the Bud 100 - the season finale for the Intermountain Super Stocks - racing took place for the Idaho Midgets, Grand National Sportsman and Western Custom Race Truck classes.

At press time, Middleton's Marty Zeigler led the Bud 100 over class points leader Jeff Hillock of Orem, Utah, with 53 laps completed.

Hillock needed only to finish within 10 spots of runner-up Joe Hood, who stood in ninth place. There were five caution flags during the 53 laps.

But Hillock spun out at lap 70, pushing him back into fifth place. Burley's Clint Kidd was second at press time.

Hadlock hones in on Trucks win
Defending Race Trucks point champion Randy Hadlock went out in style Saturday, claiming the 40-lap class season finisher.

But the real winner was Burley's Nick Lynch, who took home the NASCAR track class championship, outscoring runner-up John Newhouse for the season crown.



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The duo of Lynch and Jason Newhouse brought the race excitement out of the grandstands, however, as the two drivers continuously exchanged paint throughout the main event.

Lynch said, "They did an awesome job this year." Gary Pierce finished the race in second with Dan Pehrson, John Wong and Ryan Stapelman placing in the top five.

Wobster wins Sportsman finale
Running without restrictor plates on their carburetors, four Utahns crashed the Grand

National Sportsman season finale Saturday night. Three of the four finished the race 1-2-3.

The fastest of the invaders turned out to be pole-sitter Stan Webster, who won the 50-lap main, which was cleaguered by a spate of yellow flags.

Webster benefited from a spin-out between mid-race leaders Troy Walters and Thomas Powell, who took each other out eight laps from the finish.

When racing resumed, lead qualifier Walters picked up the fast as Webster suddenly slowed. Powell crept up into second and those two battled until their spin-out on lap 42.

Henry wins Midgets main event
Davey Henry came away the winner of a four-car showdown in the Idaho Midgets class.

Henry went outside to pass race leader Steve Spoor as he, Spoor and Stuart Birkinbine crossed the finish line six laps from the 20-lap finish.

It was Henry's second win of the season at the track. Birkinbine captured second place with Spoor in third and Stan Going taking fourth. The Midgets close their season Sept. 30 at Meridian Motor Speedway.

Results

Table with columns for Race Class, Driver, and Time. Includes Bud 100, Trucks, Midgets, and Sportsman results.

Bobcats nip rival Spartans in boys' soccer

By Matt Peterson Times-News writer

BURLEY - For a few minutes Saturday morning, it looked like the Burley High boys' soccer team could have used an earlier curfew.

Flat-footed and listless early in the game, the Bobcats suddenly roared to life midway through the match, scoring in the 27th minute on a goal by Jonathan Barker and holding on to defeat Minico 2-0 at Burley.

The win was Burley's second straight and third in its last four games.

Edwards likely would not have scored. Minico had several scoring opportunities on corner kicks late in the game, but the two-goal deficit proved an insurmountable sum.

In their last five games, the Spartans have been outscored 25-2.

Afterward, Minico coach Dennis Haynes pointed to two crucial mistakes that cost his team a shut at victory.

"(On Barker's goal), we had two guys going for the ball and both missed and he was there to knock it in. And the other one, (our keeper) probably should have been trying to boot it out."

Burley's Derek Thornton recorded the shutout victory in goal, the Bobcats' first such win this season.

Minico (0-3-0 conference, 0-6-0 overall) next plays Monday at Wood River, while Burley (2-0-1 conference, 3-2-1 overall) hosts Declo, also Monday.

Ketchum trips up the Hornets 2-0 in Declo

The Times-News

DECLO - Ketchum converted on a penalty kick midway through the second half, putting an equal game out of reach and clinching Declo 2-0 Saturday in Declo.

The Hornets had numerous scoring opportunities, including a missed penalty kick, but failed to find the goal.

"Free-like our defense (played well) ... We were able to keep them to one goal aside from the penalty kick," said Declo coach Bob Meyer. "I was really pleased with how the kids played."

Declo (1-2-1 conference, 1-2-1 overall) next plays at Burley Monday.

(Ketchum), said Declo Lance Darrington. "They were supposed to be as good as or better than Wood River, and we lost to them 9-0. Our guys played right with them today."

The Hornets (1-2-1 overall, same in conference) are at Burley Monday.

Volleyball

Jerome Tournament

JEROME - Nine teams attended a tournament at Jerome High School on Saturday, competing in four best-of-three games.

Host Jerome had a sound day, losing to Elke, Nev., 12-15, 11-15, but beating 15-12, 15-5, Declo 13-15, 15-12, 16-14, Valley 15-12, 16-14 and Bishop Kelly 15-10, 9-15, 15-12.

Other highlights, according to Child, were Kimberly's victory over Twin Falls, and Burley's strong showing. The Bobcats had a good day, losing to Bishop Kelly but beating Skyview.

The Tigers (7-4) host Blackfoot Tuesday for Homecoming with the JV starting at 6 p.m. and the varsity following.

Semi-Pro Football

Wasatch 32, Mini-Cassia 0

Wasatch scored 19 points in the second half to pull away from Mini-Cassia and drop the Bulldogs 32-0 Saturday in a semi-pro football game at Spartan Field.

The shutout lost put an end to a season marred by injuries and other field tragedies.

The Bulldogs finished the year with a 2-8 record.

Wasatch 32, Mini-Cassia 0
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Late Friday football

Payette 7, Fluer 6
FLIER - Junior Zack Blass put the Wildcats on the board in the first quarter on a 6-yard run, but Fluer did not score again and Payette took a low-scoring football win Friday.

The Wildcats (1-3) host Declo next week.

Payette 7, Fluer 6
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SPORTS IN BRIEF

Pierson plays to Golfer of the Month

JEROME - Edna Pierson drove and putted her way to first place gross the first flight Wednesday as members of the Jerome Ladies' Golf Association played for Golfer of the Month at Jerome Country Club. Ann Thomason took first net.

Mitchell beats Flores to keep boxing title

LAS VEGAS - Sharmba Mitchell dominated Felix Flores to retain his WBA super welterweight title Saturday night despite being knocked down for the first time in six years.

Hantschek, Balcells reach Gelsor Open finals

BUCHAREST, Romania - Markus Hantschek, a German ranked No. 92 and recovering from a wrist injury, upset eighth-seeded Alca Calatrava of Spain 6-4, 6-1 Saturday to advance to the finals of the Gelsor Open.

Labonte claims Dura Lube pole for race

LOUDBON, N.H. - Although drivers-and-crew-chiefs have been scrambling on how best to tackle speed-reducing restrictor plates in Sunday's Dura Lube 300 at New Hampshire International Speedway, Bobby Labonte made certain he would battle from the pole position possible.

Labonte won the pole for today's Winston Cup race, turning a lap at 127.632 mph during Saturday's qualifying, delayed a day by rain. The lap was more than 5 mph slower than the track record set in July by Rusty Wallace (132.089 mph).

It's Labonte's second pole of the season.

Bruins dive into season; boys crush two records

medley team of Amanda Blastock, Jessica Barleus, Nikki Hollon, and Abigail Harris finished in 2:12.52, a full 18 seconds ahead of the next team, also from Twin Falls. The four girls also won the 400-yard freestyle relay in 4:31.49.

Blastock and Harris individually led the Lady Bruins - each pulling in three first-place finishes and one second place. Jenny Hall notched a No. 2 finish in both the 100-yard and 200-yard freestyle.

"We've all been practicing really hard," Hall said. "It was really scared and nervous... but once you get up on the blocks, you just have to do it and keep going."

Twin Falls will also host the next meet on the schedule, Sept. 30.

Boys' team records

Individual records
200-yard Freestyle: Amanda Blastock 1:51.72
400-yard Freestyle: Jessica Barleus 4:31.49

Team records
200-yard Freestyle Relay: 4:31.49
400-yard Freestyle Relay: 17:52.24

Girls' Soccer

Burley 3, Minico 1
PAUL - Burley's Emily Young

with a little help from junior goal keeper Joanna Swensen, who had seven saves. Wood River also got a yellow card for charging Swensen in the first half.

"We played together as a team," said Wood River coach Doug Stuffer.

"We held our game but we could have won," said Twin Falls sophomore Bethany Krumm. "We just have to practice harder."

The Bruins (1-1-1 conference, 1-4-2 overall) travel to Burley next Saturday to play at 11 a.m. and Wood River hosts Minico on Monday.

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ries in the first half and was replaced by Allan Amundson in the second half.

Idaho punterback John Welsh, who averaged 277.5 yards passing in the team's first game, was sacked twice and held to 45 completions on 35 attempts for 186 yards and a touchdown.

Oregon scored on its first three possessions of the game to take a 21-0 first quarter lead. Morris scored first on a 1-yard run at the 8:35 mark, while Harrington followed with a 13-yard touchdown throw to Howry, and a 20-yard pass to tight end Justin Peele.

Idaho scored early in the second quarter, driving 92 yards in scored from 1 yard out.

But in a play of 1:27, the Ducks scored a pair of touchdowns to put the game out of reach.

With 7:55 to go before halftime, Idaho attempted a fake punt from its own 25-yard line, but a pass from punter Ryan Downess sailed over the outstretched arms of linebacker Rick Gimppert.

Oregon needed only four plays to take the game on the Vandals' mistake, as Morris leapt in from two yards out.

On the Vandals' ensuing possession, Alderson fumbled and gave back to Idaho. Patu recovered at the Idaho 39. Harrington then lofted a 39-yard pass to a wide-open Howry to put the Ducks on top 37-7 at the half.

Idaho tailback Willie Alderson rushed for one touchdown and 107 yards, including a 56-yard run in the third quarter that led to Idaho's second touchdown.

Local sports

scored two goals in the second half to break a 1-1 tie and lift the Bobcats to a 3-1 victory over Minico Saturday at West Minico Junior High School.

Both of Young's scores came on breakaways, the first in the 57th minute and the second in the 63rd minute.

"We're moving the ball a little better," said Burley coach Don Pringle. "We're working on kids moving away from the ball, instead of just standing there and watching the game."

Clare Bodensteiner scored Minico's lone goal.

Burley (1-2-0 conference, 2-2-0 overall) hosts Declo Monday, while Minico (0-3-0 conference, 0-6-0 overall) plays Monday at Wood River.

Declo 2, Ketchum 2

DECLO - Lana Moss scored both of Declo's goals in the second half, including one on an assist from Lacy Bennett, to earn the tie.

A late header goal that would have given the Hornets the win was called back on an offside penalty. Ketchum had led 1-0 at intermission.

"I'm very impressed with

High school soccer

teams were tied 0-0. But the Wolverines screamed away in the second half, shutting out the Bruins, 3-0.

"They just beat us on technique and speed," said Twin Falls coach Steve Schmid. "They are fast, and we are slow."

The Wolverines dominated the first half, but Bruin defense held

on with a little help from junior goal keeper Joanna Swensen, who had seven saves. Wood River also got a yellow card for charging Swensen in the first half.

"I was the race to the top and just maintained it the rest of the way," Marcroft said. "I ran about 40 or 50 miles a week and ran a lot of local races. I have had some ankle problems this year so I haven't been running as much and winning kind of caught me by surprise."

Knight, who finished at 51:32, has also been battling injuries. She has begun to focus on triathlons after a stress fracture forced her to bicycle and swim instead of run. Knight used the race as a final tune-up for the North American Triathlon series championships in Florida in October.

"This is a hard route," Knight

Rim

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and maintained the lead until Armstrong ran past him near the half-mile mark in two.

"I was coming second most of the way," May said. "I ran with my brother in a little while, I tried to catch him and he heard me and I ran it 21 years ago and I would like to know what my time was in those days."

May finished three seconds off the leader with a time of 42:20. He has experienced a running re-ignite recently after taking some time away from the sport. In the past, May has competed in the

Over all triathlons

Marcroft won the triathlon at 51:32, followed by Knight at 52:00. Knight, who finished at 51:32, has also been battling injuries.

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Nelson birdies four of last five, vaults to Kroger lead



Larry Nelson watches his shot from the tee on No. 1 during the second round of the Kroger Senior Classic in Mason, Ohio, Saturday.

MASON, Ohio (AP) — Larry Nelson birdied four of the final five holes Saturday to take a three-stroke lead over defending champion Gil Morgan after the second round of the Kroger Senior Classic.

Nelson, who shot a 58 during Thursday's pro-am, bogeyed the 15th, but rebounded for three straight birdies to finish his round with a 64, the lowest score of the tournament, and a two-round total of 134.

"Shooting a 64 today was a lot harder than a 58 Thursday."

Golf

because of the conditions," Nelson said. "It was a lot more of a thinking round today."

Nelson, who started the second round at even-par, was surprised to be in the lead at the end of the day.

"I was four shots back to start today and all I was looking to do was to get within a shot of the lead going into tomorrow," he said.

Huber Green is in third place at 4 under, two back of the Nelson.

Four golfers are tied for fourth place at 3 under: Bruce Summerhays, Allen Doyle, Bruce Fleisher and John Hanafey shot 66s after starting the day at 1-over-par.

DIMarco feels the pressure at Pennsylvania Classic

PAOLI, Pa. — Chris DIMarco is taking an aggressive approach into unfamiliar territory.

DIMarco, who has never won a PGA Tour event or even led one after three rounds, has a three-stroke lead entering the final round of the inaugural Pennsylvania Classic.

"I'm certainly going to have a lot of pressure on me," DIMarco said.

DIMarco shot a 5-under-par 66 in chilly and windy weather Saturday for a four-stroke lead over Frank Lickliter, Loren Roberts and Mark Calavecchia in the first PGA Tour event in Pennsylvania in 20 years.

Celka cards 5-under par, leads at Lanome trophy

SAINT-NON LA BRETICHE, France. — Germany's Alek Celka, once a rising star on the European tour, shot a 5-under-par 66 Saturday to take a two-stroke lead after three rounds of the \$1.2 million Lanome Trophy tournament.

Celka was at 11 under 202. Next at 204 were Northern Ireland's Darren Clarke (67), Scotland's Dean Robertson (70) and Stephen Gallacher (67).

SCORES AND STATS

BASEBALL

American League Boxes

CLEVELAND		NEW YORK	
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8th Inning	0-0	0-0	0-0
9th Inning	0-0	0-0	0-0
Total	0-0	0-0	0-0

RED SOX 8, TIGERS 5

	B	R	E	R	O	S
1st Inning	0	0	0	0	0	0
2nd Inning	0	0	0	0	0	0
3rd Inning	0	0	0	0	0	0
4th Inning	0	0	0	0	0	0
5th Inning	0	0	0	0	0	0
6th Inning	0	0	0	0	0	0
7th Inning	0	0	0	0	0	0
8th Inning	0	0	0	0	0	0
9th Inning	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	8	1	0	5	0	5

YANKEES 5, INDIANS 3

	B	R	E	R	I	S
1st Inning	0	0	0	0	0	0
2nd Inning	0	0	0	0	0	0
3rd Inning	0	0	0	0	0	0
4th Inning	0	0	0	0	0	0
5th Inning	0	0	0	0	0	0
6th Inning	0	0	0	0	0	0
7th Inning	0	0	0	0	0	0
8th Inning	0	0	0	0	0	0
9th Inning	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	5	1	0	3	0	3

ATHLETICS 5, DEVIL RAYS 2

	B	R	E	R	I	S
1st Inning	0	0	0	0	0	0
2nd Inning	0	0	0	0	0	0
3rd Inning	0	0	0	0	0	0
4th Inning	0	0	0	0	0	0
5th Inning	0	0	0	0	0	0
6th Inning	0	0	0	0	0	0
7th Inning	0	0	0	0	0	0
8th Inning	0	0	0	0	0	0
9th Inning	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	5	1	0	2	0	2

WHITE SOX 6, BLUE JAYS 3

	B	R	E	R	I	S
1st Inning	0	0	0	0	0	0
2nd Inning	0	0	0	0	0	0
3rd Inning	0	0	0	0	0	0
4th Inning	0	0	0	0	0	0
5th Inning	0	0	0	0	0	0
6th Inning	0	0	0	0	0	0
7th Inning	0	0	0	0	0	0
8th Inning	0	0	0	0	0	0
9th Inning	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	6	1	0	3	0	3

ROYALS 8, RANGERS 5

	B	R	E	R	I	S
1st Inning	0	0	0	0	0	0
2nd Inning	0	0	0	0	0	0
3rd Inning	0	0	0	0	0	0
4th Inning	0	0	0	0	0	0
5th Inning	0	0	0	0	0	0
6th Inning	0	0	0	0	0	0
7th Inning	0	0	0	0	0	0
8th Inning	0	0	0	0	0	0
9th Inning	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	8	1	0	5	0	5

NATIONAL LEAGUE Boxes

ATLANTA		CINCINNATI	
1st Inning	0-0	0-0	0-0
2nd Inning	0-0	0-0	0-0
3rd Inning	0-0	0-0	0-0
4th Inning	0-0	0-0	0-0
5th Inning	0-0	0-0	0-0
6th Inning	0-0	0-0	0-0
7th Inning	0-0	0-0	0-0
8th Inning	0-0	0-0	0-0
9th Inning	0-0	0-0	0-0
Total	0-0	0-0	0-0

AL standings

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
New York	85	58	.595	0
Tampa Bay	79	64	.554	6 1/2
Cleveland	77	66	.538	8 1/2
Baltimore	75	68	.522	10 1/2
Oakland	71	72	.494	14 1/2
Chicago	69	74	.482	16 1/2
Detroit	67	76	.467	18 1/2
Minnesota	65	78	.451	20 1/2
Seattle	63	80	.436	22 1/2
Los Angeles	61	82	.421	24 1/2

NL standings

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
St. Louis	84	59	.588	0
San Diego	78	65	.544	6 1/2
Arizona	76	67	.529	8 1/2
Colorado	74	69	.515	10 1/2
San Francisco	72	71	.505	12 1/2
Los Angeles	70	73	.491	14 1/2
Philadelphia	68	75	.477	16 1/2
Chicago	66	77	.462	18 1/2
Pittsburgh	64	79	.448	20 1/2
Atlanta	62	81	.433	22 1/2

East Game

Cardinals 7, Cubs 6

Phillies 2, Braves 1

Reds 8, Rangers 5

Mariners 8, Rockies 3

Yankees 5, Indians 3

Athletics 5, Devil Rays 2

White Sox 6, Blue Jays 3

Royals 8, Rangers 5

West Game

Angels 7, Twins 6

Mariners 8, Rockies 3

Padres 5, Giants 4

San Diego 8, Padres 5

ASTROS 10, PIRATES 9

1st Inning: Astros 0, Pirates 0

2nd Inning: Astros 0, Pirates 0

3rd Inning: Astros 0, Pirates 0

4th Inning: Astros 0, Pirates 0

5th Inning: Astros 0, Pirates 0

6th Inning: Astros 0, Pirates 0

7th Inning: Astros 0, Pirates 0

8th Inning: Astros 0, Pirates 0

9th Inning: Astros 0, Pirates 0

Total: Astros 10, Pirates 9

CHICAGO 7, CUBS 6

1st Inning: Chicago 0, Cubs 0

2nd Inning: Chicago 0, Cubs 0

3rd Inning: Chicago 0, Cubs 0

4th Inning: Chicago 0, Cubs 0

5th Inning: Chicago 0, Cubs 0

6th Inning: Chicago 0, Cubs 0

7th Inning: Chicago 0, Cubs 0

8th Inning: Chicago 0, Cubs 0

9th Inning: Chicago 0, Cubs 0

Total: Chicago 7, Cubs 6

ANGELS 7, TWINS 6

1st Inning: Angels 0, Twins 0

2nd Inning: Angels 0, Twins 0

3rd Inning: Angels 0, Twins 0

4th Inning: Angels 0, Twins 0

5th Inning: Angels 0, Twins 0

6th Inning: Angels 0, Twins 0

7th Inning: Angels 0, Twins 0

8th Inning: Angels 0, Twins 0

9th Inning: Angels 0, Twins 0

Total: Angels 7, Twins 6

BRAYS 12, DBACKS 10

1st Inning: Braves 0, Dbacks 0

2nd Inning: Braves 0, Dbacks 0

3rd Inning: Braves 0, Dbacks 0

4th Inning: Braves 0, Dbacks 0

5th Inning: Braves 0, Dbacks 0

6th Inning: Braves 0, Dbacks 0

7th Inning: Braves 0, Dbacks 0

8th Inning: Braves 0, Dbacks 0

9th Inning: Braves 0, Dbacks 0

Total: Braves 12, Dbacks 10

ATLANTA 7, CINCINNATI 6

1st Inning: Atlanta 0, Cincinnati 0

2nd Inning: Atlanta 0, Cincinnati 0

3rd Inning: Atlanta 0, Cincinnati 0

4th Inning: Atlanta 0, Cincinnati 0

5th Inning: Atlanta 0, Cincinnati 0

6th Inning: Atlanta 0, Cincinnati 0

7th Inning: Atlanta 0, Cincinnati 0

8th Inning: Atlanta 0, Cincinnati 0

9th Inning: Atlanta 0, Cincinnati 0

Total: Atlanta 7, Cincinnati 6

ON THE AIR

Event	Time	Channel
Soccer, Leon vs. Puebla	10:45 a.m.	KFTA
Auto Racing, NASCAR Winston Cup	10:30 a.m.	TNN
NFL Teams TB	FSPT	11 a.m.
Baseball, Cubs at Cardinals	ESPN	noon
Boing, Hoylefield vs. Ruz	CBS	1 p.m.
NFL Teams TB	ESPN	2:15 p.m.
NFL Teams TB	ESPN	3 p.m.
Senior Golf, Kroger Classic	ESPN	6:30 p.m.
NFL, Ravens at Dolphins	ESPN	9 p.m.
Boxing, Sunday Night Fights	ESPN	9 p.m.

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Wild Card Races

Country	W	L	Pct.	GB
USA	12	10	.545	0
Canada	10	12	.455	2
Mexico	8	14	.364	4

FOOTBALL

Team	W	L	T	Pct.
American League	12	10	0	.545
National League	10	12	0	.455

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

Team	W	L	T	Pct.
AFC	12	10	0	.545
NFC	10	12	0	.455

COLLEGE FOOTBALL SCORES

Team 1	Score	Team 2	Score
Alabama	21	Auburn	14
Georgia	28	Florida	17
Texas	35	Oklahoma	21
Michigan	31	Notre Dame	14

Kroger Senior Classic

Player	Score
Larry Nelson	134
Gil Morgan	137
Huber Green	140
Bruce Summerhays	143
Allen Doyle	146
Bruce Fleisher	149
John Hanafey	152

AUTO RACING

Driver	Team	Points
Jeff Gordon	DuPont	150
Ricky Rudd	Jack Ruby	145
Dale Earnhardt Jr.	Roush Fenway	140
Kurt Busch	DuPont	135

BOWLING

Player	Score
Jeffrey Brantley	240
Tommy Baker	235
Johnathan Burkhart	230
Paul Brantley	225

PWBA Foundation Games

Player	Score
Julia Phillips	120
Michelle Key	115
Christina Garcia	110
Michelle Key	105

SOCCER

Team	W	L	T	Pct.
USA	12	10	0	.545
Canada	10	12	0	.455

GOLF

Event	Winner	Score
Hitch's Canyon Classic	Alek Celka	134
San Diego Open	Tim Lincecum	135
Lanome Trophy	Alek Celka	134

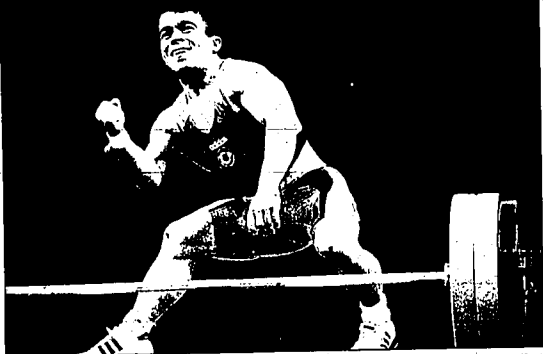
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SPORTS

SYDNEY 2000

Turkey's Hall Mutlu celebrates setting the world record in the clean and jerk category of the men's 56 kg division, with a lift of 167.5 kg. Mutlu broke his own world records in the clean and jerk, snatch, and total lift.



Tiny Hercules can pocket a record

SYDNEY, Australia (AP) — When the man who may be the world's greatest weightlifter goes for an unprecedented fourth gold medal—early today, something odd could happen.

Naim Suleymanoglu — the "Pocket Hercules" — just might lose. Though reports from the Turkish training camp are that Suleymanoglu is lifting better than ever and could set world records, the man accustomed to first place is only sixth-seeded at 135.5 pounds. Recently emerged from a three-year retirement, he hasn't won a major competition since the Atlanta Games in 1996.



There's also this note of caution for those ready to hand him another gold — match those he won in 1988, 1992 and 1996: He was a disappointing third in the European championships last spring.

Even the lifter widely acknowledged as the best in the world today, Turkish teammate Halil Mutlu, said after winning his second gold medal this weekend.

"As you know, the greatest is Naim."

Even now, at age 33, and with

his best years and three gold medals behind him?

"I hope so, and I believe so," said Savas Azagolu, Turkey's team manager. "Most people think that he will win the gold medal. The others think he is very old and it will be hard."

Suleymanoglu, a national hero of such distinction that throngs of his countrymen turned out to greet him following the 1988 Olympics, seems especially confident given his long layoff.

"I will keep my word to the Turkish people about winning," he said. "It is history I am training for."

Aussie youth cruises to gold; Jenny Thompson keeps pace

SYDNEY, Australia (AP) — After picking up two gold medals in his Olympic debut, Australian Ian Thorpe — picked up where he left off by setting an Olympic best Saturday in the 200-meter freestyle.

A relaxed Thorpe, who already holds the world record in the event, qualified for the semifinals early this morning; the finals were scheduled for today. Three-time U.S. gold medalist Josh Davis placed fourth, the highest American finish.

Thorpe launched his Olympic career the day before, with two gold medals while U.S. veteran Jenny Thompson earned one in showing that swimming's old guard could keep pace with its new stars.

Five world records were set in the pool Saturday — when only four finals were held. Thorpe, after breaking his own world record to win the 400-meter freestyle, medaled in 1998 as Australian 40-meter freestyle relay to victory.

Thompson, in her third Olympic, captured her sixth gold medal Saturday — the most ever by a U.S. woman athlete. Before including the swimming 400-meter freestyle relay, she had shared the honor with skater Bonnie Blair.

Thorpe, who had shared the honor with skater Bonnie Blair, bathed in the pool Saturday, and he had shared the honor with skater Bonnie Blair.

Olympic medal count

Nation	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
Australia	2	2	1	5
United States	2	1	4	7
China	0	1	3	4
France	2	1	0	3
Japan	2	1	0	3
South Korea	0	2	3	5
Russia	1	1	2	4
Switzerland	0	1	2	3
Germany	0	1	2	3
Spain	1	0	1	2
Turkey	1	0	1	2
Ukraine	1	0	1	2
Bulgaria	0	1	1	2
Italy	0	1	1	2
Netherlands	0	1	1	2
Belarus	0	0	1	1
Belgium	0	0	1	1
Brazil	0	0	1	1
Cuba	0	0	1	1
Kyrgyzstan	0	0	1	1
Romania	0	0	1	1
Sweden	0	0	1	1



year-old Logan Tom, upset China 3-1 in a first-round women's match. The Americans recovered from a slow start to win 19-25, 25-21, 25-12 and 25-24.



Water polo

At age 39, Maureen O'Toole was the oldest woman on the U.S. water polo team. But the veteran was feeling just like a kid after scoring the ahead goal in the Americans' 6-4 victory over World Cup champ Netherlands as women's water polo made its Olympic bow.



Women's gymnastics

A slide off the balance beam, a step or two off the mat and the U.S. women's gymnastics team knew one thing for sure: They're not in Atlanta anymore.

National champion Elise Ray and two-time Olympian Amy Chow were the third and fourth-best gymnasts on the floor.

But they got little help from their teammates and left the SuperDome in a tangle. Competing in the first session of the day, on the same floor with the Australians, the United States finished second, a whopping 1,949 points behind China, which wasn't considered a prime medal contender.



stopped before the final line to grab a German flag from the crowd and walked across the line waving the flag, won the silver medal. Jan Rehula of the Czech Republic won the bronze.



Men's soccer

For the second time in as many games, the U.S. soccer team was fit to be tied. After a 2-2 deadlock with the Czech Republic in their opener, the men came back Saturday for a 1-1 tie with Cameroon in a game where they missed several chances to take the lead.



Women's shooting

Tao Luna of China won the Olympic gold medal in women's 10-meter air pistol Saturday with a score of 488-2.

Jasna Sekavac of Yugoslavia won the silver and Annemarie Forder of Australia won the bronze.



The U.S. goal was scored by Pete Vagenas on a second-half penalty kick. The Americans will need a win in their third and final preliminary game to advance into the second round for the first time.

Volleyball

The United States, led by 19-

SYDNEY SCORES AND STATS

Event	Final	Score
Basketball	USA vs. Spain	86-75
Women's Basketball	USA vs. Spain	86-75
Baseball	USA vs. Cuba	10-4
Softball	USA vs. Cuba	10-4
Beach Volleyball	USA vs. Spain	2-0
Swimming	USA vs. Spain	1-0
Cycling	USA vs. Spain	1-0
Rowing	USA vs. Spain	1-0
Canoeing	USA vs. Spain	1-0
Archery	USA vs. Spain	1-0
Table Tennis	USA vs. Spain	1-0
Badminton	USA vs. Spain	1-0
Tennis	USA vs. Spain	1-0
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Badminton	USA vs. Spain	1-0
Tennis	USA vs. Spain	1-0
Table Tennis	USA vs. Spain	1-0
Badminton	USA vs. Spain	1-0
Tennis	USA vs. Spain	1-0

Ukrainian

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Hollow, the Olympic venue in Utah, allowing athletes to train high and compete low to improve their aerobic advantage, said Rick Kapala, who heads up Sun Valley's cross-country ski racing program.

The resort is small enough that there are no distractions. And it's in the same time zone as the Olympic venue. It takes athletes a day per time zone to adjust any time they compete in a time zone different than theirs. If there are 10 time zones between the Ukraine and here, it takes 10 days to adjust, Kapala said.

"We're really lucky to have them here," he said. "Our goal is to get some good video of them training."

The Ukrainian team is here for three weeks through Sept. 10 before heading to Austria where they will train an altitude. The team plans to return in February for 10 additional days of training prior to World Cup competition in Utah.

"They get only two months off each year to be with their family. The rest of the year they only get one day every two weeks to rest up from a grueling training schedule."

While in Sun Valley, their schedule starts with computerized race plans that predict what their coaches can expect out of them that day.

That's followed by a 2 1/2-

hour target practice at the Sun Valley Gun Club where they alternate wind sprints on mountain bikes with target practice to simulate a sport which involves skiing around a course and then trying to calm their hearts to pick off targets set up along the course.

On a typical morning, each girl shoots up to 200 rounds, under the watchful eye of co-coach Nadia Bilova. "Full gently," she exhorts one girl in crisp Ukrainian. "Drop your shot one degree down, one degree to the right," she tells another.

Such directions are hardly needed. Olena Petrusin, for instance, doesn't miss a single shot, aiming for targets as small as ping pong balls from 164 feet away.

The target practice is followed by strength training, dry firing at the range and a 27-mile round-trip roller ski workout along the bike path paralleling Highway 75.

"They do exactly what their coaches say. They have absolute total obedience," Temple says.

What they don't have is the political pressure that Bilova, the 1986 world biathlon champion, felt. She was dropped from second place to eighth after a judge called her extreme skied the wrong way around a pole in Olympic competition. Upon her return to Moscow, government officials interrogated her for three days

demanding to know why she'd betrayed the country and shamed her family.

With the breakup of the Soviet Union, the political pressure is gone but the financial picture is less rosy. The team is "pathetically underfunded" compared with the other leading biathlete teams from Germany, Norway, France and Russia, Temple says.

To help out, Sun Valley Resort supplied a condominium for the athletes to stay in, the first part of their visit here and a private family supplied them a home for the rest of the time.

Local bicycle shops have lent them mountain bikes to practice on when they aren't being rented out by tourists. And Sun Valley's Ketchikan Chamber of Commerce has coordinated free meals from local restaurants, as well as workout time at the Sun Valley Athletic Club.

In return, local cross-country ski racers get a chance to train with the Ukrainians. Tourists get to see them in the Wagon Days parade over Labor Day weekend. And the Ukrainians will participate in cross-cultural exchanges with schoolchildren.

"The fact that the athletes train here is just the tip of the iceberg," said Chip Fisher, a member of a Governor's task force charged with attracting athletes and tourists to Idaho in conjunction with the Utah Olympics.

Size 18 feet with a heart to match

SYDNEY, Australia (AP) — Everybody knew about his big feet. What Ian Thorpe proved to the world Saturday was that he had a heart to match.

The last time anybody showed up at the Olympic Games with this much hype to justify, it was Michael Jordan in 1992 with the original Dream Team in tow.

Thorpe has owned every age-group swimming mark worth having since he was 13. All of Australia has been riding his considerable wingspan ever since. And so when he took his mark at the Sydney International Aquatics Center, there was no way to overstate how much was expected from the Olympic debut of his special 17-year-old with the size 18 feet.

"I felt, like would say after ward, 'like a gladiator walking into the coliseum.'"

All Thorpe proceeded to do was jump in the pool, break his own 400-meter freestyle record, climb out long enough to collect one gold medal, then jump back in and anchor the winning leg of what likely will go down as the greatest 400-meter freestyle relay ever.

All in the span of 45 minutes.

"I doff my swimcap to the great Ian Thorpe," American Gary Hall said. "Everybody who had a ticket tonight got their money's worth."

Hall is as brash as he is talented, yet at that moment he was patting hot cheeks. He had just bathed Thorpe stroke for stroke, breath-for-breath, arm-for-arm, stretch for a U.S. team that broke

Thorpedo hit



Australia's Ian Thorpe holds the Australian flag during the medal ceremony for the men's 400m freestyle.



COMMENTARY
Jim Litke

Fraser's blessing might be as important to Thorpe as two more world records since he was 16: more beloved, even today. Fraser won the first of three swimming golds at the 1956 Melbourne Games, but more important, she inspired the home team to break the U.S. stranglehold on the sport for the first and, so far, only time ever.

What Thorpe accomplished in one grand night, beyond bursting his own legend, was to reawaken in his countrymen the sense that it could happen again. In their pool. In their land. And in the sport—Australians consider their birthright.

"Hopefully, this lifts the spirits of the team. Hopefully, this starts a successful Olympics for us all. Hopefully," Thorpe said, choosing his words carefully, "this is going to have an avalanche effect."

And—the games—have—just begun. On Monday, he goes after gold in the 200, another event in which Thorpe holds the record.

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SYDNEY 2000



Craig trades pain for gain in victory

SYDNEY, Australia (AP) — Dante Craig knows heartache, and he knows pain. He had to fight through both just to make the U.S. boxing team.

By those standards, Craig's Olympic debut early Saturday couldn't have been much easier. The only obstacle was an Egyptian who brought a tricky name but not much else into the ring at the Sydney Exhibition Center.

Even a little ring rust didn't bother Craig as he dominated Fadel Showban Showban before the 147-pound fight was finally stopped midway through the final round.

The thrill of his win, though, was tempered by thoughts of his infant son, who died Jan. 10 of a respiratory problem. Craig was near tears thinking of Dante Jr. as he walked into the arena.

"I wish he could see his daddy come into the ring," Craig said. "I still mourn the death of my



son. It hurts me every day just to think of it."

Craig still struggles to understand the death of his son at the age of one month. And he is still trying to deal with the death of his own mother in 1998.

On his right bicep is a tattoo of a rose and a cross with an inscription that reads, "In memory of Mary and Dante."

"God has a reason for everything," the 22-year-old said. "I have to look at it his way."

Craig quit boxing altogether after his mother died and is among the most unlikely of candidates to even be in Sydney.

It took a dream from his brother, Dion, to get him boxing again. He was pressing pants in a Cincinnati laundry when his brother told him of a vivid dream of their mother asking

him to get his brother back in the sport.

"It hit me in the heart," Craig said. "I just instantly believed it."

Dion Craig, a factory worker who came with his brother to Sydney, offered him \$50 a week out of his own pocket to begin fighting again. Craig took the money and moved in with his father to save expenses. He then began the long road back.

Craig had to go to an Olympic qualifier in Tivana to make the U.S. team, winning despite a damaged right hand and root canal surgery the morning of his final fight.

Saturday's bout was the first fight for Craig since making the team. Since that time he had surgery on his right hand to repair ligament damage and remove bone chips.

The layoff showed early against Showban Showban, who stood right in front of Craig but

did not become an easy target until the second round.

Craig forced the Egyptian to take a standing 8-count after a flurry of six punches in the second round, and landed big punches in the third. A final hand midway through the fourth round made it 17-2, and the fight was called because of the competition's 15-point rule.

"I gave it my all just like I've given it my all for one last go," said Craig, who faces Turkey's Bulent Ulusoy in his next fight. "I told myself I would when I came back and I haven't slacked off since."

Craig's win gave the U.S. team a quick 2-0 start in boxing, a marathon competition that doesn't produce gold medals until the last two days of the Olympics.

Late Friday night, Clarence Vinson got the U.S. team off to a winning start with a 9-2 win over France's Rachid Bouaita.



Twin brothers Morgan and Paul Hamm, (L-R), of Waukesha, Wis., wait their turn on the horizontal bars during practice for the 2000 Sydney Olympic Games in the Superdome in Sydney Wednesday.

NBC reduces Games to live sportscast, minus competition

NEW YORK (AP) — Picture, for a moment, the nightly dose of sports on a local newscast.

The anchor sits in the studio, taking you through that day's events in a few minutes with the help of video clips.

Now imagine that segment stretched over the course of a day, returning scores, signs and sounds from as long ago as the night before — and an anchor who refuses to reveal everything that's happened in the world of sports.

That's NBC's coverage of the Sydney Games.

It's already clear that the network and cable partners MSNBC and CNBC aren't presenting "The Complete Olympics" so much as a daylong sportscast filled with old news.

Anchor's studio segments are aired live, but not a single second of competition is.

It would make Warner Wolf, sports anchor at CBS' New York affiliate, proud. For years, Wolf has preceded highlights by belting, "Let's go to the video-

tape!" also the title of a book he wrote. The Olympic TV hosts might want to consider coopting that catch phrase instead of reading their prepared disclaimers about time-zone differences.

Right from the start, NBC has turned the Olympics into repackaged entertainment, leaving most of the reporting of the news from Australia to others.

Take Friday night's elaborate opening ceremony.

At 6:25 p.m. in Idaho, just about the time viewers were being treated to a silly joke about lawyers from Bob Costas as dozens of amateur fire-breathers stomped across the field at Olympic Stadium (an tape), U.S. shooter Nancy Johnson was winning the first gold medal of the games (in the real world). There was no indication of Johnson's accomplishment from NBC.

About 30 minutes later, Australian swimming standout Ian Thorpe — possessor of the world's most talked-about feet — broke the Olympic record for the

400-meter freestyle in a preliminary race. And within the hour, two more records fell at the pool.

Again, no mentions on NBC.

Perhaps, as the network hopes, that's just fine with many Americans — an estimated 56 million tuned in to watch the broadcast of the opening ceremony as many as 16 hours after it happened.

For the first few days of the Olympics, hosts on each of the three NBC channels are reading a sort of "truth-in-advertising" introduction to the telecasts.

"As we begin our Olympic journey here we have this program note: Here in Sydney, we are 15 hours ahead of you. For the first 18 hours ahead of those of you on the West Coast," Pat O'Brien said Saturday at the outset of CNBC's first show. "And to present these Olympics at a time convenient to you — that is, while you're awake — the event coverage you'll see broadcast will be on tape."

There's plenty happening while we're awake. We're just not being told about it.

Young men gymnasts lifts U.S. medal hopes

SYDNEY, Australia (AP) — U.S. gymnast Blaine Wilson has spent the better part of a decade carrying his team and defining its hopes.

Saturday, the squad's future — its young twins — were the ones pulling the weight for the champion.

The United States worked its way into Olympic medal contention after the first round of preliminaries the new-fangled way, on the wings of 17-year-old Paul and Morgan Hamm's powerful routines.

"Unbelievable," coach Peter Kormann said. "I've never seen anything like that. Older guys going down, young guys picking them up. Total team effort."

Seemingly oblivious to pressure, the Hammes came through big-when-Wilson—the five-time national champion, and the others got injured or struggled. It left the United States just 0.448 points out of third place, as it searches for its first Olympic medal since 1984.

The finals take place Monday (today in the U.S.). Leleider Russia, second-place China, third-place Ukraine and the United States are all within 0.925 points.

That's almost the exact margin that cost the American men the bronze medal at the 1996 Atlanta Games, when Kormann and team director Ron Galimov's big turn-around project, "Operation Flip-Flop," was just gathering steam.

The Hammes were only 13 then. "They're special," Wilson said of the high schoolers from



Waukesha, Wis. "It must be the cheese. I've never seen two kids at 17 have that much composure."

They needed it, especially after an opening set on the floor exercise that looked like outtakes from some Olympic bloopers reel.

Stephen McCain, still recovering from an ankle injury, had his feet skid out from under him and he nearly landed on his back. Sean Townsend jumped out of bounds, still struggling with a bouncer mat than the team is used to steady. Then-Wilson came up a full twist short on a tumbling pass, lowering his start value and leaving him with a shocking 9.025.

The Hammes held the fort on floor. In fact, Morgan scored a 9.612, good enough to make the event finals next Sunday, the day the twins turn 18.

"I guess that's ever since the Olympic trials, they count on us to hit our routines," Paul Hamm said. They've been counting on 30-year-old John Roethlisberger for more than a decade now, and the ancients with horse wasn't about to let a dislocated finger stop him in this, his third Olympics.

Roethlisberger popped the finger out of joint while warming up on the pommel horse. But gymnasts are tough. A trainer reset the joint, taped it and then Roethlisberger hopped on the horse and whirled his way to a 9.6 for a needed break in the tension.

Olympic television schedule	
Sunday, Sept. 17	Sydney 2000
NBC	000
a.m.-4 p.m.	
Men's basketball	
USA vs. China	
(begins at 9 a.m.)	
Swimming	
Beach volleyball	
Men's competition	
Canoing	
Whitewater	
Cycling	
Track finals	
5 p.m.-10 p.m.	
Swimming	
Finals: Women's 100 butterfly, men's 100 breaststroke, women's 400 freestyle, men's 400 individual	
Judley	
Gymnastics	
Women's team competition	
Men's triathlon	
Weightlifting	
Men's final	
10:30 p.m.-12 a.m.	
Men's volleyball	
USA vs. Argentina	
MSNBC	
7 a.m.-2 p.m.	
Soccer	
USA, Women vs. China	
(begins at 7 a.m.)	
Softball	
USA vs. Canada	
Baseball	
USA vs. Japan	
CNBC	
2-7 p.m.	
Boxing	
Women's water polo	
USA vs. Canada	

Samaranch's wife dies after illness

SYDNEY, Australia (AP) — A day after IOC president Juan Antonio Samaranch presided over the splendor of his last Olympic opening ceremony, his gravely ill wife of 40 years died as Samaranch was flying back to Barcelona to be with her.

Maria Teresa Salisachs-Rowe, 67 and reportedly suffering from cancer, died Saturday in Barcelona.

"She was not an IOC member, but she was a very close friend to all of us. She was like the first lady of the IOC," said Pal Schmitt, an International Olympic Committee member from Hungary who is the organization's head of protocol.

Close to tears, IOC vice presi-

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A Mass is scheduled Monday in

Sydney for Olympic officials and others.

"It is very sad indeed," Pound said on Australia's Nine Network TV. "The pressure he has been under in the past few months generally, and with this particular problem in the background, must be enormous."

Pound said a tradition in Spain is to have a quick burial with a Mass, followed by a service at a later date, which Pound guessed would be sometime after the Olympics. He said there wasn't enough time for other IOC officials to fly to Spain for the burial.

He said a condolence register would be placed at each of the three Olympic family hotels, and possibly at the Olympic Village.

Olympic notes

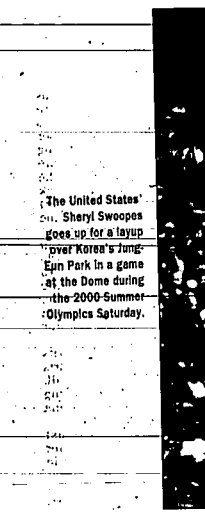
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A star on board: Timing is right for Swoopes



The United States' Sheryl Swoopes goes up for a layup over Korea's Jung Eun Park in a game at the Dome during the 2000 Summer Olympics Saturday.

SYDNEY, Australia (AP) — No matter what others may have thought, this is where Sheryl Swoopes wanted to be all along.

Playing basketball. For her country in the Olympics.

Swoopes was the 12th and last player added to the U.S. women's team, though not because of any question about her talent or ability to fit in.

After all, she was the WNBA's Most Valuable Player this year, helped the Houston Comets win their fourth straight league championship and was a member of the gold-medal winning team at the 1996 Olympics.

No, any questions about Swoopes arose from her Internet announcement in February that she had decided not to participate in the Sydney Games because too many other things were going on in her life at the time.

She was getting a divorce and there were questions over custody of her son, Jordan. Yes, he was named after Jordan, Swoopes' good friend and fellow Nike pitcher.

"It was never a question of am I going to play for the team or am I not," Swoopes said.

"When they put the team together in February, the timing for me just wasn't good. I wasn't able to leave my child back at home to take four or five months off and join the team then."

But later on down the road — they had only 11 players and they said we were going to have 12 — Latsys felt like I was that 12th player, there was that doubt in my mind I was going to say 'I want to play.'"

True to what she had promised herself, Swoopes jumped at the chance when USA Basketball called in June.

"I never said, 'Can I think about it?' or 'I'm not sure I want to do this,'" Swoopes said. "I mean, the Olympics is a wonderful opportunity. Sometimes it's a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity. Fortunately

for me, this is my second. If they asked me, I was going to say yes."

The divorce is final, the custody arrangements sorted out and now she's here — just in time, as it turned out.

Swoopes scored 29 points, matching the second-best single-game total by a U.S. woman in the Olympics, to help the United States team beat a feisty South Korea team 89-75 early Saturday morning.

That averaged what might have been an embarrassing loss for the gold medal favorites.

It was vintage Swoopes as she scored in the paint, from mid-range and twice from behind the 3-point arc. She also grabbed nine rebounds, had two assists and blocked three shots. When the United States needed a basket, Swoopes was usually the one who came through.

"I never really look at it that way, like oh my gosh, we're up 5, 5 points down, I've got to make this play, my teammates are counting on me," Swoopes said

"I just think that's instinct, maybe. I've been playing the game so long and being the kind of competitor I am, I want my teammates to feel confident in me when I have the ball that I'm going to make things happen."

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SPORTS

Gators rally to beat Tennessee

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. (AP) - Jesse Palmer threw a questionable 3-yard touchdown pass to Jabar Gaffney with 14 seconds left as No. 6 Florida rallied to beat No. 11 Tennessee 27-23 on Saturday.

In watching their 23-game home winning streak come to an end before a Neyland Stadium record crowd of 108,758, the Volunteers lost a play that will be debated for a long time.

On first-and-goal from the Tennessee 3, Palmer threw a quick strike to Gaffney just over the goal line. Gaffney had the ball for an instant and then dropped it as he was surrounded by two defenders. But line judge Al Matthews ruled Gaffney made the catch, and stuck with the call after conferring with referee Al Ford.

Florida (3-0, 10 Southeastern Conference), which has beaten Tennessee (1-1, 0-1) in seven of their last eight meetings, marched 91 yards on 10 plays for the winning score.

No. 14 UCLA 23, No. 3 Michigan 20

PASADENA, Calif. - Ryan McCann passed for 236 yards and two touchdowns as UCLA beat the country's third-ranked team for the second time in three games.

The Bruins (3-0), who opened the season with a 35-24 victory over then-No. 3 Alabama, took the lead on McCann's 2-yard TD pass to Ed Jeremiah-Stansbury of 6:30 left, but holder Drew Bennett hobbled a low snap from center on the extra-point try, opening the door for the Wolverines (2-1) to tie with a field goal. However, Hyard Eppstein, who was wide left on a 24-yarder with 3:27 left.

No. 4 Wisconsin 28, Cincinnati 25, 0T

MADISON, Wis. - Eddie Faulkner scored on a 16-yard run in overtime as Wisconsin avoided a second straight loss to Cincinnati.

Faulkner had 19 carries for a career-best 124 yards and was playing in place of Michael Bennett, among a dozen players who served suspensions for receiving unadvertised discounts at a store. Wisconsin has won 11 straight games.

No. 2 Florida St. 63, North Carolina 14

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. - Chris Weinke threw four touchdown passes as Florida State extended the country's longest winning streak to 15.

Weinke passed for 262 yards and connected with Snoop Minnis and Aireels Bell for a pair of touchdowns each.

No. 7 Kansas St. 76, Ball St. 0

MANHATTAN, Kan. - Jonathan Beasley threw two long touchdown passes to Quincy Morgan and ran for another score in the first quarter as Kansas State broke a 50-year-old record.

Kansas State's previous record was set in 1910 in a 75-0 victory over Drury. It fell with 11:21 remaining.

No. 8 Virginia Tech 49, Rutgers 0

BLACKSBURG, Va. - Michael Vick scored on a dazzling flip into the end zone, threw for a touchdown and set up a third with a 45-yard escape and run.

Lee Suggs ran for four touchdowns for the Hokies (3-0, 10 Big East), who led 35-0 at halftime in obliterating Rutgers' hope for its first 3-0 start since 1981.



Tennessee wide receiver Cedrick Wilson fumbles the ball as he is hit by Florida linebacker Byron Hardmon in the first quarter in Knoxville, Tenn. Saturday. Florida recovered the ball on the play.

Saturday's stars

- LaDainian Tomlinson rushed for 243 yards on 39 carries and had two touchdowns as No. 20 TCU beat Northwestern 34-14.
- Rashad Barthelemy rushed for 201 yards and scored three touchdowns as Yale beat Dayton 42-26.
- Drew Miller threw for 311 yards and four touchdowns as Montana beat Cal Poly-San Luis Obispo 53-3.
- Nate Scott rushed for 192 yards and two touchdowns, including a school-record 95-yard run, leading Wyoming past Central Michigan 31-10.
- Tom McCune passed for 292 yards and four touchdowns and ran for a fifth as Colgate beat Dartmouth 42-24.
- Daniel Pincelli threw for 399 yards and five touchdowns in Hartwick's 46-21 win over St. Anselm.
- John Powell ran for a school-record 282 yards to lead Bucknell past Cornell 38-15.
- Derek Watson ran for a career-interception 60 yards for a touchdown as the Irish (2-1) scored 17 points off Purdue mistakes to send the Boilermakers (2-1) to their 12th straight loss at Notre Dame.
- Wake Forest 7.
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No. 9 Washington 17, Colorado 14

BOULDER, Colo. - Marques Tuiasosopo rallied Washington to two fourth-quarter touchdowns, capping a 52-yard drive. Tuiasosopo made a 17-7 with a 24-yard TD pass to Jeremiah Stevens with 8:33 left.

No. 21 Notre Dame 23, No. 13 Purdue 21

SOUTH BEND, Ind. - Nick Sotta kicked a 38-yard field goal as time expired to left Notre Dame past Mike-prone Purdue. Shane Walton returned an

interception 60 yards for a touchdown as the Irish (2-1) scored 17 points off Purdue mistakes to send the Boilermakers (2-1) to their 12th straight loss at Notre Dame.

No. 16 Clemson 55, Wake Forest 7

CLEMSON, S.C. - Woodrow Dantzler ran for 166 yards and two touchdowns, and threw a 52-yard TD pass to Travis Zachery. Dantzler scored on a 39-yard keeper to put the Tigers (3-0, 10 ACC) up 17-0 with 9:14 left in the first half. Wake Forest lost quarterback C.J. Lesak to a dislocated knee.

No. 17 Ohio St. 27, Miami (Ohio) 16

COLUMBUS, Ohio - Jonathan Wells ran for two touchdowns, including the clinching score

after a Miami penalty. Derek Combs rushed for 142 yards on 21 carries for the Buckeyes (3-0).

No. 19 Illinois 17, California 15

CHAMPAIGN, Ill. - Illinois' defensive end Fred Wakefield batted down Kyle Boller's 2-point conversion pass with 1:26 left.

California pulled within two on Boller's 32-yard touchdown pass to Charon Arnold. Kurt Kittner threw a touchdown pass and scored on a 2-yard run for Illinois (3-0) before leaving with a leg injury on the first drive of the second half.

No. 20 TCU 41, Northwestern 14

FORT WORTH, Texas - LaDainian Tomlinson rushed for 243 yards on 39 carries and had two touchdowns. Tomlinson also had touchdown runs of 34 and 74 yards called back because of holding calls. TCU (2-0) has won seven straight, its longest winning streak since 1984.

No. 22 Michigan St. 13, Missouri 10

COLUMBIA, Mo. - T.J. Duckert ran for 131 yards and a touchdown as Michigan State (2-0) overcame a 10-point deficit. Duckert, who had a career-best 219 yards last week against Marshall, tied it at 10 on a 7-yard run in the third quarter. David Schaefer kicked a 27-yard field goal with 10:48 left.

Washington State drops Utah to 0-3

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) - Jason Gesser threw for four touchdowns to lead Washington State to a 38-21 victory over Utah Saturday.

The sophomore quarterback, who completed 11 of 18 passes for a career-high 211 yards with an interception, sparked the Cougars (1-1) with three first-quarter TD strikes for a 21-0 lead. The fleet-footed Gesser also scrambled for 37 yards, including several third-down conversions, and was sacked just once.

After trailing 21-7 at halftime, Utah (0-3) reversed its fortunes quickly with two touchdowns in a 21-second span in the third quarter. Cliff Russell scored on a 24-yard pass from Darnell Arceneaux and then moments later, Ute cornerback Andre Dyson picked up Dave Minnich's fumble and ran untouched into the end zone to cut the lead to 28-21 with 9:43 left in the period.

After Utah botched its fourth field-goal attempt of the game with a bad snap, WSU's Nick Lambert kicked a 32-yard field goal with 12:51 left in the game. Minnich, who had a career-high 118 yards rushing, sealed the win with a 36-yard touchdown run with 2:11 remaining.

Washington State converted five of six third downs and scored on each of their first three possessions to stun Utah, which dropped to 0-3 for the first time since 1986, with a 21-0 lead by the end of the first quarter.

Montana 53, Cal Poly-SLO 3

MISSOULA, Mont. - Montana's football team is known for its "Air Bear" offense, but on Saturday the Grizzlies' ground game nearly matched its passing game.

Drew Miller threw for 311 yards and four touchdowns, while Montana rushed 42 times for 307 yards and three more scores to wrap up its nonconference schedule with a 53-3 victory over Cal Poly-San Luis Obispo.

"We wanted to be more effective in running the ball," said Montana coach Joe Glenn, whose team passed for 505 yards last weekend. "But I hope we would run that many times." The win snapped a three-game home losing streak dating back to last season for Montana (2-1), the longest ever in the 14-year

Regional scores

- E. Wash. 24
- Idaho St. 7 (North ctr.)
- Arkansas 38, Boise St. 31
- Oregon 42, Idaho 13
- No. 5 Texas 9, Stanford 6 (second ctr.)
- Adams St. 35, Fort Hays St. 28
- Cent. Mont. 41, E. Oregon 24
- Carson-Newman 24, W. Oregon 7
- Cent. Washington 64, W. Montana 0
- Chadron St. 68, Colorado Htes. 2
- Linfield 23, S. Oregon 11
- Montana 53, Cal Poly-SLO 3
- Montana Tech 38, Montana St. Northern 7
- N. Arizona 49, CS Northridge 28
- N. Colorado 21, Morningside 0
- Pacific Lutheran 42, Simon Fraser 28
- UCLA 23, Michigan 20
- Washington 17, Colorado 14
- Weber St. 28, Montana St. 7
- Western St., Colo. 32
- Fort Lewis 2
- Whitworth 49, Chapman 22
- Wyoming 31, Cent. Michigan 10

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Whitworth 49, Chapman 22

SPOKANE, Wash. - Billy Condon rushed for 115 yards and two touchdowns and Joel Robnett returned a kickoff 100 yards as Whitworth College beat Chapman University of Anaheim, Calif., 49-22 on Saturday.

Whitworth jumped out early with a 68-yard drive capped by receiver Ty McGreor's score on an end-around from six yards out. The Pirates came up 14-0 at the end of the first quarter and 28-7 at the half.

Weber St. 28, Montana St. 7

BOZEMAN, Mont. - Tight end Ryan Prince caught seven passes for 115 yards and three touchdowns and Montana State's defense again returned in the second half, as Weber State pulled away for a 28-7 victory Saturday in the Big Sky Conference opener for both schools.

Cole Cooper passed for 216 yards and three touchdowns as Weber State (2-1 overall, 3-0 league) won for the first time in Bobcat Stadium since 1995, and beat the Bobcats (0-2, 0-1) for the first time in four years.

Razorbacks trip up Broncos in shootout

LITTLE ROCK (AP) - Boise State defensive back D. Ross, fooled by Robby Hampton's pump fake, fell as he switched directions and Bo Williams trotted into the end zone with a 54-yard touchdown pass that helped Arkansas beat the Broncos 38-31 Saturday night.

The touchdown broke a 31-31 tie. Boise State (2-1) reached the Arkansas 9 with slightly more than a minute to play. On fourth-and-goal from the 9, Arkansas (2-0) called time and then Boise State followed. The Broncos

coach Houston Nutt sought out Hendricks and gave him a hug and a pat on the head. Nutt coached or recruited 18 of the Broncos' top 44 players before he left Boise three years ago and that was the theme of much of the pre-game publicity.

Arkansas got an interception 39 yards for a touchdown and fellow first-time starter Corey Harris set up a touchdown with an interception seconds later as Arkansas jumped in front 14-0.

The Razorbacks' winning drive included three Cobbs runs for 16 yards and a 14-yard pass from Hampton to Richard Smith. Cobbs finished with 174 yards on 20 attempts. On the touchdown pass, Williams was wide left and Ross had single coverage. After

Ross bit on Hampton's fake, Arkansas caught the fumble at the Broncos' 30.

It was Hampton to Williams for 75 yards that made it 24-0. Williams slapped aside defensive back Dempsey Dees twice in the final 30 yards.

Calaway kicked two second-quarter field goals and Boise started the second half with a seven-play, 56-yard drive that resulted in the first touchdown. Arkansas had allowed 10 quarters. Boise went for two and the Razorbacks lost Lou Fanucchi, who waited on the right side and then headed left for Hendricks' pass.

After Cedric Cobbs' second touchdown, Quintin Mikell returned the kickoff 98 yards. Moments later, Rice Butler was slow to pull the trigger on a punt and Travis Burger blocked it. That led to Nick Calaway's field goal that made it 31-24. Matt Swartz didn't come close on a 41-yard field goal attempt that would have put Arkansas ahead by 10 and the Broncos immediately covered 74 yards for a tie.

On third-and-two, Arkansas cornerback Orlando Green took a couple of steps toward the line of scrimmage and then the Broncos' 42-yard touchdown pass that tied the game. Hendricks was 8-of-21 in the first half against Arkansas, including 2-of-10 in the first quarter, but wound up 23-of-48 for 304 yards.

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Yale sets all-time win record for U.S. schools

NEW HAVEN, Conn. (AP) - Yale became the first school to win 800 football games as Rashad Barthelemy scored three touchdowns and rushed for a career-high 201 yards in a 42-6 victory over Dayton on Saturday.

"We're part of history now," Barthelemy said. "It means a lot. We'll be able to look back and say we beat Michigan and everybody else."

The Bulldogs (1-0) reached the milestone with third-ranked Michigan next with 798 wins going into Saturday's game against UCLA. The game ball carrying every team members' name will be enshrined in the College Football Hall of Fame on Monday, Yale coach Jack Siedlecki said.

"That's a very special thing for these kids to have," Siedlecki said.

Yale played and won its first game on Nov. 16, 1872, 3-0 against Columbia, with each team playing 20 players at a time. The Bulldogs are 800-295-51 in their 128-year football history.

Yale junior Peter Lee made his first start and threw for 193 yards and two touchdowns. Yale also gained 355 yards on the ground against the Flyers (2-1). Barthelemy led the charge, slipping Dayton tacklers all afternoon. He scored from 25 yards out to give Yale its opening touchdown with less than four minutes gone in the game. He also had scores of 40 and 10 yards.

Lee threw TD passes of 8 and 12 yards to Eric Johnson and Tommy McNamee, respectively. Reserve tailback Jay Schulze capped the Bulldogs' scoring with a 2-yard run in the final minutes of the game.

Dayton never threatened. The Flyers opened the season with wins over Division II and III opponents, but the defending Ivy League champs dominated Saturday.

"We didn't face a lot of adversity," Siedlecki said. "They weren't huge and I think we wore them down." The Bulldogs' special teams also made an impact. Leading 14-0, Yale had fourth- and 3 late in the second quarter and opted for a fake punt. Senior linebacker Peter Mazza took the snap for a

20-yard gain to the Dayton 25. Lee connected with McNamara six plays later to give the Bulldogs a 21-0 lead with 16 seconds left in the half.

"That was a critical play. We would have expected that," Dayton coach Mike Kelly said. "Our momentum would have been a little different going into halftime."

The Bulldogs held Dayton to 127 total yards. A trio of Flyers quarterbackbacks completed just three passes on 14 attempts for 26 yards.

The Flyers haven't been shut out since 1976. They preserved that streak with a 36-yard touchdown run by Jermaine Bailey with 13:37 left in the fourth quarter. Dayton has played 269 games without being shut out.

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NFL GAMEDAY

Week 3 matchups

Bills defense faces another challenge against the Jets

11 a.m. Steelers (0-1) at Browns (1-1)

Key elements: The Browns defense is tied with Tampa Bay for an NFL-high 11 sacks compared to one sack in their first two games of 1999.

11 a.m. Bengals (0-1) at Jaguars (2-0)

Key elements: Unlucky for Cincy, the Jags have won 29 of their past 33 games (including playoffs) at home.

11 a.m. Bills (2-0) at Lions (2-0)

Key elements: Forget about a fourth-quarter comeback against the Bucs, as they are 26-2 under head coach Tony Dungy when leading after three quarters.

11 a.m. Eagles (1-1) at Packers (0-2)

Key elements: Philly Coach Andy Reid knows the Packers well; he was a Green Bay assistant coach from 1992-98.

11 a.m. 49ers (0-2) at Rams (2-0)

Key elements: St. Louis set an NFL record last week by scoring 30 points in eight consecutive games.

11 a.m. Falcons (1-1) at Panthers (1-1)

Key elements: The Falcons and Panthers never lack for excitement as they've combined for 143 points in their past three games (61 per game).

11 a.m. Bills (2-0) at Jets (2-0)

Key elements: The Bills are looking to go 3-0 for the first time since the 1992 Super Bowl XXVII season.

2:05 p.m. Chargers (0-2) at Chiefs (0-2)

Key elements: The home team has won the past four meetings of this series. A study in mediocrity, five Chargers' quarterbacks have combined for 23 touchdowns passes, 63 interceptions and 35 fumbles in the last 24 games.

2:05 p.m. Broncos (1-1) at Raiders (0-2)

Key elements: The Raiders are looking to win in Oakland for a third consecutive season for first time ever.

2:15 p.m. Giants (2-0) at Bears (0-2)

Key elements: The Giants are off to their first 2-0 start since 1994. Running back Tiki Barber has three rushing TDs in 2000.

2:15 p.m. Saints (1-1) at Seahawks (0-2)

Key elements: The Saints total defense (187.0) and pass defense (102.5) lead the NFL, but those numbers are deceiving.

2:15 p.m. Vikings (2-0) at Patriots (0-2)

Key elements: Patriots cornerback Ty Law will have his hands full with Vikings receivers Cris Carter and Randy Moss.

2:15 p.m. Ravens (2-0) at Dolphins (1-1)

Key elements: The Ravens vie for their first-ever 3-0 start. Miami running back Lamar Smith will find it tough going against a Ravens run defense that leads the NFL.

Monday 7 p.m. Cowboys (0-2) at Redskins (1-1)

Key elements: In 18 games vs. Washington, Emmitt Smith has rushed 390 times for 1,841 yards (102.2 average) and 20 TDs.

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. (AP) — The Buffalo Bills contained Eddie George in Week 1 and Brett Favre in Week 2.

"He's got a strong arm, a very strong arm, but it's his decision-making process, too," Bills coach Wade Phillips said of Testaverde.

As for Martin, the Jets' workhorse running back, Phillips said, "We see what heart he has, what talent he has. He's a lunch-pail kind of guy because I don't think he gets the kind of credit that he deserves."

But challenges are hardly new for the Bills, whose schedule was ranked in the preseason as the toughest in the NFL.

"It's hard to get wins in this league," said free safety Keion Carpenter, one of the four newcomers.

Another new defensive starter is defensive end Marcellus Wiley, manning the spot held for more than a decade by future Hall of Famer Bruce Smith, who signed with Washington.

Wiley has 10 tackles and a sack



Green Bay's Nate Wayne sacks Bills quarterback, Rob Johnson in Buffalo last Sunday. Johnson is expected to lead the Bills today against the New York Jets.

in the first two games, and he and the rest of the defensive line have been proficient in funneling ball carriers to the linebackers.

Scratching and fighting is exactly what the Jets have done to stay undefeated, winning with a last-gasp touchdown pass from Testaverde to Blarinn to beat the Packers and with two TDs, both on-passes-to-Wayne-Chrebet, to beat New England in the final 6:25 Monday night.

"Any time you win a game under any circumstances, it's a pretty good thing," Jets coach AJ Grah said. "It's not about dominance, it's about winning. Masterpiece games are pretty unusual in this league."

"They're very young, very fast, very aggressive and very good," Testaverde said.

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Bucs share NFC sack lead

TAMPA, Fla. (AP) — Ronde Barber will never be confused with Bruce Smith, Kevin Carter or any of the other pass rushers who would be logical candidates to share the NFC lead in sacks after two games.

After all, he's a 5-foot-10, 184-pound cornerback — not a big defensive lineman known for terrorizing quarterbacks.

But as Drew Bledsoe and Cade McNown can attest, Barber is making his presence felt in a big way for the Tampa Bay Buccaneers.

The fourth-year pro, who's the twin brother of New York Giants winning back Tiki Barber, had 2.5 sacks, forced a fumble with one of them, and also returned a fumble 24 yards for a touchdown to earn recognition as the NFC's defensive player of the week after last Sunday's 41-0 shutout of McNown's Chicago Bears.

Ronde Barber also sacked Bledsoe once on a cornerback blitz during the Bucs' season-opening victory over New England, giving him 3.5 total and a share of the NFC lead with Washington's Marco Coleman.

Cleveland's Keith McKenzie leads the NFL with four sacks, while Miami's Tracy Armstrong is second in the AFC with 3.5.

Around the league

position to make plays and I just made them."

Other Barber runs wild as league's leading rusher

While Ronde Barber leads the NFL in sacks, his twin brother Tiki Barber of the New York Giants leads the NFL in rushing with 240 yards (and a 10-yard average).

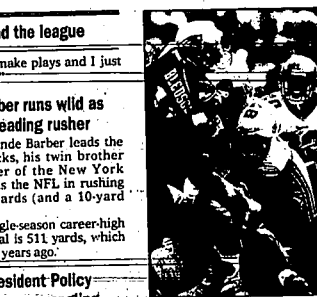
Tiki's single-season career-high rushing total is 511 yards, which came three years ago.

Brown president Policy ripped for cap wrangling

Cleveland Brown President Cameron Policy has been hit with heavy criticism for illegally circumventing the salary cap in his years in the 49er front office, a violation expected to result in a \$500,000 fine.

But nobody has been harsher than Baltimore Raven owner Art Modell, who is head of Policy's defense. "I think it's worse than drugs or gambling. It creates an imbalance on the field."

Which is, in Modell's mind, much worse than an imbalance in one's pocketbook or one's blood system.



Bucs' corner back Ronde Barber (20) gets in on a sack of Patriots QB Drew Bledsoe last Sunday.

Electric Shaver Troubles?

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SPORTS

Braves edge D'backs at the BOB, 12-10

PHOENIX (AP) — Reggie Sanders homered twice and Rafael Furcal once as Atlanta got power from unexpected sources and held on to beat Arizona 12-10 Saturday at Bank One Ballpark. Sanders, struggling through the worst season of his nine-year career, hit a pair of two-run homers — his ninth and 10th — off Todd Stottlemyre (9-6). Furcal hit a three-run shot off reliever Russ Springer in the fifth for his second career homer.

Cardinals 7, Cubs 6
ST. LOUIS — Sammy Sosa reached 50 home runs for the third straight season, but Fernando Tatís's two homers lifted the Cards.

The win cut the Cardinals' magical number for clinching the NL Central title to three.

Reds 7, Brewers 3
CINCINNATI — Chris Stynes homered and drove in three runs, and Elmer Dessens survived six shaky innings to win his third straight start.

Dessens (5-5) allowed two runs and nine hits in six innings to win for the third time this month after going 1-5 in August.

Mets 10, Expos 4
MONTREAL — Edgardo Alfonzo and Robin Ventura hit consecutive homers off Dustin Hermanson (11-14) as the New York Mets scored

Slammin' Sammy hits 50

Sammy Sosa of the Chicago Cubs on Saturday joined St. Louis's Mark McGwire as the only players with 50 homers in three consecutive seasons. McGwire's string of four straight 50-homer seasons will likely end this season as Big Mac has been limited to 32 homers because of a lingering knee injury.

National League

six unearned runs in the fourth inning and beat Montreal.

New York stayed two games behind Atlanta, which beat Arizona 12-10, for the NL East lead. The Mets moved five games ahead of the Diamondbacks in the wild card race.

Marlins 3, Phillies 2

PHILADELPHIA — Omar Daal mowed within one loss of becoming the first 20-game loser in 20 years, allowing a two-run homer to Preston Wilson.

Daal (3-19) lost his seventh straight start and in the brink of being the majors' fifth, 20-game loser since Oakland's Brian Kingman in 1960.

American League

Red Sox 8, Tigers 5, 1st game

TIGERS 12, Red Sox 2, 2nd game
DETROIT — Juan Gonzalez hit a two-run homer in the first inning and Billy McMillan a two-run triple in the second as the Detroit Tigers beat the Boston Red Sox for a split of their day-night doubleheader.

In the opener, Carl Everett hit a tiebreaking RBI single and Nomar Garciaparra followed with a two-run single in the ninth to lift Boston. The split left Boston 1.5 games behind Cleveland and Oakland in the AL wild card race.

Mariners 14, Orioles 0

BALTIMORE — Jamie Meyer allowed three hits in seven innings to earn his 11th straight win against Baltimore, and Dan Wilson homered in a seven-run fifth inning as the Seattle Mariners cruised.

Alex Rodriguez and David Bell also helped for the Mariners, whose fourth straight win kept them two games ahead of second-place Oakland in the AL West.

Angels 7, Twins 6

MINNEAPOLIS — Bengie Molina had three hits and three RBIs, including a go-ahead, two-run single with two outs in the eighth inning as the Anaheim Angels rallied to beat Minnesota.

The Angels, who trailed 5-1 at one point, won their fourth straight to move within four games of Cleveland and Oakland in the AL wild card race.

Hurricane Hudson blows over Devil Rays

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. (AP) — Tim Hudson won his fourth straight start and the Oakland Athletics — about to hurriedly leave town ahead of a hurricane — moved into a virtual tie for the AL wild card spot Saturday with a 5-2 win over Tampa Bay.

The Athletics won for the 10th time in 13 games. They caught up to Cleveland, which lost 6-3 at New York, in the race for the fourth playoff slot.

In a precautionary move, this afternoon's game between Oakland and the Devil Rays was postponed because Hurricane Gordon was moving into the area. If necessary, the game will be made up on Oct. 2, the day after the regular season was scheduled to end.

Yankees 6, Indians 3

NEW YORK — Orlando Hernandez breezed in pitching a four-hitter and Luis Sojo, part of manager Joe Torre's patchwork lineup, drove in three runs as the New York Yankees beat the Cleveland Indians.

White Sox 6, Blue Jays 3

CHICAGO — Toronto pitcher Chris Carpenter was hit in the right cheek by a line drive and, bleeding from the face, was carried off the field on a stretcher in the Blue Jays' loss to the Chicago White Sox.

Carpenter, struck by Jose Valentin's liner in the eighth inning, sustained no apparent eye damage and did not lose consciousness, according to a Blue Jays spokesman.

Unhappiness reigns in the major leagues

Knight-Ridder News Service

PHILADELPHIA — Fall is in the air. October beckons. That means pennant races and the postseason are upon us.

It does not mean, of course, that there is joy across the land. For every win, there is a loss. For every team that finishes first, there's one that finishes last. These are immutable laws of baseball.

For some, these are unhappy days indeed.

In Tampa Bay, designated hitter Greg Vaughn is unhappy with his teammates.

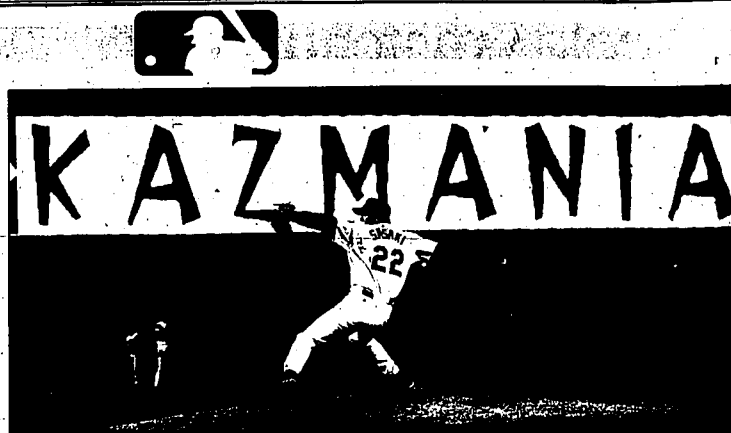
"I'm tired of all the excuses. I'm tired of all the pointing. Vaughn said after the Devil Rays lost for the 11th time in 13 September games. "This ain't no

day-care center. Nobody here is a baby sitter."

In Boston, former Phillies first baseman Rico Brogna is unhappy that his dream of ending his career with the Red Sox has turned into a nightmare.

He has all but disappeared since rejecting a rehab assignment in mid-August and he's furious that general manager Dan Duquette was quoted as saying the team wanted him to go to the minors because he lacks bat speed.

"I don't want to be a disruptive influence because it's not my nature or my character. But at the same time, when people question my abilities, that hurts. And that's the part I don't like," said Brogna, who can be a free agent at the end of the season.



Seattle Mariners relief pitcher Kazuhiro Sasaki warms up for the ninth inning against the Kansas City Royals in Seattle in this April 21 photo.

Dazzling Kazu

Sasaki makes easy transition to American baseball

SEATTLE (AP) — Kazuhiro Sasaki knew he was taking a gamble when he decided to pitch in the major leagues at 32.

Japan's career saves leader wasn't sure he would be the same pitcher for the Seattle Mariners that he was for Yokohama in the Central League.

"I just wanted to do the best I could," he said. "And that's what happened."

Sasaki's best has been good enough. When the Mariners ended their next-to-last home stand of the season Wednesday night, he was fifth in the AL with 32 saves, six behind the league-leading total of Detroit's Todd Jones and an AL record for a rookie closer, four short of Todd Worrell's major league mark.

After the season, he has a good chance at becoming AL Rookie of the Year.

"Anybody would love to get an honor like that," Sasaki said through interpreter Allen Turner.

"But I'm more worried about the division. If we win our division and get into the playoffs, the honors will come after that."

Sasaki, who has blown just three save chances, pitched two scoreless innings Wednesday night, the longest he's gone in a major league game, leaving the Mariners with a two-game lead over Oakland in the AL West.

He has set a Mariners record with 15 consecutive saves this year and is one short of tying the team record for saves in a season.

Manager Lou Piniella, knee-deep after watching Sasaki in spring training — when Sasaki took away Jose Mesa's job as the team's closer — that the Mariners had imported something special.

"All his experience pitching in Japan is paying big dividends here," Piniella said. "He doesn't get rattled out on the mound."

Instead, major league hitters get rattled when they see Sasaki's forkball.

"At times, it's unhittable," Piniella said.

"I'm very confident if it drops, it won't get hit," Sasaki said. "But if it doesn't drop, there's a possibility of it being hit for a home run."

Signed to a two-year contract last Dec. 18 that is paying him \$4 million this season, Sasaki is a big hero in Japan, where he compiled 225 saves in 10 seasons for Yokohama and was a six-time All-Star.

He's probably the second most popular pitcher in his country after Detroit's Hideo Nomo, the 1995 NL Rookie of the Year with the Los Angeles Dodgers.

"I really didn't look at what Nomo did," Sasaki said. "But I had accomplished all I wanted to do in Japan and I decided to give baseball a try over here."

Sasaki had an operation in August 1999 to remove bone chips from his right elbow. Early this season, he was still recover-

ing from the procedure. His velocity, 88-91 mph in the spring, is up to 90-93 mph.

"It's been a year since the surgery now," Sasaki said. "I'm a lot stronger. I'm throwing the ball a lot better now than April. It's getting better and better."

Although his English is limited, Sasaki has fit in well in the Mariners clubhouse. He's friendly and outgoing, something his new teammates appreciate. He goes out and has beers with other Mariners after games. He's even sung karaoke with them and they testify he has a good voice.

"He's a lot of fun and he's got a great sense of humor," Seattle's Jay Buhner said. "He blends in very well. He's a pretty good dude. You know, what he's done isn't easy. It's tough going on the National League to the American League and vice versa. Can you imagine going from one country to another?"

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Business playing last	1999	2000
Number	276	276
Number packages to date	\$17.2	\$16.6

Source: Idaho Small Business Development Center

BRIEFLY IN MONEY

TF meeting will float ideas for food in space

TWIN FALLS - A NASA food technology briefing is on its way to Twin Falls.

Tony Tometto will come to Twin Falls Nov. 16 from Ames, Iowa, to talk about NASA's needs and research partnership opportunities in the fields of food technology and food-processing technology, said the Idaho Small Business Development Center.

The NASA Food Technology Commercial Space Center supports research and is looking for development of foods with shelf life of one to five years, plus food-processing systems for space, recycling technologies and so forth, the ISBDC said.

Commercial partners can take advantage of laboratory and test facilities at Iowa State University, including a freeze-dry, oil-extraction facility, wet- and dry-processing facilities, fermentation facility, human metabolism unit, analytical lab and sensory lab.

Details of the meeting are being worked out, including possible breakfast at other locations in Idaho. For information, call Sherry at the ISBDC office at the College of Southern Idaho, 733-9554, Ext. 2455.

Jerome Business After Hours moves to Thursday

JEROME - Jerome's chamber of commerce has set a new date for its Business After Hours social and networking gathering.

The event is set for 5 to 7 p.m. Thursday at Appliances Etc., 320 S. Lincoln in Jerome, and features catered food, drinks, music and a raffle for chamber members and guests.

IRS, ITD win award for streamlining paperwork

DENVER - On Wednesday, the Internal Revenue Service and the Idaho Transportation Department will receive the Hammer Award.

A product of Vice President Al Gore's National Partnership for Reinvention of Government, the award recognizes federal agencies and their partners for progress in reinventing the government.

The IRS Rocky Mountain District and the Idaho Transportation Department were the first in the nation to implement the Federal Heavy Vehicle Tax project. This project provides one-stop service for truckers by combining truck registration with the filing of a special tax return, Form 2290.

Federal law requires truckers prove they have filed IRS Form 2290, Heavy Vehicle Use Tax return, before they can register a large truck with the state. Taxes collected from the filing of Form 2290 are returned to the state of Idaho to build and improve highways.

Previously, if a trucker did not file the return or have proof it was filed, the state was not able to complete the registration. It referred the trucker to an IRS office, often miles away, to secure the proof. With the new process, the trucker may give the Form 2290 directly to the Idaho Transportation Department, allowing immediate registration of the vehicle. The state forwards the return to the IRS.

Real estate organization meets Thursday in Boise

BOISE - The Idaho Real Estate Commission reorganization meeting is scheduled for 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday at the commission office, 633 N. Fourth St. in Boise.

The agenda is available from the commission office, 334-3285, upon request.



Wes Smith, of Darren Hall Construction, works on the roof of the former Gendeppe restaurant on Blue Lakes Boulevard North in Twin Falls. Restaurateur Max Humphries of Maxie's Pizza and Pasta is turning the building into an Italian restaurant.

August is hot for TF building industry

By Virginia S. Hutchins
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - Something else was sizzling as Twin Falls weathered a hot August.

A pet store, new apartments and a soft-drink distributor's warehouse - along with higher new-home values - last month helped heat up Twin Falls' building activity beyond year-earlier levels.

Twin Falls' construction values in August jumped 73 percent from the year-earlier total. The city last month issued building permits for projects totaling an estimated \$4.3 million - that's \$1.8 million more than in August 1999 - for combined construction types.

That performance, following shortfalls in May and June and a strong positive reversal in July, put year-to-date 2000 about \$5.5 million ahead of the first eight months of 1999 for combined construction types.

This August's leap also dwarfed the 27 percent jump the city's August construction values made between 1998 and 1999.

The residential side, with one more home start and significantly higher new-home values, contributed to last month's expansion.

August's number of permits for single-family homes in the city rose slightly to 14 - up from 13 in August 1999. And the Twin Falls homes' average value climbed 19 percent to \$107,643 from the \$90,374 of a year earlier.

Last month's average beat July's \$95,657 average new-home value for single-family projects as well.

No developers in July took permits for new multifamily housing in Twin Falls, and the city issued no permits for mobile homes.

Only one developer in August took a permit for new multifamily housing in Twin Falls, and the city issued just one permit for a mobile home.

Twin Springs LLC is putting a new four-plex apartment house at 347 Lenore St., for which the permit shows a \$233,397 estimated value.

Projects in the retail, restaurant and distribution industries topped the bustling commercial sector's August activity. Here's the news behind some of the numbers:

A place for pop

Soft-drink distributor Swire Coca-Cola USA moved out of Old Towne to become a new neighbor of the municipal golf course.

At 338 Victory Ave. in the city's industrial park, Utah-based Swire is building a new facility for its Twin Falls sales, warehousing and distribution operation, which distributes just less than a million cases of soft drinks per year to groceries, convenience stores, businesses, schools, restaurants and the like, said Jeff Edwards, the company's vice president of distribu-

Permits

Estimated values for construction that received permits in August from the city of Twin Falls:

Type	Aug. '00	Aug. '99
New single-family homes:	\$1,507,008	\$1,174,888
New multifamily units:	\$233,397	0
New commercial projects:	\$2,009,605	\$698,226
Commercial alterations/additions:	\$234,500	\$466,319
Total (including such things as mobile homes, residential alterations/additions and signs):	\$4,339,444	\$2,510,523

Source: City building department

tion, announcing the move in April.

"We are way undersized right now for our operation. We just need more space, even for our current operations," he said then.

Swire - a franchised bottler of Coca-Cola Co. - from Twin Falls serves a customer base extending to northern Nevada, Sun Valley, Rupert and Gooding, Edwards said. In Old Towne, it loaded shipments in the alley, that separates two of its former buildings from the third.

"We're most interested in getting in a building that actually has loading docks on it," Edwards said.

With perhaps half a dozen loading docks, the new facility will be safer for loading, especially in the winter, and be a more efficient operation, Edwards said. The new structure near the golf course will have almost 50,000 square feet and

represent almost a \$2 million investment, he added.

"The building permit issued in August is for an estimated \$1,226 million portion."

All about animals

Expect to see Phoenix-based PETS MART Inc. open a north Twin Falls store next spring, offering more than 20,000 pet-related products along with a styling salon for pets, a full-service veterinary clinic and pet classes, company spokeswoman Esther Caceres said.

Construction is expected to start Oct. 2 on the new 19,235-square-foot store at 1505 Blue Lakes Blvd. N., and a grand opening is planned May 19, she said.

Caceres touted PETS MART as one-stop shopping "for our customers and their people" and said all local pets are welcome.

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Vacancy rate draws warning

Analysts say excess capacity threatens hotel revenues

Los Angeles Times

A nationwide hotel building boom has raised concerns about a glut of guest rooms in certain markets and slower revenue growth in the years ahead.

Construction began on nearly 149,000 hotel rooms last year - a level comparable to the industry building boom of the late 1980s. The current rate of building, which is far above historical levels, has contributed to a decline in occupancy rates and slower revenue growth only a few years after the industry staged a dramatic recovery. The average occupancy rate dropped 70.4 percent in 1999 from 71.5 percent in 1998, and from a peak of 72.7 percent in 1997, according to PKF Consulting.

"We've had more supply than demand," said Joseph V. Cecimiglio, a hotel industry analyst at Prudential Securities.

Much of the new construction - and potential for problems - is focused in the popular limited-service end of the hotel industry, which includes such chains as Fairfield Inn, Hampton Inn and Holiday Inn Express. This part of the market has more than doubled in size during the past decade and continues to add rooms at a rapid pace.

Industry giants Beverly Hills-based Hilton Hotels Corp. and rival Marriott International are in a race to open limited-service hotels. In the next two years, Hilton Hotels plans to open about 400 hotels - most of them franchised Hampton Inns - with a total of 60,000 rooms.

"Sure, you could say we are contributing to the supply," said Hilton Hotels spokesman Marc Grossman. But investors "got the money; they got land; they're going to do everything in our power to make sure that it's going to be one of our best hotels."

A note above a motel, limited-service hotels offer budget-minded travelers the comforts of a fully appointed guest room without the amenities found in more expensive hotels.

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Association updates feedlot list

The Times-News

BOISE - The Idaho Cattle Association recently released an updated directory of feedlots and business members across the state.

The directory is intended to help ranchers around the state and region decide where to sell and finish their calves this fall. With drought and wildfire affecting almost every part of Idaho, this directory will be an invaluable tool as beef producers scramble to find feed and a home for their animals, the association said.

Feature articles include: "Why Feed Your Cattle in Idaho?" by Dan Hinman of the University of Idaho; "Introduction to the IGAS structure," which explains the association's "Inside Beef Program," a program designed to enhance Idaho's beef industry by evaluating calves from participating cow herds; and "Breeders' Numbers Management," a list from the Idaho Department of Agriculture of certified national management planners available to help beef animal feeding operations structure management plans.

All Idaho industry and Local Association directory also is included to provide business contacts for the ranching community.

Contact The Idaho Cattle Association by e-mail, idahocontact@mcml.net; phone, 343-1615; or P.O. Box 15397, Boise, ID 83715.

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 Friday	Weekly change	52-week high-low	Annual yield
ASB	ABBOTTSON	21 3/8	21 3/8	3/8	48 3/16 - 20 7/8	3.52%
ASC	AMERISTAR	4 3/4	4 3/4	1/16	26 7/16 - 15 1/16	4.29%
CAG	CONAGRA	25 7/8	25 7/8	2 3/8	60 1/2 - 25 15/16	NA
COBT	COSTCO	35 5/16	37 11/16	-1 3/4	11 53 - 6 1/16	NA
FD	FEDERATED	28 3/16	15 28	1 1/8	31 - 10 3/4	3.50%
FSCO	FIRST SECURITY	36 5/8	37 1/8	-1 1/2	48 1/4 - 30 13/16	4.43%
HDI	HAPLEY-DAVIDSON	49 1/4	52 15/16	-1 5/16	70 - 41 3/4	0.29%
ID	HOME DEPOT	47 3/8	41 3/16	6 3/16	53 25 15/16	3.53%
JCR	J.C. PENNEY	13 9/16	13 7/8	3/8	19 3/8 - 15 5/16	10.89%
JER	JERRY	18 11/16	23 1/4	-1 1/8	29 3/4 - 15 9/16	4.63%
KEY	KEY CORP.	24 3/16	23 1/4	1 1/8	15 1/16 - 6 1/16	NA
KM	KMART	8 7/8	22 13/16	-5 1/8	28 15/16 - 14 1/16	NA
KRF	KROGER	22 1/8	3 7/8	17 3/8	14 15/16 - 3 1/16	NA
LWB	LADDER BEADY	45 1/16	49 1/8	-3 3/8	69 1/2 - 25 3/8	0.20%
LPB	LONGVIEW FIBRE	11 7/8	28 13/16	-1 1/16	49 1/2 - 25 3/8	0.76%
MCD	MCDONALD'S	27 3/4	69 1/16	-9 1/16	87 1/2 - 29 1/8	3.52%
MLU	MICRON TECH	59 1/16	11 1/2	47 9/16	12 3/16 - 6 3/16	NA
MK	MORRISON KNUDSEN	11 7/16	4 5/8	1 1/8	7 9/16 - 3 3/4	NA
OMX	OFFICER	4 1/16	54 13/16	-13 1/16	59 11/16 - 32 3/4	0.89%
PHA	PHARMACIA	54 1/16	54 13/16	-13 1/16	59 11/16 - 32 3/4	0.89%
Q	QUEST	47 7/16	48 1/4	-1 1/8	19 3/8 - 3 13/16	12.07%
RAD	RITE AID	3 13/16	34 3/4	-1 1/16	43 1/2 - 25 1/4	2.85%
SEAS	SEARS	34 11/16	11 5/8	22 3/8	43 1/2 - 11 7/16	NA
SKO	SHOPKO	11 11/16	47 7/8	-1 1/8	51 3/8 - 20 1/4	0.33%
SKW	SKANSKA	48 1/16	21 1/2	26 3/8	39 1/16 - 10 1/16	NA
TGT	TARGET	27 1/16	24 7/8	2 3/16	39 1/16 - 24 1/4	2.04%
UNP	UNIT PACIFIC	39 1/16	38 5/8	1 1/16	38 1/16 - 16 7/8	3.65%
USB	US BANK	25 1/16	52 1/16	-3 1/8	70 1/4 - 43 1/2	0.48%
WMT	WAL-MART	51 7/8	52 1/16	-1 1/8	27 1/16 - 14 5/8	4.66%
WFS	WELLS FARGO	21 3/8	21 46	1 1/8	49 15/16 - 31 7/16	1.92%
ZION	ZIONS BANCORP	45 15/16	45 3/4	1/4	41 - 31	1.74%

Compiled by Rob Weaver, investment representative for the Edward Jones office at 1445 Fillmore St. in Twin Falls.

Compiled from staff reports

YOUR BUSINESS

CAREER MOVES

TWIN FALLS — Midge Altschick of Obenchain Insurance Inc. Agency in Twin Falls was honored by Safeco with its Personal Achievement Award.

Altschick was the only agent selected from more than 165 Idaho agencies for this award, given "because of her commitment to being a professional insurance agent and her effectiveness in managing clients' risks," Safeco said.

Midge has been with Obenchain for four years as manager of the agency's Personal Lines Department.



Leslyn Phelps to health care. Her continued service in NACHC helps many Americans receive outstanding medical care, a press release said.

Annual Convention of the Community Health Institute on Aug. 27 in Chicago.

Phelps has devoted her life to helping provide accessibility to health care. Her continued service in NACHC helps many Americans receive outstanding medical care, a press release said.

Partners Program, which registers teams that successfully complete health and temperance screening and volunteer training.

Sandberg and other Pet Partners volunteer with an AAA or AAT program. AAA volunteers provide animal contact to hospital patients, nursing home residents and people in other facilities. In AAT programs, volunteers and animals become formally involved in patient treatment regimens.

Pet Partners Program was created by Delta Society, a non-profit organization based near Seattle, that works to improve health and well-being by promoting mutually beneficial contact among people, animals and nature.

Sandberg said she takes Scar into hospitals and nursing homes "to enhance the lives of the patients, at even a few moments, at each visit. A visit from a person or a pet has an uplifting effect on young and old alike," she said, "and we (Scar and I) are proud to be a part of making someone's stay, whether permanent or temporary, a little happier."

To become a Pet Partner, Scar passed a skills and aptitude screening administered by Paulette Bethel, a Pet Partners licensed evaluator, and a health examination administered by Dr. Zsigmond Szanto, a practitioner at Twin Falls Veterinary Clinic & Hospital.

TWIN FALLS — Canyon View Psychiatric and Addiction Services of the Magic Valley Regional Medical Center announced the affiliation of Dr. Rick Yavruian, a child and adolescent psychiatrist.

He will provide inpatient and outpatient psychiatric care for adolescents and adults and outpatient services for children.

Yavruian specializes in evaluation and treatment of people experiencing mental health and substance abuse problems. His treatment of psychiatric illnesses includes the use of both medication and other forms of therapy as appropriate, the hos-

pital said. Yavruian attended medical school at Michigan State University and completed his general psychiatric residency and his child and adolescent fellowship at the University of New Mexico. He is a member of the American Psychiatric Association and the American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry.

Yavruian's office will be at Canyon View. He will help Canyon View and MVRMC expand and enhance the mental health and substance abuse treatment services available in the Magic Valley, especially for adolescents, the hospital said.

LAS VEGAS — Idaho native Meghan Prater will mingle with more than 100 of the world's most noted celebrities each day, having been named director of marketing and sales for Madame Tussaud's Las Vegas.

An anchor attraction at the Venetian Hotel-Resort-Casino, Prater is responsible for all advertising, public relations, sales and promotions for the attraction. She previously was senior account manager for The Creative Group, an advertising and design firm in Las Vegas, and has held advertising and marketing positions at Shrink It, Macaroni Advertising and the Sahara Hotel-Casino.

Prater is the daughter of the Rev. Gary Benedix of Peace Lutheran in Filer. She holds bachelor's degrees in psychology and theater arts from the University of California at Santa Cruz.

Madame Tussaud's Las Vegas showcases wax figures of celebrities — including film, television, music and sports icons, as well as Las Vegas legends presented in five themed, interactive environments.

Madame Tussaud's Las Vegas is owned and operated by London-based The Tussauds Group Ltd., an operator of visitor attractions in England, Australia and Amsterdam.

JEROME — Beckie Kukal, an associate broker with Westerra Real Estate Group, was honored by her peers as the Greater Twin Falls Association of Realtors' Realtor of the Year for 2000.

The designation is based on Realtor spirit, local, state and national association activities, and business and educational accomplishments.

Kukal works at the Jerome branch of Westerra and has the designations of Certified Residential Specialist, Graduate Realtor Institute. She is a Jerome native, has been a Realtor for 12 years and is a member of Jerome's Rotary Club and chamber of commerce, serving as a chamber ambassador.

BOISE — Three of U.S. Bank's top local officers have been promoted to regional and company-wide positions but will remain based in Boise.

Boise executive Linda Payne Smith was named national manager of U.S. Bank's private client services division. In this role, she leads the company's 10 regional markets across 15 states and key support groups.

Steve Nielson was named regional manager for the bank's Private Financial Services division. The 25-year U.S. Bank veteran will oversee operations in southern Idaho, Utah and Nevada.

Michael W. Sullivan was named managing director of private financial services for U.S. Bank in southern Idaho. He will lead a team of 44 bankers and trust officers in Boise, Twin Falls, Ketchum and Idaho Falls.

Together, they will secure and service high-net-worth individuals and private banking account relationships and work with the credit and investment needs of the affluent, the bank said.

GLENS FERRY — Leslyn Phelps, chief executive officer of Glens Ferry Health Center Inc., was unanimously re-elected secretary of the National Association of Community Health Centers at the 35th

TWIN FALLS — Duke Kodesh and Julie Conley of the Reflections salon recently returned from a hair color seminar in New York City, where they studied advanced coloring with master colorist Tom Dispenza.

They learned new techniques for customizing mixing, application and processing of color, along with new methods of troubleshooting color problems such as fading, gray coverage and natural outgrowth, they said.

Kodesh and Conley are eight-year members of Peerless Color Society and two-year members of the International Haircolor Exchange. They said they specialize in all aspects of hair coloring, from subtle highlighting to corrective coloring. They attend several seminars a year because of "continual changes and advances within the industry," they said.

Kodesh and Conley own and operate Reflections' salon in downtown Twin Falls. Reflections is a full-service hair, nail and tanning salon.

TWIN FALLS — Twin Falls resident Rita A. Sandberg and canine teammate Scar recently completed training through a nationwide program which registers them as a pet partner.

Sandberg and Scar were registered by the nationwide Pet

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The Sawtooth Branch of the American Red Cross joined Mix 103 at Wal-Mart in Jerome for a fund-raiser for the victims of wildfires in Idaho. Karla Cunha and Brandon Rather, Mix 103's morning team, worked from noon Aug. 31 to midnight Sept. 2 accepting donations. About \$3,000 was raised, which will be used only in Idaho. Those who stopped by to make donations, including a Bureau of Land Management fire crew, also signed an enormous card thanking firefighters for their relentless work.

MILESTONES

Kinetic's water treatment system passes MTBE test

TWIN FALLS — Kinetic Inc., a manufacturer of water-treatment systems, announced two of its drinking water products recently passed National Sanitation Foundation tests for MTBE (methyl tertiary butyl ether) reduction.

Kinetic's Drinking Water System Plus VX is NSF-certified, and its Model 7500 Drinking Water Filter with MACGuard™ will be available through a variety of sources, pending final certification, said a press release from Kinetic of Magic Valley in Twin Falls.

The Kinetic Drinking Water System Plus VX reverse osmosis system is available through Kinetic's dealer network, including Kinetic of Magic Valley. The unique reverse osmosis system, which recently received a "Best Buy" rating from "Consumers Digest," features a five-stage protection process which reduces contaminants including MTBE, lead, cryptosporidium, arsenic, benzene and volatile organic compounds, Kinetic of Magic Valley said.

The newly introduced Model 7500 Drinking Water Filter with MACGuard™, available in an under-the-sink design, also may be purchased through any of Kinetic's authorized dealers. Despite its compact size, it also has passed NSF tests for MTBE reduction and is approved for lead, VOCs, cryptosporidium and turbidity that may be in a home's water. NSF certification for the product is expected shortly, the company said.

MTBE, the gasoline additive mandated by the federal Clean Air Act, has recently received extensive media attention as a

major source of groundwater contamination which has forced the closure of many wells and water supplies, the company said.

For more information, call Kinetic of Magic Valley at 733-1027.

Zions Bank partnership brings same-day approvals

SALT LAKE CITY — Zions First National Bank, a subsidiary of Zions Bancorporation, announced a partnership with MoneyLine Technologies that will allow it to provide customers with same-day mortgage loan credit approvals at any of the bank's 140 branch locations in Utah and Idaho.

Each Zions Bank branch now has access to the Zions Home Loans Program, which allows mortgage loan applications to be submitted electronically, and allows for easier access to mortgage information.

"Through our partnership with MoneyLine we have been able to reduce loan credit approval turnaround from days to hours and reduced mortgage processing time from weeks to days," said Tye Tyler, manager of Zions Bank's mortgage department.

Zions Bank said it also has increased accessibility of mortgage loan information for its customers. On www.zionsbank.com, customers can view real-time mortgage rates, calculate mortgage payments and amortization schedules, and track their loan anytime. Customers can also contact loan advisers by telephone or meet personally with local Zions bankers for information on their loans.

Zions Bank will also continue to originate mortgage loans at its 12 mortgage centers throughout Utah and Idaho. The centers, inside Zions branches, will assist the bank's builder and Realtor customers and their clients.

Office romances gone bad poison workplace

Knight Ridder News Service

A stolen glance over the cubicle. A flirtation at the coffee pot. A meaningful "brush" against a knee under the conference table.

As Americans spend more time on the job, amorous relationships are blossoming like crocuses in spring. For many, the workplace has replaced the singles bar as a place to find a mate.

Whether they like it or not, employers are finding that Cupid has all but taken over a desk in their human resources departments. An estimated 8 million Americans enter a new workplace relationship every year, said Dennis M. Powers, author of "The Office Romance: Playing With Fire Without Getting Burned."

But romances — especially those that end in heartache — are not all sunshine and blossoms.

Managers and labor law experts are wrestling with ways to balance workers' privacy and the good of the company.

What if one person supervises the other? Transferring one to avoid conflicts of interest creates a host of problems. The move might be viewed as a punishment. Also, the price could be valuable if members get shifted away from where they're needed most.

How will the changes affect productivity? What will the other employees think? And what if the relationship ends?

Breakups are difficult under any circumstances. Imagine what happens when two people who'd rather not see one another again for the rest of their lives have to work shoulder to shoulder in the office can sense the strain.

More awkward still is when one person wants to continue the relationship and the other does not.

Corporate attorneys warn that consensual relationships can turn into sexual harassment complaints faster than an overzealous flirt can get shot down.

Still, managers are hesitant to ban office romances. Nonfraternization policies are difficult to enforce, and few organizations are willing to lose talented employees whose only offense was that they fell in love.

A 1998 survey by the Society for Human Resource Management found that, of the organizations that have some sort of policy to address workplace romances, only 7 percent prohibit them outright.

Corporate attorneys and human resource consultants advise managers that if they aren't going to forbid love relationships, they should at least

set down a few ground rules to protect themselves.

Last year, the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission received more than 15,000 complaints of workplace sexual harassment and recovered \$50.3 million in damages from employers. Those figures have increased since 1992, when the EEOC received 10,000 complaints and collected \$12.7 million in damages.

"A lot of these complaints arise out of these workplace relationships that go sour," said Tom Wienczek, chairman of the labor practice for Akron law firm Brouse McDowell. "There are less and less defenses for employers these days. They need to protect themselves."

Some managers across the country are taking a rather aggressive approach to doing just that. They're asking workers who pair up to sign an amorous relationship disclosure form.

Through this "love contract," which originated on the West Coast and is gaining attention in other parts of the country, smitten workers acknowledge that their relationship is consensual, state that it will not adversely impact their work and promise to adhere to the company's sexual harassment policy.

Wienczek said managers must make their employees aware of

the company's sexual harassment policy — and provide a process to investigate complaints, whether relationships are an issue.

But the idea of a company-tinged such an intrusive step into its workers' personal lives means labor advocates and even some managers cringe.

"Most employees look at (the love contract) as a real infringement of their rights of privacy," said Powers, who is also associate professor of business law at Southern Oregon University in Ashland, Ore. "And (the contract) can be attacked legally — a subordinate can say 'I didn't have a right to consent; I was pressured into signing it; I was not a business law firm; but it's limited in its effectiveness.'"

Wienczek said the contract isn't appropriate for every office. Organizations should apply the approach that's right for their workplace culture.

For example, managers who don't like the idea of a contract can protect themselves through informal meetings with the lovestruck employees.

That's the approach Nell Russell, director of EEO and training for the University of Akron, prefers. She instructs her managers to stay tuned into their staff and be aware of any relationships that might be sparking.

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It's a 'bang or bust year' for farmers

PAUL - Good cropland sitting idle is one more indication to some folks in the Magic Valley that the health of the area's farm economy is headed for serious trouble.

Four farms served by A&B Irrigation District are not being farmed this year, said Dan Temple, A&B manager. Several smaller acreages served by Minidoka Irrigation District and one served by the Burley Irrigation District are likewise not being farmed, according to officials from those canal companies.

Though not a significant number, the occurrence indicates a serious problem on the horizon, especially if farm prices continue to stay low, Temple said.

"We've got some concerns," Temple said. "There is no relief in sight."

To get an operating loan farmers must pay their water bills, said Bill Thompson, manager of the Minidoka Irrigation District.

If water district farmers don't pay irrigation water bills for three years, the district, by law, must put a lien against the farm, Temple said.

"We do not want the farms," he said. "We want the farmers to make it."

District officials are well aware of the economic problems farmers are facing, Temple said. All A&B board members are farmers.

"We are doing everything in our power to not increase costs to farmers," he said.

Thompson agrees with Temple that the situation could get worse. "It's a bang or bust year," Thompson said. "If things don't turn around it won't surprise me to see several more (unfarmed) acreages next year."



Dan Temple, manager of A&B Irrigation District, wonders about future water flows to ag country, irrigation water flows through laterals new, but canal company officials, economists, bankers and farmers alike are seriously worried about the future of agriculture in Mini-Cassia and beyond.



depends on the allotment and management, but overall, livestock are coming back four to six weeks early. That's a major concern for livestock growers, not only in cost but in availability of feed.

"The biggest problem people have right now is trying to find feed," said Sara Braasch, executive director of the Idaho Cattlemen's Association.

Not only did the drought affect public land, but it also caused a shortage in feed for sale, she said. The wildfires and drought, combined, are making feed a

precious commodity. That's why the ICA is pleased with the USDA's decision to further extend emergency grazing on Idaho's near 800,000 acres of land in the Conservation Reserve Program. Earlier this summer the USDA extended emergency grazing on CRP for approved counties through Sept. 30. Last week, it moved that deadline to Nov. 30.

According to the U.S. Forest Service, 76 percent of its 1,026 permits - and nearly 11 percent of its 866,374 AUMS - statewide have been affected by the double whammy, and the numbers aren't even in yet from the Bureau of Land Management.

"It's too soon to know for sure," Braasch said of the total effect.

Money for sheep producer relief waits to be claimed

BOISE - Money awarded to U.S. sheep producers by the Clinton administration to ease

the devastation wrought by years of underpriced imports is waiting to be claimed. But producers only have until Sept. 30 to do it.

That's the deadline to file receipts on last year's livestock purchases and facility improvements, said Stan Boyd, executive director of the Idaho Wool Growers Association. And Boyd, for one, is hoping producers will take Uncle Sam up on his offer to help.

"They have nothing to lose. The money is there, available. If they want it, it's there," he said.

The money came about via a Section 201 trade action case filed in 1998 with the International Trade Commission by sectors of the sheep industry. Those sectors claimed a flood of cheap imports of lamb were harming the domestic industry.

Conservation program could give respite to cattlemen

BOISE - Livestock owners grazing on public land got a double whammy this year as drought and wildfires scorched their feed.

Cattle coming off range early, either by necessity or by choice, must put a quarry over whether to feed or sell it all

Construction

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"They get a kick out of it. The small alone drives them crazy," she said.

The store's managers will have full-time positions, and the other employees - Caceres couldn't specify a number - will work part-time.

The store's building permit lists an estimated \$651,134 value for construction.

PETSMART (Nasdaq NM: PETM) operates more than 525 pet superstores in the United States and Canada, has a large pet and equine supply catalog business and, through its investment in PETSMART.com, is an online provider of pet products and information.

Upscale Italian

Restaurateur Max Humphries is expanding and upgrading a business that has been in the family since 1956.

Humphries' operation, Maxie's Pizza and Pasta, bought the former home of the Sandpiper restaurant at 1309 Blue Lakes Blvd. N. earlier this year. Last month he got a permit to remodel the building to house a new eatery - Tomato's Italian Restaurant.

The permit lists a \$150,000 estimated value for the work.

"We wanted to get on north Blue Lake," Humphries said in April, when announcing his plans. "We wanted to get closer to the metels, expand our concept, upscale it and add some things."

The new Tomato's venture will

be a full-service Italian restaurant instead of the self-service format and lined parts dining offered at his older Twin Falls location, Humphries said then.

"It's going to be just a different concept," he said. "I'm sure it will be some of the same, but we won't be full-service and more family-oriented; we will not serve liquor. We will serve wine, beer and soft drinks."

Fred's neighborhood

Twin Falls' Fred Meyer store is cleaning a few free-standing buildings off its Blue Lakes Boulevard North property and looking for new neighbors.

The structure that housed Treasure Cove Golf-Games Inc. is being demolished, and the site for now will be paved and striped for parking, said Mark Ehlers, Fred Meyer store director.

"It's for sale right now if somebody wanted to buy it, but the short-term plan is just to pave it," he said.

When Fred Meyer first built its Twin Falls store on the former site of the Blue Lakes Mall, Ehlers said, it didn't want the Treasure Cove building, which was part of the old mall, but it couldn't get out of the tenant's lease.

While the Treasure Cove building still stood, a couple of call-center companies came to look at the site, and Fred Meyer's corporate office approved the concept of having a call center there should one come along, Ehlers said.

On another separate parcel on Fred Meyer property, the building that Me-NE's Pizza vacated several years ago is set to start coming down this week, Ehlers said.

After the lot is cleared, it will be put up for sale. Fred Meyer is looking for something that generally doesn't compete with its own store - a fast-food restaurant or a bank would be good for the spot, Ehlers said.

The former restaurant is so old that no prospective buyer wanted to demolish the building itself, he added. So Fred Meyer tackled the job.

"And frankly, it'll be worth more money without the building there," Ehlers said.

The Me-NE's demolition will cost about the \$13,000 listed on the permit, and the Treasure Cove building - a much larger structure - cost about \$45,000 to bring down, he said.

Skills for life

Delta Developmental Services in 1999 posted close to 300 percent growth in the number of clients served - building from 12 clients to more than 40, program director Rosalyn E. Isaak said.

Delta serves people with developmental disabilities, specializing "in folks with more significant needs," she said. Though it puts the profit back into staff salaries and training, she added.

Now the business is about to make a big move - necessitated by its growth - from its leased digs on Flier Avenue East to a

former Jehovah's Witnesses hall at 440 Madison St., Isaak said. Delta owner Bill Benkula is buying the building and remodeling it.

Benkula said the \$20,000 estimate listed on the building permit is approximately accurate for the remodeling job. Delta will install handicapped bathrooms, a training kitchen, five therapy rooms and a training utility room - all to be used to train people with developmental disabilities independent living skills, he said.

The move will allow Delta to serve more clients and to expand its home- and community-based services, he added.

Elsewhere in town

Other August permits of note in the city included:

- L.J. Bishop Corp. of Twin Falls is erecting a new building suitable for office or retail uses at 1886 Addison Ave. E., but declined to comment further for now. The building permit lists a \$124,723 estimated value.

- Wells Fargo Bank is remodeling its branch at 113 Main Ave. W. The permit lists an estimated \$32,000 for work on the elevator equipment room and a new elevator shaft vent.

- Simpler Times Village got a permit - listing an estimated \$30,000 value - for a remodeling and addition at 840 Addison Ave.

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Book says financial planners have best job

SANTA ANA, Calif. (AP) - Looking for a good job? Manage money instead of modems.

Low stress, high income and plenty of time off puts financial planners at the top of the list of the best and worst jobs in the country, according to the latest edition of "Jobs Rated Almanac."

That doesn't mean managing modems doesn't pay. Web site managers, at the top of the list a year ago, dropped only a notch to No. 2. Financial planners were No. 17 last year. The top 10 ranked jobs both years were all in math or computer-related fields.

"So many people have become Web site managers, there's a glut in the market," author Les Krantz said. "When jobs get hot, they eventually get too hot and have to cool."

Writing data from the U.S. Department of Labor, trade groups and telephone surveys, the book due out this weekend ranks 250 jobs according to six criteria: income, stress, physical demands, potential growth, job security and work environment.

Some high profile jobs, such as race car drivers (No. 188) and president of the United States (No. 167), were deemed less desirable because of limited job growth and high stress.

"What will surprise most people is that the jobs they always aspired to - movie stars and athletic stars - aren't the best jobs. They have little job security and a high level of stress," Krantz said.

For those thinking of becoming teachers (No. 119) and police officers (No. 200), the book offers this

message: Low pay, high stress and less than desirable working conditions.

The worst-ranked were manual labor jobs in traditionally troubled fields, such as lumberjacks, oil field roustabouts and fisherman at the bottom because of economic conditions and long work hours.

But don't tell that to Mickey Rose of Eugene, Ore., who spent nearly 50 years as a lumberjack (No. 248).

"I was born and raised in a logging camp, and I had to go to work at 13," he said. "We used to say, 'If you wasn't a logger, you weren't nothing.'"

Rose, 89, credits the desire for "those desk-type jobs" with a change in the country's work ethic.

"People used to go out and work hard to support their families. Now they look for the (least amount) of work they can," he said.

Fisherman David Greenly of Portland, Maine, agreed his job could be the least desirable in the country.

"You have to have a lot of stamina to do the job. It's hard work and it's dangerous," he said. "You don't fish unless you love it."

Job satisfaction seems to be in the eye of the beholder.

Financial planner Peggy Tracy of Wheaton, Ill., says part of the reason her job is in demand is because of the impending retirement boom.

"They need expert advice," she said. "If we can help our clients earn, for example, an extra 1 or 2 percent a year, their nest egg can grow substantially faster."

Hotels

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"Inside, the guest room is the equivalent of a (full-service) hotel room. Outside, it is more like a motel," said Bjorn Hanson, who heads the hospitality and leisure industry practice at PricewaterhouseCoopers.

The formula proved highly successful during the recession of the early 1990s, when travelers were loathe to trade between-room service and a hotel restaurant for a comfortable room priced well below \$100 a night.

Limited-service properties emerged as industry darlings when the recession battered full-service, big city hotels. Investors loved the concept because they could open a 100-room hotel on cheap land in an outlying location for as little as \$5 million. In contrast, a full-service property in a downtown location could easily cost \$100 million or more.

As a result, the number of limited-service hotel properties ballooned to about 168,000 rooms during the past decade, according to PricewaterhouseCoopers.

But the same features that made the hotels so popular among investors have become weaknesses. "Supply continues to grow when builders can build whenever they can," said Los Angeles attorney Jim Butler, who is in charge of the hospitality group at Jeffer, Mangels, Butler & Margarm.

The surge of new development has proved painful for full-service competitors - such as Holiday Inn - and independents, many of which have been forced out of business.

But as the construction boom continues - albeit at a slower rate - many suburban markets are on the verge of becoming overbuilt with limited-service hotels, industry analysts warn.

The construction boom has not created a "treacherous situation" but will force investors to be more selective and cautious about where they build, said Hanson.

"PricewaterhouseCoopers. "It used to be that any hotel project would be successful," Hanson said. "It was almost too easy."

Individual investors - not the giant lodging chains that franchise the properties - stand to bear most of the risk from building too many stripped-down hotels, industry observers said.

The newcomers put pressure on existing properties, which are often forced to reduce rates or invest more heavily in upgrades as competition increases. The industry is expected to avoid a major hotel-room glut because lenders and investors have become more hard-nosed, said lodging analysts.

Hotel developers who had been raking in as much as 20 percent of the money to finance a project may now be required to come up with 40 percent, said Alan X. Reay, president of hotel broker Atlas Hospitality Group.

"Demand is getting tighter and tighter," Reay said.

In a turnaround, investors are now more willing to finance the full-service, luxury hotels in major urban markets that were once out of favor. The difficulty and high costs of building new properties in central cities has kept a lid on competition and freed hoteliers to raise rates aggressively.

"It's the economy end of the business that is suffering the most from the consequences of the (building boom)," Butler said. "Now, the greatest growth, the greatest profit and greatest stability is at the high end."

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PHILADELPHIA - When you open up your mutual-fund statements, do you find yourself muttering, "I could do better than this manager," or, "Why is my tax bill so big every year?"

Now, you can channel those frustrations into a new product that lets investors create stock portfolios or choose from a menu of ready-made portfolios.

Anyone can build a portfolio through a broker, of course, but the new product, called Follofin (the f is for financial), the n is for the last "n" in innovation), costs \$295 per year, or \$29.95 per month, to buy as many as 150 stocks. Buying that many stocks, even through a discount broker, would cost \$4.95 to \$29.95 per trade. At that price, you could easily pile up a tab of more than \$225.

For that amount, investors can pick up to three folios of 50 stocks each.

The folio idea, created by Steve Waldman, a former Securities and Exchange Commission member, is a cross between a mutual fund and an online brokerage account.

As with a mutual fund, investors get a well-diversified portfolio without having to spend thousands of dollars, needed to buy all of those stocks. With Follofin, you could buy \$1,000 worth of a portfolio you create or select from one of the company's 80 ready-made folios.

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If you want to execute the trade at a specific time, it will cost \$14.95 per trade. Processing trades just twice a day helps the company match customer orders and keep prices low. Orders can be placed at any time.

There are no account minimums at Follofin, so investors who want to stake a small sum can. That might be useful for someone who wants to invest \$1,000 or so, in, say, biotechnology or aerospace stocks.

Normally, assembling such a portfolio would require several thousand dollars. Follofin gets around that by divvying up shares

among investors. "What we'll do is, we'll give you fractional shares," said Nancy Smith, vice president of education at Follofin in Merrifield, Va. But at \$295 a year, investing small amounts gets expensive.

Which brings up an important issue. Follofin is cheaper than creating a diversified portfolio through a broker, but it's not cheaper than most mutual funds for small investors. With the average stock mutual fund charging 1.23 percent in expenses, only investors with more than \$24,000 in a fund would pay more than \$295 in fees

yearly. Stick your money in an ultra-cheap index fund, and the costs are even harder to beat. With Vanguard's 500 Index fund, one of the cheapest at \$1.80 per \$1,000 invested, only investors with more than \$164,000 would pay more than \$295 in yearly fees.

But there are other advantages to Follofin. By deciding when to buy and sell, you control when you pay taxes. With a mutual fund, investors pay taxes when the manager buys and sells. And because most managers are paid based on the total returns they

produce, not on whether they are tax-efficient, fund investors can wind up with huge bills.

Many fund families, however, including Vanguard and T. Rowe Price, offer tax-efficient mutual funds that try to keep tax bills low. They may be a better option for smaller investors.

Russ Kimmel, who follows mutual funds for Morningstar Inc., the Chicago fund-tracking company, thinks the folio idea may be a bit if financial advisers and brokerages that offer mutual-fund super-markets start offering it.

"There's potential there," he said. "It's a fairly involved, sophisticated tool. But I don't see a lot of people checking their Schwab or Merrill Lynch accounts to go and do it."

Instead, he said, people likely would use folios to patch holes in their stock holdings. He cited an example of someone who owns a lot of stocks in Cisco Systems Inc. but no other large growth companies. That person could choose a folio of, say, all the large growth companies in the Standard & Poor's 500 index except Cisco.

The ready-made portfolios Follofin has constructed include a wide range of styles. Investors can buy a broad folio, such as 49 stocks from around the world. Other focuses are narrower, such as the trend and VIX-S&P sponsor folio. Some folios screen out tobacco stocks or include only companies with a high percentage of minorities on their boards of directors.

Follofin's research department creates the portfolios based on various criteria, such as a stock's volatility relative to the S&P. Follofin, which started in May,

won't say how many customers it has so far, but the idea is gaining momentum. On July 17, E-Trade, the online broker, announced plans to acquire E-vesting, which provides personalized portfolios. E-Trade says it plans to start selling its portfolio products by the end of the year.

No word on pricing yet, but Liat Rorer, vice president of asset gathering at E-Trade, said the product would be competitive.

"I think it's likely that customers will, with a portion of their assets, want to have brokerage assets as well as mutual-fund assets as well as these portfolios," Rorer said. "I actually believe we'll see investors using all three products, just as now you see an investor using both mutual funds and brokerage accounts today."

Charles Schwab, the largest discount broker, said it is considering a similar product but wants to gauge customer demand first. Another company, NetFolio, plans to offer a folio service for \$195 yearly in the fall.

Although the pricing of Follofin makes it most appropriate for people with a fair amount of money, some services cater to people who just want to buy a few shares of stock and hold them.

Buyandhold.com, for example, lets investors choose from 1,400 funds and invest based on various indexes. The commission is \$2.99 per trade. Follofin would be a better buy for frequent traders unless they incur extra fees by trading outside the two daily windows.

Sharebuilder is a similar service. It charges \$5 for one-time investments, and \$2 for those who make regular monthly trades.

Some investors take a second look at cold, hard cash

By Pamela Yip The Dallas Morning News

Greg Chesley has always been a firm believer in cash investments, a strategy that didn't pay off very well during the booming stock market of the 1990s.

But with the market trending water over the last year and interest rates hitting recent highs, Chesley, a 31-year-old physician practicing in a management group in Dallas, is looking a lot smarter.

"The further this market goes, the more skeptical I get and the more conservative I get," says Chesley, who has shifted 80 percent of his money in cash investments such as certificates of deposit and a money market mutual fund. "I've been a firm believer in cash."

He's not alone. Cash investments, which have been overshadowed by the roaring stock market, are making a comeback.

"Everyone needs to have some type of liquid cash at all times, if nothing else than for just an emergency fund," said Greg McBride, financial analyst with bankrate.com, a Web site that tracks consumer interest rates. "The current environment is such that you're well-compensated by having that liquid."

Yields on certificates of deposit are at a five-year high, he noted. That's pretty attractive when you consider that a risk-free yield, because CDs carry federal

deposit insurance (up to \$100,000 per institution). It also compares favorably with the current annual U.S. inflation rate of 3.7 percent.

Folios on money market accounts, which are similar to savings accounts, are also attractive.

The government also insures bank money market accounts. "Folios on money funds, which the government doesn't insure, are also fat, although they're peaking," money fund experts said.

"They're the highest that they've been since April 1991, and we've pretty much seen the entire effect of the Federal Reserve's rate hike," said Peter G. Crane, vice president and managing editor of iMoneyNet Inc., which tracks money fund yields.

Interest rates are high due to a series of rate increases by the Federal Reserve over the last year. Besides making cash investments more attractive, higher interest rates have been a drag on stock prices.

Anyone who invested in CDs a year ago, for instance, would have easily outperformed an investor in the stock market, at least as measured by the Dow Jones industrial average, which has fallen almost 3 percent over the last 12 months.

Of course, not many investment pros would advise that you try to time the market by pushing all your assets into cash securities just because you think stock

Some common cash investments

Certificate of deposit or CD • An interest-paying deposit product offered by a bank that requires you to lock up your money for a certain "maturity" term. Maturities range from a few weeks to several years. Early withdrawal (i.e., before the maturity date) typically results in a forfeiture of interest. CDs are protected by federal deposit insurance.

Money market mutual fund or money market deposit account (MMDA) • This is similar to a bank savings account. However, unlike savings accounts, a money market account often has transaction restrictions and offers check-writing privileges. Like a savings account, the funds can be easily accessed. Money market accounts carry federal deposit insurance and typically pay higher yields than a conventional savings account.

Yield • Generally, the return paid to the holder of a security, such as a CD or a bond. **Annual percentage yield (APY)** • The percentage, required by law to be disclosed on interest-bearing deposit accounts, that reflects total interest to be received, based on a financial institution's compounding method for a 365-day year.

Money market mutual fund or money fund • A mutual fund that invests in short-term debt instruments, such as U.S. Treasury bills or commercial paper 12-month corporate IOUs. Money funds typically value the price of their individual shares at a constant price of \$1. Money funds don't carry federal deposit insurance and usually offer restricted check-writing privileges. SOURCE: Dallas Morning News research.bankrate.com

prices are stagnant. Sitting in cash during a bull market can be hazardous to your financial health.

Still, there's no reason not to join the Fed's yield party. But first, you need to determine your financial needs.

If you'll need your money in a short time, don't put your money in CDs because you have to lock up your money for a set period, such as six months or a year. If

you withdraw the money before the CD term expires, you could forfeit as much as six months' interest, depending on the CD and the bank.

"If you don't know when you're going to need the money, you're better off in a money market fund or bank account because of the liquidity," McBride said.

Don't fall into the trap of believing that you can lock in a CD at a high rate of, say, 7.5 per-

cent, and then cash out early and pay the penalty if you need the money before the CD matures.

"The reality is that when they cash out, that yield they would end up getting will be less than the original 7.5 percent on the CD when they factor in the interest they have to pay, so it's not a favorable strategy," McBride said.

A good strategy to use with CDs is a method known as "laddering." This involves buying CDs with widely varying maturities, arranging them so that the maturities resemble rungs on a ladder.

"The point is to have CDs mature on a regular and consistent basis. That way you can make some money out on a three-month basis, nine-month basis, one-year basis," McBride said. "For retirees, the benefit is that they have CDs that mature on a regular schedule so that they have a constant inflow of cash."

Chesley uses laddering to ensure that his CDs mature in six-month increments.

"That way, I'm always assured that if I had to get something, I could find my cash available to me," he said. "I have money coming at a consistent pace."

To find the highest yield from a CD or a money market account, shop around. But you may have to wait for your money out of town.

"The place to go to get the best yield for a money market account isn't necessarily at the bank across the street," McBride said.

"The higher yields are being paid by small institutions, but these institutions are insured by the FDIC. Federal Deposit Insurance Corp. So you have nothing to worry about."

CDs aren't for everyone. Just ask Owen Arnold of Plano, who's selling his home and is trying to decide where he'll retire.

"CDs don't appeal to me because you're locked in and they're not liquid," said Arnold, 59, an accountant and director of tax at a large corporation. At the same time, he wants his money to be earning a decent return.

So he and his wife, a nurse, plan to put the proceeds from the home sale in a tax-exempt money market fund that invests in municipal bonds. That kind of fund pays dividends that are exempt from federal income taxes. Some also provide returns that are free of state and local taxes.

Arnold said a tax-exempt money fund would benefit him because he's in a high tax bracket: 36 percent.

"The yields are very attractive when I factor in my tax bracket," he said. "It comes close to what a CD would be and yet it gives me flexibility and liquidity and security."

Although money funds aren't insured by the government, they do have safety because the Securities and Exchange Commission imposes stringent portfolio quality, maturity and diversification restrictions on money funds.

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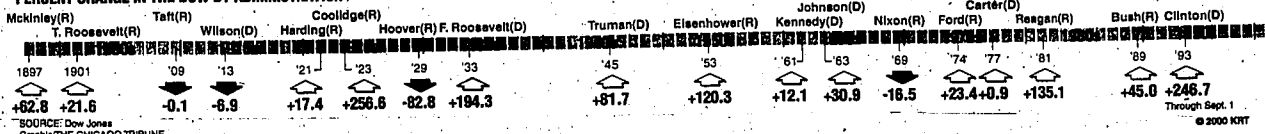
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Presidents and the markets

While the stock market climbed during the administrations of most presidents in the 20th century, more Republican than Democratic presidents saw the market fall while they were in office.

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Voters take stock of candidates' economic plans

Chicago Tribune

Soccer moms may have met their match. A shareholder nation will elect the next leader of the free world.

A roaring bull market since the last presidential election and the longest economic expansion in U.S. history have made shareholders of many more Americans than ever before. Although it's too early to tell how this development will change voters' political outlook, the numbers are hard to ignore.

About 65 percent of likely voters own stocks, directly or through a retirement plan. Those voters have much more riding on the market: Since the last presidential election, investors' 401(k) assets have swelled by more than \$700 billion, according to the Investment Company Institute.

And this phenomenon is moving far beyond just the rich. More than half of U.S. households earning between \$25,000 and \$49,000 hold stock, directly or indirectly, according to a Federal Reserve study.

In a July poll asking 1,001 likely voters to name their top three campaign issues, schools and education topped the list. But the next five issues mentioned were fiscal topics: from taxes to Medicare funding.

What does all this mean for the election? Candidates will have to appeal to voters' investment minds as well as their social hot buttons, for starters.

They'll also have to make a better case of claiming credit for the economy's success — and their investor-voters have a wealth of information at their fingertips explaining the economy and the markets.

And what does it mean for investors? Although Wall Street may have some reservations about both candidates, the old notions about the two major parties and their outlook on business can no longer apply. Now days, what's good for General Motors and Cisco Systems and Amazon.com, for that matter — is

good for any president's approval rating, and both candidates know it. The difference is in how they intend to extend the good times.

Although any president's ability to directly affect the performance of the U.S. economy in an increasingly global marketplace is a matter of intense debate, a closer look at the broad policies of Vice President Al Gore and Texas Gov. George W. Bush show they very well could have a dramatic impact on the financial health of the rising number of stock-owning Americans.

Expansion, leadership change prompts worry

Deborah Minor Bennett, a long-time Democrat who works with nonprofit organizations, still lists social causes as her primary reason for choosing her candidate.

Now a director of the Women's Business Development Center, Bennett is devoting her time to implementing a \$250,000 private award from BP Amoco to establish new day-care centers in Chicago.

Not surprisingly, Bennett wants her candidate to spend more on social services and less on defense.

"The amount of time women are working is increasing, and at the same time there's a whole group of people transitioning off welfare who are in need of very affordable child care," she said.

Yet even as she maintains her concern for social welfare, her wish list during a presidential campaign has grown to include more pocket-money issues. She started investing in mutual funds through an investment club back in the 1980s and has since built her portfolio into the mid-five figures, saving as much as she could and investing mostly in low-fee mutual funds.

Today, as a 49-year-old recent widow, Bennett worries about what will happen to her financial health if the prosperity of the last decade fades.

"On a personal level, these economic issues are important," she said. "I'd like to maintain my lifestyle, and a downturn in the

economy would have an impact on that. We've had this ongoing period of good times, and when you look around the corner you just wonder if the other shoe is going to drop."

That, of course, is the question on the minds of millions of American voters — not to mention Bush and Gore. In their rhetoric, both parties happily take claim for the glorious expansion. Democrats cite the Clinton administration's deficit reduction, while Republicans retort that the groundwork was laid in the Reagan-era tax cuts. Most experts agree the real factors are myriad and complex.

Like many Americans, Bennett believes Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan will have more to do with continued economic prosperity than either candidate. Both parties happily

Candidates will have to appeal to voters' investment minds as well as their social hot buttons.

take credit for him, too — he was first nominated by Reagan, but kept on through the Clinton years. Both Bush and Gore have praised Greenspan, and Gore indicated a year ago he would renominate him to a fifth term in 2004.

Bush hedged in late August when asked if he would ask Greenspan, who would turn 78 in 2004, to serve again. "The president just reappointed Alan Greenspan. I supported the president's decision, and I'll have to make that decision about reappointing Mr. Greenspan if and when the time comes," Bush said in an interview on CNN.

In the current campaign, both Bush and Gore have made tax cuts a centerpiece issue. Though the details of their proposals are very different, both argue that cuts will further Americans' prosperity.

Bush has proposed an across-the-board income tax reduction,

cutting the number of tax brackets from five to four. He would also double the current \$500-per-child tax credit and toss out gift and estate taxes. In late August, he threw in another financial goodie for education, proposing to boost the maximum Pell grant from \$3,300 to \$5,100.

Gore's plan is aimed predominantly at families earning less than \$100,000 a year. Families could receive relief to help pay for child care, college tuition costs or an elderly relative's nursing-home care. And under a Retirement Savings Plus plan, the government would match a percentage of savings by people making less than \$100,000.

Bush advocates turning over about 2 percent of taxpayers' Social Security funds to the private equity markets.

Analysts are split on the merits of this idea, with some saying it would be a huge boon to the mutual fund industry and thus a lift to investors, and others arguing the system was designed and should remain — a rock solid government giveback that can't shrink with the markets.

Weighing in with the skeptics in August was none other than John Bogle, the outspoken giant Vanguard Group Inc.

Bogle panned both candidates' savings proposals, saying Bush would deplete Social Security reserves even faster than is already projected. Gore's plan, Bogle said, is effectively moot because it counts on low- and middle-income workers to live from their already-strapped paychecks, something those workers aren't doing now.

The increasingly global economy has put trade issues at the forefront, as evidenced by the protests at the World Trade Organization gathering in Seattle. Both candidates have backed free trade, though analysts have concerns Gore has at times sounded more conciliatory to labor unions, who rail against the loss of American jobs as more work is shipped offshore. And they worry about inexperience with Bush.

But it was Gore who cast the

deciding vote in the Senate to approve the North American Free Trade Agreement.

On the world economic stage, a president's power can be limited, but far from non-existent.

Investor class makes a campaign impact

Although it's unclear how the swelling of the investor class will affect voting, it definitely has affected campaigning.

It's reflected in Bush making Social Security privatization a key platform issue, for example. To Jeff Faux, executive director of the Economic Policy Institute, a liberal Washington think tank.

Bush also recently trotted out a middle-class Republican family to try to put a face on his tax-cut policy. The message was muted, however, when Gore allies rushed to redo the math, arguing the family would have been better off with the Democrats' college tuition and other tax breaks.

But while appealing to average voters, candidates are careful to temper the populist rhetoric, so as not to alienate big business — and its shareholders.

"On the Democratic side, we're seeing the effect of having to raise money from big business," said Faux, citing a lessening of traditional populist rhetoric.

To be sure, there have been missteps — or calculated departures.

Attending the recent Democratic convention, author Daniel Gross found it curious that Gore used a portion of his acceptance speech to blast big drug companies and HMOs.

"If you look at the biggest shareholders of Merck and Pfizer, you find the big public pension funds, and (Democrats are) not paying attention," said Gross, author of "Bull-Run-Wall Street, the Democrats and the New Politics of Personal Finance."

And some economists believe the Bush tax-cut plan, along with other measures, will allow cuts that will spark more consumer spending and, inevitably, inflation.

— exactly the beast the Federal Reserve has been trying to tame for more than a year with interest rate increases.

Many economists, in fact, discount the importance of any president on the economy, saying forces at the Federal Reserve and in the marketplace do far more to move the stock market, for example, than any efforts coming from the White House.

In fact, political inaction from years of different parties in control of the executive and legislative branches has actually helped the economy, some observers believe.

"Just look at the budget surplus," said Jay Mueller, chief economist with Strong Investment in Milwaukee. "The reason that hasn't been spent or refunded is because the parties can't agree, so nothing got done."

And with control of the House of Representatives up for grabs in November, Mueller worries that after so many years of a tight balance, something will break loose. "Odds are that the era of divided government is going to come to a close," he frets.

As for the stock market, portfolio managers are beginning to handicap the candidates' issues, picking companies that stand to win and lose under each administration.

Prudential Securities analyst Charles Galati sees opportunities for financial stocks as a President Bush as he moves to privatize Social Security, for example.

Gabriel also sees defense spending rising more under Bush like General Dynamics, Lockheed Martin and Northrop Grumman.

As for "Gore stocks," Gabriel thinks government-backed mortgage lenders Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac — under fire from the private sector — will fare better under Gore. Remediation and environmental consulting firms would also get a boost under a Gore Superfund bill.

Certain bank stocks could strengthen more under Gore's more moderate tax cuts than the more stimulative Bush cuts.

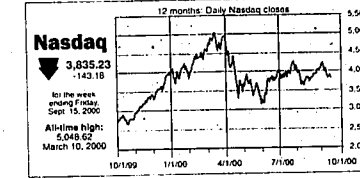
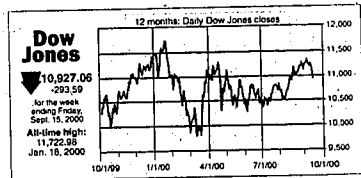
Market analysts debate possible recessionary effect of oil prices

NEW YORK (AP) — The common wisdom is that higher oil prices lead to inflation, which in turn mean a bear market and recession.

But while there are fears on Wall Street that rising oil prices are about to make that formula a reality, many analysts don't believe the stock market is about to begin a long-term decline.

On Friday, concerns about the possibly inflationary effects of higher energy prices drove the stock market to its lowest levels in more than a month, paring 160 points off the Dow Jones industrials along the way. The cost of a barrel of crude oil has tripled to nearly \$36 a barrel at the close of Friday's trading in New York.

But analysts, questioning Wall Street's reaction, note that the increase in energy costs has had little effect on U.S. economic growth, even though the last time prices were this high, about 10 years ago, they decimated profits in the airline



industry.

And economic reports released this past week showed that inflationary pressures are minimal; if not decreasing, despite the U.S. economy's strong growth in recent years.

Although the stock market has been sluggish since the spring, most analysts blame its listlessness on higher interest rates imposed by the Federal Reserve,

rather than high energy prices. And predictions of an impending bear market are few and far between.

"Since the Arab oil boycott in 1973, the U.S. economy is about five times larger than it was, but we actually use about the same amount of petroleum today as we did back then," said Mark Vitner, vice president and an economist with First Union. "We got more much more energy

to point out that, at least for now, higher oil prices apparently are hurting only specific industries.

"In the last week or so, quite a few companies in the basic materials sector have explained some weaknesses in their results by mentioning rising energy prices," said Christine Callies, chief U.S. investment strategist for Merrill Lynch, Chemical maker DuPont, which depends on oil for many of its key products, has been one of the more high-profile companies to warn that its earnings are being affected by oil prices. The union firms' profits and those of businesses dependent on energy.

And although the high prices haven't dissuaded Americans from lining up for gas-guzzling SUVs and taking long road trips, economists say many families have cut back on other purchases or punched up their credit card spending to compensate.

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CHEAPNESS IN NUMBERS

Group-buying websites grow more popular, save the customer dollars

Knight Ridder News Service

In the world of group buying, there's more than strength in numbers — there are discounts. The group-buying concept builds off the principle that is less the more people who want to buy a product, the less it will cost.

Initially, the idea worked best for warehouse retailers such as Sam's Club that could buy in bulk, then pass on the savings to members who visited their stores.

Then a few years ago, the idea hit the Internet, with its ability to pool buyers from across the nation. Companies like MobShop, formerly Acco.com, and Mercata.com got involved, bringing group buying to the masses.

"Group buying shows that consumers have control over buying," said Jeff Pundyk, chief reality officer of Zviri.com Inc., a group-buying Internet site based in New York.

Group-buying sites offer a range of items from personal data assistants such as the Palm V to jewelry, even luggage. Consumers enter the price they are willing to pay and wait to see if enough consumers join in the group to trigger the asking price. Products are offered in buying cycles that vary from a couple of days to two weeks.

Some consumers play sort of a marketing role by trying to get friends, family and co-workers to buy a product. "It's a great incentive for anyone who participates in group buying to tell other people and drive the price down," said Dan Infanti, chief marketing officer for ActBig Inc., a New York company that sells software for organizations to offer group buying. "It's very different than an auction where if you tell somebody they might bid on it and the price goes up."

Group buying works for consumers who are looking for deals on popular products but are not brand-loyal. Consumers who have their hearts set on a Sony DVD player may not find it, but there are options for those willing to buy a different brand.

Barbara Muccio of Detroit said she is sold on group buying. "It's really worth it, and it's really easy," she said.

As the mother of a 4-year-old son and twin 18-month-old girls, she said she doesn't have time to go shopping, let alone run from store to store to compare prices. After hearing a radio ad, she checked out Mercata.com and spotted a flat, metallic blue stereo for sale. At more than \$200, the price was more than she was willing to pay.

"I waited for some time to go by to see if it would be less money," she said.

Muccio checked back two hours before the buying window closed and found enough buyers had signed up to drop the price to \$170. She signed up for the stereo and said that if the price dropped to \$150, she'd take two. It did.

She spotted the same stereo in a store sometime later and saw it selling for more than \$300.

Online buying power

Here are typical savings for customers who buy in groups within a given time period on MobShop.

KODAK PalmPix 640x480 digital camera

\$179.95	\$155.95	\$150.95	\$145.95
0 to 5 buyers	6 to 10 buyers	11 to 20 buyers	21 to 30 buyers

Starting price: \$179.95
Price, 7 buyers: \$150.95
Savings: \$29.00

*Manufacturer's suggested retail price

PALM COMPUTING Palm V with HotSync Cradle

\$329.00	\$314.95	\$309.95	\$304.95
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Starting price: \$329.00
Price, 15 buyers: \$304.95
Savings: \$24.05

*Manufacturer's suggested retail price

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"They didn't even charge me shipping, and it was here in two days," she said.

It's not just the consumers who benefit from group buying; sellers can also take advantage of the process and save on transaction costs. "They would rather sell 1,000 units in one transaction than sell one unit at a time," said Tom Van Horn, chief executive officer, president and founder of Mercata.com in Seattle.

For e-commerce sites, group buying is a way to bring in customers without having to spend advertising and marketing dollars to get them.

"Right now everybody on the Internet is looking for ways to bring in more and more users and drive down customer acquisition costs," said Infanti of ActBig.

There are a few different approaches to group buying. Destination sites such as

Mercata.com and MobShop.com let consumers browse through product offerings.

At matchmaking sites like Zviri.com, consumers request a product and the company tries to find a supplier willing to sell it for the asking price.

Zviri.com also allows buyers to rate suppliers so consumers can read other customers' comments before they purchase items.

Shipping varies. Some companies offer free ground shipping while others charge based on destination. Sales tax is charged if an item is shipped to the state where the supplier, either the group-buying Web site or a third-party company, has a presence.

Return policies also vary. Mercata.com handles all its returns while MobShop and Zviri ask customers to deal directly with the companies that supplied the purchased item.

Electronics, personal data assistants, DVD players and digital cameras are popular items at destination Web sites.

Let's say you're interested in a Toshiba SD1200 DVD player. On a recent Friday afternoon, it was selling on MobShop.com for \$169.95, \$130 off the manufacturer's suggested retail price. (Best Buy in Madison Heights, Mich., was selling it recently for \$229.) Nineteen buyers were on board at MobShop.com for \$169.95. A few hours later, 14 more buyers joined in, causing the price to drop to

\$165.95. If 18 more buyers agreed to buy the item, the price would fall to \$159.95. Lowest price rules, so consumers who signed up at \$169.95 would get the item at \$165.95 if enough people joined to trigger that price.

If you're not willing to pay \$169.95 but are definitely interested at \$159.95, you can reserve the item with your credit card. The charge doesn't go through until the item reaches the price you requested.

If you're still not willing to commit to buying an item with your credit card, you can ask for an e-mail notification when the item reaches your target price.

MobShop gets a cut of the sale once a deal is closed. Most items at Mercata.com are offered at a static discount price, meaning there are no group-buying discounts. However, the Web site always has 10 "power buy" items that get less expensive as more consumers agree to purchase them.

A Toshiba SD1200 DVD player was selling for \$218.40 on a recent Friday afternoon, down from \$268.84 the previous day.

"We may not be below all competitive markets, but our power buys are generally attractive deals," Van Horn said.

The DVD player wasn't available on Zviri.com, but someone interested in it could start a buying group and get others to join. Zviri would then contact its 150

sellers and see which might be willing to sell the item at the requested price.

Consumers who start a group have to be patient. Not all requests get filled.

An ink-jet printer group started on Oct. 22 has 37 people interested in buying a four-color, 1,200-by-1,200 d.p.i. resolution, eight-page-per-minute printer costing \$150 to \$450. There are 102 offers, but they are all for printer ribbons.

"It's an imperfect science," Zviri.com's Pundyk said.

Launching e-commerce Web sites is just one aspect of the business for group-buying companies. Their real money comes from selling the software and technology to other organizations.

Zviri.com Inc. has licensed its software to 12 organizations, including the American Federation of Musicians, where members can engage in group buying.

ActBig has sold its product to Consumerreview.com and freeagent.com, both Web sites. MobShop has created group buying capabilities at www.buyers.gov where federal government agencies can pool their purchasing.

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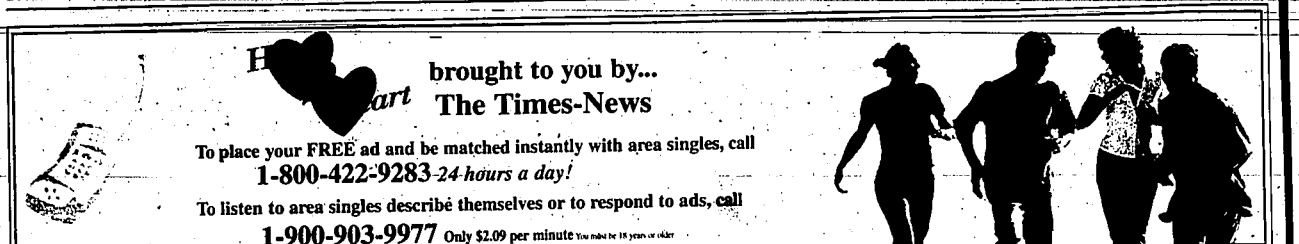
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ELECTRICIAN: Licensed Journeyman & apprentice needed. Call 678-2488.
ELECTRICIAN: Licensed electrician needed at modern food processing facility in Gooding, Idaho...

HELP WANTED: ...reaping, cooking, some driving - rural & board pool. Work well with PT job or retired 324-4607.
GENERAL: IMMEDIATE OPENINGS: Industrial/Hulk & Heavy Construction...

LABORER: General laborers needed. Apply in person at: Char. Mac Trailers, 452 South Park-Ave., Twin Falls, ID.
LOANS: \$100 - \$750 CALL TODAY! 734-4333

MECHANIC: Truck & farm machinery mechanic for large custom fitting operation-324-7148.
MEDICAL CAREER OPPORTUNITY: We're looking for RNs and CNAs in the Twin Falls/Mini-Cassia area...

MEDICAL: We are looking for 24 hour in-home caregivers in...
MEDICAL: CNAs, LPNs and RNs...
MEDICAL: Director of Diagnostic Imaging: Magic Valley Regional Medical Center is seeking a Director of Diagnostic Imaging Department...

MEDICAL: FT Medical Records Clerk - 2 yr. college education preferred. Competitive salary/benefits package...
PHYSICAL THERAPIST: Magic Valley Regional Medical Center is seeking a full-time Physical Therapist...

MEDICAL: Competitive Salary & Excellent Flexible Benefits Package...
PHYSICIAN: We offer a competitive salary & an excellent flexible benefit package that includes: Paid Time Off, Health/Dental/Vision, Life/AD&D, Retirement, Relocation Assistance, Tuition Reimbursement, Infant Care Center & much more...

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MEDICAL: Care has an independent opening to CNA and CNA's weekend and overnights...
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ENTERTAINMENT: Looking for dancers. Apply at Hot Rhythms or call 736-0695 for information.
FABRICA LOCAL: osoba buscando personas para trabajar en una fabrica...

PERSONNEL PLUS: HIGH SCHOOL JUNIORS AND SENIORS: Earn over \$124 for one week of work with the state of Idaho...
HOUSEKEEPER: Sunbridge for Twin Falls currently has the following position available:

MACHINE OPERATOR: Experienced machine operator. Local food company requiring responsible, motivated individuals for packaging operations...
MAINTENANCE: City of Hulet municipal government is currently opening in the water and wastewater department...

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MEDICAL: Rehab Unit - Openings for RNs - Geriatrics, Rehab Unit, Rehabilitation, Physical Therapy, Occupational Therapy, Speech Therapy, etc.

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BRIDGEVIEW ESTATES IS NOW HIRING FOR THE FOLLOWING POSITIONS:
LTC Unit - RN/LPN 12 hour shifts
CNA, All Shifts, 6a.m. - 2:30p.m.
2:00 - 10:30p.m. & 10:00p.m. - 6:30a.m.
Assisted Living, Night Shift, Mon.-Thurs, 8p.m. - 6a.m.
Social Service Director, LSW preferred, but not required, full time

BRIDGEVIEW OFFERS:
Two Week Paid Vacation
Sick and Holiday Pay
Paid Camp Days for Good Attendance
401K Retirement Plan
Health, Dental, and Optical Insurance
College Tuition Assistance (Scholarship)
To become part of our team apply in person at:
1828 Bridgeview Blvd.
Twin Falls, ID 83301
or call
Teresa Culver at 208-736-3933 Ext. 254

FARM: Wanted dependable & experienced truck drivers for potato & beet harvest. Auto trans., no CDL req., new equip., Jerome area.
FARM: Wanted exp. silage pit tractor operator. 324-7148.
FIRE/FIGHTER AND EMT: Paid on job training for HS grads. Physically fit, willing to relocate, must be 18. Diploma a must. Call 878-8233 or 1-800-914-8489.

NETWORK PROGRAMMER: With experience in the following areas: Visual Basic, Microsoft, NT Server 4.0, MS, ASP, HTML.
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EXPANSION HIRING: MAJOR CORPORATION EXPANDING IN THE MAGIC VALLEY AREA...

JUVENILE DETENTION: Wanted: professional, self-motivated, adult role models to provide guidance, structure and discipline to incarcerated youth...

LABORER: Brick layers & hodgers, or one for local school project. Good pay & overtime, TMC Kaysville, UT.
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TO APPLY: CALL 208-878-3446. EOE
GENERAL SHOP WORK: Paid to do changes, tie mounting, truck washing etc.
HARDWARE/WEAVER TECH: Must have experience. MicroSoft/Novell preferred salary DOE. Fax resume to 736-8266 or drop off resumes at 265 Ash St. Twin Falls, ID

COORDINATOR: The Mini-Cassia Development Commission is seeking an Economic Development Coordinator to direct it to an economic development activities including coordination business retention and expansion activities...

CNA's & NA's: Responsible for basic patient care. Experience with the elderly preferred but not necessary.
\$500 Hire On Bonus: for all CNA's, RN's & LPN's

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Medical **Mountain View Care Center** currently has the following positions available:
- CNAs, all shifts.
- PRNs, all shifts.
- Medical Records person.
* Tuition assistance.
* Bonus.
* Increased pay for exp. Cert.
* Competitive DOE.
323-5591 EOE

MEDICAL **TRN** - Health care heavy. ACLS certification preferred. License required.
Mary Gauder, Gooding County Memorial Hospital, 9304-4433 Ext. 146

MEDICAL **Social Service Director** - LSW preferred, but not required.
Please apply in person at:
Broguevale Estates, 1828 Broguevale Blvd, Twin Falls, Idaho or contact:
Teresa, 736-3933.
Excellent benefits includes:
* Health & dental insurance
- 401K

MISCELLANEOUS **Language and telecommunications** company is currently recruiting for field positions including:
- account operators,
- laborers, and
- CDL drivers.
Travel is required.
Renegade P.O. Box 70, Burley, ID 83318

MISCELLANEOUS **Building Material Dealer** - Vacation pay.
Must have hwy experience.
- 6 construction jobs in 1999.
Call 208-733-1120 EOE

MISCELLANEOUS **FREE!** Gov't program for women - money.
- \$20 \$50 annually plus excellent benefits.
The City of Rupert is accepting applications for the position of Animal Control Officer to perform routine and complex public safety work in the enforcement of animal control ordinances. A qualified candidate should have a high school diploma or G.E.D. equivalent, and equivalent combination of education and experience. The qualified candidate must have knowledge of law enforcement principles and case techniques, skill in operating equipment associated with animal control operations, ability to communicate effectively, and a strong desire to establish and maintain effective working relationships with supervisors, peers, and the public and to learn Cities and County geography (Madison County). Additionally, a qualified candidate will have the capability to exercise sound judgment and follow verbal and written instructions.

MISCELLANEOUS **READY to make a difference?** Become an Ameron-Coro VISTA worker with Child Care in a 11th grade classroom.
- Develop activities to help children get health services.
- Assist with other needed services.
- Health, social, marketing exp. helpful.
- Personal communication skills & drivers license a must.
- Monthly stipend of \$550.
- \$4,725 towards college or student loans.
- Intersted? Call: Sue at 120873674793 or 1800-897-4929

MISCELLANEOUS **The live position is for a part time grounds keeper.** This person would be responsible for maintaining both city parks. Duties would include: mowing with a riding mower and push-type mowers, watering, picking up trash, etc.
- Submit resume and referral by 5:00 PM.
- September 29, 2000.
- For more information or to request a job application and position description contact:
- Rigger Bagley, City Administrator, 1200 1/2 Box 9600 or Roger Myers, City Clerk, 1200 1/2 Box 9600 or Roger Myers, City Clerk, 1200 1/2 Box 9600
- 326 Rupert, ID 83350
- EOE

MISCELLANEOUS **Could you use extra money?**
- WANL, 10011
- Shopper?
- Want to do an online shop?
- Need money to pay for college?
- If you are looking for a job, call the above.
- Idaho Army National Guard may be called to active duty.
- 1-800-734-9171 or 1-800-GO-GUARD

MISCELLANEOUS **Now hiring for seasonal positions.** Oct. through Dec. 31, 2000.
- \$10,000 - \$12,000 commission sales.
- Must be able to work nights & weekends.
- Apply to:
- Human Resources, Dept. 750, 1-800-GO-GUARD

MISCELLANEOUS **Truck/SALES/Operator** for harvest season.
- Call 224-7149

NUTRITION ADVISOR **PT.** for the University of Idaho ENP (Extension Nutrition Program).
- Teach local resource participants basic nutrition & rehydration for Canine, Rhea Lanning or Carmela.
- Twin Falls County Extension Office, 5950 ext. 4.
- Deadline: Sept. 22, 2000.
- AEA/OE.

PRODUCTION FOREMAN **Required to supervise 5-10 people.** Should have experience in fabrication. Must have previous warehouse experience.
- P.O. Box 205, Twin Falls, ID 83301

RANCH HAND **Seeking a general ranch work plus lots of riding.** Exp. w/ horses and ranch work.
- PO Box 92237, * Times News, PO Box 548, Twin Falls, ID 83301

RECEPTIONIST/CLERK **Immediate opening for a full-time receptionist/ clerk at Medical Receptionist/ Clerk at Nevada Community Center.**
- Knowledge of Medical Billing, Management and Spanish speaking preferred.
- Must have excellent communication skills.
- Excellent benefits package.
- Send resume to:
- 1800-897-4929, P.O. Box 118, Carson City, #100, Carson City, NV 89701 or FAX: 775-233-5710

RECORDS CLERK **Twin Falls County is seeking a full time Records Clerk for Court Services.** Previous experience working in an office and in a court.
- Good customer service experience and communication skills.
- Please submit resume and application to:
- Twin Falls County Human Resources, P.O. Box 126, Twin Falls, ID 83301 or 4th floor County Courthouse, 425 Shoshone Street North, EOE

RESTAURANT **Now hiring experienced waitperson.** No phone call. Apply at 1007 Blue Island Blvd. N.

RESTAURANT **TRAVELERS' OASIS** is looking for a full time **SHORT ORDER COOK.**
- \$200 sign on bonus.
- Traveler's is a growing company with vacation pay, dental, vision, health insurance (75% of single rate paid by co), and a 401k plan.
- We offer life insurance for the whole family.
- In priced meals at 4 valley local locations.
- Competitive pay and advancement opportunities.
- Compensation:
- Full-time application.
- Just across the Hansen Bridge.
- We are a drug free work place.

SALES **600+** of Brokerage Reps. 80% of income.
- \$125,000 + per year.
- Employed 2+ years are earning more than \$50,000.
- ARE YOU?

SALES CLERK **Best Life, Accident & Health.** Up to \$200-\$250/00.
- \$1,000 + commission.
- No exp. req.
- 807 W. Main St., Idaho 83303.

SALES CLERK **Fabric Shoppe** has an opening for a full-time & a part-time sales clerk.
- Must have good sales skills, appearance & able to meet the public.
- Needed to have lots of sewing & quilting knowledge.
- Ability to teach classes a plus.
- Salary DOE.
- Apply in person @ Skinners Sewing Shoppe, 2511 E. Twin Falls, ID

SALES **Do to phenomenal growth.**
- Westing House is seeking professional sales people.
- If you're a top performer looking for a professional challenge and an environment with first year earnings of 45K, benefits, we want to talk with you.
- Candidates should be currently employed and placed strong sell track record.
- We provide training and we provide the rest.
- Fax resume to:
- 1800-897-4929, Attn: John Up, or call 208-732-5710

SALES MANAGEMENT **Challenging, Rewarding, Exciting!**
- Selling in a growing market.
- Sound appealing? If so, we may have an opportunity for you.
- Wireless Services, an AT&T Wireless Services affiliate, is seeking for full time positions based in southeastern Idaho.
- Sales Manager-Manage responsibilities of the direct sales and customer service in the southern and eastern Idaho and Jackson, WY. including major account and territory development, training, obtaining of goals and objectives, budgeting, personnel supervision, sales meetings and community relations.
- Weekly travel required.
- Minimum 5 yrs. applicable experience, including direct sales, cold calling and account management.
- Excellent interpersonal skills and computer proficiency required.
- Bachelor's degree or equivalent with 5 years industry experience preferred.

RESTAURANT **Cook Part-time/Full-time** All shifts.
- Part-time/Full-time.
- Salary \$9.00/hour.
- 5pm-10pm, 5pm-10pm, 5pm-10pm.
- Wages DOE.
- Monday per 3-5pm.
- 800 Overland.

RESTAURANT **Best Western Burley Inn** is looking for an experienced Banquet Chef.
- Please apply in person at 800 Overland, M-F 9am-5pm.
- Salary DOE.
- Ask for Mike or Ginny

RESTAURANT **Cooks, Prep-cooks and Dishwashers.**
- Apply in person @ George K's after 3pm.
- Salary DOE.

RESTAURANT **Dishwasher/Delivery.**
- 1200 1/2 Box 9600.
- Call 208-733-1120.

RESTAURANT **Dishwashing needed.**
- Day & night @ W. Addison.
- Kicks 66.
- 240 W. Addison

RESTAURANT **Now hiring experienced waitperson.** No phone call. Apply at 1007 Blue Island Blvd. N.

SALES **Footwear sales person.**
- Must have exp. customer service.
- Must be outgoing & work in both men's & women's work & western boots.
- Bi-weekly sales but not exp.
- Apply at D & B Supply in Twin Falls.
- EOE.

SALES **500+ monthly plus delivery.**
- \$1300 per month.
- Mel's Oak Larkhouse, 562 Blue Lakes Blvd. N.

INSIDE SALES PERSON **needed.**
- Knowledge of doors, windows and hardware.
- Must be customer oriented.
- Excellent benefits including health insurance and 401k.
- 1800-897-4929.
- Full time position.
- Idaho Ave.
- Twin Falls.
- For an application, referencence preferred.
- Call 208-366-7259

SALES - Best Life, Accident & Health. Up to \$200-\$250/00.
- \$1,000 + commission.
- No exp. req.
- 807 W. Main St., Idaho 83303.

SECRETARY **Legal Services Office** seeks w/2 yrs. exp. preferred.
- \$12,000 per year.
- Call 229-7250.
- Idaho 83303.

SECRETARY/LEGAL **Law office.**
- 1.5 hrs/wk.
- MUST have 3 yrs. legal exp.
- Must type at least 60 words per min.
- Word Perfect.
- Only exp. individuals need to apply.
- Please contact:
- Office Manager, P.O. Box 302, Twin Falls, ID 83303

SERVICE SECRETARY **PT Service Secretary** position in an office.
- Responsibilities include:
- Detailed time card data entry
- Coping, maintaining, & closing work orders
- Office organization & filing
- Position req. strong personality, book-keeping theory & typing skills
- Experience preferred
- Must be customer oriented
- Competitive wage & benefit pkg.
- Send resume to:
- 1800-897-4929, c/o The Times-News, P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls, ID 83303

SOCIAL SERVICES **Alliance Family Services** is looking for a motivated and outgoing person to join a rapidly expanding office in Lewiston.
- A job for professionals, to provide in-home social services.
- Provides Family and Burley.
- Looking for part time/seasonal staff.
- Excellent benefits and competitive salary.
- DOE.
- BA or BS degree in social work or nursing is required.
- Fax resume to 734-9441 or contact Kim 208-733-5710

SUPERVISOR **KFC is currently looking for a Day/Evening Night Supervisor.**
- 100-150 hrs. a week.
- Pay depends on experience, must have at least 1 to 2 yrs. experience.
- Apply at the Burley KFC

TIRE TECHNICIANS **Tire installers & outside body work operators.**
- Need 5 day work week.
- Benefits.
- Drug Free Work Place.
- Must be experienced in mounting of tires, balancing & repairs.
- Contact Howard at 679-1800.
- 700 W. Main, Twin Falls, ID

VETERINARY **Small animal hospital** needs full time permanent vet with 3-5 years experience.
- Salary based on exp. and education.
- Send resume to:
- 1800-897-4929, The Times-News, P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls, ID 83303

TELEPHONE WORKER **Easy telephone work.**
- No exp. required.
- Generate sales.
- FT or part time.
- 1800-897-4929

217 EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES **Public Service** - Federal employment information is free.
- Remember, the one that promises you a job, for free information about federal jobs, call Career America Connection, 912-757-2000
- GIFT WARE Party Hosts - Work your own hours.
- FT, PT, good income, showing jewelry, clocks, porcelain, etc.
- 1000-1300/bk.
- California St.
- 100-400/bk.
- 10th Ave. W.
- 100-500/bk.
- 11th Ave. W.
- 100-500/bk.
- 12th Ave. W.
- 100-500/bk.
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218 Times News Carriers **Workers needed.**
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8th St. - Fairview Ave. Pleasant Way - West Side Dr.

If you live in the RUPERT area & are interested in being a Newspaper Carrier, please contact the Times-News office at 677-4042 or stop by the Burley office at 325 1/2 E. 5th N. (Next to Wal-Mart).

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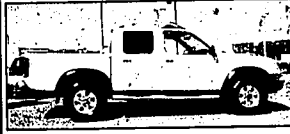
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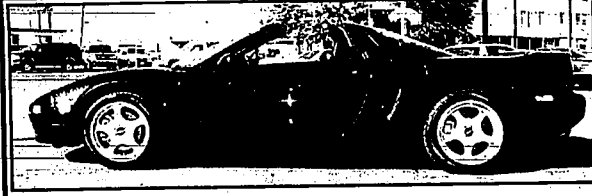
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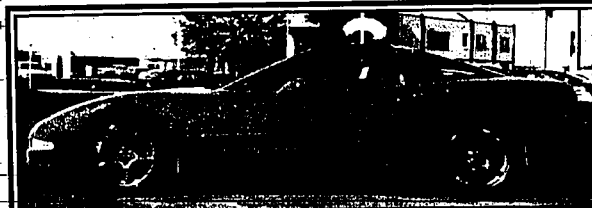


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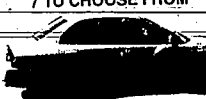





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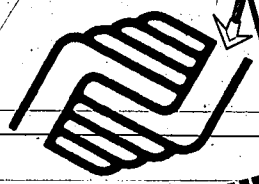
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Parking's not a problem: Stopping is

I was intrigued when I read the ad for the "smart, inexpensive solution for all those drivers out there that always manage to bump things while parking in the garage." Not because I bump-into-things, mind you, but because I - er, a, ahem - know people who do.

The device is called Parkryte, and you're supposed to put it on the ground where you want your wheels to stop and trust it to do the rest. Motorists who use the product will "no longer require the assistance of a partner guiding them into the garage as if they were ground traffic controllers."

Who has someone willing to do that? Really, I want to know.

I can just see my husband dropping everything to run into the garage to patiently help me park my car.

Not even on my birthday.
In fact, I still remember that day, years ago, when I announced that I was going to learn to drive in ice and sleet and snow. "Sort of like the post office." My supportive mate was so encouraging... until I said, "So is it all right if I get the experience by driving with you?"

Eventually I talked my husband into helping me, by threatening to turn his children against him or something, but I definitely on my own in the garage.

I don't really mind. I've come to accept my lot in parking as in life. After all, I was scared for eternity behind the wheel early on, long before I had my own garage.

My mother reminded me to "wear clean underwear in case you're in a wreck" far so long that, by the time I was in driver's education, I was so scared that I thought about pretending to be allergic to steering wheels. Soon after that, my vehicular trepidation shifted into overkill.

I still remember the first day my husband and I took our daughter out to practice her driving. I spent that day fighting the urge to scream, "You idiot! You're going to kill us all!"

I held-my-tongue-only-because-I-was-afraid-the-"affirming-your-child" workshop leaders would hight-mi-me down in a dark alley some night-fiddling. But I did come home from that drive amazed that I have never seen "teaching your teenager to drive" on any of those psychological stress charts. I figure it should be right up there with "experiencing an atomic bomb attack."

I suppose all people struggle with their own unique bumpy roads.

My best friend in high school flunked her driving test three times because she kept making "little mistakes," like running into other cars. And just the other day, I was behind a driver's training car when the driver turned on her left blinker - and then windshield wipers - and then turned right.

There is my 80-something mother, in the Midwest, who had to renew her driver's license this summer.

"What was like?" I asked her afterward.

"It was pretty scary," she said. "Especially when they asked me my age. I've lied about it for so many years that I don't know how old I am."

I come from a whole line of rather strange white knuckle drivers.

"I was telling that to a friend the other day, and I was rudely reminded that it's only going to get worse. 'White knuckle?' my friend said. 'You don't know what pretensions until you see that jump in premiums on your year-over-policy-when-your-boy starts to drive.'"

I only have one year-of-relative-peace and prosperity left.

But the dents on the stuff in my garage don't make me a bad person. They don't even make people need me less.

Again this year, I was asked to help park cars at the Twin Falls County Fair for my Lions Club. And when I signed up, not one person suggested that I shouldn't be parking other people's cars when I can't even park my own.

So I went out there and waved flags around and pointed drivers in all sorts of directions, and motorists to where I was sending them. And America's motorists saluted me.

Is this a great country or what?

Denise Turner is assistant features editor at The Times-News.

The kid from Declo

Biography reveals the real roots of Simplot's empire

By Steve Crump
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - The 37th-richest man in America made his fortune by shoeing wild horses and feeding the meat to hogs.

And by buying up scrip paid to teachers by a fopped-out school district and redeeming it at the local bank at 4 percent interest.

And by making it possible for McDonald's to transform itself from a hamburger stand into a fast-food empire.

In short, John Richard Simplot, entrepreneur and capitalist with a capital "C," is the danglest thing that ever happened to Cassia County, where he grew up.

"He is in some ways a larger-than-life character," said Louie Attebery, professor emeritus of history at Albertson College of Idaho and author of a newly released biography, "J.R. Simplot: A Billion the Hard Way." "But he's also a very American character who found success the American way - by vision and hard work."

Attebery, whose specialty is Western folklore and whose passion is Idaho folkways, took on the Simplot biography project with alacrity. The stud-and-microchips magnate, who turned 91 in January, is one of the richest agri-businessmen in the America, according to Fortune magazine, and the money-behind Micron Technology, one of the state's biggest taxpayers.

But he's also Idahoan to his folky core.

"Jack is very much a product of his time," Attebery said in a telephone interview from his Caldwell home. "He was the son of a hard-working, stern father and grew up in a place that was very different from the way Cassia County looks today."

That place was populated by first-generation immigrant families, mostly Mormons from Utah, but also by farmers who could not make it in California or Oregon, and by Midwesterners like the Simplots.

Although the family, which moved to Burley from Iowa a few



A post-World War II photo of J.R. Simplot and his famous potatoes.

months after Jack was born, was never destitute, it shared a stark conviction with its less well-off neighbors: Starvation was never more than a bad crop or a foolish indulgence away.

"One way of evoking the quality of life of that time is to ask today's audience to visualize a southern Idaho landscape nearly barren of trees," Attebery writes. "It was sufficiently primitive their way to Oregon... Most of the few dwellings were shacks and cabins surrounded by dirt and sticks strewn here and there which would become trees eventually."

"Inside, perhaps the most notable feature in summer for more than a few homes was the presence of hordes of houseflies, so thick that one of the ways of removing them from the household was to open a door... while the children drove the creatures toward the opening by waving empty flour sacks... behind the retreating insects."

It was tuberculosis - the disease, then incurable, had killed several members of the Simplot family - that drove Dick Simplot west, to a drier, healthier climate. He worked hard, scratched a livelihood from the land, but never a secure one. Banks failed, crop prices plunged following World War I, and he twice moved his family to California when Simplot was a boy. (Jack, improbably, sold newspapers on Venice Beach for a time as a kid.)

Jack Simplot was not a warm

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Book signings planned

J.R. Simplot biographer Louie Attebery has scheduled a series of book-signings in southeastern Idaho in the next few weeks:

• Oct. 6, the Book Plaza, Burley, 11 a.m.-4 p.m.

• Oct. 14, Waldenbooks, Magic Valley Mall, Twin Falls, noon-2 p.m.

• Oct. 21, Barnes & Noble Booksellers, Twin Falls, 11 a.m.-2 p.m.

J.R. Simplot: A Billion the Hard Way is published by Canyon Press of Caldwell and sells for \$24.95.

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J.R. SIMPLOT

A billion the hard way



J.R. Simplot: A Billion the Hard Way details Simplot's amazing rise to prosperity.

The world according to Jack Simplot..

On moral obligations:

"We got a train and went to Butte from there to Max, Jan, Canada, Idaho. We stayed a day or two in town (at a boarding house) run by this woman. Then we went out and got a job, and they paid us \$5 a day... And I never got back to pay my board bill for the couple of nights we stayed there in somebody's house. I never did pay that board bill, and it's bothered me all my life."

On fortune:

"I earned 120 acres for three years, but I happened to rent this farm from the best potato grower in Idaho. He got to be an alcoholic, and his family kicked him out, and that's why he rented me this ranch - I raised him good crops, and we were partners on the crops, and he was a good friend of mine. I took care of him. I hustled that two mints of morphine he had to have every day to live."

On doctors:

"We never went to doctors... Hell, we never thought about going to a doctor. No, no, I never was in a doctor's office till it got that finger off. I got it in a pulley, and they headed me in the wagon. I can remember like it was yesterday. I don't know how old I was, maybe 2, 3, 4, somewhere in there, and it took us eight hours to get to town. It was dark and I can remember going up the

On the future:

"I know I'm gonna keep my Microm (stock)."

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Becker's back

Marty Becker, a former Twin Falls veterinarian and Times-News columnist, is a veterinary contributor to ABC-TV's "Good Morning America," chief veterinary correspondent for Petopia.com, and co-author of "Chicken Soup for the Dog & Cat Lover's Soul," the biggest-selling animal books in his town. He now lives near Bonners Ferry and writes this column for the Spokane, Wash., Spokesman-Review. Starting this month, the column is being internationally syndicated by Knight Ridder/Tribune News Service, and will appear every Sunday in the Family Life section of the Times-News.

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"Yeah, it's there. I didn't see that until you pointed it out. You don't want him!"
Me? I see nothing, but nod my head in agreement so that every-

stairs, I remember the old doctor said, 'Why didn't you bring the piece in? I could do that for you.' And they said, 'We looked for it, but the chickens had eaten it.'"

"I know I'm gonna keep my Microm (stock)."

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Chicken Soup for the Soul
Always on the family side-lines, a stepmother longs to experience the bond between mother and child in this story
by Judy E. Carter.

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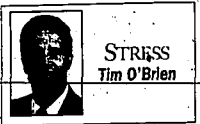
I've often felt that "stepparent" is a label we attach to men and women who marry into families where children already exist, for the simple reason that we need to call them something. It is most certainly an enormous "step," but one doesn't often feel as the "parent" truly applies. At least that's how I used to feel about being a stepmother to my husband's four children.

My husband and I had been together for six years, and with him I had watched as his young children became young teenagers. Although they lived primarily with their mother, they spent a lot of time with us as well. Over the years, we all learned to adjust, to become more comfortable with each other and to adapt to our new family arrangement. We enjoyed vacations together, ate family meals, worked on homework, played baseball, and more.

Clarities can clue you in on success

Here is a tight, specific look at five major factors needed for success. Let's call them the five clarities. Having a clear understanding of the success process won't guarantee you will be successful. However, it will slant the odds in your favor.

1. Have clarity of purpose. "What one great action would you take, above all others, if you knew beyond doubt, you could not fail?" (Brian Tracy) Success demands that we know specifically what we want. What do you want to accomplish? What is everything you can think of that you want to do or have.
2. Have clarity of intention. Exactly why do you want to accomplish your major goals? What is your motivation? Self-honesty will help you separate positive healthy motivations from, possibly, detrimental ones. Is your motivation toward something positive? Or is it away from something negative?



STRRESS
Tim O'Brien

Strong, compelling, positive motivation will draw you toward your goals like gravity.

3. Have clarity of responsibility. "If it is to be, it is up to me." Until we accept complete responsibility for our decisions and their results, we can't know what works and what doesn't. Success comes from actions that work, actions that accomplish intended purposes, then repeating them over and over.
4. Have clarity of priorities. Quote many, "What good is it to climb the ladder of success, only to find it leaning against the wrong building?" Decide what you want in life (priorities). Decide how you will get what you want (goals). Decide how long it will take you to accomplish your goals (macro time management). Decide how you will spend your time toward your goals (micro time management). Rank your priorities in their order of importance to you. Work on your top priorities first, longest and most often.
5. Have clarity of acceptance. "What the mind can conceive and believe, it can achieve," Napoleon Hill. Believe yourself capable of accomplishing your goals. Believe yourself worthy and deserving of success. Many people restrict themselves through feelings of guilt or unworthiness. If you can't clearly see yourself having your desires and dreams, you are unlikely to obtain them.

Having clarity of purpose, intention,

responsibility, priorities, and acceptance are the what, why, my, which and mine of success. Take a few minutes, and review goals of your life that are now successful and those causing challenges. Review each situation using these five ingredients for success. Learn from both your present successes and setbacks. Then, rededicate yourself. Accomplish and realize your dreams using these five clarities as a guide. Stick with it. Success also takes perseverance and tenacity. The rewards of success are worth the effort.

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'Highlander' film only for the very mature

The Orange County Register

"Highlander: Endgame" (R) - Twin Cinema.

Best for: Mature fans of the movie and TV series.

What it's about: Christopher Lambert returns as Connor MacLeod, the immortal highlander who suffers yet another loss of a loved one and seeks solace by hiding out in a sanctuary designed for immortals to receive their lives from the dead. Unfortunately an old enemy from the 16th century, Kell-Brace-Payne, seeks revenge on MacLeod for the death of his father and viciously hunts him down with a band of lethally trained highlanders. When MacLeod's brother Duncan (Adrian Paul from TV's "Highlander") discovers he is missing, he searches for answers and soon discovers his

Family flicks

immortal ex-wife Faith (Lisa Barbuscia) has also joined Kell in seeking revenge. Jim Byrnes, Ian Paul Cassidy, Adam Copeland, Donald Von Bruce Payne also star.

The good: Lambert found his fame and niche with this character and was smart to team him up with Paul. The two had great chemistry, making this movie worth watching and could have made it a huge hit (like the teaming of Connery and Lambert in the first one) if they had been given a better script. Still, there are interesting choreographed fight scenes that make the film intense, beautiful shots of

a long-age Scotland, and Paul, who proves he can carry any future Highlander movies by himself.

The not-so-good: The saddest part about this movie is the fact that Lambert plays a character who is immortal and never ages, yet real life has played a cruel trick on the once-striking actor and his age clearly shows it. The premise that a gang of immortal is roaming the Earth searching for other immortals in order to gain power through their death creates an intense plot that could have made this movie really good. Instead it quickly dissolves when the cliched bad guys make way for the show-down with Kell. The menacing characters could have been used in more creative ways. The side plot that involves Duncan and Faith's love for each other was interesting, but should have been better used.

With little time (except for a bedroom scene) given to develop their betrayal, it ended up being wasted.

Offensive language: Yes

Sexual situations: One scene, involving a show Paul and Barbuscia having sex.

Violence: Heads roll, and sword-fights, martial arts and lethal skills are abundantly shown. Bloody fight scenes with an abundance of killing are shown because the characters come back to life if their heads aren't severed. It's not so much graphic as it is bloody, with a lot of blood.

Parental advisory: This movie is definitely for the mature teen and adult crowd only. Parents of young fans of the TV series, should be aware that this movie is more violent, dark and graphic than anything your kids have seen on TV.

Entertainment value: C

vision and I was catching up on my e-mail, an "instant message" appeared on the screen. It was Margo, my oldest stepdaughter, who was also up late and sitting in front of my computer five hours away. As we had done in the past, we sent several messages back and forth, exchanging the latest news. When we would chat like that, she would not necessarily know if it was me or her dad on the other end of the keyboard - that is, unless she asked. That night she didn't ask, and I didn't identify myself, either. After hearing the latest volleyball scores, the details about an upcoming dance at her school and a history project that was in the works, I commented that it was late and that I should get to sleep. Her return message read, "OK, talk to you later! Love you!"

As I read this message, a wave of sadness ran through me and I realized that she must have thought she was writing to her father the whole time. She and I would never have openly exchanged such words of affection. Feeling guilty for not clarifying, yet not wanting to embarrass her, I simply responded, "Love you too! Have a good night's sleep!"

I thought again of their family circle, that self-contained, private space where I was an intruder. I felt again the sharp ache of emptiness and otherness. Then, just as my fingers reached for the keys, just as I was about to return the screen to black, Margo's final message appeared. It read: "Tell Dad good night for me, too."

With tear-filled, blurry eyes, I turned the machine off.

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Don't ask your kids to obey you Becker

Today's parents frequently complain that their children don't do as they are told.

That simply isn't true. Almost every child will do what he or she is told, most of the time. (I estimate the figure at more than 90 percent on both counts.) That's a fact, not a theory. The discrepancy between what is absolutely true about children (i.e., they will do what they are told) and what parents report (i.e., many of today's children do not generally do what they are told) is easily explained: Most of today's parents do not tell their children what to do. They ask. They even ask their children permission to ask. In addition to asking, they plead, bargain, cajole, and try to persuade, but they rarely, if ever, simply tell. Examples:

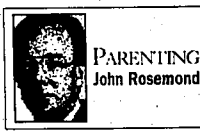
"Billy, don't you think it would be better if we did that some other day?"

"Roberta, Mommy would really rather you sat here, okay?"

"I think it's time you were in bed. So, do you want to?"

"Let's pick up these toys now, Rodney, OK?"

Do you recognize yourself in these examples, dear reader? If so, then I regret to tell you that you do not deserve obedient children. It is said that one gets what one asks for, and since you are asking, not telling, you deserve disobedience. You also deserve insolence.



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John Rosemond

petulance, disrespect and ungratefulness. If you are not getting all of the above, count yourself lucky, or blessed, or both. A parenting angel is probably standing behind you, saving you from the normal consequences of your vishyness.

There is nothing, absolutely nothing, wrong with today's children that they cannot be expected to obey as well as did children 45 years ago, when I was 8. My peers and I were mischievous, for instruction by an adult, we obeyed immediately. Most of the time, that is, and given that all children descend from Adam and Eve, most of the time is as good as it gets. Not so with today's children: They do not obey most of the time, much less immediately, and they are often openly defiant, as in "I'm not going to" and "I don't want to." As I said above, this does not reflect a defect in or defects in today's kids. We who are now becoming grandparents obeyed when we were children because our parents told us what to do. Examples:

"Billy, we're not going to do

that today. Some other time perhaps."

"Roberta, Mommy wants you to sit right here. No, right here."

"Suzette, it's time for bed. Not tired, eh? Well then, my darling, you can stare at the ceiling until you are tired."

"I need you to pick up these toys right now, Rodney, and the television is going off until they are picked up and put away."

Today's parents are not doing it. They are not doing it because they do not understand that parenting requires servantship during infancy and early toddlerhood and leadership from that point on. Above all else, good leaders act as if they know what they are doing, even when they are unsure. Good leaders never have to yell or demand attention in other, equally dramatic ways because they speak authoritatively, and authoritative speech commands attention.

If today's parents would simply serve when their children require service and lead when their children require leadership, their children would be grateful and obedient. Of that there is no doubt.

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body thinks I'm one of them and certainly not a veterinarian who can't see something so blindly obvious about the health or stealth of a horse.

Now it's Christmas time, and even though you don't have a horse for next year's show, that doesn't stop you from giving ahead and buying your daughter a custom show saddle with more silver than a Navajo gift shop, a hand-tooled belt buckle with her name in BIG letters, show clothes, new boots, etc. All dressed up for Christmas photos, she looks silly, kind of like "Hollywood meets North Idaho." **KIK-CHING!**

Finally, after months of climbing the equine Mount Everest, you're so thoroughly exhausted and dizzy from dealing with air-heads that you just buy the next horse that comes along. You tell everybody, and especially yourself, that you submitted and

indeed found "the" perfect horse. But "this" horse needs a special trainer to reach its potential and, of course, your horse needs to live at the trainer's in housing better than yours. **KIK-CHING!**

KIK-CHING! KIK-CHING!

Your IRA now eats hay. And you need to call the "loan arranger!" Well now, as much as I hate to admit it, as far as investments go, the return on investment in real human contact. You have a wife and teenage daughter who obse together, train together and travel to shows together. They draw close to they share the thrills of victory and the agony of defeat.

You sit in the stands, jostling elbow-to-elbow with the other dads, eagerly taking the 20th video of the season as your daughter, and her horse, enter the arena. You marvel at the symmetry of a 25-pound girl riding a 1,300-pound one-horsepower sports car. Your heart races and

your palms sweat as the judges line up the entries to announce the awards.

When your daughter takes a blue ribbon, your wife and daughter hug at the arena gate, and you get choked up with pride and joy. It's one of the greatest feelings in the world. But it's short-lived.

For tomorrow you're up at the stableman post in hand, tossing into the cart what remains of your retirement. Ahhh, I love the smell of horse manure in the morning!

Note: The above story documents the Becker family's experience with horses. The names have been left out to protect the innocent, which are even rarer than the elusive, perfect horse.

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"He certainly would have turned out differently with a different kind of father," Attebery said. "You can say the same of everyone. Jack is dyslexic, and if he had stayed in school he probably would have been perceived as being very bright, when exactly the opposite is true."

Simplot's genius was in seeing and seizing opportunities - the pigs, the scrip and other ventures earned him a few dollars, enough to leverage more. The potato sorter which he, famously, operated with a partner and earned sole possession of with the toss of a coin, was the real beginning.

"When common sense combines with good fortune, the blend can be strong," Attebery wrote.

By the time he married an

Albion Normal School, co-ed from Glenns Ferry at age 17. Simplot then struck gold in spud cellars from eastern Oregon to Idaho Falls, and by the time he left Cassia County for Caldwell in the middle of the Great Depression, he had bought and sold a dozen cellars.

Simplot made his serious money in the "Treasure Valley" first dehydrating onions and then potatoes in Caldwell, then selling them to the government during World War II. The potato business prospered in the fertilizer and cattle business and, in 1980, provided the start-up money for Micron.

But the Mini-Cassia area remained at the heart of his enterprises, particularly after he opened a potato processing plant

in Heyburn in 1960 (that plant was the major processor in handling frozen french fries that fueled the growth of McDonald's).

"To this day, a lot of people think Jack is Mormon because he doesn't drink or smoke; but he has such a powerful work ethic," Attebery said. "He's not but he values those qualities."

Attebery doesn't expect to see his like in Idaho again.

"There will, I'm sure, be other Idahoans who make a lot of money from the hard work and imagination," he said. "But not like Jack. He's an original article."

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Study says effects of divorce on children last into adulthood

The Baltimore Sun

For anyone who thinks that children suffer only mildly or briefly when their parents divorce, Judith S. Wallerstein has some bad news.

Not only is the emotional damage long-lasting but its full effects also might not be realized until the children of divorce reach adulthood—and suffer a host of setbacks whose they outlast marriage, child-rearing and, often, their own divorces.

In a just-released book, "The Unexpected Legacy of Divorce: A 25 Year Landmark Study" (Hyperion, \$24.95), a follow-up to the pioneering study she launched in the early 1970s, the San Francisco psychologist writes about a group of Martin County children she has chronicled since their parents divorced nearly three decades ago.

By her own admission, her findings might induce a substantial amount of collective guilt and hand-wringing in a nation where divorce has become commonplace. Not only do nearly half of all U.S. marriages end in divorce, but also an estimated one-quarter of all adults between the ages of 18 and 44 are products of divorced parents.

"My purpose is not to make people feel guilty, but to make them realistic," says Wallerstein, 73, whose book is co-authored by Julia M. Lewis, a San Francisco State psychology professor, and New York Times science correspondent Sandra Blakeslee. "There's a commonly held belief that you might as well divorce because the kids are going to be unhappy anyway. That's wrong."



Psychologist Judith Wallerstein says children of divorce carry the experience into their own relationships.

In her book, Wallerstein gives extended descriptions of a handful of the 93 children she has followed in her study. All are having difficulty in life, often fearing loss, change, conflict or betrayal—and generally feeling emotionally stunted by their parents' divorce.

Her subjects repeatedly refer to themselves as "children of divorce" even as they pass their 40th birthdays. For them, divorce causes, Wallerstein writes, a permanent stamp, a personal identity you can't shake despite all the successes and achievements you've made as an adult.

Whether Wallerstein's bleak portrait of divorce's toll is accurate has long been debated by social

scientists. Hers was the first long-term study of divorce's effect and an eye-opener when her findings were first published in 1980 and turned into national best-sellers.

Follow researchers generally laud her for her early work but also complain that her results are often oversold. The sample was too small, they say, and the study lacked a control group of comparable nondivorced families.

And how typical is a group gleaned entirely from affluent and eccentric Marin County? But to mention the fact the chosen families were responding to an ad for free counseling in exchange for participating in the study?

"This is a small clinical study that, unfortunately, gets generalized for the whole population," says Constance Ahrens, a professor of sociology at University of Southern California who has done similar long-term studies on divorce. "For divorced people, this is going to be an upsetting read. What can they do?"

Howard Markman, a psychologist and marriage researcher at the University of Denver, says that while Wallerstein's work broke new ground two decades ago, she ignores many ways to reduce the risks that suggest parental conflict, not divorce, is the greater enemy of children.

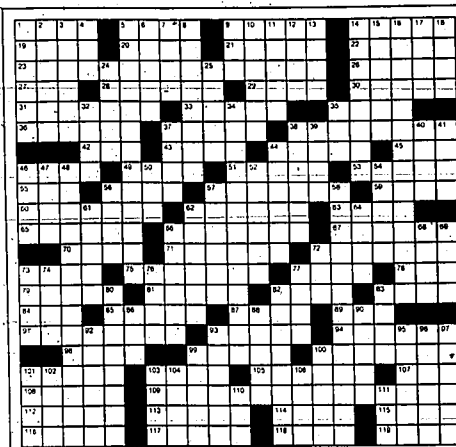
"Children of conflict are at higher risk than children of low-conflict divorce," says Markman. "The message shouldn't be to stay in your marriage at all costs. It should be to have a happy marriage."

UNIT-IZING

By Robert Wolfe, North Woodmere, New York

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Single minded: More women are deciding they don't need husbands

Knight Ridder News Service

PHILADELPHIA — It has only been a couple of months since People magazine's "Sex and the City" series failed to include any of them in a story on the country's most eligible bachelors.

Now it looks as if it doesn't matter how Philly — or any city — were crawling with sexy, straight and solvent single guys, women wouldn't want them anyway.

So suggests a new story, this one in Time magazine. (Time is People's sister publication. Coincidence? We think not.)

The magazine's cover last week featured the four vikens from the hit HBO series, "Sex and the City," casting their come-hither glances over a provocative headline:

"Who Needs a Husband?"

The story's subject: a Major Society Shift, namely, that single women, far from being the husband-hunting spinsters of yore, now wouldn't get married if you approached them on bended knee with rock in hand.

That's because, as the babes of "Sex and the City" proclaimed in a recent episode, women are fabulous now! They have great jobs! Cool apartments! Shoes out the wazoo! Safe sex! And lots of it!

Well, gosh. When you put it that way, no wonder women want to stay single.

Take Michelle Dyke. At first glance, she is hardly an advertisement for the joys of flying solo. After all, she has been engaged four times.

"But I've run away each time," said Dyke, 26. "There's no need to get married. What for? Nowadays, you don't need a man to take care of you."

Dyke is the front-desk receptionist at the East End hair salon in Philadelphia, and her remarks set



Actress Sarah Jessica Parker, who plays the proudly single lead character in HBO's "Sex and the City," is married to actor Matthew Broderick. In real life.

off an animated discussion among the male-and-female clients and stylists.

"I think the stereotype of a woman wanting to settle down is over," said Jaime Tucker, 23, even as she reached for her cellular phone to take a call from her boyfriend of 4.5 years. "Can I call you back?" she said into the phone, and jumped into the fray.

When she was a teen-ager, Tucker said, she envisioned herself graduating from high school, going to college and then getting married, right away. But now that Tucker, a saleswoman, has been on her own for a while, her priorities have changed. "I think that has to do with having a taste of the world, finding myself, knowing what I want in life and what I have to do to achieve it. I think haste makes waste," she said.

Stylist Michael Antinore nodded as he applied toner to Tucker's blond highlights. "I'm in agree-

ment. Remember, we all came from the broken-home generation," said Antinore, who is 27. Tucker is 23.

Both say they want to get married, but both say they want to wait a long time.

When people pair off too young, Antinore said, "they get married, pop a kid out and right away, my wife is over. I want to party with my wife."

Wow. A romantic. Typical, too, David Popenoe says.

He co-chairs the National Marriage Project at Rutgers University, which has just released a report on young people's attitudes on dating and marriage. Titled "Sex Without Strings, Relationships Without Rings," it found that young people, in general, and women in particular, are disenchanted about the prospects of ever marrying.

In a telephone interview, Popenoe said that young people have legitimate reasons for such pessimism.

"It's very clear that the marriage rate is dropping, the divorce rate remains high and that people are marrying later, much later, than they used to," he said. In 1960, nearly 70 percent of men and 66 percent of women ages 15 and older had been married at least once, the Marriage Project found. By 1998, that had fallen to 58 percent of men and 54.8 percent of women.

Meanwhile, divorce rates, which zoomed to about 50 percent during the early 1980s, have dropped only slightly, to about 45 percent, the study found.

As if that's not enough of a downer, "there's some other data that shows the actual level of happiness in existing marriages may have dropped, slightly over the years," Popenoe said.

Mother needs to get her own life

DEAR ABBY: My mother is a dear lady, and I love her very much. She is long divorced and hasn't remarried. She lives alone quite far from me. We have been close friends for the past few years, because I have been single for a long time. I have visited each other often, traveled together, talked on the phone every other day, etc.

I have finally met the man of my dreams. I love him and like to spend a lot of time with him. My mother is not happy for me. In fact, she is devastated that I no longer wish to spend all my vacation time with her or travel with her or talk on the phone quite as often.

I feel I have abandoned her in favor of my new love, and I feel terrible. You also feel it's time to focus on making a life of my own family. However, Mom is living alone, and seems so sad when I tell her I will be spending my vacation with my new love. I love my mother very much and don't want to hurt her.

—WAVERING IN WASHINGTON, D.C.



DEAR WAVERING: I'm not surprised that your mother is less than overjoyed at your newfound love. You have been her confidante, travel companion and major source of entertainment for a long time. She'd be less than human if

she didn't want that to continue. Wanting to marry and make a life of your own is not cruel, it's normal. Your mother is unfair to lay a guilt trip on you.

It's time to encourage her to reach out to contemporaries for the emotional support she needs. There are many number of ways to do this: join an adult education classes, senior citizen centers, volunteer work, square dancing classes; there are even tours especially for seniors. Do not allow yourself to be maneuvered into the role of your parent's parent. It is one that could last her entire remaining lifetime.



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Above, Kathy Mennenga of Fairfield shares photos of five generations of her family. Family members are, left to right, front row: Kahlund Halmlina, fifth generation, and Kathryn Koonce, first generation; back row: Mandie Halmlina, fourth generation; Kathy Mennenga, third generation; and Hugh Koonce, second generation.

Below, more family members are, left to right, front row: Afton Koonce, second generation; Lois O'Neill, first generation; and Kahlund Halmlina, fifth generation; back row: Kathy Mennenga, third generation; and Mandie Halmlina, fourth generation.



Young and old take home prizes from Jerome, Blaine county fairs

JEROME - The University of Idaho Extension Service announced the 4-H winners for the Western Home Fair. Jerome H. Home Fair winners include...

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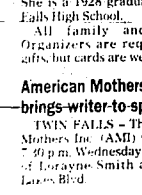
BLAINE - The Blaine County Fair awarded open class ribbons. Crafts - Ceramics - Junior Division...

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Twin-Falls-woman celebrates 90th birthday. Lucille Hankins of Twin Falls will celebrate her 90th birthday at a green house luncheon...



Renae Hawley, 2000 Idaho Mother of the Year and Idaho president of the local AMI chapter in Twin Falls, will speak at the meeting...

Ike Kistler Safe House holds Parent Project Class. TWIN FALLS - The Ike Kistler Safe House will hold a Parent Project Class from 6-9 p.m. Tuesday at the Adult and Child Development Center at 803 Harrison St. in Twin Falls.

Northwest Nazarene offers literary course in Kimberly. KIMBERLY - Northwest Nazarene University will offer the Idaho Comprehensive Literacy Course at Kimberly Elementary School Library from 3:30-6:30 p.m. Tuesdays starting soon and ending Dec. 19.

Advertisement for 'To Serve You Better' featuring 'Magic Valley' and 'Considered Realty' with contact information and a 'SOLD' sign image.

Services will recognize the accomplishments of several people who have focused their efforts towards the advancement of people with disabilities. Awards being presented include Advocate of the Year, Outstanding Employer of the Year, F. Dwan Pruitt Memorial Award for outstanding participation in the Clark and Maddox Memorial Award for employee of the year.

Large 'REWARD' advertisement for a 1993 Yamaha 4-wheeler and assorted tools stolen from Dr. Wonderlich's Rose Acres Farm. Contact information for Dr. Lyle Wonderlich is provided.

WEDDINGS

PETTER-HUNSAKER

BUHL - Rachael Marie Petter and Shawn David Hunsaker were married June 3 at the Twin Falls Reformed Church.

Officiating was the Rev. Brian Vriesman. Flora Bokma provided the music and Maria-Garret was soloist.

The bride is the daughter of Jack and Tena Petter of Buhl.

Parents of the groom are Jim and Bonnie Hunsaker of Buhl.

The bride's attendants were her sister, Jennifer Yost, and Alisha Hopkins, Megan Ruffing and Rayme Owen.

The groom's attendants were his brother, Ron Hunsaker, and Tim Thornton, Jaime Stombaugh and Jason Winde.

Following the ceremony, a reception was held at the Weston Plaza. John Van Vleet, uncle of the bride,



Rachel and Shawn Hunsaker served as master of ceremonies. The couple went on a honeymoon at the Del Coronado in San Diego.

The bride is employed as a legal assistant at Williams Law Firm in Twin Falls.

The groom is a herdsman at the Petter Dairy in Buhl. They reside in Buhl.

MAUGHAN-PEABODY

TWIN FALLS - Shanda V. Maughan of Twin Falls and Jeremy A. Peabody of Fruitland were married July 22.

The wedding and reception were held on the grounds of the Silver Rock Ranch along the Boise River.

The bride is the daughter of Doug and Darle Maughan of Twin Falls.

The groom is the son of Dean and Ruth Peabody of Fruitland.

Heather Secord of Twin Falls was the bride's maid of honor.

The groom's best man was his brother, John Peabody.

Shyanne and Tanner Peabody were the flower girl and ring bearer.

The bride's brother, Ryan,



Shanda and Jeremy Peabody was the usher. Bonnie Wallace sang two solos during the ceremony.

The couple has moved to Moscow, where they are continuing their education.

BADGER-PETERSON

CAREY - Candis Badger of Woods Cross, Utah, and Kourmey Peterson of Carey were married Aug. 11 at the Castlebrook Reception Center in Layton, Utah.

The bride is the daughter of Kermit and Taunya Badger of Woods Cross.

The groom is the son of Jim and Deb Peterson of Carey.

The couple went on a honeymoon in Cancun, Mexico. A celebration in their honor was held Aug. 26 in Carey.



Kourmey and Candis Peterson The newlyweds reside in Carey.

ANNIVERSARIES

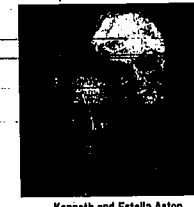
THE ASTONS

TWIN FALLS - Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth P. Aston of Twin Falls were honored at a family Sept. 16 at Elmer's for their 50th wedding anniversary.

Aston and Estella Coon were married Sept. 5, 1950, in Utah.

They have lived in Twin Falls, where he worked in farming and at the Amalgamated Sugar Co.

The event was given by their children, Ken Vern (Bonnie) Aston and Alan (Donna) Aston, all of Twin Falls, Kay Locke of Salt Lake City, Utah, Linda (Edward) Heath of Amboy, Wash., Earl (Barbara) Aston of Viola and



Kenneth and Estella Aston Arnold (Coats) Aston of Pottlach. The couple has 24 grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren.

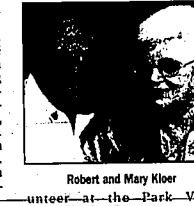
THE KLOERS

BURLEY - Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. Kloer of Burley will be honored at an open house on Friday for their 50th wedding anniversary. Friends and relatives are invited to attend from 7-9 p.m. at the Burley Elks Lodge, 1340 Oakley Ave. Gifts, please.

Kloer and Mary Sargent met in high school in Montrose, Mo. They both moved to Idaho in September 1949 and were married Sept. 20, 1950, in Twin Falls.

They farmed in the Murtaugh-Miner area for 42 years until he retired in 1997. They were also in partnership in K & K's Rent to Own, from which she retired in 1997.

They are active in the Catholic Church, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and vol-



Robert and Mary Kloer - Celebrating at the Park View Rehabilitation Center.

The event is being given by their children, Dave Kloer and Allen Kloer, both of Bellevue, Randy (Nancy) Kloer and Joyce (Fred) Worman, all of Burley, and Mike Kloer of Buhl.

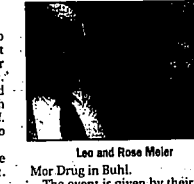
The couple has seven grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

THE MEIERS

BUHL - Mr. and Mrs. Leo Meier of Buhl will be honored at an open house Sept. 24 for their 50th wedding anniversary. Friends and relatives are invited to call from 1-4 p.m. at the Eighth Street Center, 200 Eighth Ave. N. in Buhl. The couple requests no gifts.

Meier and Rose Reink were married Sept. 24, 1950, at St. Johns Lutheran Church in Buhl.

He moved to Idaho in 1948 from Lincoln, Kan., and they have farmed in the Buhl area all their married years. She is a homemaker and worked at Sav-



Leo and Rose Meier Mor Drug in Buhl. The event is being by their four children, Junia Kruse of Hagerman, Karla and Arlyn Meier of Boise and Myron Meier of Buhl. The couple has two grandchildren.

BROWNE-MINDEN

TWIN FALLS - Kim Browne of Shoshone and Bud and Theresa Browne of Boise announce the engagement of their daughter, Amy Marie Browne, to Justin James Minden, son of Ron and Julie Minden of Pottlach.

Browne attended the College of Southern Idaho. She is employed at South Idaho Foot and Ankle Clinic in Twin Falls.

Minden is a graduate of Albertson College of Idaho and is employed at CSI.

The wedding is planned for Sept. 30 at St. Edwards Catholic Church in Twin Falls.

HERNANDEZ-CEJA - Salvador and Carmen Hernandez of Hansen announce the engagement of their daughter, Silvia Hernandez, to Santiago Ceja, son of Augusto and Maria Ceja of Michoacan, Mexico.

Hernandez is a graduate of Murtaugh High School. She is employed part-time at the Raft River Store in Raft River.

Ceja attended schools in Mexico. He is employed by Webb Basin Dairy in Raft River.

The wedding is planned for Saturday.



Justin Minden and Amy Browne

Silvia Hernandez and Santiago Ceja

MORAN-LLOYD

ELBA - Thomas and Carol Moran of Rockville, Md., announce the engagement of their daughter, Susan Katherine Moran, to Jordan Douglas Lloyd, son of Stan and Jeanette Lloyd of Elba.

Lloyd is a graduate of Raft River High School. Both Moran and Lloyd are members of the United States Air Force.

The wedding is planned for Sept. 24 at the Non-Commissioned Officers' Club at Patrick Air Force Base, Fla. A reception to honor the couple will follow the ceremony at 6 p.m.



Susan Moran and Jordan Lloyd The couple will be stationed at Eielson Air Force Base in Alaska.

DENTON-NEUBAUER

TWIN FALLS - Gordon and Trudy Saffrey announce the engagement of their daughter, Holly Denton, to Paul Neubaer, son of Keith and Paula Neubaer.

Denton is a homemaker. Neubaer is self-employed in landscaping/maintenance in Twin Falls.

The wedding is planned for 2 p.m. Saturday at the Twin Falls State Center, 421 Maurice St. Friends and relatives are invited to



Paul Neubaer and Holly Denton

Animals can act positively human at times

Don't be insulted if someone calls you a baboon. Baboons generally respect "marriage" bonds within their group. Female chimpanzees, on the other hand, tend to hold grudges; sea lions pick fights they think they can win; and dolphin life resembles a soap opera. These are among the findings of animal behaviorists who study animals from parrots to whales and who gathered this week at a Chicago museum to share insights.

Family news into how animals communicate, learn their own culture and maintain social order.

Cyber counseling on divorce A new Internet-based business hopes to make life easier for people considering or going through divorce, by providing access to legal, psychological and financial advice. Softsplit.com also plans to help children of divorce through its Softsplit-Kids-portal, a nonprofit Web site that has age-specific content. The company notes in a news release that it "does not promote divorce." It says its top priority is to help people "navigate their way through the complex issues associated with divorce."

Growing pains Quit telling your children how tough you had it when you were a kid. A CBS News poll that tracked students all the way through high school suggests today's youngsters do not necessarily have easier teen years than their parents. In fact, 53 percent said they have had to grow up faster than their parents. Nine out of 10 reported dealing with the death of a relative or friend, drug or alcohol abuse of someone close to them, divorce, accident, illness, or natural disaster.

Too much wait Wait. The average American spends about 267 hours a year doing so, says a Wingspan Bank.com survey. Figuring an average sleeping time of eight hours (sure!), Wingspan says, we're on hold 17 days a year.

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SENIORS

The Alzheimer's crisis: Caring for Ronald Reagan

Los Angeles Times

Like other children of Alzheimer's patients, Maureen Reagan has learned the ways to communicate with her dad since his 1994 diagnosis.

During good days when former President Reagan is laughing and responsive, and bad days when he's not, her behavior reflects the understanding that communication is about making the patient comfortable: "This isn't about us, it's about them."

The 59-year-old daughter of Reagan and his first wife, actress Joan Wyman, recently shared her insights into communicating with the nation's best-known Alzheimer's patient. Although she never lost her composure during an interview, the emotional toll of her dad's illness was clear.

Alzheimer's has not eroded the boundaries of Ronald Reagan's life, unthinkable, from the international arena of Cold War politics to a simple routine in the Los Angeles home he shares with his wife, Nancy. As the disease has worsened, Maureen's ways of coping and connecting with him have evolved.

She and her beloved father, 89, once dubbed the Great Communicator, shared a love of politics (she's a former Republican National Committee co-chair) and "were always very gregarious with each other." But because Alzheimer's doesn't react well to loud voices, the former actor and talk-show host has learned to tone hers down. Discussions of politics have given way to quieter moments together.

As the busy wife of a Sacramento, Calif., lobbyist and the mother of a



Ronald Reagan: The nation's best known Alzheimer's patient

daughter, 15, she makes the 500-mile trip from her Sacramento home to see her dad as often as possible. As a visitor - not his caretaker - she has, increasingly, become aware of her father's reactions to her arrivals and departures.

Years ago, she began to "sort of slide" into a room, becoming "part of the furniture" in her sudden presence wasn't jarring. She'd unobtrusively join her father by the pool or pick up an art book he particularly liked and "carry on what he was doing."

As her father's powers of conversation waned, it became important that no one talk about him in the third person when he was present.

Reagan recalled that when Dr. John Hutton, a family friend and former White-House physician, would stop by, her father "was absolutely engrossed in our conversation. I felt like we were entertaining him. We didn't talk to him as if he was not there."

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just wait until he gets up to go to bed and gets interested in something else and I step out."

When she visits with her husband, Dennis Revell, and their daughter, Rita, "there are times he knows who I am. I can tell when he's engaged with us and when he's not. When he's not, there's no purpose in pursuing it."

Rita, adopted six years ago, has only known her granddad with Alzheimer's. "She understands perfectly," Maureen says. "I also teach her it isn't about you, it's about him."

The whole family has had to adapt to his changing abilities. In the early stages of the disease, Maureen tried to make conversation easier for her father by sketching in background details.

Instead of asking "Oh, Dad, do you remember...?" she'd say: "Dad, you probably don't remember this but..." and offer a synopsis.

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Brotherly love has amazing power

"Isn't he smart, Mrs. Petersen?" I nodded my head and smiled as Jeff asked me the same question he had asked me many times about his brother Jack. (Their names have been changed.) Even though Jack was a fairly average student he was much brighter than his brother, and Jeff was so proud of Jack that he couldn't help but make sure I knew how smart Jack was.



AFTER CLASS
Gay Petersen

"Isn't he good? Isn't he nice?" And again I smiled and agreed because Jack was indeed a nice boy and a good boy - not as smart as many in the class; but smart enough to get C's and an occasional B, something of which his older brother Jeff was not capable.

Jeff had failed a grade earlier and because of that fact he and Jack were in the same grade. Jack worked hard for average grades, and Jeff worked hard to simply pass, but rather than being jealous of his brother's ability in comparison to his own, Jeff was proud - so proud that he bragged about Jack to everyone.

Jeff and Jack did not look like brothers - Jack was red-haired and freckled, while Jeff was dark haired and fair. They were about the same size - pretty average in height and weight, and neither had features that were particularly attractive, but the way they cared about each other caused them to stand out, at least in my eyes.

Their home life was not the best, but you would never know it. They were happy, smiling boys, and each helped the other in everything he did. They seemed to need no one else, and when they graduated from high school, although Jeff just barely passed, through their efforts, they were each of their biggest cheerleaders, and one would have thought they had just won the lottery. They could not have been more pleased with each other's achievements.

Whether they were an inspiration to other students I do not know. They were from a low-income household and often dressed poorly - an unfortunate problem that can make a difference to other students. They were not leaders in their class, although they happily participated in class activities. They were not scholars nor athletes,

though they tried hard in both areas.

They were, however, an inspiration to me. Their love for each other was so obvious as to be almost tangible - something one could touch - and that love encouraged both of them to succeed. As loved working with them, and their successes were more valuable than any payment I might have received, I will never forget them.

How often I worked with children who had much more ability and many more material things than either Jeff or Jack; but these children were not particularly successful because they lacked the push that love can give. Could we all but realize the power of love how much more each could accomplish and how much happier and content all would be.

These brothers did not accomplish miracles, but they became good workers, husbands and fathers and are, I have no doubt, still close and loving.

What a gift they have passed on to their families, and what an example to us all.

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For caregivers, there's no vacation

Los Angeles Times

Each day spent caring for Alzheimer's patients poses unending, energy-sapping challenges. That's the opinion of a caregiver in the shower because she finds the experience terrifying. The man who refuses to eat without coaching. The patient who becomes combative on the way to the bathroom.

Forgetfulness and confusion can be the least of it.

There are rewarding moments, and most of these tasks could be managed with special training.

But the regions of nursing-aides providing the vast majority of hands-on care tend to have little, if any training, earn little more than minimum wage and complain about little respect or recognition for some of the toughest jobs in health care.

"The patients are often mismanaged by a worker who has good intentions but simply does not understand," said Debra Cherry, association executive director of the Alzheimer's Association of Los Angeles.

Not surprisingly, most of these caregivers don't stay long on the job. At the majority of nursing homes - increasingly populated by patients with Alzheimer's and other memory

disorders - more than nine of every 10 nursing assistants quit each year.

Many walk away from these tasks, which pay an average of \$8 an hour, for higher-wage positions selling shoes, serving fast food or cleaning hotel rooms, none of which carry the emotional toll of caring for dementia patients.

But consistent care is critical for Alzheimer's patients. They have short attention spans and limited ability to communicate. They need extra interaction. Indifferent care from stressed workers or temporary hires can lead to poor nutrition, social withdrawal and physical declines. Without caregivers who know their life histories, likes and moods, residents are more likely to deteriorate.

Nursing homes and long-term care facilities have long had difficulty hiring and retaining aides. With Alzheimer's and dementia residents constituting 65 percent of the growing population of nursing home residents, advocates for the elderly are particularly concerned about how they will be cared for.

As the number of Americans with Alzheimer's increases from 4 million today to a projected 14 million in 2050, more patients with the memory-robbing disorder will

come to rely on the help of nursing and home health aides. Although 70 percent of Alzheimer's patients are cared for at home, there comes a time when many families will need outside help - and it's getting harder to find.

"This is a crisis clearly understood by the industry," said Judy Riggs, director of federal and state policy for the Alzheimer's Association, at a recent session of the World Alzheimer Congress in Washington, D.C.

In nursing homes and care facilities coast to coast, ambitious administrators are setting out to halt the employees revolving door.

"I do do more than talking with people around the country that facilities are waking up to the importance of orienting staff and training them well. There are many progressive facilities that are doing it," David Troxel, a consultant to long-term care and dementia programs and executive director of the Alzheimer's Association of Santa Barbara, said. "This means not just a 45-minute videotape or lecture on paydays; it means role-playing, reinforcement, doing trainings in people's native languages."

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Learn guidelines for nursing-home care

Q. After being treated at a local hospital for five days after a stroke, my husband was discharged to a nursing facility for rehabilitation. His doctor told me he would need 10 weeks of rehabilitation. It was my understanding that Medicare would pay for the first 20 days and, if necessary, part of the next 80 days; however, the nursing home told me after 10 days that Medicare would not pay and my husband would either become a private pay patient or be discharged. We are not wealthy people, and I certainly can't afford to pay \$120 per day for his care. Is there anything I can do?

A. The nursing home has notified you that it has made an initial determination that your husband's care will not be paid by Medicare. If you dispute the nursing home's reason for assuming that Medicare will not pay, contact the facility administrator to find out why.

If you believe the facility is wrong, you have the right to request that the facility submit a "demand bill" to Medicare. While waiting for Medicare's response, the facility can not force you to pay the amount set forth in the demand bill; however, be advised that if Medicare determines that your husband's condition does not meet Medicare guidelines, he will owe what it due.

We urge you to contact a geriatric care manager to assess your husband's condition to determine if he continues to need skilled care and, if not, whether he needs the level of intermediate care. If so, you should contact an elder law attorney to determine if your husband will qualify for Medicaid. If so, you file a Medicaid application, the nursing facility cannot discharge him.

My husband has been in a nursing facility for nearly two months, all of which has been paid for by Medicare and our Medicare Supplement policy. At our last care plan meeting, it was told that even though he would not be able to come home, Medicare would stop paying for his care at the end of the month. How do we pay for his care? I would have to make other arrangements.

We own our home and have only \$60,000 in savings. His total monthly income from Social Security and his pension is \$1,600 and my Social Security is only \$400 per month.

How can I afford to pay for his care privately? A. You can't. That's why you should consider Medicaid as a pay source. Federal Medicaid law provides special economic protections for spouses of nursing home residents treated the "community spouse", and each state has established different levels of asset and income protection. By federal law applicable in all 50 states, an institutionalized spouse seeking Medicaid benefits can retain \$2,000 of "countable assets" and certain "noncountable" assets. As

a community spouse, you can keep the amount of "countable" assets established by your state along with certain "noncountable" assets, such as your home. Assuming your husband qualifies medically, he should be for Medicaid once your countable assets have been reduced to level established in your state.

Income protection: By federal law, if your spouse becomes eligible for Medicaid, all of his income, less certain deductions, will be paid to the facility. These deductions include a monthly personal needs allowance, a deduction for non-covered medical costs (including medical insurance premiums) and, since he is married, a monthly allowance to you as the "community spouse."

Your income will not be used to support him in the nursing home. Your share of your husband's income each month - called the "minimum" monthly needs allowance - varies in amount from state to state and is determined by a formula based on your expenses.

Taking the NextStep: Contact an elder law attorney in your area to learn about your options before you spend all of your money and leave yourself destitute. At a minimum, check with state agency which handles estate matters in your state to find out these amounts so you can begin the planning process.

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Web site expands with time

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Q. Can I apply for Social Security benefits on the Internet? A. Not yet, but hopefully later this year Social Security's Web site - <http://www.ssa.gov> - will be able to offer this service.

Q & A Currently, you can obtain information about all of Social Security's programs from the Web site. While you're there, you can subscribe to this newsletter. This electronic newsletter means that you'll be the first to know when Social Security news becomes available online.

Q. A relative of mine recently passed away and left me a sizeable inheritance. Will this money affect my Social Security retirement benefit in any way? A. A lot of people wonder how income from an inheritance, gift, pension, IRA or annuity might affect their Social Security benefits. Well, the answer is, it won't. Only income you earn from working affects your benefit. The amount of your Social Security benefit is based on the length of time you worked and paid Social Security taxes and the amount of your earnings.

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