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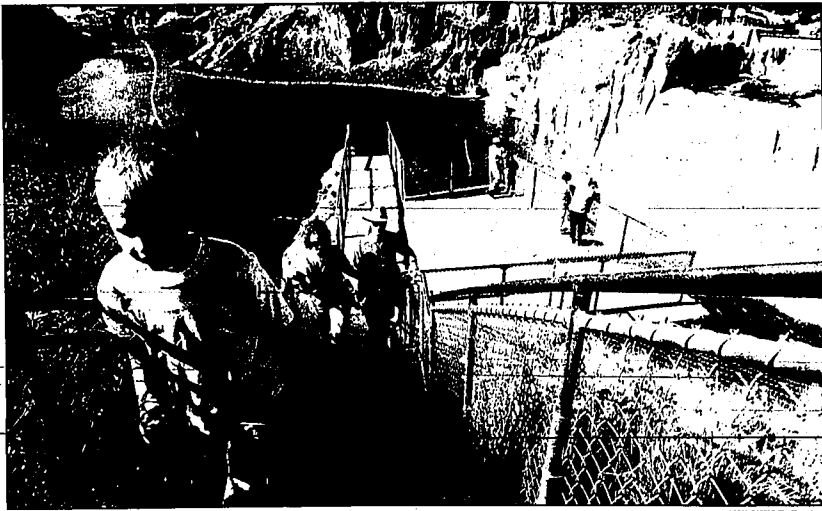
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Darren Rice, 10, from Portland, Ore., leads his family up the stairs to the overlook at Shoshone Falls in Twin Falls.

Moving ahead

Council paves way for Shoshone park project

By John T. Huddy
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — A five-year, \$1 million Shoshone Falls Park improvement project is flowing ahead.

The City Council awarded a \$336,539 construction bid to Stutzman Construction Inc. of Twin Falls Monday. Stutzman will begin work on the five-year plan to improve the Shoshone Falls Park in the Snake River

Canyon.

Improvements will include a new falls overlook platform, a bigger parking lot, more parking spaces and new restrooms.

The city and Idaho Power will split the project costs. Work should begin sometime this winter and should be completed by May 30, 2001.

Mayor Elaine Steele said Monday's council action is the culmination of several years of work on the project.

"I'm really excited about this," Steele said.

Dennis Bowyer, city parks and recreation department superintendent, echoed Steele's thoughts.

"I think this will be an excellent project for us to complete," he said.

In other business Monday the council approved \$265,075 for the construction of the Vista Bonita Park. That money comes out of the city's

reserves.

The eight-acre Vista Bonita Park, when completed, will boast playgrounds, basketball courts and a walking trail. The park is near the Southpark area of Twin Falls, close to the corner of Washington Street South and Orchard Drive.

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BRINGING HOME THE GOLD



Stacy Dragila, of Pocatello, celebrates her gold medal victory in the pole vault at the Summer Olympics Monday at Olympic Stadium in Sydney, Dragila coach on track and field at Idaho State University and is the only Idaho resident participating in the Games. For more on her triumph see Page D1.

Existing home sales shoot up after mortgage rates fall

The Associated Press

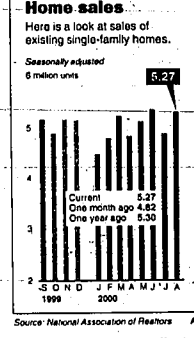
WASHINGTON — Cheaper borrowing costs encouraged Americans to snap up existing homes in August, giving sales their biggest boost in 14 months. But economists said the rebound won't deter the Federal Reserve from leaving interest rates unchanged at its meeting next week.

The National Association of Realtors reported Monday that sales of previously occupied homes shot up by a surprising 9.3 percent last month to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 5.27 million.

"Mortgage rates came down, which make houses more affordable, plus August is a big home-buying month. People try to get settled before school starts," said Stuart Hoffman, chief economist, FNC Financial Services Group.

In August, the average interest rate on a fixed-rate 30-year mortgage was 8.03 percent, down from 8.15 percent in July. But that was higher than the 7.94 percent rate in August 1999. Since August, 30-year rates have edged down. They stood at 7.90 percent last week.

The Federal Reserve has boosted interest rates six times over the last 15 months to slow the



economy and keep inflation under control. A spate of other economic reports shows the Fed's rate increases are working to moderate economic growth and that has helped to ease mortgage rates in recent months.

Against this backdrop, analysts predicted the central bank will leave interest rates alone next only on Oct. 3 but also for the rest of this year.

NON-LETHAL FORCE

Officials watch Wyoming efforts to deter wolves

The Times-News and The Associated Press

DUBOIS, Wyo. — As a Wyoming rancher works under an unprecedented federal permit to shoot wolves on his property with bean bags, Idaho wolf experts will watch the results.

"I believe it's one more non-lethal control method that we're exploring," said Carter Niemeyer, who heads Idaho's wolf recovery effort.

Niemeyer and other officials hope the non-lethal program will

be in place for next spring's calving season.

The method depends on wolves coming close to a ranch, and a rancher being armed with the non-lethal weapon, and ready to use it. But the ranchers' biggest complaint with wolves has been over their inability to protect private property, Niemeyer said.

"I think it's something we need to try," he said.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service permit followed a wolf attack on rancher Jon Robinett's family dog. The attack occurred near Robinett's wife, Debbie.

It is the first time the Fish and Wildlife Service has approved a non-lethal means of shooting wolves on private land in the Rocky Mountains, said Mike Jimenez, federal wolf recovery project leader in Wyoming.

The bean-bag permit is part of a non-lethal control program Fish and Wildlife approved earlier this year, that also includes rubber or Styrofoam bullets or buckshot as a deterrent for wolves attacking livestock or domestic animals.

The permit, which has no expiration date, allows Robinett to fire BBs wrapped in a bag from a

12-gauge shotgun. The bean bag would sting a wolf but not penetrate its skin.

If successful, the experiment could become a common way to keep problem wolves away from private property, Jimenez said.

The federal Endangered Species Act protects and their offspring in central Idaho, northern Montana and the greater Yellowstone ecosystem.

This summer and fall, federal trappers caught and relocated

No new towers

Council imposes moratorium on cell phone towers

By John T. Huddy
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — No new cell phone towers — not for another four months anyway.

The City Council unanimously imposed a moratorium on new transmission and receiving towers Monday.

The moratorium will not affect towers already in existence or telecommunication companies with applications already pending, such as U.S. West Wireless LLC, which has requested a specific use permit to set up three towers in the city.

Those requests will be heard by the city planning and zoning commission at its meeting tonight.

Jeff Warr, the city's planning and zoning commission chairman, requested the moratorium on behalf of the commission Monday. The influx of telecommunication towers has created a need for the moratorium, he said.

But the moratorium is not only limited to cellular telephony company towers — it also affects radio, television or any other communication tower.

"We feel like the city is not in the best condition to start determining what towers are good and what aren't," Warr said Monday.

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State loses funds

Idaho to return \$3.4 million even as child coverage soars

The Associated Press

BOISE — Idaho is joining three dozen other states this week in turning back as much as a billion dollars to the federal government because they failed to use it to provide health care to children in working poor families.

But the Kemphome administration pointed out on Monday that while the state failed to spend \$3.4 million from its initial \$15 million allocation three years ago for the Children's Health Insurance Program, the number of children getting subsidized health coverage is soaring.

"The key to us is that children are getting health care coverage," Health and Welfare Department spokesman Bill Wainwright said.

Initiated with just a few hundred children as beneficiaries in late 1997, the program saw participation increase slowly amid rapidly rising criticism from child advocates, who complained the state was doing little to let the parents of the estimated 12,000 eligible children know that the subsidized care existed.


But in the last 18 months, the state has expanded the publicity devoted to the program and has streamlined the application process.

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THE REGION

Camas Prairie

High: 68 Low: 32
Sunny and warmer. Clear tonight. Sunny again tomorrow.

Treasure Valley

High: 78 Low: 46
Sunny and warmer with light winds. Clear tonight. Sunny and warmer tomorrow.

Sawtooth Mountains/Wood River Valley

High: 71 Low: 28
Sunny. Clear tonight. Mostly sunny and warmer tomorrow.

Eastern Idaho

High: 67 Low: 28
Sunny and warmer. Winds variable, under 10 mph. Clear tonight. Warmer tomorrow.

Northern Idaho

High: 73 Low: 39
Sunny with light wind. Clear tonight. Sunny again tomorrow with a high about 76.

Northern Utah

High: 74 Low: 44
Sunny and warmer. Clear tonight. Mostly sunny tomorrow with a high of about 75.

Northern Nevada

High: 75 Low: 44
Sunny and warmer. Clear tonight. Mostly sunny tomorrow.

MAGIC VALLEY FIVE-DAY FORECAST

Today	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
High: 73 Low: 43 Sunny and warmer	High: 81 Low: 41 Mostly sunny and warmer	High: 76 Low: 42 Partly cloudy	High: 74 Low: 42 Partly cloudy	High: 72 Low: 40 Partly cloudy

National weather

The AccuWeather® forecast for noon, Tuesday, Sept. 26.

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YESTERDAY'S WEATHER

Twin Falls	Precipitation
Yesterday 70	Yesterday in Twin Falls
Last year 73	Month to date
Normal 75	Normal mo. to date
	Water year to date
	Normal year to date

Idaho

City	Max	Min	Pcp
Boise	74	43	
Burley	74	33	
Coeur d'Alene	72	30	
Grangeville	72	30	
Hagerman	74	27	
Idaho Falls	64	24	
Lewiston	72	40	
Malad	66	22	
Malta	75	45	
McCall	63	21	
Pocatello	67	24	
Salmon	70	25	
Stanley	66	20	
Sun Valley	63	26	

The Nation

City	Max	Min	Pcp
Albuquerque	69	44	
Ancorage	54	48	.02
Atlanta	83	73	.62
Boston	60	48	
Chicago	55	47	
Dallas	65	49	.02
Denver	55	32	
Des Moines	65	41	.02
Detroit	58	44	
Honolulu	88	73	
Houston	73	60	.16
Indianapolis	63	51	1.25
Kansas City	69	45	
Las Vegas	81	59	
Los Angeles	88	61	
Memphis	62	41	.71
Miami Beach	89	79	
Milwaukee	56	42	
Minneapolis	66	36	
New Orleans	94	74	
New York	60	54	
Oklahoma City	64	43	
Omaha	67	36	.01
Philadelphia	68	48	
Pittsburgh	58	47	.25
Portland, Ore.	62	40	.25
Portland, Me.	80	40	
Rome	51	48	1.55
St. Louis	61	40	
St. Paul	79	56	
San Francisco	73	48	
Seattle	68	45	
Spokane	55	32	
Washington	55	32	1.21
Yuma	97	75	

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FIRE DANGER
The BLM has danger in southwest Idaho. Mountain High Prairies High

SWITCHWATCH
Sunset today: 7:39 p.m.
Sunrise tomorrow: 7:30 a.m.
Plan: News, Sept. 27; first quarter, Oct. 5; full, Oct. 13; last quarter, Oct. 20.

Oil prices drop - C4
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Canadian Cities

City	Max	Min	Pcp
Calgary	60	33	cl.
Edmonton	60	35	cl.
Toronto	60	39	cl.
Vancouver	65	45	cl.

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In the past year, participation has more than doubled from 3,600 children to more than 7,400 in the program that targets children from low-income families not poor enough to qualify for traditional Medicaid coverage.

"What we have found with our outreach," Walker said, "is that three out of four children who apply for publicly funded health care coverage qualify for Medicaid."

And the statistics appear to support that. In the past year when 3,800 more children qualified for the Children's Health Insurance Program, over 14,000

World leaders win victories on oil, euro

The Associated Press

PRAGUE, Czech Republic - World finance leaders savored fragile victories Monday in their efforts to cut oil prices and boost the shaky European currency while pledging to double the number of poor countries getting debt relief by year's end.

Finance ministers and central bank presidents found themselves breaking away from the annual IMF and World Bank summit to get updates on world markets concerning the price of oil and the exchange value of the euro, the currency used by 11 members of the European Union.

The news through the day was positive, showing the strengthening of efforts to push oil prices lower and the implied threat that rich nations might intervene to buy more euros on currency markets were having the intended impact.

Oil prices dropped \$1.35 per barrel early Monday on the London futures market, though they drifted higher as the session went on. North Sea Brent crude for November delivery was off by 42 cents, at \$30.83 per barrel, in late dealings.

The euro held firm, bringing 87.5 cents late in the day, compared to 87.8 cents late Friday, after the coordinated support effort was launched and pushed the euro about 2 cents higher.

U.S. Treasury Secretary Lawrence Summers said other countries at the finance meeting had welcomed President Clinton's decision to release 30 million barrels of oil from U.S. reserves in an

Goodbye to La Nina, El Nino

The Washington Post

Two climate phenomena that have been blamed for a wide array of unusual weather events in the United States this year, including wildfires and drought, have finally dissipated, according to U.S. weather forecasters.

La Nina, and its predecessor El Nino, have both ended, and there is likely to reappear soon, according to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).

The forecasters predicted that this autumn will bring warmer than normal temperatures and less rain in the southwest United States, and wetter than normal conditions in the northwest, central and southern plains.

Towers

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"Let us look at the impacts - get better prepared to deal with them."

A commission will be set up to create a new ordinance. Part of commission's plan will be to review laws in other cities, and draw off those, Warr said.

Under current city law, those who want to set up a communication tower must first get a special use permit. But the special use permit goes only so far in regulating towers, Warr said.

"That could handle applications coming in, but it doesn't consider whether there are better options," he said.

In the past, companies requesting approval in setting up a tower had overlooked existing towers that could have been used.

LaMar Orton, city planning and zoning director, said he has already spoken with several telecommunication companies that expressed interest in work-

Seattle endures rash of violence

SEATTLE (AP) - A 17-year-old boy was hit in the ankle Monday in an apparent drive-by shooting outside a suburban high school, following a weekend marked by two shootings in the Seattle area, police said.

Police said Monday's shooting near Federal Way High School was the latest in a series of incidents sprang from "an ongoing conflict between two groups."

Federal Way and Thomas Jefferson high schools were both ordered closed Tuesday, said Tom Murphy, Federal Way

Wolves

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Two members and killed one member of the highly visible Stanley pack. The pack had killed several sheep in the Sawtooth National Recreational Area over the summer.

Earlier in the year government agents killed five wolves of the White Cloud pack. Over the winter, government hunters killed five members of the Twin Falls pack, after they killed five calves on Clayton rancher Curt Hurlies' ranch.

Hurlies last spring asked for a permit to shoot wolves that come onto his private property. He contended that shooting one wolf would discourage other wolves and keep them out of trouble.

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Saturday, September 23, numbers
POWERBALL
1 17 25 35
POWERBALL NUMBER 31

Saturday, September 23, numbers
WILD CARD
5 7 23
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Monday, September 25, numbers
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1 3 1

Roll-Down
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Clinton still faults bankruptcy laws

Backers have only few weeks to push it through Congress.

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Clinton remains unsatisfied with legislation to rewrite the bankruptcy laws, believing that recent revisions are unfair to ordinary debtors, a Clinton adviser told lawmakers.

The bipartisan measure's proponents, backed by millions in campaign money from banks and credit card companies, have only

a few weeks left to push it through Congress this year. Months ago, the House and Senate passed differing versions of the legislation intended to make it harder for people to sweep away debts in bankruptcy courts.

Clinton, who supports the principle of bankruptcy overhaul, threatened twice in June to veto the legislation as written. Changes made since then by lawmakers meeting privately still don't overcome "the president's continued concern with the imbalance ... between the inter-

ests of creditors and debtors," Gene Sperling, Clinton's national economic adviser, said in a letter sent to congressional leaders Friday.

Sen. Charles Grassley, R-Iowa, a major sponsor of the legislation, called Sperling's letter "outdated." He said lawmakers decided to drop two provisions opposed by the White House.

When Clinton sees the proposal, "with all the concessions we've made and the level of support we have" among Democratic lawmakers, "I think he'll see that it's fair and balanced," Grassley

said in a statement.

A sweetener, Senate Republican leaders are floating the idea of attaching legislation to the bill that would renew money for the 1994 Violence Against Women Act. That law has channeled federal money to women's shelters and into domestic violence programs.

The twined legislative proposals would themselves be appended to one of the 11 appropriations bills that Congress must enact to keep the government in operation, under a last-ditch GOP plan circulated Monday.

Car plunges off oceanfront parking deck, killing four

VIRGINIA BEACH, Va. (AP) — A car crashed through the concrete block wall of an oceanfront motel garage and plunged 41 feet to the ground, landing upside down and killing four vacationing nurses.

No one on the ground was hurt Sunday, although the car landed on a beach access path just yards from a small amusement park.

"That's the real miracle, being that this was a nice, hot sunny day during the Neptune Festival with thousands of people on the beach," said police spokesman Don Rimer.

The victims were nurses from St. Vincent's hospital in New York City. The four, who had all been on the staff for 35 years or more, were close friends who often went on vacations and to conferences together, said Anthony Gagliardi, the hospital's medical director.

"These women had dedicated

their lives to this institution," Gagliardi said. "They really had become a family within the St. Vincent's family."

The cause of the accident remained under investigation. Rimer said there were no signs of skid marks to indicate that the driver tried to stop.

Rimer said the women had just driven into the garage. "They came up the ramp and made a left turn ... and then went right through the wall," which is about 3 feet high.

Witnesses said they heard the car's engine revving just before it crashed through the wall.

"It sounded like somebody might have tried to put the brakes on, but their foot slipped off and hit the accelerator instead," said George Angelis. "I looked up and saw the blocks coming down. It was kind of like slow motion as it flipped off of the ramp."

Gore tosses 74-page Medicare plan into campaign contest over specifics

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. (AP) — Al Gore tossed a 74-page Medicare manifesto into the campaign contest over specifics, promising Florida seniors on Monday that he will not push them into HMOs and suggesting his Republican rival would force the elderly into welfare offices to get prescription drugs.

The vice president, campaigning with wife Tipper to the tune of "I'm Still a Hero," said that rival George W. Bush's drug plan "could run seniors through welfare offices" and would "violate their sense of dignity."

Bush denies the characterization. The Republican nominee proposes to phase in his drug plan, relying for the first four years on grants. Currently, just

four of the dozen or so states that offer drug coverage to poor seniors run the program out of their welfare offices.

In remarks to several hundred seniors and baby boomers, Gore also asked districts of managed care, saying, "I won't go along with plans that would force (seniors) into HMOs."

He cast Republicans as the natural-born enemies of the health care program serving 39 million elderly and disabled Americans.

"The other side has called Medicare a 'government HMO.' They really never have liked it," Gore said.

Dubbed "Medicare at the Crossroads," his book is a compilation of the Democratic presidential nominee's previously announced proposals plus new detail on how he would stabilize HMO participation in Medicare so that older Americans choosing managed care over the traditional Medicare fee-for-service plan would have reliable health coverage.

"Both Social Security and Medicare in a Gore-Lieberman administration will be put into an ironclad lockbox," Gore said, promising to veto any bill that taps into their financing.

Gore also defended the Clinton administration's decision to tap into strategic oil reserves to counter rising fuel prices, a move he publicly advocated. He said the price of crude oil had dropped since the plan was announced.

"We're not going to sit around and do nothing while consumers here are being charged these outrageously high prices," Gore said on NBC's "Today" show.

Republican nominee George W. Bush, interviewed on CBS' "The Early Show," called the plan "a bad idea" that carries national security risks and "is spurred by short-term political goals."

For the year 2001, 65 managed-care providers have already notified the government that they will be dropping out of Medicare. This will require an estimated 25,000 beneficiaries to switch HMO plans.

CAMPAIGN 2000

Candidates on health care

Here are some of the health care proposals by the presidential candidates, Republican George W. Bush and Democrat Al Gore.

HEALTH CARE	George W. Bush	Al Gore
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Tax credit of up to \$2,000 per family to help low-income working Americans buy health insurance. ■ Expand tax-free medical saving accounts that can be used to pay for health expenses. ■ Create \$158 billion plan to cover prescription drugs for the elderly poor and subsidize choice in drug plans for other Medicare beneficiaries. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Expand federal-state health plan for children, to enroll more children and allow parents to be covered too. ■ Coverage to people whose incomes now are too high to qualify. ■ Tax credit for uninsured people for purchase of individual health policies. ■ Add \$253 billion prescription drug plan to Medicare to give free, complete coverage to elderly poor and cost-sharing benefit to others.

Source: Compiled by AP wire reports

Health care goals to take back burner until new year

WASHINGTON (AP) — Helping seniors pay for prescription drugs and reining in health maintenance organizations were President Clinton's two biggest health care goals when Congress reconvened nine months ago. As lawmakers rush to return home — to ask voters to let them come back next January — the chances of either happening are minuscule.

Instead, the only major health care measure likely to be signed into law before a new president occupies the White House is in response to threats from hospitals and nursing homes to shut down if Medicare cuts of three years ago are not restored.

"We're still committed ... but there's some real differences" in the Republican and Democratic approaches to prescription drugs and managed health care, said House GOP Conference Chairman J.C. Watts.

The curbs on fees from Medicare, the nation's health insurance program for the elderly and disabled, were part of 1997 legislation to balance the federal budget.

After health care providers complained they were being squeezed too tight, Congress voted last year to restore \$16 billion to the program. There is broad agreement in both parties that it wasn't enough.

President Clinton has proposed a \$21 billion boost in Medicare payments over five years, and several lawmakers have offered proposals of their own. GOP leaders, however, have yet to endorse a

specific amount.

A bipartisan group of House and Senate lawmakers also wants to begin allowing the re-importation of prescription drugs. Supporters argue that Americans are paying more for U.S. drugs sold cheaper in other countries.

That measure has been attached to the agriculture spending bill, but with heavy opposition from the pharmaceutical industry — among the biggest corporate givers of campaign funds this year — whether it will survive is uncertain.

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Environmentalist faces allegations of illegal voting

WALLACE (AP) — A high-profile environmentalist faces allegations that she fraudulently voted in a school levy election earlier this year.

Kootenai County officials have filed a complaint in First District Court in Wallace against Barbara L. Miller, leader of the Silver Valley People's Action Coalition. The document charges Miller with misdemeanor illegal registration.

Miller referred all comment to her attorney, Robert Huntley of Boise. Huntley was unavailable for an interview on Sunday.

The complaint, filed July 17, said Miller voted in the May 9 levy election "knowing that she was not a qualified elector by residing in another election district."

Officials noted Miller had only lived in Wallace since Jan. 1, 2000. Shoshone County Sheriff's Deputy John Kozluk and Magistrate Court Judge Dan McGee both signed the complaint. They said the incident marks the first such instance of alleged illegal voting they could recall in years.

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Public awaits decision

One question remains unresolved in investigation

WASHINGTON (AP) — Independent Counsel Robert Ray, acknowledging the public's wish that he finish work, said Sunday a decision on prosecuting President Clinton for his conduct in the Monica Lewinsky scandal will come "very shortly" after Clinton leaves the White House in January.

"I think the public would like me to wrap up this investigation, but that doesn't mean walk away from the responsibilities I have," Ray said on CNN's "Late Edition."

"That decision will be rendered shortly—very shortly—after the president leaves office, in the best interest of the country, and also not to unfairly tread on the new president's administration."

Addressing those who say it is time to put an end to the Clinton investigations, Ray said, "Closure comes not at the price of waiving away one's responsibilities."

The question involving Clinton is the last major piece of unfinished business in the \$53 million independent counsel investigation.

Ray announced last week that he was ending the six-year Whitewater investigation after finding insufficient evidence against Hillary and Rodham Clinton had committed a crime.

A grand jury was impaneled in July to help decide whether Clinton should be indicted on charges he committed perjury or obstructed justice when he denied his affair with Lewinsky in sworn testimony in the Paula Jones case. The scandal led to Clinton's impeachment and a Senate trial, in which he was acquitted.

Ray said the decision whether to prosecute will not be affected by who wins the presidential election. Other factors could influence the decision, such as "whether there's a substantial federal interest in bringing a case," he said.

Ray also said Clinton's disbarment case in Arkansas could be a factor. He did not say how that might affect the decision.

In the case of the Whitewater investigation, Ray said his work was completed when he determined there was insufficient evidence that the Clintons committed a crime.

Officials unveil plans to reopen Pennsylvania Avenue to traffic

WASHINGTON (AP) — It is often called "America's Main Street," but for the last five years, only foot traffic has been allowed on Pennsylvania Avenue in front of the White House. That would change under a plan unveiled Monday.

Officials in the nation's capital said thousands of vehicles could drive past the White House each day without endangering the safety of the president and his family.

"We can figure a way to reclaim America's Main Street from the fear of terrorism," District of Columbia Delegate Eleanor Holmes Norton told a news conference promoting a plan to reopen Pennsylvania Avenue.

President Clinton has expressed a desire to see the street reopened if security concerns can be addressed, said Norton, the district's nonvoting representative to Congress.

The Secret Service, which has responsibility for the security of the president, closed a three-block section of the thoroughfare after the April 19, 1995, truck-bombing of the Alfred P. Murrah Federal

Whitewater's reach

The Whitewater investigation—which spanned most of Clinton's presidency and ended last week—began with a criminal accusation in connection with an Arkansas real estate venture and grew to include other matters.



Bill Clinton, Hillary Clinton, James McDougal, Kenneth Starr (Prosecutor General), Webster Hubbell, Paula Jones, Monica Lewinsky

(This investigation by Independent Counsel began)

Whitewater land deal (1994)

► In 1994, the Clintons turned Whitewater Corp. with James and Susan McDougal to buy land. Bill Clinton was Arkansas attorney general. Hillary Clinton, as a partner in Rose Lane Firm, did legal work for McDougal's Madison Guaranty. The bank collapsed, due partly to fraud, and the land venture failed.

► BILLING RECORDS (1995)
► In 1994, the independent counsel subpoenaed Rose's billing records related to Madison Guaranty. The records turned up in the White House in 1996.

► WEBSTER HUBBELL (1997)
► More than \$700,000 was paid to Hubbell, former law partner of Hillary Clinton, after he resigned as associate attorney general, most of it from Clinton's Friends and Democratic Party supporters.

► "Travelgate" (1998)
► Seven members of the White House travel office were fired in 1993.

► Vince Foster suicide (1994; reopened in 1997)
► White House counsel Vincent Foster was found dead of a gunshot wound shortly after the travel office firings and his filing of delinquent Whitewater Corp. tax returns.

► "Filegate" (1998)
► White House acquires FBI personnel files on Bush and Reagan employees.

► Paula Jones (1998)
► In 1994, Paula Jones files lawsuit against Clinton.

► Monica Lewinsky (1998)
► In 1998, White House intern Monica Lewinsky denies affair with Jones case, saying she had no sexual relationship with Clinton; later, Clinton testifies in the same case, denying a relationship with Lewinsky.

ALLEGATIONS

► The Clintons gave false testimony, concealed information or obstructed justice with regard to the investigation of the land deal.

► Hillary Clinton tried to obstruct the investigation by withholding information, gave false testimony about the records.

► White House aides or Clinton associates tried to buy his silence on Whitewater.

► Hillary Clinton engineered the firings to make room for Clinton friends.

► Had been murdered by Clinton associates.

► Files were gotten improperly.

► Clinton sexually harassed her while she was an Arkansas state clerk, he was governor.

► Clinton lied about his relationship with Lewinsky, suborned perjury and obstructed justice to cover up the affair.

RESOLUTION

September 2000: The attorney general orders the Justice Department to complete its review of the McDougal and Foster cases, and to report back to the independent counsel.

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June 2000: Hillary Clinton reports to the Justice Dept.

June 1994, October 1997: In addition, evidence to pass to court.

March 2000: Unsettling mistakes by law, head White House staff.

April 1998: Debarred judge dismisses lawsuit. Clinton agrees to pay James \$450,000 to drop lawsuit, not to apologize or attend trial.

1999: Clinton ordered acquitted by the Senate judge in the Jones case. Funds him in contempt order, then to pay \$10 million to independent counsel. Subsequent order to settle him after he leaves office.

Horror writer expresses sorrow over death of driver

FRYEBURG, Maine (AP) — An autopsy did not explain the death of the man whose van struck and severely injured horror writer Stephen King, officials said Monday.

Bryan Smith, 43, was found dead Friday at his home in Fryeburg, with no sign of injury. The autopsy Monday also found no evidence of trauma, but no conclusion was reached on the cause of death pending the outcome of toxicology tests, according to a statement from the state medical examiner's office. Those tests could take several months.

Earlier Monday, King expressed sorrow over the death of the man he once said took his "peace of mind and my eye of body."

"I was very sorry to hear of the passing of Bryan Smith," King said in a statement issued by his assistant, Julie Eugley. "The death of a 43-year-old man can only be described as a tragedy."

There was no sign of violence or trauma when Smith's body was found, Capt. James Midon of the Oxford County Sheriff's Office said. "He was on a variety of medications," Midon said.



Stephen King

Smith struck and seriously injured King while driving a van in North Lovell in June 1999. King, who was walking along the road, suffered broken bones in his right leg and hip, broken ribs, a punctured lung and a head injury.

Smith pleaded guilty in January to a misdemeanor driving-to-endanger charge. Prosecutors dropped a charge of aggravated assault. Smith received a six-month suspended jail sentence.

Smith said he was distracted by his dog. He publicly apologized to King while insisting the crash was an accident and no one was at fault.

Scientists say hormone targets the 'sweet tooth'

The Washington Post

When scientists identified a hormone produced by fat cells called "leptin" in 1994, it was hailed as a major advance in understanding obesity. Since then, however, researchers have been struggling to tease out exactly what the hormone does. So far, researchers have found evidence the hormone reduces food intake, and increases energy expenditure.

Now, a team of Japanese scientists has found a new clue: Leptin appears to play a role in the "sweet tooth."

The researchers from the Asahi University, the Japanese Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry, and Fisheries, and Kyushu University injected mice with leptin and found they were significantly less likely to respond to sweets. There was no effect on salty, sour or bitter substances. In contrast, mice with a defect in their leptin systems that gave

them diabetes and made them extremely obese show no such response. And tests on taste cells showed they reacted to leptin.

"Taken together, these observations suggest that the taste organ is a peripheral target for leptin, and that leptin may be a sweet-sensing ... suppressor that may take part in the regulation of food intake," the researchers wrote in the Sept. 26 issue of the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences.



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India floods kill more than 700

CALCUTTA, India (AP) — Rescue crews used boats and military helicopters Monday to help survivors of the million washed out of their homes by floods believed to have killed more than 700 in India and Bangladesh.

Authorities were trying to ferry victims to higher ground, but most remained marooned atop buildings. Air force helicopters were dropping food and water purification packets.

The vast majority of the deaths have been in India, but the toll in both countries was expected to rise, and waterborne diseases were said to be breaking out.

"The task is gigantic. There are many villages that have been cut off as floods inundated roads," Sohel Ahsan, a relief worker in Bangladesh, said in a telephone interview.

Almost all the districts on either side of the southern India-Bangladesh border have been ravaged since Sept. 18, when late monsoon rains sent sudden water over riverbanks and dams. The floods have submerged highways, villages and the homes of more than 10 million people in eastern India and 200,000 in Bangladesh, authorities say. In the Indian state of West Bengal, 652 people were feared dead, more than half of them in Murshidabad district, said Buddhadev Bhattacharjee, the state's deputy chief minister. The death toll rose to 39 on Monday in the neighboring state of Bihar.

Bhattacharjee, who made an aerial survey Monday of the worst-hit areas of West Bengal, said 435 bodies had been recovered and 217 more people were washed away by the strong currents. There was scant hope of



AP Photo
A small boy wades through a flooded street near Ranaghat in the eastern Indian state of West Bengal, Monday. Severe rain has badly flooded several parts of West Bengal marooning thousands of villagers.

their survival, he said. Most of the deaths occurred when people fleeing the rising flood waters were washed away, relief officials said. Some victims succumbed to diarrhea from drinking contaminated water, others were bitten by snakes.

Yugoslav opposition declares victory; Milosevic seeks runoff

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia (AP) — Tens of thousands of jubilant opposition supporters celebrated Monday their apparent electoral victory over President Slobodan Milosevic, who was seeking to force a runoff despite calls to accept the end of his 13 years in power.

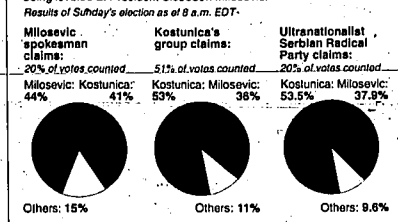
Chanting "Kill Yourself Slobodan and Save Serbia," more than 40,000 people jammed a downtown-Belgrade square for the second night in a row after the pro-Western opposition challenger, Vojislav Kostunica, claimed victory. Thousands also gathered in the Serbia's two other major cities of Novi Sad and Nis.

Belgraders lit flares that cast a flickering red glow over the sea of people, some waving the three-fingered victory sign or banners emblazoned, "He's finished!" — referring to Milosevic — until the crowds dispersed late Monday.

Still, the lack of an official results more than 24 hours after polls closed Sunday raised fears

Yugoslavia's conflicting election results

The official results of Yugoslavia's presidential election have not yet been released but controversy already taints the process. Both sides claim victory but allegations of intimidation and vote manipulation are being leveled at President Slobodan Milosevic.



Source: Compiled from AP wire reports. Wm. J. Costello/AP

that Milosevic would rig the results to force a second round of voting.

They would not accept fraudulent claims of victory. The United States also pledged Monday to lift sanctions against Yugoslavia once Milosevic accepts defeat.

Cubans rally to protest U.S. immigration policies

HAVANA (AP) — Thousands of people answered the communist government's call to crowd outside the U.S. mission Monday and protest immigration policies it blames for last week's dramatic departure of a group of Cubans aboard a stolen plane.

President Fidel Castro presided over the rally, which

began with a rendition of the Cuban National Anthem by a military band. A string of Cuban students read speeches condemning the "murderous" Cuban Adjustment Act, which Havana says encourages its citizens to migrate illegally to the United States, sometimes stealing boats or planes to do so.

The rally came less than a week after a Cuban pilot abandoned the country aboard a single-engine crop-duster plane, taking with him nine relatives and friends. One passenger died Tuesday when the plane went down into the Gulf of Mexico; the remainder were rescued by a Panamanian freighter.

Critics: Chavez uses summit as stage for attack

Night Rider News Service

CARACAS, Venezuela — Hosted by President Hugo Chavez, an often harsh U.S. critic, the OPEC summit here this week will debate the fine line between "fair" oil prices and prices so high that they could send the world economy into a tailspin.

Chavez critics, especially in the United States, say the authoritarian leftist is using the summit as a global stage for his attacks on the U.S. "unipolar" domination of the world since the Cold War ended.

A former paratroop lieutenant colonel who led a failed coup attempt in 1992 but later won back-to-back landslide electoral victories, Chavez has been painted by foes as an anti-American radical, a "Castro with oil."

"Chavez is using the oil card to create the kind of Third World counterbalance to the United States that Castro tried and failed to create with socialism," said London oil analyst Jorge Salvas.

With the largest oil reserves outside the Middle East, Venezuela is the second-largest U.S. supplier of oil products and fourth-largest supplier of crude behind Saudi Arabia, Mexico and Canada.

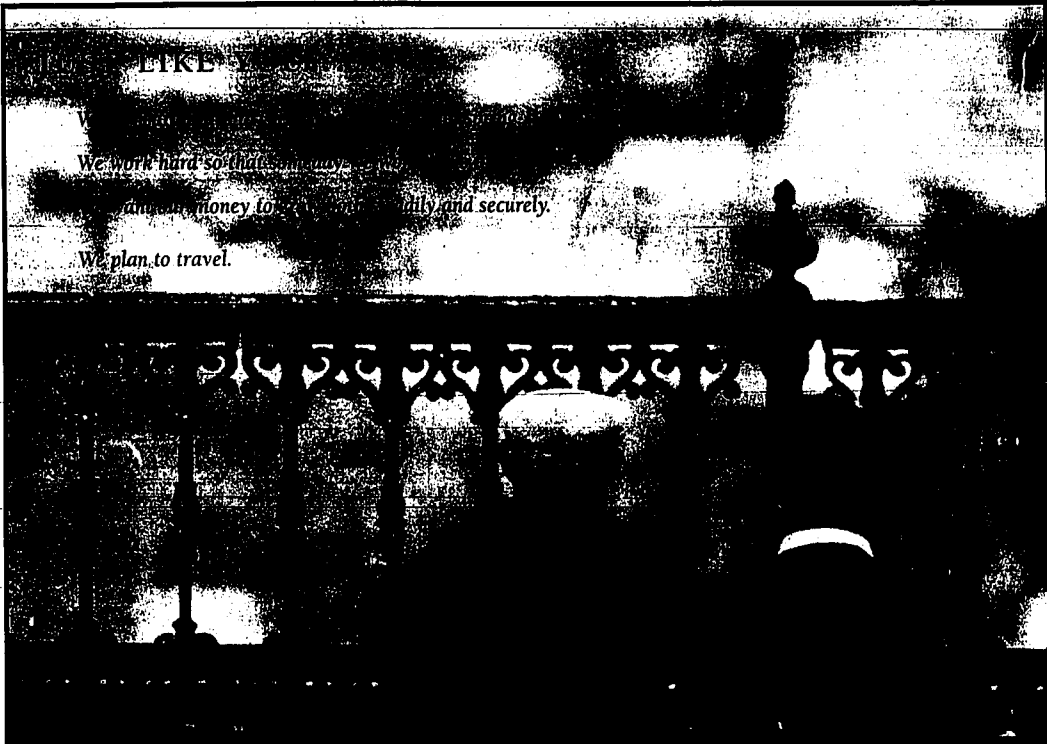
Fueled by Chavez's campaign to cut OPEC output, prices quadrupled over the past 18 months, sparking record U.S. gasoline prices and forcing President Clinton last week to release 30 million barrels from U.S. strategic reserves.

But even some of his strongest critics at home say Chavez's push for high oil prices is essential for a nation where 80 percent of its 23 million people live under the official poverty line.

"Anyone who is president of Venezuela has the obligation to keep prices up because 75 percent of our economy depends on oil," said Hermann Escarra, a constitutional law expert and staunch Chavez critic.

Even by differences over target prices, the 11 members of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries are not expected to make significant decisions when they open a two-day summit in Venezuela. A preparatory ministerial meeting began Monday.

But Chavez will no doubt get an international soapbox for his Third World ideals during the summit. OPEC's first summit, 1973, which will draw six heads of state and five lower-ranking delegations from Saudi Arabia, Algeria, the United Arab Emirates, Indonesia, Iraq, Iran, Kuwait, Libya, Nigeria and Qatar. Since taking office 18 months ago, Chavez has insistently advocated creating a Latin America-wide political, economic and even currency bloc to counter U.S. dominance in world, and especially hemispheric, affairs.



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Dell throws down the gauntlet to competitors

Knight Ridder News Service

Michael Dell, playing his favorite role of master salesman and motivator, opened his company's two-day customer conference Thursday by challenging competitors to make more of an investment in the Internet.

Not coincidentally, that means buying more Dell servers, storage products and services. The 35-year-old founder and chairman of Dell Computer Corp. was doing what he does best: selling the Dell brand and spreading the Internet gospel. It was a subtle nod to the startup speech Dell's been giving for years: Embrace the Internet or be vanquished as your competitors pass you by.

"Five years ago it was important to have a presence on the Web," Dell told more than 1,000 of his company's largest and most valued customers. "Now, it's mission critical to integrate the Internet throughout your business."

Dell prodded companies to do better, giving businesses in general a C-minus on Internet integration. "Only the easy steps have

been taken," he said. He also pointed to a Dell-sponsored study by the University of Texas released Thursday that suggested: not surprisingly, the companies benefiting most from the Internet are those that adopt the most far-reaching strategies.

Dell demonstrated the company's new business-to-business Web site that will allow them to sell general business items to Dell's 2 million customers.

He then took aim at his company's rivals, specifically Sun Microsystems Inc., all the while telling customers why they should be buying from Dell instead.

He derided Sun, a prime target in the Web-server and storage market that Dell covets, as the company "obsessed with doing a caricature swivel on its marketing slogan 'Sun is the dot in dot.com.'"

"You don't have to get a mainframe masquerading in disguise from a company obsessed with dots," he said, calling Sun's products overpriced. "They're charging you a fortune for your storage, and there's no reason for it." Sun officials didn't return calls for comment Thursday.

Make your own CDs with compatible CD-RW

By Craig Crossman

Knight-Ridder News Service

Q. I am considering the purchase of a CD-RW drive but I need some clarification. I can't seem to get any straight answers regarding what is needed to record audio CDs that will play on any CD player. Also, what is meant by "overburn" and "burn proof" and what do all those multiple speed numbers on CD-RW drives mean? What other considerations are important?

A. When it comes to the recording of CDs, CD-RW is the latest technology and is for the most part, backwards compatible. A CD-RW drive can play audio CDs, read CD-ROMs, read and record to CD-R disks, as well as read, record and erase CD-RW disks. As with anything new, there are incompatibilities with the old, but most of these can be eventually resolved themselves over time.

CD-R disks can only be recorded to and not erased. If you record something in error, you are basically left with a coaster. However, CD-R disks are inexpensive so your investment risk is small. You are also assured that music recorded to a CD-R disk can be played on any audio CD player, and its data can be read on any CD-ROM drive.

CD-RW disks are a lot more expensive since they can be erased and reused. Their downside is that they can be played only on other CD-RW drives or on newer CD-ROM drives that are rated at a 2X or greater speed. So if your CD-ROM drive is older than three years, chances are you can't read a CD-RW disk. CD-RW disks also cannot be played in most audio CD players. But as mentioned, time will eventually solve these incompatibilities as new computers with their faster CD-ROM drives continue to replace the older models. Plus some audio CD manufacturers are beginning to produce players that can handle the CD-RW formats that contain MP3 music files.

All audio CDs read somewhat slower at the same rate and thus established the read-speed standard of 1x. A CD-ROM drive's speed rating is a multiple of that

specification. For example, most modern CD-ROM drives read at speeds of at least 32x or higher. CD-RW drives come with 3 speed options such as 24x, 18x, 12x. The first speed refers to how fast it can record and the second speed is how fast it can read. The third speed is the same as a CD-ROM drive. Currently, a 12x/24x/24x model is a pretty good drive as far as speeds are concerned.

Overburn refers to a recording process that adds additional capacity to a CD. Most CDs store around 650 megabytes. But there is some additional room toward the edge of a CD that can be used to hold around another 50 megabytes. Some CD-RW drives can write to this area but you should only use this extra capacity if you are sure that the overburned disk will be played back on a drive with the ability to read the overburn area.

Burn Proof is a brand name belonging to Immedia. It refers to an ability that can be found only on their internal 12x/24x CD-RW drive. But the technology is beginning to appear on CD-RW models made by other manufacturers (Plexor offers a similar technology) on their CD-RW drives. Normally while recording to a CD-RW disk, any interruption to the recording process produces errors that result in a bad recording. Any running application or utility can overtax your computer's CPU causing a recording interruption. That's why most CD-RW manufacturers strongly suggest that you make sure nothing else is running before you give the command to record to a CD-RW disk.

Digital players come with pricey tag

Models are nifty but tough on the wallet

Knight Ridder News Service

It's going to be a while before digital music players replace more common portable music devices, such as cassette and CD players. No matter how cool the new generation of MP3 players is, the devices will lack one feature that makes the traditional products best sellers: a reasonable price.

Yes, the cost of older MP3 players has come down - you can find some for \$100 or less. But they usually don't hold much music, and to transfer tunes from a PC they must connect to slow and often problematic serial-or-parallel ports. Compared to the simplicity of a CD or cassette player, they're almost not worth the trouble.

Newer models are nifty but are priced so high that only those who value the cool factor over the thickness of their wallets will buy them. MP3 players won't become ubiquitous until they can hold lots of music, are easier to use and cost the same as other everyday music devices.

Here are two examples of MP3 players that will invoke digital lust in your heart and financial heartrate in your budget:

iPaq Personal Audio Player PA-1 - \$249, Compaq Computer Corp.-Houston-based Compaq has been threatening to get into the MP3-player business for some time. This may be the smallest MP3 player available, with one of the nicest designs.

The iPaq is about the size of those classic Zippo brushed-steel cigarette lighters. Nearly all the controls, along with a small, backlit LCD screen, are on the front of



the device. It uses two standard AAA batteries that give me about six hours of playing time, though Compaq contends it'll get 10.

The player comes with two tiny, 32-megabyte SanDisk flash memory cards, which give you a total of 64 MB of digital storage. How much music that will hold depends on the length of each song and the quality of the sound file. Higher-quality music files are larger but, in general, you can estimate about a megabyte per minute of music. With that formula, the player holds just over an hour's worth of music.

The player connects to your PC via the Universal Serial Bus port

and uses SP/Diamond Multimedia's RioPort software to organize and transfer files. It will play Windows Media Audio (WMA) and Advanced Audio Coding (AAC) files, as well as MP3 files. The internal software for the player can be updated, so it will support new file formats as they are developed.

While the iPaq player is a well-designed, compact cool device, it's overpriced for the amount of music it can hold. This is largely because of the flash memory cards. The 32MB SanDisk cards retail for about \$100 each. At half the price, the iPaq player might be worth it. But \$249 is too much to pay when, for twice as much,

you can own a portable device that holds your entire CD collection converted to digital files - and then some.

Nomad Jukebox - \$499, Creative Labs. For fans of digital music who can afford it, the Nomad Jukebox is state-of-the-art nirvana. Rather than storing MP3 files on flash memory cards, the Jukebox saves them to a 6-gigabyte hard drive.

"While your mileage will vary depending on the quality of the digital music file, this player will hold about 150 CDs' worth of music. If your MP3 files were recorded at a rate of about 128 kilobits per second - a good compromise between quality and file size - the Jukebox would hold around 100 hours worth of music.

Unlike the Compaq device, the Nomad Jukebox is not petite. It's about the size of a regular portable CD player, but a little heavier. In this case, the term "portable" is relative - you're not going to be clipping this to the waistband of your gym shorts while you jog.

The Nomad Jukebox takes time to launch. Like any computing device that uses a hard drive, the disk must get up to speed, and the operating system is then loaded. It takes about 15 seconds for the Jukebox to become operational.

The Jukebox uses rechargeable batteries and comes with two sets.

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By James Coates
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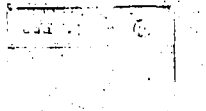
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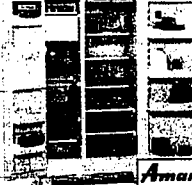
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Niece of German-Jewish art collector Gustav Kirshtein stands in front of a German painting stolen by the Nazis during WWII. Germany returned the painting to heirs during a ceremony Monday in Berlin.

German museums return works to Jewish heirs

BERLIN (AP) — Two German museums returned more than 80 artworks Monday to a Jewish art-lover's heirs decades after they first sought compensation for a collection seized by the Nazis.

At a Berlin ceremony, officials from the western city of Hanover handed over an oil painting by Lovis Corinth valued at up to \$470,000, while the eastern city of Leipzig returned more than 80 works, mostly drawings and prints by Max Klinger.

The handover comes a year after a request to the museums on behalf of the heirs of Leipzig-based publisher Gustav Kirshtein by the Commission for Art

Recovery, a body set up by the World Jewish Congress to help heirs reclaim art treasures stolen during World War II from their families.

"I'm overwhelmed with emotion," said Thekla Stein Nordwind, a niece of Kirshtein who traveled from the United States for the ceremony. "I never thought we'd see this moment, though it is a bittersweet moment."

Embarrassed by stories such as that of the Kirshtein heirs, whose request for compensation was rejected by the authorities in 1964, the German government has urged museums to comb their

collections for possible looted art and publish the details to encourage new claims.

At a conference in 1998 in Washington, 44 countries endorsed guidelines intended to push nations, museums, galleries and individuals to re-examine collections and archives in an unprecedented search for the lost assets of Holocaust victims.

A follow-up conference is scheduled Oct. 3 in Vilnius, Lithuania.

Other stolen artworks in Poland, Hungary and Germany will be returned to the heirs shortly, said Ronald Lauder, chairman of the Commission for

Art Recovery and a former U.S. ambassador to Austria.

Kirshtein, a specialist in the color reproduction of artworks, had already lost his job under anti-Semitic laws enacted by the Nazis before he died in 1934, leaving his collection to his wife.

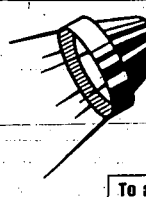
Five years later, she committed suicide after Hitler's secret police confiscated her passport a day before she was due to follow the couple's two daughters in emigrating to the United States.

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EDITORIAL

Hospital sale could improve local health care competition

The hospital at Twin Falls Clinic & Hospital is up for sale and two would-be buyers are interested: Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls and Saint Alphonsus Regional Medical Center in Boise.

With its greater resources, the bigger weather Boise hospital probably can put together a winning bid. Thus, it's not hard to envision a future in which Saint Al's owns a hospital in Twin Falls. Is that so bad?

In some respects, Saint Al's is the health care equivalent of a 600-pound gorilla - and Magic Valley Regional is terrified of being in the same cage, er, town with it. Saint Al's would compete for the well-served patients (who make medicine so lucrative), while leaving the uninsured, indigent patients for Magic Valley Regional.

Unless offset by insured patients, indigent care is a drain on Magic Valley Regional's resources. That's a serious consideration, but it underscores the fact that this is a battle over market share. Patient care also is a consideration, but it appears to be secondary to the business interests at stake.

The average working stiff has better things to worry about than the fortunes of rival hospitals, but this is an issue that could affect everyone who lives and works in the Magic Valley.

Injecting some competition into the Twin Falls hospital market could be a healthy thing.

Remember, Magic Valley Regional has been competing with the Twin Falls Clinic & Hospital and the Sawtooth Surgery Center for years. The county hospital is still in business.

Even if Magic Valley Regional buys its local rival, it can't stamp out local competition: Saint Al's probably would pour more resources into St. Benedicts Family Medical Center in Jerome, which it already owns. That, in turn, could force Magic Valley Regional into a strategic alliance with St. Luke's Regional Medical Center in Boise. The upshot would be Boise's two biggest hospitals slugging it out for market share

in Twin Falls. Local hospital patients could benefit from increased competition, but a hospital sale of the Twin Falls Clinic & Hospital would dramatically change the landscape for local health care. It is not a decision to make lightly.

Magic Valley Regional's board of directors - and, ultimately, the Twin Falls County Commission - should listen carefully before making a bid. Everyone, not just the medical community at Magic Valley Regional, has a stake in the outcome. Everyone should be heard.

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School vouchers can help

More than two years ago, philanthropists funded pilot school voucher programs in New York City, Washington, D.C. and the Dayton metropolitan area. The programs, which helped students from low-income families attend private schools, asked the Program on Education Policy and Government at Harvard University to evaluate them.

We agreed to do so on the condition that we be allowed to conduct a randomized field trial, a rigorous type of evaluation used to determine whether medical interventions and thus whether a pill can be marketed. A lottery is used to decide whether or not a patient gets the pill (in this case a school voucher). When you compare those who got the pill (voucher) with those who did not, you are comparing two groups, that is, one from when the field trial began. Any differences that appear later are due to the pill (voucher).

The results from the first two years of the pilot voucher program were mixed. We found that the program had no significant impact on students from ethnic backgrounds other than African American. The results for African Americans, however, were quite different. After two years, the African American students who switched to private schools scored, on combined reading and math tests, on average, 4.3 national percentile ranking points higher after one year and 6.6 percentile points higher than their counterparts in public schools. About three-fourths of the students participating in the evaluation were African American.

Thus, after two years, the voucher intervention erised, on average, about one-third of the difference that existed nationally between the test scores of African American students and those of

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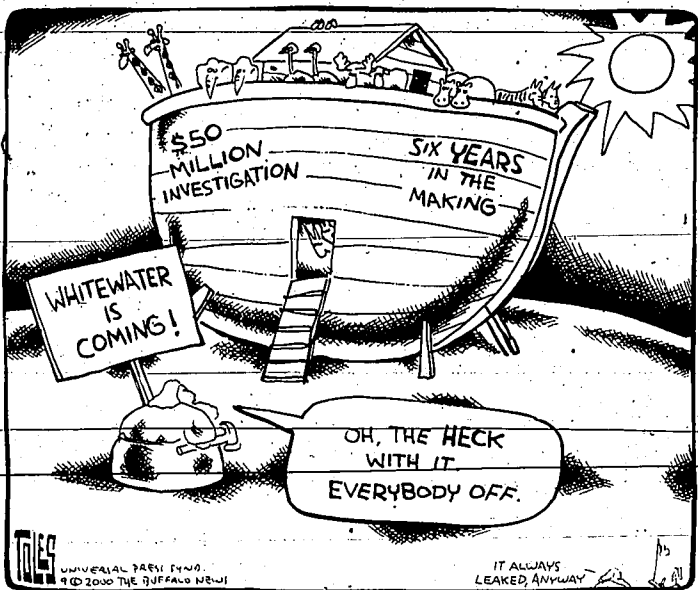
other students. If the trend observed over the first two years continues in subsequent years, the black-white test gap could be eliminated for black students who use a voucher to switch from public to private school.

We need to do more studies to ascertain why the impact of the voucher program on African American test scores is greater than it is for other students. A preliminary analysis suggests that the change in the educational environment that accompanies a switch from public to private school is substantially greater for black students than for students from other ethnic backgrounds. When an African American student moves from a public school to a private school in New York City, he, more than other students, is likely to move to a school that has fewer discipline problems and stronger communication links with parents. Also, teachers demand more homework, the school is smaller, and there are fewer students in the classroom.

These changes occur for all students, but the changes are the largest for African Americans. In short, the chance to go to a private school makes a bigger difference for African American students than for those from other ethnic backgrounds.

The full study is available at <http://data.fas.harvard.edu/pep/>

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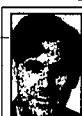
Colombian drug war is costing U.S.

In the 1980s, right-thinking people had a clever slogan at their disposal: "El Salvador is Spanish for Vietnam." What they meant, of course, was that American efforts to halt the spread of communist tyranny in this hemisphere were doomed to quagmire status - and, presumably, failure.

They were wrong, as it turned out. But many of the same people who complained about Reagan/Bush administration policy in El Salvador and Nicaragua are now conducting Clinton administration policy in Colombia. And that policy, as the President made clear in his recent trip to Bogota, is to use American troops to accomplish what the Colombian military has failed to do: reclaim the countryside from insurgent (communist) control, and in so doing, eradicate Colombia's lucrative coca and cocaine trade.

This two-tiered approach - soldiers winning the minds and hearts of peasant agronomists persuading farmers to plant new crops - has the endorsement of Congress, which has authorized a \$7.5 billion plan to address the problem of drug trafficking in Colombia. It certainly has the blessing of the nation's drug czar, Gen. Barry McCaffrey, who frequently complains about the hemispheric drug pipeline. And in a passive sort of way, it has won the support of the nation's press, which knows that drugs are manifestly not a good thing, and Colombia is a country somewhere in South America.

The idea that \$7.5 billion (and counting) may be headed toward the rat hole has either not occurred to anyone, or it's so painfully obvious to common sense. For the Clinton plan makes little strategic sense. During the past three decades the Colombian armed forces have been at war with Marxist rebels, and the scorecard is not encouraging: The coca-growing half of the country remains under communist control; the Colombian judiciary is (literally) under fire; and as the New



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York Times puts it, "parents means buy bullet-proof vests for their children." The army has even allied itself with paramilitary death squads, who burn villages, crops and people - all to no avail.

The idea that equadrans of U.S. advisors, in uniform and out, will make a difference is as illusory today as it was when John Kennedy went to war in South Vietnam. Nor does the Clinton plan make economic sense. The farmers in rural Colombia who raise coca for the drug trade do so for two plausible reasons. First, they are ordered to grow such crops by communist rebels who would kill them if they refused. And second, if you were a starving Colombian farmer, what would you do switch to "alternative agricultural development," in the delicious American phrase, or raise a crop that sells in an ever-expanding market? The question answers itself.

Which brings us to Colombia's president, Andres Pastrana. Halfway through his term, Pastrana is delighted that the United States has chosen to come to the rescue of a country divided by war, riven by the drug trade, and suffering from record unemployment. The idea that the world's surviving superpower is willing to send troops, and spend billions, would be comforting to any head of state in distress. Pastrana is an honorable man, and considers U.S. aid essential to Colombia's survival.

But Pastrana is honest, as well as honorable, and he recognizes one truth Washington cannot face: "Colombia can

put a stop to drugs here at some point," he says, "but if the demand continues, somebody else somewhere else in the world is going to produce them. What we are talking about is the most lucrative business in the world."

There are perils in the short term. From an American standpoint, no military campaign against the Marxist rebels will succeed with halfway measures, and that means more troops, more money, and an escalating U.S. involvement in Colombia. From a regional standpoint, if the rebels are seriously challenged, huge armies of refugees will pour into neighboring Ecuador, Peru and Brazil, and conflict could spread.

In the long term, however, the Colombian problem will be solved here at home. This is not a question of whether the United States has the will or resources to help President Pastrana and his successors; we have plenty of cash and soldiers for that. It is a question of recognizing what drives the hemispheric drug trade - domestic American demand for drugs - and whether the disease is really worth this cure. Since we define the drug war in military terms, it is fair to assume we're a long way from victory. The Coast Guard captures huge shipments of contraband, and the quantity of illicit drugs keeps on growing. The police spend their days harassing small dealers, and the prisons are full of petty entrepreneurs. America is not threatened by disorder in Colombia, but Colombia is suffering because of America. So long as there remains an appetite for drugs, a market will exist, and the laws of supply and demand will prevail.

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LETTER

Have we no shame anymore?

Demanding honor and truth of presidential candidates has given way to greater demands for government freebies. People, believing they shouldn't have to worry about their lives, give up small bits of liberty to gain federal giveaways and care-taking. They don't comprehend that government can only give to one after it coercively takes from another. I.L. Mencken defined it: "... every election is a sort of advance auction of stolen goods."

George Bush is a disadvantage, as the Democrats are experts at buying voters through promises to correct victim groups. Gore's campaign of fear, division, crisis and resentment plays to inhuman greed and laziness. Sadly, it works because we're a nation where almost every group believes they're "owed" by

the government.

It's this atmosphere that allowed the president, who said, "We will become ... one nation under God, with liberty and justice for all" and "all of us are equal and entitled to equal treatment under the law," to veto repeals of the marriage tax penalty and the inheritance tax. Clinton and Democrat leaders, agreeing the taxes are unfair, won't allow any repeals because that would benefit "the rich." Essentially, they've said "justice for all" and "equal treatment" extends only to those they deem worthy, and "the rich," because they're rich, aren't worthy.

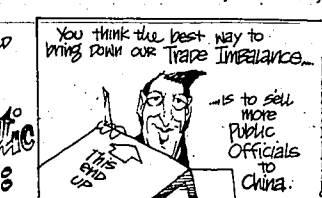
What we have are government leaders hoping that all belongs to them and a populace believing they're all owed by the government. The truth is that very little "belongs" to the government and that those "small bits of liberty" relinquished for government care-taking will eventually

ly end with no liberties. We're abandoning our constitutional principles of individual liberty and limited government and selling our lives to a totalitarian baby sitter.

Here's a fact: Gore's list of new spending surprises the projected 10-year surplus by \$906 billion. Of course, he's confident that most won't bother with this fact because he knows that today's demand is "give me more" not "tell the truth."

We should feel shame that America, founded upon liberty and sacrifice, rings with every word Government please take care of me. "We should feel shame that much of the voting public has become no more than two-bit hookers holding out for the highest bidder. Yes, we should feel shame; but we don't. More's the pity."
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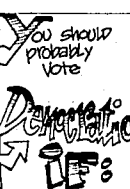
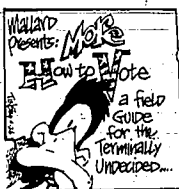
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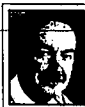
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By Bruce Tinsley



Gore's flip-flop on fuel prices

The definition of strategic, for people interested in such things, is "necessary to or important in the initiation, conduct or completion of a strategic plan, required for the conduct of war, of great importance within an integrated whole or to a planned effect."



GAL THOMAS

Tapping into the Strategic Petroleum Reserve in an effort to lower fuel oil prices a few pennies in the Northeast five weeks before an election does not have the importance or urgency suggested by the above definition. The decision looks instead like high-octane politics. Naturally, both President Clinton and Al Gore deny such a motivation, but when did they ever acknowledge a political motivation for any action (or inaction)?

Gore continues to accumulate proof that he is more than a standard politician. He is a dishonest man whose thoughts are not his own and whose positions are not promises cannot be believed. To paraphrase his former opponent, Bill Bradley, he will lie about anything if it suits his purposes.

Last week, after claiming that "Look for the Union Label" was a childhood lullaby he frequently heard, though he wasn't composed until he was 27 years old, and Gore told another fib: "The basis of the discussions on the strategic reserve since the days when it was first established." But the reserve wasn't established until 1975, and Gore didn't arrive as a congressman until 1977.

Gore has flipped on the issue of the Strategic Petroleum Reserve to drive down oil prices. Last winter, Gore opposed tapping the

reserve because he believed it would lead to retaliation by other oil-producing countries. Of those countries he said, "All they would have to do is to cut back a little bit on the supply, and it'd wipe out any impact from releasing oil from that reserve." If Gore wanted to reduce oil and gas prices, he could propose that fuel taxes added by this administration to balance the budget be rolled back, given the forecast of huge surpluses that Republicans and Democrats share, by spending before they materialize.

Treasury Secretary Lawrence Summers opposes raiding the oil reserves. It "would be a major and substantial policy mistake," he says. Fed Chairman Alan Greenspan agrees.

Wall Street Journal columnist Al Hunt quoted a top Gore advisor: "Larry is smart and serious, but politically stupid." What was that again about politics having nothing to do with this decision? A Detroit Free Press editorial called the decision a "Bad idea. Bad precedent. Poor policy that seems politically motivated by the man who would be president."

In his environmental manifesto, "Earth in the Balance," Gore writes of his hope to eliminate "the internal combustion engine over, say, a 25-year period." He says he favors higher gas and oil prices (he

would drive them up by raising taxes, but the objective is the same) because it is "one of the logical first steps in changing our policies in a manner consistent with a more responsible approach to the environment."

One might expect Gore to be enthusiastic about higher fuel prices this winter because they take him closer to his goal of eliminating the automobile as we have known it. Higher prices would serve as an offering to Gore's environmental gods. But the politics of it won't let him do it. Not yet.

Clinton and Gore may not have the final say on winter fuel prices. That may be up to Iraq's Saddam Hussein, Farouk Kaddoumi, foreign minister for the Palestine Liberation Organization, said last week that Arab nations should again use the "oil weapon" which they have not done since 1973. Saddam has revived his claim that Kuwait is stealing Iraqi oil, the pretense he used to justify his 1990 invasion. But as Holger Jensen of the Rocky Mountain News writes on Scripps Howard News Service: "Saddam doesn't need to invade Kuwait again. He only needs to halt exports of Iraqi oil to send crude oil prices soaring above their current \$38 a barrel, causing massive disruptions in the world economy." This would be the ultimate October surprise.

Gore's lies, flips and bad ideas are catching up with him. He is offering George W. Bush the integrity and policy wisdom he needs to win the debates.

Gal Thomas is a Los Angeles Times columnist.



The real differences between Gore, Bush on education

From the Los Angeles Times

Fixing the public schools leads political opinion polls, a fact not missed by either major presidential candidate. Both Republican George W. Bush and Democrat Al Gore propose strong education agendas. What the next president needs to do most of all is change the narrow way in which Americans think about education.

Local control of schools is a 350-year-old tradition dating back to Colonial America, and no one wants the federal government to run local schools. However, educational standards should be set in the national interest. American competitiveness depends on student achievement, and that should not depend on the state or city or school district where a child happens to live.

The federal government currently funds only 7 percent of spending on public education. That figure, under either a Gore administration or a Bush administration, is expected to rise. But more important, the next president must use his bully pulpit to raise expectations of all U.S. students. This must become an ongoing campaign that extends far beyond November.

Improving education is a central campaign theme for both Vice President Gore and Texas Gov. Bush, and the debate on their plans is good for the nation. Gore's plan is focused on a popular idea, and one that's clearly correct: Teachers need more support. He wants Washington to fund the recruitment of 1 million teachers in 10 years, subsidize raises, pay for teacher training and underwrite bonuses.

While Gore mouths reformist education ideas, there's nothing in his record to indicate that he would stand up to education unions and take some of the bold steps that strongly encourage change. Of course everyone wants qualified teachers in the classrooms. But, contrary to what Gore suggests, certification alone doesn't make for a great teacher

Other views

and lack of certification doesn't automatically confer incompetence on a teacher.

His "cradle-to-grave" education plan promises something for just about everybody: universal preschool, smaller classes, more charter schools, new school construction, more teachers and more college tuition aid. The cost would be an astonishing \$115 billion, which would be financed from federal budget surpluses that may not materialize at the predicted levels.

Bush has a more real-world feel for education. He takes exception with some silly pet issues of extreme elements in his party, such as the notion that the federal government should have no role in education. He emphasizes accountability, higher expectations, more rigorous academic standards and closing the achievement gap between low-income and more affluent students. On this issue, he is largely his own man.

Bush's reading plan targets poor children and their teachers in the primary grades. His mandatory state testing proposal for grades three to eight is better than Gore's proposal for voluntary tests or mandatory national student-sampling tests limited to two grades. Students should be tested yearly on exams tied to standards, like the Texas Assessment of Academic Skills, to give teachers and administrators the information they need to ensure that

more children make the grade. Like most governors, Bush focuses in his home state on demanding education reforms. Such reforms are paying off in Texas with rising test scores and a significant increase in the number of students mastering the basics in reading and math. Poor children, black children, Latino children, children who are learning English and children who are the lowest-achievers in their schools are making progress.

Under the Bush plan, high-poverty schools that fail to improve for three years would forfeit federal aid known as Title I. That money would be given to parents in the form of vouchers. The approach assumes that losing money would motivate poor schools to improve and that just \$1,500 would allow poor parents to transfer a child to a better public school or put him or her in private or parochial school. How would Bush demand accountability from those schools? It's a part of his education plan that doesn't seem thought through.

All told, however, Bush's leadership quotient in education is more impressive than that of Gore. The Texas Republican has been more willing to take the risks necessary to build bridges across what used to be enemy lines. His tenure as an "education governor" shows him to have promise as a turnaround leader. On education, Bush's determined focus, even if imperfect on some of the specifics, is preferable to Gore's "something for everyone" promises.

The happy warrior of antitrust

When Joel Klein went to the Justice Department as

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deputy assistant attorney general for antitrust in 1996, many of his lawyer friends thought it was a dumb move. The glory days of antitrust were over in the United States. High tech was king. Regulation was passé.

And besides, Klein was leaving a fancier job as deputy White House counsel. Why take an apparent step down, to become deputy head of a department that hadn't brought a big antitrust case since the 1980s? The sensible Washington career move would have been to return to private practice, make big bucks and buy the big house overlooking Rock Creek Park.

Klein announced last week that he'll be leaving Justice after four years in the trenches, and it turns out he wasn't so dumb after all. He will depart government with the kind of halo that most lawyers only dream about. Instead of making money or buying the fancy house, he made history—and can tell his grandchildren he helped reinvent antitrust law for the 21st century.

Klein's good luck was that he stumbled into a war against the biggest, most arrogant corporation in America—the software giant Microsoft. It wasn't a fight he relished initially. Back in the early days, his staff wanted him to challenge Microsoft's online service, known as MSN, arguing that it would choke its then-struggling rival, America Online. Klein said no. Then some of the staff urged him to challenge Microsoft's acquisition of WebTV. Again, Klein said

no. Unlike some of his Democratic colleagues, Klein wasn't anti-business. Antitrust activists feared that he supported the prevailing "Chicago School," which held that antitrust should focus on limited issues of price fixing rather than on big issues of market power and innovation.

From his first weeks on the job, Klein was fascinated by the question of how antitrust law should cope with the new technology companies that were beginning to dominate the American economy. He discussed the subject at length one night at a party at the French Embassy, while the band played and the champagne glasses clinked. Klein kept talking about "barriers to entry" and "network effects" and a half-dozen other arcane issues. He was trying to understand how laws created to cope with John D. Rockefeller's Standard Oil trust should connect with the world of Microsoft and Bill Gates.

Klein wanted to leave big companies free to profit from technological change and restructuring. Indeed, he was blasted by liberal critics for allowing some big telecommunications mergers, such as Bell Atlantic's acquisitions of Nynex and GTE, and SBC's purchase of Ameritech. The *casus belli* was a piece of software known as the Internet Explorer. Justice charged that by tying its Internet browser to its dominant Windows operating system, Microsoft had abused its monopoly power and violated the antitrust laws. Klein hoped for a quick settlement that

would open up Windows to a rival browser made by Netscape, but Gates refused, on principle. The epic trial began in Judge Thomas Penfield Jackson's courtroom in October 1998.

What finally persuaded Klein to ask Judge Jackson to break up the company was a gut feeling that came from the courtroom testimony. As witness after witness testified about Microsoft's aggressive conduct, Klein concluded that the company was a bully.

By the time the case ended, Microsoft had lost more than \$200 billion in market value. Angry tech investors were blaming Klein for the April 2000 Nasdaq crash, and even Treasury Secretary Lawrence Summers—Klein's sometime tennis pal—gave a speech that was widely interpreted as a slap at the antitrust chief. Microsoft, meanwhile, began working to try to overturn Judge Jackson's verdict.

But Klein seemed unfazed. Whatever the final outcome, he figured, the case had accomplished its central purpose: Microsoft's attempt to extend its monopoly power from the Windows desktop to the Internet had failed. The principle of free competition, enshrined in antitrust laws written 100 years ago, had been adapted to the new century.

Many Washington lawyers leave work each night muttering, "Another job that never happened to Joel Klein these past four years. He has been a happy warrior—a guy who picked the right fight, and won."

David Ignatius wrote this commentary for The Washington Post.

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Trucker's widow finds solace in conviction

POCATELLO (AP) — The imprisonment of a mother and her three sons who East Coast truck piracy ring claimed an Idaho trucker among its victims has given some solace to his widow.

"It still haunts me every day, but I have more good days than bad days now," says Starli Cornforth as she thinks back over the 19 months since her husband, Soren, was murdered in Richmond, Va.

"It's just hard to believe that there are people out there who would do something

like this," Mrs. Cornforth said. "Soren would never have hurt anybody. To have this happen to him — that's what bothers me more than anything else."

Soren Cornforth had parked his rig loaded with Idaho potatoes at the farmers market warehouse in Richmond on March 1, 1999, and was sleeping in the cab awaiting the opening of the warehouse when he was attacked.

Although he fought with the two men in the cab, a third outside the vehicle fired two

shots and killed him.

Cornforth, 49, was another victim of the ring that less than two months later also killed Maine trucker Samuel Lam, 48, in what federal prosecutors said was a scheme to use his tractor and a different stolen trailer to pick up a load of marijuana in Texas and return it to Richmond for street sale.

Valerie Carolyn Friend, 46, was convicted by a federal jury of running the piracy ring and faces life in prison under federal guidelines when she is sentenced next

month. Her three sons — Eugene Lamont Friend, 28; Travis McKinley Friend, 22; and Phillip Friend, 16 — had previously pleaded guilty to similar charges.

Federal authorities alleged that the family generally targeted older, sick, independent male truckers for hijacking. In some cases, they lured them — often by Valrie Friend posing as a prostitute — to cut-of-the-way spots where the others would overpower the trucker and steal his rig.

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BASE jumper

In critical condition

TWIN FALLS - A Davis, Calif., man Monday was in critical condition in the intensive care unit of a Boise hospital, with severe injuries suffered during a Sunday BASE jumping accident from the Perrine Bridge in Twin Falls.

Tom Aiello, 28, suffered massive chest, back and lower abdominal injuries, said Dave Ensensa, spokesman for St. Alphonsus Regional Medical Center. Aiello was hurt Sunday afternoon, after apparently waiting too long to open his parachute following a leap. The worst of Aiello's injuries apparently resulted from slamming into the Snake River at an extreme speed, Ensensa said.

The Twin Falls County Sheriff's Department did not dispatch a search and rescue team to the accident scene, department spokeswoman Nancy Howell said Monday.

A private boat and hired crew usually waits on the river for BASE jumpers, and picks them up or rushes them to shore if there's trouble, she said. Such a crew already had Aiello on shore when deputies arrived Sunday, she said. Deputies questioned witnesses to make sure no foul play was involved in the accident, she said.

BASE is an acronym for building, antenna, span and earth. The 466-foot Perrine Bridge is a popular span for BASE jumpers, and it's one of the few legal places to jump in North America.

Free flu shots offered for MDA members

TWIN FALLS - The Muscular Dystrophy Association is again offering free flu shots in the Twin Falls area for people affected by any of the more than 40 neuromuscular disorders covered by MDA programs.

Influenza is particularly hazardous for people living with diseases such as muscular dystrophy, spinal muscular atrophy and Lou Gehrig's disease.

People registered with MDA can have transportation made available, or be reimbursed for travel costs to visit the MDA clinic. MDA will also pay a local doctor to administer a flu shot if a person registered with the MDA isn't close to one of MDA's 230 clinics.

In Idaho, MDA has one clinic at Elks Rehabilitation Hospital in Boise.

MDA is a national voluntary health agency dedicated to finding treatments and cures for neuromuscular diseases. It's funded almost entirely by individual private contributors.

For more information, or to set an appointment for a free flu shot, call MDA Program Services Coordinator Regina Dingeldein in Boise at 327-0107.

Gooding School Board will meet today

GOODING - The Gooding School Board today is scheduled to review a number of items.

A data summary of the 1999-2000 School Board survey is scheduled. And the board will consider adoption of science curriculum, review district policy governing graduation requirements and honors, and other items.

The meeting will begin at 7 p.m. in the school district office.

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Police invite contractor tool inventory

By Mark Heinz
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - Some paint and inventory numbers might be all that's needed to prevent the theft of contractors' tools.

At least that's what Twin Falls Police Sgt. Mark Marvin is telling area builders.

Marvin recently met with members of the Magic Valley Builder's Association to hawk a simple yet apparently effective theft prevention system.

Basically, contractors choose a color, paint all their tools that shade and then let the police know what their "code color" is.

Marvin said. Police in turn give participating contractors an inventory number to stamp or engrave on their equipment.

"They can do it for something as small as a claw hammer," he said. The more gaudy the colors, the better, Marvin said, because that makes stolen tools easier to spot.

"Personally, if I was a contractor and I didn't want my stuff to be stolen, I'd paint it all hot pink, fluorescent orange, something like that."

Fawn shop owners or cops on the beat will be told to look out for oddly-colored tools, he said. For example, a police officer

who spots tools in three different bright colors in the back of a pickup he's just pulled over for a traffic violation would have probable cause to search the truck and inspect the tools for inventory numbers, Marvin said.

The color-coding system apparently originated a few years ago in Las Vegas, where explosive construction led to rampant tool theft, Marvin said.

The idea recently carried over to Boise, where Marvin picked it up while visiting detectives there. He'd like to see it spread all over the Magic Valley, with the Twin Falls Police Department acting as a central data base for color codes

and inventory numbers. Boise detectives claim the system has made a huge dent in tool theft, Marvin said.

In Twin Falls, there has been chronic trouble with thieves making off with almost anything that could be carried off a work site by one or two people, he said.

Circular saws, band saws and drills have been common targets, Marvin said.

The color-code system might be the break area contractors have been waiting for, said Magic Valley Builder's Association President Stephen Olsen.

Olsen said he and other contractors have already put plenty

of money into locks and other anti-theft devices, but tools still regularly disappear.

"I've had people break into homes I was working on and take tools, so I no longer leave tools in homes."

And since most theft insurance policies come with a deductible of \$500 or so per theft, a steady trickle of small thefts can quickly add up to a huge loss, said Olsen, who owns SRO Construction in Twin Falls.

Workers probably won't mind using tools painted in obnoxious colors, Olsen said, but he has high hopes the system will slow thieves down.

Local GOP candidates break bread

By John T. Huddy
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - Got food? Definitely, Twin Falls County Commissioners Bill Brockman and Gary Grindstaff said - and the state needs to step up and help.

Republicans Brockman and Grindstaff met with fellow GOP local and state candidates at the Twin Falls Republican Women's luncheon Monday.

The two incumbents took some time away from their salaries and lunch rolls to talk about the past year in office - a year that has been educational, but tough, they agreed.

"You almost feel like you're standing alone out here sometimes," Grindstaff said. "We're being blamed for a lot of things that were done in the past."

Brockman even took time to pick out a more optimistic-looking wardrobe for Monday's meeting, he said.

"You noticed the last talks I've given I always wore black, and I didn't realize I was doing that, so today I got a dark blue one and that's headed in the right direction," Brockman said, amid laughter from the assembled dignitaries.

On a serious side, however, both commissioners agreed that more needs to be done on a state level in setting up regulations to control the odor at dairies.

George Swan, who is looking to replace former Rep. Randy Hansen, R-Twin Falls, in the Statehouse, echoed the commissioners' thoughts. The dairy industry is an economic staple to the Magic Valley, he said.

"I know if you bow your heads you won't accomplish anything," Swan said. "But if you work together you can make some changes."

And change is what Jerry Packer, Twin Falls County sheriff candidate is hoping for this election.

Packer commented briefly about the county's money problems and ways to save some money, he said.

He also encouraged more cooperation between the county and the public.

"If people aren't out there helping you don't solve as many crimes as you should be solving," he said.

While dairies seemed to be a focus of conversation Monday, talk also touched on other important issues, including the state's \$285 million budget surplus.

State Sens. John Sandy, R-Hagerman and Laird Noh, R-Kimberly and House Speaker



Running for Idaho House Seat 8 District 23, George Swan, foreground, waits for his turn to speak after Twin Falls County Commissioner Bill Brockman, during the Twin Falls Republican Women Luncheon Monday.

Bruce Newcomb, who made a surprise visit to Monday's luncheon, talked about the surplus and possible uses for the money. But it won't be easy figuring

out how to divvy up the funds, Newcomb said. Gov. Dirk Kempthorne probably will form a committee to decide where to spend it.

"I think that's going to make it an extremely difficult session," Newcomb said. "A surplus is more difficult to deal with than shortfalls."

Cassia County signs contract

By Ruth Streeter
Times-News writer

BURLEY - Cassia County commissioners signed a contract Monday committing the Federal Highway Administration to pay to repair Howell Canyon Road.

The contract, signed by commissioners, the Burley Highway District and the Albion Highway District, directs \$712,000 to fix a 3-year-old road that cost the Federal Highway Administration \$3.7 million to pave.

The amount includes an \$80,000 contingency for cost overruns. J-U-B Engineers out of Pocatello says fixing the road will cost \$612,000.

That amount does not include

a September chip seal that will prevent further deterioration over the winter, until engineers can identify the precise problem areas and the degree of deterioration. J-U-B expects that chip seal to cost \$267,000.

Upon completion, the road should have the 17- to 20-year life span that officials had initially expected, Dick Smith, the Burley Highway District's attorney told commissioners Monday.

If the agreed-to money doesn't cover the entire cost, the local agencies would "just have to go back to the trough," Smith said.

The Federal Highway Administration requested the contract be signed immediately because its fiscal year ends this week.

After months of debate, the administration recently agreed with the Cassia County entities that the problem with the road was the quality of the asphalt.

The Federal Highway Administration paved the road in 1997. The Burley Highway District, the maintenance arm for the county's roads, will put the reconstruction up for bid.

Consistent with a 1963 agreement assigning responsibility to the then-unpaved road, the Albion Highway District, Burley Highway District and Cassia County are responsible for road maintenance.

In other county business, commissioners drafted a letter to

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Minidoka hospital looks at cutting costs

By Aaron Brock
Times-News writer

RUPERT - Several procedures at Minidoka Memorial Hospital will be cheaper for patients next year, hospital administrator Carl Hanson told Minidoka County commissioners Monday.

"We've heard from people in the community that our charges for operations to remove tonsils and to put in ear tubes are too high," Hanson said.

When administrators researched the prices, and prices for a prostate cancer test, the hospital found it was charging

too much, and decided to reduce charges on some outpatient services.

Inpatient services, on the other hand, will go up in cost, Hanson said.

In addition, the total operating costs will decrease at the hospital in the budget year starting next week, Hanson said.

Officially, the hospital board must review and approve the 2000-01 budget, but Hanson expects few changes from the budget presented Monday.

During the 1999-2000 budget year, beginning Oct. 1, 1999 and

Please see HOSPITAL, Page B3

Board faces drop in money

By Brandon Fiala
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - The Twin Falls Schools Board set goals Monday for the 2000-2001 school year, and analyzed the results of past goals.

Improving schools in the face of declining enrollment is one of the biggest challenges the school district faces, Superintendent Terrell Donich said.

Enrollment in the Twin Falls School District dropped for the second straight year, and is headed toward a 10-year low.

A drop of 75 to 100 students is expected each year for the next two or three years, which means less money for the school district, Donich said.

The district lost between \$250,000 and \$300,000 in state money this year, because funding from the Legislature is based on average daily attendance, Donich said in an earlier Times-News interview.

The School Board charted its 1999-2000 goals and discovered it accomplished nearly all of them.

"The goals were successful and they carry over to this year," Donich said.

The goals included principal progress reports, gathering data about programs, such as tutoring and a recognition program for Nationally Board Certified Teachers.

The only goals the board didn't meet were collecting and reviewing building improvement plans and investigating media partnerships.

Board members didn't receive reports from school staff necessary to review building plans, and local media had already set a schedule, said Linda Baird, school and community relations coordinator.

Some goals for 2000-2001 include:

- Student safety, both inside and outside the classroom. Traffic safety will be a focus.
- Investigate establishing gray zones, areas which could change school districts.
- Becoming data driven and using data warehousing.
- Assessing which techniques work best in the classroom.

Times-News writer Brandon Fiala can be reached in Twin Falls at 733-0931, Ext. 246.

MAGIC VALLEY

SERVICES

Calvin L. Neal of Jerome, services at 11 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 28, 2000, at the Jerome Second Ward LDS Chapel on north Lincoln.

Friends may call at the Howe-Robertson Funeral Chapel Wednesday evening from 6-8 p.m.

Ruth Irene Bagnall Hawk of Rupert, memorial service at 11 a.m. today at the Trinity Memorial Episcopal Church, 902 Sixth St. in Rupert (Hansen Mortuary Rupter Chapel).

Gerald W. Askew of Twin Falls, services at 11 a.m. today at White Mortuary Chapel. Friends and family may call before services today at the funeral chapel.

Pearl Barnes of Jerome, services today at the Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St. in Burley. Friends and family may call

before services today at the funeral home.

Truman Bartlett of Jerome, services at 11 a.m. today at the Howe-Robertson Funeral Chapel in Jerome.

Friends may call Monday from 6-8 p.m. at the Howe-Robertson Funeral Chapel.

Mary Lindstrom of Burley, service at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 27, at the Rupert United Methodist Church.

Friends and family may call from 6-8 p.m. today at the Hansen Mortuary Rupter Chapel.

Jean Rose 'Ray' Brandt of Twin Falls, graveside service at 3 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 27, at the Jerome Cemetery (White Mortuary).

Jamie Dee Hager of Tendency and formerly of Twin Falls, memorial service at 1 p.m. Friday, Sept. 29, at the Salmon River Funeral Chapel in Salmon.

DEATH NOTICES

Judith A. Russell WENDELL - Judith A. Russell, 61, of Wendell, died Saturday, Sept. 23, 2000, at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls.

At her request, there will be no formal service. Arrangements by Farmer Funeral Chapel in Buhl.

Annie Romer EDEN - Annie Romer, 85, of Eden died Monday, Sept. 25, 2000 at her home.

Funeral arrangements will be announced by White Mortuary of Twin Falls.

HOSPITALS

MAGIC VALLEY REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER

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Dismissed Nancy Owens of Twin Falls, Vernon Weaver of Buhl

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OBITUARIES

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IDAHO FALLS



George E. Miller

George E. Miller, 80, of Idaho Falls, died Sept. 21, 2000, at Idaho Falls Care Center from complications of diabetes.

He was born May 3, 1920, in Glendale, SC to Eula W. Harris, and Walter Lee Miller. He resided in South Carolina until adulthood.

He enjoyed and was devoted to hunting, fishing, and camping and he thoroughly enjoyed sharing those same interests with his three grandchildren, Teri (Michi) Hansen and Craig Mortenson, both of Seattle, Wash., and Lisa (Barry) Langdon of Twin Falls, Idaho.

A memorial service will be held Friday, Sept. 29, 2000, at 3 p.m. with family receiving friends one-half hour prior to services at Buck-Miller-Hann Funeral Chapel, 825 East 17th Street in Idaho Falls.

ROGERSON



Murlene Mae Barber

Murlene Mae Barber, 69, of Rogerson, died Thursday, Sept. 21, 2000, at her home.

She was born Jan. 2, 1931, in Leidy, Okla., the daughter of LeRoy and Audrey Blain Phillips.

She was raised in Oklahoma and California, where the family moved during the dust bowl.

She moved to Payette during the late 1960's, and then lived in Wendover, Nev. for a number of years where she worked at the Nevada Crossing Hotel, and the Red Garter Tavern area.

SANDY, UTAH

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Peggy Jan Neibaur Burtenshaw, 48 of Sandy, Utah died Sept. 21, 2000.

She was born Nov. 29, 1951, in Ashton, Idaho to Bruce and Lila Neibaur. She grew up in a rural Idaho.

She is survived by her husband Bruce, and five beloved children, Emily, Lita (Breck) Pilling, Erica Sophie (Travis) Anderson, Adam Bruce Burtenshaw, Chelsea Jan Burtenshaw, and David Edward Burtenshaw.

Services will be held at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 26, 2000, at the Hidden-Oaks-Ward, 11756-South Highland Dr.

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FOR THE RECORD

The Times-News

GOODING - Recent activity in 5th District Court in Gooding County included the following:

Arraignments and appearances

Tommy P. Barton, 37, 320 S. Ada, No. 10, Gooding, driving without privileges (second offense) no proof of insurance; pleaded innocent; pretrial conference Nov. 16, jury trial Nov. 27; Magistrate Judge Kevin P. Cassidy.

Stanley Richard Hartman, 54, 341 E. Broadway, pretrial conference Nov. 16, jury trial Nov. 27; Magistrate Judge Kevin P. Cassidy.

Robert T. Milburn III, 37, 620 River Road, Blaine, driving under the influence; failure to purchase, no all driver's license; possession of controlled substance; pleaded innocent; pretrial conference Nov. 16, jury trial Nov. 27; Magistrate Judge Kevin P. Cassidy.

James L. Parker, 34, P.O. Box 292, Filer, driving without proper license; pleaded innocent; pretrial conference Nov. 16, jury trial Nov. 27; Magistrate Judge Kevin P. Cassidy.

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Jerome

unlawful entry, fines and costs waived; 30 days' jail; domestic battery; \$1,000 fine, suspended; \$63.50 court costs; 365 days' jail, 296 suspended; 24 months' unsupervised probation; one month probation supervised at the discretion of probation officer; Magistrate Judge Kevin P. Cassidy.

James M. Quintana, 19, 500 First Ave. E., Wendell, reckless driving amended to tentative; careless driving; pleaded guilty; \$300 fine, \$150 suspended; \$63.50 court costs; \$25 public defender fee; 30 days' jail; 87 suspended; 24 months' unsupervised probation; one month probation supervised at the discretion of probation officer; Magistrate Judge Kevin P. Cassidy.

Osando Torres-Martinez, 42, address not available; failure to purchase, invalid driver's license; \$70.50 fine, \$63.50 court costs; unlawful use of driver's license; dismissed by prosecutor; Magistrate Judge Kevin P. Cassidy.

Amy J. Wickham, 22, 131 Lake St., Hayward, possession of controlled substance; \$400 fine, \$375 suspended; \$63.50 court costs; 60 days' jail, suspended; 12 months' unsupervised probation; one month probation supervised at the discretion of probation officer; possession/inlet to use drug paraphernalia; dismissed by prosecutor; Magistrate Judge Kevin P. Cassidy.

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Gooding County Planning and Zoning Will hold a public meeting September 27, At 7:00 P.M. at the County Court House. Paid for by CAFO Committee of Idaho Rural Council working to preserve rural Idaho. E-mail - irc@idhorurcouncil.org 1-877-774-4487 toll free

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Collaborative law effort aims to keep divorcees civil

OGDEN, Utah (AP) - Collaborative law - divorce with out hired-gun attorneys taking turns shooting up the witness stand - is making small, slow gains toward acceptance.

In setting up Collaborative Family Lawyers of Utah, Ogden lawyer-turned-mediator Brian Florence said he approached two committees of the Utah State Bar for help in funding a two-day training seminar. The idea was too foreign.

"So I said the hell with it, and decided to risk it on my own," he said. To cover the speaker fees for a California law professor to debut collaborative law here, he needed at least 20 attendees.

"I had one lawyer whose opinion I respect tell me I would be lucky if I got five," Florence said. "So I was overwhelmed when I got 50."

He now has a developing roster of 35 lawyers along the Wasatch Front ready to handle collaborative divorces.

In their monthly meetings, the members are still finalizing bylaws, protocols, etc., and developing the formal collaboration agreement.

The signed agreement is the heart of the process. Lawyers for both sides agree they will not take the case to court. And they also agree to withdraw if they can't hammer out a negotiated divorce agreement.

"It's revolutionary in the sense the lawyers commit to a process of helping clients reach an agreement without resorting to court action," Florence said.

He's tried out a few of the collaborative principles in a few cases and calls it "refreshing."

"You're attitude free and non-judgmental, exploring each person's needs, allowing each to maximize their needs."

It doesn't even sound like divorce, does it?

It's also less expensive. Florence figures contested divorces in Weber County typically cost between \$5,000 and \$10,000. In Salt Lake City, where the market for lawyers is higher, the figure can be \$10,000 to \$30,000.

A collaborative divorce can be a fifth of those costs, he said.

"But the real focus of the concept is to negotiate a resolution for two people in the way that each other more than they've already been wounded by the marital breakup."

Traditional divorce "fosters acrimony," Florence said. "Which is one of the reasons I left the practice of law. The courts are nothing more than an institutionalized dispute resolution process. But that doesn't mean it's right."

"The system hasn't improved. But there are signs there is some recognition in the system of another way to do things." Collaborative law is one of those signs for Florence.

The Collaborative Family Lawyers of Utah is the first collaborative law group in the state and the Intermountain West, Florence said.

"This is also for the kids, so the divorcing parents can have some kind of a healthy communicative relationship maintained so there is not so much damage to the kids," Florence said.

Even so, price continues to be the biggest concern for growers. Because of an overcrop, they have been getting between \$1.50 and \$2 per hundred pounds. Their break-even price has traditionally been from \$4.50 to \$5.

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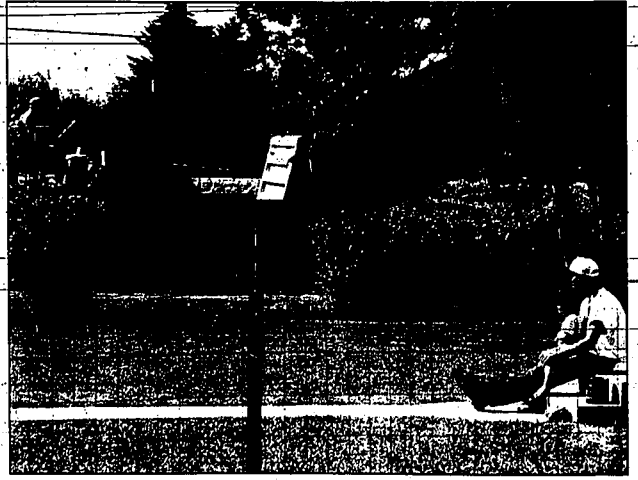
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PROGRESS AT WORK



Brad May, of Rupert, holds his two-year-old son, Tristian, while the two watch a paving project nearing completion on K Street in Rupert.

Potato farmers worry about prices

IDAHO FALLS (AP) - After battling late spring winds and summer heat, eastern Idaho potato growers are hoping for an unusually cool weather as they try to get their 2000 crop out of the ground.

Overnight temperatures around the freezing mark have not disrupted operations yet, said Clem Atchley, an Ashton seed grower who has about a third of his crop in.

Even if the mercury falls into the 20s, the only impact will be a delay in the start of digging each day. The soil temperature has to recover to 42 degrees to keep the potatoes from bruising, which causes rot in storage.

Court voids bus driver's dismissal

BOISE (AP) - A divided Idaho Supreme Court on Monday reversed the Pocatello School Board's dismissal of a bus driver, ruling that the board's procedures failed to provide Marcia Roberts a legitimate opportunity to refute the case against her.

The majority held that allowing the district official who drafted the firing order to participate in two levels of her appeals of that dismissal was inappropriate.

Justice Wayne Kidwell dissented. He pointed out that state law put no limitation on who could be involved in dismissal appeals and that the evidence showed that Roberts was fired because of her inadequate performance, not in retaliation for her joining the Pocatello Education Association union.

The 4-1 decision requires the board to reconsider Roberts' appeal of her dismissal in a format that assures her case is fairly assessed.

After receiving two positive annual job evaluations, Roberts joined the union at the beginning of the 1993-1994 school and within a few months was placed on probation for improper conduct including the use of profane language with students.

She filed a grievance, claiming the action was in retaliation for her union activity. An arbitration panel found no evidence to support that claim but determined that several of the accusations against Roberts were unjustified and said probation was too severe a reprimand for the others.

At about the same time, a district judge permanently enjoined the school district from harassing 25 and other bus drivers for joining the union.

Roberts was taken off probation then, but the school district continued tracking complaints against her from students and parents.

In January 1996, District Personnel Director Gordon Waford fired her.

She appealed the dismissal first to her supervisor, who rejected her petition, and then to the superintendent, who appointed Waford as his representative.

Waford rejected her appeal.

The case then went to a three-member arbitration panel, and the school board made Waford its representative. Waford upheld the firing, but the other two members - one chose by Roberts and one agreed on by both sides - found the dismissal was retaliation for union activity and order Roberts reinstated with back pay.

Within a week, the school board reversed that decision and upheld the firing, and 7th District Judge Don Harding supported the board.

Twenty-two percent of California's power comes from hydroelectricity, and a third of that is imported from the Pacific Northwest via high-voltage transmission lines that run the length of the state from the Oregon border.

Salmon preservation measures that divert river waters away from dam turbines, combined with a milder winter snowpack in the Pacific Northwest, cost California 3 percent of its power supply this summer.

The cost of environmentalism is having a significant economic impact. And it may be getting worse.

Bush promises to back Snake dams

SPOKANE, Wash. (AP) - Flanked by top Washington state Republicans, presidential candidate George W. Bush promised Monday that if he's elected, Snake River hydroelectric dams will remain standing.

Bush made a quick campaign side trip to Eastern Washington, telling an enthusiastic crowd of about 2,000 Republican faithful who squeezed into an airport hangar that he understands what's important to them.

Keeping the four dams on the lower Snake River in southeastern Washington state is important to farmers and the region's economy, Bush said.

"If George W. Bush becomes the president, the dams will not be breached with post-dam pronouncements."

Punching holes in the dams to restore the river to a more natural flow is one option being considered by federal agencies looking for ways to help imperiled salmon travel up and down the river. Several Northwest salmon runs are protected under the Endangered Species Act.

The National Marine Fisheries Service earlier this year recommended leaving the dams in place for five to 10 more years

while other options are more fully studied.

Democratic presidential candidate Al Gore said earlier this month in Portland, Ore., that he wants to first try other methods of restoring endangered salmon runs before considering breaching the Snake River dams.

The issue is one that Washington state Republicans have seized, accusing the Clinton administration of supporting dam breaching.

Bush sprinkled his 30-minute speech with references to the dams and promises that breaching would not be on the table in a Bush presidency.

U.S. Sen. Slade Gorton and Rep. George Nethercutt warmed up the crowd with post-dam pronouncements.

"As long as I'm your U.S. senator, those dams are going to stay in place," Gorton said.

Outside, Democrats accused the Republicans of "demagoguery" on the dams.

"Al Gore never advocated ... or supported removal of those dams," Brad Lyons, a former Democratic candidate for Nethercutt's 5th District congressional seat, told reporters prior to Bush's arrival. Gore has

called for a salmon habitat restoration summit, Lyons said.

Lyons, a Palouse farmer, criticized Bush's agriculture record and said he was "sick and tired of the divisive rhetoric George W. Bush and Slade Gorton have conjured on dams."

Inside the wooden hangar on one side of Spokane International Airport, Bush pointed to members of the Roger Dye family of Pomeroy, who shared the stage with other Eastern Washington farmers the campaign says would be harmed by dam breaching.

Much of the wheat grown in Eastern Washington is barged to market on the Snake and related rivers, a process that depends on keeping the dams in place. Many farmers also depend on cheap electricity from the dams to power vast irrigation systems.

"If you own your own land, every day is Earth Day," Bush said.

Bush's visit was his second of the day in the Northwest, where the presidential contest is considered to be close. Earlier, Bush visited an elementary school in a Portland, Ore., suburb to criticize the Clinton administration's education programs.

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Democratic presidential candidate Al Gore said earlier this month in Portland, Ore., that he wants to first try other methods of restoring endangered salmon runs before considering breaching the Snake River dams.

The issue is one that Washington state Republicans have seized, accusing the Clinton administration of supporting dam breaching.

Bush sprinkled his 30-minute speech with references to the dams and promises that breaching would not be on the table in a Bush presidency.

U.S. Sen. Slade Gorton and Rep. George Nethercutt warmed up the crowd with post-dam pronouncements.

"As long as I'm your U.S. senator, those dams are going to stay in place," Gorton said.

Outside, Democrats accused the Republicans of "demagoguery" on the dams.

"Al Gore never advocated ... or supported removal of those dams," Brad Lyons, a former Democratic candidate for Nethercutt's 5th District congressional seat, told reporters prior to Bush's arrival. Gore has

called for a salmon habitat restoration summit, Lyons said.

Lyons, a Palouse farmer, criticized Bush's agriculture record and said he was "sick and tired of the divisive rhetoric George W. Bush and Slade Gorton have conjured on dams."

Inside the wooden hangar on one side of Spokane International Airport, Bush pointed to members of the Roger Dye family of Pomeroy, who shared the stage with other Eastern Washington farmers the campaign says would be harmed by dam breaching.

Much of the wheat grown in Eastern Washington is barged to market on the Snake and related rivers, a process that depends on keeping the dams in place. Many farmers also depend on cheap electricity from the dams to power vast irrigation systems.

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Californians pay price to save salmon

LOS ANGELES (AP) - Californians are paying a price to save salmon.

Dam operators have been forced to scale back operations that impede the migratory fish, reducing hydroelectricity supplies in the Pacific Northwest and increasing the cost of power to California, where much of it is sold.

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trend in hydropower in coming years is "for there to be less of it" as "fish operations will continue to erode our power generation capabilities."

"Don't get me wrong. Salmon are an important part of the life of the region. But with the (power) reliability problem we have, we need to make sure the fish measures are effective."

Salmon preservation is essential to ensure compliance with the Endangered Species Act as well as to uphold a deal with several Native American tribes whose fishing rights were guaranteed under treaties signed a century ago, said Steve Weiss of the Northwest Energy Coalition environmental alliance.

"The courts have ruled that tribes have a right to fish. But if there is no fish, there is no right, which would seem to create a dilemma for the government, maybe billions of dollars in possible reparations," Weiss said.

"In the Northwest, extinction of salmon is not an option. The question is more how do we preserve it, which the federal government is under mandate to achieve."

Governor lends support to 'Leave A Legacy'

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS - Gov. Dirk Kempthorne and Mayor Elaine Steele, along with mayors around the state, will sign a proclamation at 2 p.m. today declaring today "Leave a Legacy" day.

Leave a Legacy is an effort to assist all nonprofit organizations and charities to increase awareness and interest in charitable giving through bequest and estate planning.

There are 120 Leave a Legacy programs across the nation.

Leave a Legacy doesn't endorse any one nonprofit orga-

nization or charity, but encourages all citizens, regardless of wealth, to leave a gift of any size to the organization of their choice.

For more information, call your financial adviser, favorite charity, or Leave a Legacy at 726-2700, or write to P.O. Box 2619 Twin Falls, ID, 83303.

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Hospital

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ending Saturday, the total operating costs at the hospital are projected at \$12.9 million.

Budgeted expenses for the upcoming year are down 1.5 percent, to \$12.7 million.

"We're finding ways to tighten our belts," Hanson said.

The main area of cost-cutting is in the staff. The hospital, with a work force of more than 1,000, has cut about 6 percent of its staff.

"We've done this very quietly and without a lot of layoffs," Hanson said. "As people have quit, or have gone on to better things, we've just not replacing them."

He added that the hospital was not planning any layoffs.

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With a new computer system installed, the hospital is operating with "more automation," Hanson said. Fewer people are needed to keep the hospital running smoothly.

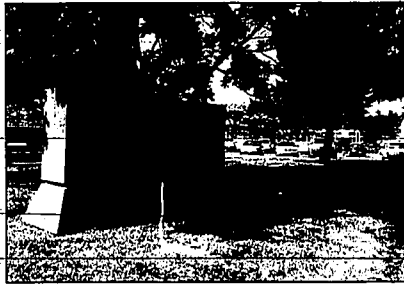
The board will meet Thursday night to review and set the budget.

Contract

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Sen. Larry Craig, R-Idaho, rejecting financial relief for local impact wildfires have had on the county.

Cassia County weed specialist Gordon Edwards said only one burn site in the county is seeing a return of native grasses, and mainly noxious weeds are com-



Mindoka Memorial Hospital will decrease operating costs in the budget year starting next week, hospital administrator Carl Hanson told Mindoka County commissioners Monday. The hospital board still must approve the budget.

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quately rested for the next grazing season. Currently, policy requires at least a two-year rest after a fire.

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Cave men

Silver Sage Grotto club delves deep

By Heather Abel
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - A cave is a dark place to most people, a place of bats and mystery.

But to the members of the Silver-Sage Grotto club, caves are places to explore and conserve.

"It's open to anyone interesting in caves and caving," said Chris Anderson, planetarium production specialist at the College of Southern Idaho Herrett Center, about the club. "The main thrust of the group is cave conservation."

Anderson founded the group in September 1999. The club works in cooperation with CSI's outdoor program, but is open to everyone, not just college students.

The outdoor program provides helmets, flashlights and other equipment for new people who want to try cave exploration. **For the first time without having to invest in the equipment.**

Silver Sage Grotto celebrated its first anniversary by cleaning up outside and inside Clay Caves, a few miles north of the Hansen Bridge.

"This is a popular party spot," Anderson said.

Want more information?

If you are interested in learning more about the activities of Silver Sage Grotto, call Chris Anderson at 733-9554, Ext. 2663.

People don't know any better, have parties here and write their names on the walls of the caves, endangering species living there, he said.

The club spent the day cleaning up trash outside of the two caves and scrubbing graffiti off the walls inside of the caves.

Ernie Moss, a retired music teacher, said the destruction is not intentional, but that people are not taught to respect the caves.

"It's thoughtless," Moss said. "They learn from older people. They have not been given the idea that these places are precious. They don't realize the damage they're doing to permanent."

Anderson said education is important so that people realize that caves are relatively rare and need to be protected.

The group also surveys the caves in the area.

"A lot of caves have never been surveyed," Anderson said.



Silver Sage Grotto club founder Chris Anderson and club member Ernie Moss check out the large cave that's part of Clay Caves near Hansen Bridge. The main purpose of the club is cave conservation.

HEATHER ABEL/
The Times-News

PICKING SPUDS



Photo courtesy of Idaho School for the Deaf and the Blind

The Idaho School for the Deaf and the Blind picked potatoes in a field located 5 miles east of Gooding as a community service project. Todd Rodes, who works in the field and is also deaf, explained to the students how to pick potatoes and what to do with them afterwards. Some of the blind students had never picked potatoes before. The students gave the boxes of potatoes to Tom Woods and his associates at St. Elizabeth's Catholic Church in Gooding for the Tuesday night kitchen soup.

Reptile study

ISU study includes Minidoka Refuge area, South Hills

By Andrew Taylor
special to the Times-News

OKAYLEY - The gopher snakes in the South Hills can have attitudes. This is one of many informal observations Idaho State University ecology graduate student Jeremy Shive made this summer while compiling data for a population survey of reptiles and amphibians in South central Idaho from the South Hills south of Twin Falls east to Minidoka National Wildlife Refuge near Rupert.

"For some reason it seems like the gopher snakes in the South Hills are temperamental," Shive said. "I've had them get all coiled up and hiss at me. They'll even shake their tails to try to mimic a rattlesnake."

Shive, who was based at the Big Cottonwood Wildlife Management Area near Oakley, spent much of the summer walking eight to nine hours a day searching for reptiles and amphibians in desert and wetland areas such as Big Cottonwood Creek and Big Cedar Creek in the South Hills, by Goose-Creek Reservoir and Birch Creek near Oakley and at the City of Rocks south of Albion.

His study, funded by the Bureau of Land Management and the Idaho Department of Fish and Game, is one of a series of herpetological studies conducted in Idaho the last several years.

"Basically, we're just trying to fill in data gaps and complete basic research," said Paul Makela, wildlife biologist for the Department of Fish and Game, referring to Shive's research activities.

The study's principal goal is to document where species exist across the state of Idaho, and that information will be entered into ISU's herpetological data-



Photo courtesy of Idaho State University

Graduate student Jeremy Shive shows a leopard lizard he caught in a lizard house and released unharmed near the Minidoka National Wildlife Refuge. He worked on a study of reptiles in south central Idaho.

Want to learn more?

Information on Idaho's reptiles and amphibians is available at the Idaho Digital Atlas Website maintained by the Idaho Museum of Natural History at <http://imnh.isu.edu/digitalatlas/>.

base. The archived information will be used for long-term monitoring of species, Makela said. The data can be used to determine which species are rare or declining, identifying potentially threatened species.

Conversely, this research may show that some species may be more common than previously documented, keeping them from potential listings as rare or endangered species.

Legion makes hall improvements

By Melissa Morgan
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - Members of the American Legion Post 7 in Twin Falls won't have to worry about haphazard parking or a flooded lot anymore.

The Legion has paved its parking lot. The new parking lot almost doubles parking space and helps with parking organization and water drainage at the hall, located at 447 Seastrom St.

The parking lot will be angled so that excess water will better drain, Adjutant Will Barth says. The refurbished parking lot will be finished in time for Legion bingo Friday.

The improvements will cost approximately \$30,000. Barth says the legion used money it had earned by selling property in Twin Falls that it later invested.

Future plans include a grass seeded and a sprinkler system as well as a gazebo and outside lighting for summer parties, Barth says.

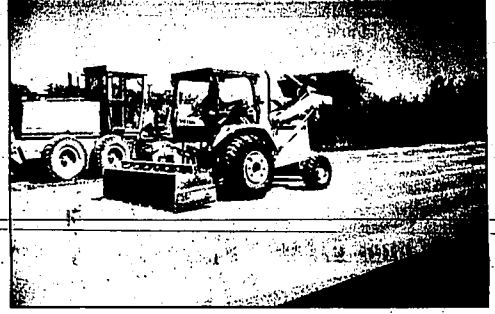
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The American Legion was chartered by Congress in 1919 as a patriotic, mutual-help, war-time veterans organization. The organization now has a membership of nearly three million male and female members in nearly 15,000 American Legion posts worldwide. Source: American Legion

To join the American Legion Post 7, call Commander Jerry Wertz or Adjutant Will Barth at 733-7527. Members must be an honorably discharged veteran who served during a period of world conflict activity.

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Construction workers prepare the American Legion hall parking lot for paving. The paving was part of the improvements at the hall which is well-used by the Legion and public.

The American Legion Hall holds bingo every Friday night. The doors to the American Legion open at 6:30 p.m. and the game begins at 7:15 p.m. Players can play for as little as \$5 or they may buy extra cards to increase their chances of winning.

The American Legion also holds dinners and festivities for their members as well as Youth Appreciation night for girls and boys participating in Boys and Girls State. Boys State is a program that helps teach young men about the workings of the government.

Girls State is a similar program offered by the American Legion Auxiliary.

Barth says he enjoys being a member

of the American Legion hall because it keeps him active and gives him something to do. As a retired person, he believes it is important to stay active.

The legion says it also helps its 200 members fight for their rights as well as give extra benefits to those eligible. Those benefits include low cost life insurance and discounts on moving, car rentals, hotels, eye wear and prescription drugs.

The American Legion hall can be used by the public for \$135 a night, plus a cleaning deposit.

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Car club wants to provide good activities for teens

By Lorraine Cavener
Times-News correspondent

BURLEY - Cars and low-rider bikes were covered with tarps, towels or coats to protect them from the rain when the Endless Knights Car Club held its first car show and sound-off event at Freedom Park.

"Our organizers' spirits were not dampened about the new club."

Ever since Jamie Benavides and his friends were children they talked about having a car club. Now, their love of cars and a desire to give young people something constructive to do has prompted the organization of the new club.

"We want kids to know there's more to do than get involved with gangs, drugs and drinking," Benavides said. "We want to help kids stay out of trouble."

Benavides, who is the secretary of the club, said young people could spend their money on cars and low-rider bikes and work on fixing them up instead of destructive activities.

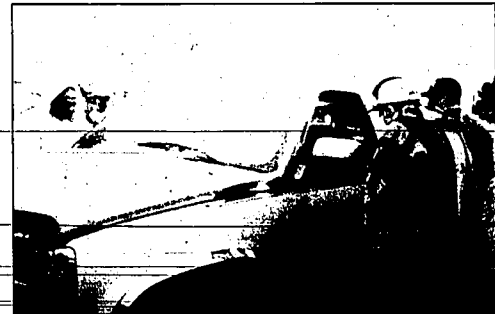
Some members of the group have indeed been fixing cars or have designed low-rider bikes, he said.

Low-rider bikes start with an old-style bike frame that's cut up and the middle filled in with a custom design, he said.

"You can do all kinds of things with a bike," Benavides said.

Members are also giving their cars paint jobs, he said. In the future they hope to add hydraulics - a more expensive feature.

Some of the cars have appeared in the Cinco de Mayo parade in Rupert and the Cassia County Fair parade.



A group gathers around Dustin Wilkins' pickup to watch as his sound system was tested at a recent sound-off and car show held by the Endless Knights Car Club in Burley.

INTERESTING

Endless Knights Car Club meets at 7 p.m. every first and third Saturday at Freedom Park, near the Burley Airport. Dues are \$10 each month. The group meets to discuss and show cars and low riders. For information, call Jamie Benavides at 670-0450.

The Endless Knights car show also featured a sound-off competition of car stereos.

Dan Murri of Dan's Audio tested

sound performance levels at the event.

"That is really, really good," said Murri's wife, LaWanda who assists him with the audio business, about the sound of Dustin Wilkins' pickup.

LaWanda Murri said loud stereo systems are what many car owners want.

"It is pride of ownership. They enjoy having them," she said. "The louder the better."

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TWIN FALLS AREA COMMUNITY

Author, author

Former Buhl resident returns to share new book at library

By Mary Lou Potts Times-News correspondent

BUHL - The Buhl Public Library presented a special reading treat for children of all ages...



Sarah Ferlante Donkersloot, a former Buhl resident and Jerome teacher, shares her book with children at the Buhl Public Library.

After completing her education and teaching a year in Jerome, the Donkersloot family moved to Alaska. Continuing to teach at Naknek's Bristol Bay Schools...

Using animals found along Alaska's rivers, the story features Mother Moose to Mother Mink. The book counts numbers as it progresses into the story and has a song at the end.

COMMUNITY CONTRIBUTIONS

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Twin Falls Fair awards ribbons

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SENIOR CALENDAR

Ageless Senior Citizens Inc. 310 Main St., Kimberly. Wednesday: Beef, stew, tossed salad, corn bread, apricots, coffee, milk. Friday: Meat loaf, potatoes and gravy, glazed carrots, cole slaw, bread, butter, strawberry short cake, coffee, milk.

Bargain Center with cards, games, color television, puzzles and movies. Open weekdays from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesday: Blood pressure 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Wednesday: Quilting 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

roll, pudding. Wednesday: Hamburgers, tater tots, lettuce, tomato, onion, baked beans, brownies, fruit. Thursday: Oven baked chicken, potatoes w/ gravy, peas and carrots, salad, rolls, cake.

Twin Falls Senior Citizens Center 616 Eastland Drive. Dinner served from noon to 12:30 p.m. Suggested donation is \$3 for seniors. The cost is \$4 for non-seniors under 60 and \$2.50 for children under 12.

West End Senior Citizens Inc. 1010 Main St., Buhl. Noon meals served Monday through Friday. Buffet meal at 1 p.m. on Sunday. Evening meals served at 5:30 p.m. Monday and Thursday.

Filer Senior Haven 222 Main St., Filer. Seniors served at noon on Tuesday and Thursday and at 6 p.m. on Friday. Suggested donation is \$2 for seniors. Home delivered meals available each meal time.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Attention deficit disorder presentations continue. JEROME - A series of Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder presentations will continue from 7-9 p.m. Wednesday at the Telecommunications room of the agriculture building at Jerome High School.

Scouts of America holds 'Scouting for Food'. TWIN FALLS - The Snake River Boy Scouts of America will hold Scouting for Food on Nov. 4.

Basic cake decorating class set in October. TWIN FALLS - Kitchen Magic will hold a basic cake decorating class from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Oct. 7 at Kitchen Magic in the Lynnwood Shopping Center.

Adventure author visits Twin Falls Public Library. TWIN FALLS - Tamora Pierce, fantasy and adventure author for young adults, will make a presentation at 4 p.m. Thursday in the Storywell Kiva in the Twin Falls Public Library, 434 2nd St. E.

Breast cancer info booth sets up at flea market. FILER - A breast cancer information booth will be set up at the Filer Flea Market Saturday at the Filer Community Center. For more information, call 532-4439 or 431-9939.

Retired Sugar Workers meet at Centennial Park. TWIN FALLS - The Retired Sugar Workers will meet at 4:30 p.m. Oct. 4 at the Centennial Park at the Roy Raymond Pavilion. The dinner will be a potluck.

New Neighbors hears about crime, personal safety. TWIN FALLS - The Magic Valley New Neighbors will hold its monthly luncheon at Jakers at 11:30 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 3. The featured speaker will be an officer from the Twin Falls Police Department and will discuss crime and personal safety.

Kimberly Senior Center serves up dinner. KIMBERLY - The Kimberly Senior Center will hold a pork chop dinner from 12-2 p.m. Sunday at 310 Main St. N. in Kimberly. The dinner will cost \$5 for adults and \$2.50 for children under age 12.

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BRIEFLY IN MONEY

Counties to provide disaster insurance

SHOSHONE - In two additional Magic Valley counties, the Idaho Department of Labor will provide disaster unemployment insurance for workers out of jobs because of Idaho's severe fires, the state announced Monday.

More about it

Claimants can file for disaster unemployment assistance at those Job Services offices: For Lincoln and Jerome counties, use the office in Twin Falls at 736-3060.

For Blaine County, use the office in Halley at 788-3526. For Elmore County, use the office in Mountain Home at 882-7571.

The minimum weekly amount comes to \$102, while the maximum goes up to \$296. Benefits are payable during the disaster assistance period, which began July 30 and will end March 3. Anyone interested must first apply for regular unemployment benefits by Oct. 2.

Disaster unemployment assistance is generally available to those who are not eligible for regular benefits, including the self-employed, those who have exhausted regular benefits and those previously determined ineligible because of insufficient earnings.

Jerome chamber, Qwest offer free seminars

JEROME - Today is the day to learn a little about e-commerce. The Jerome Chamber of Commerce and Qwest are offering two free seminars today for chamber members and guests.

"E-commerce Essentials - 10 a.m. to noon. Explore how e-commerce is changing business buying and selling practices and recognize driving forces for electronic commerce in different industry sectors. Review the current state of e-commerce and visit websites that demonstrate best practices."

"Internet Marketing - 1 to 3 p.m. Make your site easy to find; examine search engine ranking criteria, meta tags, search engine registration, linking relationships and affiliate programs; learn to use lists, news groups and chats to increase visibility and enhance reputation; and examine traditional marketing channels. Each seminar will hold 25 guests, and the Jerome chamber said Monday it still had some spaces left. Call 324-2711 to register this morning. No lunch is provided.

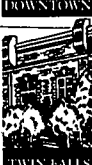
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Old Towne to become 'hot'

By Julie Pence
Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS - Folks at the visitors' center can give directions to the mall, but businessman Steve Suran wants to know how they direct people to Historic Old Towne Twin Falls.

HISTORIC DOWNTOWN



TWIN FALLS

And that is one problem city planning consultant Tom Hudson and his team have come to town to solve.

The Moscow-based Tom

Consultant looks to make historic area more accessible

Hudson Co. consulting firm is doing a comprehensive, \$55,000 study of the downtown and Old Towne areas. The city's Urban Renewal Agency has pledged \$25,000 to the six-month study. Downtown and Old Towne will pay \$5,000, and the city of Twin Falls will pay the remaining \$25,000.

Monday, near the start of a week-long schedule of meetings and research in Twin Falls, Hudson met with business and property owners from Historic Old Towne to get comments on what they think will make the older part of town prosper.

Suggestions included developing residential facilities on the

second and third floors of older buildings, remodeling, upgrading landscaping, enhancing tourism and retaining retail opportunities.

But most important, Hudson pointed out, is developing a sense of community center in the Historic Old Towne area that would automatically draw people into the area.

If you have to tell someone you're there, Hudson said, you've missed your point. Suran recalled later in the day.

Twin Falls City Council member Glenda Thompson said a very real problem is making it possible for people to find the area.

She said Hudson, who had been helping Old Towne revitalize since 1994, good-naturedly pointed out that eight Second Avenue and Second streets are pretty confusing - especially to out-of-towners.

Historic Old Towne members put forth ideas about improving gateway access to the city along with identifying and installing good signs and installing attractive streetlight systems to illuminate all the main access streets.

People also discussed some of the obstacles Hudson will face. One problem is a weakened economy tied directly to the below-production prices some farmers in the valley have seen

over the past three years. Another is the question of how to revamp access from U.S. highways 30 and 93 and Idaho Highway 74 so tourists can get to the area with ease.

Soran has been around since Hudson started working with central Twin Falls six years ago and has confidence that, with Hudson's help, Historic Old Towne will become as viable for the next 100 years as it has been since it was founded almost 100 years ago.

"We've really come a long way since our first meeting with Tom Hudson six years ago," he said.

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

TRADERS IN ACTION



Traders in the crude oil pit bid at the New York Mercantile Exchange Monday. With the limited opening of the Strategic Petroleum Reserve, the Clinton administration caps surging oil prices, which were threatening to smash through the record-high level of \$41.15. Read about stocks and oils on page C4.

Idaho officials applaud China trade measure

By Virginia S. Hutchins
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - Idaho companies will pay lower tariffs to get building products into China, a growing market for that industry. Visiting Chinese businessmen might tour historical mining sites and national parks in the West. And the state's agriculture will benefit across the board.

Idaho commerce officials are predicting those and other advantages in the wake of the U.S. Senate's vote last week to extend permanent normal trading relations (PNTR) to China, essentially ending annual debate over the use of trade to sanction China's government for political and military policies.

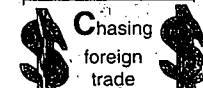
"I think the normalization will certainly help the business between China (and) the USA plus Hong Kong and Taiwan," said Eddie Yen of the Idaho-Asia Trade Office in Taipei, Taiwan.

The measure, approved by the House in May, means Idaho companies exporting to China will pay lower tariffs.

Between now and 2005, tariffs will fall from an average of 25 percent of the sale price entering China to 9.5 percent of the sale, though some industries won't see the relief overnight, said Wendell E. Babcock, an international-trade specialist with the Idaho Department of Commerce.

In agriculture, he added, average tariffs will drop from 31 percent to 14 percent. That could help the agriculture industry across much of Idaho, he said.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture earlier this year estimated PNTR passage could reduce China's tariff on potatoes



60 percent by 2004. Other Idaho exports, including wheat and beef, would also rise dramatically, the department said in February.

China is No. 13 on Idaho's export list in terms of exports' dollar value in combined industries, Babcock said. In 1998, Idaho exported \$30 million in sales to China.

"Especially with this happening, those figures will be much, much higher, especially with the way the state of Idaho is working with China," he said.

Idaho benefits

Idaho's Commerce Department and a group of its business people - including Hamilton Manufacturing Inc., a Twin Falls insulation and mullch manufacturer - have been collaborating this year to make the state a one-stop source for China's vast, quickly growing construction industry and for its related environmental needs.

Those efforts could pay bigger dividends now.

Another of those collaborators, Precision Panel in Eagle, this month sent to China its first shipments of structural panels for modular homes - and paid a 25 percent tariff, Babcock said.

The U.S. Chamber of Commerce in May brought

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Starbucks rescinds ban on free local newspapers

The Times-News and Knight Ridder News Service

SEATTLE - The Battle of Seattle is over, at least between Starbucks and the alternative press.

Faced with opposition from store managers and employees, Starbucks retreated from its plan to remove free local newspaper racks from its U.S. stores, which include a Ketchikan shop.

The plan to ban had come as a surprise to

newspaper publishers and editors in the Wood River Valley, which has two competing free weeklies.

The retreat was applauded by Washington publications the Seattle Weekly and The Stranger.

In the latest decision, the Seattle-based coffee retailer said it will allow local district managers to choose which community publications to offer customers.

"I think it's a great step in the right direction," said Alisa Cromer, publisher of the

Weekly. "They are backtracking without too much egg on their face. It's the company's recognition that the local managers know their communities. I say the managers are the heroes."

In Ketchikan, which held the line against chain stores and franchises until Starbucks' arrival, the company's earlier decision to ban reinvented memories of the controversy that the opening of the town's Starbucks stirred in

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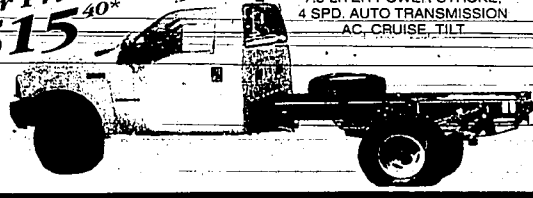
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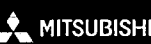
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MONEY

Oil prices drop in the wake of Clinton's release of reserve barrels

Knight Ridder News Service

Crude oil prices dropped Monday as a market rally... President Clinton had ordered the release of 30 million barrels of oil from the U.S. Strategic Petroleum Reserve.

analyst Jim Wicklund of Dain Rauser & Wessels. "You put 30 million barrels on the market, and that's what it does."

"We had said it was going to \$40 a barrel. It hit \$37 and change. It's still only September, so it still could come back," he added.

Prices have remained well above \$30 despite the Sept. 10 decision by Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries

Oct. 1. That increase, the third this year by OPEC members, will bring OPEC's official output to 26.2 million barrels a day.

OPEC isn't expected to change its quotas this week as OPEC heads of state gather for a summit in Caracas, Venezuela, although the issue probably will be a focus at OPEC's Nov. 12 meeting in Vienna, Austria.

Last Friday's decision to release the reserve oil, announced a day after Vice President Al Gore called for the release, has touched off a political debate.

Republicans have charged that the release was politically motivated to boost Mr. Gore's presidential candidacy and was an unwise use of the nation's 571,800,000 barrels of oil reserve.

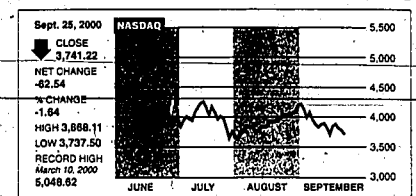
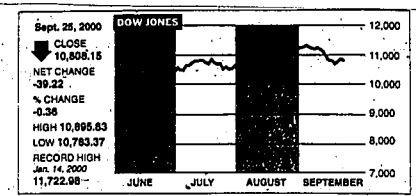
Stocks slip on tech; investors uneasy

NEW YORK (AP) — Stocks closed modestly lower Monday after technology stocks were unable to sustain an early rally instigated by bargain hunters.

The failed recovery was the latest reminder that Wall Street remains nervous about third-quarter profits despite a drop in oil prices Monday and efforts by the U.S. and other financial powers to strengthen the euro, the European currency.

The technology-led Nasdaq composite index fell 62.54 to 3,741.22, vixing out an early gain of nearly 65 points.

"This just highlights that this market has a bit more time to tread water with issues of third-quarter earnings and the lower, more tempered outlook for the economy going forward," said Richard Crisp, chief market strategist for Legg Mason.



are adjusting, reflecting, discounting or whatever you want to call it... to this deceleration of economic growth."

Bank of America president announces retirement from company

BOISE — Bank of America Idaho's President David M. Edson has announced his retirement from the company.

Edson has been president of Bank of America Idaho since 1996.

Buntin has 24 years' experience in the financial services industry. He most recently was senior vice president and team leader for eastern Washington and northern Idaho commercial banking at U.S. Bank, said Bank of America,

Money in brief

which has branches in the Magic Valley. Prior to that, he was vice president and senior corporate relationship manager at West One Bank and U.S. Bank in Boise for six years.

Sears' new chief cuts major rival's job

HOFFMAN ESTATES, Ill. — It was time for Julian Day to go... Al Lacy's first major act as Sears' new chief executive, he has realigned the executive suite,

eliminating the job of Day, Sears' chief operating officer and one of his major rivals.

It's a big comeback for Day, who was once on the fast track at Sears, real estate expert said. Within six months of joining the Hoffman Estates-based retailer in March 1999, Day became one of three members of the office of the chief executive along with Sears CEO Arthur Martinez and Lacy.

Who signed his short-term Day... the Safeway grocery chain — considered himself a contender for the CEO job when Martinez announced he would step down by

the end of the year. But the 47-year-old finance whiz was eliminated in the running early on, sources said.

Day is leaving "to pursue other interests in the Magic Valley stores — several Magic Valley stores — said Friday.

The office of the chief executive will vanish Oct. 1, when Lacy, 46, officially assumes the CEO mantle. The functions that previously reported to Day are reporting to Lacy.

USFreightways shares slump on warning CHICAGO — Shares of

USFreightways Corp., a regional trucker of loads weighing less than 10,000 pounds, fell Monday after the company announced it sees lower-than-expected third quarter results on Friday due to the slow-down in the U.S. economy and costs related to the expansion of its unit, USF Worldwide.

The company said it anticipates earnings of between 90 cents and 95 cents per share, compared with \$1.07 last year. Analysts surveyed by First Call Corp. had forecast earnings of \$1.10 per share for the quarter.

The company also sees fourth-quarter results below consensus estimates of \$1.11 per share.

The company said it expects revenue growth, excluding fuel surcharges, in its regional less-than-truckload units to be about 5 percent compared with the 14.6 percent revenue increase last year.

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NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

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MARKET SUMMARY

Summary table for NYSE, AMEX, and NASDAQ. Includes Most Active, Gainers, Losers, and Diary sections.

NASDAQ NATIONAL MARKET

Table listing NASDAQ National Market stocks with columns: Name, Div, Last, Chg, DCF.

INDEXES

Table showing 52-Week High and Low for various indices.

STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST

Table listing local stocks with columns: Name, Div, PE, Last, Chg, YTD, 52-Week High, 52-Week Low.

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New York's 625 most active stocks on the New York Stock Exchange, the 400 most active on the Nasdaq National Market and 100 most active on American Stock Exchange. Mutual funds are 1,118 funds. Stocks in bold changed 5 percent or more on prior day.

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CHEESE

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Table with columns: Variety, Price per bushel, Change. Includes items like Idaho Falls, Burbank, etc.

CHICKEN

Table with columns: Variety, Price per pound, Change. Includes items like Cornish Game, Broiler, etc.

EGGS

Table with columns: Variety, Price per dozen, Change. Includes items like Large White, Large Brown, etc.

WHEAT

Table with columns: Variety, Price per bushel, Change. Includes items like Soft White, Hard Red, etc.

CORN

Table with columns: Variety, Price per bushel, Change. Includes items like Yellow Dent, White Dent, etc.

SOYBEANS

Table with columns: Variety, Price per bushel, Change. Includes items like Soybean Meal, Soybean Flour, etc.

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Hot springs emit dangerous gases

California soakers threatened with carbon dioxide asphyxiation

KELSEYVILLE, Calif. (AP) — As many as a dozen people luxuriating in the "spiritual, healing" effervescence of Northern California's Soda Springs may have been asphyxiated over the years by carbon dioxide that bubbled out of the hot spring's water.

The pool is encircled by a natural rock border, but a few years ago someone built up the wall with bricks and concrete, making it about 2 feet higher. The higher wall made the basin cozier, but it also apparently trapped the gas close to the surface of the water.

The most recent victim was 31-year-old Stephen Kastner of Napa, who died alone in the pool July 28, said Phil Damon, an assistant field manager with the federal Bureau of Land Management, which owns the land.

"From our documentation, and it's minimal, we know for sure there have been three deaths and probably there have been four times that many," Damon said last week. "I don't have much doubt about that."

The earliest documented death by asphyxiation at the springs was John "Pup" O'Shea, a former Lake County coroner who died in 1878, Damon said. Another man, who was not identified, died in 1981.

Soda Springs sits at the edge of a small island about 200 feet off the shore of Clear Lake, about 120 miles north of San Francisco. The water in the rectangular 6-by-8-foot pool smells vaguely of rotten eggs and the basin's natural-bark walls are encrusted with a multicolored patina of chemicals.

Carbon dioxide comes up through inactive volcanic vents, making the water bubble like a hot tub, or a bottle of soda.

Damon said last week he and the wall to clog the springs from



An unidentified man walks near a closed hot spring Sunday, near Soda Bay, California. The hot springs may be responsible for as many as 12 deaths due to carbon dioxide asphyxiation.

the lake's waters, which tended to lap in and cool the 90-degree pool. The BLM tore down the wall last week, and the springs are now off limits. Warning signs sit in the effervescent waters, strung together by a chain.

The plan now is to reopen the springs when the BLM determines carbon dioxide levels are safe, then install a wall that can be adjusted to the changing lake levels to allow for ample circulation, Damon said.

Without proper air flow, dangerous levels of carbon dioxide hover over the surface, said Cathy Janik, a U.S. Geological Survey geochemist. "I'll tell you, I wouldn't want to sit in the spring, just because there's so much gas," she said.

Stephen Kastner's father, Bill Kastner, said all mysterious deaths at Soda Springs should have been taken seriously.

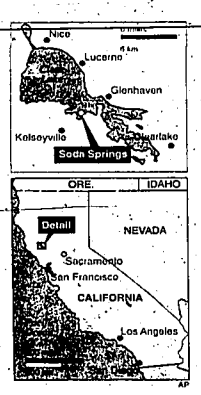
"We've been going there with the boys since they were 8 or 10,"

said Kastner, who has a summer home nearby. "Back then there was no wall. In the past few years, someone built the wall, then the BLM knocked it down and then someone built it back up again and BLM knocked it down again."

Officially, the cause of Kastner's death has not been determined and lab results are expected to take several weeks, according to Russell Perlock, Lake County's coroner. Preliminary autopsy results showed that Kastner drowned, he said.

But Damon said he believes the young man was asphyxiated; and Kastner's father said drowning as the cause of death is "basically impossible as far as I'm concerned, unless someone was holding his head down."

Stephen was an accomplished water skier, swimmer and diver. After his son's death, Kastner hired a chemist who said the carbon dioxide level was so high, his meter could not register it.



Babbitt: Tribes should receive Kennewick man

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) — In a setback to scientists, Interior Secretary Bruce Babbitt decided Monday that Kennewick Man, one of the oldest skeletons ever found in North America, should be given to five American Indian tribes who claim him as an ancestor.

The decision comes after four years of dispute between the tribes and researchers, who hoped to continue studying the 9,000-year-old bones that have already forced anthropologists to rethink theories about where the original Americans came from. In a statement, Babbitt said the remains were "culturally affiliated" with the five tribes and were found in the Columbia River shallows near the tribes' aboriginal lands.

AT&T, Utah entities oppose telecommunication project

PROVO, Utah (AP) — With AT&T in the forefront, a coalition called "Utah: Citizens Against Higher Taxes And Bigger Government" is fighting Provo's proposal to supply residents with cable, phone and Internet services. "We're having a difficult time understanding why Provo feels they need to go forward with this," said L.J. Godfrey, attorney for AT&T. "It's a radical expansion of government."

"Although Utah is a very vested interest for us not doing this," said Paul Venturilla, telecommunications manager for the city energy department.

The other entities in the coalition are the Disabled Rights Association, Consumers' Network, the Coalition of Utah Internet Service Providers, the American Internet Service Providers

Association, Crossroads Urban Center and the Utah Taxpayers Association.

The telecommunications proposal has not yet come before the City Council and hasn't been scheduled for a public meeting yet, though city administration says there will eventually be public hearings.

"It appears they aren't very seriously interested in getting public opinion," said Jeff Fox, director of the Utah Consumer's Network.

The coalition has taken out newspaper ads questioning the proposal.

It contends the city should offer something that can be done by private businesses. City energy department director Kevin Garlick said the city needs to step up where companies can't or won't do the job.

Advertisement for The Times-News Classifieds. Includes contact information for Twin Falls, Burley, and other locations. Lists various services like legal, education, real estate, and more. Includes a 'Classified Specials' section with offers like '7-Day Real Estate Guarantee' and '15-Day Real Estate Guarantee'.

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Please check your ad for correctness on the first day it runs...

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FOUND: On Kimberly Rd. Blonde, female med. size...

LOST - Male Chocolate Lab near South Hill on 923. Call 423-9590.

LOST 9-19 in Twin, gold State St. green shell. REWARD 208-734-6493.

LOST - cat, short haired gray & white, neutered. 10 yrs. old. West of Hill. Please call 543-9897.

MISSING your toy poodle, male, vicinity of Kings Island. REWARD. Call 734-5498.

106 SPECIAL NOTICES

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109 PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

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BANKRUPTCY Competitive rates on Chapter 7 bankruptcies. Call Jill Stokor at 734-8452.

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COLLECTIONS Telephone sales collector. Experience preferred. Non-smoking environment. Send resume to: Box 924, Twin Falls, ID 83301. For more information call 734-1690

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CONSTRUCTION Franklin Building Supply is seeking experienced construction workers & SDOEs. Call Jim or Terry at 324-8161.

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DRIVERS Experienced short haul driver. Call 208-324-7148.

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DRIVERS H & R TRANSPORT is looking for good CDL drivers with a class A CDL, excellent benefit package, good home time and pay. Call or phone apps, taken daily. 800-348-8224

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MORNING LINE

SPORTSQUOTE

“He had the angels on his side.”

—K.C. James, a former Boston Celtics standout and coach, on Celtics player Paul Pierce, who was stalked in a bar fight early Monday.

TRIVIA

QUESTION:
Seventeen NFL players share the record for interceptions in a game with four. Who was the first?
...answer below

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

- High school volleyball**
Twin Falls at Highland (2/3), 6 p.m.
Dietrich at Bliss, 6 p.m.
Shoshone/Glenns Ferry at Gooding, 6 p.m.
Kimberly/Wendell at Buhl, 4 p.m.
Richfield at Ketchum Community, 7 p.m.
Murtaugh at Oakley, 6 p.m.
Bonnevile at Jerome, 6 p.m.
Pocatello at Minico, 6 p.m.
Burley at Century, 6 p.m.
Filer at Wood River, 5:15 p.m.
Carey at Camas, 6 p.m.
Castelford at Raft River, 6 p.m.
Hansen at Hagerman, 6 p.m.
TFCA at MYCHS, 4:30 p.m.
- High school football**
Murtaugh at Hagerman, 7 p.m.
- Girls' high school soccer**
Ketchum at Wendell, 4 p.m.
- Boys' high school soccer**
Ketchum at Wendell, 5:30 p.m.

IN BRIEF

Bond records ace at Jerome Country Club
JEROME — Dow Bond scored a hole in one on No. 15 at the Jerome Country Club Monday. He used a 7-wood on the 172-yard, par 3 to claim the honor.
It was Bond's first ace. Witnesses were Matt Smith, Marvin Ballis and Don Lowman.

Jerome Rec District registers for basketball
JEROME — The Jerome Recreation District is currently registering participants for youth and adult league basketball and adult co-ed volleyball.
Boys in seventh through ninth grades and girls in fifth and sixth grades are eligible for youth basketball. Fees are \$13 and registration is through Oct. 7. Sign-ups for adult programs will be held through Oct. 27. Volleyball will hold an organizational meeting on Oct. 3 at 7 p.m., with the basketball meeting set for Oct. 10 at 7 p.m.
For more information on these or other programs, please call 324-3389.

Steelheads sign left wing Vladimir Nemeč
BOISE — The Idaho Steelheads announced Sunday that they have signed 21-year-old left wing Vladimir Nemeč, who has played the last two years in Slovakia's premier, Slovak Republic Extraliga.
The 6-foot-0, 190-pound Nemeč scored six points in 45 regular season and five play-off games in 1999-2000.
Nemeč is the 14th player signed by Idaho this offseason. The Steelheads open training camp on Friday and host Tacoma in exhibition games at the Bank of America Center on Oct. 6-7.
Compiled from staff and wire reports

TRIVIA ANSWER:
Sammy Baugh of the Washington Redskins, on Nov. 14, 1943, against Detroit.

Colts, Manning pass Jaguars

The Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — If there was anything wrong with Peyton Manning, it was cured Monday night — with help from some unexpected quarters.
Manning passed for a franchise-record 440 yards and threw for four touchdowns as the Indianapolis Colts dominated the second half to beat Jacksonville 43-14.

Terrence Wilkins, playing his first game of the season, clipped in with nine catches for 148 yards and

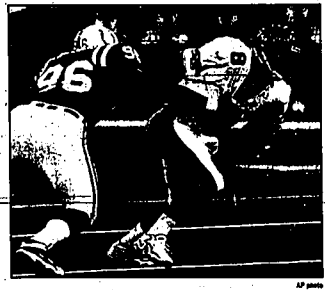
a touchdown. And the defense that tied a 21-point lead at home to Oakland two weeks ago showed up this time, sacking Mark Brunell five times, once for a safety and picking off a pass that set up a score.
But it was Manning's show as the Colts went on a 22-0 run in the second half after leading by only a touchdown at halftime.

After throwing three interceptions in his first two games, he was perfect Monday night, starting with a 76-yard TD pass to Marvin Harrison on the Colts' third play

from scrimmage. Manning also had a 27-yarder to Wilkins and a 16-yarder to Jerome Pathon as Indianapolis (2-1) took a 21-14 lead.

Manning added a 4-yarder in the final quarter for the first four-touchdown game in his two-plus NFL seasons. Edgerjorn James completed the scoring with a 14-yard TD run.

Manning, who completed 23 of 36 passes, broke his own team record of 404 yards against San Diego last Sept. 26. Hall of Famer Johnny Unitas' top total was 401 for Baltimore.



Jaguars quarterback Mark Brunell eludes the tackle of Indianapolis defensive tackle Josh Williams during the first quarter in Indianapolis, Monday.

ISU's Stacy Dragila outduels Australian for first gold in pole vaulting

Detroit Free Press

SYDNEY, Australia — One more thing left to do. The obligatory round of photographs was over, but U.S. pole vaulter Stacy Dragila wasn't finished sharing her Olympic victory just yet.
As she waved good-bye to the crowd, Dragila — gold medal dangling from her neck — turned and teased the crowd. She waved her bouquet of flowers and then, with her back to the spectators, tossed the bouquet high over her right shoulder like a bride leaving for her honeymoon.
It was a fitting exit for Dragila, who entered the 2000 Summer Games as the reigning world champion and left it as the sport's inaugural Olympic gold medalist for women.

"This is a dream come true for me to be on this stage at the Olympics," Dragila said. "I was an average athlete who picked up the pole vault seven years ago. It's a dream to win a gold medal."
Victory for Dragila was assured in the three-hour competition when she cleared her winning height, 15-1, on her first attempt.

But before then, in front of 112,000 spectators that roared with every trip down the runway, the battle for gold was intense.

After bronze medalist Vala Fiosdorff of Iceland bowed out at 14-9, becoming Iceland's first female Olympic medalist in history, it was left to Dragila and Australia's Tatiana Grigorieva to duke it out.

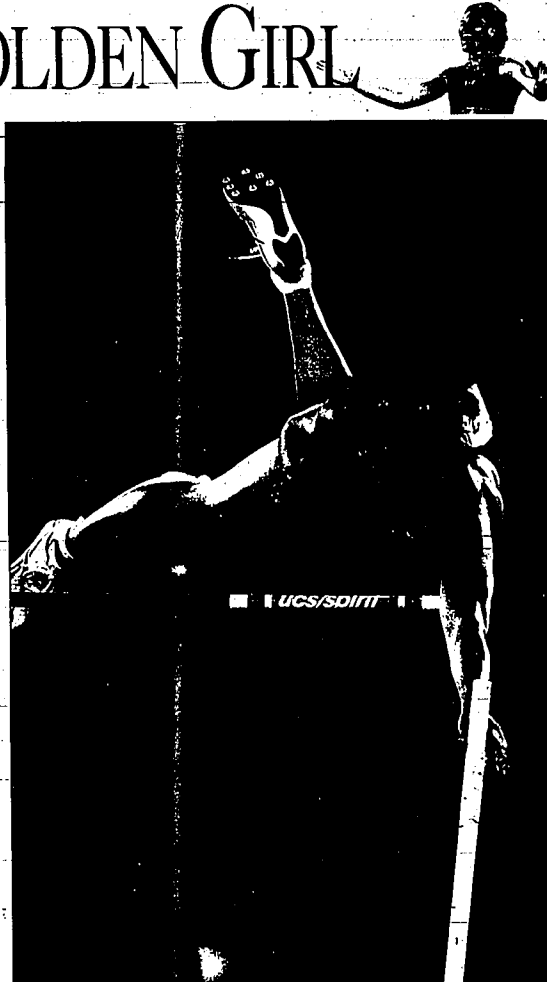
But Dragila had been shaky at the last height, needing three attempts to clear 14-9. But her nervousness was matched by Grigorieva, who also needed three attempts to clear 14-9. At the next height, 14-11, Dragila made it on her second attempt.
With the bar set at an Olympic record 15-1, Dragila, the U.S. trials champion, cleared the height on her first attempt.
Grigorieva was then forced to try for a new record at 15-3 to try to snatch the gold, but neither she or Dragila managed the height.

With the silver instead of the gold, the Australian Grigorieva was still in the mood to celebrate. She took an Aussie flag from a spectator and wrapped it around her body. She then took off down the track, waving for the appreciative and boisterous crowd.

For Dragila, a former heptathlete, Monday's event was one she will never forget.

"It was crazy because I knew there was so many finals tonight," Dragila said. "I wanted to watch everything, but I knew I needed to stay focused with everything I had on task."
For me, when I was on my runs, the stadium was behind me. It was great for the spectators watching the first women's pole vault. It was exciting for all of us."

Please see DRAGILA, Page D2



U.S. pole vaulter Stacy Dragila clears the bar during the women's pole vault final at the Summer Olympics Monday at Olympic Stadium in Sydney. Dragila won the gold medal in the event.

The good, the bad, the Olympics

The Associated Press

SYDNEY, Australia — A 16-year-old Romanian became the latest drug casualty of the Sydney Games, losing her all-around gymnastics gold medal after testing positive for a banned stimulant.

Andrea Raducan was permitted to keep her two other medals Tuesday (Monday night EDT) after testing positive for pseudoephedrine, the International Olympic Committee said.

The Nadia Comaneci look-alike apparently ingested the drug in two cold medicine pills.
Raducan, the first gymnast stripped of a medal for a drug violation, becomes the second athlete to lose a Sydney gold. She is the sixth positive drug case at these games.

She was allowed to keep her gold from the team competition and a silver from the vault.
One day earlier, the report of a positive drug test for U.S. gold medalist Marion Jones' husband, C.J. Hunter, dominated the Olympic news.

The team doctor who gave Raducan the cold medicine was expelled from the games and suspended for the next two Olympics — 2002 in Salt Lake and 2004 in Athens.

Track and Field
After a day dominated by drug stories, U.S. track star Michael Johnson — sporting a pair of gold track shoes — needed just 43.84 seconds to return all the attention to Australia's Olympic Stadium.

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Coslet leaves winless Bengals

The Associated Press

CINCINNATI — Unable to win, barely able to even score, the Cincinnati Bengals found themselves with a new coach Monday with the season all of three games old.

Bruce Coslet unexpectedly quit coach of the NFL's worst team of the past decade and was replaced by defensive coordinator Dick LeBeau in the first NFL coaching change this season.

The resignation came a day after the Bengals lost their third game in a row and second straight without scoring a point. They have been outscored 74-7 this season and haven't made the playoffs since 1990, the league's longest current streak.

"He's a good teacher ... he's good with players," the team's owner and president Mike Brown said of LeBeau. "I think he can step in now and get our situation back on course as quickly as anybody could."
LeBeau, a former star cornerback for the Detroit Lions, becomes an NFL coach for the first time at 63. He has spent 28 years as an assistant on other coaches' staffs.



Cincinnati coach Bruce Coslet shouts at an official during a game on Sept. 13, 1998. Coslet resigned Monday after his team lost its third straight game and second straight without scoring a point.

"There will be some changes," LeBeau said at a news conference. "I think we have to take a look at everything."
Coslet coached the New York Jets from 1990-93 and became coach of the Bengals in 1996. Under Coslet, the Bengals were 7-9 in 1997, 3-13 in 1998 and 4-12 in 1999.
LeBeau said he was stunned by Coslet's decision. "I tried to talk him out of it," he said. "He was not to be swayed."

Celtics' Pierce listed as fair, suffers stab wounds

The Associated Press

BOSTON — Paul Pierce, an emerging star on the Boston Celtics, was recovering Monday after being stabbed in the face, neck and back at a night club.

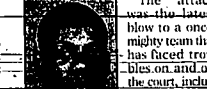
He was with several friends when he was attacked during a fight in the pool room of the Buzz Club in the city's theater district.

The 22-year-old Pierce was treated at New England Medical Center, police spokeswoman Mariellen Burns said. The hospital would not release information except to say he was in fair condition.

"He's doing fine. We're all hoping for a speedy recovery," Coach Rick Pitino said as he left the hospital. WBZ-TV reported that the 6-foot-7, 220-pound Pierce had been hit over the head with a bottle and that most of the stab wounds were superficial except for a 7-inch deep cut to his sternum. Several stations reported that teammate Tony Battle was with Pierce at the club early Monday morning.

There were no immediate arrests. Witnesses told police the fight involved security guards con-

nected with the local rap group Made Men, but it was unclear what role Pierce might have played, Burns said.



Paul Pierce

The attack was the latest blow to a once-mighty team that has faced troubles on and off the court, including seven straight losing seasons and lingering litigation over the 1993 death of captain Reggie Lewis.

Celtics players, coaches and officials visited Pierce throughout the day Monday. His family was en route from California.
The nightclub will be cited for allowing an attack on its premises, Burns said. "She said there have been several other violations there in the past year, including at least two assaults."
Pierce was to report for the start of training camp next Monday. He apparently was in Massachusetts to participate in Red Auerbach's charity golf tournament Monday in Salem.

SPORTS

Bruin volleyball outlasts Buhl in three sets

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS - Great all-around play and teamwork helped Twin Falls to a 15-5, 13-15, 10-10 victory over squappy Buhl on Monday. Stellar defense and net play by senior Shawna Lancaster set the tone for the Bruins, said Twin Falls head coach Kelly Youree. "It was a good game, we worked on timing and played very scrappy," Youree said. "Great teamwork won it."

Hazzie, Hiatt and Katie Williamson led the Buhl attack. Twin Falls (16-4) travels to Highland today for a conference showdown.

Hagerman def. Valley, 13-15, 15-3, 15-10

HAZELTON - Hagerman's Lady Pirates fought back from a Game 1 setback to the host Lady Vikings, winning the final two games 15-3, 15-10 for the upset on Monday.

"We played a great game except for the second set," said Valley coach Julian Escobedo. "Everyone was working hard and hustling on defense."

Senior Michelle Praegeritz had five kills and eight service points to lead Valley. Teammate Brandi Callen added four kills and 10 service points.

The Valley junior varsity defeated Hagerman, 15-7, 18-16. The Lady Vikings (12-5) host

Local sports

Glenns Ferry Thursday.

Castelford def. MVCHS, 15-2, 15-10

CASTLEFORD - After smashing the Conquerors 15-2 in Game 1, Castelford slid by 15-10 in Game 2 for the match on Monday.

Leading the way for the Wolves were seniors Lori Puschel (six kills) and Macey Snelson (four kills). In all, Castelford had 18 kills - nine on first shots. Junior Megan Hart served eight points in Game 1. Junior LoriAnn Wiersma added six service points in the second set.

Castelford's JV squad also beat MVCHS.

The Lady Wolves (5-9 overall, 1-3 conference) head to Raft River today.

TFCFA def. Hansen JV, 15-2, 15-7

HANSEN - It was an off-night for the Hansen junior varsity, as they fell to visiting Twin Falls Christian Academy 15-2, 15-7 on Monday.

"We were one step behind and didn't take advantage of any opportunities," said Hansen coach Holly Hall.

Hall said TFCFA served well and maintained many scoring

runs in the victory. The Hansen varsity and JV teams travel to Hagerman today in a conference match.

TFCFA's JV defeated the Hansen freshmen, 15-4, 15-10.

Boys' soccer

Burley 4, Minico 1

RIPERT - Three second-half goals were too much for the Minico Spartans to handle as they lost to Burley 4-1 Monday.

Jon Barker booted two penalty kicks for the winners early in the second half and Wojciech Wawrynknaded a late goal.

"We passed well, but it was our lack of offense that did it," said Minico coach Dennis Haynes.

With Jorge Alvarez and Jason Harman out with injuries, and Adam Frank receiving a yellow card in the second half, that's much of our team right there."

Alex Madrigal scored a late goal for Minico.

The Spartans (0-8-1) travel to Pocatello to face Highland on Wednesday.

Declo 4, Bliss 0

DEULO - Two early goals by Spencer Glenn were too much for the Bliss Bears to overcome as they lost 4-0.

"We were out of sync and didn't play as well as we should," said Bliss coach Jeremy Webb finished off the Bears.

Declo (3-2-2) plays at Minico Saturday.

Girls' soccer

Minico 2, Burley 2

TRILEY - A close game in Burley ended with a 2-2 tie between cross-river rivals Minico and Burley Monday.

Two scores in the second half by the Bobcats squelched an early Minico lead. Robin King and Mallie Stoddard preserved the tie for the Spartans.

"Our girls played very well, we're starting to get it together," said Burley coach Don Pringle, adding that NARRÉ Wolick performed well in goal.

Burley (4-3-3) travels to Bonneville Wednesday.

ISDB 4, Wendell 0

GOODING - The Raptors once again shut out the Trojans 4-0. Both teams faced another last Thursday with the same result.

Idaho School for the Deaf and Blind player Alondra Rodriguez was on fire Monday, scoring three of the Raptors' four goals. Samantha German accounted for the other.

"It was a very exciting game, it could have gone either way at any point," said ISDB coach Roger Johnson.

"We just got luckier than they did."

The Raptors (2-3-1) host Kertium Wednesday.

SPORTS IN BRIEF

Mike Ward scores ace at Gooding

GOODING - Shoshone golfer Mike Ward made his first career hole in one Sunday on the 150-yard No. 5 at Gooding Country Club. The shot was self-witnessed.

Ewing plans to end career in Seattle

SEATTLE - Patrick Ewing wants to end his NBA career in Seattle. Now it's up to the SuperSonics to decide if they want him beyond next season.

Ewing, the former Washington center, was introduced to the Seattle media at a news conference Monday following last week's megadeal involving four teams and 12 players.

"I'm here and I plan to finish my career here," the former New York Knicks nine-time All-Star said.

Ewing, 38, averaged 32.8 minutes, 15 points and 9.7 rebounds in 62 games in his 15th season with the Knicks.

He will earn \$14 million for the final season of a \$60 million, four-year contract he signed with the Knicks. He has said he wants to play two more seasons after this one, but wouldn't say that again Monday.

Fox bids for entire 2001-06 MLB playoffs

NEW YORK - Fox has offered about \$2.5 billion in a bid to grab major league baseball's entire postseason package from 2001-06, The Associated Press has learned.

That figure, which would also cover an extension of current deals for regular-season games on Fox and its cable outlets, was confirmed Monday by three TV industry and baseball sources speaking on condition of anonymity.

NBC and ESPN, which hold rights to some postseason games under five-year contracts that expire after the World Series, has until today to match Fox's bid, industry sources said.

Broncos expect Griese to play on Sunday

DENVER - Denver coach Mike Shanahan expects quarterback Brian Griese to start Sunday against New England.

Griese, the NFL's top-rated passer, tore cartilage in his throwing shoulder against Oakland a week ago and missed the Broncos' 23-22 loss to Kansas City on Sunday.

The plan was for Griese to throw Friday in hopes of playing Sunday. When he couldn't throw Friday because of pain and inflammation, he was expected to throw during warmups so he could be a backup to Gus Frerotte. Griese couldn't throw then, either.

Shanahan confirmed Griese will eventually require surgery.

"Any time there's a tear, surgery will be needed," he said. "We said that from the beginning."

McSorley trial opens with video

VANCOUVER, British Columbia - Marty McSorley sat expressionless as prosecutors opened his assault trial by showing video of him bashing Donald Brashear in the head with his stick.

McSorley, who played for the Boston Bruins last season, faces up to 1.5 years in prison if convicted of assault with a weapon.

Prosecutor Mike Hicks introduced several exhibits, including a 14-minute video of the Feb. 21 game against Vancouver in which McSorley and Brashear fought in the first period. McSorley's late-game hit on Brashear was shown from different angles.

Also displayed were photos of Brashear's battered face taken by the team photographer a day after the game. Brashear sustained a concussion and returned to play near the end of last season.

Compiled from wire reports

Olympic medal count

Monday, Sept. 25 (MDT)

Country	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
United States	23	14	21	58
China	21	14	13	48
Russia	14	14	19	47
Australia	12	20	11	43
France	12	13	6	31
Germany	5	9	15	29
Italy	11	6	11	28
Romania	10	4	5	19

IOC drug czar says Hunter flunked four doping tests over the summer

SYDNEY, Australia (AP) - Shot put world champion C.J. Hunter failed four separate tests for steroid use this summer, results that international and American track officials knew about but never reported, the IOC's chief said.

Prince Alexandre de Merode, chairman of the IOC's medical commission, said Tuesday (Monday night MDT) that Hunter failed three out-of-competition tests in addition to a test conducted after the Bislett Games in Oslo, Norway.

All the tests showed Hunter, the husband and coach of gold

medal sprinter Marion Jones, with levels of the steroid nandrolone 1,000 times the allowable amount.

The random tests were analyzed by International Olympic Committee accredited labs in Rome, Barcelona and Oslo, which filed coded results with the IOC and the IAAF, the international track federation.

The IAAF decoded the test results and informed USA Track & Field that Hunter had failed the tests, according to de Merode.

Messages left for officials of the IAAF and USATF were not immediately returned, although the

agencies have defended themselves against previous allegations that they covered up drug cases.

Hunter and Jones appeared together at a press conference Tuesday (Monday night MDT), where Jones kissed her husband in a show of support and asked reporters to leave the couple alone.

"As you all know, this has been very difficult last couple of days for C.J. and I am here pretty much to show my complete support for my husband," Jones said.

"Aside from him being an athlete and me being an athlete, he's my husband and I'm here to show support for him."

SYDNEY SCORES AND STATS

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Olympics

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medals, all gold.

Teammate Alvin Harrison took the silver.

Just 15 minutes earlier, Australian Cathy Freeman captured the women's 400-a-race, a victory that brought the crowd of 110,000 to its feet and left the Aborigine runner in near-shock, kneeling silently on the track.

Drained and overwhelmed with the excitement of victory and the relief of expectations fulfilled, Freeman removed her shoes and took a victory lap in bare feet. Ten days earlier, she had lit the Olympic flame during the opening ceremony.

And-Americans remained atop the medal table with 58 (23-14-21), ahead of China's 48 (21-14-13) and Russia's 47 (14-14-19).

Water Polo

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Wrestling

Maybe Matt Lindland was right. Maybe wrestling really is the easy part.

Lindland spent all summer in courts and hearings, going all the way to the Supreme Court in getting his loss in the U.S. Olympic Greco-Roman trials reversed. He made it to Sydney, but was given little chance of doing well.

Now, he will wrestle for the gold medal today at 167.5 pounds. Just as he said he would, even if his trials and tribulations in cancelling his trials loss in Dallas to Keith Sieracki agitated some U.S. teammates, who felt the result on the mat should stand.

Two other Americans also moved into possible contention for medals Monday night EDT by winning their pools: super heavyweight Rulon Gardner, who is one match away from possibly facing Alexander Karolin, and 127.5-pounder Jim Griesnwald. Both wrestle again Wednesday.

Diving

Mark Ruiz remained in position to give the United States another diving medal, holding fourth in the semifinals of the 3-meter springboard.

Defending Olympic champion Xiong Ni of China led Tuesday

SYDNEY 2000



(Monday night EDT) after the semifinals with 687.78 points. He was trailed closely by Russia's Dmitry Sautin (684.75) and Mexico's Fernando Platas (678.96).

Ruiz, 21, of Orlando, Fla., followed with 657.27 to advance into the 12-man evening final. The other American, 20-year-old Troy Dumais of Ventura, Calif., also moved on by placing seventh at 631.80.

But, since scores from the Monday preliminaries are thrown out for the final, Sautin actually takes a lead into the evening with a semifinal total of 240.24.

Softball

It took twice as much effort for the U.S. team to make the gold medal game, as the American women swept a day-night double header against two teams that had earlier defeated them in Sydney.

To make the gold medal game against Japan, Lisa Fernandez struck out 13 in shutting out Australia 1-0. Dot Richardson's fifth-inning single scored the only run of the game as the Atlanta gold medalists took a huge stride toward defending their title.

Beating Japan would be sweet revenge, giving the Americans victories over all three teams that beat them in the preliminary round. In the first game Monday, the U.S. team beat China 3-0.

Drug tests

It was the biggest question of the Sydney Olympics: How will this affect Marion?

This was the report of a positive test for steroids by U.S. Olympic committee said Hunter's husband and coach, world champion shooter C.J. Hunter. He could now face a two-year suspension - news that came just two days before Jones resumes her quest for five Sydney gold medals.

Hunter denied the charge, but the report caused a tremendous hullabaloo on the busiest day of Olympic track.

"I think it's very sad," said Kim Batten, the 1996 silver medalist in the 400-meter hurdles. "Hope it doesn't affect Marion. It's tough no matter how you look at it for her."

Despite the news, the U.S. Olympic committee said Hunter would receive support staff credentials and tickets that would let him stay with Jones in training and at the Olympic Stadium.

"We don't want to do anything that will upset Marion's emotional support," USOC spokesman Mike Moran said.

Men's Volleyball

The U.S. team heads home from Sydney with a perfect record - of ineptitude. The volleyballers ended their Olympic experience with five losses in five matches, the last one Monday to Italy by scores of 21-25, 25-18, 25-18.

Olympic television schedule

Tuesday, Sept. 26

8 a.m.-10 a.m. NBC

10 a.m.-11 a.m. NBC

11 a.m.-12:05 a.m. NBC

12:05 a.m.-1:00 p.m. NBC

1:00 p.m.-2:00 p.m. NBC

2:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m. NBC

3:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m. NBC

4:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m. NBC

5:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m. NBC

6:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. NBC

7:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. NBC

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SPORTS

Tribe splits rare doubleheader

CLEVELAND (AP) — The Indians were afraid all these doubleheaders would catch up to them sooner or later, and that's exactly what happened in the eighth inning Monday night.

Tori Hunter hit a game-tying, two-run single and Jacque Jones drove in the go-ahead run off Bob Wickman in the eighth as the Minnesota Twins beat Cleveland 4-3 in the nightcap of an historic, three-team doubleheader.

In the day game, Dave Burba got his 16th win in Cleveland's 92 victory over the Chicago White Sox.

It was only the second three-team doubleheader in the major leagues since 1900 and first since Sept. 13, 1951, when the St. Louis Cardinals played host to the New York Giants and Boston Braves at Sportsman's Park.

Cleveland, which began the day one game behind Oakland in the wild card race, played its third doubleheader in six days.

Tim Lincecum (2-3) pitched two scoreless innings of relief and LaTroy Hawkins got three outs for his 13th save in 13 tries. Paul Sluys (4-2) took the loss.

In the opener, Burba (10-6) allowed seven hits in seven innings, and Roberto Alomar and Manny Ramirez had two RBIs each for the Indians. Jon Garland (4-8) took the loss.

Tigers 15, Yankees 4

NEW YORK — Dwight Gooden was ineffective in his first start in eight weeks. David Cone was even worse in his first relief appearance in eight years.

Damon Easley and Bobby Higginson hit two-run homers as the Detroit Tigers pounded New York's former Cy Young winner.

The Yankees saw their magic number winning the AL East drop to two over Toronto. New York, which has lost eight of 11, played its final scheduled home game of the regular season.

Devil Rays 5, Blue Jays 1

TORONTO — Fred McGriff hit a three-run homer and Paul Wilson pitched seven scoreless innings as



Cleveland pitcher Steve Woodard begins his windup against the Minnesota Twins in the fourth inning at Jacobs Field Monday. The Indians were playing Game 2 of a day-night, three-team doubleheader after defeating the Chicago White Sox 9-2 earlier in the day.

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Atlanta, which already has clinched a playoff berth, increased its NL East lead to four games over second-place New York and lowered its magic

number to three for clinching its ninth consecutive division title.

Javier Vazquez (11-8) allowed four runs — three earned — and nine hits in eight innings. Andrew Jones homered in the first.

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Lynch Racing team to be ashamed

What should have been a night to celebrate championships turned into a black eye for Magic Valley Speedway, NASCAR and especially Lynch Racing.

Needing only to start the main event to wrap up the track championship, Nick Lynch and the Lynch Racing crew decided to make a statement by using their race car as a weapon on the track (Sept. 16). Just what they were trying to say with this statement is the question.

Perhaps they were upset that John and Jason Newhouse were so competitive this year, winning

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six main event victories between the two of them (John, 4, Jason, 2) while Nick had only three. Speedway should also be embarrassed by its lack of action for allowing such actions to go unpunished. Drivers in other classes who have acted similarly have been suspended from NASCAR's action coverage.

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M's hold lead starting final week

SEATTLE (AP) — The Seattle Mariners had a feeling that the AL West race would come down to the final week.

Oakland is a good ballclub, but we've known that since spring training," veteran second baseman Mark McLemore said. "So this doesn't surprise us at all."

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It's going to be an exciting week," said All-Star shortstop Alex Rodriguez, who went 1-for-

16 in a big four-game series against Oakland in Seattle that saw the Mariners drop three to the A's.

The Mariners scored 10 runs on 20 hits against Oakland and managed to win 3-2 Sunday because of 3-2 innings of helms relief by Arthur Rhodes and closer Kazuo Sasaki.

That gave them a one-game lead in the division after they fell a percentage point behind the A's after losing to them Saturday.

The A's opened a seven-game homestand Monday night against Anaheim. "We felt all along that this would be real tight and it's tight,"

manager Lou Piniella said. Seattle's offense was handled by Tim Hudson, Omar Chavez, Kevin Appier and Ariel Prieto in the A's series.

Rodriguez, who has 38 homers and 122 RBIs this season, stopped hitting in the Oakland series after getting a single in his first inning. "That's the last time I wasn't the A's pitching that caused him to struggle at the plate."

"Our hitting stuck, starting with me," he said. "I'm a slacker. I got myself out. But we go through things like this over the course of a season. It was just bad timing."

49ers banish Terrell Owens for a game

SANTA CLARA, Calif. — The 49ers told Terrell Owens on Monday that his taunting, in-your-face celebrations crossed the line and then they banished their star receiver for a week.

Owens will miss Sunday's game against Arizona and the team is docking him a week's pay — \$24,294. He also was forbidden from taking part in any team activities and was ordered to stay away from the club's Santa Clara headquarters until his scheduled reinstatement next Monday.

The actions stopped short of a suspension, which under league rules would have called for Owens to be removed from the roster and placed on a reserve-suspended list.

Nevertheless, the 49ers made clear they were punishing Owens for his provocative antics Sunday during a 41-24 win at Dallas, which

at the end triggered a near melee between the teams.

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BASEBALL

Monday's American League Boxes

INDIANS 9, WHITE SOX 2

Box score for Indians 9, White Sox 2. Includes batting and pitching stats for Cleveland and Chicago.

TIGERS 15, YANKEES 4

Box score for Tigers 15, Yankees 4. Includes batting and pitching stats for Detroit and New York.

DEVIL RAYS 5, BLUE JAYS 1

Box score for Devil Rays 5, Blue Jays 1. Includes batting and pitching stats for Tampa Bay and Toronto.

AL standings

AL standings table showing team records, games in hand, and playoff positions for American League teams.

NL standings

NL standings table showing team records, games in hand, and playoff positions for National League teams.

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Golfing with God.

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NHL Preseason

NHL Preseason schedule table listing games between various teams.

Wild Card Races

Wild Card Races table showing current standings and playoff chances for various MLB teams.

ON THE AIR

Baseball, Braves at Mets

TV schedule for baseball games including Braves at Mets and Yankees at Rangers.

FOOTBALL

NFL Standings

NFL Standings table showing team records and playoff positions for National Football League teams.

TRANSACTIONS

Baseball, Braves at Mets; Yankees at Rangers; NFL, Redskins at Browns; Patriots at Jets.

THE AP TOP 25

AP Top 25 college football rankings table listing top teams and their records.

USA Today/ESPN College Football Poll

USA Today/ESPN College Football Poll table showing top college football teams.

