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Senate control teeters

GOP mounts last-ditch effort to keep Jeffords in fold

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Scrambling to preserve their fragile grip on power, Republicans in the evenly divided Senate Wednesday mounted a frantic last-ditch effort to head off a defection by Sen. James Jeffords, R-Vt., that would throw the chamber back into Democratic control for the first time in six years.

At a meeting with Jeffords Wednesday morning, Republican leaders dangled a leadership post and more money for education if he changed his mind about leaving the party to become an independent, according to participants. Jeffords, 67, who had begun the

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day by telling sides of his plans to abandon the GOP, agreed to put off a scheduled 2 p.m. announcement until Thursday, after his return Wednesday night to Vermont.

There was no indication, however, Please see SENATE, Page A3



Sen. James Jeffords, R-Vt., right, squeezes into an elevator Wednesday in the Capitol. Jeffords is to announce today whether or not he will leave the Republican Party.

Defection might hit Idaho hard

By Michael Jousse
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — The likely defection of Vermont Republican Sen. James Jeffords leaves the status of nuclear waste in Idaho unclear and promises a shakeup of Idaho's influence in Senate ranks.

"Reports that Jeffords has been promised chairmanship of the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee as a reward for switching parties could affect plans to build a nuclear waste dump at Yucca Mountain in Nevada.

In turn, a change of plans for Yucca Mountain could, in theory, jeopardize former Idaho Gov. Phil Batt's 1995 agreement with the federal government on removal of nuclear waste from the Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory in eastern Idaho.

Reports say Sen. Harry Reid, D-Nevada, the Senate Environment Committee's ranking member and a staunch opponent of the Yucca Mountain project.

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PARKS PIONEER



Darrell Heider of Kimberly had no idea his son, Lee Heider, had nominated him to be Western Days Pioneer of the Year and was shocked to hear he had been selected. 'He deserves it,' said his wife, Mary Jane Heider.

Committee honors Kimberly man

By Lorétt Burkhardt
Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS — As a former director of the Twin Falls County Parks and Recreation Department, Darrell A. Heider played a big role in the building or improving of parks at Salmon Dam, Balanced Rock, Rock Creek Park, Murrough Lake and Owsley Bridge as well as Centennial Park in Twin Falls.

For this reason, and many more, Heider will be honored as the Western Days Pioneer of the Year. The kick-off ceremony presentation of the award will begin at 6 p.m. June 1 at Twin Falls City Park.

Heider, who lives in Kimberly, was nominated by his son, Lee.

"I think he's very deserving," Lee Heider said. "He has helped to make this county a better place, and now because of his efforts, there are some really great places to recreate."

Darrell Heider, 79, spent 24 years as the director of the Parks and Recreation Department. He's modest about his achievements with the department and gives credit to his co-workers.

"I may have had the inspiration (for the parks) but I don't take the credit," Darrell Heider said. "It was always a 'we situation' that got the job done."

One of Darrell Heider's inspirations was "Johnny Horizon Day" — an annual cleanup event he started 20 years ago and continues.

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Western Days schedule

May 31: Carnival at 5 p.m. in the county parking lot at the corner of Sixth Avenue North and Second Street North.

June 1: Western Days queen contest competition, all day; Horseshoe competition at 9 a.m.; Speech and modeling, 3 p.m.; Magic Valley Mall; Carnival continues at 5 p.m. in the county parking lot; Kick-off ceremony with a jamboree and the presentation of the Pioneer of the Year award from 9 to 9 p.m. at the band shell at Twin Falls City Park; Line dance at 9 p.m. and street dance from 7:30 p.m. to midnight.

June 2: Pancake breakfast at 8 a.m. on the corner of Main Avenue and Shoshone; Rhinestone Roper Show at 10 a.m. on the corner of Main Avenue and Shoshone; carnival from noon to 11 p.m.; Dummy head roping from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Vickers Western Store at 259 Shoshone St.; Antique show from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on the corner of Blue Lakes Blvd. and Falls Avenue; Petting zoo from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at City Park; Three-on-three basketball tournament (check in at 8 a.m.) and jamboree from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. at City Park.

June 3: Antique show from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on the corner of Blue Lakes Boulevard and Falls Avenue; Jamboree from 12:45 to 8 p.m. at City Park; Three-on-three basketball tournament from noon to 6 p.m. at City Park; Valentine's performing pigs from 3 to 5 p.m. at City Park; Carnival from 1 to 6 p.m. in the county parking lot.

Darrell Heider named 'Pioneer of the Year'

'CAMPUS OF HATE' NO MORE



Norm Glassel talks about the imminent dismantling of the former headquarters of the Aryan Nations Tuesday in Hayden Lake. The work began Wednesday; for more, please see page C-4.

Legislature's help might be what schools needed

By Julie Pence
Times-News writer

WENDELL — The enticement of free interest provided by the 2001 Legislature's help might have helped pass two Magic Valley school levies this week.

"It may have had some impact by providing some encouragement," Wendell superintendent Larry Manly said Wednesday. "It reduced the amount the property owners would be taxed."

Seventy-two percent of Wendell's voters approved a 20-year, \$4.6 million plant facilities levy. Manly said he received notification from the governor's office Tuesday of acceptance of the district's \$1.5 million request for the state to pay the interest on the levy. That brought the total to \$6.1 million the district will receive to replace a condemned middle school and construct a vocational building.

A 71.8 percent majority of Minidoka County School District voters, meanwhile, passed a \$10.3 million list of projects, with voters paying for about \$9 million.

But last winter's legislative tinkering with a \$10 million fund put in place nearly a decade ago isn't going to trigger a whirl of building projects around the state, said Sen. Laird Noh, R-Kimberly.

In fact, Rep. Doug Jones, R-Flora, said the past session's work on HB 315, a law relating to safe school facilities, was specifically geared toward ameliorating the problems of just a few Idaho districts in desperate straits.

HB 315 was amended to enable school districts to use bond offerings to qualify for grants, instead. Please see SCHOOLS, Page A2

FORECAST FOR MAGIC VALLEY

AccuWeather.com

IDAHO

Idaho Extremes Yesterday:

High 96°
Low 29°
Stanley

Normal high/low: 80°/47°
 Normal high/low: 78°/56°
 Record high: 88° in 1988
 Record low: 28° in 1988

ALMANAC

Temperature Yesterday at noon: 32°
 Barometric Pressure Yesterday at 6 p.m.: 30.05 in.
 Grass: Moderate
 Trees: Moderate
 Absent: Trees

Sources: Asthma and Allergy of Idaho

Today's weather: Shows a cloudy day with temperatures in the 40s and 50s. Highs and tonight's lows.

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FIVE-DAY FORECAST FOR TWIN FALLS

TODAY	TONIGHT	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY
Mostly sunny and very warm. High 88°	Clear to partly cloudy. Low 56°	Sun, patchy clouds; quite warm. High 88°	A 1-storm possible. High 84°	A shower or thunderstorm. High 76°	It might shower. High 70°

CANADIAN CITIES

City	Today	Fri.
Calgary	81-93	82-91
Edmonton	80-92	80-88
Regina	80-92	81-90
Saskatoon	80-92	81-90
Toronto	68-84	67-81
Vancouver	67-85	68-85
Winnipeg	67-87	68-85

REGIONAL WEATHER

Southern Idaho: Near-record warmth again today with plenty of sunshine. Highs from upper 70s in the higher terrain to the low 90s in the lower valleys of the west. Mostly clear tonight. Lows 40-60.

Boise: Turning hot again today with a record high of 94. The old record is 91, last set in 1992. Mostly clear and mild tonight. Low 58. Sunny to partly cloudy and hot tomorrow. High 90.

Northern Nevada: Turning hot again today with plenty of sunshine; a few mountain locales might have an afternoon thunderstorm. Highs from near 80 in the mountains to the 50s in the lower valleys.

Northern Utah: Plenty of sunshine today with a very warm afternoon. Highs from near 70 in the mountains to near 90 in the lower valleys of the west. Mostly clear tonight. Lows from 40-60.

Northern Idaho: Turning very warm again today with sunshine and occasional clouds; a few spots across the mountains might have a thunderstorm. Highs from the 70s in the mountains to the low 90s in the lower valleys.

SUN AND MOON

Sunrise today: 6:08 a.m.
 Sunset tonight: 9:02 p.m.
 Moonset today: 11:40 p.m.

Phase	Full	Last	New
May 29	June 5	June 13	June 21

WORLD CITIES

City	Today	Fri.
Accapulco	88-75	86-75
Amman	73-85	72-81
Bangkok	89-77	89-81
Buenos Aires	87-63	88-62
Caracas	103-68	103-68
Hong Kong	86-77	86-80
Jakarta	86-75	86-80
London	73-63	73-63
Mexico City	75-55	75-57
Moscow	52-37	48-35
Paris	63-55	63-54
Rio de Janeiro	79-68	73-64
Rome	72-57	72-57
Sydney	63-49	62-48
Tokyo	75-62	73-67
Washington	63-55	62-47
Zurich	73-60	72-58

REGIONAL CITIES

City	Today	Fri.
Boise	94-58	90-56
Bonners Ferry	86-52	83-50
Coeur d'Alene	83-51	83-57
Elgin	89-46	88-49
Hailey	78-59	80-48
Idaho Falls	85-45	83-45
Lewiston	89-58	80-45
Malad	85-53	85-54
Mesa	80-49	78-46

NATIONAL WEATHER

High 114° in Thermal, CA Low 27° in Williston, ND

Shown are noon positions of weather systems and temperature. Temperature bands are shown by the day. Forecast high/low temperatures are given for selected cities.

NATIONAL CITIES

City	Today	Fri.
Atlanta	75-58	69-53
Atlanta City	80-53	69-53
Baltimore	68-50	68-55
Birmingham	60-49	64-48
Boston	60-49	64-48
Charleston, SC	80-64	83-64
Chicago, IL	56-32	67-44
Cleveland	64-50	62-47
Dallas	74-43	72-46
Denver	64-47	63-48
Detroit	66-50	66-52
Fargo	56-42	66-45
Houston	86-60	81-59
Indianapolis	61-46	61-50
Jacksonville	86-63	89-66
Kansas City	59-41	64-48
Las Vegas	104-76	100-75
Los Angeles	78-62	74-60
Los Angeles	78-62	74-60
Washington, DC	78-66	78-66

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Defection

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made a deal with Jeffords for the committee chairmanship. Such a deal might include a provision that Jeffords do Reid's bidding on Yucca Mountain.

There's speculation that a deal has been made, but until it's a done deal it's just speculation," said Mike Craig, spokesman for Sen. Larry Craig, R-Idaho.

Reid is likely to be Senate assistant majority leader if Democrats get control of the Senate. But his position as the ranking member of the Environment Committee gives him first shot at its chairmanship if he wishes.

If Jeffords and Reid have made a deal, the enforceability of Batt's agreement requiring the Energy Department to remove all waste from INEEL over the next 40 years could be in question. Without Yucca Mountain, there is no viable repository for INEEL's waste.

Craig and Sen. Mike Crapo, R-Idaho, stand to lose clout if Jeffords announces his shift to independent ranks today as expected.

The chairmanships of three legislative subcommittees, two held by Crapo and one by Craig, would be lost to the new Democratic majority.

That would likely change under the Jeffords switch," said Crapo spokesman Lindsey Nothen.

Craig's position in Senate GOP leadership would also be up for grabs after a Democratic takeover. With a shift to minor status, the GOP Caucus would hold new leadership elections. It's possible Craig's chairmanship of the Republican Policy Committee could be lost.

Vermont House votes to repeal law

MONTPELIER, Vt. (AP) — The House narrowly approved a bill Wednesday to replace Vermont's civil unions law with one that would offer marriage benefits not only to same-sex couples but also to others who cannot legally marry.

Speaker Walter Freese had to break a 69-69 tie to advance the proposal to a final vote Thursday.

At least two House members said they might vote against the bill then because they do not want the state endorsing same-sex relationships at all.

The measure appears doomed in the Democratic-controlled Senate, Democratic Gov. Howard Dean, who signed the civil unions law, has also said he would veto a repeal.

Hospital

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"I don't feel good about it ethically," Vice Chairwoman Vesta Muihan said.

The county commissioners did not attend the meeting.

"We felt like they needed time to discuss it themselves," Commissioner Gary Grindstaff said in a later interview.

Grindstaff said he didn't see the county's request as a conflict of interest for the board. Considering all options is in the best interest of the hospital and the community, he said.

In another post-meeting interview, County Precursor Grant Loeb said looking at options is the Hospital Board's duty.

"I think they should avoid themselves to all possible options," he said.

At the Hospital Board meeting, some board members expressed frustration about commissioners' not readily accepting an ad hoc committee's recommendations.

The county's request to create a local citizens has proposed creating a nonprofit entity, known as a 501(c)3, which would lease the hospital for a nominal sum. Hospital leaders back that idea.

Grindstaff said the committee did not look at other options. It was narrowly focused on the 501(c)3 option, he said.

Hospital Board member Doug Vollmer said the commissioners should create another committee to help review lease options, rather than ask the Hospital Board.

Commissioners announced earlier this month that they would explore lease proposals from outside corporations, but that they were "not ruling out" the local 501(c)3 option. They said they were not considering a sale.

The commissioners and the Hospital Board both have said changing the hospital's governance structure is necessary, so that the hospital can better compete in today's health-care market.

Disagreement has revolved around the lease payment. Hospital leaders favor only a token payment, so that hospital revenue won't subsidize other county services. Commissioners say they want to know the hospital's market value before acting.

The Hospital Board held a closed-door executive session following its open meeting, to discuss pending litigation.

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Powell: U.S. should train peacekeepers in Africa

Knight Ridder News Service

BAMAKO, Mali — Secretary of State Colin Powell opened a four-nation African tour, Wednesday by pledging U.S. help to strengthen the continent's peacekeeping capabilities, but he warned leaders not to expect the deployment of American troops in a crisis.

His first stop was Mali, an impoverished nation of 10 million in West Africa, where he was greeted warmly by everyone from President Alpha Oumar Konare to medical students, who crowded to see him. At Konare's invitation, Powell was offered a white ram, a traditional gift for important guests.

Mali is democratic and at peace, two reasons Powell chose to visit. But conflicts rage nearby in Sierra Leone and Liberia.

Democratic President Sankara Congo, two of the continent's largest countries, are in the midst of long-running civil wars that the Bush administration may find hard to ignore.

Dealing with Africa's wars is a problem for Africans, with the help of others, but fundamentally a problem for Africans," Powell said after meeting Konare.

President Bush has advocated intervention in regional conflicts in Africa or elsewhere.

He has continued a \$20 million-per-year program begun under former President Bill Clinton in which U.S. specialists train African militaries in peacekeeping.

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CORRECTION

A story Tuesday incorrectly reported the dates of the Hagerman Public Library book sale. The sale will be held on Saturday and Sunday at Hagerman City Park during Fossil Days.

LOTTERY UPDATE

Wednesday, May 23, numbers

POWERBALL 19 21 32 34 49
 POWERBALL NUMBER 28

Tuesday, May 22, numbers

RollDown 9 17 21 33 40

WILDCARD 11 16 17 20, 28
 WILD CARD: King of diamonds

Wednesday, May 23, numbers

PICK 3 Idaho 5 7 8

Get your Bucks N Trucks envelopes mailed in!
 The next drawing is Friday, May 25th. Good Luck!

Schools

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of loans, from the fund. No district had ever bothered to borrow from the fund.

Turning the \$10 million into grant money designated for interest-free loans was the state's response to 4th District Judge Deborah Bail's February ruling with statewide implications. Bail said schools existed in Idaho that needed help meeting critical safety needs. She challenged the Legislature to help depressed rural areas afford safe schools, saying she would revisit the issue after the Legislature had its shot at providing a solution.

Whether that solution has been reached is still unknown, even after Tuesday's successes. Two other Idaho districts in similar situations, Troy and Remont — also overwhelmingly passed levies.

But Wendell's and Minidoka's levies passed with such high margins that no one knows for sure how much the extra boost from the state fund put them over the top. Manly said he was expecting passage, but barely.

Manly only needed a 55 percent win and produced almost 17 points over that — in its first appeal to voters.

But Manly said he owes gratitude to Boise lawyer Robert Huntley, former Idaho Supreme Court justice, for bringing a lawsuit against the Idaho lawmakers that forced the issue of providing safe facilities for Idaho's youngsters.

And Manly said in addition to Wendell voters he thanks banker Tom Pitcher, who helped Manly and other administrators advise the Legislature.

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Pioneer

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ues to organize.

"I'd say we clean almost every road in Twin Falls county," he said.

Lee Heider is following in his father's footsteps by coordinating the development of the Murtagh Lake Boy Scout Camp where he's donated more than 500 hours of labor this year. He learned about community service from his father, saying his father's efforts benefit just about everyone.

"He is truly a pioneer," Lee Heider said. "He has been an example and it rubs off."

The Western Days Advisory Committee launched a search for nominations for Pioneer of the Year. Those nominated had made significant contributions to the community through their business, church, service, or charity work. Other nominees included Irene Basom, William G. Brown, Ray and Florence Lytle, David and Marty Mead, Lucille Rooter, Roger Ruppel, Vincent, and Mary Walker.

"We regret that we can only select one," said Jim Vickers, chairman of the Western Days Advisory Committee. But every nominee was well liked and should be congratulated because it is an honor to have been nominated."

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How much tax relief?

How might the Senate tax relief plan affect individual taxpayers? Under the present law the wealthiest Americans pay a tax rate of 27.8 percent. By 2004 that would increase to 28.3 percent. Under the plan adopted by the Senate, the 2006 tax rate for the wealthiest would be reduced to 27.3 percent.

Income	Tax rate for 2006	
	Under proposal	Under present law
Less than \$10,000	10.5%	10.3%
10,000 to 20,000	6.4	7.8
20,000 to 30,000	12.2	13.7
30,000 to 40,000	14.7	16
40,000 to 50,000	16.1	17.2
50,000 to 75,000	17.6	18.8
75,000 to 100,000	20.1	21.3
100,000 to 200,000	22.7	23.9
200,000 and over	27.3	28.3

SOURCE: Joint Committee on Taxation

Tax cut moves closer to reality

WASHINGTON (AP) - With a dozen Democrats joining in, the Senate passed an 11-year, \$1.35 trillion tax relief package Wednesday that represents the largest tax cut in two decades and matches the priorities President Bush has been pushing since his campaign for the White House.

House and Senate negotiators immediately began meeting to work out a final agreement, which Republican leaders are scrambling to get on the president's desk by the end of the week.

"Now, we go to the final stage," said Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott, R-Miss. The Senate voted 62-38 to pass the bill - the biggest tax cut since President Reagan's in 1981 - during a tumultuous day on Capitol Hill as Republicans and Democrats tried to calculate the political fallout of the decision by Sen. James Jeffords, R-Vt., to become an independent.

All 50 Senate Republicans and 12 Democrats voted in favor of the tax cut. Bush said at the White House that those 62 senators "deserve our country's thanks and praise," and urged Congress to reach a rapid final accord. "Our economy cannot afford any further delays," the president said.

Sensors of both parties agreed that the Jeffords switch, which will change the balance of power

in an evenly divided Senate now run by Republicans, will have little bearing on the outcome of the tax debate. Sponsors intend to get the bill to Bush before the change takes effect.

"I don't think there's much of a cloud over this tax bill," said Sen. Max Baucus of Montana, ranking Democrat on the Finance Committee and chief co-sponsor of the bill along with Sen. Charles Grassley, R-Iowa.

The bill includes the core components of Bush's original 10-year, \$1.6 trillion plan: across-the-board income tax cuts, eventual repeal of the estate tax, relief from the marriage penalty paid by millions of two-income couples and doubling of the \$500 child credit. The House passed individual bills closely tracking Bush's plan.

The Senate also added one item Bush wanted for corporate America: permanent extension of the research and development tax credit, which would otherwise expire in 2004.

Pressure from Democratic and Republican moderates, including Jeffords, the Senate bill differs markedly from the Bush and House plans, mainly in ways that shift more of the benefits to low- and middle-income people. The Senate bill would reduce the top income tax rate to 36 percent, instead of 33 percent, and gradually phase in all the income tax cuts by 2007.

House approves education plan

WASHINGTON (AP) - In a boost to President Bush's domestic agenda, the House approved sweeping education legislation Wednesday that for the first time would tie federal aid to improvements in students' test scores.

The 384-45 House vote, hours after the Senate passed a \$1.35 trillion tax cut over 11 years, gave Bush victories on his two biggest campaign promises even as his Republican Party faced

the prospect of losing control of the Senate.

Omitted from the education package was Bush's plan for the government to provide vouchers for students to attend private schools. The White House abandoned the idea in order to strike a deal with Democrats on a bill that otherwise tracks Bush's blueprint for improving schools.

Efforts by conservatives to restore vouchers failed twice Wednesday.

Jeffords shift will affect Americans

By Steven Thomas and Ron Hutcheson Knight Ridder News Service

WASHINGTON - As a candidate for president, George W. Bush promised to change the way the nation's capital works. Now he and the country are about to find out if he can do it.

"Bush is about to lose control of the Senate, and with it the commanding position he has enjoyed since January because his party controlled the White House and both houses of Congress for the first time in 50 years."

"That control allowed him to set the nation's agenda boldly - pushing to slash taxes, roll back environmental regulations, drill for oil, develop a missile defense, overhaul the military - while all but ignoring the fact that he finished second to Al Gore in the popular vote, and thus held no public mandate to do anything."

"Now Bush must govern in a different political landscape, one that more closely reflects the discordant voice of the people in last year's election. Unable to coalesce into a majority for either political party, Americans gave an Electoral College victory to Bush, and a popular vote victory to Gore."

"Bush just pretended he had a majority and a mandate," said R. Michael Alvarez, a political scientist at the California Institute of Technology. "That was easy when the Republicans controlled all the branches of government. It will be much more difficult now."

Even now, Bush is not about to turn over the national agenda to the Democrats, given Republican control of the House of Representatives and his own veto

power. But he will have to deal more with the Democrats, accepting less than what he wants and yielding more of what they want. His ambitious agenda could be blunted, if not rejected.

An early example will be his choices for federal judges. Bush now must get his mostly conservative nominees past a Senate Judiciary Committee chaired by Patrick Leahy, a liberal Democrat from Vermont, instead of Orrin Hatch, a conservative Republican from Utah. If he continues to nominate jurists with staunchly conservative records, particularly on abortion rights, he will face

almost certain defeat. When Senate Republicans and Democrats each held 50 votes, Bush already faced a hard road in winning approval for his energy policy, with its emphasis on boosting fuel supplies through such controversial methods as drilling in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge. With Democrats deciding what legislation will get to the Senate floor, the president will have an even harder time.

Bush's national defense strategy also faces new obstacles, including his controversial plan to develop a national defense system against ballistic missiles. In

the new Senate, outspoken Democratic critics will be in charge of key committees rather than his Republican allies. Sen. Joseph Biden, D-Del., the new chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee, and Sen. Carl Levin, D-Mich., the new chairman of the Armed Services Committee, both oppose Bush's missile-defense plan.

"We're in trouble," said Tripp Baird, Senate liaison for the conservative Heritage Foundation and a former aide to Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott. "The president's agenda is going to be in peril, or at least in question."

Big changes possible in U.S. Senate

How the balance of power shifts if Sen. James Jeffords of Vermont switches from Republican to Independent, making the Democrats the majority party.

Party balance
100 seats
49 Democrats
49 GOP

Who's in ... New leadership ... who's out

1 Ind. (Jeffords)

Majority Leader Tom Daschle, D-S.D.
Majority Whip Harry Reid, D-Nev.
Minority Leader Trent Lott, R-Miss.
Minority Whip Don Nickles, R-Okla.

Expected impact on Bush agenda

- Executive branch: Block right-wing nominees for key jobs
- Judgeships: Veto nominees, including Supreme Court
- Energy plans: Pigeon Bush proposals

Key committee chairs

Armed Services	Energy, Natural Resources	Foreign Relations	Health, Education, Labor, Pensions	Judiciary
Carl Levin, D-Mich.	Jeff Bingaman, D-N.M.	Joseph Biden, D-Del.	Ted Kennedy, D-Mass.	Patrick Leahy, D-Vt.
John Warner, R-Va.	Frank Murkowski, R-Alaska	Jesse Helms, R-N.C.	James Jeffords, R-Vt.	Orrin Hatch, R-Utah

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held by Sen. Trent Lott, R-Miss. Although he would not join the Democratic Party, Jeffords is old associates that he would align himself with the Senate Democratic caucus, giving Democrats a 51-49 majority. Republicans have held out hope that they might even the score by resigning a Democratic defector, but that prospect receded when one of their top candidates for the role, Sen. Zell Miller, D-Ga., stated for the second time this month that he "will not" become a Republican or an independent.

Late Wednesday afternoon, Jeffords met again with about a dozen mostly moderate Republican colleagues who are leading the fight to keep him within the fold, but the session ended inconclusively, participants said. "There's a sliver of hope," Sen. Susan Collins, R-Maine, said after emerging from the meeting. Others thought Jeffords might defer a final decision. "I'd be surprised if he announced tomorrow he was leaving the party," said Sen. Chuck Hagel, R-Neb.

A unanimous lawyer coalition pulled him "when he came to Washington as a House member in 1974, Jeffords is not known for seeking the spotlight and spent much of Wednesday trying to avoid it, at one point slipping off the Senate floor by a side entrance to avoid waiting reporters.

In a brief statement, Jeffords said only that he was traveling back to his home state, where he will announce to the people of Vermont his future plans."

Jeffords, who traces his roots in the party to its earliest days, has grown increasingly frustrated with the GOP's conservative drift and recently has clashed with the White House on several policy issues, prompting snubs and hints of retaliation.

Jeffords follows through on his decision to leave the party, he will do so in spite of intense pressure from, among others, the president, who met with him at the White House for half an hour Tuesday. "We will all wait and hear what Senator Jeffords says," White House spokesman Ari Fleischer said Wednesday. "The president clearly hopes that Senator Jeffords will remain a Republican."

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Researchers find no placebo effect

The Associated Press

One of the most strongly held beliefs in medicine — that “dummy pills” or other “sham” treatments greatly help many patients — has been called into question by Danish researchers who found little or no “placebo effect” in dozens of studies.

That led the researchers and other doctors to recommend that for ethical reasons, placebos, or inactive substances, no longer be given to patients outside of controlled medical experiments. “The shoe is on the other foot now. The people who claim there are placebo effects are going to have to show it,” said Dr. John C. Bailar III, a just-retired professor of health studies at the University of Chicago who wrote an editorial accompanying the research in today’s New England Journal of Medicine.

Arthur Caplan, director of the Center for Bioethics at the University of Pennsylvania, said, “I was shocked by this study. This just goes completely against the grain.”

In many medical studies, patients in one group receive an experimental new treatment, while a comparison group gets a lookalike dummy pill or other

placebo. Neither the patients nor the doctors know who is getting what. The goal is to see if medicines being tested do more good than people’s will to get better.

Studies occasionally include a third group not getting a placebo. Those patients receive nothing, or just get the standard treatment for a condition if the study is testing whether combining a new treatment with the current one is better.

The Danish researchers combined the findings of 114 such studies from around the world, involving dozens of conditions ranging from colds and seasickness to Alzheimer’s disease and schizophrenia, to see how the sham treatment stacked up to no treatment.

In most of the studies, the placebo group fared about the same as the group getting no treatment. The exceptions were studies of pain treatments and some others with subjective results, meaning patients reported how much symptoms bothered them, rather than having an objective measure such as blood pressure.

Placebo recipients in the pain studies averaged a 15 percent reduction in pain, and patients in the other subjective studies had even smaller improvements.



President Bush and the Dalai Lama discuss issues Wednesday in the Oval Office.

Bush, Dalai Lama meet

President pledges help to ease strain with China

WASHINGTON (AP) — Brushing aside complaints from China, President Bush on Wednesday greeted the Dalai Lama and pledged strong support for the exiled Tibetan spiritual leader’s efforts to establish dialogue with the Chinese government.

China regards Tibet as part of its traditional territory and sees the Dalai Lama as a supporter of Tibetan independence. The Dalai Lama said he told Bush he is seeking “genuine self-rule” as “a mutually equitable solution” for Tibet and China, and Bush shared that approach.

“I assured to him that in the future, whenever the president has an opportunity to meet with the Chinese leader, he can assure

the Chinese government I’m not seeking independence,” the Dalai Lama said.

He said Bush showed him “very genuine, human, warm feelings. That I very much appreciate.”

After the meeting, White House spokesman Ari Fleischer issued a statement saying Bush “declared his strong support for the Dalai Lama’s tireless efforts to initiate a dialogue with the Chinese government,” and promised to support preserving the “unique religious, cultural and linguistic identity, and the protection of the human rights of all Tibetans.”

“The president said he would seek ways to encourage dialogue and expressed his hope that the

Chinese government would respond favorably,” he said.

But in Beijing, the Chinese Foreign Ministry expressed anger over the meeting. Luo Gan, the Communist Party’s top cadre for law and order, told a meeting of officials in Beijing that the Dalai Lama is “traveling further and further down the separatist road,” state television reported.

In a nod to China, the White House emphasized that Bush was receiving the Dalai Lama as a religious and not a political leader. The two, along with national security adviser Condoleezza Rice, met in the White House residence, rather than the Oval or other West Wing offices.

Students may have gotten test questions

WASHINGTON (AP) — Some high school students may have had a chance to look at an essay question from a college placement exam taken this month, according to the Educational Testing Service, which is investigating the security breach.

School officials alerted the testing company to the problem after receiving reports from students that the question from the Advanced Placement U.S. History exam was posted on the Internet on the evening of May 10, the night before the test.

The history exam is among several taken by students enrolled in college-level courses while still in high school. On each test, the essay question counts for nearly a quarter of a student’s score.

“The rumor is that it has been shared somewhere, and we’re trying to determine among whom and how widely,” ETS spokesman Tom Ewing told The AP. “We really have not reached any decisions about it because the investigation is still ongoing.”

Ewing said ETS, which is based in Princeton, N.J., and administers college entrance exams, had been investigating for about a week. He said the company still didn’t know how many people may have had the advance information.

Net schemes net 62 arrests

WASHINGTON (AP) — Sixty-two people have been arrested or pleaded guilty to charges that they bilked tens of thousands of consumers out of \$17 million through Internet scams.

The FBI, announcing the arrests Wednesday, said more than 55,000 consumers were victimized by online fraud schemes that ranged from investments to bogus sales offers. The arrests resulted from a series of investigations, code-named “Operation Cyber Loss,” conducted by the bureau and other law-enforcement agencies.

Red Cross hikes cost of blood

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — The American Red Cross is raising by as much as 35 percent the prices it charges the nation’s hospitals for blood.

The Red Cross — which collects about half of the nation’s blood supply — is imposing the increases July 1. Hospitals typically pay about \$80 to \$120 per pint to cover the cost of collecting and processing the blood.

The increases will range from 10 percent to 35 percent, with the amount varying by region, depending on labor and transportation costs and other expenses. The average cost of a pin-

could rise to \$165.30.

The price increase will primarily affect what hospitals pay for red blood cells. Prices for other blood products, such as platelets and plasma, will stay the same or decline slightly, said spokeswoman Blythe Kubina.

Red Cross officials said the agency has kept prices artificially low while processing costs have risen.

For example, the screening of blood donations has greatly expanded, with the agency performing up to 12 tests on each pint of blood. In 1985, just two tests were needed.

Deal calls for Texas to stop executing mentally retarded

AUSTIN, Texas — Texas would be banned from executing murderers found to be mentally retarded under a compromise reached by a joint House and Senate committee Wednesday.

People who are mentally retarded who do not know the difference between right and wrong, said House sponsor Rep. Juan Hinojosa, a Democrat. “It doesn’t mean you are going to get out free. You are going to be locked up for life,” he said.

The compromise bill will now have to be approved by both chambers by Monday, the last day of the session. Gov. Rick Perry has not said whether he would sign it. He has indicated he is interested in waiting for the U.S. Supreme Court to rule on the issue.

Texas, the country’s No. 1 death penalty state, has executed seven people this year. Ellis said that since the death penalty was reinstated, seven mentally retarded people have been among the 246 people executed in the state.

Seven mentally retarded inmates are on death row, Hinojosa said.

WWII memorial funding bill heads to White House

WASHINGTON — Six decades after they went to war, World War II veterans will finally get a memorial on the National Mall.

“I sincerely hope this is the last legislative action Congress will have to take before the dedication of the World War II memorial in 2004,” said Rep. Bob Stump, R-Ariz., chairman of the House Armed Services Committee.

The House by voice vote Tuesday approved a Senate-amended version of the legislation that puts construction of the memorial on the fast track. It now goes to President Bush for his signature.

The measure effectively ends an often contentious process that began when Congress authorized construction of the memorial on the Mall in 1993. The National Capital Planning Commission had held 22 public hearings on the proposed site and design. Arguments arguing that the planned memorial was too big and would interfere with the open vista of the Mall between the Washington Monument and the Lincoln Memorial.

Senate action came just hours

Nation in brief

after two dozen World War II veterans said they would return their medals if the bill went forward. “I would gladly give up my Purple Heart,” said Clark Ashby, a 78-year-old veteran from Carbonada, Ill. “We were fighting against exactly the sort of thing that’s going on.”

Zero-tolerance nixes honor student graduation

FORT MYERS, Fla. — A high school honor student who is set to graduate next week was sent to jail and will miss the ceremony because a kitchen knife was found in her car, officials said.

Lindsay Brown, 18, spent Monday in jail on a felony charge of possession of a weapon on Esterline School property, and she was suspended from school for five days.

Officials saw the knife on the floor of the passenger’s side of Brown’s car while she was in the school, a report said.

“They’re taking away my memories,” Brown said, as she walked

out of the Lee County Jail on Monday afternoon after posting \$2,500 bail. “I’m so angry, I won’t get to graduate with my friends because of a stupid kitchen knife.”

The knife, which has a 5-inch blade, had been left in the car after Brown moved some possessions over the weekend, she said.

Supporters of “zero tolerance” rules mandating automatic reporting of incidents involving weapons, threats or drugs at schools say they help keep schools safe. Critics say they can tie the hands of school officials by requiring them to report incidents to authorities no matter what the circumstances.

Americans gave more to charities in 2000

NEW YORK — Americans were more charitable last year, with a few high-tech billionaires lending the way.

Total charitable giving in the United States amounted to more than \$203 billion in 2000, an increase of 6.6 percent over the previous year, according to a report issued Wednesday by the

American Association of Fundraising Council.

Charitable contributions increased last year despite economic uncertainty, turmoil in the stock market and political change.

Forbes says he may run for New Jersey Senate post

NEW YORK — Magazine publisher and two-time presidential hopeful Steve Forbes isn’t ruling out trying to become New Jersey’s second millionaire senator.

Forbes, who spent \$38 million of his personal fortune on his first run for the White House and \$37 million on his second, said he hasn’t “closed the door on running for the senate in New Jersey.”

“I have no plans to, but I haven’t ruled it out entirely,” Forbes said before receiving an award from the New York Conservative Party at its annual dinner on Tuesday.

Sen. Jon Corzine, a Democrat, spent \$5.6 million, most from his own fortune, in his successful campaign last fall.

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Search for missing intern goes to Reno

RENO, Nev. (AP) — Investigators looking for a missing Washington, D.C., intern were sent to Reno after authorities received a tip she might be in the city.

Authorities confirmed they pursued an anonymous telephone tip called in to Sacramento, Calif., television station KOVR that 24-year-old Chandra Ann Levy had been seen here.

Reno Deputy Police Chief Tim Weston confirmed that officers

from Modesto and Stanislaus County, Calif., were in town earlier this week.

"They were putting fliers through the downtown area focusing on the hotels," Weston said. "The tip was seen in the downtown area."

He said Reno Police were

assisting the California investigators, but local agencies and the FBI were not actively involved.

FBI agents in Las Vegas said they would forward any information they get to the District of Columbia's Metropolitan Police Department.

As many as 100 tips have been phoned in since Levy was reported missing from her apartment April 30, according to police in Modesto, Levy's hometown.

Earlier, police interviewed

Rep. Gary Condit, D-Calif., who is a family friend of Levy, as part of what they said was routine questioning of anyone who knew her.

Levy was a graduate student at the University of Southern California, and had planned to return to attend graduation ceremonies in Los Angeles. She had just completed an internship with the Federal Bureau of Prisons. Her bags were found packed in her Washington apartment.



Fireworks explode over Pearl Harbor and the Arizona Memorial following the premiere of Disney's blockbuster film 'Pearl Harbor' in Hawaii Monday.

Asian-Americans fear movie backlash

By Jack Bloom
The Seattle Times

SEATTLE — Coming to a theater near you: the three-hour, \$15 million, torpedo-dropping, ship-exploding blockbuster, "Pearl Harbor."

Now playing in an Asian-American community near you: concern.

As the Friday opening of the mega-movie approaches, Stephen Sumida is feeling a note of caution. "A lot of people are worried and waiting to see what it might do to us," he says.

Pearl Harbor caps — was a chilling reminder that racial prejudice still exists.

Pearl Harbor, said Pai, "is an important event to memorialize, but sensationalizing it can revive old sentiments and do more harm."

Will there be a generational difference in response to the film? Could he, said Akemi Matsumoto, president of the Seattle chapter of the Japanese American Citizens League and a counselor at Bellevue Community College.

Matsumoto, whose parents spent eight months in an internment camp, plans to see the film so she knows what's going on, but worries it will revive "the mobility of the general public to distinguish between American citizens of Japanese descent and the Japanese from Japan who were the enemy."

Her 19-year-old son, Andrew, home from college, isn't as concerned. "I like (producer Jerry) Bruckheimer and this looks like a pretty cool movie," he said. In the trailers he's seen, however, he noticed it look like "mosh white kids" fleeing the bombs, but he knows Oahu's population was largely people of color.

The 2000 Census showed Asian Pacific Islanders make up 11.3 percent of King County's population and 13.5 percent in Seattle. Stereotypes avoided

The film's creators reportedly took the possibility of a backlash into account and avoided sinister Japanese stereotypes of old war movies. Even so, Pearl Harbor is inescapably an us-vs.-them matter, and Asian Americans aren't looking forward to reprising their role as "them" in the minds of their Caucasian countrymen.

"To be a perpetual outsider does not promote the feeling of being valued and respected," said Nadine Shirama, chairwoman of the Eastside Asian Pacific Islanders Association. "One begins to wonder what it takes to be considered as an American."

That's a question the Satos examined over the years.

Sarah Sato, 76, was a high-school junior in Honolulu, getting ready for a picnic at Waikiki Beach that Sunday morning, Dec. 7, 1941.

When the first wave of Japanese planes went by, "My father said, 'Those don't look like ours' and soon we heard the explosions."

"It was very, very difficult to fathom that anyone could attack our island, especially when the Pacific Fleet was in," she said. "We were so scared. My sister, who was 10, just shook."

Mom reunites with sons after dad's abduction

MIAMI (AP) — A woman was reunited with her two sons Wednesday, more than 1.5 years after her ex-husband allegedly kidnapped the boys and fled to Brazil.

Christy Walker met 10-year-old Landon and 3-year-old Logan at Miami International Airport after their flight arrived from Florianopolis, Brazil. They were en route to Memphis, Tenn., where Walker lives.

Craig Walker, 37, of Germantown, Tenn., was arrested in Brazil on Tuesday and charged with fraud and kidnapping. The (Memphis) Commercial Appeal reported Tuesday.

Federal authorities were working with Brazilian officials to extradite Walker.

The father had disappeared with the boys two weeks before the couple's divorce was final. Christy Walker had left Walker and had custody of the children.

"We're so thankful that this part of the nightmare is over," she said at the airport. "I can't judge him. I've got to leave that up to God."

The children's disappearance attracted national attention when it was broadcast on "America's Most Wanted."

About three weeks ago, FBI



Christy Walker talks to reporters at Miami International Airport Wednesday.

officials received a tip from an associate of Craig Walker, saying he was in South America, said Phil Thomas, special agent in charge of the FBI's Memphis Division.

The FBI, in conjunction with Brazilian authorities, arrested him at home after watching him drop Logan off at a day care center, authorities said. Walker tried to escape, jumping through a window and running down a street before he was captured, authorities said.

Clinton receives positive Irish welcome — mostly

LONDON (AP) — Northern Ireland (AP) — Returning to the scene of his warmest Irish welcome, former President Clinton on Wednesday verbally sparred with anti-American protesters as he praised Londonderry for embracing peace.

Clinton, confronting several dozen protesters in an otherwise supportive 3,000-strong crowd, said the city has grown so normal from recent years of peace that it "can even afford political dissent in the audience that has nothing to do with Ireland whatsoever."

He noted over the din of the protesters, who shouted "Baby killer!" and bore placards condemning sanctions against Iraq and U.S. arms sales to Israel; "That is the sign of a healthy democracy. People have a right to be wrong, and loudly wrong!"

"Nobody demonstrates against me anymore. This is fun," he said, as the crowd roared with approval. "You guys better be careful—I might think I was still president."

The episode underscored the difference between Wednesday's realities and those of Nov. 30, 1995, when Clinton became the first president to visit Londonderry, second-largest city in British-linked Northern Ireland.

Then Clinton was in the midst of his first of three trips to promote compromise in Northern Ireland. His interventions helped promote the Good Friday peace accord of 1998 mediated by his envoy, former Sen. George Mitchell. And then, more than 40,000 people turned out in Londonderry's Guildhall Square, unified in their jubilation that an American president was paying attention to their troubles.

This time, Clinton — his daughter Chelsea at his side — told the much smaller crowd they shouldn't be frustrated that not all sections of the Good Friday pact had been achieved.

"But I would ask you to consider where you are now compared to where you were then," he said.

Referring to the ongoing violence between Israelis and Palestinians, Clinton said: "Look at what happens when people give up on a peace process."

One police officer dies, another hurt in drug shootout

HOUSTON (AP) — A drug suspect opened fire on police officers making a narcotics bust, killing one officer and leaving another in critical condition, authorities said.

Officers Albert Vasquez and Enrique Duhartre-Tur were attempting to arrest four suspects for narcotics possession late Tuesday at a Houston apartment complex when the shooting occurred. Houston Police Department spokesman Robert Hurst said.

Vasquez, 32, a seven-year veteran of the department, died from a gunshot wound to the head.

Duhartre-Tur, 35, also a seven-

year veteran, suffered a gunshot wound to the chest and was in critical but stable condition after surgery early Wednesday at a Houston hospital.

Hurst said three suspects were in custody. Another who had been shot in the leg was hospitalized.

Clarence Bradford, Houston's police chief, said the officers were off-duty and working security at the apartment complex at the time of the shooting.

Names of the suspects were not immediately released. A handgun believed used in the attack was recovered at the apartment complex, and police were interviewing witnesses.

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Western states should retain authority in energy decisions

President Bush should be applauded for proposing a bold national energy policy. It seeks to boost electrical supplies, while simultaneously providing incentive for conservation.

While the president's plan shows broad vision, Bush needs to resolve some Westerners' fears that it could trample states' rights.

Bush's plan seeks to spur the construction of new power plants and transmission lines by streamlining off-burdensome regulations. Over time, it should bring more energy supplies on line.

That's good news for electrical consumers, whose rates are rising sharply.

But Bush's energy plan could strip local government entities of authority and consolidate it at the federal level. That means Big Government could get bigger. It also means more top-down edicts could be emanating from Washington.

"It's a power grab from state governments," says Jerry Taylor of the Cato Institute, a free-market think tank.

Bush's plan puts Western Republicans squarely on the spot.

On the one hand, they want to preserve state authority over new transmission lines and power plants — be they nuclear, coal-fired, gas-turbine or hydroelectric. On the other hand, no Western Republican wants to publicly oppose a president from his own party.

Idaho Gov. Dirk Kempthorne is supportive of Bush's plan, but he's not about to cede Idaho's authority to the feds.

"Like my fellow Western governors, I believe strongly in the sovereignty of our individual states and their local governments," Kempthorne said in a prepared statement. "And like my colleagues, I hope to work in collaboration and in partnership with the federal government to address our energy issues."

The primary focus of any discussion about boosting energy supplies is on new power plants. But distributing that power — via transmission lines — is where there's real potential for friction between Uncle Sam and the states.

Bush's plan seeks to give condemnation authority to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission when acquiring private land for transmission towers. Government agencies that rely on condemnation authority — also known as eminent domain — do so at their peril. If it isn't used carefully, the power of eminent domain easily can be perceived as government overreach.

If you want to talk about eminent domain, you'd better bring the states in at the head end," warns Kempthorne spokesman H.D. Palmer.

So far, there's no sign that the Bush administration plans to ride roughshod over states' rights by picking unpopular eminent domain fights.

Even so, Kempthorne and other Western governors should retain their own authority while working collaboratively with Uncle Sam to meet America's energy needs.

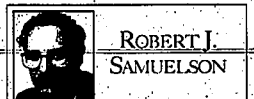


Energy issue will dog us for years

The American idea of an energy debate is to preach conservation while driving to the mall in an SUV — to buy a new computer — and complaining about high gasoline prices. A CBS poll taken just before the release of George Bush's energy program found that Americans favor conservation over more energy production by a huge 60 percent to 26 percent margin. Meanwhile, the size of new homes has increased by 47 percent since 1970, and 84 percent of them have central air conditioning, up from 34 percent.

The contradiction between what we say and how we behave wouldn't matter much if energy were — like most things — simply an economic commodity. Supply and demand would work automatically to reconcile our inconsistencies, and to some extent, they do. Higher oil and natural gas prices have now induced new drilling, and even in California new power plants are being built. But energy is more than an economic commodity. In two senses, it's also a political commodity.

First, we inevitably depend on imported oil: 52 percent of our use in 2000, up from 35 percent in 1973. The danger is that two-thirds of the world's proven oil reserves lie in the politically unstable Middle East. This means that catastrophic cutbacks in production — catastrophic for prices and economy — can happen at any moment.



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Second, governments at all levels heavily regulate energy supply. For environmental and safety reasons, they restrict oil and gas drilling. Similarly, they say where (or if) refineries, power plants, transmission lines and pipelines can be built.

We don't have a "free market" in energy and never will. We have a "government market" that, reflecting the conflicts in public opinion, largely lets demand run free while it suppresses supply. Americans like low energy prices and the creature comforts and gadgets that require more energy. But we limit the supply, because it might pollute the air or spoil the landscape.

Broadly speaking, Bush's program would ease the tension by increasing supply permitting oil production in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge (ANWR); streamlining rules for power plant and refinery expansion and construction under the Clean Air Act; encouraging the expansion of nuclear power (which supplies about 20 percent of U.S. electricity). The president's critics correctly argue that he doesn't do enough to reduce demand — aka "conservation" — but their proposals are incomplete and hypocritical.

Howard Geller of the American Council for an Energy-Efficient Economy urges that federal fuel economy standards for cars and light trucks (including SUVs and minivans) be raised from 27.5 and 20.7 miles per gallon to 44 and 33 mpg by 2012. He also favors the government's mandating a 30-percent improvement in the energy efficiency of central air conditioners, instead of the 20 percent adopted by the Bush administration.

What's missing is an energy tax. If you want people to buy fuel-efficient vehicles, cars and light trucks, you have to tax fuel. Ditto for air conditioners. Geller concedes the logic, but says "it's a non-starter politically. Americans think they have a God-given right to cheap energy."

"Conservation" becomes a painless panacea, to be achieved effortlessly by government command or bribes.

Criticizing Bush, House Democrats propose big tax credits — for \$4,000 for buying energy-efficient cars, homes or appliances. This is a bad idea. It would require complex regulations, encourage cheating and probably achieve modest results. If electricity rates are low enough, people may buy efficient air conditioners and run them longer at lower temperatures — offsetting most savings. Bush and his critics have a silent truce not to talk about energy taxes or to question the popular clamor for lower energy prices. Since 1973, America's energy consumption has risen by about 30 percent, roughly in line with population growth. Average Americans aren't using any more energy now than three decades ago. Some commentators cite this record as proof that conservation "works." What they don't say is that most savings occurred in the early 1980s as a result of high energy prices. Drivers turned — temporarily — to smaller vehicles. Many energy-wasteful factories closed. Since the 1986 collapse of oil prices, total energy use and energy use per person have steadily risen.

By 2025, the Census Bureau expects the U.S. population to grow about 20 percent to 337 million. That means more cars, homes, stores, computers: more of everything that uses energy. Even if (a big if) energy use per person stayed level, the nation would need to expand energy supplies by a fifth. And there's no way to end dependence on insecure foreign oil.

Given Americans' conflicting preferences, the present energy debate may stalemate. What we do — or don't do — will have long-term consequences: on how much supply, and demand must be reconciled; otherwise scarcities or sharp price rises will result. We can avoid making decisions — but, not necessarily, the fallout of inaction.

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We are told that it "just happened" that we have millions of drug addicts today.

This is a lie as Dr. Joseph Douglas Jr., a leading expert with 35 years of collecting data on international narcotics trafficking, has exposed the communist drug war on America. He states that Red China, the Soviet Union and now communist Russia have been using narcotics for decades as a weapon in an ongoing war they are waging against Western civilization!

After seizing power in 1946, the communist Chinese extended their state-owned drug operations internationally. The Soviets embarked on Khrushchev's 1956 orders to conduct their own drug offensive. The narcotics war is based upon a satanic strategy envisioned by Lenin and developed under Stalin.

"The purpose of the drug war is to demoralize America by degrading society's morals and institutions with attacks on youth, family and military.

Much of our knowledge of the communists' role in creating the drug war comes from the late communist Gen. Maj. Jan Sejna, who defected from Czechoslovakia in 1968. He was privy to the conspiracy to drug the United States. He offered detailed testimony on how the Soviets and their surrogates created the Latin American cocaine trafficking networks centered in Columbia, Peru and Bolivia. Those networks were brought on line in 1967, which is when the United States wit-

nessed the beginning of the cocaine-use epidemic that continues today.

Dr. Douglas tells how the biggest problem is that narcotics trafficking enjoys political protection. The gross annual revenues of international organized crime is estimated at nearly \$2 trillion! This much money buys off political officials at every level and compromises and manipulates institutions as well.

Gen. Sejna said that the Soviets had collected detailed dossiers on more than 10,000 people. These are used to ensure the politicians stay bought!

The Russians have trained more than 25,000 agents in special schools for drug traffickers.

- 1. To prevent more drug casualties:
 - 1. Start with prayer as this is a spiritual war.
 - 2. Become informed and speak out by reading his book, "Red Cocaine."
 - 3. Prosecute and drive out drug traffickers.
 - 4. Demand drug-free work places.
 - 5. Stop financing our enemies with trade deficits and loans.
- It is important to expose the drug war because our communist enemies know we cannot remain free if we have a corrupted political elite, corrupt institutions and a degenerate society with no personal responsibility.

Get informed and speak out! Someone you love may be their next victim!

TODD WILLIAMSON
Jerome

Reprimand officer for harassment

In the early evening on May 17 at around 6:30 to 7 p.m., my son and his friends left our house and drove west on 3200 North. They stopped at the stop sign and turned right, proceeding north on 3200 East. As they drew near Officer Kirkland's residence at approximately 50 miles per hour, Officer Kirkland ran across his yard, jumped his fence and ran into the road in front of their car, waving his arms, forcing them to stop abruptly. Their car stopped another car was forced to go around them in a precarious manner. Let me point out, this is a "no passing" zone on a steep hill.

Unable to pull off to the side of the road, the car came to a stop in the middle of the northbound lane and Officer Kirkland walked to the driver's window. He looked into the car, obviously performing a visual search of the vehicle, hoping to vindicate his own behavior with any illegal activity he could use as an excuse.

During that time, he accused the driver of not stopping at the stop sign. Anyone familiar with the corner in question will know that because the road "fits" at that corner and is still a narrow country road, it would be almost impossible to navigate a large car around the corner without stopping.

To continue, as Officer Kirkland conducted his visual search of the car, he

made several derogatory remarks, apparently trying to stimulate a confrontation. When one of the young men remarked that they needed to continue on their way, Officer Kirkland threatened to pull him from the car.

Only because these young gentlemen are so intelligent and well-behaved did they avoid a confrontation with this officer. I believe they are to be commended and Officer Kirkland should be reprimanded for harassment. A formal complaint has been filed at the Twin Falls County Sheriff's office, and I strongly urge anyone who has had a similar experience to do the same.

CAMILLE J. MISZCZENKO
Kimberly

Don't tell farmers how to do their job

I am the wife of a farmer — a farmer who has farmed in the Magic Valley for 11 years and whose family has farmed in the Magic Valley for 20-plus years before him. Our family and many other families chose to farm in the Magic Valley because it is an agricultural community. This concept, an agricultural community, may be hard for city people to grasp because so many farmers are having to sell their farms, finding their farm ground being sold as subdivision projects.

Now I don't have a problem with this

because we are one of the few small farmers being able to continue our farming operations even if it means watching all these subdivisions going up around our farm ground (our full-time job and livelihood). My problem is when these city people stop my husband in the middle of the night while he is baling his hay and ask him to "do that during the day because he is sleeping then awake!" Well, to educate those of you that don't know, you must bale the hay at night or early morning while the dew is set on so the leaves of the hay don't fall off, which makes a better quality hay.

Another incident that was the icing on the cake: Just the other day, another city person stopped our hired man in the tractor while he was roller harrowing and asked him to stop because "his wife was sick and tired of all the dust in her house!" Well, to educate you, sir, roller harrowing is a process of farming just like hoeing or watering your own garden or mowing and watering your own lawn.

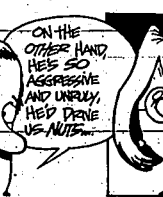
Farmers do not tell city people how to do their jobs or run their businesses, please don't move out to the country or around farmland and expect to tell the farmers what they can and cannot do! Maybe you need to be a bit more educated on how your food is planted and raised before you fix it for your family meal!

RENÉE ELDRIDGE
Twin Falls

Doonesbury



Mallard Fillmore



By Garry Trudeau

By Bruce Tinsley

Education, not medication is key to containing cholesterol

According to a recent National Institutes of Health press release, the National Cholesterol Education Program is again gearing up to counter America's skyrocketing cholesterol levels with new guidelines for patients and their physicians.

Along with modest diet and lifestyle recommendations, the program also plans to nearly triple the number of patients taking cholesterol-lowering prescription drugs an indication that prevention is once again taking a back seat to quick fixes and temporary solutions.

People who will be targeted by the new program include those with heart disease, diabetes, excess body fat, high blood pressure and triglycerides, and low levels of HDL or "good cholesterol." It doesn't take a doctor to realize these are bodies in serious disrepair. While cholesterol-lowering drugs may be necessary in the short term, patients with multiple diet-related ailments are in need of intensive lifestyle modifications. As outlined in NCEP's plan of action, physicians will be trained to tackle a number of complex issues with their high-risk patients, who will be bombarded with information about "lipoprotein profile," "triglyceride levels," and "metabolic syndrome."

They'll learn about drug dosages, interactions and side effects. Yet most will leave their doctor's office without a clue as to where all this cholesterol is coming from in the first place.

Every meal including chicken, beef, fish, pork, dairy or eggs contains cholesterol. Every meal made of potatoes, beans, pasta, rice, vegetables, fruits, or any other plant food does not.

**NEAL BARNARD
KRISTINE KIESWER**

Sound too simple to be effective? Research conducted by the Physicians Committee for Responsible Medicine, in conjunction with Georgetown University, has found phenomenal success, with simple, to-the-point educational programs about nutrition, teaching individuals which foods to choose and how to prepare them, and, most importantly, to trust in their own ability to turn around a bleak health outlook.

In fact, we often hear that study participants would have opted out of the research if drugs had been introduced as part of the treatment plan. PCRM has studied the effects of a vegan diet (free of meat and dairy products) for weight loss, diabetes and even menstrual pain. Invariably, participants are thrilled with the results, which come quickly and are profound. The symptoms subside, the need for medication diminishes, and, not surprisingly, cholesterol levels plummet. As noted in the American Journal of Cardiology, our menurial study participants enjoyed the largest cholesterol-lowering drop in premenopausal women ever reported.

Similarly, the groundbreaking work of Dean Ornish, M.D., showed us how arterial plaques could be dissolved without medication, surgery, or side effects. After following a 10-percent-fat vegetarian diet, getting moderate exercise,

and learning to manage stress, his patients were freed from debilitating chest pain and able to resume activities that were impossible for many years.

NIH's new "war on high cholesterol" risks failure (much like the government's 1971 "war on cancer") if we pour the bulk of our resources into treating those at risk, only to tip-toe around the real culprits whenever we begin treating them. Today, we are still without a cure for cancer, and, in 30 years, researchers will likely still be scrambling to "cure" heart disease and the myriad related illnesses that arise from poor nutrition.

We need look only to other areas of the world such as Asia to be reminded that high cholesterol is no mysterious ailment. Where rice, vegetables and other plant foods are the staple, the disease is virtually non-existent. North Americans, who eat large amounts of animal products — meat, eggs, dairy — will continue to take in unwanted cholesterol and saturated fat, many to the point where serious, even deadly, consequences will follow. With a month's supply of lipid-lowering drugs averaging \$85, NCEP's plan is sure to accomplish one thing: another hefty boost in pharmaceutical sales. As for real prevention strategies, it does far too little for patients on the road to lasting good health.

Neal Barnard, M.D., is a nutrition researcher and president of the Physicians Committee for Responsible Medicine. Kristine Kieswer is a health and nutrition writer. Readers may write to them at Physicians Committee for Responsible Medicine, 5100 Wisconsin Ave. NW, Suite 404, Washington, D.C. 20016.



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Missing tic-tac-toe-playing chickens ruffles fair's feathers

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Morning break
on page C6 today.

BENSALEM, Pa. (AP) — It could be a case of foul play for three chickens that travel the country's state-fair circuit playing tic-tac-toe against humans at 25 cents a game.

Tic Tac and Toe — "educated poultry" whose owners say have never been beaten by a human — have been missing for a week and a half after they were apparently

removed from their cages at the Pennsylvania Fair in suburban Philadelphia. "We haven't seen so much as a feather of them," says owner and trainer Steve Boger, who also trains racing pigs and helps run the family's traveling 150-animal petting zoo.

The chickens draw long lines of visitors who want to face off with a chicken over tic-tac-toe. The

chicken always starts the game. Boger won't reveal the secret to training tic-tac-toe birds, though he says it takes several months and includes a special diet.

"I've seen a chicken beat somebody 25 games in a row," Boger says. "If chickens can laugh, they really think this is funny."

The second-string replacement chickens have an equally perfect

record as their missing predecessors — no losses, though sometimes they tie — but apparently are slightly slower. "I can't say they're not as good, since I can't even tie them," says fair spokeswoman Carole Morganti. "They are just not as fast. My 12-year-old daughter has tied them."

The Bogers, who have a farm in Springdale, Ark., travel to fairs

with their animals about 10 months out of the year. At last year's Pennsylvania Fair, the Bogers lost a piglet, but it was returned to the local humane society a few days later.

Since the three light-brown chickens disappeared, the fair has received more than a dozen calls with tips and chicken-sightings, Morganti says.

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SPORTS QUOTE

“The new heavyweight champion of the world (Hasim Rahman) took a vow of poverty. It's not religious. He signed with Don King.”

—Jay Leno

TRIVIA

QUESTION:

Ken Bantum, the weight coach at Corona (Calif.) High, is a former world-class shooter. He is also known as a famous streak breaker. Whose streak did he end?

...answer below

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

College rodeo

CSI at Rocky Mtn. Regional Finals, at Ogden, Utah; 7 p.m.

High school rodeo

Fifth District at Gooding, 7 p.m.

IN BRIEF

Filer High holds fund-raising meeting

FILER — Filer High School is holding a track and field fund-raising meeting tonight at 7 p.m. in the high school library. For more information, call 326-6709 or 326-5944.

CSI men's rodeo ranked second in the nation

TWIN FALLS — The College of Southern Idaho men's rodeo team is second in the nation, 100.83 points, behind only No. 1 University of Tennessee-Martin in the latest points standings released on Monday.

CSI has amassed 3,950 total points, 278.67 more than third-place Dickinson State University of North Dakota. Idaho State University is ranked 15th, with 2,520 points.

CSI cowboy Cody Wright is the all-around national leader with 1,380 points. He leads Dawson Community College cowboy Beau Franzen by 25 points. His teammate Cody Demers is fourth with 1,290 points. Wright also leads the overall saddle bronc category.

For the women, CSI is in eighth place with 1,654.5 points. Arizona's Cochise Community College is first with 2,963 points. For all standings, visit www.collegeofsouthernidaho.com on the Internet.

The Golden Eagles are in Ogden, Utah for the Rocky Mountain Regional Finals Rodeo today through Saturday.

Filer High conducts physicals today for \$10

FILER — The Twin Falls Clinic and Hospital will be at Filer High School today to provide physical screenings. Cost: \$10 per student athlete. Incoming juniors begin at 8 p.m. along with incoming ninth-graders. Seventh- through ninth-grade physicals start at 7 p.m.

Rupert Ladies announce winners from Tuesday

RUPERT — Twenty Rupert Country Club Ladies Association players competed in a “Sucker in a Bucket” tournament on Ladies' Day on Tuesday. The team of Shockey, Viki Wood, Carla Hing, and Clare Groesbeck won first place. The foursome of Lenora Kasworm, Lucille Wakewood, Candice Jones and Marilyn Hess took second.

Compiled from staff and wire reports

TRIVIA ANSWER

In the 1956 National Amateur Athletic Union meet, he threw the shot 59 feet 1-1/2 inches to defeat Olympic champion Parry O'Brien, who had a 116-meet winning streak, still the longest in any event in men's track and field competition.

Present-day Colorado faces off against past

The Associated Press

DENVER — Chris Drury was a history major at Boston University, but the question seemed appropriate.

“Hey, Chris, do you remember the Colorado Rockies?”
“The baseball team? Sure,” he said with a smile.
Drury was a newborn when hockey's Colorado Rockies opened their inaugural 1976-77 NHL season, and he was nearing his sixth birthday when the founding team was sold and moved to New Jersey in 1982.

Nineteen years later, Denver's forgettable hockey past will collide with its vibrant hockey present as the New Jersey Devils face the Colorado Avalanche in the Stanley Cup finals. Game 1 is Saturday at the Pepsi Center.



Colorado vs. New Jersey
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“It's kind of fitting that it would be that way, considering the war-we're-about-to-participate in,” Colorado rookie Dan Hinote said Wednesday. Like Drury, Hinote was too

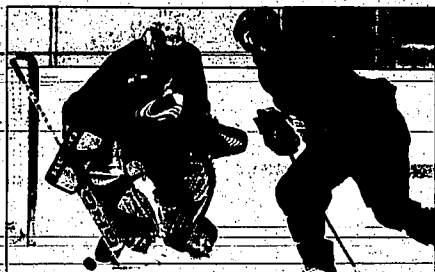
young to remember “Rocky Hockey.” They are among the lucky ones.

After moving from Kansas City, Denver in 1976, the Rockies never won more than 22 games in a season, and struggled financially because of lagging attendance and an unfavorable lease at McNichols Sports Arena.

A group led by John McMullen bought the Rockies in May 1982, and moved them to New Jersey's Meadowlands. The Devils have won two Stanley Cup titles since, including one last season. They will have to win at least one game in the town they abandoned to defend their title.

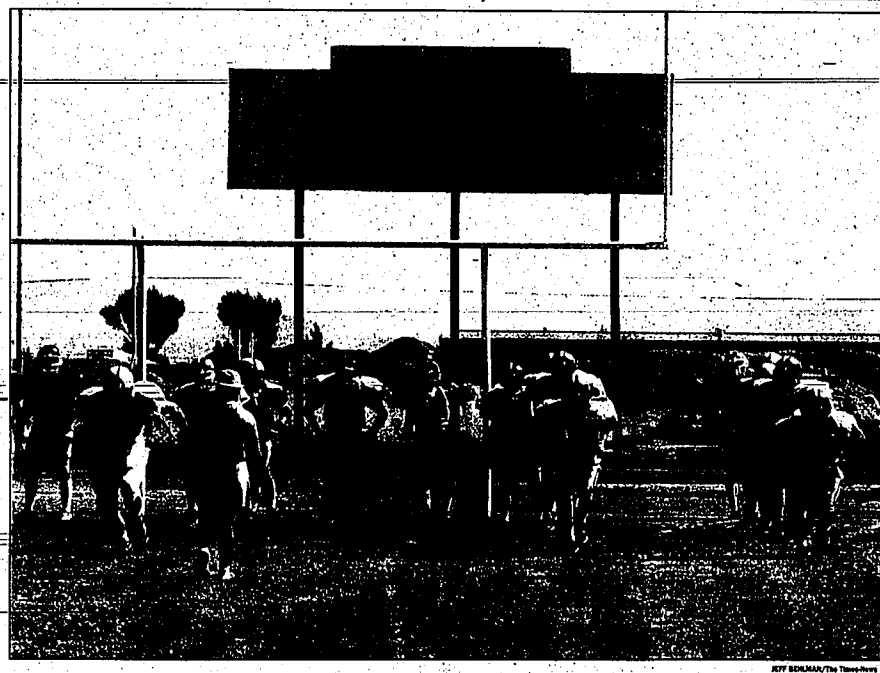
“I could be wrong, but I don't think fans are making a big deal out of this,” Colorado defense-

Please see NHL, Page B2



Colorado goaltender Patrick Roy deflects a shot off the stick of defenseman Scott Parker during drills in Englewood, Colo., on Wednesday.

SHAPING UP



Burley High assistant football coach Steve Satake leads running exercises for the South Shrine football team at Budge Field in Burley on Tuesday. The team, comprised of graduating seniors from Burley, Buhl, Filer, Twin Falls, Hansen, Kimberly, Declo, Murtugath, Raft River, Oakley and Castleford, is running drills and practices all week in preparation for the 24th Annual All-Star Shrine game at Bruin Field in Twin Falls on Tuesday.

Minico's Ty Dietz named top region player

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS — Minico High senior Tyson Dietz was named the Region III Baseball Player of the Year on Wednesday.

First-year Twin Falls coach Matt Rasmussen picked up the conference's Coach of the Year award after guiding the Bruins to an undefeated record in the Region III season-and-trip-to-the-Glass-A-1-Division I State Baseball Tournament.

Dietz was also named to the All-Idaho first team along with Spartan teammates and pitchers Josh Bartolome and John Fennell. Twin Falls shortstop Ben Mueller was a second-team all-state selection.

Minico finished fifth at the state tournament beating Twin Falls, and state nemesis Timberline of Boise for the consolation trophy. The Bruins went 0-2.

Both the Spartans and Twin Falls dominated the list of Region III selections garnering six of 10 possible first-team selections and six of nine second-team choices.

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Tyson Dietz

BACK TO SCHOOL

First NBA player to skip college earns degree

By Geoff Mulvihill
The Associated Press

To Bill Willoughby, teen-agers should be welcome in the NBA. He was, when he finished high school in 1975 and joined the pros.

But Willoughby, 44, applauds stars such as Michael Jordan, Shaquille O'Neal and Vince Carter, who left college early but returned to get their degrees.

Now, Willoughby also can applaud himself.
On Wednesday, he received his bachelor's degree in communications from Fairleigh Dickinson University in Teaneck, N.J., making the lesser-known half of the answer to a trivia question: Who were the first two players to go directly from high school to the NBA?

He made the jump along with Darryl Dawkins. Moses Malone skipped college to play in the ABA a year earlier.
Willoughby said he decided to go to college in 1994 after he spoke to a class of NBA rookies that included Jason Kidd and Glenn Robinson. Many of those players went to college but didn't stay long enough to earn degrees.

“Just because you came out of school early, I wanted to let them



Former NBA basketball player Bill Willoughby waits to receive his degree from Fairleigh Dickinson University Wednesday in Teaneck, N.J. Willoughby was one of the first basketball players to go directly from high school to the NBA. He made the jump in 1975 along with Darryl Dawkins. Willoughby was also presented with the Trustees Distinguished Achievement Award.

the same. Since Kevin Garnett did it in 1995, many have followed, and six high school seniors have entered this year's NBA draft.
Dawkins and Malone became stars. Willoughby did not. After lighting it up at Dwight Morrow High School in Englewood, N.J., he played for six teams over eight seasons, only one of them as a regular starter. That was in 1981-82, when he was with the Houston Rockets and averaged a career-high of nearly eight points per game.

Sixers' Brown wins NBA Coach of the Year

The Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — Larry Brown answered a question, heard the crowd buzzing, turned around and got one of his biggest surprises this season.

Dean Smith, Brown's mentor and former coach at North Carolina, a stunned Philadelphia 76ers coach by flying in from Jacksonville, Fla., to congratulate one of his top pupils for winning the NBA's Coach of the Year Award.

“Oh my God,” Brown said Wednesday when he noticed Smith walking up to the podium.
Brown, speechless, hugged Smith and simply stepped aside.

“What a great honor this is for Larry Brown. He's a born coach,” said Smith, who tried to lure Brown back to North Carolina to fill his head coaching vacancy last summer.

Brown, who once said coaching at North Carolina is his dream, is glad he stayed in Philadelphia. He has made it almost a clean sweep this postseason for the 76ers, the first team to get four awards in one season.
Allen Iverson was selected as the most valuable player, Aaron McKie won the Sixth Man of the



Larry Brown



Eastern Conference Finals
76ers vs. Bucks
Series: Philadelphia leads 1-0
Game 2: Tonight, 6 p.m. (ET)

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Year Award and Dikembe Mutombo was chosen the defensive player of the year.

The only awards Philadelphia didn't get were rookie of the year (Orlando's Mike Miller) and most improved player (Orlando's Tracy McGrady).

“I said this is a magical season,” team-president Pat Croce said.
Brown, who led the Sixers to their best record in 16 years, won the award for the first time in his 18-year NBA coaching career.

He received 85 votes from a 124-member media panel. Rick Adelman of the Sacramento Kings finished second with 11 votes and Don Nelson of the Dallas Mavericks was third with none. No other coach received more than five votes.
“It's been an amazing year for me,” Brown said. “Any time you win an award like this, it's a reflection of what your team

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SPORTS

Bell home run gives M's a split with Twins 5-4

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) - David Bell hit a tiebreaking homer in the eighth inning, leading the Seattle Mariners over the Minnesota Twins 5-4 Wednesday for a split in the series between baseball's best teams...

Orlones 12, Angels 5 - BALTIMORE - Scott Schoeneweis (3-3) gave up a club-record 11 runs in four-plus innings, allowing 15 hits...

Yankees 7, Red Sox 3 - NEW YORK - In David Cone's return to Yankee Stadium, Derek Jeter went 3-for-5 with a homer and Bernie Williams homers and drive in three runs...

Indians 4, Tigers 3 - CLEVELAND - Juan Gonzalez's

American League

one-out homer off Dave Borkowski (0-1) in the 10th beat his former team. Pinch-hitter Eddie Taubensee tied it at 3 in the bottom of the ninth with a two-out homer for the Indians, who overcame a muffed home run by Wilfredo Cordeiro in the sixth and the expiration of manager Charlie Manuel...

Blue Jays 9, White Sox 6 - TORONTO - David Wells (3-5) allowed a career-high 13 hits and eight runs in his return to Toronto, and made a mental gaffe as Chicago lost its eighth straight.

Devil Rays 10, Rangers 6 - ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. - Gerald Williams doubled off Tim Crabtree (0-3) in the sixth and broke a 6-all tie when Juan Moreno barked twice.

Royals 4, Athletics 1 - KANSAS CITY, Mo. - Chad Durbin (3-2) pitched four-hit ball for seven innings and won his third straight decision, stopping Oakland's seven-game winning streak.

Former Royals star Johnny Damon was booed every time he came to bat and cheered when he grounded into an inning-ending double play.

Dodgers' Brown pitches Los Angeles past Rockies

DENVER (AP) - Kevin Brown bounced back from his worst start of the season to beat Pedro Astacio.

Brown (6-2), who helped the Dodgers stop a three-game losing streak, allowed three runs - two earned - and eight hits in 6 1-3 innings. Last Friday in New York, he was pounded for five runs and nine hits in four innings.

Jeff Shaw pitched 1 1-3 innings for his league-leading 14th save.

Astacio (4-5) allowed four runs - three earned - and two hits in seven innings.

Cubs 4, Reds 2 - CHICAGO (AP) - Ron Gomer and Matt Stairs hit RBI singles, and Cubs relievers allowed only three hits after a 1-hour, 33-minute rain delay in the top of the third. The game also started after a delay of 1:15.

Padres 7, Astros 6 - HOUSTON - Mark Kotsay hit an RBI single off Billy Wagner (2-2) with two outs in the ninth as San Diego won its fifth straight. Houston lost its four in a row.

Phillies 4, Pirates 0 - PHILADELPHIA - Omar Daal (6-0) allowed two runs and

National League

nine hits in seven-plus innings as Philadelphia completed its first doubleheader sweep since July 24, 1998.

Scott Rolen and Travis Lee had two RBIs each, and Jose Mesa pitched the ninth for his 12th save.

Randy Wolf (4-4) allowed two hits in 7 1-3 innings and struck out 10 in the opener, matching his season-high.

Jason Schmidt (1-2) went five innings in his fourth start since returning from shoulder surgery. He gave up four runs, nine hits and five walks while striking out seven.

Mets 4, Expos 2

MONTREAL - Tsuyoshi Shinjo hit a two-run homer and Al Leiter won his second straight start since coming off the disabled list, allowing two runs and six hits in six innings.

Shinjo, who also had the game-winning hits in the Mets' previous two wins, homered in the sixth off Chris Peters (2-4) to put New York ahead 3-2.

SPORTS IN BRIEF

Gators star Teddy Dupuy linked to investigation

GAINESVILLE, Fla. - Florida guard Teddy Dupuy is the subject of an investigation involving a bookmaker and possible violations of the student code, several sources told the Orlando Sentinel. The sources did not want to be identified because of their ties to the state's basketball program.

Heart attack claims Shaq's firefighter cousin

EL SEGUNDO, Calif. - Shaquille O'Neal's firefighter cousin died Tuesday after suffering a heart attack while battling a fire that destroyed a three-family home in New Jersey.

Trial begins for school star charged with rape

ST. JOSEPH, Mich. - A 13-year-old girl testified for six hours Wednesday in the trial of a high school basketball standout accused of raping her.

Wells loses track of outs, tosses away a run

TORONTO - David Wells gave his former fans in Toronto even more reason to boo him Wednesday night.

NFL owners loan Packers \$13 million

GREEN BAY, Wis. - The Green Bay Packers received a chunk of money from the NFL on Wednesday to help finance the \$295 million expansion and renovation of Lambeau Field.

Former Ryder Cup captain returns after cancer

VIRGINIA WATER, England - After a nine-month battle against testicular cancer, losing Ryder Cup captain Mark James returns to golf this week thinking he's been lucky.

Crews lower angle on 120-meter Olympic hill

PARK CITY, Utah - Olympic organizers are fine-tuning the 120-meter ski jump at the Utah Olympic Park, shaving down the in-run and lip to help athletes fly a little lower to the ground.

Karl calls foul on Sixers' defense, too

PHILADELPHIA (AP) - George Karl made it clear he isn't concerned about Dikembe Mutombo. The Milwaukee Bucks coach isn't impressed by the Philadelphia '76ers' defense either.

One day after the Sixers beat Milwaukee 93-85 in Game 1 of the Eastern Conference finals, Karl wasn't about to give Philadelphia any credit.

"Philly has an amazing ability to foul a lot and never get called for it," Karl said Wednesday. "They are the best slashing and ripping team in the league. They have a great defensive reputation, but I wish they would have to earn it."

"Without (injured forward George) Lynch, they're not as great defensively as they were and I still think the referees think they're a great defensive team. They're not great defensively and they foul a lot."

Sixers guard Eric Snow simply brushed aside the comments the day before Game 2 of the best-of-seven series.

"Get used to it," Snow said after Wednesday's practice. "He's going to say off-the-wall stuff the whole series. You just have to know him. You can't read into it or buy it. The main thing is he respects us."

Mutombo isn't so sure about the respect part. Before the series, Karl said the 7-foot-2 center wouldn't impact his team and called him "irrelevant."

After Mutombo scored 15 points, grabbed 18 rebounds and blocked four shots Tuesday night, Karl didn't change his opinion.

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man Adam Foote said. "If they do, that's entirely up to them, but as players, we don't even think twice about it. I didn't even think about it today until someone told me about it."

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Iverson credited Brown for his own success. "He deserved it," Iverson said. "He's helped me so much on the court, but he's also helped me so much dealing with things off of it, being a professional."

The Sixers opened the Eastern Conference finals with a 93-85 victory over the Milwaukee Bucks on Tuesday night.

the defensive and our problem wasn't Mutombo, it was our shot selection," Karl said. "I have tremendous respect for Mutombo. We don't go down there (inside) very much. So is he as much a concern to us as he is to Shaq (O'Neal) or (Tim) Duncan? No."

Mutombo said he's used to taking shots from Karl, who coached against him in Seattle when he played for Denver.

"I have to go find the clips in the house," Mutombo joked. "I think he likes to play a psychological game. I think he understands the game as much mental as it is physical. For a guy who has been in the league as long as I have, I don't get caught up in what people say. I don't care about somebody who tries to criticize me for no reason."

Karl already managed to get into Allen Iverson's head during the season. Before the Sixers played in Milwaukee on Feb. 13, Iverson said Karl came up to him, congratulated him for winning the MVP award in the All-Star game then said he thought Mutombo deserved to get it.

"After hearing what he thinks of Dikembe, I was confused. What does he think of me?" Iverson said. "When you start getting into verbal battles, it takes away from the game."

Nobody expects the Bucks to shoot as poorly as they did in the opener. Milwaukee, which relies on its jump shooting, missed several open shots early, fell behind by 16 points at halftime and never recovered.

After Allen scored 31 points and Sam Cassell added 20, but the rest of the Bucks shot 30 percent and combined for 34 points.

Colorado had advanced to the Western Conference finals in five of six seasons, winning the Stanley Cup in 1996. Many believe the success ratio should be even better because of the team's perennial All-Star lineup.

"There's been some disappointment," Iverson said. Colorado defenseman Jon Klemm said. "Getting to the conference finals five out of the six years and only being to the finals once, that's tough to swallow at times. But we were able to get back to it again this year and hopefully we can

make the best of it."

Of the Avalanche players, only Ray Bourque has come full circle with Colorado hockey history. The 40-year-old defenseman played against the Rockies for the first time as a Bruins rookie in 1979.



Philadelphia's Dikembe Mutombo fights for a rebound with Milwaukee Bucks' Sam Cassell and Scott Williams in their game Tuesday, in Philadelphia.

Glenn "Big Dog" Robinson missed nine of his first 10 shots and finished with 13 points.

"I don't think it matters who scores for us," Allen said. "We have to set aside agendas and just go out and play basketball."

or any other Rockies game in the New Jersey media guide. In fact, the 276-page guide hardly acknowledges Colorado as part of the team's history, citing only McCullum's purchase and listing the team's yearly season records.

All team and individual records begin in 1982.

Another sign that Rocky Hockey wasn't all that memorable.

"I didn't even know that Jersey had left here to go to Jersey," the 30-year-old Klemm said. "I didn't know that."



Philadelphia's Dikembe Mutombo fights for a rebound with Milwaukee Bucks' Sam Cassell and Scott Williams in their game Tuesday, in Philadelphia.

winning percentage as a coach. "I've learned so much from being around him and to see his growth and development, it's a tremendous honor to coach him," Brown said of Iverson.

Brown has posted winning records in 25 of his 29 seasons as a head coach on the professional and collegiate levels. He has finished first in his division six times, and he has led the Eastern Conference finals three

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Defending champ Pierce withdraws from French Open

PARIS (AP) — A 6-by-9-foot poster of Mary Pierce is the only way fans will get to see the reigning French Open champion at Roland Garros this year.

Clinging a back injury, Pierce will skip the Grand Slam tournament Wednesday, less than a week before it starts. She lost in the first round of the Strasbourg Open on Tuesday.

"It's very sad for Mary, and it's a pity for the French public, because she is French," French Open director Gilles Juhan said.

Last year, Pierce became the first Frenchwoman to win at Roland Garros since 1967.

The 26-year-old Pierce has "a chronic inflammation of the lumbar spine," according to a WTA statement.

"After much thought, deliberation and lengthy consultation with the medical staff, I have come to the

very difficult decision to withdraw from the French Open," said Pierce.

The French Open starts Monday. She has won only six of 14 matches this season.

Seles drops first match at Spanish Open

MADRID, Spain — Monica Seles

was eliminated in her opening match at the Spanish Open, losing to Paraguayan Rosanna de los Rios 7-5, 6-4 Wednesday.

Hewitt beats Norman at WTC, eyes French Open

DUESSELDORF, Germany — Lleyton Hewitt Wednesday won his chances at the French Open.

The 20-year-old Australian over-

powered Sweden's Magnus Norman 6-1, 6-2 at the clay-court World Team Cup, needing just 72 minutes to beat last year's runner-up at Roland Garros.

"I definitely give myself an outside chance at the French," said Hewitt, who reached the fourth round there a year ago.

Hewitt also won a \$100,000 tournament in Ennisville, Tenn., Wednesday, which he likened to a sweep of its best-of-three encounter with Sweden at the

\$2.1-million event. Wayne Athurs and Scott Draper beat Enqvist and Nicklas Kuit 7-5, 7-5 in doubles.

Spain also won 3-0, beating Germany, as Alex Corretja defeated Tommy Haas 6-3, 6-3, Juan Barcellas beat Nicolas Pietrangeli 6-4, 6-2, and Haas beat Corretja 6-3, 6-3 to beat the Spanish doubles pair of Barcellas and Alex Lopez Moron 6-3, 6-2.

BASEBALL

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Team	W	L	Pct.
Seattle	10	10	.500
Minnesota	10	10	.500
San Diego	10	10	.500
Los Angeles	10	10	.500
Colorado	10	10	.500
San Francisco	10	10	.500
Arizona	10	10	.500
Chicago	10	10	.500
Philadelphia	10	10	.500
St. Louis	10	10	.500
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NL STANDINGS

Team	W	L	Pct.
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MAJOR LEAGUE LEADERS

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ON THE AIR TELEVISION

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THANK YOU LETTERS

Buhl FFA grateful for company potato donations

The Buhl Future Farmers of America Chapter would like to thank Lamb Weston for its donation of hash browns for our appreciation breakfast.

JARED NIFFER
Buhl High School FFA
Buhl

Motel, Taco Bandido, Taco Bell, Tires West, Treasure Cove, Union Seed, Vision Optical and Mountain View staff, students and parents.

HEIDI SMITH
Mountain View PTO
Burley

Community shares leadership skills with young people

On April 23, the Gooding County HealthNet Coalition conducted a seven-hour leadership training for middle and high school students at the Walker Center in Gooding. Called "Leadership Insights: Opening Doors for Success," the session began with business and community people sharing their insights on leadership, teamwork, goal setting, decision-making and positive choices.

Myself and the students who participated would like to thank those individuals who gave of their time, experience and ideas to help make the training a huge success: Paula Simetry and Terry Wade, both of Wendell; Chris Wood and Dan Olmstead, both of Twin Falls; and Tom Stoltman-Hamilton of Gooding.

A very special thanks to Brad Stein, who did an outstanding job facilitating the training, and Chris Wood, another excellent instructor. A big thanks as well to Idaho School To Work, who helped to fund this opportunity.

SARAH SKAAR
Facilitator
Gooding County HealthNet Coalition
Gooding

Contributors make Mountain View carnival a big success

The Mountain View Parent-Teacher Organization would like to thank the following businesses for their outstanding contributions to our annual school carnival and raffle. Thank you for helping us make this event a huge success:

Adams Petroleum, Albertson's, Al's Pizza, Angela's, Bagels N' Brunch, Basket Sensations, Bonanza Lanes, Burger King, Century Cinemas, Dairy Queen, Dr. Terry Jeppson, Dr. Kevin Stock, Dr. Steve Gary, Fairfield Inn, Farmer's Corner, Figaro's, Fine Furniture, First Federal, First Impressions, George's K's, Corie's Hair Force, Jenn's Hair Jungle, Jitterbug Expresso, Lagoon, Little Caesar's, Mr. Gas, Papa Kelsey's, Pizza Hut, Recollections, Regis, The Retreat, Royce and Sons, Skateland, Snake River Bowl, Super 8

Businesses help sent young people to youth conference

Thank you to the following businesses and people for their support, helping hands and donations made to assist our youth in attending the National Catholic Youth Conference to be held in November:

Lamb Weston (John Pullman), Sysco (Gary Schwertfeger), Clear Springs Foods (Cally Parrott), Depot Grill (Steve Soran), and dinner chairmen, Jackie Wakefield, Jim Ponzio and Jeanne Niclax.

DEBBY MICIAK
Youth Minister
St. Edward's Parish
Twin Falls

Twin Falls Library opens up another successful book sale

We would like to thank everyone who helped make our Ninth Annual Book Sale a huge success! Thanks to the numerous book sorters and volunteers who help organize our collection yearlong and those volunteers who worked the actual days of the sale.

Thanks to the Library Teen Advisory Board: PSY-Albertson's; Barnes and Noble; and Jodie Cox at Watkins. Discontinue. Special thanks go out to the library staff and trustees for their support.

Of course, this sale would not be possible without the generous donation of books from the community throughout the year. Thanks to all who made this event the best sale ever! See you next year!

LINDA WATKINS
Book Sale Chairman
And Twin Falls Public Library
Foundation Board Members
Twin Falls

Paramedics donate time and service to district rodeo

The Jerome and Valley High School Rodeo Teams thank Magic Valley Regional Medical Center paramedics for their valuable donated time and services at our District 5 Rodeo held in Jerome on April 27 and 28.

This community service helped make our rodeo safe and successful. Thank you!

CARL BARTHOLOMEW
PAT SCHEER
Rodeo Team Advisers
Jerome

Stuart students; staff bring sunshine to care center

To the staff and students of Robert Stuart: What a wonderful community project you took on a few weeks back. To go to the different businesses in our community and do "good deeds" for the students, teachers and parents that came to Heritage and Woodstone Assisted Living were so wonderful! The smiles, laughter and enthusiasm were shared with our residents and staff. Our courtyards are so much cleaner, and the flowers you planted are beautiful. This makes our walking outdoors much more pleasant.

We sincerely appreciate your hard work. Oh yes, we hope you enjoyed the bingo game as much as we did! Thank you so much for a fun day!

CATHY LYNCH
And Staff and Residents
Heritage Retirement Center
Woodstone Retirement Center
Twin Falls

TFHS junior prom made possible by lots of support

The Twin Falls High School Junior Class of 2002 would like to thank the following businesses and individuals for their donations of funds, items and time for our Junior Prom:

Janet Short, The White House, Mike and Jan McBride, Randy and Cathy Hansen, Lisa Amadoria, Jeanne Simetry, Dave and Jill Chesnut, Keeley Garden Center, Alison Bates, Magic Valley Mall, Weston Plaza, Gary and Ann Babel, Erin Joslin, WinCo, Mrs. Poppleton and The Hungry Bear, Mair Crandall, Adam Christensen, Mr. and Mrs. Larson Swenson, Jo Maltes, Ron and Cindy McBride.

From would not have been possible without your assistance. Thanks for your help!

J.B. TARTER
Junior Class President
Twin Falls High School
Twin Falls

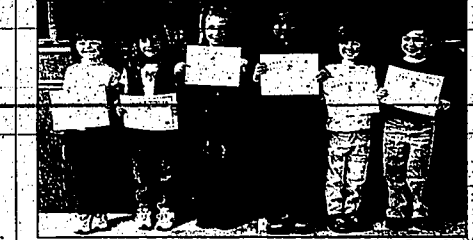
Association parade receives good cooperation from police

We would like to convey our thanks to all the police officers who participated in the motorcycle parade, Idaho Motorcycle Awareness Day, on May 5. We received wonderful cooperation from the city police office, the sheriff's office and the office of the state police. The motorcycle escort was truly an added bonus. We also want to take this opportunity to thank the College of Southern Idaho officials for the use of the parking lot to organize before the parade.

This event was a huge success. We are looking forward to this event again in May 2002.

RENE BURKHALTER
Calvary Riders Chapter
Christian Motorcyclists Association
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MATH-MEDALISTS



Students at Harrison Elementary School in Twin Falls achieved a total of 3,325 50-in-A-Minute math passes through March. There were 82 new medalist in the third quarter; for a total of 230 medalists. Students must pass grade-level goal to become a 'Medalist.' Kindergarten students are, from left, Makayla Lee, Sara Ajeti, Brooke Dudley, Breanne Wilson, Autumn Myers and Anastasia King.



Medallists in grades three and four are, from left, back row: Adam Etcheberry, Jamie Garrison, Ariel Medina, Dakota Barton, Devin Brown, Josh Mullins, Chase Aufderheide and Kris Estrada; middle row: Sunahine Martinez, Jennifer Sherman, Parker Simonson, Tuyen Tran, Melissa Nikolov, Alen Heic, Jacob Lipshin and Adriana Sorles; front row: Tanesha Cummings, Deaven Anderson, Aaron Essig, Brandon LaBerg, James Butler, Marleigh Merkle, Kyle Rees and Leslie Chaffin.

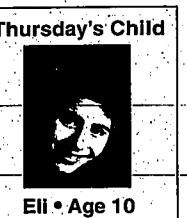


Medallists in grades five and six are, from left, back row: Pamela Hall, Chris Hewitt, Cory Campbell, Schlyer Edwards, Whitney Bell, Brandon Collins, Milan Marcetic, Jose Santos and Alicia Weakes; middle row: Jordan Sorensen, Breanna Wilson, Tommy Evans, Makayla Rincon, Adam Aspyella, Alonna Medina, Lexi Bowler and Alexis Helms; front row: Autumn Myers, Rebecca Andrews, Josh Hansen, Alexandrie Lenard, Darion Lynch, Karly Hudelson, Riley Bywater and Arjan Predojevic.



Medallists in grades kindergarten through second are, from left, back row: Pamela Hall, Chris Hewitt, Cory Campbell, Schlyer Edwards, Whitney Bell, Brandon Collins, Milan Marcetic, Jose Santos and Alicia Weakes; middle row: Jordan Sorensen, Breanna Wilson, Tommy Evans, Makayla Rincon, Adam Aspyella, Alonna Medina, Lexi Bowler and Alexis Helms; front row: Autumn Myers, Rebecca Andrews, Josh Hansen, Alexandrie Lenard, Darion Lynch, Karly Hudelson, Riley Bywater and Arjan Predojevic.

Eli is a talkative boy with a sense of humor



Eli • Age 10

Personality: Blessed with the gift of gab and a comedic personality, Eli loves to make people laugh. An outgoing boy with olive complexion and dark eyes, Eli is proud of his Puerto Rican and Caucasian heritage. He has a strong desire to please adults and is easy to like. He has shown an ability to attach to his maternal grandmother and his current foster parents, both of whom could be strong resources during adoption transitions.

Interests: Eli likes to shoot

basketball hoops, play catch and participate in a baseball team. In fact, he is rarely seen without his favorite baseball cap.

Needs: Eli works hard in individual counseling to learn the social skills that can sometimes be so challenging for him at school. He looks forward to parents who are "nice people" & a trait he values for good reason. Having survived extremely tough times, emotionally and physically, he needs parents who understand the specific effects of the

abuse he's experienced. Although he is doing well in school, his parents will need to be educational advocates to help him with Attention Deficit with Hyperactivity Disorder. Firm and consistent parenting is a must in an adoptive home where he is the youngest or only child. Adoption assistance and purchase of services are available.

"Thursday's Child" profiles children awaiting adoption. For more information about Eli or other children, call the Idaho CareLine at 1-800-926-2588.

CRMC offers high school athletic physicals

BURLEY - Burley High School athletic physicals will be given from 3:30-6:30 p.m. today at Cassia Regional Medical Center. For an appointment, call 677-6530.

Burley woman celebrates 80th with open house

BURLEY - Delores Johnston of Burley will celebrate her 80th birthday with an open house from 2-4:30 p.m. Sunday at the Burley Inn. Delores K. Halm was born May 26, 1921 in Coatsfield, Nev. She married Deward Johnston April 3, 1942. They homesteaded north of Rupert in 1958. Johnston has three children, Ronald (Shari) Johnston of Twin Falls, Diane (Gary) Langelitz of Summerville, Ore and Renee (Dick) Schaner of Rupert; five grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. Her children and their spouses are hosting the event.

West Minico Junior High Band performs in concert

FRANK - West Minico Junior High School Band, under the direction of Ross Barson, will hold its spring concert at 7 p.m. Friday in the gym. A "Greatest Hits" compilation

of band performances during the past four years, including last year's all-state performance, will be for sale for \$10 with more than half of the money going to the band. A music video of the event will be on sale for \$15.

There will be no admission charge, but donations will be accepted.

Twin Falls scout receives Eagle Scout award

TWIN FALLS - Cameron Harrison, son of Marc and Sherri Harrison of Twin Falls, will receive his Eagle Scout award at a court of honor at 7 p.m. Friday at the Twin Falls LDS 17th Ward building on Elizabeth Boulevard.



Harrison is the fifth of five sons to receive his Eagle Scout award. For his Eagle Scout project, he conducted a food drive at grocery stores and collected more than 600 pounds of food donated to the South Central Community Action Agency. Harrison is an eighth-grader at O'Leary Junior High School.

Wendell Elementary School schedules registration

WENDELL - The Wendell Elementary School kindergarten open house and registration will be held from 4-6 p.m. Tuesday in the kindergarten rooms.

Children must be 5-years-old by Sept. 1 and parents must bring immunization records and birth certificates. For more information, call 536-6611.

Rocky Top Cloggers hold annual spring show

TWIN FALLS - The Rocky Top Cloggers sixth annual spring show will be held at 6:30 p.m. Friday at the Twin Falls City Park Bandshell. Polish saunges will be sold to raise funds for team costumes and send London Jenks to the National Boy Scout Jamboree. Dancer of the year will be announced. Admission is free. For more information or performance requests, call Shannon Edwards at 734-5863.

Hagerman Fossil Beds Visitor Center opens

HAGERMAN - Hagerman Fossil Beds National Monument Visitor Center is now open from

9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday and Saturday.

The staff will have a booth during the Hagerman Fossil Days in the town park.

Filer student presents senior recital

TWIN FALLS - Sarah Lincoln, daughter of Mary Ann and Dotig Lincoln of Filer, will hold her senior recital at 2:30 p.m. Sunday at the College of Southern Idaho Fine Arts Auditorium.



The program will feature solo piano and saxophone works. She will also play duo piano selections with Heidi Schneiderman. Lincoln has studied piano for eight years, receiving honorable mentions in the Sonata and Sonatina festival. She won the national high school woodwind division in 2000 and played on the public radio in the Boston program "From the Top" featuring outstanding high school musicians. Lincoln also received the Emerson Scholar Award to Interlochen Music Camp.

Gooding Duplicate Bridge Club announces winners

GOODING - Gooding Duplicate Bridge Club announced the winners for the club championship game held May 18.

Winners were: first, Howard and Mary Tucker; second, Dr. and Mrs. Henry Robinson; third, Marilyn Borkins and Bev Clark; fourth, Joe Stansney and Les Saundres; fifth, Bill Sorensen and Landon Burns and sixth, Ruby Grimes and Jeanne McComb. Refreshments were served including a birthday cake for Howard Tucker. The club meets at 1 p.m. every Friday at Gooding City Hall.

Deadline approaching for Richfield queen contest

RICHFIELD - Girls are invited to enter the Richfield Outlaw Days Queen competition.

The queen contest is open to girls 14 to 18-years old and the princess title is for girls 9 to 13-years old. The contestants will be judged on a speech and horsemanship on June 8 and the rodeo royalty crowned June 9. The deadline is May 31. For more information on how to enter, call Dana Lapray at 543-4865 or Jessica Robinson at 487-3210.

Summer Reading and Math Tutoring Program

June & July
Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday

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Preschool - 6th Grade
Monday - Friday 7:30-8:30
June 4th - August 13th

Registration for 2001-2002 school year is now open!
3 Year Olds thru 6th Grade!

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For Better or For Worse

By Lynn Johnston



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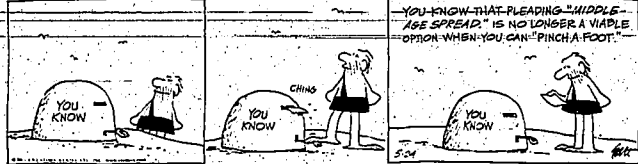
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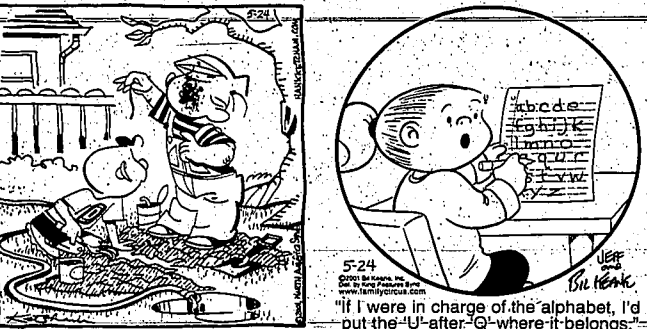


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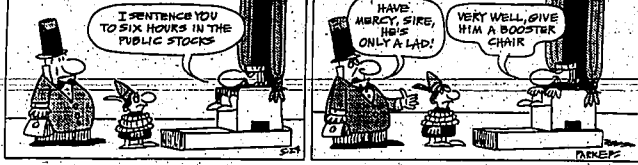
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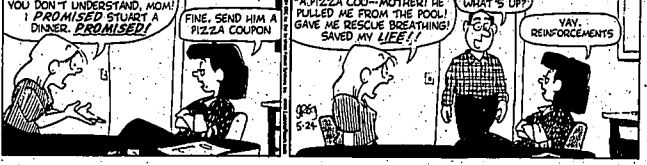
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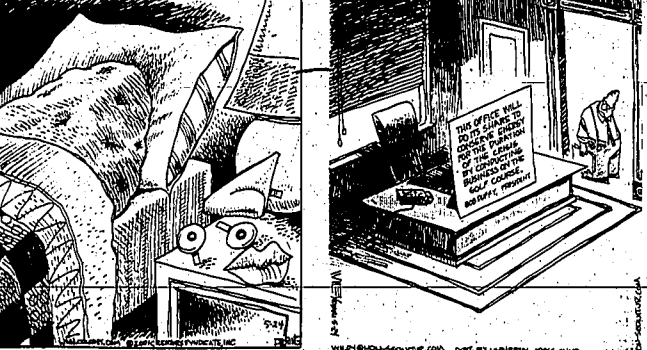


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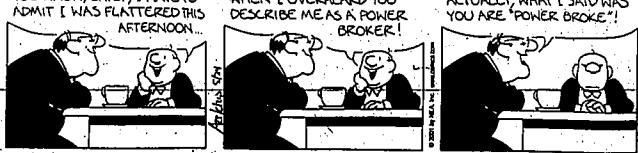
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AROUND THE VALLEY

Man faces battery charge after shooting

JEROME — A Jerome man who police say shot a man late Tuesday was arraigned Wednesday on a charge of aggravated battery, Jerome Police Chief Bill Reid said.

Anthony Lopez, 24, surrendered without trouble to police after Norman Gore, 37, of Jerome was shot once in the back with a 9-mm pistol at an apartment complex in the 1000 block of North Lincoln St. in Jerome at about 8:15 p.m. Tuesday, Reid said. Gore was treated and released Tuesday from an area hospital, Reid said.

Reid said Lopez and Gore were acquainted with each other and apparently were having an argument or fight just prior to the shooting. But it was not clear Wednesday what might have prompted the fight, Reid said. Detectives Wednesday were interviewing people who said they witnessed the shooting, he said.

Because Jerome Magistrate Judge Thomas Borresen was on vacation Wednesday, Lopez was arraigned in Gooding before Magistrate Judge Kevin Cassidy, Reid said.

Accident victim listed in serious condition

GOODING — A pregnant Burley woman who was ejected from a vehicle in an accident Tuesday was listed in serious condition Wednesday at St. Alphonsus Regional Medical Center in Boise, a hospital spokeswoman said.

Josie Rodriguez, 23, who is five months pregnant, was in a vehicle driven by Jesus Saldana Diaz, 23, of Burley, which rolled Tuesday afternoon on Interstate 84 near Exit 151 outside of Gooding. Diaz was treated and released Tuesday from Gooding Memorial Hospital, said Gooding County Sheriff Shaun Gough. He said no citations will be issued.

Diaz and Rodriguez were not wearing seat belts when the accident occurred, Gough said.

Hospital foundation holds fun-run fund-raiser

TWIN FALLS — Fun runners and walkers raising money for local medical equipment will kick off the city's Western Day's parade June 2. Runners in the Heart of the West Run can choose between a 13.1-mile half-marathon or a 5-kilometer walk/run — open to persons with strollers and wheelchairs. Race courses include the parade route.

Race proceeds will help buy the Magic Valley Heart Fund a new digital cardiac ultrasound system to enhance cardiac diagnostic capabilities at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center.

Registration costs are \$23 for the half-marathon, \$18 for a 5-kilometer walk/run, or \$12 for participating children under 12. Register by Monday to avoid a \$3 late registration fee. Participants receive T-shirts. Find online registration at www.magicvalley.com. Call the Magic Valley Regional Medical Center Foundation Inc. at 737-2480 for more information or visit the office on the fifth floor of the hospital for team registration.

Team awards and first and second place individual awards will be presented at a barbecue at the Old Town finish line from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. near the silos at 61st Avenue, South. Guests and the public can buy barbecue tickets at the gate. Cost is \$6 for adults and \$3 for children.

Shoshone School Board to hold special meeting today

SHOSHONE — The School Board will hold a special meeting at 8 tonight at the Shoshone School District conference room at 409 North Apple St.

The purpose of the meeting is discuss personnel issue. An executive session is planned.

List your Memorial Day celebrations in the paper

If your service group, church or other organization is planning a memorial service this weekend, The Times-News wants to know about it. Contact news clerk Melissa Mordan by noon at 733-0931 for a memorial service included in the list we'll print in Saturday's edition.

Reach Morgan by phone at 733-0931, Ext. 278; by fax at 734-5338; or by email at mmordan@magicvalley.com.

Include the time, date, place and other details about the memorial service, and include your own phone number in case Morgan needs more information.

Compiled from staff reports

Bull semen thief strikes near Castleford

By Michael Journee
Times-News writer

CASTLEFORD — It's not exactly your typical thievery.

"They didn't steal a car, or a stereo, or even a bike — they stole semen."

"Dairy bull semen to be exact — \$800 worth."

Twin Falls County sheriff's detectives are trying to find out who broke into the Gadolfo Dairy near Hagerman at about 10 p.m., Monday night and took about 20 cubic centimeters of the

stuff.

It may sound weird, but detectives and industry specialists say the theft isn't so strange.

"It was someone who knew exactly what they were going for," said Sgt. Daron Brown. "Nothing else was messed with."

Although a spokesman for the dairy could not be reached, Al Cox and Harry De Wolf, who both sell bull semen to local dairies, said the value of the theft makes it sound like the specimen was of prime vintage.

Local prices for dairy semen tend to range between \$10 to \$15 a unit, unless the bull is of exceptional stock, Cox said. A unit is the amount of sperm — about 1/2 of a cubic centimeter — used to impregnate a cow.

About 40 "units" was taken.

"That sounds like a \$20 bull," De Wolf said.

While it's possible the thief is looking to sell the semen under the table to another dairy, Brown, Cox, and De Wolf said it was more likely someone will use it to artificially inseminate their own

herd.

Cox said he's heard of even larger heists of semen in Wisconsin — one involving \$20,000 to \$30,000 worth.

And Brown has heard of similar thefts in California, but it's a new thing around here.

"This is the first one we've dealt with like this," he said.

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Bone of contention



Steve Burke, of Halley, gets an assist from his dog as he skis along a ski trail near Sun Valley. Dogs, which seem to be as much a part of skiing as ski wax in the Wood River Valley, are the subject of a meeting today between dog owners and those responsible for Sun Valley-area ski trails.

Skiers and officials to decide on dogs-on-trails policy

By Karen Bossick
Times-News correspondent

SUN VALLEY — Ski dogs will get their day in court today when skiers and trail officials meet to try to figure out a doggie over dogs on area cross-country ski trails.

Among the issues to be discussed: How many kilometers of ski trails dogs should be allowed to ski and which trails are best suited for dogs.

The topic has stirred up a bunch of barking in a community where tail wagers reign supreme.

The controversy has been simmering since a northern stretch of the Harriman Trail was closed to dogs last season.

The number of kilometers open to dogs went from 38.1 to 35.5 last fall in part due to concerns about the safety of dogs and skiers. At least one dog was seriously injured previously in a collision with a skier on the northern stretch of the Harriman Trail at Hawk Hill.

Historically, the 115-kilometer Galena and the North Valley trail system have led the way nationwide in offering a sizeable number of dog trails, said

Mary Austin Crofts, director of the Blaine County Recreation District.

During the peak 1996-97 season there were 42.1 kilometers of dog trails.

That's a doggone bunch compared with other ski areas like Boise's Bogus Basin which just last year opened a portion of its Nordic trails to dogs — on Mondays only.

Wood River Valley dog owners have responded, buying more

than 900 season passes for their dogs each year at \$10 each.

Sixty-four percent of pass holders who responded to a questionnaire sent out by the Rec District at the end of the ski season said they ski with their dogs — 30 percent of them 100 percent of the time.

For the most part, doggies have a great time shuffling through the snow with their two-legged companions, rolling in the snow and coveting with dozens of other labs and retrievers on the trails.

But there is a darker side — namely, icky brown poop.

Conscious owners pick up after their pets using special Poop Please see DOGS, Page C3

Police say man's death isn't linked to crash with deputy

Twin Falls sheriff's sergeant won't be charged

TWIN FALLS — The death of a Hazleton man — a few days after he was involved in a crash with a deputy's patrol car — had nothing to do with the crash, according to autopsy reports.

No charges will be filed against Twin Falls County sheriff's Sgt. Jack Johnson, 34, in connection with the death of Delmar Mecham, 83, Twin Falls

City Attorney Fritz Wonderlich said Wednesday.

Mecham and his wife, Madora Mecham, 84, were hurt April 13 when their car was struck by a squad car driven by Johnson. Investigators concluded Johnson was at fault for the collision, and he was cited with failure to yield at a stop sign, said Sgt. Matthew Hicks, Twin Falls police traffic control commander.

The Mechams were taken to Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls after the wreck, and Delmar Mecham died in the hospital April 17. His death prompted a probe into the accident, including an examination of his body by forensic pathologist Glen Groben in

Boise.

Groben concluded Delmar Mecham died of heart failure brought on by severe heart disease, not from injuries suffered in the crash.

"The examination did reveal contusions to his chest and lower extremities secondary to his motor vehicle accident," Groben wrote in an autopsy report. "But there were no internal injuries and no injuries that would have resulted in his death."

Wonderlich had said Johnson might have faced a misdemeanor vehicular manslaughter charge if it had been proven Delmar Mecham died because of the crash. But Groben's report effected

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Wood-cutting permits go on sale this weekend

The Times-News

BURLEY — Permits for cutting firewood on the Sawtooth National Forest go on sale beginning Friday.

People can purchase permits at any of the Sawtooth National Forest offices in Burley, Twin Falls, Ketchum, Stanley and Fairfield.

In addition, a number of Magic Valley businesses are also selling permits. They include the Market Basket in Fairfield, Nester's Store in Pine, Steve's Quick Stop in Gooding, Johnny's Country Store in Shoshone and the Rock Creek General Store south of Hansen.

The basic firewood permit for the Fairfield Ranger District and the Sawtooth National Recreation Area, north of

Galena Summit, is \$15. That permit entitles the holder to two cords of wood. Additional cords, up to a maximum of 10 cords, are available at \$7.50 each.

Permits for the Burley/Twin Falls and Ketchum/ranger districts and the SNRA, south of Galena Summit, are \$20 for two cords of wood. Additional cords, up to a maximum of 10, are available at \$10 each.

Forest officials are encouraging people to cut their firewood early this year to avoid possible cutting restrictions later in the season should high and extreme-fire-danger conditions develop.

The types of wood commonly available for cutting include lodgepole pine and Douglas fir.

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OBITUARIES

For obituary rates and information, call 733-0933, Ext. 278, between 2 p.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday. Deadline is 4:30 p.m. for next-day publication. Death notices are a free service and can be placed until 5 p.m. every day.

TWIN FALLS



Eliseo N. Paredez

Eliseo N. Paredez has finished the race that would help him... Eliseo N. Paredez was a man of many talents, he worked as a carpenter for part of his life...

er needed. Bruce was a member of the Kimberly and Pocatello Granges for 45 years. He also served on an ad-hoc task force for the Twin Falls City Water Commission...

in Carey, the daughter of Horace and Kathleen Arnold Kildge. She married Robert Combes in Elko, Nev., on Nov. 14, 1945. Daisy and Robert had three children: Maggie, Elaine and Quetzite. Ariz., where they loved a good round of 18 holes of golf or a weekend trip on the snowmobiles...

Bruce was preceded in death by his parents and his brother, Dale. Funeral services for Bruce E. Lulloff will be conducted 2 p.m. Friday, May 25, 2001, at Crossroads United Methodist Church, 205 Madison St. E. in Twin Falls. The family suggests memorials to...

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TWIN FALLS



Daisy Irene House

Daisy Irene House died at her home May 22, 2001. Born to Herman and Mell Beavers July 19, 1916 in Pineville, Mo. Survived by six children: Vinton Collins of Hamilton, Mont., Darrell McDonald of Arco, Floyd Collins Jr. of Arco, Mary Curtis of Las Vegas, Nev., Shirley Daniels of Twin Falls and Janice Kellar of Mackay. 22 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

BURLEY



Grace A. Bellon

Grace Ann Engels Bellon, 86, nee Burley, resident of the Wedgwood, Burley, died at her home in Burley, Idaho, May 22, 2001. She was born Sept. 6, 1914, in Watertown, Bemis County, S.D. She was preceded in death by her husbands and brother, Ramon Paredez.

GRANTS PASS, ORE.

John R. Detweiler

John R. Detweiler, 63, formerly of Twin Falls, died Saturday, May 12, 2001, at his home in Grants Pass, Ore. Detweiler was born April 9, 1938, in Twin Falls and was raised here and in contact with Idaho State University and the College of Idaho and in 1935, received an appointment by the U.S. Army Military Academy at West Point, N.Y. On Dec. 24, 1939, in Caldwell, Idaho, he married Veronica Marie Thomey of Twin Falls, who died July 22, 1993.

KIMBERLY



Bruce E. Lulloff

Bruce E. Lulloff, 70, of Kimberly, Idaho, died Sunday, May 13, 2001, near Mountain Home, Idaho, from injuries received in an automobile accident. Bruce was born Nov. 15, 1930, in Gooding, Idaho, the son of Albert and Lois Darling Lulloff. He attended schools throughout Southern Idaho at Centerville, Hagerman, Kimberly and Twin Falls where he graduated in 1949.

Buhl



Daisy Combes

Daisy Combes, 64, of Buhl passed away Tuesday, May 22, 2001, at Twin Falls Clinic and Hospital. Daisy was born Feb. 23, 1937

Chinook spawn in channel dug by man, pit ESA against EPA

STANLEY (AP) - The Environmental Protection Agency is taking aim at chinook spawning nests in the Salmon River, a channel dug by a man, pitting ESA against EPA. The case was turned over to the EPA for enforcement, and most officials eventually expect the courts to force EPA to order the ditch filled in.

At the time, the fisheries biologist Simpson hired to make his case for keeping the channel says she would probably have agreed with the Corps of Engineers that the channel be filled in. "I've seen a lot of stream work that does more harm than good," Karen Kuzis said. "Somehow over time this site has turned into chinook habitat."

Ryan said. "Were concerned that the side channel could eventually take all of (the side channel's) flow." And Ryan said the government will press for reclamation of the site regardless of its spawning habitat. After administrative enforcement efforts produced nothing, the case was referred to the Justice Department, but it has yet to file a formal complaint against Simpson.

Gooding school to start random student drug tests

By Almee Metcalf Times-News correspondent: GOODING - Random drug testing will soon be instituted at the Gooding Accelerated Learning Center. Center Director Michelle Owen told the School Board Tuesday that she hopes the new policy will help students say no to peer pressure to use drugs.

Gooding High School Principal David Hocklander said the high school has had positive feedback from parents and students about the new monthly e-mail newsletter. Hocklander said one of the goals for the 2001/2002 school year is to encourage more parent participation and encouragement go a long way to ensure student success.

Commission asks AG to probe prosecutor

BONNERS FERRY (AP) - Boundary County Prosecutor Brett Benson is being investigated by the state attorney general's office for alleged forgery and falsification of documents. At the request of the county commission, 1st District Judge James Michaud signed the order directing the attorney general to take over the inquiry.

SERVICES

Ralph N. Holmes of Burley, service at 11 a.m. today at the Payne Memorial Chapel, 221 W. Main St., Burley; burial will follow in the Pleasant View Cemetery; friends may call from 10:10-45 a.m. today at the Payne Mortuary.

Elena M. Alldritt of Boise, service at 3 p.m. today at Alden-Waggoner Funeral Home, Boise; interment at 2 p.m. Friday at Twin Falls Cemetery (Alden-Waggoner Funeral Chapel, Boise).

8th St., Rupert; burial will follow in the Rupert Cemetery; friends may call from 6-8 p.m. today at Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel. Winston J. 'Bois' Hutchison of Burley, service at 11 a.m. Friday at the Malta First and Second Ward Chapel of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints; interment will follow at Valley View Cemetery in Malta; friends may call at from 6-8 p.m. today at Russmen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St., Burley and from 10:10-45 a.m. Friday at the church.

DEATH NOTICES

Rev. L.U. Ferguson TWIN FALLS - Rev. Leamon "Lee" Ferguson, 63, of Twin Falls died Wednesday, May 23, 2001, at the Bear River Valley Hospital in Tremonton, Utah from a sudden illness. Services are pending and will be announced by Reynolds Funeral Chapel, Twin Falls.

Vona Morton BURLEY - Vona Morton, 52, of Orchard, Wash., died at her home of Burley and Rupert died Monday, May 21, 2001. Funeral arrangements are pending and will be announced by Russmen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St., Burley.

Coy McKenzie RUPERT - Coy McKenzie, 87, of Rupert died Wednesday, May 23, 2001. Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel.

HOSPITALS

MAGIC VALLEY REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER Some names are omitted at the patient's request. Dismissed Elsie Scarrow of Jerome

Krick and Grace Garner, all of Rupert. Dismissed Derward Krick of Rupert

MINIDOKA MEMORIAL HOSPITAL Some names are omitted at the patient's request. Admitted Samuel Gonzales, Derward

Obituary notice for Fox Floral: In Observance of Memorial Day, We will be closed Saturday, May 26th at 1:00 p.m. and will reopen Tuesday May 29 at 8:30 a.m. FOX FLORAL 137 Main Avenue East 733-2674 Your Professional Florist

Party's over?

Shift in party control could mean less clout for the West

WASHINGTON (AP) — Sen. James Jeffords' decision to walk away from the Republican Party could mean less clout for the predominantly Republican West.

The reversal of party fortunes resulting from Jeffords' defection could cost five Western Republican senators their positions at the helm of some of the Senate's most powerful committees.

That includes Sen. Pete Domenici's position as Budget chairman, Sen. Orrin Hatch's spot on the Judiciary Committee and Alaska Sen. Ted Stevens' chairmanship of the Appropriations Committee.

"It's really something that is very difficult to believe is happening," said Domenici of New Mexico. "I don't have a long talk with him so I know what his reasoning is. I don't think he intends these changes that will affect the West."

Arizona Sen. John McCain and Alaska Sen. Frank Murkowski also would lose their chairmanships of the Commerce and Energy committees, respectively.

Two Western Democrats would leave the Republican Party and become an independent, aligning himself with Democrats and shifting the control of the

would take over the Finance Committee.

"You've gone from Westerners setting the agenda back to the traditional model of decisionmakers in the Boston to Washington corridor making the decisions and setting agendas for critical issues that affect the West," said John Maddox, president of the Center for the New West, a Denver-based think-tank. "We've lost that voice."

Jeffords, R-Vt., is expected to announce on today that he will leave the Republican Party and become an independent, aligning himself with Democrats and shifting the control of the

Senate.

Domenici was among a handful of senators who met with Jeffords early Wednesday, according to a source who gave Republicans one more day to woo the disgruntled senator.

The Judiciary Committee Democrats who had claimed their opposition to judicial nominees was being ignored by Hatch will again be in charge.

Sen. Wayne Allard, R-Colo., said being in the minority will make his job more difficult, but any loss of power in the West could be minimized because "we have a president who is sensitive to western issues."

City considers plan to deal with cats

By Ruth Streeter
Times-News writer

HEYBURN — If city leaders know one thing, it's that cat owners know how to fight.

So when a cat problem reared its head in Heyburn, requiring collars and licenses, is the last city officials wanted to do.

Over the last couple of weeks, residents have been reporting a large number of stray felines in town. Mayor Cleo Cheney told the City Council Wednesday night.

Rather than force owners to collar and license their cats — which is not a popular idea, Cheney said he would like to expand Minidoka County's pound to house cats that residents have trapped.

"I don't want to get into a cat problem," Cheney said.

Cheney said he and Councilwoman Cleo Gallegos would get together with animal control officials in June to look into expanding the current facility.

As it stands now, Minidoka County's animal control has cat traps-it-can-leave-to-residents-for use on their property. But the county pound houses only dogs.

Cheney said he would like the county to come up with a plan that would allow animal control to pick up cats that have been trapped, place them in a facility, and euthanize them if they went

unclaimed.

In other business, the council discussed an agreement with the Bonneville Power Administration that asks the city to cut its power consumption by 10 percent. The city took no action on the agreement Wednesday.

Considered a request from the BPA to place energy-saving devices on the city's vending machines that would cut power by 46 percent.

But because the devices would cost \$155 for each of the city's three vending machines, the council decided that the vendors weren't willing to pay the fee the city would do without the machines.

Set aside \$225 per student for two students to attend the Idaho Youth Conference.

Approved the hire of Colyn Larson at \$8 an hour for temporary summer help.

Agreed to postpone the date by which Home Sweet Homes must sign an agreement before the city shuts their water off.

According to the agreement, the vendors were to let their fire hydrant be used for public purposes. If the company fails to sign the agreement by June 1, the city will shut off the hydrant.

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Television show to discuss internment camps

BOISE — Idaho Public TV's "Dialogue" program this week will feature a discussion about Idaho internment camps.

Dialogue will air at 8:30 p.m. today. Host Marcia Franklin will interview Roger Shimomura and Dr. Robert Sims, who will share their knowledge on the psychology

and politics behind the development of Japanese internment camps in Idaho during World War II. The program repeats at 5:30 p.m. Sunday.

Shimomura lived in Camp Minidoka as a child and has incorporated his story into his artwork, which has been on display this spring in southern Idaho. He is a

professor of art at the University of Kansas.

Sims is a professor of history at Boise State University and an expert on internment camps. He explains the psychology and policies behind the development of the facilities. He has published material about Japanese Americans in intern-

ment camps.

Since the program is pre-recorded, no live calls will be taken on either the Thursday or Sunday broadcasts.

ITV is available in the Magic Valley area through various cable connections on Channels 4, 10 or 13 or on Channel 13 without a hookup.

Burley Municipal Swimming Pool to open June 4

BURLEY — With warm weather finally here, it's time to think about cooling off.

Burley Municipal Pool is set to open June 4. Summer schedules will be available at the pool beginning May 31.

Open swimming will be from 1 to 4:45 p.m. and from 7 to 9 p.m. Mondays through Fridays and from 1 to 5 p.m. Saturdays.

Swimming lessons for children 6 months or older will be taught in two-week sessions beginning

June 4. Lessons are taught by Red Cross-certified water safety instructors.

People may register for lessons at the pool from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. May 31 and June 1 and after opening day.

Adult lap swimming will be from 7 to 8 a.m. Monday through Friday.

Other pool activities include springboard diving, lifeguard classes, swim team, private swim lessons and pool rentals.

For information, call 678-2164.

LET IT GROW



Christeen Nelson, 9, plants and adds nutrients to new nut pines in front of her Burley home Tuesday. More nice weather is expected today, with temperatures expected to reach near-record highs in the upper 80s to lower 90s.

Dogs

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Pick-Up bags dispensed at Galena Lodge. But woe to the poor skier who unwittingly slides through a pile of fresh doggie-doo.

Pass holders responding to the Recreation District's questionnaire on how to erase the poop problem suggested putting more waste containers and pooper scoopers at trailheads, creating a doggie owner patrol to check dog owners for baggies and impose fines, opening more areas to dogs to decrease concentration in a few areas and charging more for dog passes and hiring someone to pick up the waste.

Should the poop problem be dispensed with, there's still the question of how much territory to allow the dogs to roam.

Last season, dogs were allowed on the North Wood Trail and Thus and Cabin loops at Galena, Billy's Bridge loop across from Prairie Creek; the North Fork loop behind Sawtooth National Recreation Area headquarters and the Harriman Trail between SNRA and Easley Hot Springs.

The northern part of the Harriman trail to the Cherry Creek junction, once open to dogs, was closed to them.

Among those who would like to see the percentage of trails

open to dogs mirror at least the percentage of pass holders with dogs is Bob Martzel of Hailey. Currently, for instance, only about 15 percent of the Galena Trails are open to dogs, discouraging some dog owners from skiing in the area and having lunch at the lodge.

"I gladly purchase season passes for both me and my dog, but I don't understand why I should be paying more to ski with my dog and have significantly less terrain to use," said Martzel. "As I become a more proficient classic skier, I find that the Galena Trail system doesn't offer my dog and me enough of a variety of trails. The ones that have been open are in the shade most of the day and have lots of trees, which are beautiful but do not allow for any views, sunshine or varied terrain."

But Steve Haims, who used to operate the Galena Lodge Nordic program, questions whether the hilly terrain around Galena is suitable for both dogs and skiers.

"There's some real safety questions there," he said.

Times-News correspondent Kara Bossick can be reached in Hailey at 578-2111.

Idaho attorney general asks Supreme Court to preserve Idaho death penalty

BOISE (AP) — Attorney General Al Lance asked the U.S. Supreme Court on Wednesday to reverse a federal appellate ruling that could invalidate the sentences of nearly every murderer on Idaho's death row.

In a 20-page petition to the nation's highest court, Lance argued that the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals went beyond the limits of earlier Supreme Court rulings last January when it said condemned murderer Maxwell Alton Hoffman's constitutional rights were violated because he was denied a lawyer at his sentencing interview.

The three-judge appellate panel said that presentence interview was a critical stage in capital cases, because it produces the report that judges use in reaching a sentencing decision.

"The stakes for the defendant and for society are too high to allow defendants to face this important component of the sentencing process without the guiding hand of counsel," the appeals

court ruled.

But Lance maintained that the presentence interview is not an adversarial proceeding, but a neutral attempt by a probation officer to gather information for the sentencing judge.

The attorney general's office said that at least 15 of the other 20 killers on death row have raised the issue of no attorney at presentence interviews in their bids to void their sentences. All would be subject to resentencing if the Hoffman ruling stands.

Governor adds counties to drought list

BOISE (AP) — Gov. Dirk Kempthorne added Jefferson and Custer counties on Wednesday to a drought emergency list now swelled to 13.

The latest drought emergency declaration, a day after Fremont and Power counties were added, allows water rights holders to apply to the Idaho Department of Water Resources for expedited processing of requests to temporarily change points of diversion or place and purpose of use.

The Jefferson County declaration was prompted by forecasts that the flow of water into eastern Idaho's Palisades Reservoir will be the sixth lowest in the 90 years on record. In Custer County, streamflows in the Salmon River Basin are forecast to be just 36 percent of average for May through July.

The declaration is effective through the end of the year.

Court rejects couple's bid to deduct IRA distribution

BOISE (AP) — Having to pay income tax in another state on contributions to an individual retirement account provides no protection against being taxed by Idaho on distributions from that account, the Idaho Supreme Court said Wednesday.

The high court unanimously reversed 1st District Judge Craig Kosonen's ruling in a Benevah

County case that \$8,000 Robert and Mary Siang withdrew from their IRA in 1995 — four years after moving to Idaho from California — was not taxable income.

"If there is any ambiguity in the law concerning tax deductions, the law is to be construed strongly against the taxpayer," Justice Daniel Eismann wrote. "This court has no authority to

rewrite the tax code."

The Stangs paid California state income tax during the 1980s on their contributions to the IRA, which were deductible on federal income taxes. So when they started taking distributions from the account, the couple argued it was unfair for Idaho to impose a second state income tax on the same money.

Wyoming could hinder delisting of gray wolf

CODY, Wyo. (AP) — Wyoming has so far failed to take steps toward adopting a plan to manage the endangered wolf.

Federal officials believe the wolf is on its way to recovery, which means adopting a management plan is the biggest remaining hurdle to delisting the wolf under the Endangered Species Act.

Wolf management would become a state responsibility once delisting takes place. In an effort to provide for the wolf's future, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service says Wyoming, Montana and Idaho each must have an appropriate management plan in place.

Montana and Idaho are working on their plans, but wildlife officials in Wyoming say the state might just refuse to take over wolf management, thereby tossing a wrench into the process.

"That may very well be the case, that we wouldn't even consider it," said Wyoming Game and Fish Commission President Gary Lundvall of Cody, stressing that the present commission has not discussed the issue.

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Schools

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Also Wednesday, the Board unanimously passed the negotiated master contract between the district and certified personnel.

Included in those negotiations for certified personnel is equalizing class sizes throughout the system by revoking transfers of stu-

Court agrees to hear forest rules case quickly

WASHINGTON (AP) — A federal appeals court promised a quick ruling whether a judge in Idaho properly overturned new federal rules that outlawed road construction on one-third of the government's forest lands.

The 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in San Francisco told parties to the case to submit briefs by May 31 and be prepared for a decision as early as July. The Bush administration plans to implement the ban, then revise it, but has not said whether it will join environmental groups in the appeal.

Environmentalists were heartened by the court's decision to expedite the appeal. A

spokesman for the groups, which include Earthjustice Legal Defense Fund and the Natural Resources Defense Council, said this week's appellate court order represents a possible first step toward reversal of the ruling by U.S. District Judge Edward Lodge in Boise. That would allow the ban to take effect this summer.

President Clinton issued the prohibition order in January that would block almost all logging and road-building on 58.5 million acres of national forests.

In his May 10 ruling, Lodge called the ban a "Band-Aid approach" toward forest conservation.

Crash

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wasn't aware of any disciplinary action pending against Johnson. Hall said it probably would be considered a personnel matter and not open to public disclosure, Hall said.

"Obviously, we're still at the outcome," Hall said of Groben's report. "Mr. Meacham's death was regrettable, no matter what the circumstances were, and our condolences go out to his family."

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percent increase in insurance rates with basically the same coverage last year, excluding vision. Life insurance will now be paid by the district.

The base salary for teachers is \$25,000 for a 191-day contract, in accordance with a new state law.

In other business Wednesday, the Board accepted the resignation of Herman Wood, who plans to retire, and of Greg Heidemann, Jane Krumm and Andrea Pierce.

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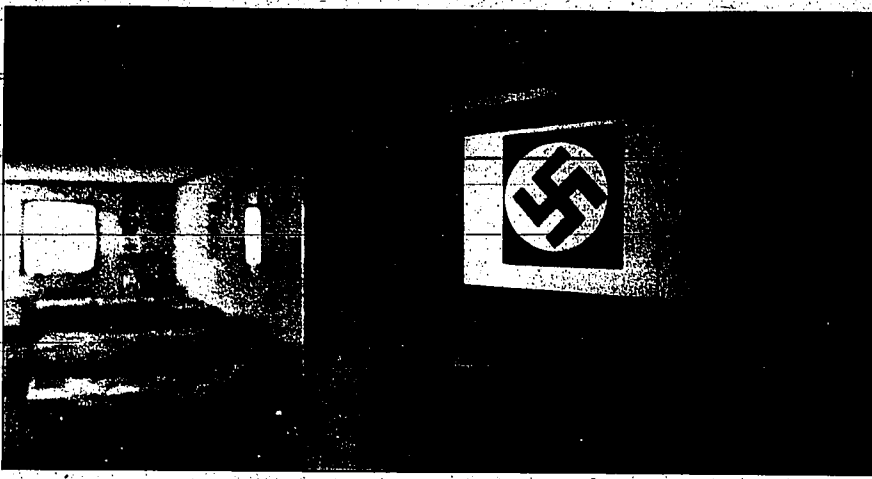
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IDAHO/WEST

DISMANTLING HATE



A racist sticker remains on a locker in barracks at the former headquarters of the Aryan Nations Tuesday in Hayden Lake.

Work begins to destroy Idaho compound

HAYDEN LAKE (AP) — For 27 years, Norm Gissel never could have made it past the guard shack at the Aryan Nations headquarters. Now he and other human-rights activists roam the 20-acre compound as if they own the place.

That's because they do own it — the result of a lawsuit that bankrupted Aryan Nations founder Richard Butler — and this week they are savoring the demolition of what they call "the campus of hate."

An excavator arrived Wednesday to begin dismantling some of the most potent symbols of Butler's neo-Nazi organization: the guard shack, a 30-foot watchtower and a commissary with a huge swastika on the roof.

Where skinheads and uniformed Nazi wannabes once goose-stepped around Butler's property in the woods of northern Idaho, the new owners are planning a human-rights retreat or a children's camp devoted to diversity.

Gissel, a lawyer who helped bankrupt Butler, smiled broadly as he stood outside the former Aryan Nations office, watching workers haul away garbage. Inside, shelves were pasted with labels of mail-order tracts: "America: Free, White and Christian," \$9. "The Jews and Their Lies," \$6. "Klansman Handbook," \$5.

Resting his hand on a small printing press, Gissel said, "We've spent many sleepless nights worrying about the effects of the speech that came off this press. This isn't the only printing press out there, and I'm sure they're buying another one as we speak. But they're not going to have this one anymore."

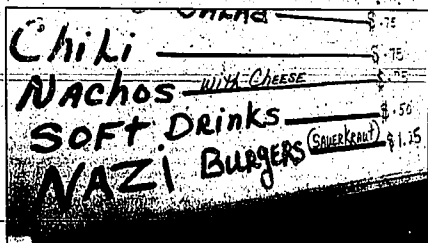
Butler, now 83 and in poor health, still lives in the area, in a home donated by a wealthy supporter. His following, which over the years included some of the nation's most violent racists and anti-Semites, has dwindled to a dozen or so people. The Aryan Nations still maintains a phone number and answering machine, though no one returned three messages left this week.

Butler moved to northern Idaho from California in 1973. By 1980, when anti-Semitic graffiti appeared on an area restaurant owned by a Jew, community members had taken notice of Butler's racist rhetoric.

The Kootenai County Task Force on Human Relations was soon formed and has battled the Aryan Nations ever since. When the Aryan Nations would hold a



The compound, shown here Wednesday, sits on 20 acres in the Idaho Panhandle. Below is the menu board at the now-defunct cafeteria.



young conference, the task force would counter with human-rights rallies. When Butler staged parades in nearby Coeur d'Alene, the task force would assemble protesters.

It seemed as if the duel would continue indefinitely — until 1998, when Aryan Nations security guards chased a car they thought had fired a gun at them. (It turned out to be backfire or a firecracker.) The guards fired at the car and forced it into a ditch. One of them grabbed the driver, local resident Victoria Keenan, jabbed her with a rifle butt and put a gun to her head.

Keenan and her son, Jason, sued Butler and last year won a \$6.3 million verdict. They gained possession of the 20-acre compound and its nine buildings after Butler filed for bankruptcy protection, and in March they sold it for \$250,000 to the Carr Foundation, a human-rights group based in Cambridge, Mass.

Foundation head Greg Carr, an Idaho native and former

chairman of the Internet company Prodigy Inc., wants to convert the site into a retreat. He also wants to build a public human-rights center 10 miles down the road in Coeur d'Alene — all in the name of erasing Idaho's image as a haven for racists.

Carr and activists plan to demolish some buildings and let the fire department burn down the rest for firefighting practice.

There was a festive air at the compound this week. A dozen law-enforcement officials who had tracked the Aryan Nations for photos and poking around the abandoned buildings.

"We're just sightseers like everyone else," said one FBI agent official who refused to give his name or allow journalists to photograph the group. "Some of these guys are still working," he explained.

It was a last chance to see the place more or less intact, and the best view was from the 40-foot watchtower.

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Only one environmental group — the National Parks

Geraldo's remarks upset area residents

HAYDEN (AP) — They're hacked off at Geraldo in Hayden. Residents of this lake city are angry that Geraldo Rivera made unflattering references on his television show about people in northern Idaho.

They are upset that Rivera speculated that some residents of Hayden probably think Oklahoma City bomber Timothy McVeigh is a hero. They also objected to his remark that northern Idaho residents accept

"He took a whole town of good people and painted them as being a bunch of wacko racists," said Marshall Mend, a local civil rights activist and real estate agent. "He defamed everybody in our community by saying that."

City Councilwoman Nancy Taylor will send a letter to Rivera asking him to explain his comments.

"What's his intent?" she said. "I think it needs to be cleared up. It's pretty important that reporters, journalists, across the country be very careful."

On his CNBC television show "Rivera Live," Rivera did a special on the Oklahoma City bombing on April 19, the six-year anniversary of the bombing that killed 168 people and injured more than 500.

Hayden came up when Rivera asked Kathy Wilburn, whose grandsons were killed in the bombing, if she thought McVeigh's self-martyrdom was having a malignant effect on the country.

Wilburn responded that she had visited the Aryan Nations while making a documentary and sat through a sermon in which McVeigh was described as a great man and a martyr for the cause.

Rivera responded: "And this is the guy that's — they're making a hero of up in Hayden Lake and in other places where racism and fascism and ... kind of perverse militia-ism run rampant, at least among a tiny minority of the people."

A spokeswoman for Rivera said the last clause is important.

"What he was saying is that there is a tiny minority of people in Hayden Lake that have this kind of militia-type style," said Alison Rudnick, a spokeswoman for "Rivera Live." "He didn't say all of Hayden Lake."

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More Californians back nuclear power

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — A surprising 59 percent of Californians now support building more nuclear plants, according to a poll released Wednesday.

The pollsters said the findings suggest how deeply the power crisis has affected people in the state, which has been hit by rolling blackouts and soaring electric bills over the past few months.

The last time the organization polled Californians about nuclear energy was 1984 — five years after the accident at Three Mile Island in Pennsylvania — and it found 61 percent opposed to nuclear power.

"In my interpretation, the current energy crisis has some bearing on the public's changing attitudes on nuclear power," said Mark DiCamillo, spokesman for the Field Institute, a nonpartisan polling organization. "The public is searching for clearest ways to add to the capacity. I think the poll is saying that nuclear should be included in that consideration."

The Field poll comes as the Bush administration pushes for a renewed look at nuclear power.

Vice President Dick Cheney, who heads the president's energy task force, has promoted nuclear power as essential to America's energy needs and said that at least some of the 65 new plants that need to be built annually to meet future electricity demand ought to be nuclear.

No utilities have ordered any new nuclear power plants in the United States since 1978.

The poll of 1,015 California adults was taken May 11-20. It showed that 59 percent of Californians favor nuclear power and 36 percent are opposed. The margin of error was plus or minus 3.2 percentage points.

Carl Zichella, the Sierra Club's regional staff director for California, Nevada and Hawaii, said Californians have not thought about nuclear energy for about 20 years and do not have as much information as they did around Three Mile Island.

"I think this number really reflects a lack of knowledge on the part of the public about the problems that drive nuclear power underground," he said. "The more people know about nuclear power, the less they're going to like it."

Getting a new nuclear plant built faces two major problems: financing and siting, said Rich Ferguson, research director for the Sacramento-based Center for Energy Efficiency and Renewable Technology.

"We have just not seen any interest in the financial community to invest the billions of dollars," he said. "That's one problem nuclear industry has is it's very capital intensive."

Finding places to put natural gas burning power plants is already a problem, but now neighbors to proposed sites often voicing strong opposition.

"As far as the public goes, this is a pretty theoretical thing," Ferguson said. "I don't think it means a great much until somebody tries to build a power plant and people find out it's in their backyard."

California has two nuclear power plants currently producing energy — the 2,254-megawatt San Onofre, in San Clemente owned by San Diego Gas and Electric Co. and a 2,212-megawatt Diablo Canyon power plant near San Luis Obispo, owned by Pacific Gas and Electric Co.

First lady promotes teen-age abstinence

IDAHO FALLS (AP) — First Lady Patricia Kempthorne is adding another tough issue to a lengthening list of difficult challenges.

Mrs. Kempthorne has tried to expand health coverage to children typically without it, increase the children's immunization rate, and promote matching new parents with trainers.

Now she is promoting sexual abstinence among teen-agers, and during a recent stop in eastern Idaho, where the teen birth rate is the lowest in the state, Mrs. Kempthorne maintained that even one pregnant teen-ager is too many because of the lifelong problems created for both the mother and the child.

"You don't want that as a teen-ager," she said.

There is a joy in telling friends and family about a pregnancy, Mrs. Kempthorne said, but "you want that to be when you're married, not when you're a teen-ager."

The first lady, who heads the Governor's Coordinating Council for Families and Children, was in Idaho Falls to honor teen-agers working to prevent adolescent pregnancies.

"It's really the peer group that makes a difference," she said.

An earlier task with an adolescent pregnancy prevention program in eastern Idaho, contended that the earlier "we can hit kids with the abstinence program the better."

The Governor's Council on Adolescent Pregnancy Prevention targets kids age 9 to 14 with the simple message that sex can wait.

"We're just trying to get the point across that having sex before you're married isn't the greatest idea," Hillcrest High School sophomore Larkin Hopkins said.

Formed in 1994, the governor's council has 15 adolescent pregnancy prevention groups with more than 400 members.

The campaign has been financed with federal welfare grants, but as that cash has dried up, Davis County voters have convinced lawmakers to tap the state's tobacco settlement payments for the latest \$400,000 over objections of those arguing that the settlement money should be used to stop smoking.

Fluoridation opponents plan ballot initiatives

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — In Utah, about 400 cases are planned in Davis and Salt Lake counties to overturn last November's voter approval of fluoridation.

Meanwhile, supporters of fluoridation are planning an initiative drive to put the issue on the ballot in Weber County.

"If a vote were taken right now, fluoride would fall," said David A. Hansen, a Kaysville resident who launched a petition drive this week to collect signatures of more than 9,000 Davis County residents seeking a revote.

"The longer this is in the public eye, the more people come around to my side," said Hansen, who wants to organize a similar petition campaign in Salt Lake County.

By majorities of 52 percent in Davis County and 58 percent in Salt Lake County, voters in November approved adding fluoride to the public water supply, a measure advocated by public health officials and most medical professionals as vital for reducing cavities.

Beth Beck, a member of the Davis County Board of Health, said opponents refuse to accept there is another side to the debate.

"The voters have spoken and these folks are going to put themselves to a lot of work. If there's another election, they'll find people want fluoridation," Beck said. "It's not because they're misinformed. It's because they're informed."

The soonest fluoride could appear again on a countywide ballot is November 2002. But it may be on two city ballots in Davis County this fall.

Fluoridation opponents gave Centerville officials petitions signed by more than 4,100 residents who wanted the city to ignore the directive to fluoridate the water supply.

Richard Brown, who led the petition drive, expects the City Council to deny the fluoride opponents' request. He said city residents backed fluoridation by a 43-vote margin last fall. Council rejection would put the issue before Centerville voters this November, he said.

Washington Committee listens to groups about land

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — A House committee, which included Resources Committee Chairman Jim Hansen, R-Utah, heard testimony Wednesday from groups upset about recreational restrictions on federal land.

The meeting featured hunters, fisherman, snowmobilers and air-tour operators upset that too much land was closed to them, the Washington bureau of the Deseret News reported Wednesday.

Hansen has complained that recreational use should not be heavily restricted.

Russ Ehnes, representing Americans for Responsible Recreational Access, said federal officials are trying to close land to off-road vehicles because a few people were irresponsible.

"When someone violates a traffic law on our highways, the response of our law enforcement agencies ... is not to close the highways to all travelers,"

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Boise voters overwhelmingly vote to preserve Foothills

BOISE (AP) — A \$10 million two-year property tax to finance preservation of land and protect recreational access in the Boise Foothills won a clear victory.

More than 53 percent of the nearly 33,000 people voting on Tuesday supported the levy backed by Mayor Brent Coles.

"This is fabulous. I never expected this large a margin of victory," Coles said. "The community has stepped forward, and said, 'We're willing to sacrifice for our future.'"

Critics said passing a multimillion-dollar

Approved taxes will fund purchases from private landowners

levy to protect the Foothills — about 80,000 acres of rolling high-desert that is the backdrop for the city — is unnecessary and would just give more money to city government.

The leader of the opposition Citizens Against Foothills Follies conceded defeat.

"We put up a good campaign, and a spirited campaign, and we came out with the short stick," said Rod Beck, a former

state senator.

Boise voters opted to tax private property owners to create a trust fund to buy property, easements for wildlife and watersheds, and land rights for public access. The city has identified 5,500 acres for preservation.

The levy will cost taxpayers about \$2 a year for every \$100,000 of assessed property value.

Cities like Boulder, Colo., and

Missoula, Mont., have successfully passed similar measures. But the only previous attempt in Idaho was rejected two years ago. Blaine, Coosworth voters failed to give even a simple majority to a \$6.5 million, 10-year bond issue that required two-thirds approval.

Businesses would pay more than half of the extra tax, and the Boise Metro Chamber of Commerce Board came out against the measure by a one-vote mar-

gin.

Just over 42,000 acres in the Foothills are privately owned. Another 37,830 acres belong to local, state and federal governments.

Hikers, bikers, runners and dog owners flock to the Foothills daily using an extensive trail system that in many cases is open to the public at the pleasure of property owners. The area hosts about 100,000 recreational visits a year, the Federal Bureau of Land Management estimates, although many are repeat vis-

Other Idaho towns pass school levies

The Associated Press

Troy School District voters proved they were serious about replacing an old high school dubbed the poster child of dilapidated school buildings by approving a \$2.1 million building levy by 84 percent.

Troy was one of four districts that supported levies Tuesday to replace dangerously aging buildings. The others were Minidoka, Wendell and Fremont districts.

The Troy proposal needed 60 percent approval and won by 57-99.

Troy High School, parts of which were built in 1905, has twice been condemned as unsafe, and the focus of a lawsuit against the state over unsafe schools and was the catalyst for a vote last December in which Whitepine voters in Troy, Deary, Bovill and Elk River decided to split and form their own districts.

The levy will cost patrons \$163 a year on a home assessed at \$100,000, making Troy one of the highest-taxed districts in Idaho. Last week, voters approved a \$3.2 million maintenance and operations override levy.

Students could occupy the new building by January 2003.

All these districts will now receive a portion of a state building fund to pay for the interest on their loans. They will receive 100 percent of the interest, or about \$1.9 million.

Heavy voter turnout in Ashton and Island Park helped the Fremont School District pass a \$9.5 million plant facility levy to replace North Fremont High School.

The district will use the money to build a new school and complete safety-related renovations at others. Voters turned down two earlier levies.

The American Falls School Board will have to come up with another plan for renovating older school buildings.

Residents voted down a 15-year levy for \$196,768 annually to pay for the renovation of two older schools. The schools were deemed unsafe a year ago and required to be replaced or repaired.

The district is building a new high school that will be ready in July 2002.

Meridian rejects funding for fire, police agencies

MERIDIAN (AP) — A bid to increase property taxes to acquire more police officers, firefighters and park land fell just short of approval Tuesday.

The \$1 million measure needed 60 percent for approval but attracted just 59 percent.

"You give your citizens an opportunity to offer their opinions. The next question is did we do a good enough job of communicating the urgency," Councilwoman Tammy DeWeerd said.

City officials have not decided whether they will make a second attempt later this year.

As the city's population has risen from about 9,500 residents in 1990 to 35,000 last year, police and fire services have not kept up. Compared with national averages, Meridian is seven police officers and 17 firefighters short.

A resident who now pays \$318 a year on a \$100,000 home would have paid \$400 on that same residence.

By state law, a city can only raise property taxes a maximum 3 percent a year.

"Meridian has grown an average of 26 percent every year for the last 10 years," Councilman Ron Anderson said.

REWARD FOR WORK



University of Nevada Las Vegas President Carol Harter, right, congratulates Florence Guenler as she received two degrees during commencement ceremonies Saturday in Las Vegas. Guenler, 73, spent 23 years getting degrees in French and English literature, usually taking one class at a time.

Diggers find radioactive debris at INEEL landfill

IDAHO FALLS (AP) — Pieces of radioactive pipe and concrete have been found at the Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory's central landfill, which is not supposed to accept contaminated waste.

The debris, tainted with minuscule levels of radiation, has been isolated while the site investigates what happened and decides how to dispose of it.

Three non-INEEL employees who worked for a subcontractor on an excavation project may be surveyed for internal radiation exposure, according to preliminary information released Tuesday. Officials did not know the name or type of company.

Site spokesman John Walsh said any radiation on skin or clothing would have set off alarms as the workers passed through monitors while leaving the Idaho Nuclear Technology and Engineering Center. But whole-body counts are a more sensitive test to detect internal exposure.

Officials are reviewing records

and talking to longtime employees to find out where the debris came from.

"We do not expect to find anything, but that's the situation we can do to detect any uptake," he said.

The contaminated rubble was unearthed at an excavation site for new holding ponds and taken to a landfill where uncontaminated construction waste is buried. Periodic monitoring of the debris dug up in November did not pick up any radiation.

Surveys of 10 of 65 truckloads delivered to the landfill were also clean. Radiation technicians at the landfill later noticed the pipe mixed in with the soil and checked it again. Contamination levels of material at the landfill are 3,500 counts per minute and, in material remaining at the excavation site, about 10,000.

Mantles from old Coleman camping lanterns, which used to contain radioactive thorium, register about 20,000 counts per minute. No contamination was found in the rest of the soil and debris.

Idaho town votes to remove mayor

BANCROFT (AP) — A recall effort that began last winter in a tiny Caribou County community has ended with the ouster of the town's mayor.

Mayor Lester Woods was removed from office on a 101-75 vote. "I feel fine, really," said Woods, who was elected in 1999. "I've been abused since I took office, and I'm glad to be out of it. Now I can retire and go fishing."

His opponents said Woods was delinquent in notifying residents when they were required to boil

drinking water because of contamination. They also said he failed to handle problems with city employees in a timely manner.

City Councilwoman Candice Mabey said she was glad the recall was over. "I would hope that the council will listen to the public and give citizens the opportunity to speak instead of ignoring them," she said after Tuesday's vote. "There were several very valid suggestions brought to the council, and they were just ignored."

Judge sentences Utah fur protester to jail time

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — An animal-rights activist who was among protesters who chained themselves to the door of a fur store and later built a fire in front of the owners' home has been sentenced to two days in jail and a \$1,850 fine.

Eric Ward, 21, also was ordered to complete 250 hours of community service and pay \$375 restitution to the store owners and \$715 to the fire department.

Ward had pleaded guilty to trespassing in November 1999; Ward and

others chained themselves to the front door of L'Ours Blanc in Salt Lake City, requiring damage to the door to remove them, according to charging documents.

Ward and others also staged a demonstration in front of the owners' Magnolia home.

Judge orders wilderness study forests restored

MISSOULA, Mont. (AP) — A federal judge has ordered the U.S. Forest Service to restore nearly 650,000 acres of public land to the wild state in which it existed 24 years ago and maintain it that way.

U.S. District Judge Donald Molloy said the Forest Service abused its discretion by allowing over-increasing use and development of land protected by the Montana Wilderness Study Act.

Molloy's 19-page decision said the act clearly prohibited the Forest Service from "taking any action in any Montana Wilderness Study Area that diminishes the wilderness character of the area as it existed in 1977 or that diminishes the area's potential for inclusion in the National Wilderness Preservation System."

Environmentalists sued in 1996, claiming the Forest Service had built trails for new types of all-terrain vehicles, expanded snowmobile grooming and issued permits for mining exploration.

Forest Service officials declined comment on how they

will abide by the ruling. Environmentalists were upbeat.

"For the last three years, we have offered to provide volunteers to restore some of these pack and saddle trails. Each time, they've said they were waiting for direction from the court," said John Gatchell, conservation director of the Montana Wilderness Association.

"Well, we have that direction now," he said, "and we're ready to get to work. We want to sit down with the Forest Service and find out how we can help."

Shortly before his death, U.S. Sen. Lee Metcalf pushed through Congress a wilderness study act that originally protected nine areas until their potential for inclusion in the National Wilderness Preservation System was reviewed. Congress intended to make a decision on each of the areas by 1984.

Congress has since released the Mount Henry area to logging and roading and designated as wilderness most of the Taylor-Hilgard areas.

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MORNING BREAK

Crossword puzzle grid with clues for Across and Down sections.

Word search puzzle titled 'Wednesday's Puzzle Solved' with a grid and a list of words to find.

Cabbie gets no thank you

On return of \$4 million, cello owner pay \$75, but never gives thanks

New York - First, world-renowned musician Lynn Harrell left his \$4 million cello in the trunk of a medallion cab last week.

Then, he forgot to do right by the cabbie who went all-out to return his precious instrument.

Now, he's trying to make amends. Cab driver Mohamed Ibrahim, who returned Harrell's 1673 Stradivarius last week, was insulted Tuesday when he picked up the reward for his good deed: an envelope with a \$75 check and no thank-you note.

"He broke my heart," Ibrahim, 52, said. "It makes me really sick. It hurts me. I make him a happy man. I give him happiness. He makes me miserable. ... He didn't even leave a letter saying 'thank you.'"

But Ibrahim's heart may soon be mended. Contacted by the New York Daily News, Harrell's agent, Earl Blackburn, said the musician, who is on tour in Europe, made an error in judgment - and wants to make it up to Ibrahim.

"Now that he has had a chance to reflect, he has written a letter and is sending him a second check for a significant amount," Blackburn said. "He is horrified he forgot to leave a personal note, and he misjudged greatly the amount of the reward he wanted to give Mr. Ibrahim."

Blackburn would not disclose the amount of the reward. Harrell, 57, who has performed with the New York, Berlin and Vienna philharmonics, left his prized cello in Ibrahim's cab May 14. Ibrahim quickly realized the extent of the gift - returning the instrument to the doorman at Harrell's Manhattan building. The doorman would not accept it but agreed to pass on Ibrahim's phone number.

A DAY IN THE BEACH



Dale Martin, 6, makes a playful face to his sister, Pamela Davidson, who buried him in a large pile of sand during the final of the Wichita River Festival Sunday.

Cancer: Open lines of communication

IF May 24th IS YOUR BIRTHDAY ... you have unusual voice, sense of drama. You are versatile and hunger for one who understands your need for love.

HOROSCOPE Sydney Omarr

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Partner or mate has more money than previously revealed. You'll be asked, "How did you find out?" Don't confide or confess. Confidential information involved.

TAURUS (Apr. 20-May 20): Define terms, outline boundaries. Financial picture requires review. Promises wonderful, but get them in writing. Add to unique collection. Bargain available.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Burden belonging to another will be removed. Open lines of communication. Submit thesis, publish research. Secret meeting held; you benefit as result.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): You could be talk of the town! Scenario highlights variety of experiences. Contract is signed, sealed, delivered. Maintain emotional equilibrium.

ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 19): You gain greater freedom of thought, action. Domestic adjustment will include where you live and with whom. Relative plays major role.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Wear bright colors, make personal appearances. Members of opposite sex find you ultra-attractive. Don't break hearts! Aquarius and another Leo figure in scenario.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Keep health resolutions. Make home beautiful, comfortable. Music involved, march to your own tune. Marital status figures prominently. Libra plays role.

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VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Differences settled in connection with home, marriage. Focus on direction, motivation and need for meditation. Cancer native wants to help and will prove it.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Deception exists, deliberate or otherwise. Find creative outlet, imprint style. Romantic journey highlighted - give, receive love. Pisces represented.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Power play! Don't pull punches. You have needed material, go full steam ahead. Elements of timing, luck ride with you. Capricorn plays prominent role.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Accent on social activities, possibility of inventing game. Creative juices stir. You could be involved in "mad flirtation." Gemini figures prominently.

PISCES (Feb. 19-Mar. 20): Focus on sale or purchase of home, building. Relationship intense, avoid temperamental outburst. Restraint is the key to winning happiness. Cancer native involved.

Lesbian who felt lost finds peace in church

DEAR ABBY: After reading the letter from "Hurting in Houston," the gay man whose parents told him he and his partner were no longer welcome in their home, I felt the need to speak to him from my heart. Abby, I would be honored if you would print my message to him:



DEAR ABBY: Abigail VanBuren

Dear Hurting: I am a lesbian. I want you to know that you are not alone. I sympathize with you. My father is homophobic. Need I say more? What people like your parents and my father don't realize is that the world is larger than they think. Chances are most people in this country have some connection to someone who is gay.

If God can give me peace, he can do the same for you. I'll be praying for you.

- HOPEFUL IN HESPERIA, CALIF. DEAR HOPEFUL: I'm sure your words of encouragement will bolster the spirits of many hurting individuals that the young man who wrote. Not all families reject or fear their gay relatives. And your message that while some churches teach homophobic doctrine, others are gay-friendly is an important one. Some of them even have membership that is primarily gay and lesbian. Read on:

There is nothing "horrible" about being gay. God didn't "goof" when he made us. He wanted us this way, and no matter what other people might tell you, God loves us just the same as he loves anyone else. I don't know how you feel about God, but I know that I would not be alive today if he were not walking through life right beside me.

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I are dismayed over "Hurting in Houston's" problem with his parents.

We have lots of love to give and would like "Hurting" to know that we would be happy to be his parents. Whether it be a legal adoption or a spiritual one, we would like to be his family.

He will get a mom and dad who will love him, worry about him, respect him and accept that he is gay. He will gain two brothers who have been taught to love and treat others with kindness. He and his partner can openly come to our home and all family functions. We will brag about him, call him often, and bore him with our stories. In short, we will make him and his partner feel very much a part of a REAL family. We are serious, Abby. Please pass this letter on to him.

- FROM LONG BEACH, WITH LOVE DEAR FROM LONG BEACH: If I hear from him, I will. And that's a promise.

You wrote that you're having trouble sleeping at night. I've been there, too. My advice to you is to find somewhere you and your partner feel comfortable to worship God. There are gay and gay-friendly churches in this country. I know going has helped me. A month ago, I wasn't sleeping well, and I didn't feel like eating as much as I normally do. I was depressed, and I knew it; but I didn't know what to do about it. Then I heard about a gay church near where I live. I went one day. By experiencing God's unconditional love, I feel that life is better. I'm sleeping at night now, and my appetite has returned.

LAMPHOUSE THEATRE advertisement for 'A Hard Day's Night'.

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Ethan Allen Home Interiors advertisement featuring a dining room set and a spring sale.

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WORLD

Battles erupt; killing goes on in Middle East

GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip (AP)—Fierce gun battles erupted in the West Bank and Gaza Strip and an Israeli motorist was killed in a Palestinian shooting ambush Wednesday, a day after Israel said it would unilaterally observe a limited truce.

"Twenty-four" Palestinians, including nine children under the age of 14, were injured in one of the firefights near the Rafah refugee camp in the Gaza Strip, Palestinian doctors said. Two adults were in serious condition.

Palestinian police and witnesses, meanwhile, said Israeli tanks entered Palestinian territory in four areas of Gaza, including near the village of Khoza where bulldozers uprooted olive trees and crops and destroyed a chicken farm.

The renewed violence came a day after Israel said it would no longer initiate military operations against the Palestinians and troops would only shoot in life-threatening situations.

The Palestinians on Wednesday dismissed the truce announcement as a public relations ploy, and said calm can only be restored after Israel halts settlement construction. Sharon reiterated Tuesday that he would not freeze building.

An international commission, headed by former U.S. Sen. George Mitchell, published its recommendations Wednesday, ending eight months of fighting and restarting peace talks. It called for an immediate halt to all violence and asked Israel to freeze all construction in Jewish settlements in the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

Inquiry accuses Congo enemies with killing

KINSHASA, Congo (AP)—A government-appointed commission on Wednesday accused Congo's enemies—Rwanda, Uganda and Congolese rebels—of responsibility for the assassination of President Laurent Kabila.

Investigators alleged the killing was part of a larger coup attempt. The accusation—which was publicly denied by Rwanda—could cast a shadow over a U.N. drive to push forward a peace deal to end the Central African nation's devastating conflict.

Laurent Kabila was shot and killed Jan. 16 in his presidential palace in Kinshasa, Congo's capital. His 29-year-old son Joseph Kabila succeeded him as president and appointed an international panel to find out who was responsible for the slaying.

The commission said Kabila's bodyguard Rashidi Mizele was the triggerman, shooting the president three times.

But the attack "was not an isolated act," said Attorney General Luhonge Kabinda Ngyo, head of the inquiry. "It was part of a plot to make a coup d'etat."

The commission said Rwanda, Uganda and Rwanda-allied Congo rebel group had a role in the killing. It said a fourth group was involved but refused to name it, saying it didn't want to jeopardize future investigations.

Yugoslavia drafts law to prosecute war crimes

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia (AP)—Yugoslavia has drafted a law to enable the extradition of former President Slobodan Milosevic and other war crimes suspects to a U.N. court, a top official said Wednesday.

The draft law would allow for the extradition of suspects, but only after a legal review of their cases at home, said Nebojsa Sarkic, an assistant justice minister. "We tried to balance demands for respect of Yugoslavia's legal sovereignty and the necessary cooperation with the United Nations," Sarkic was quoted by the Tanjug news agency as saying.

The law will soon be reviewed by the Yugoslav government and discussed in the country's parliament, he said.

Yugoslavia's new authorities have been reluctant to hand over Milosevic and other war crimes fugitives to the U.N. tribunal in The Hague, Netherlands, citing a constitutional ban on the extradition of Yugoslav citizens.

The former president was arrested in Belgrade on April 1 on suspicion of abuse of power during his more than a decade in office.

'Free Willy' release on track

REYKJAVIK, Iceland (AP)—Keiko, the movie-star killer whale, may be permanently released into the wild this year after more than two decades in captivity.

The "Free Willy" star is feeding himself on live cod released into his pen in the Westman Islands, off southern Iceland, training team spokesman Hallur Hallson said at a Tuesday press conference. He is in excellent shape and there is no reason why he should not return to the wild this year, Hallson said. "It's completely up to him."

The team almost released Keiko last summer, when he made 40 trips outside his pen. During those forays, he traveled 600 miles and encountered wild orcas on 15 occasions, reinforcing hopes he will join a pod.

Last year, other orca whales were just as interested in Keiko as he was in them. We don't expect that situation to be any different this year, Hallson said.

Keiko spent longer and longer stints away from his trainers, but always returned. By the end of summer, the wild whales had moved on and Keiko was forced

to spend the winter in his pen.

The project to rehabilitate Keiko—a five-year effort that included 32 months of training in Oregon—is the first attempt to return a long-captive whale to the wild. It costs about \$300,000 a month, all paid for with private donations.

Keiko, whose name translates to "Lucky One" in Japanese, was captured off Iceland in 1979. He was believed to be about 2 years old at the time. He was languishing in a Mexican marine show when Warner Bros. used him to film "Free Willy" in 1992.



Keiko carries a live crab in his mouth while cavorting in his pool in this June 9, 1998, photograph taken at the Oregon Coast Aquarium in Newport, Ore.

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WORLD

Taliban defend decision to make Afghan Hindus wear yellow



An indigenous Tzeltal woman listens to a speech delivered during a rally in Ocosingo, in the Mexican state of Chiapas, Monday.

Mexico's uneasy boom

Citizens fret over their nation's spate of good news.

MEXICO CITY (AP) — The peso is soaring against the dollar, foreign investment is hitting unprecedented highs in Mexico and the nation is vying for an influential world leadership position.

It all has many Mexicans worried and suspicious. Just six years ago, Mexico displayed eerily similar signs of strength and optimism — and its currency and economy soon plunged. The boom-bust phenomenon has hit Mexico a total of four times in the last two decades.

"There's a lot of distrust out there," said Guadalupe Loera, whose books have chronicled Mexico's survival through the economic ups and downs.

The latest anxiety in Mexico contrasts with assurances by outside investors that its economy is among the most attractive in Latin America.

In late 1995, the peso was climbing against the dollar, then president Carlos Salinas jetted around the world pursuing the presidency of the World Trade Organization and foreign investors snapped up Mexican government bonds bearing high interest rates.

But the peso, propped up by the government at a time when monetary reserves were shrinking, soon crashed in a stunning reversal of fortune — and foreign investors fled.

Two presidents later, Vicente Fox, who swept into office as Mexico's first victorious opposition candidate and a charismatic free market reformer, has fueled an enthusiasm among foreign investors reminiscent of the Salinas years.

Direct foreign investment in Mexico is projected to nearly double this year to \$24.5 billion, including last week's \$12.5 billion deal by Citigroup to buy Mexico's second largest bank.

Riding the investment wave, the Mexican peso has advanced 7 percent from the beginning of the year.

Fox is leading Mexico's lobbying effort for a rotating seat on the U.N. Security Council, the powerful global decision-making body. He talks of Mexico taking "a protagonist role in world affairs" and stimulating economic growth as far south as Panama.

You won't hear him mention joining the industrialized "first" world, which in Mexico could stir anxious memories of the Salinas vision that came crashing down.

Mexico will extradite alleged trafficker

MEXICO CITY (AP) — Mexico has agreed to extradite alleged drug trafficker Jose de Jesus Amezcua, who U.S. prosecutors describe as the "king" of methamphetamines.

The announcement by the Foreign Relations Secretariat late Tuesday reopens a three-year battle by the United States to see Amezcua's extradition to stand trial.

Amezcua has 10 days to appeal the decision.

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) — Afghanistan's hardline Taliban militia on Wednesday defended its decision to require Hindus to wear a yellow piece of cloth on their shirt pockets, saying it will shield them from religious police enforcing Islamic law.

"This is not any kind of discrimination," said Mohammed Suhail Shaheen, deputy head of the Afghan Embassy in Pakistan. "They (the Hindus) can carry out their rituals as before ... They will enjoy full rights."

The labeling plan was first approved by Afghanistan's

senior council of Islamic scholars, or ulema. The Ministry for the Promotion of Virtue and Prevention of Vice, which runs the religious police, then specified that the label should be a yellow cloth, Abdul Annan Himat, head of the Taliban's Bakhtar news agency, told The Associated Press.

The plan is reminiscent of a Nazi policy in the 1930s and 40s that required European Jews to wear yellow Stars of David — was criticized by the United States and Hindu-dominated India as a human rights violation.

Balbir, a Hindu spice dealer in the Afghan capital of Kabul, said Wednesday that the mark could cause "security problems" for him when he travels to the countryside where people might not like Hindus.

"We don't feel safe with this," said Balbir, who uses only one name. "This is discrimination. We are Afghans. I was born in Afghanistan. We gave our sons to the army to fight. We prayed for the dead together with our Muslim brothers."

Bakhtar and Taliban radio announced the measure, which would also require Hindu

women to be veiled for the first time.

Hindus in Afghanistan have not been the target of persecution and have generally been allowed to practice their religion freely. However, over decades of war, the number of Hindus has dwindled from a high of about 50,000 during the 1970s to 500 in the capital and small pockets elsewhere.

The head of the religious police, Mohammed Wali, told The Associated Press on Tuesday that the plan would be implemented soon.

Shaheen said that the main

purpose for the measure was to keep Hindus from being stopped by religious police and to prevent Muslims from claiming they are Hindu when violating religious laws.

Muslim men are required to wear beards in Afghanistan; and they sometimes claim they're Hindu when arrested for shaving, Shaheen said. Conversely, clean-shaven Hindus are sometimes arrested erroneously, he added. Also — until this ruling — Hindu women in Afghanistan were not forced to wear the head-to-toe covering called a burqa as Muslim women are.

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Don't boat drunk this weekend

DALLAS - Memorial Day weekend is one of the busiest boating holidays of the year, so boaters and swimmers should recognize that common sense goes a long way toward avoiding tragedy. Rule one is that alcohol and water don't mix, at least not when it comes to recreational boating. "We suggest that boaters simply



BEND IN THE RIVER
Ray Sasser

leave the alcohol at home," said Roy Lawrence, law enforcement field operations director for Texas Parks and Wildlife. "Most people wouldn't load up an ice chest full of beer before hitting the road, and they should look at boating the same way. Alcohol not only impairs the operator's ability, but passengers who drink have a tendency to lose their balance and can easily fall overboard."

Moreover, fines levied for boating while intoxicated are just as stiff as driving under the influence penalties. Last year, Texas game wardens made 229 boating while intoxicated arrests while checking 180,000 boats and issuing 14,373 water safety citations. As usual, wardens in full force will patrol the most popular boating lakes over the holiday weekend.

Boating safety rule two is wear a personal flotation device (PFD), also called a life jacket. Dennis Johnston, TP&W's chief of water safety enforcement, said 85 percent of all drowning victims weren't wearing life jackets. Are you still feeling lucky?

"Life jackets are like seat belts," Johnston said. "Boaters don't like to wear a life jacket because it's confining and it's uncomfortable during hot weather. All game wardens are required to wear a life jacket. Like a seat belt, once you get used to having a life jacket on, you really don't notice it. When you consider the alternative, a little discomfort is easily worth saving your life."

Game wardens have adopted inflatable PFDs as their standard equipment. The inflatables are more expensive than foam-filled life jackets, but the inflatables are more comfortable and they do a good job of floating a person high enough to keep their face out of the water.

Water-safety rule three is to stay constantly alert to your surroundings. Don't assume other boaters know who has the right-of-way.

"People get out in a boat and they're having a good time with their friends," Dallas County game warden supervisor Gary Collins said. "If you watch awhile, you can see which ones are not paying attention."

Unlike driving on highways where signs and stripes constantly remind motorists where to drive, there are no stripes on the water and few signs to serve as safety reminders. Never assume that people in another boat will see you.

WATER SAFETY TIPS

Learn to swim - Contact local parks and recreation departments of the American Red Cross to locate swimming classes. Enroll, children four and older.

Wear a life jacket - Children and adults should wear properly fitting life jackets that are well maintained. Alcohol and water do not mix - Never drink alcohol before or during swimming, boating or water skiing.

Watch over your family - Never allow children to swim alone or without adult supervision, and keep a constant watch on everyone in or near the water.

Reach, throw, row, then go for help - If a swimmer is in trouble, do not immediately dive in to assist. Even strong swimmers can be pulled down by someone in trouble. If you must go into the water, at least wear a life jacket and take a flotation device to the swimmer in trouble.

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Opening Day

Anxious anglers will hit the water this weekend

By James J. Krunich
Times-News correspondent

With the general fishing season opener around the corner, many anglers are anxiously examining their gear, changing the oil in their outboard motors and blowing up their float tubes for Saturday. All these preparations are necessary, but one key aspect of opening day often is left to chance.

Simply put, anglers need to know where the fish are located.

In preparation for the season opener, the Idaho Department of Fish and Game has stocked many local lakes and streams. With streams and reservoirs low, the fish will be confined in smaller areas.

Here's a run-down of several popular fishing spots:

Salmon Falls Creek Reservoir - In addition to its healthy population of small-mouth bass and walleye, the reservoir also received 45,000 catchable rainbow trout this spring. The upshot should be spectacular fishing opportunities.

Hagerman Wildlife Management Area - Each of the ponds in the Hagerman WMA received several hundred fish. Many of the ponds host populations of bluegill and largemouth bass.

Roseworth Reservoir - Early predictions were for low water, but higher than anticipated runoff has swelled the reservoir. The upshot is that early season fishing should be productive. Roseworth rainbows typically have good growth rates, so the early addition of 15,000 catchables could pay handsome dividends as summer progresses.

Rock Creek - If you're looking for a quick fishing fix, this is the place. There's even a chance you'll catch something because 2,000 to 3,000 catchables were stocked en-

ter this year. Bait orghy spinners are the hot ticket in these clouded waters.

Mormon Reservoir - Roughly 10,000 catchable rainbows have been stocked, but water conditions could be disastrous as the summer progresses. There isn't much deep water at Mormon Reservoir, so it will heat up as the temperature rises. Early season fishing should be good, but conditions could deteriorate swiftly in the dog days of summer.

Little Wood Reservoir - Here's a spot that could be hot from opening day until well into the summer. The carry-over population of trout received an additional boost when 10,000 catchables were released.

Sublett Reservoir - New stockings have added 5,000 catchable rainbows.

Goose Creek (Oakley) Reservoir - About 15,000 rainbows have been stocked.

Anderson Ranch Dam - Tributary streams have been stocked with 7,000 catchables for opening day.

Warm Springs Creek and Trail Creek - Several thousand catchables have been stocked. Minimal spring run-off means Warm Springs Creek and Trail Creek should be clean, clear and cold on opening day.

Thorn Creek Reservoir - The good news is that 5,000 rainbows were turned loose, but the bad news is the reservoir probably will go dry.

Due to low water conditions, limits have been lifted in the following areas: Fish Creek Reservoir, Lava Lake, the Wood River below Magic Reservoir and the Richfield Canal. For an update on changes to fishing regulations, call Fish and Game at 324-4359.

T minus two - and counting

Saturday is the opening day of fishing season on most streams and rivers. The general trout limit is six fish, but regulations vary according to location. Be sure to check the regulations for the area where you are fishing.



Knowing where the fish are is a key piece of information for anglers. In this scene, writer James Krunich and his faithful friend, Beau, have converted the information into a nice-looking fish.

CATTING AROUND



Still a little bleary after a hard day's night, Twin Falls raft wizard Jason Killey hauls V.I.P. cargo down the Bruneau River on Sunday.

Lightning hits may be nature's biggest predator

By Skip Knowles
The Salt Lake Tribune

SALT LAKE CITY - Sailboat owner Kyle Hintze, 34, stepped back from his boat trailer momentarily, then saw the hot white arc of electricity reach for him just as it zapped him on the arm. He had jumped from the bow of his sailboat into the water at the Great Salt Lake Marina to bring his vessel out of the storm when a bolt of lightning shot over the

marine and charged the mast of his boat, then the trailer. The current went through the water, through the steel boat trailer and licked out for his arm. It appeared just as a person would imagine it would: crooked, fuzzy, as large in diameter as a pencil. His arm went numb for four hours, then he was fine. "It felt like a 110 (household outlet)," he said. "Not that bad, it could have been a lot worse."

He will never know why he let go of the boat trailer and took that step back, but it probably saved his life. Standing in the water, he was perfectly grounded to be fried. The bolt just gave him a tickle of what lightning is capable of. Last year was Utah's worst for lightning injuries with 14 total, and one of the three worst for deaths, with three. Utah deaths average one a year, with 51 since 1951. Nature lovers fear bear and cougar attacks, looking over our shoulders while

hiding at dusk. Between two and five people are killed by bear and cougars each year, nationwide. Approximately 85 Americans, mostly men, are killed each year by lightning, often in the late summer months. When someone survives lightning, it is truly a miracle. Trees don't get split and burned by lightning, they explode into splinters as sap is superheated and turns to water vapor instantly, blowing the wood

Guide to guides

What to know before choosing a river guide

By Janet Rae-Brooks
The Salt Lake Tribune

SALT LAKE CITY - Whether you're looking for a lazy float down a tranquil river or a rip-roaring whitewater adventure, here are some pointers to help you choose an outfitter:

1. Check for experience. How long has the outfitter been in business? "There are a lot of on-the-edge fringe businesses," said Sheri Griffith of Sheri Griffith Expeditions, Inc. in Moab. An 800 number, a catalog and a Web site are good signs. "If it's just a black-and-white flyer, it's suspect," said Griffith, who has offered rafting trips for 30 years. Also check that the outfitter is licensed in the states in which it operates and that it has the required permits. "There are times (outfitters without permits) have been caught right at the ramp and never launched," said Griffith. "And (their clients) aren't going to get their money back."

2. Ask about the guides. How much

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OUTDOORS

TROPHIES



Twin Falls resident Christy Prescott shot this wild turkey on April 19 near Orofino.

Calling in gobblers

By Christy Prescott
Special to The Times-News

It was the 19th of April, four days into our turkey hunt in North Idaho. We had only called in two birds the day before, but they wouldn't come any closer than 70 yards. We were an hour into calling that day, before my partner, Jeff, and I decided to pick up and locate to another spot. We gathered the blind and the one hen decoy, and were ready to leave when a gobbler called from the ridge.

Immediately we returned the one decoy, and just sat down. Jeff had been calling this bird in for a while, and we just didn't realize it. He moved around the other side of the tree a bit, because we couldn't tell where the bird was coming from. We didn't want it to get by us.

Finally, after another 20 minutes or so, the bird returned another gobbler closer to us, as if we were the hen. The gobbler was walking down the old logging road that we were sitting very close to. He settled up against a ponderosa pine, we watched the bird out of the corner of our eyes. We didn't dare move. It was doing its spit-and-drum noise as it entered into full mating display. I walked 12 feet in front of me,

and in the rush of adrenaline Jeff swooned, and the bird looked right at us. We were well aware that it had heard him, and we were cautious to even blink with it so close. It eyed the hen decoy again and decided to approach it. In its incredible display, it passed behind a slash pile, and allowed me to pull my gun up. I took my time and aimed, allowing the bird to step out in front of me with the bend on its head.

I paused to make sure that everything was lined up, causing Jeff to worry that I wouldn't get the shot off in time. I pulled the trigger, and the bird fell to the ground. At that close range he was killed instantly. Jeff jumped up and grabbed me with a full bear hug of excitement and told me how good I did and how proud he was of me. It was one of the most exciting things having an animal that difficult to hunt that close. Watching his display, and hearing the spitting-drum noise that turkeys make in full strut is something that I will never forget.

As it turns out, my bird ranked well into the record books as a non-typical in the National Wild Turkey Federation listings with one he, 10-inch beard and two 5 1/2-inch beards. Multiple beards are not unheard of, but they are rare.

Foray into fungus territory

By Twilla Van Leer
Dessert News

SALT LAKE CITY - You may have heard that terse little couple:

There's fungus. Well, folks, it's true. The season's first foray (the official name for a mushroom hunt) of the Mushroom Society of Utah Saturday turned up a fair number of varieties of forest fungi, but only a couple of morels, which were considered the catch of the day.

Several of the two dozen mushroom seekers who filed up a Big Cottonwood Canyon hiking trail found specimens of that morel look-alike, gree bohemica, but close examination showed the differences. How the stem attaches to the cap and the pattern of the cap's ridges separate the desirable delicacies (which taste "just like steak," according to the purists) from the fakes.

And that's the fun of mushrooming, according to Mark Cannon, this year's society president. Being able to differentiate among the hundreds of varieties, sometimes based on very subtle variations, is the mark of a true



A cluster of Calocypha fulgens is nearly hidden among new growth and fallen leaves on the forest floor.

For instance, if you don't look carefully at the next Calocypha fulgens you see, you might be tricked into thinking that that little orange cup with blue-purple edges is really an alucra aurantia, which is the same orange color but without the purplish ring.

Before the foray started, Cannon shared some recent finds with the group gathered in a park-and-ride lot ready to go.

The specimens ranged from a clump of pink oyster mushrooms looking a lot like a pink popcorn ball, to a brown coppery crook-necked lingchi gamma derma mushroom that most people tromping through the woods would dismiss as a stick. In China, this variety is brewed into a tea and served up as an aid to longevity and a cure for just about anything that ails one, Cannon said.

There was a lot of excitement when Wayne Sexton spotted the first bright calocypha fulgens peeping out of the deep forest debris coating the hillside. Miles Masters, 9, who was with his mother, Jeri-Simms-Masters, got the second sighting. After that, the group tended to tan-

out as the roar of Big Cottonwood Creek was absorbed by the mountain growth and the highway disappeared from view.

A foray is always an adventure because mushrooms are such fickle growths. Damp seasons produce the most abundant crops and varieties, but each set of conditions tends to have its own specialities. There even are mushrooms that grow at the edges of melting snow piles and nowhere else.

For one novice, it was the discovery of a fluted "pigs ear" that made the day memorable. By morning's end, some of the experts, including Cannon, had a half dozen or more twisted paper tubes filled with specimens to take home for further study. Others left the canyon with no mushrooms, just memories. But that was enough.

Guides

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training and experience do they have? Some companies hire college students, others part-time, professional guides. Griffiths purposefully employs an equal number of male and female guides. Many of her clients are looking for positive role models for their daughters. Griffiths says that she doesn't fret about getting dirt under her fingernails fit that bill.

3. Find out how frequently the outfitter updates its gear. "Is the

equipment new, or newer, or has it been around since World War II?" said Larry Lake, vice president of Western River Expeditions in Salt Lake City. "There are companies out there who have equipment that fits that description." Lake's company updates its boats every three years. "It's a safety issue if someone's running with a boat with 60 patches on it," he said. Even if the equipment is new, it may be cheaply made. Some rafts, for example, have only two compartments. "The rafts we use have,

at least four compartments," said Griffiths. "So if you get a hole in one compartment, it's still a safe boat."

4. What type of trips does the outfitter offer? Trips can last a few hours or a week or more. In Utah, you can tackle some of the most challenging whitewater in the country or choose less hairy trips through gorgeous river canyons. Some trips use motorized rafts, others use oar-powered rafts. "Call a few outfitters and pick the type of trip that suits

you best," said Tim Smith, southeast region manager for Utah State Parks.

"I've seen photos of planes getting into a bad situation, so personally, read the outfitter's brochure, send an e-mail and see how long the company takes to respond. Call and talk with the reservationist. "The flavor of the trip will come across in the tone and the information given on the phone," said Griffiths. "In our company, the way people are treated on the phone is the same way they're treated on the river."

Lightning

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apart. The remnants burn, and most Utah forest fires are caused by lightning.

Animals and man may provide a moving target, but are no safer. Dave Shear, a 30-year sheep herder, struck and killed 664 sheep on Mt. Canyon Peak in American Fork Canyon in 1918 and lightning killed 835 sheep atop Pine Canyon in the Raft River Mountains in Box Elder County in 1933.

A total of 850 sheep were hit, 15 lived, though appeared dazed, and the shepherd was knocked unconscious in his tent, which was left with burn marks.

Sailboaters seem particularly vulnerable, constantly carrying the highest possible point above the water around in their boat in the form of a metal mast.

Dave Shear, a 30-year sailing veteran who lives on his boat on the Great Salt Lake, has seen people less fortunate than his coworker, Hintze.

He saw a man who sought shelter under a pavilion at Strawberry struck down fatally, the victim's body left with a large purple splotch on his chest and his heels completely blown out, the lightning's explosive touch.

Shear has seen a blue car of current jump from his sailboat's mast and strike his knee, "giving me a real jolt." It was an indirect static electricity shock, not a direct hit. Just as Hintze's, it happened while he sat struck above the boat.

Oddly, aluminum masts often protect sailors by throwing out a protective "cone" which seems to deflect direct lightning strikes. It is an unproven phenomenon, other than the fact that constantly surfer sailboat lightning strikes, and Shear, who has sailed here for 30 years, feels confident enough about it to stay on the boat he

lives on during storms.

"Power boats are much more dangerous because they have no protection," Shear said.

And while they have no mast, they are still the highest point on the water when alone.

Hikers and hikers would burst from flashes so hot and close, the thunder vibrated in my stomach and on the ground.

Scquinting with my eyes shut, the flashes were still vivid white bursts that left my incandescent watch hot-charged and glowing white, even under the blankets.

My father scurried to the safety of his truck, a wise decision. The storms came in wave after wave.

Lightning is beautiful and horrifying, like a well-crafted sword wielded by a madman. The tent was in a small meadow rimmed by trees at 9,000-plus feet, and I felt as if the mountains were holding us up toward the heavenly fire like a sacrifice.

How much danger were we in? Not taking a fast one?

Not really, said meteorologist Dan Brown, at least not because altitude or being higher "places" you closer to the lightning. Mountains are more dangerous for two reasons: there is much more lightning because they breed storms; and there are many peaks and exposed high areas where it is easy to become the dreaded "highest thing around."

There is good news. "You're safe in your car, safe indoors, safe in a plane," said Brown.

A grove of trees is relatively safe, if it is not too small or standing alone on high ground, and as tall as taller trees are carefully avoided.

Cars and planes are safe because the electricity needs to have a ground (literally a connection to the ground) for it to be able to travel from positive to

negative. Rubber tires interfere with that connection.

"I've seen photos of planes getting into a bad situation, so personally, read the outfitter's brochure, send an e-mail and see how long the company takes to respond. Call and talk with the reservationist. "The flavor of the trip will come across in the tone and the information given on the phone," said Griffiths. "In our company, the way people are treated on the phone is the same way they're treated on the river."

Lightning appears to travel from the clouds to the ground, but in most cases, it actually flows from ground where positive ions interact and build up tension with the negative ions in a storm "and it just can't take it any more and seeks the shortest path."

The critical ground connection provides the path so that the ions can flow both ways.

Avoiding high points such as tall trees, peaks and power lines sounds easy, but in truth, it's a difficult urge to fight. When caught on a mountain plateau in a storm, it is tough to force yourself away from the sheltered dry area beneath a tall evergreen and instead walk out into exposed brush to get lashed and pounded by wind, snow, sleet or hail.

It's not easy to step away from a sheltered pavilion at Strawberry in favor of freezing in the sagebrush. But don't be caught in a storm and pounded by lightning never striking the same place twice. Being struck once doesn't guarantee a thing. The Empire State Building is struck an average of 23 times per year.

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OUTDOORS

Gone fishin' for stripers at Lake Powell

Agency removes limits, allowing for shot at bounty

By Ray Grass
The Deseret News

LAKE POWELL, Utah - As fishing sites go, it was not one you'd give a million bucks for. A tagged fish had come from the very spot two days before. Odds are against two fish with numbered tags swimming together.

Still, four boats stocked with fishermen hung close enough to occasionally touch, while a fifth trolled nearby and two more fished off in the distance.

It wasn't the lure of the million-dollar fish, but fish in general - stripers specifically - that brought and kept them there. This was one of the known hot spots. A place where striped bass passed regularly in huge schools.

One, two, three, four ... all weighing about three pounds and all caught within 20 minutes. Six, seven, eight, nine, 10 ... within the first hour.

Two days before, on the second day of the Million-Dollar Fish Contest, True Out of Cedar City caught a tagged steeper off a rocky point in Navajo Canyon. It wasn't "the fish," but it did earn him a week's paid vacation. It was the second tagged fish hooked in as many days. The first was caught near Hall's Creek, and it too was worth a vacation. As a bonus for being first, it also came with an \$18,000 boat.

All 15 fishermen hovering over the rocky point on Friday were registered to win, but given the circumstances, catching striped bass was more important than chasing the tag.

Eleven, 12, 13, 14 ... all caught before noon.

Not bad, but good fishing. "Which," said Wayne Gustavson, lake biologist with the Utah Division of Wildlife Resources, is what steeper fishermen can expect during the month of the contest (it ends today) and into summer.

"We've had a fortunate set of circumstances the last few years," he continued. "We've had



This fisherman tries his luck May 6 on Lake Powell near Kanab in southern Utah.

enough shad (main forage fish for stripers) to feed them, but not enough to let them grow big. Last year they averaged 2 to 2.5 pounds. This year, 2.5 to 3. They're healthy, and you can catch as many as you want."

The no-limit regulation, helped by the contest, is the only method biologists have of controlling the stripers. It's just enough to ease pressure on the food supply and keep them from starving.

Currently, the stripers are in

the spawning mood and, as is nature's way, looking for areas to breed.

"Which is in current, moving water, so fish will be around the main channel, near inlets and around areas by the dam," said Gustavson. "When the spawn ends, they'll move to the backs of the canyons, almost any canyon looking for shade."

While largemouth and smallmouth bass tend to stay along the shore, stripers choose to stay in the middle of channels. In

water that is about 40 feet deep.

"Which is why trolling is probably one of the best methods for catching stripers. They like moving targets and, besides, you can cover a lot of ground. Stripers school and move around," Gustavson added.

And because stripers are nomads, anglers should spend no more than 30 minutes in one spot without a bite before moving on to the next likely spot. Long, thin, minnow-shaped lures trolled in the channel are one of the main

attractions for striped bass.

"Once you find a school trolling, you can always go back and try jigging with anchovies or plastic grubs," he suggested.

The most common method is to hang a small chunk of anchovy down about 40 feet and wait.

Spring is also the best time to fish for walleye, largemouth and smallmouth bass. The bass are in very shallow water for the spawn, while the walleye tend to hang in a little deeper water. The large-

mouth prefer cover such as bushes, trees and limbs. Smallmouth prefer broken rock and ledges.

For now, of course, most of the interest is on the striped bass and the million-dollar tag. In all, 25 stripers were tagged and released at various locations around the lake. Two have been caught, and a third was caught but disqualified. It was hooked before the contest started May 1 and the individual catching the fish was not registered. It was not the million-dollar fish.

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BRIEFLY IN MONEY

Chamber to release economic report

SUN VALLEY - The Sun Valley/Ketchum Chamber of Commerce will unveil its 2001 Economic Impact Study for Blaine County on Wednesday. The Economic Outlook 2001 Breakfast Buffet will be held in the Sawtooth Room of Elkhorn Resort. Cost for breakfast is \$15. Lead project managers Leon Allsitt and Bill Klein will present results of the study, which was conducted by the Portland, Ore., firm Dean Runyan and Associates. The study will show how Blaine County's economy has changed over the past 10 years. It will also feature comparisons to other similar Western ski resort communities. For reservations, contact Nestor at 725-2103, by fax at 726-4533 or e-mail at ntrujillo@visitsunvalley.com.

Former IRS employee pleads guilty to tax fraud

SALT LAKE CITY - A Provo woman has pleaded guilty to three of ten counts of defrauding the IRS by filing false returns in 1992. Former IRS employee Ellen Price, 53, accepted a plea agreement Monday, when her federal trial began, according to the Internal Revenue Service. She pleaded guilty to two counts of filing and assisting clients in the filing of false tax returns and one count of making and subscribing a false tax return. Price, a former IRS employee, operated a tax return preparation business called Harmon & Price. She was indicted April 5 for allegedly reducing the amount of taxes due by understating receipts, overstating expenses and falsely claiming "Head of Household" filing status, the statement said. Price could be sentenced to up to three years in prison and fined up to \$250,000.

U.S. beef sales increase despite European scare

DENVER - Despite extensive news coverage of Europe's problems with livestock diseases, U.S. beef purchases climbed 2 percent during the first quarter, raising cattlemen's hopes for a productive summer. "American consumers remained loyal to American beef," said Chuck Lambert, chief economist of the National Cattlemen's Beef Association. The apprehension may have increased some sales, said Bill Fraser of Wally's Quality Meats. In some cases, his customers have stocked up because of the scare. "Our freezer beef sales increased like 100 percent," said Fraser, a butcher for 38 years. The preliminary data for the first quarter, released Wednesday, is a measure of per capita consumption and consumer spending. Demand figures increased nine out of the past 11 quarters, the association reported. A record \$52 billion was spent on beef last year, up from \$48.7 billion in 1999. European beef producers were hit hard this year by outbreaks of mad cow disease and foot-and-mouth disease. Neither exists in the United States. Mad cow was effectively controlled in Europe when bans were imposed on the use of any livestock carcasses from the carcasses of dead animals. On Tuesday, the European Union said it had controlled the foot-and-mouth outbreak, and asked that the United States permit beef imports again from all member nations except Britain and the Netherlands. EU health officials said those two nations will soon have the disease under control. The latest news was particularly encouraging as producers expect to sell 60 million pounds of beef for the Memorial Day weekend, an increase of 25 percent over daily purchases. Compiled from staff and wire reports

Ford doubles tire recall

Automaker will spend billions to replace Firestones

The Associated Press

DEARBORN, Mich. - Ford Explorer owners who replaced their sport utility vehicles' tires after last summer's Firestone recall may soon be changing those tires again. Ford Motor Co. announced Tuesday it would replace all 13 million Firestone Wilderness AT tires now on Ford vehicles - twice as many "tires" as Bridgestone/Firestone included in its August recall. After analyzing road test data, government research and scientific data "we simply do not have enough confidence in those tires in keeping our customers safe," said Jacques Nasser, Ford's president and chief executive. The 15-inch, 16-inch and 17-inch tires, including about 1.5 million Nasser said were used as replacements in last summer's recall, will be replaced by Ford over several months, starting with the oldest tires. Ford estimated the replacements would cost \$2.1 billion after taxes. The announcement came one day after Bridgestone/Firestone said it was severing its relationship with Ford. Bridgestone/Firestone Chief Executive John Lampe defended the company's tires in a written statement Tuesday, saying, "No one cares more about the safety of the people who travel on our tires than we do. Our tires are safe. When we have a problem we fix it." Wilderness AT tires are used on Ford Explorers, Expeditions, Rangers and some F150 pickup trucks. To divert more tires, Ford said it was shutting down production for two weeks at two plants in St. Paul, Minn., and Edison, N.J., and will suspend production of various Explorer models in Louisville, Ky., for one week. Last summer, Bridgestone/Firestone recalled 6.5 million ATX, ATX II and Wilderness AT tires, most of which were original equipment on Ford Explorers. The federal government said the tires had been replaced by Bridgestone/Firestone. Please see TIRES, Page D5

What's next
Ford vehicle owners will soon receive a letter instructing them to have their Wilderness AT tires replaced with tires made by Goodyear, Michelin, and Continental. Free replacements will be available at Ford dealers; customers who buy replacements will be reimbursed up to \$15 for 15- and 16-inch tires and up to \$30 for 17-inch tires.

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Seminars will cover privacy law

State co-sponsors free events coming to Magic Valley

The Times-News
TWIN FALLS - How Idahoans will benefit under the new federal law on sharing consumer information will be the subject of a series of seminars held next month in 14 locations around the state, including two in the Magic Valley.

The seminars are co-sponsored by the Idaho Department of Finance and the Consumer Information Council, a diverse coalition of business and government groups whose operations routinely involve handling consumer information.

The seminars will run from June 4 to 14. Pre-registration is encouraged.

The statewide schedule includes: 10 a.m. to noon June 12 in the auditorium at Vera C. O'Leary Junior High School, 2350 Elizabeth Blvd., Twin Falls. 2 to 4 p.m. June 12 at the Burley Senior Citizens Center, 242 E. Third Ave., Burley. Barbara Strickfaden, chairwoman of the Consumer Information Council, said the seminars will help both consumers and businesses - consumers by assuring their personal information is handled appropriately, and businesses by helping them understand how to comply with the law.

The seminars will last about two hours, Strickfaden said. "They'll include a brief overview of the new privacy rules and consumer rights under the rules, information on how consumers can have their names removed from marketing lists, how to protect against identity theft, internet privacy, and how to protect private financial and medical information."

The new federal Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act of 1995 has a broad reach. Gavin Gee, director of the Idaho Department of Finance, said the privacy law will apply to most of the approximately 80,000 people and companies regulated by his department. Moreover, separately proposed rules on medical privacy will apply to health-care providers doing business in Idaho.

Generally, the financial privacy rules require that certain businesses develop a policy concerning the sharing of nonpublic personal information, provide customers with notice about the privacy policy at certain times and provide customers an opportunity to "opt out" of having their nonpublic personal information shared with others. Gee said.

The new federal financial law covers banks, credit unions.

Please see PRIVACY, Page D6

Las Vegas wants more high rollers

Nevada governor could sign legislation to permit exclusive gambling salons

The Associated Press
LAS VEGAS - The casinos in this desert city are trying to save the whales - "whales" being their term for the most elite high rollers. The whales are about 200 of the world's wealthiest gamblers, and they are courted in Las Vegas with lavish suites, personal butlers, chefs and private pools. As if the red carpet isn't rolled out enough, the casinos now want to let the big shots bet in private VIP salons where they will not have to mingle with gawking tourists and other regular folks with their plastic change buckets. A bill approved by the Legislature and awaiting Governor Kenny Guinn's signature would create such private gambling salons. Many casinos already have gambling rooms for high-end players, but they are required by law to be open to the public. "Times have changed," says Alan Feldman, spokesman for MGM Mirage, the largest hotel-casino owner in Las Vegas. "We have to show as much revenue as possible. We're trying to find as much as we can." And that means offering whales what they want. Casinos in such destinations as Macau, Monaco and Australia offer private gambling rooms where the whales can feel like James Bond, and Las Vegas casinos say they need such salons to compete. Some casino executives argued before the Legislature that some whales avoid Las Vegas because they are not assured privacy. "Some of these people can win or lose millions of dollars, but not all of them wish to be identified in public," says Bill Timmins, president and chief operating officer of the Aladdin. Casinos protect the identities of their whales, and refused to make any of them available for this story. Under the legislation, casinos would decide which customers are wealthy enough to gamble in private. Who are these high rollers? Casinos say they are large-business owners from around the world who have credit lines of millions of dollars. How they do at the gaming tables can determine whether the casino wins or loses that day. "Vegas should do whatever they can to cater to this segment of the market," says Jason Ader, gambling analyst for Bear Stearns. "There's a tremendous economic incentive the high rollers have on Las Vegas." Because they bet so much money, whales get the royal treatment - free suites that spread over entire hotel floors, shopping



Formally dressed dealers take care of players in the London Club, a high-roller room at the Aladdin hotel-casino in Las Vegas Tuesday. Casinos want the big shots to bet in private salons.

sports in the casino's shops, a private jet to take them anywhere they want. Inside the high-limit London Club of the Aladdin in Las Vegas, dealers wear evening gowns and vested suits. The lighting is dim and the slot machines are quieter, offering a much different setting than the jangling Love Me Legal Tender slots tournament in another part of the casino. High rollers can check in, dine and depart without ever stepping into

the main casino. "They get all the freebies and we pay for everything," says Baltimore tourist Connie Miller, clinging a bucket of quarters inside the Aladdin. Miller, like most gamblers, will have to be content with those free key chains and the sweet sound of clanking coins. "It's called poon," she says, ranking herself in the gambling world.

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Orofino mill retools, stays open

Lumbermen obtain federal grant, tighten market focus

The Associated Press
OROFINO - Suffering from heavy financial losses, Konkolville Lumber Co. could either give in to depressed lumber prices and close down or find ways to become more competitive. "When the lumber market started down 18 months ago, my dad and I had a real serious sit-down visit, and I told him that this market could get real ugly," Vice President Greg Konkol said. But closing the mill was ruled out. Instead, they are looking to invest millions in retrofitting equipment to process small-diameter logs into wood-fired boiler to generate electricity. The mill can only process logs of 5.5 inches or larger for dimension lumber like 2-by-4s. It wants to produce 2-by-3s for mobile and manufactured homes and round wood products that can be used in gazebos and cabin interiors. "We want to try and figure out products and markets and processes that better utilize that smaller-diameter material," Konkol said. That

material has traditionally been left out in the woods or chipped up for pulp. They have turned to a federal grant program for companies hurt by the North American Free Trade Agreement to become more competitive. The company is eligible for up to \$75,000. The timber slump is blamed primarily on Canadian lumber imports, which undercut American producers. The "fair trade" remedy, as it is known, will help subsidize the cost of bringing in experts to evaluate Konkolville's proposals. "The fact is lumber is coming in from Canada, so what is Konkolville going to do about it?" asked Robert Miller with the Northwest Trade Adjustment Assistance Center in Seattle. "The remedy we provide is to help them survive in that new arena." The nonprofit center has helped hundreds of manufacturers receive the grants. With the energy crisis hitting the West, Konkol said the boiler would turn traditionally neglected wood into energy. The company employs 60 people in the mill and contracts with another 60 in the woods. It produces about 27 million board feet of lumber a year and is one of the largest local employers.

Court resolves antitrust claims involving contact lens maker

The Associated Press
JACKSONVILLE, Fla. - A federal court granted preliminary approval Tuesday of a multistate settlement agreement resolving antitrust claims against Vistakon on disposable contact lenses. "We agreed to settle, in large measure, because the state attorneys general affirmed ... our right not to sell to unethical suppliers who dispense contact lenses without prescription and contrary to state and federal law," said Gerald Ostrov, company spokesman and chairman of Johnson & Johnson, Worldwide Vision Care Franchise. Private counsel acting on behalf of a nationwide class of consumers and the attorneys general of Idaho and 31 other states, brought lawsuits alleging retail prices of replacement contact lenses were too high. Vistakon has agreed to sell its ACUVUE contact lenses to businesses who would sell lenses only to consumers based upon a valid prescription and in compliance with all laws regarding the sale or dispensing of contact lenses. Vistakon also agreed to pay the plaintiffs \$25 million and set up a \$5 million fund in cash or coupons for consumers who once wore Vistakon contact lenses but no longer do so. The settlement will also include a guaranteed benefit package valued at \$30 million, consisting of products and services related to contact lenses. The company noted that consumers have always had the option to purchase their lenses at competitive prices through thousands of eye care professionals as well as from mass merchandisers and optical retail chains. "This settlement confirms our commitment to sell our contact lenses exclusively to companies that pledge to follow the laws and regulations that were enacted to protect the health and safety of contact lens wearers," Ostrov said.

MONEY

Stocks fall as investors take profits

Insurance dispute puts many patients in a bind

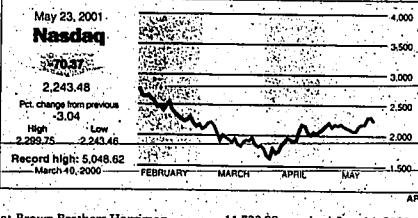
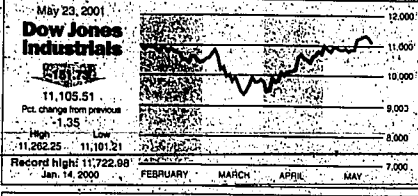
NEW YORK (AP)—Stocks fell Wednesday as investors, wary even in the midst of their resurgence, opted to take cash in profits from a market that has been rallying hard since early April.

The pullback, which had been anticipated, ended the Nasdaq composite index's six-session advance, its longest winning streak since February 2000.

The Nasdaq closed the session down 70.37 at 2,243.48. The Dow Jones industrial average, spurred by a 1.35-point gain, ended at 11,105.51.

The market's broadest measure, the Standard & Poor's 500, declined 20.33 to 1,289.05. The losses were predictable given the market's recent advance. The Nasdaq's 231.93 in the previous six sessions while the Dow advanced 384.27 during the past five trading days.

"After the good news run-up we have had, you can expect some profit taking. Also, the Dow is bumping along near its all-time high, which is always a difficult point to penetrate," said Eugene G. Mintz, financial markets analyst at Brown Brothers Harriman.



11,105.51, reached Jan. 14, 2000. The Dow's closing high is 11,262.25, reached Jan. 14, 2000. Wall Street was being surging

since early last month, primarily because of the five interest rate cuts made by the Federal Reserve this year. Investors are growing increasingly confident the economy will strengthen by the end of 2001, which has prompted them to start buying stocks again.

"We are looking for the resurgence of a bull market. It probably has already started," Mintz said.

Bull Ackerman and Mintz said politics were a minor contributor to the market's downturn as senior aides to Sen. James Inhofe, R-Okla., said he intends to abandon his party and become independent. Such a switch would end GOP control of the Senate and could affect President Bush's agenda, including income tax cut favored by Wall Street.

Among tech shares, the makers of semiconductor equipment fell Tuesday as customer orders in April dropped 41 percent from March. Applied Materials, the industry's largest company, finished down \$3.65 at \$52.94.

Insurance dispute puts many patients in a bind

TAMPA, Fla. — Marcus Stoneking will be the married couple with diabetes, arthritis and heart disease who has his blood monitored during prompt and through exams.

Visiting the office "is pleasant. I don't have to wait long," says Stoneking, 71, a retired service technician. "I have trust and faith in my doctor. He has my best interest at heart."

But June 1, Stoneking will be displaced as an estimated 10,000 Tampa Bay area patients switched to new primary care physicians because of a contract dispute between Florida Affiliated Physicians, an association of 132 doctors, and Blue Cross of Florida. The dispute involves Health Options, Blue Cross' commercial health maintenance organization, but does not affect the Jacksonville insurer's PPO or Medicare coverage.

"I'm not going to be forced to change by corporate edict," says Stoneking, an HMO member who wrote a letter complaining to Blue Cross. "I'll pay extra money to see my doctor if he's out of network. This episode has left a bad taste in my mouth."

It's an episode common in health care. But when so many people are displaced or forced to change a spotlight on financial battles between doctors and insurers typically sent behind the scenes. It also highlights how bitter patients can become when impacts affect a significant aspect of their lives, their health care.

Like Stoneking, other patients have accused the state's largest health insurer of callously protect-

ing its own financial interests by forcing members to switch to doctors they have never met.

Blue Cross officials say such examples are easily fixed, glitches overstated by a few members of Florida Affiliated Physicians. Since the insurer announced it wouldn't negotiate with the group, 61 doctors have reached independent agreements and 25 remain under contract, says Barry Schwartz, Blue Cross' vice president of care and quality management. Those 106 doctors serve 100,000 patients.

Among the remaining 26 doctors, some say the contract was designed to eliminate the group's negotiating strength. Blue Cross wanted to "divide and conquer us," says Mark Weissman, a doctor in north Tampa who works with Daniel Frazier, chief executive of Florida Affiliated Physicians.

Weissman says he has to talk to us as a group. "Weissman said, 'This is what we're going to do. This is what we're going to do.'"

Federal labor laws prohibit doctors from colluding to force an insurer to change rates. Weissman notes that the group cannot sue Blue Cross on negotiating separate deals. Ronda Fuqua, who is a patient at Weissman's office along with Stoneking, says she will be covered by Blue Cross but blasts the insurer for switching physicians.

Tires

Continued from D4 linked to at least 170 deaths and more than 700 injuries.

In making the case to replace the "additional" tires, John Rintimaki, Ford's group vice president and chief of staff, said the tires performed better than 100 other recalled, government data suggested they still experienced failures "at an elevated rate" as compared with competitor's tires.

Bridgestone's analysis concluded the sport utility vehicles themselves played some role

The feud between Ford and Bridgestone/Firestone came to a head Monday when Bridgestone announced it was ending its 95-year relationship with Ford.

The move came following a meeting at the tiremaker's Nashville, Tenn., headquarters where Ford officials presented research and data bolstering its claim that Wilderness AT tires had safety issues. Nasser said Ford never demanded a recall during the meeting.

For Ford Chairman William Clay Ford Jr., the breakup between the two companies is essentially a no-brainer. He is the grandson of Henry Ford and Harvey Firestone.

"Firestone was an important part of my family," Ford said. "So on a personal level this is tough. To see it end is a very difficult thing," he said. Ford said he would be open to returning business with the tire company somewhere down the line. But he said, "The relationship for the moment is ruptured."

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Washington Group's fall stuns shareholders

BOISE (AP) — Stockholders like Bob Marshall of Council filed Dennis Washington's rescue of the one-time international construction giant Morrison Knudsen Corp. made its reinvestment a good investment to carry him through retirement.

Marshall, 89, pinned his future on Washington Group International, buying 2,000 shares at about \$12 a share. Washington Group last week filed for federal bankruptcy protection.

When Dennis Washington came along, it really thought the company would place," he said. It is unlikely there will be any recovery for the common stock shareholders.

Marshall's investment is now virtually worthless. Some of the stockholders insist they will try any tactic to get some of their money back, from filing class-action lawsuits to filing with Washington Group to start writing campaigns to get the Securities and Exchange Commission involved.

Washington Group officials say the acquisition of Raytheon Engineers & Constructors, which closed last July, caused the company to file bankruptcy because Raytheon Co. hid liabilities attached to the troubled unit and overstated its assets.

Washington Group sued Raytheon for fraud, and 4th District Judge Deborah Bell on Saturday ordered Raytheon to file a balance sheet covering the transaction.

One Washington shareholder, Robert Perkins of Wildwood, Mo., has filed a petition with the official insolvency court in Reno, Nev., where the case is filed, objecting to the company's reorganization plan.

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AOL bumps up price of unlimited-use plan

DULLES, Va. (AP) — America Online Inc. said Tuesday it is increasing the price of its unlimited-use plan by \$1.95, or about 9 percent, to \$23.90 a month.

The price increase will help fund improvements in the AOL service, including the next software upgrade, AOL 7.0, company officials said.

AOL's other pricing plans will not be affected by the change. The increase begins with the July billing cycle.

Since the Montana billionaire raised the price of his unlimited service package, AOL's other pricing plans will not be affected by the change.

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'Traffic' brings home Latino Media Award



Photo courtesy of Americano.com

Benicio Del Toro stars as Javier Rodriguez in "Traffic," a USA Films release. The movie has won two awards from the American Latino Media Awards.

Jennifer Lopez, 'Peanuts' animator also receive ALMA achievement awards

The Washington Post

"Traffic," a movie about the illegal narcotics trade, won two awards — outstanding feature film and outstanding cast in a feature film — at the American Latino Media Arts (ALMA) Awards on April 22.

A two-hour tape of the presentation from the Pasadena (Calif.) Civic Center airs Friday at 8 on ABC.

Jennifer Lopez won entertainer of the year and HBO's "For Love or Country: The Arturo Sandoval Story" won both best TV movie or miniseries and best Latino cast in a TV movie or miniseries.

Showtime's "Resurrection Blvd." was named best TV series; Martin Sheen, who plays the President in NBC's "The West Wing," was best TV series actor; Lauren Velez, of HBO's "Oz," was best TV series actress; Elizabeth Peña ("Resurrection Blvd.") was named outstanding actress in a new TV series; and Ruben Blades, of ABC's "Gideon's Crossing," was best actor in a new series.

Other winners:

- A lifetime achievement award to Bill Melendez, TV animator for "Peanuts"
- Feature-film director: Carlos Avila, "Price of Glory"
- Lead actress in a syndicated drama series: Gina Torres, "Cleopatra 2525"
- Director of a comedy series: Joe Menendez, "The Brothers Garcia," Nickelodeon
- Director of a drama series: Felix Alcalá, "Third Watch," NBC
- Daytime drama: "General Hospital," ABC
- Actor in a daytime drama: A Martinez, "General Hospital"
- Actress in a daytime drama: Sandra Santiago, "Guiding Light," CBS
- National news correspondent or anchor: Geraldo Rivera
- Music/awards special: "A Supernatural Evening With Santana," Fox
- Host of a variety or awards special: John Leguizamo, "My VH1 Music Awards"
- TV documentary: "Americanos Latino Life in the United States," HBO
- Spanish-language comedy series: "Los Beltrán," Telemundo.

The sky's the limit: Hispanic youths look at life after high school

By Levi Aspeytia
Times-News correspondent

SUN VALLEY: *Nada es imposible! Nothing is impossible! Si se puede! It can be done!* Organizers conveyed that message to 300 Hispanic high school students at the 12th annual Hispanic Youth Symposium in Sun Valley.

The three-day conference began April 27 with distinguished speakers inspiring students to continue their education and success.

The most inspirational part of the symposium was the people that spoke about how they overcame obstacles and succeeded in life. Maria Chavez, 17, of Twin Falls High School, said, "It was important to see that if you try, Latinos can succeed."

The symposium is designed to encourage Hispanic teens to stay in school. Operational expenses are approved by the U.S. Department of Energy Idaho Operations Office.

Some students were uncertain of what their major would be while others knew exactly what they wanted.

Luis Barroso, 18, of Meridian was confident of his goals — a mechanic's certificate and owning his own shop.

I want to be my own boss, do something with my life and make some money," he said.

Some students said they already understood the hard work expected of them at the next level. They know the work will be harder and the tests tougher and to succeed, they would need to adapt and be patient.

"The toughest part is going to be the four or five years that it will take to graduate," said Freddie Hernandez, 17, of Weiser, who wants to major in banking or business. "I will need



Participants at the Idaho Hispanic Youth Symposium check out information about engineering as a career.

New record set

In previous years, more than \$300,000 in scholarships were awarded to students at the Hispanic Youth Symposium. This year, \$401,189 in scholarships were awarded to students throughout Idaho. Colleges from Idaho, Montana, Utah and Chicago awarded a total of \$370,639 while students won \$19,050 in competitive scholarships. The remaining \$11,500 came from the XSI- se puede! contests, which included a talent show and speeches.

Area students who won 2000 Hispanic Symposium scholarships are:

Minico: Jesus Tomayo and Freddy Rodriguez
Wendell: Heather Tomlinson and Adriana Martinez

Burley: Amber Torrez, Jesse Martinez, Andrea Navarez, James Rodriguez and Manel Loya
Twin Falls: Abril Vargas and Francisco Davila
Carey: Noemi Ocampo, Antonio Gamino, Mountain Home: Erika Pedroza, Juan Dominguez and Lucinda Gaytan
Wood River: Wilbur Perez
Buhl: Alma Rodriguez
Gooding: Alondra Rodriguez
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Glenora Ferry: Julian Gomez and Omar Gomez
Jerome: Maria Gomez
Hagerman: Maria Leija

a lot of accounting and financing reach my career." thing out of myself," Luis classes. It will take awhile to "My goals are to make some Suarez, 18, of Weiser

Hispanic Youth Symposium inspires young writer

I was completely lost as the Idaho Hispanic Youth Symposium approached. Before the weekend came, I was throwing several ideas around in my head. I did not know what I would do after high school. I wasn't even sure whether I wanted to attend a college or university. I was almost set on forgetting about working towards a degree.

When I arrived in Sun Valley, I did not know what to expect. I wasn't even sure if I could even



LEVI ASPEY TIA

come close to being on the same level as the other students going for scholarships. My first impression was that maybe I had made a mistake in attending. Quickly, I learned that I was

wrong, and this weekend played a vital part in determining where my future laid. I loved every minute of the symposium. Latinos who had struggled to succeed inspired me to continue me to continue my education. They showed me that it is possible to achieve dreams with hard work. There is no barrier or obstacle too big or impossible to overcome if my mind is determined to come out on top.

I left Sun Valley being prouder of who I am and my background.

Being Latino is not a disadvantage. It is an advantage because I was raised with two different cultures. I know the best of two worlds. Being the first generation in my family to attend college is something I really want to do.

Thanks to the symposium, I know where my path is going to take me. With determination and hard work, there is nothing in this world that I cannot do.

Levi Aspeytia is a Twin Falls High School senior and valedictorian.

Magic Valley students wins Hispanic Business Association scholarships

JEROME — Four area students won scholarships from the Idaho Hispanic Business Association from its 2001 scholarship program.

Idalia Perez of Jerome High School won a \$500 scholarship; Servando Juarez of Twin Falls, who attends the College of Southern Idaho won a \$500; Gabriela Calderon and Ricardo Calderon, both of Burley, who attend Boise State University, each received a \$1,000 scholarship.

Scholarships totaling more than \$12,000 were awarded to 18 recipients throughout the state, the association reports. Since 1993, the association has awarded 53 scholarships to Hispanic high school graduates and 36



scholarships to college students. Winners are judged on academic performance, leadership/entrepreneurial traits, extracurricular activities, financial need and personal goals.

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Billboard's Hot Latin Tracks

1. *Paulina: Paulina Rubio*
2. *Sihhi, A.B. Quintanilla Y Los Kumbia Kings*
3. *Ef Efe: Anz F*
4. *Desprezado, Lupillo Rivera*
5. *Anala De Amar, Conjunto Primavera*
6. *Hilatoria De Un Idoló Vol. 1, Vicente Fernandez*
7. *Contigo Por Siempre...*, Banda El Recodo
8. *Rivera, Jony Rivera G*
9. *La Hitoria, Ricky Martin*
10. *Live, The Last Concert-Houston, Texas* February 26, 1995, Selenia

Photo courtesy of Universal Music
Paulina Rubio has the No. 1 spot on the Latin album chart.

Course. The association is seeking participation and sponsorship.

For more information, call Elizabeth or Alice at 322-7033, Ext. 242.

The association meets every second Monday of the Month.

CSI offers free community summer classes

TWIN FALLS - Free English as second language courses will be held this summer.

Reading, writing, computers, conversation, family literacy and citizenship are some of the topics offered.

The ESL classes are available to all adults, ages 15 and older, wanting to learn English.

Adults coming to evening classes may also bring their children, ages 4 and older.

Classes are available in the mornings and evenings.

Day classes are from 10 a.m. to noon Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays for levels 1-3.

Evening classes are 6:30-9:30 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays for levels 1-3 and computer literacy.

For more information, call Judy Ruprecht or Monica Kessel at 733-9554, Ext 2540.

Social Security topic on local radio stations

Do you know how you earn Social Security credits? Do you know that there is assistance to help pay for Medicare premiums?

A Social Security Administration public affairs specialist working with the Hispanic community will be the guest from 4:15 p.m. to 4:45 p.m. Saturday on KEZJ AM 1450 with Elna Villareal.

Maria Gonzales of Boise will answer questions from listeners, who may call 426-4300.

Gonzalez also will be guest on KEFTA AM 970 (Rupert) with Ben Reed from 9:30-10 a.m. June 12.

For more information, call Gonzales at 321-2938 or 867-7463.

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NOTICE OF PROPOSED CHANGE OF WATER RIGHT
JOSHUA & AGNES SCHLICHER, 1164 E 3700 N CHLGS ID 83314, have filed Application No. 69051 to change to a water right within TWIN FALLS County. Right No. 47-11634. Priority: 5/1/94

COMPANY OF IDAHO, INC., an Idaho Corporation, as successor trustee, for the benefit and security of COLETTA LYNN DAIK, the present beneficiary doing business as America's Wholesale Lender, as beneficiary, recorded December 6, 1996, as Instrument No. 2001-06393, Mortgage Records of Twin Falls County, Idaho.

CONCERN: On Friday the 1st day of June 2001, the River Storage will sell the personal property belonging to DICAPLO ARONI, LUEANNA HONEA, MARE KENNEY, JAMES SUBERNAEGL, JAMES LALACHEUR and EMILLIE SARNIRAND by a local auction company.

You are hereby notified that in order to defend this lawsuit, an appropriate written response must be filed with the above designated court within 20 days after service of this Summons on you. If you fail to so respond the court may enter judgment against you as demanded by the plaintiffs in the Complaint. A copy of the Complaint is served with this Summons. If you wish to seek the advice or representation of an attorney in this matter, you should do so promptly as to that your written response, if any, may be filed in time and otherwise protected.

2. If your response is an Answer to the Complaint, it must contain admissions or denials of the separate allegations of the Complaint, and other defenses you may claim. 3. Your signature, mailing address and telephone number, of the signature, mailing address and telephone number of your attorney. 4. Proof of mailing or delivery of a copy of your response to plaintiffs' attorney, as designated above. To determine whether you must pay a filing fee with your response, contact the Clerk of the above-named court. DATED this 28th day of April 2001. CLERK OF THE DISTRICT COURT. /s/ Janet Haley, Deputy Attorney. PUBLISH: May 10, 17, 24 and 31, 2001.

KARL J. DREHER, Director

Published in the Times-News on 5/24 & 5/31/01

NOTICE OF APPLICATION

Application No. 45-13403 has been filed to appropriate the public waters of the State of Idaho: Twin Falls County. CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST LATTER-DAY SAINTS REAL ESTATE DIVISION 12TH FLOOR EAST 50 E NORTH TEMPLE ST SALT LAKE CITY UT 84150

Source: GROUND WATER Power of Diversion: NWSE 536 T10S R19E, SENW, S1, NWNE, S12 T11S R14E Use: 02/15 To 11/15 IRRIGATION 0.00 CFS Date Filed: 1/22/2000 Place Of Use: 150 acres within NE S03 T11S R19E

Permit will be subject to all prior water rights. Permits may be submitted based on the criteria of 542-200A, Idaho Code.

Notice of Application for Groundwater from the "Eastern Snake River Aquifer" presently under a moratorium order dated April 30th, 1993. The order allows the Director to consider on a case-by-case basis applications, if it can be shown the development will have no effect on prior surface and groundwater rights because of its location, magnitude, or mitigation by the applicant to offset impacts to other rights. The applicant has submitted material as evidence of pre-1987 development as part of the application. Any protest against the proposed application must be filed with the Department of Water Resources, Southern Region, 1341 Filmore St., Suite 200, Twin Falls, ID 83301 together with a protest fee of \$25.00 on or before June 4, 2001. The protestant must also send a copy of the protest to the applicant.

Karl J. Dreher, Director

Published in the Times-News on 5/17 & 5/24/01

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

On the 22nd day of August, 2001, at the hour of 10:00 A.M., of said day, (recognized local time), in the Office of First American Title Company, 200 3rd Avenue North, Twin Falls, Idaho 83301, I, BILLY J. WINDSOR, Trustee of the First American Title Company of Idaho, Inc., an Idaho Corporation, as successor trustee, will sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, for cash, in lawful money of the United States, all payable at the time of sale, the following described real property, situated in the County of TWIN FALLS, State of Idaho, and described as follows, to-wit:

ROBERT W. GALLEY Attorney for the Plaintiff 712 2nd Avenue North Twin Falls, ID 83301

ADVERTISMENT FOR BIDS Sealed proposals will be received by the Division of Public Works, State of Idaho, at the State Capitol Building, 500 N. State Street, Boise, Idaho, until 2:00 PM, June 5, 2001 for DPW Public Works Contract No. 98-111, Fire Alarm Upco, 98-111, Fire School for the Deaf and Blind, Gooding, Idaho.

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1. The title and number of this case. 2. If your response is an answer to the complaint, it must contain admissions or denials of the separate allegations of the Complaint and other defenses you may claim. 3. Your signature, mailing address and telephone number, of the signature, mailing address and telephone number of your attorney. 4. Proof of mailing or delivery of a copy of your response to plaintiffs' attorney, as designated above. To determine whether you must pay a filing fee with your response, contact the Clerk of the above-named court. WITNESS my hand and seal of said District Court,

THIS 11th day of September 2001 I, Deputy Clerk Magistrate Court

PUBLISH: May 3, 10, 17 and 24, 2001

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF TWIN FALLS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT JANCE LYNN FOUNDER and PHILIP E. POINDEXTER have been appointed co-personal representatives of the above-named decedent. All persons having claims against the estate of the above-named decedent are required to present their claims within four (4) months after the date of the first publication of this notice or said claims will be barred.

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Summer Fun Starts...at Gary's Freeway RV Class A & Class C Motorhomes. \$1000 Worth of Fuel with purchase of Holiday Rambler Class C Motorhome. 34 ft Winnebago Class A Chieftain NOW ONLY \$87,888. 40 ft Holiday Rambler Endeavor Diesel NOW ONLY \$136,888. 30 ft Winnebago Minnie Class C NOW ONLY \$52,888. 2001 23.5 ft Sunseeker Class C NOW ONLY \$45,888. 5th Wheel & Travel Trailers. 2001 31 ft Gulfstream Seahawk 5th Wheel NOW ONLY \$35,488. 2001 26 ft Wildwood 5th Wheel NOW ONLY \$18,388. 2001 21 ft Wildwood 5th Wheel NOW ONLY \$12,688. 2001 9 1/2 ft Lance Camper NOW ONLY \$15,688. 2001 8 ft Lance Camper NOW ONLY \$8,788.

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Thomas G. Walker, Co. Humphrey, Greener & Welsh, P.A. Carnegie Library Building 815 West Washington St. Boise, ID 83702. Telephone: 208-344-7811 Fax: 208-338-3290 E-mail: tgwalker@chgw.com

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ADVERTISMENT OF SALE TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

Find listings from these and other real estate agents with The Times-News Online

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Gary's Westland Hyundai Truck Center advertisement featuring a 2001 Hyundai Accent for \$148.17 per month. Includes details about financing, warranty, and contact information.

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Gary's Westland Hyundai advertisement featuring a grid of car models and prices. Includes '01 Dodge Ram, '01 Ford F350 Crew Cab, '01 Hyundai Elantra, '01 Chevrolet Blazer, etc.

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JOBEL FIELD, MAGIC VALLEY REGIONAL AIRPORT 2001 EQUIPMENT PROCUREMENT PROJECT. AIP PROJECT NO. 3-16-0036-19. ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS. OWNER - Twin Falls City and County, Idaho.

Trust is \$25,488.17, plus accruing interest, costs and advances. All delinquent payments are now due, together with accruing late charges and interest-unpaid and accruing taxes, assessments, trustee's fees, attorney's fees, and court costs.

The Twin Falls Housing Authority reserves the right to reject any or all bids or to waive any informality in the bidding. THE TWIN FALLS HOUSING AUTHORITY IS AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER.

Any Bidder, upon returning such seal within thirty (30) days in good condition, will be refunded his payment, and the bid will be returned to the Bidder.

On the 22nd day of August, 2001, at the hour of 10:15 A.M., in the Office of the Trustee, in the County of Blaine, First American Title Company, 260 3rd Avenue North, Twin Falls, in the County of TWIN FALLS, State of Idaho.

RAFT RIVER-ACE FIRE DISTRICTS' CASSIA COUNTY, IDAHO PUBLIC NOTICE. The Raft River-Ace Fire Districts are requesting public comment on their proposed fire protection program.

Each Bidder must supply all the information required by the Bid Documents and Specifications. Each Bidder must complete, sign and furnish with his Bid a "Certification of Nonsegregated Facilities" and a statement entitled "Affirmative Action Compliance Review."

The Trustee has no knowledge of a more particular description of the above referenced real property, but he does possess compliance with Section 60-113 Idaho Code, the Trustee has no knowledge of a more particular description of the above referenced real property, but he does possess compliance with Section 60-113 Idaho Code.

Water-Loading Facilities in Elba - Fire Station in Elba & Expansion to the Malia Fire Station Additional Equipment (Type 4 Fire Trucks & 4000 gal Tankers for both Malia & Elba).

Where the Bid of the apparent low responsive Bidder is less than the amount of \$100,000, the apparent low responsive Bidder is known first-lit subcontract which will be awarded.

On this 22nd day of August, 2001, at the hour of 10:15 o'clock a.m., of said day at Alliance Title & Escrow, 311 Second St. N., Twin Falls, in the County of Blaine, Idaho.

Invitation to Bid. The Twin Falls Housing Authority will receive bids for a portion of their 2000 Capital Fund Program No. 2000-01.

Before a contract will be awarded for work contemplated by the Bid Documents, the Owner will also consider necessary to determine the performance record and ability of the apparent low bidder to perform the size and type of work contemplated by the Bid Documents.

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Proposed Terms of Contract Documents, including Applications for Licensure on the part of the Twin Falls Housing Authority of Twin Falls, Idaho, at 200 Elm St. N., Twin Falls, Idaho 83401.

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101 LOST & FOUND

Please check your ad for correctness on the first day that it runs, as the Times-News is not responsible for errors after that time.

107 ABORTION ALTERNATIVES

PREGNANCY CRISIS CENTER. Free initial consultation. 734-7472 - 800-371-7472

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given by the Planning and Zoning Commission and the City of Twin Falls, Idaho, that a public hearing will be held on June 12, 2001 at a Tuesday, at the hour of 7:00 o'clock P.M., in the City Hall Council Chamber.

108 PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

BANKRUPTCY. Affordable & fast. Accidents, divorce & criminal matters. Call Brad Price at 734-3367

106 SPECIAL NOTICES

Request a Zoning Title Shepherds, make 6 yrs. old, answers to Show, Lost in Castledora area. Call Bob 537-6781.

113 CHILD CARE SERVICES

AGAPE CHRISTIAN SUMMER CHILD CARE. 21 yrs. of caring for children. Free initial consultation. Rocky Wixom 735-0811.

FAX YOUR AD

Times Classified Department. 208-734-5538 or 208-677-4543 (BURLEY). You'll find a variety of interesting offerings in the classified columns every day.

CHILD CARE 24 HOUR

CHILD CARE 24 HOUR. All ages welcome. ICP approved. Referrals. Call 208-324-5784. COLLEEN'S CLUBHOUSE. Preschool/daycare. Ages 2-5. 734-9889. DAY CARE SOUTH OF FILER. Safe, quiet neighborhood. Reasonable rates, meals provided. Call Terry 326-5459.

Have you checked out the classifieds lately?

We have something for everyone.

The Times-News Classified Advertising Department will be closed Monday, May 28th for Memorial Day. Classified line ads to run on Tuesday, May 29th - need to be placed by 3:00 p.m. - on Friday, May 25. Your Friends at The Times-News Wish you a safe Memorial Day Weekend.

EXPERIENCED Day Care... Licensed-ICC# 324-6463... MOM'S HOME in home day care.

NEED SUMMER CHILD Care? 27 openings as of 5/10/01... NEEDED NURSE ASSISTANT... Care by ICCI, CCP, CPR.

AG WEEKLY CORRESPONDENTS... If you have a 15-30 min. words an AGRICULTURE... background, why not try your career as a part time correspondent with the Magic Valley's leading ag newspaper?

ASKING QUESTIONS... Conduct public opinion polls over the telephone... AS SOLU TELY NO SASS!

ATTENTION job seekers... If you feel you would be a valuable help, Call Rocky Wikom for free first consultation...

AUTOMOTIVE... Auto Glass Tech? Only the best need apply... 3 yrs. exp. preferred...

AUTOMOTIVE... MOUNTAIN STATES GLASS needs experienced competent auto glass installer who wants a career not just a job.

AUTOMOTIVE... Tire and Auto maintenance Sales and Services... Outstanding customer service and experience in those areas...

OK AUTO SYSTEMS... 556 4th Ave. East, 173-3077... See Tom Jirm

Lamb Weston... Lamb-Weston, Inc. is now accepting bids for janitorial services at their Twin Falls office facility located at 856 Russett Street, Twin Falls, ID. For consideration please contact Anita Bourner at 733-5664 to schedule an appointment.

KINGS... King's Discount Department Stores currently have openings for our management training program.

General Laborers... All Skills - All Trades... HURRY IN-TWIN FALLS... 430 Blue Lakes Blvd. N. (208) 735-2200

BRIDGEVIEW OFFERS... Two Week Paid Vacation... Sick and Holiday Pay... Paid Comp Days for Good Attendance... 401K Retirement... Health, Dental, and... Life Insurance... College Tuition Assistance (Scholarship)

BRIDGEVIEW OFFERS... To become part of our team apply in person at... Bridgeview Estates 1029 S. Woodfield Blvd., Twin Falls, ID 83301 or call 208-736-9933 Teresa Culver, Ext. 254

BARTENDER/Waitress and Cook... Apply in person between 10am-1pm, 1007 Blue Lakes Blvd., North, T.F.

BEAUTY... Full-time Beautician... Massage Therapist... Sun Tanning Business... Want to be your own BOSS?

CARPENTERS... Apprentice & Journeyman carpenters needed... 400-9658 or 326-4810

CERICAL... FT job person needed in Burley, Pocatello hours... 1414 Fillmore, Ste. 701 Twin Falls, ID 83301 or call 735-1445

DRIVER... Experienced CDL yr. driver... Wago DOE #423-4269... CDL Class A, OTR, regular... 100,000 miles within the last 3 yrs.

DRIVERS... Come join our team... Experience in home care, home care, home care... multiple salary bonuses.

DRIVERS... CDL OTR, exp. Good driving record... Health benefit... 736-7536

DRIVERS... Forklift-certified driver... needed for immediate opening... 937-9300

DRIVERS... Available for OTR... CDL drivers to operate vans, trailers, & walking... Competitive wage & benefits.

DRIVERS... RANGEN, INC. LONG-HAUL DRIVERS... Accepting applications for long-haul drivers... Class A or B CDL with 2 yrs. exp.

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DRIVING SCHOOL... Get your Class A C.D.L. Tuition Assistance... Idaho State Certified Coach... 208-543-8099

EDUCATION... Canyonside Christian Academy... Seeking for a certified classroom teacher... Call 324-3444

EDUCATION... Qualified certified bilingual teacher... Contact: Dennis W. Couch, Jr. Superintendent... 208-736-9933

EDUCATION... Qualified certified bilingual teacher... Contact: Rick Abel, Principal or Bracy Swallow, Hanson School District... 4415 P.O. Box 250, Hanson, ID 83334 (208) 423-6387

CHILD CARE... Helper needed: FT or FT, call 734-3718

CONSTRUCTION... Siding installer-Campbell... 208-735-1445

CUSTOMER SERVICE... PT driver/walker... Customer service position... Day 8:00-4:30, 5 days per week.

DAIRY... Experienced milker needed... Apply in person, 3/16m, S. of Kimberly... 350-500 E.

DENTAL... Assistant, exp. applicants only... Send resume to 1414 Fillmore, Ste. 701 Twin Falls, ID 83301 or call 735-1445

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EDUCATION... Murthaugh School Dist. #16... is now accepting applications for:

4K-12 Counselor... Special Ed teacher... Elementary teacher... Special Education teacher... Contact: Dennis Osman, PO Box 117, Murthaugh, ID 83425 (208) 432-6451

EDUCATION... Sheoshone School District... accepting applications for a high school English teacher... high school secretary, a 6.5 hour per day work, and substitutes in all areas for the 2001-02 school year.

FARM... Weathered Experienced... weather and baler operators... 208-324-7148

GRAPHIC ARTIST... The Times-News is looking for an individual with a graphic design experience to work in our design office... Qualified applicants will have experience in QuarkXPress and Adobe Photoshop.

HEALTH CARE CENTER... Seeking for a PM Tula... Maid/Dishwasher... who is dependable, able to work independently... Prefer someone with experience in therapeutic child care administration... Please apply at Twin Falls Child Care Center, 101 Eastland Dr., Twin Falls, ID, or call 734-4264-EOE

HVAC INSTALLER... Experience preferred but not necessary... Wages DOE... Call at Kelchum Heating Corp., 208-788-3361

MEDICAL... 24-hour nurse needed in Sun Valley starting immediately... Call Joy at Jewell's Home Care 733-8849

MEDICAL... Assisting, part-time, evening shift... available, 4-9 pm... 1111 River Ave., 733-2000

MECHANIC... Full-time temporary CMA or CNA position available for busy doctor's office... Full time position with clinical responsibilities for a busy doctor's office... patient-oriented person... Computer skills... with a resume to: PO Box 2653 Twin Falls, ID, 83301

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MANUFACTURING... Production worker wanted for our manufacturing plant... Duties include manufacturing products & equipment, packaging products, prepare items for shipping... Call 801-731-4375

MEDICAL... Mountain View... Care Center... A Community Care... IMMEDIATE OPENINGS... All Shifts Currently Available

MEDICAL... Health Plan... Flex Plan Benefits... Vacation... Holiday Pay... Tuition Assistance... Continuing Education... Professional Growth and Promotional Opportunities... Family Atmosphere

MEDICAL... Hire On Bonus... \$1000 RN... \$300 LPN... \$300 CNA... Contact: Leann Jones, DNS 208-732-5591

MEDICAL... RN & LPN needed... Friendly working environment... Excellent benefits... agency affiliation... Must be able to fill in 99 hrs. and work nights and weekends.

MISCELLANEOUS... Dog Groomer... Newly opened boarding pet facility... Call Dan Walock at 733-8311 or call The Dan's is a doggie workplace.

MISCELLANEOUS... Camp Ground Host... immediate positions open... Call 208-732-5000

MISCELLANEOUS... Doctor's Assistant... 8-4 pm... 834 Falls Ave... 208-734-9250

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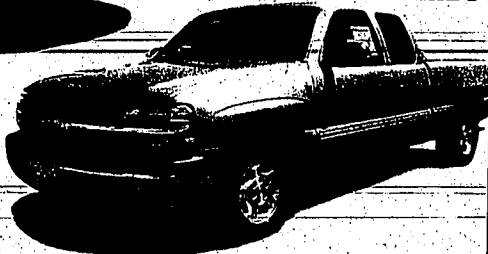
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