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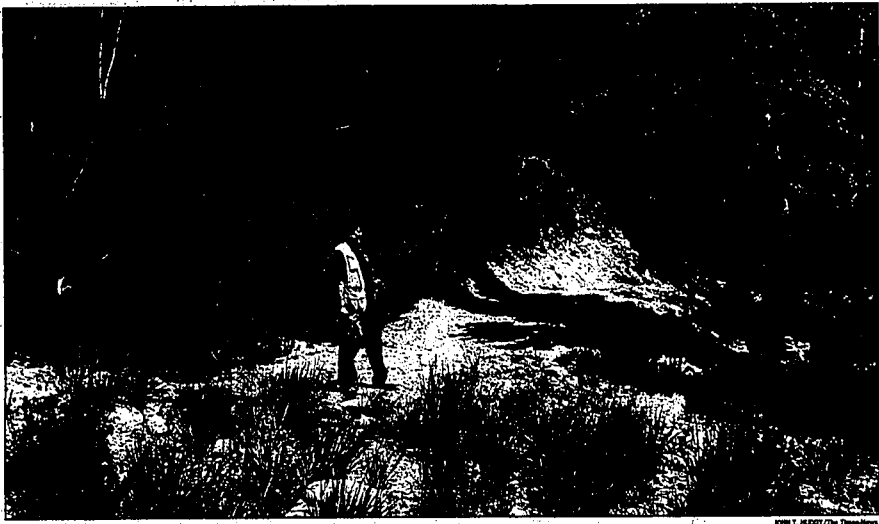
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'THE ROAD IS OPEN'



Greg Williams of Los Gatos, Calif., surveys Jarbidge Creek as he stands atop the South Canyon Road. Williams was on vacation with family in Jarbidge last week. Almost one year ago, on July 4, 2000, a protest rally was staged at the foot of the road, near where Williams is standing, to protest the U.S. Forest Service's closure of the road in 1995. The road was crudely rebuilt at the rally and thus reopened.

A year after Jarbidge uprising, deal quietly moves forward

By John T. Huddy
Times-News writer

JARBIDGE, Nev. - Not much changes in Jarbidge. The homes are still wooden and small. Main Street is still unpaved; a dirt haze kicks up when tourists in their sedans and sport utility vehicles roll through. And it's still quiet most days - exactly how the residents of this small, rustic town near the Idaho-Nevada border like it.

Almost one year ago, when the media hordes with their multi-million-dollar satellite trucks and high-definition video cameras rolled into town for the July 4, 2000, "Jarbidge Rebellion" protest rally to reopen the South Canyon Road, it was a surreal experience for Jarbidge residents.

And an experience that many locals wish not to repeat.

'What was our goal? Our goal was to open the road. Our second goal was to get the county to own the road, and we succeeded in both. But obviously we have a Forest Service that is not happy that the road is open.'

- Grant Gerber, Elko lawyer

'The Forest Service is most definitely committed to working with Elko County.'

- Erin O'Connor, Forest Service spokeswoman

A quiet place

On a warm day last week, hardly a soul stirred in town. The now-and-again sound of a truck or motorcycle rumbled over the dirt-covered Main Street, tracking its way toward one of many camp sites in the

Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest - a lush cornucopia of sagebrush, pine and flowing streams. The door entrance to the Outdoor Inn - a little restaurant that burned down a few years ago but was rebuilt and is still a

landmark in the community - creaked open.

A reporter took a seat at the counter. He was greeted with a smile and friendly "hello" from the waitress, Joan Hawker.

A conversation ensued about the sleepy town. "Just wait until the Fourth," Hawker said. "It's going to get real busy."

Last year, the Fourth of July in Jarbidge marked a historic occasion. More than 1,000 people, many from out of state and some from as far away as Massachusetts, gathered at the base of the South Canyon Road. The purpose was to move a huge boulder blocking the road's entrance and ultimately reopen the road. The U.S. Forest Service - which had maintained the South Canyon Road, also known as

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Dairies hustle to meet state deadline

Nutrient management plans pour in

By Jennifer Sandmann
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - Idaho dairies that do not have a nutrient management plan by the end of the week will face loss of their milk permits.

The final push is on for Idaho's commercial milk producers to meet the state's July 1 deadline adopted by the 2000 Legislature. Lawmakers crafted environmental protections to guard against water pollution from a burgeoning dairy industry that besides milk produces tons of manure that can lead to groundwater and stream pollution if handled improperly.

Nutrient management plans help producers calculate how much of the naturally occurring

phosphorus and nitrates in cow manure can be spread on fields to give crops their needed nutrients without over application. Dairies that don't have the acreage to handle the manure must find someone who will take it.

Just 326 of the state's 850 operating dairies had finalized plans by the beginning of June, but the Idaho Department of Agriculture overseeing the regulation said plans have been coming in fast this month.

"It looks like there are only going to be a small handful who might not make it," said Marv Patten, Dairy Bureau chief at the Agriculture Department.

An updated tally was not available last week, but Patten said the number of finished plans at

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Dairy owner Lane Franco, left, gets computer assistance developing a nutrient management plan from Heather Jensen, center, and Jennifer Baddoo, right. The Department of Agriculture is sponsoring the workshops to help dairy owners have their plans ready by the July 1 deadline.

Council considers project

TF could develop hydropower at Auger Falls

By Chad Baldwin
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - With a nationwide scramble to find new energy sources and a Bush administration that is friendly to hydroelectric proposals, the time could be right for the city of Twin Falls to pursue a long-discussed project at Auger Falls, three engineering firms told the City Council last week.

But council members must decide if they have the political will to promote the project in the face of numerous legal and regulatory hurdles and certain opposition from environmentalists, council members agree.

"Are we prepared to push this ahead?" Councilman Trip Craig asked his colleagues after the body listened to the last of the three engineering presentations Thursday. "When it's time to lobby, will we pick up our cards and go home?"

The City Council is scheduled Monday to again discuss the Auger Falls project and possibly select one of the three engineering firms - Duke Engineering, Montgomery Watson Harza Engineers and CH2M Hill - to conduct a feasibility study. The council expects to soon receive a preliminary permit from the Federal Energy Regulatory

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Rainbows, Forest Service work to protect habitat

The Associated Press

BOISE - The Boise National Forest and followers of the counterculture Rainbow Family have reached an accommodation of sorts that could limit problems during the group's 10-day gathering that begins next Thursday and preserve sensitive fish habitat.

"It is still at this time an illegal event," Forest Service Incident Commander Malcolm Jowers, but he said he was encouraged by the talks with Rainbow Family followers.

Garrick Beck, a longtime Rainbow Family follower and a businessman from Santa Fe, N.M., called the talks productive.

"Did we solve all our problems? No. Did we solve a couple of the most important problems? Yes."

While the event in Bear Valley about 75 miles northeast of Boise still does not have the required group permit, Forest Service officials said they will help gatherers find suitable places for camps and other activities and sources of water that will avoid salmon spawning areas. Those who cooperate will not be cited for use or other violations.

But the Forest Service will continue enforcement actions that focus on public safety violations like drunken driving and resource violations like entering closed areas and creating a threat to salmon habitat.

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Yugoslavia approves extradition decree

The Associated Press

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia - Yugoslavia's new government cleared the way Saturday for the country's ousted president, Slobodan Milosevic, to be sent to the U.N. war crimes tribunal for trial, two years after he was indicted for crimes against humanity in Kosovo.

Western donors have demanded Milosevic's extradition as a condition for billions in aid desperately needed in Yugoslavia to repair the damage wrought during Milosevic's 13-year rule. In Washington, the White House welcomed the development.

"We certainly view this as a positive step, and we're going to monitor what next steps there are," said a Bush administration official, speaking on condition of anonymity.

The decree was to take effect on Sunday, when it is published in Yugoslavia's official gazette.

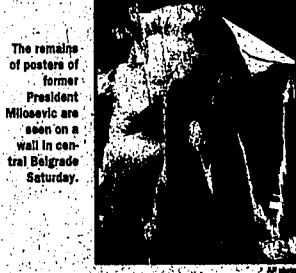
Deputy Yugoslav Prime Minister Miroslav Labus said the ousted president, who is in jail, could be sent to the court in The Hague, Netherlands, in "a matter of days." He added that the 15 other Yugoslav citizens charged with war crimes face a similar fate.

"There is no dilemma about the indict-

ments that are out there," he said at a news conference after the decree was adopted. "Those people have to go to The Hague."

Serbian Prime Minister Zoran Djindjic told reporters in the northern town of Subotica that it might take "15-20 days" before Milosevic is extradited, Beta news agency reported. Djindjic also said he does not expect any unrest when Milosevic is extradited.

Only a couple dozen die-hard Milosevic backers gathered outside the federal administration building to protest the Cabinet's extradition, "down with the NATO government" and "treason."



The remains of former President Milosevic are seen on a wall in central Belgrade Saturday.

NATION



Secretary of State Colin Powell, left, gives an exclusive interview to the Associated Press at the State Department in Washington Friday.

Powell dismisses threat of buildup

WASHINGTON (AP) — Secretary of State Colin Powell is brushing aside a warning by Russian President Vladimir Putin that he will upgrade his country's strategic nuclear arsenal if the United States deploys a missile defense system.

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Putin's position - A16

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When asked about it Friday in an interview with The Associated Press, Powell said he does not think that's what he would do.

security framework, Russia would enhance its nuclear forces if the United States pursued a go-it-alone posture on missile defense.

On NATO, Powell said he was not surprised that many allied countries have expressed reservations about the U.S. missile defense plan, given the fact that it represents a major doctrinal change from the current security framework. But he said there is more openness among the allies about the concept than there was before President Bush began consulting them in early May.

"I think we have made progress," he said.

For 40 minutes, Powell fielded questions from AP reporters and editors gathered around a long table in a conference room not far from his 7th floor State Department office.

Powell, who leaves for the Middle East Tuesday evening, said that even though the Arabs are looking for a quick fix to the Arab-Israeli conflict, "nothing starts" until the level of violence goes down sharply.

That appeared to echo the sentiment of Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon who, as Powell put it, is "very, very clear as to what he wants, and that is zero (violence)."

"Before peace comes security," Powell said while acknowledging that the unsettled dispute between Israel and the Palestinians was having a negative effect on U.S. ties with Arab countries.

The situation "has caused a great deal of distress in the Arab world, and they want to see this problem resolved, and they would like to see America resolve it right away. But it isn't that easy," he said.

Bush gives aid to storm victims

CRAWFORD, Texas (AP) — President Bush will make \$500 million available to aid victims of Tropical Storm Allison in five states, the White House said Saturday.

The money, to be released Monday, will be used by the Federal Emergency Management Agency to aid people affected by the storm in Texas, Louisiana, Florida, Mississippi and Pennsylvania, the White House said.

Bush, a former Texas governor, announced the release of the disaster relief money while spending a three-day vacation at his ranch.

The president was criticized by senators of both parties earlier this week for moving too slowly to provide money needed to deal with the disaster. Bush has said he wants to avoid emergency spending, arguing that Congress has abused it in the past.

THE RIGHT CARE IS RIGHT HERE

A look ahead at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center

July 2001

Living Better

CPR Class * This class is offered to the community under the guidelines of the American Heart Association, and includes emergency procedures for mouth-to-mouth resuscitation, chest compressions and choking for adult and infant. The program includes both classroom instruction and hands-on practice. Pre-registration is required. Fee: \$25.00.
 Monday, July 9, 4:00 - 8:00 pm
 Doctor's Meeting Room

Saturday, July 21, 8:00 am - 12 noon
 Doctor's Meeting Room

Tuesday, July 24, 6:00 - 10:00 pm
 Doctor's Meeting Room

Back School * Learn exercises to help strengthen your back and prevent future damage and pain. Sponsored by MVRMC Rehabilitation Services. Pre-registration is required. Call 737-2126.

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Jerome County Fair * Come see MVRMC at the Jerome County Fair. Stop in to have your blood pressure checked by our qualified nurses, pick up information about our services, and talk with your friends and neighbors about what's happening at your community hospital.
 July 24 through July 29
 Jerome County Fairgrounds

2nd Annual McKain-Kinney Remembrance Rose Garden Dedication * Join us for a garden party to commemorate the second year of the McKain-Kinney garden. Light refreshments will be served. For additional information, please contact the Foundation office at 737-2480.
 Friday, July 27, 2:00 - 4:00 pm
 MVRMC Rose Garden next to the Cancer Center.

Volunteering is an engaging experience, providing many rewarding opportunities. Volunteer Opportunities include: Patient Visitor, Refreshment cart hostess/host, information desk attendant, gift shop associate, clerical support, emergency room assistant, outpatient surgery hostess, and hospice patient companion. Bilingual volunteers needed. To sign up to volunteer, please call Volunteer Services at 737-2006.

Healthy Kids

SAFE KIDS Coalition
 Skate Park Grand Opening. SAFE KIDS van and big blue tent will be at the Twin Falls Skate Park Grand Opening In-Line & Skateboard Competition. SAFE KIDS will have a booth selling in-line skate helmets in black and metallic silver for \$13.00!
 July 14 and 15
 Harmon Park

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Healthy Women

Breast Cancer Support Group * This is an on-going group open to women diagnosed with breast cancer and their families/friends. Special programs and guest speakers are offered periodically. The goal is to offer support, information, hope and humor to those dealing with cancer.
 Monday, July 23, 7:00 pm
 Cancer Center Reception area

Heart of a Woman. Heart health and cardiac care are unique issues for women. In this series you will not only learn about your heart and your risk of heart disease, but also about how stress and psychological and social issues impact the heart of a woman. The series wraps up with information on nutrition, exercise, and a fabulous cooking demonstration by Chef Floyd Pichay. For more information, call MVRMC Women's Health Services at 737-2685.

The Facts About Breast Cancer: Free Breast Screening Education Program. Learn the facts about early detection, self-breast examination, examinations by clinical specialists, and mammography. This program is offered free to the public through MVRMC Outpatient Services. For more information or to make an appointment call 737-2192.

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Birth & Parenting

Childbirth Refresher Course * This class is designed for persons who have previously taken any prepared childbirth classes. Childbirth preparation and procedures are reviewed, along with a tour of the Women and Infants Center. Pre-registration is required. Fee: \$15.00.
 Tuesday, July 3, 7:00 - 10:00 pm
 Education Center Sage Room

Thursday, July 26, 7:00 - 10:00 pm
 Education Center Sage Room.

Big Kids Klub * A class to help prepare brothers and sisters for the new baby.
 Saturday, July 7, 10:00 - 11:30 am
 Education Center Sage Room
 \$7.50/family with one child - \$10/family with two or more children.

Birth & Parenting

Cesarean Childbirth Class * This class is available to anyone wishing to learn more about cesarean deliveries. Post-partum care instructions, medications, hospital procedures, non-conforming labors and a tour of the Women and Infants Center. Pre-registration is not required.

Tuesday, July 10, 7:00 - 9:30 pm
 Education Center Sage Room
 Fee: \$15.00

Infant CPR Class * Offered as part of the Prepared Childbirth Course, new parents, grandparents and children are encouraged to attend this class to learn infant CPR. What to do if the infant should choke. Child safety and prevention of injury are also discussed. Free. Pre-registration is not required.

Wednesday, July 18, 7:00 - 9:30 pm
 Education Center Sage Room

Tuesday, July 24, 7:00 - 9:30 pm
 Education Center Sage Room

Prepared Childbirth Course * A comprehensive program designed to prepare the expectant mother and support you for labor and childbirth. The course includes classroom instruction on wellness of the mother, the labor and delivery process with relaxation and breathing techniques, care of the post partum mother, care of the newborn including breast and bottle feeding, and a tour of the Women and Infants Center. Fee: \$40.00. Pre-registration is required.

Thursday, July 19 - August 16, 7:00 - 9:30 pm
 Education Center Sage Room

VBAC Preparation Course * Mothers who plan on having a vaginal birth after a previous cesarean delivery have the opportunity to meet one-on-one with a childbirth educator. Safety is discussed, plus tools and information on coping with labor. Set an appointment by calling 737-2901.

Right Start Orientation * If you are pregnant or just thinking about it, come join us for an orientation to our childbirth services. Some highlights of the orientation include a tour of our Women and Infants Center, physician information, education opportunities, and introduction to prenatal pregnancy care.

Monday, July 30, 7:00 pm
 Education Center Sage Room

To register for any of the classes contact, 737-2900.
 If you require special accommodations, call 737-2102 or TDD 737-2980 at least 24 hours in advance of the event.
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NATION

Scouts' homosexual-exclusion policy continues to be divisive

NEW YORK (AP) — In the year since a divided U.S. Supreme Court allowed the Boy Scouts to exclude gay leaders, the group's membership and donations have held steady. But if the Scouts are heartened, so are their critics.

Scores of institutions nationwide — schools, companies, churches — have severed or reduced ties to the Scouts as a gesture against discrimination.

"What's amazing is how this issue has stayed alive and become a mainstream issue for people who've never taken a stand before on anything that could be considered a gay or lesbian cause," said Kevin Cathcart, executive director of the Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund, a New York-based gay-rights group.

As the first anniversary of the court ruling approaches Thursday, the debate over gay Scout leaders seems likely to persist.

The Scouts' national leadership has been asked to modify the gay exclusion policy by leaders of nine major scouting councils — New York City, Chicago, San Francisco, Philadelphia, Minneapolis, Boston and three from greater Los Angeles.

School boards in several of those cities and elsewhere have dropped sponsorships of Scout units or curtailed other forms of support.

The Minneapolis school board stopped sponsoring more than two dozen troops, although it allowed the Scouts to continue

using school facilities under their new sponsors, the Masons.

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The high court decided the Scouts were within their rights in 1990 when they ousted James Dale, an assistant scoutmaster from New Jersey, after learning he was gay.

Although numerous companies and charities — including more than two dozen local United Ways — have cut back on funding for the Scouts, other donors have stepped in. Shields said revenues for the national operation rose from \$91 million to \$93 million last year.

In Pittsburgh, an anonymous donor gave the Scouts \$1.5 million after reading the organization was losing financial support. A fund-raiser at a Seattle radio station produced \$30,000 after the United Way of King County decided to halt funding.

"It really has been a very encouraging year," Shields said. "The depth of support has been amazing — the calls from people who have been Scouts, even 30 or 40 years ago, asking, 'What can I do?' It's been tremendous."

Few communities have been as torn by the ruling as Oak Park, Ill., a Chicago suburb proud of its reputation for diversity.

In January, the Scouts' head office rejected the charters of seven Scout units in Oak Park because their sponsoring parent-teacher organizations challenged the gay exclusion poli-

cy. Many Oak Park families have stuck with the Scouts under new sponsorships. Others have shielded their children to the Camp Fire Boys and Girls, whose nondiscrimination policy encompasses sexual orientation.

"It was a very painful time for Oak Park," said Kathy Egan, who cut ties with the Scouts after helping run a Cub Scout pack for four years. "Our children — they're hurt, they're angry, they're depressed about it."

The head of the Camp Fire program for greater Chicago, Jean Lachowicz, said about 120 Oak Park boys have left the Scouts to join Camp Fire clubs.

The region's chief executive for the Scouts, Irene Szinavel, said many Oak Park families remain dedicated to the organization.

"Obviously parents need to decide what's best for their own children," she said. "I'm excited so many have chosen the Scouts."

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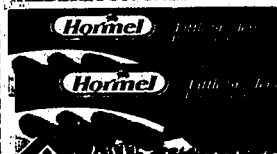
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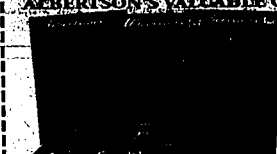
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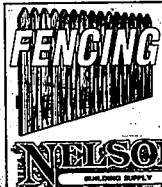
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NATION

Memorial honors internees, vets

WASHINGTON (AP) — More than 800 Japanese-Americans fought against their ancestors' homeland and died for the United States in World War II. Another 120,000, mostly from California, were confined in internment camps.

Now, all Japanese-Americans of the era have a memorial: a small park on the edge of the Capitol grounds. It includes symbols of Japan such as cherry trees. Kicks in a pool of moving water recall the Japanese islands. The central piece, by Japanese American Nina Akamu, is a tall, bronze sculpture of two cranes struggling against barbed wire. In Japanese, cranes are emblems of long life.



Nina Akamu, the artist who made the 14-foot bronze sculpture at right, stands at the National Japanese-American Memorial in Washington.

Presidents have apologized for the injustice to those who were interned, and Congress has voted compensation to survivors. "You fought not only the enemy, but you fought prejudice and you

won," President Harry S. Truman told Japanese-American units when the war was over.

The memorial is not without controversy. Francis Y. Sugi and Yeichi Kuwayama, two members

of the Foundation's board of directors, objected to the inclusion of an excerpt from a "Japanese American Creed" by veteran Mike M. Masaoka.

"I believe in this nation's institutions, ideals and traditions," Masaoka wrote. "I glory in her heritage. I boast of her history. I trust in her future." Sugi and Kuwayama called the creed "an embarrassment of hyperbole" and "delusional."

Masaoka was secretary of the Japanese-American Citizens League, which opposed legal action against the United States for the internments. The memorial identifies Masaoka as a civil rights advocate.

"If persons are to be honored as 'civil rights advocates,'" Sugi and Kuwayama wrote, "they must be those individuals who raised the challenges in the courts by demanding the restoration of those freedoms."



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Rocket glut may spawn downturn

The Orlando Sentinel

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. — The harsh realities of supply and demand are pushing the international launch industry to the brink of financial crisis.

There are simply too many rockets and too few customers. Nevertheless, countries and companies around the world are spending billions to develop new boosters despite a sharp drop in the number of satellites needing a ride to orbit.

Some ventures won't survive. The two biggest U.S. rocket makers, aerospace giants Boeing and Lockheed Martin, already are beginning to feel the heat. Their success — and the success of two new rockets that will debut at Cape Canaveral next year — is key to maintaining and expanding Florida's space industry, which generates an estimated \$4.5 billion in annual spending statewide.

"You don't have to be a rocket scientist to look at the numbers," said John Logsdon, director of George Washington University's Space Policy Institute. "There is clearly already an oversupply and new capabilities are coming. ... Something has got to give."

Three years ago market analysts predicted a boom in commercial launches that would end the U.S. industry's dependence on government missions from the military and NASA. Companies worldwide began designing and upgrading rockets to get a piece of the action.

Some of the demand was expected to come from hundreds of small telecommunications satellites lofted into orbit a few hundred miles above Earth primarily to deliver phone, pager and messaging services. In 1998, the Federal Aviation Administration's commercial space transportation office predicted a staggering 1,044 of these satellites would be launched during 1998-2010, about 80 per year. An average of 28 annual launches were projected to support that demand — a single rocket can carry several small satellites.

Three companies—Orbcomm, Iridium, and Globalstar—had 169 telecommunications satellites launched from 1995 to 1999. By this year, two of the three had filed for bankruptcy protection.

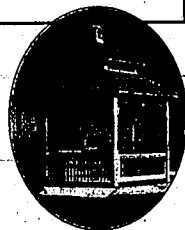
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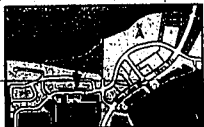
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Gephardt asks mayors to cooperate with feds



Representative Dick Gephardt

DETROIT (AP) - House Minority Leader Dick Gephardt told the nation's mayors Saturday that an "active and constructive partnership" between the federal government and local leaders is needed to rejuvenate cities.

Federal money should go toward rebuilding infrastructure and reviving old city buildings, said Gephardt, who was a guest speaker for the opening of the U.S. Conference of Mayors meeting.

"We need to stop throwing away all of the building stock of our large medi-

um and small cities in America," said Gephardt, a Missouri Democrat. "We've always had somewhat of a throwaway society."

He also said it's important to redevelop brownfields - mildly contaminated industrial sites, many of which are in inner cities.

Under a bill the Senate passed in April, the government would assist in cleaning up more than 500,000 abandoned industrial sites. It would provide \$200 million a year for the cleanups and encourage developers to build on

the sites by insulating them from future Superfund lawsuits if additional toxic wastes are found.

"It's time for us to get serious and not just talk about brownfields," Gephardt said.

He also said more federal funds should go to preschools and after-school and summer school programs to "revolutionize and modernize" city schools.

Many of the 300 mayors attending the four-day conference said they were pleased to hear a tone of cooperation.

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House readies for battle

Campaign finance reforms top agenda

WASHINGTON (AP) - The House soon returns to campaign finance legislation, with the usual resistance from the right and new dissension on the left standing in the way of the best chance in years to change how the nation pays for elections.

House Speaker Dennis Hastert has promised he will open the floor to debate after the July 4 recess. Combatants are lining up in advance to challenge the perennial champions of campaign finance overhaul, Reps. Christopher Shays, R-Conn., and Marty Meehan, D-Mass.

Shays said he and Meehan plan to announce the final version of their bill this week, trying to mirror the bill by Sens. John McCain, R-Ariz., and Russ Feingold, D-Wis., that passed the Senate in April.

There's no shortage of alternatives. Twenty-three different campaign finance bills have been filed with the House Administration Committee, said its chairman, Rep. Bob Ney, R-Ohio. They range from those, like Shays-Meehan, that would ban unregulated so-called soft money donations to political parties to a version that would effectively end all limits on campaign spending.

Ney himself is preparing what will be the base bill when the House takes up the issue. He insists that "I'm not the undertaker" of the campaign finance change. But his legislation is expected to cut into the Democratic base by appealing to members of the Congressional Black Caucus who oppose aspects of Shays-Meehan.

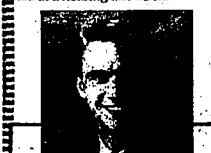
Failure to hold that 38-member caucus could be disastrous for the fragile coalition of most Democrats and a smaller number of Republicans who have backed Shays-Meehan in the past. They hope to pass a bill that the Senate can't easily accept without the need for a House-Senate conference tracked with Republicans opposed to the legislation.

Shays and Meehan pushed their bill through the House in 1998 and 1999, only to see it die in the Senate. Senate passage this year gives them an opening that will not come again easily.

The McCain-Feingold bill bans soft money - the unlimited contributions that unions, corporations and individuals may donate to political parties. It restricts political advertising by outside groups in the final days of an election and raises the limit on hard money contributions that an individual can make directly to a candidate, from \$1,000 per election, a figure set in 1974, to \$2,000.

That increase was added to the Senate bill to help it win needed votes. But Rep. Albert Wynn, D-Md., who heads the black caucus task force on campaign finance, said there was "near unanimous opposition" in his group to such an increase, fearing it will hurt candidates whose donors are not as wealthy.

"Candidates raising money from moderate-income contributors are a distinct advantage compared to an opponent with more well-heeled friends," he said at a hearing last week.



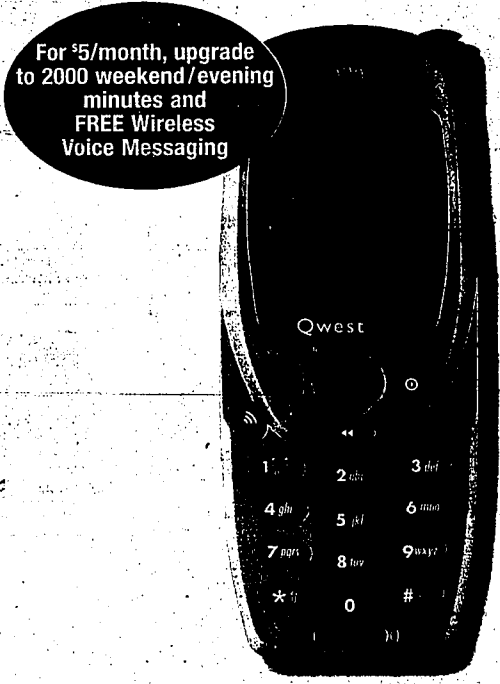
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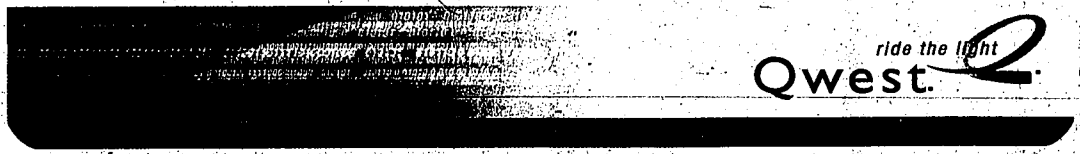
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Many support woman held in drownings

HOUSTON (AP) — Friends and relatives of Andrea Yates, the woman accused of drowning her five children in their bathtub, said Saturday they remain steadfast in their support of her. "I'm not saying what she did was right, but we shouldn't rush to any judgments and say she was a monster," said Terry Arnold, co-owner of a home-school book store that Yates frequents with her children. "I liked her very

much. I wanted my 7-year-old son to know her son Noah." On Thursday, Yates' husband, Russell, said he explained to reporters that he supported his wife because severe postpartum depression, coupled with her father's recent death, had driven her to harm their children. A note placed Saturday at a makeshift memorial for the children in front of the family's home read: "I am a 'stay at home' moth-

er of 3. I also suffer from depression and take medicine. I cry for you & your wife & your family. It's a day to day struggle for me & my husband & my family." Yates, 36, was arrested Wednesday for the deaths of Noah, 7; John, 5; Paul, 3; Luke, 2; and 6-month-old Mary. Police said she drowned the children one by one in a bathtub in their home in the city's Clear Lake area.

Funerals for the children were set for Wednesday at Clear Lake Church of Christ, three blocks from the family's home. During a candlelight vigil late Friday, Russell Yates asked people to pray for his wife. "That will help a lot. She's suffering," he said tearfully. People close to the family said the woman's problems with postpartum depression deserve to be taken seriously.

Jarbridge

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RS2477 — closed the route after a fire washed it out in 1995. The Forest Service claimed that any new activity would likely harm the endangered bull trout in a nearby stream.

From there, a heated debate was sparked in Elko County. Jarbridge Shovel Brigade and the Forest Service over the road's access and ownership.

The protest was symbolic of something greater, however — local versus federal land control. It was reminiscent of the Sagebrush Rebellion, in which ranchers in central Nevada protested the federal government's grazing policies more than a decade ago.

The Jarbridge Shovel Brigade was formed, and a protest against the government and control of the South Canyon Road ensued — culminating with the symbolic moving of the boulder July 4 and the crude rebuilding of the road.

A temporary deal was reached. Under the deal, the county agreed to pay to rebuild the washed-out section of road, although the Forest Service said it would pay for any required environmental studies and help seek federal assistance for expenses above the county's estimates.

The county also agreed to spend \$150,000 in cash or in-kind services to improve another section of the road north of Jarbridge enhance the river environment, and contribute an additional \$50,000 to perform projects to benefit the waters and watershed of the Jarbridge area.

A media circus

Reporters from across the country, including NBC, ABC, CBS, the Fox News Channel and CNN, swarmed to Jarbridge for last year's protest — much to the shock and dismay of many residents.

And now, almost one year later, residents are still shying from the cameras.

"The tip of all the attention," Hawker said.

Hawker agreed the media attention probably helped the brigade's cause.

"It was because the Forest Service was getting in the way from all over the place," she said.

But she said the attention was unsettling for many of Jarbridge's longtime residents who live in the remote community for one main reason — to be left alone.

Hawker said the protest, and show of police force during the July 4 protest, kept many people away.

"All year people said that's why they didn't come in last year," Hawker said.

Kenny Heber, bartender at the Outdoor Inn Saloon, agreed. "Nobody wanted to come to down and drink with all those police around," he said.

Claiming victory

Grant Gerber, an Elko lawyer who spearheaded the Jarbridge rebellion efforts, said this is a protest anniversary celebration scheduled this year.

"I think some guys are planning on driving their four-wheelers and motorcycles up the road," he said. But the Shovel Brigade and its supporters have not planned another rally.

Though there are still issues to be worked out between Elko County and the Forest Service, the battle was, for the most part, won, Gerber said.

"The road is open," Gerber said. "When everybody asks me, the first words out of my mouth are 'The road is open.' The county owns it. What was our goal? Our goal was to open the road. Our second goal was to get the county to own the road, and we succeeded in both. But obviously we have a Forest Service that is not happy that the road is open. They wanted to close it and did their best to keep it closed."

Erin O'Connor, a Forest Service spokeswoman in Elko, said the Forest Service intends to continue working with Elko County.

"One of the things the Forest Service has been doing, part of the agreement, is to identify a project that gets between the water and watershed of the Jarbridge area," O'Connor said. "The Forest Service is most definitely committed to working with Elko County."

Despite the agreement, Elko County officials, Shovel Brigade and rebellion organizers and Jarbridge residents are still wary of the Forest Service's intentions.

"The Forest Service has, in my opinion, a lot more obstacles than people realize," said Krinn McCoy, who owns the Teawhawbits Lodge Bed and Breakfast in Jarbridge with her husband, Chuck. "The Forest Service acts on what they are told to act on."

McCoy said she doesn't miss all the attention — though it did help business.

"In terms of business, the national spotlight was good," she said. "But we do good business on just Jarbridge and the surrounding area. I don't care too much about the spotlight."

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Quake kills dozens in Peru

LIMA, Peru (AP) — A powerful earthquake shook southern Peru on Saturday, killing at least 40 people and sending dozens of homes, churches and buildings tumbling to the ground, officials said.

At least 30 people were injured in northern Chile, four of them seriously, the government said. The quake was felt as far away as Bolivia.

Peru's Civil Defense Chief Juan Luis Podesta said that 17 people had died and 170 others were injured in Arequipa, Peru's second-largest city, located 465 miles

southeast of Lima, the capital. He said another 14 people were killed in the city of Moquegua, 65 miles southwest of Arequipa.

"For the love of God, please send help," a woman could be heard screaming while a radio reporter described the destruction in the streets of Moquegua.

The quake had a magnitude of 7.9 and its center was off Peru's Pacific coast, 120 miles west of Arequipa, according to the U.S. Geological Survey's National Earthquake Information Center in Golden, Colo.

California lottery jackpot hits record

LOS ANGELES (AP) — With time running out before the drawing, people were lining up Saturday to buy what they hoped would be a winning ticket for the biggest single-state lottery jackpot in U.S. history.

Booming ticket sales pushed the prize to \$141 million — a \$9

million increase from Friday. By 7 p.m., sales on Saturday alone had surpassed \$43 million, with 84,000 tickets being sold every minute.

"The sales pace is much higher than we thought it would be," said California Lottery spokeswoman Norma Minas.

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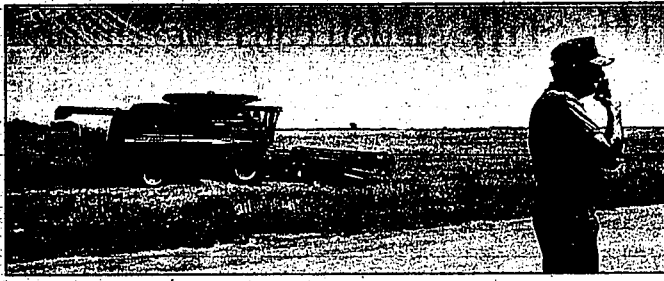
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Farmers say USDA bungling allowed disease to spread

ANTHONY, Kan. (AP) — Bureaucratic bungling by the U.S. Department of Agriculture has allowed the spread of a plant disease that could prove as devastating to wheat exports as foot-and-mouth disease has been to livestock, farm groups said.

Wheat growers in Kansas, Oklahoma and Texas say the USDA responded too slowly to an outbreak of Karnal-bunt at the southernmost edge of the nation's wheat belt just as harvest was getting underway.

"Karnal bunt is a fungus that is harmless to people but sours the taste and smell of flour made from infected kernels. It also slightly cuts production in infected fields.

The disease's main impact is economic: 80 countries ban imports of wheat grown in infected regions.

That could be as crippling for American growers, who last year produced nearly \$6 billion of wheat, as would be the discovery of foot-and-mouth disease in U.S. livestock, said Brett Myers, executive vice president for the Kansas Wheat Growers Association.

Europe's foot-and-mouth outbreak has cost millions of dollars for the slaughter of some 3 million animals and a ban on exports.

The suspected Karnal bunt con-

tamination was first reported to the USDA on May 25, said Michael Bryant, co-owner of the elevator in Olney, Texas, that found it.

"Our hearts were sinking down in our stomach wondering what to do — we chose to do the right thing," Bryant said.

But it took seven days before the USDA's Animal and Plant Inspection Service confirmed the finding, and 15 days before it quarantined the first affected counties.

"Their reaction to the situation was not as timely as we would have liked," Kansas Agriculture Secretary Jamie Clover Adams said.

Charles Schwalbe, director of APHIS plant protection and quarantine program, said his agency sent the sample away for testing at a national lab instead of using a local one to make sure it had accurate and legally defensible information before taking action.

"The decisions that emerge ... mean livelihood to people from time to time," Schwalbe said.

The Karnal bunt found in Throckmorton and Young counties in Texas were the first confirmed cases in the nation's wheat belt, an area extending from central Texas to Alberta, Canada.

On June 19, concern widened as the USDA added neighboring Archer County to the quarantined area, followed by Baylor County the next day. One elevator has also been quarantined in Fort Worth, about 150 miles southeast.

Karnal bunt, which originated in India, was first detected in the United States in 1996 in Arizona and California. It has since spread to southern-Texas and New Mexico.

In Arizona, the amount of land used to grow wheat dropped almost 50 percent after a quarantine was imposed in 1996 in four counties, according to the Arizona Agricultural Statistics Service.

But Arizona is a minor durum wheat producer, and U.S. wheat growers have reassured overseas buyers that the disease was far from the nation's major winter wheat producing region. Winter wheat, which is planted in the fall and harvested in spring, accounts for about two-thirds of U.S. wheat and is used primarily for bread. Durum wheat is used for pasta.

With half the winter wheat going to the export market, the discovery of the disease at the southernmost edge of the nation's breadbasket just as the wheat harvest was moving north sent shock waves through the wheat belt.

Suspects in tot's death caught

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (AP) — After a weeklong manhunt, authorities near the Canadian border arrested two men accused of killing an Albuquerque toddler in what police believe was an attack intended for rival drug dealers living nearby.

Jesus Barthelemy, 27, and Libore Manuel Espinoza, 28, were stopped on an interstate in northern Washington on Friday, said Roy Holman of the U.S. Customs Service in Blaine, Wash. The driver of the vehicle also was arrested.

Barthelemy and Espinoza, both Cuban refugees, were arrested on murder warrants for the death of 2-year-old Joslin Cisneros. The little girl was killed and her mother and sister were wounded Monday night as they watched television in their living room. Police have said they believe the bullets were intended for rival drug dealers.

"Thank God they caught them," Joslin's father, Hector Cisneros, said Friday.

Espinoza and Barthelemy were



Albuquerque Police Chief Jerry Galvin addresses the media Friday in Albuquerque, N.M., after announcing that Jesus Barthelemy, Libore Manuel Espinoza, and Angel Dominguez were apprehended in Bellingham, Wash.

being held on \$1 million bail at Whatcom County Jail pending extradition to New Mexico. County officials expected a hearing for them Monday.

The child's mother, Margaret Bustos, and her 13-year-old sister Jazmine, have been released from University of New Mexico Hospital.

Striking nurses will vote on new agreement

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — A tentative agreement was reached on a contract proposal that could end a three-week strike by about 1,350 nurses at two Twin Cities hospitals.

The agreement was reached just after midnight after a full day of negotiations Friday under the direction of a federal mediator, said Minnesota Nurses Association spokeswoman Jan Rabbers.

Nurses at Fairview Southdale Hospital in Edina and the Fairview-University Riverside campus in Minneapolis will vote on the proposal Monday or Tuesday, she said.

Rabbers and Ryan Davenport, a spokesman for Fairview, declined to release details of the tentative agreement.

Friday's meeting was the second between nurses and the hospitals since the nurses went on strike June 3 over pay, benefits and their lack of decision-making authority on staffing decisions.

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State pays aid recipients to move

PIKEVILLE, Ky. (AP) — As a single mother, Dawn Woodard found it hard to make ends meet on welfare and her meager pay-check from her job as a waitress.

So when she learned that Kentucky would pay her to move away, she loaded her belongings onto a U-Haul truck and made the 70-mile drive to Huntington, W.Va., where a telemarketing job awaited.

"I wasn't getting anywhere in eastern Kentucky," she said. "It's sad to say, but it's extremely hard to find any kind of a job in that area."

Kentucky pays welfare recipients to move — out of state if necessary — to find work.

At least three other states — California, Oregon and South Carolina — have similar programs, according to the Washington-based Welfare Information Network. None, however, is as widely used as the one in Kentucky.

The state has paid \$1.5 million in moving expenses to about 2,000 families under a welfare-reform measure that first became available in 1998. The assistance ranges from \$500 to \$900 — enough to rent a moving truck or pay the first month's rent on modest housing.

Michael Jennings, spokesman for the state Cabinet for Families

and Children, said 389 Kentucky families have moved to other states, 556 to other counties in Kentucky and 1,018 to other communities within their counties.

"We do not want people to move away," he said. "If don't look upon that part of welfare reform as an invitation for people to leave. As a last resort, it's probably an appropriate device to have in place."

In Oregon, 160 families have received a total of \$47,000 to move so far this year, primarily to new homes within the state. Michael Buckley, jobs program manager in the Oregon Human Services Department, said money

is awarded only if the recipient has a job awaiting.

In California, the option is offered to jobless people in the state's central agricultural region, where unemployment is rampant.

David Crawford, who heads the program in Tulare County, Calif., said about 750 families there have received assistance to relocate over the past three years at a cost of about \$12 million. That is an average of \$1,600 per family.

"It's given people an opportunity to better themselves," Crawford said. "It's strictly voluntary. We're not encouraging or pushing people to move anywhere."

Federal welfare reforms, signed into law by President Clinton in 1996, led to benefits to five years. As people near the end of that period, they need to find jobs that pay decent wages.

Often, that means moving out of the area, said Ed Little, who helps people find employment through the welfare office in Pike County, in Kentucky's coal country.

"We help people to find jobs and offer training to prepare them to work," he said. "When they get jobs, we offer relocation assistance to get them closer to their places of employment."

"We do not want people to move away. ... As a last resort, it's probably an appropriate device to have in place."

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Bombing trial may be difficult

Prosecution of terrorism suspects is an uphill battle.

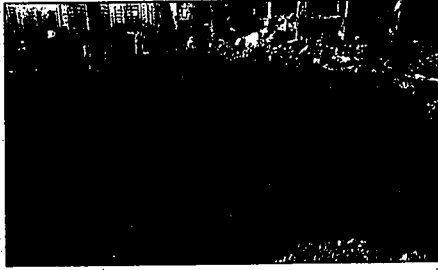
WASHINGTON (AP) — Bringing Khobar Tower-bombing suspects to justice in the United States could prove difficult, particularly in the face of criticism from Saudi Arabia where 19 U.S. servicemen died in the blast.

The Justice Department declined Friday to specify what avenues were being pursued to extradite the suspects except to say the chase is on.

"We are always actively seeking the extradition of people accused of violating U.S. law," department spokesman Chris Watney said.

Federal prosecutors indicted 14 suspects Thursday in the 1996 bombing of a dormitory complex in Saudi Arabia. The blast injured 372 people along with the 19 killed.

The suspects are members of the Saudi Hezbollah, an Iranian-



In 1996, a truck bomb in Dhahran, Saudi Arabia, killed 19 Americans at Khobar Towers, leaving this 35-foot-deep, 85-foot-wide crater. A prosecution of 14 bombing suspects indicted Thursday may be difficult.

supported terrorist group, the indictment said, accusing elements of the Iranian government of directing and supporting the attack.

Many of the suspects are already in custody in Saudi jails.

before Saudi judicial authorities and our position on this question will not change," he said. "No other entity has the right to try or investigate any crimes occurring on Saudi lands."

His comments were published in the Al-Riyadh daily newspaper, which often reflects government views.

Another top Saudi official said Friday that dealing with the suspects is a matter for "Saudi Arabia alone," although outgoing FBI Director Louis Freeh and Attorney General John Ashcroft had just the day before praised Saudi government cooperation while announcing the indictments.

"The American side should send all the documents, complete proof and a list of the names of the accused to us, because Saudi authorities alone are concerned with this case," said Saudi Defense Minister Prince Sultan, the brother of King Fahd. The prince says that while a country can "discuss" the case "it doesn't have the right to take any procedures. Only Saudi Arabia has the right to take procedures."

Bush calls for ban on genetic discrimination

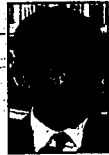
CRAWFORD, Texas (AP) — With science promising to offer patients vast new information about their genetic codes, President Bush said Saturday that he wants to outlaw discrimination based on genetic testing.

It's a popular issue with significant support in Congress. But as with another health issue — the patients' bill of rights — Bush parts company with Democrats over whether to give people who are harmed the right to sue insurance companies or employers for damages.

The patients' rights issue, prompted by the explosion of cost-conscious managed care, is in its fifth year of intense debate in Congress, with the Senate now moving into its second week of floor debate.

The genetic discrimination issue is newer, but it gained momentum earlier this year when scientists completed the mapping of the human genome.

"By better understanding the



President George W. Bush

genetic codes in each human being, scientists may one day be able to cure and prevent many diseases," Bush said Saturday in his weekly radio address. "As with any other power, this knowledge of the codes of life has the potential to be abused."

The president's comments were recorded at his ranch, where he is spending a three-day weekend with first lady Laura Bush.

New genetic research may make it possible to identify an individual's lifetime risk of cancer, heart attack and other diseases, and experts worry that this information could be used to discriminate in hiring, promotions or insurance.

Family fears for mob boss Gotti in prison hospital

New York Daily News

NEW YORK — In his struggle with terminal cancer, mob boss John Gotti often finds himself battling the disease alone — in physical conditions his family believes further threaten his health.

At the U.S. Medical Center for Federal Prisoners in Springfield, Mo., a weakened Dapper Don, the man who once ruled the most powerful crime family in America, lives an isolated, claustrophobic existence.

He goes hours without seeing a doctor or nurse and sometimes he has to monitor the machines that track his condition.

"I'm distressed by the isolation," said Joseph Corozzo, one of Gotti's lawyers. "His family, his attorneys are all distressed by the isolation. It seems inhumanly unjust for a terminally ill patient to be isolated from assistance and human contact."

Gotti, 60, who is suffering from cancer of the head, neck and throat, is serving a life sentence for a racketeering conspiracy that included several murders.

Corozzo and another source familiar with Gotti's medical circumstances agreed to discuss the situation while saying repeatedly Gotti himself has not complained.

Gotti, Corozzo said, is kept by himself in a tiny room behind three doors, and doctors and nurses visit infrequently to check his status. On weekends, there are no doctors in the hospital.

"He might not see anyone for

hours at a time, which really shouldn't happen to anyone in that condition," Corozzo said.

"The circumstances are problematic. You have someone suffering from terminal cancer who's isolated. There is some problem checking up on him."

In part, Corozzo said he suspects Gotti has been singled out by the prison's warden, Bill Hedrick, who was also warden at the federal penitentiary in Marion, Ill., when Gotti was imprisoned there.

In March and April, Hedrick refused to allow Gotti contact visits with his 13 grandchildren, restricting the visits to his wife and children, Corozzo said.

Gotti refused to participate in visits that excluded his grandchildren, and in May the warden relented, allowing contact visits with the grandchildren.

Prison officials declined to discuss Gotti's case, citing privacy restrictions, but issued this statement: "All inmates, regardless of housing status, are provided adequate and quality medical care deemed necessary by our medical professionals."

Officials added nursing supervisors, nurses and physician's assistants are on duty on weekends, and while an assigned medical officer is not actually at the center, he or she makes rounds at the hospital and is on call 24 hours a day.

Corozzo insisted Gotti is not on his deathbed. But he acknowledged Gotti has recently lost so much weight that his doctors stopped his chemotherapy.

Arrest in Florida suggests coup plot in Trinidad, officials say

Knight Ridder News Service

MIAMI — The arrest of a Trinidadian man by federal agents has uncovered a possible plot to overthrow the government of Trinidad and Tobago using weapons purchased in south Florida, according to U.S. authorities and Trinidadian officials.

Keith Andre Glaude was arrested in a sting operation three weeks ago in Broward County after he allegedly tried to buy high-powered weapons for use by a militant Muslim group in Trinidad, leading agents of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms to believe he was part of a potential plot to provoke an insurrection.

"These are not hunting-type rifles," said Eduardo Halley, a spokesman for the ATF. "These are not weapons you buy for sport."

Glaude's case "is a matter of national security," said Hylton Guy, the islands' police commissioner.

The case evolved over a year of cat-and-mouse maneuvers between Glaude and his contacts in Trinidad, on the one hand, and an ATF agent in South Florida. It culminated three weeks ago in a sting operation, as Glaude was about to drive off with 70 submachine guns and 10 silencers in the back of his van.

Glaude is being held in the federal detention center in Miami.

On June 29, he will be arraigned on two charges of trying to buy unregistered weapons, a violation of federal gun laws. Each charge carries a maximum penalty of 10 years in prison and a \$250,000 fine.

Glaude, who is expected to plead not guilty, could go to trial in August.

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Endangered Species Act aids salmon

HELLS CANYON (AP) - On a river filled with troubles, Tom Peutz is a happy man. He stands on a boulder by the Snake River, a fishing rod in hand. For 12 hours, the maintenance worker and weekend farmer has been casting his line into the rushing waters below Hells Canyon Dam, and now this is his reward: a silvery, 15-pound salmon lying in a pool at the river's edge.

"It's a very happy when I get to go fishing," Peutz says, a broad smile on his weathered face. All around him are other contented anglers, enjoying the river's best spring run of chinook salmon in years. It's a sweet moment of abundance in a season marked by scarcity and conflict. Even in a good year, protecting salmon in the Pacific Northwest is the broadest challenge ever tackled under the federal Endangered Species Act — and this is not a good year.

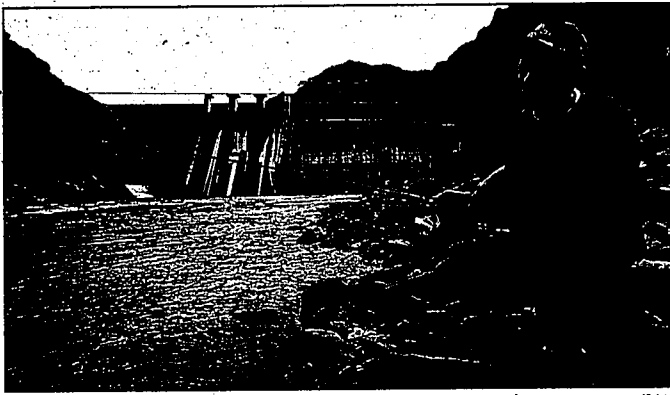
Salmon advocates were hoping for solid progress this summer toward recovery of dwindling salmon populations. They are armed with strongly worded new federal rules based on the 1999 listing of nine populations of Northwestern salmon and steelhead under the Endangered Species Act.

On many stretches of river, these rules now put protecting salmon ahead of irrigating farms and producing electricity. But along with the legal reshuffling, nature still holds the highest cards. Drought is gripping the Snake River and the rest of the Columbia River Basin, making it impossible to satisfy everyone who uses river water. Government biologists want reservoirs lowered immediately to help flush young salmon downstream. Farmers want the reservoirs kept full so they can water their fields later this summer. Utility operators, being exorbitant electricity costs due to California's power crisis, want a steady flow of water through the basin's hydropower dams.

"It's a touchy subject," says Peutz, who has his own conflicts as both a fisherman and a farmer. But a good day of fishing has put him in an optimistic mood, and he believes balance is possible. "Everybody's got to give a little," he says. "It's called working together."

If only everyone were so sanguine. Lawsuits and protests have become almost daily occurrences as the Northwest gropes its way toward saving salmon without bankrupting those who use the same resources as the fish — which is to say nearly everyone in the region.

The last time the Endangered Species Act was such big news was in the creature in question was an elusive bird that few Northwesters have ever seen. Salmon, by contrast, pop up everywhere, from backyard streams in Seattle to irrigation ditches in rural Idaho. They struggle past huge dams on the Columbia River and flop across flood highways in the rainy season. Five species of wild salmon and one species of steelhead are



Tom Peutz works the Snake River for chinook salmon from a boulder below Hells Canyon Dam in May.

involved. Some populations in some rivers are doing just fine, while others are at the brink of extinction — a complex situation made even more confusing by the use of hatchery-bred salmon over the years to substitute for dwindling wild runs.

Tom Peutz, for example, can eat the chinook salmon he caught because a tiny fin on its back is missing, showing it was born in a hatchery. Earlier, he hooked a wild chinook and had to let it go.

While the variety of conservation efforts, it also builds a constituency for the salmon, which has the distinction of being an endangered species that people can eat.

Few in the Northwest question the need to protect salmon. They just want someone else to do it. Dams, logging operations, farms, urban development, commercial and tribal fisheries — all get blamed for the salmon's problems.

"There are so many vested interests that it's simple for any of them to say, 'It ain't me, Jack,' look at the dams or the Indians or fisheries and make them fix the problem," says Brian Gorman, spokesman for the National Marine Fisheries Service in Seattle. "But if everybody says that, and historically that is what has happened, then in 20 years all of these fish will be extinct."

Salmon protection efforts started decades ago, but the 1999 listings under the Endangered Species Act marked a new era. Suddenly, fisheries officials could demand concessions they once had to beg for.

An idea once considered radical — tearing down federal dams on the Snake River to let salmon pass freely — started getting serious

consideration. The federal fisheries agency ended up dropping the idea, but warned it would reconsider, if it or other measures don't work.

Today the controlling authority for federal dam management on the Columbia and Snake rivers is not some engineering treatise but a National Marine Fisheries Service document, released last December, called the "biological opinion."

No government publication, however, can erase a drought. The Columbia basin's mountain snowpack was half its normal level last winter, the second-driest since 1895.

Without the usual spring freshets, young salmon trying to swim downstream to the sea are getting lost in the sluggish water of reservoirs. Others are getting stranded as river levels fall. Biologists have found young fish trying to survive in water-filled deer tracks along the shore.

During past droughts, Northwest utilities have supplemented hydro-generated electricity by buying power generated elsewhere in the West. This year, however, power shortages and California's troubles with deregulation have raised wholesale power prices tenfold or more.

Conflicts over water and fish seem to erupt everywhere at once:

In Klamath Falls, Ore., more than 8,000 angry farmers and supporters staged a bucket brigade in May, scooping water from Upper Klamath Lake and passing it hand-to-hand to an irrigation canal. They were protesting the Bureau of Reclamation's decision to cut off water this summer to more than 1,000 farms so there would be enough for coho salmon and sucker fish.

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could generate with that water. The power company has released water for salmon in the past, but the drought and high cost of electricity change everything, says utility spokesman Dennis Lopez. "Producing electricity for our customers is our mandate," Lopez says.

Idaho Power's reluctance is seconded by farmers. River water irrigates their fields and provides cheap hydropower to run their irrigation pumps. Lynn Tominga, executive director of the Idaho Irrigation Pumps Association, says frustrated farmers resent federal

efforts to draw down reservoirs for salmon.

"I've had people call and ask what they can do," Tominga says. "They say, 'I'll bring my wife and kids and guns and we'll sit up on top of a reservoir to keep them from releasing the water.'"

Throughout the region, people complain vigorously about the cost of protecting the salmon. Then, often, they do what the fish require. Idaho Power notes that it spends \$3 million a year operating hatcheries and monitoring the welfare of salmon affected by its dams.

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Utility argues for rate hike

BOISE (AP) — The state's largest electric utility has submitted a phone-book-sized stack of documents to state regulators to support its bid for another \$59 million increase in consumer rates over the coming year.

The Public Utilities Commission declined to approve that part of Idaho Power Co.'s record rate hike request on May 1, primarily because of questions about the trading practices between Idaho Energy Systems and Idaho Power.

Both are subsidiaries of IDACORP, and questions arose about

the propriety of Idaho Energy Systems taking advantage of the volatile wholesale market to purchase power relatively cheaply and then sell it to its affiliate subsidiary at an inflated — albeit market-supported — price.

Critics claim the wholesale power trader should have sold the electricity to Idaho Power at the price it bought it for since both are part of the same company.

Utility officials claim the transactions were at arms length and there were no irregularities or improprieties.

And in the new documents, they contend that the analysis of those transactions is incomplete and that Idaho Energy Systems actually lost \$21 million in selling on the wholesale market and buying to Idaho Power.

"What we're presenting is our evidence that what we've done is appropriate and it what has been agreed to with the company, PUC and others," Idaho Power Vice President Ric Gale said. "When everyone has the time to look through this, we hope everyone will agree we transacted

business as we were supposed to."

Seven weeks ago, the commission granted Idaho Power authority to recover about \$168.3 million under higher rates in effect through next April to cover the cost of buying wholesale power needed to meet consumer demand because of drought and the overall Western power crisis.

State regulators will hold public hearings in August on the remaining \$59 million involving the internal IDACORP power transactions.

UI takes stand against vandalism by activists

MOSCOW (AP) — University of Idaho President Robert Hoover warns the school will take action to protect its employees and research from attacks by vandals in the name of the environment.

Meeting with the state Board of Education, Hoover denounced as terrorist tactics two recent acts at the new Agriculture Biotechnology Laboratory.

That concern was apparent last Thursday when the lab was dedicated. Several Moscow police officers roamed through the crowd.

"The Earth Liberation Front recently claimed responsibility for two such incidents at the school.

Earth Liberation is a loosely affiliated group that advocates acts of property damage against people and organizations it believes are exploiting the environment.

Over the course of two decades, hundreds of acts of sabotage, from the burning of lumber companies to the destruction of laboratories, have resulted in more than \$40 million in damage.

Earlier this month, another

group of anti-biotech activists ripped out thousands of experimental pea plants at a research farm operated by Seminis Inc. near Twin Falls.

They identified themselves as local residents involved in farming who were concerned about modifications to allow the plants to withstand herbicide spraying.

"These peas weren't normal," the group said in a statement issued after the June 10 incident. "These gene-altered plants can cross-breed with regular plants, and we don't know what they will do to people, animals, the soil or anything."

Seminis spokesman Gary Koppelman called the project legitimate research on a conventionally bred variety of pea that would resist root rot.

"The losers are farmers, and consumers," he said.

The Moscow cell, using the name "Night Action Kids," paid about \$4,000 in damage March 11. The new building was broken into and anti-biotechnology slogans painted on the walls. Similar, though lesser, damage was done, also on June 10, costing the school \$460, Hoover said.

Ex-forest chief lauds moderate approach

PRIEST RIVER (AP) — Former Forest Service Chief Jack Ward Thomas believes the middle-of-the-road approach being taken by the Selkirk Conservation Alliance in the Idaho Panhandle is a more realistic approach to resource management in the United States.

Thomas said the alliance of businessmen, loggers and environmentalists behind the community forestry project in Priest River is taking advantage of what he called "a wind of opportunity that's dramatic."

"The American public is fed up with the two extremes," Thomas said.

"Right now, it's the only game in town."

Of the 28 stewardship projects nationwide, Priest River is the only one that is actually bidding for timber. It hopes to get the 1,750-acre Lakeface Lamb timber sale this fall. Under the pilot program, revenue goes directly back into the project area for restoration and other improvements.

"There's still some distrust," timber consultant Craig Savidge said. "There's still some people in the chamber who can't talk to people in SCA, but now there are a lot of people who can, and I find that to be remarkable."

Forest Service Chief Dale Bosworth wants such projects to succeed because the polarization of the past between environmentalists and resource industries is not working, Thomas said.

None of those involved in the forest management debate are spared to Thomas.

"Lawmakers are unhelpful," he said. Instead of reworking bad laws, "they'd rather drag the Forest Service chief in on a monthly basis and beat him senseless."

Forest management plans, for instance, take so long to finalize, he said, that they are out of date as soon as they are ready to be implemented.

Banker's arrest spurs audit

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — An outside firm will perform a precautionary audit of Zions Bancorporation after the bank's suspended chief financial officer, Dale Gibbons, was charged with felony counts of possession of methamphetamine, dealing material harmful to a minor and endangering a child.

Zions spokesman Rob Brough said officials do not expect to find any financial problems.

There are certainly no indications that any of the behavior with which Mr. Gibbons has been charged spilled over into his work, Brough said.

As Zions' CFO since 1996, Gibbons, 41, has had primary responsibility for the publicly traded company's financial reports.

Gibbons' charges stem from a frantic 911 call he placed on June 11, during which he allegedly reported that a 19-year-old woman in his home had over-

dosed on drugs. Deputies arrived to find the woman naked and comatose on a bed in Gibbons' home, according to the charges filed in 3rd District Court.

Investigators believe the woman is Gibbons' girlfriend.

She appeared to be high on GHB or a dangerous animal anesthetic called ketamine, Gibbons' 15-year-old daughter lay in another bedroom in similar condition and paramedics rushed both to a hospital in critical condition, according to court documents.

The unidentified 19-year-old tested positive for cocaine, while Gibbons' daughter had an "unknown substance" in her blood. Both had consumed "significant amounts" of alcohol, court records state.

Investigators said the eastern Salt Lake County man first drew complaints from neighbors nearly nine months ago for allegedly throwing parties attended by friends of his daughter.

Fugitive suspect in AIDS crimes turns himself in

POCATELLO (AP) — Fugitive Brent Holmes has surrendered to authorities to face allegations of rape and knowingly transmitting the virus that can lead to AIDS.

Holmes failed to appear at his preliminary hearing last Thursday, and prosecutors feared he had fled. But his attorney, Thomas Eckert, said Holmes had been with his parents. He turned himself in late Friday and was being held in the Bannock County Jail.

Prosecutor Deb Lantermo said there will be no special deals with Holmes, who will appear in court on Monday.

"By law there has to be some sort of bond set, but I hope its set outlandishly high to reflect the flight risk this man has proven he is," Lantermo said.

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Pope's Ukraine visit begins

Pontiff seeks reconciliation in religiously torn country



Pope John Paul II waves from his popemobile Saturday as Ukrainian parishioners greet the pontiff in Ukraine's capital, Kiev.

KIEV, Ukraine (AP) — Pope John Paul II pleaded Saturday for inter-church understanding in Ukraine, a predominantly Orthodox country where the papal visit has cast a spotlight on bitter religious division, and offered an apology for Catholic contributions to the strife.

"Let us recognize our faults as we ask forgiveness for the errors committed in both the distant and recent past," the pope said after arriving at Boryspil Airport outside the capital Kiev. "Let us in turn offer forgiveness for the wrongs endured."

A small group of local residents welcomed the pontiff, and children in colorful, embroidered folk costumes presented him with a bowl of Ukrainian offering of bread and salt.

Ukrainian President Leonid Kuchma greeted the pope, clasping his hands and holding him by the elbow as he walked slowly to the covered red podium in front of the airport building. After a morning of steady rain, the sun was shining brightly, bouncing off the brass instruments of the military band and the bayonets of the honor guard.

"Finally, with deep joy, I have been able to kiss the beloved soil of Ukraine. I thank God for the gift that he has given me today," the pope said in Ukrainian.

The Vatican has called the five-day trip to Ukraine a mission of "peace and reconciliation," and John Paul is hoping it will help calm inter-church tensions and even pave the way for a pilgrimage to Russia — like Ukraine, a predominantly Orthodox country.

"I have not come here with the intention of proselytizing," the pope said, adding that he wanted

to speak with all church leaders were at the airport to greet the pope, and representatives of Ukraine's largest Orthodox Church, planned to boycott a meeting Sunday between the pope and leaders of Ukrainian churches. Metropolitan Vladimir, the head of the church, flatly ruled out any meeting with John Paul.

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Protest organizers instructed their followers not to demonstrate during the pope's visit.

Instead, they said Orthodox believers could attend all-night vigils where a special prayer used in time of war — "Against the Adversary" — would be read. Before the pope's arrival Saturday, dozens of believers chanted prayers and walked in a procession around the main cathedral in Kiev's Monastery of the Caves, a site considered sacred to the Ukrainian Orthodox Church and central to the Ukrainian nation's identity.

John Paul is visiting Ukraine at the invitation of Kuchma, who apparently saw the trip as a way of advancing his nation's quest for acceptance in the West. Kuchma was the focus of angry protests over the fall and winter by opponents accusing him of involvement in the killing of a critical journalist, but he steadfastly rejected the accusations and the opposition roar has faded.

The country of 50 million is fractured along religious lines. There are about 1 million Roman Catholics and 5 million Eastern Rite Catholics, who follow Orthodox ritual but bear allegiance to the pope. Two small Orthodox churches are vying with the Moscow Patriarchate for influence among Orthodox believers.

U.N. holds special session on AIDS

Belated meeting should spur action

UNITED NATIONS (AP) — Twenty years after the discovery of AIDS, the U.N. General Assembly is holding its first special session on a health crisis that has claimed over 22 million victims and left 36 million others facing a death sentence.

"Everyone has come to this late," said Stephen Lewis, the U.N. special envoy on HIV/AIDS in Africa. "The world has been seised and galvanized only over the last 18 months or so."

With the killer disease ravaging Africa and spreading quickly through Asia, Latin America and Eastern Europe, high-level representatives from 180 countries will meet at U.N. headquarters starting Monday to adopt new targets for a global campaign to halt and start reversing the AIDS epidemic.

But governments, health experts, and activists remain divided on what should get the lion's share of funds and attention — treatment or prevention. And Muslim and Western nations are still at loggerheads over naming groups most vulnerable to AIDS — such as homosexuals and prostitutes — because of religious and cultural sensitivities.

Nonetheless, Lewis and other U.N. officials believe that a constellation of recent events offers the first real chance to turn a doomsday scenario around, albeit slowly and painfully.

The Security Council declared last year that AIDS poses a threat to peace and security. Secretary-General Kofi Annan made the fight against AIDS his personal priority and helped put a global spotlight on the issue. Prices for drugs have plummeted, opening

new options for treatment. And in Africa, which has been hardest-hit by the disease, leaders have shown a determination in the past year to confront the epidemic.

Although the U.N. General Assembly special session on HIV/AIDS is not a summit, two dozen presidents and prime ministers are coming, the vast majority from Africa, including some of the world's poorest countries — Ethiopia, Kenya, Nigeria, Botswana, Lesotho and Swaziland.

However, President Thabo Mbeki of South Africa — which has the largest number of people living with HIV or AIDS, 4.1 million — will not attend, a presidential spokesman said Saturday, saying senior officials will be sent instead. Mbeki caused an international uproar more than a year ago when he courted the view of some scientists who question the link between HIV and AIDS and believe HIV testing should be stopped.

More than 3,000 government officials, activists and business leaders will also be at the United Nations for the three-day session. Secretary of State Colin Powell heads the large U.S. delegation.

"It's leadership that will ultimately be the driving force that will reverse and eventually halt the devastation of this epidemic," said Peter Piot, executive director of the Joint U.N. Program on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS), which operates in over 100 countries.

There is a new momentum among political leaders and public health officials to tackle the AIDS crisis, he said. "But what is truly astounding is the leadership we are seeing at the community level, and in grassroots organizations."

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Israelis shoot Palestinian crossing border

GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip (AP) — Israeli troops shot and killed a Palestinian trying to sneak over a fence between the Gaza Strip and Israel on Saturday, as a senior American envoy pushed intense international efforts to keep the relative calm and iron out the details of a frail cease-fire.

In Gaza, a leading Islamic militant was detained by Palestinian police, witnesses said, but released hours later. The arrest of activists involved in anti-Israeli attacks is a key Israeli condition for the continuation of the cease-fire.

Also bolstering the truce was the fact that by late Saturday, Israel had still not retaliated for a suicide bombing by the militant

Islamic group Hamas that killed two Israeli soldiers in Gaza a day earlier. Israel usually strikes back quickly in the wake of such incidents.

U.S. Assistant Secretary of State William Burns said Saturday after a meeting with Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat that the United States expected both sides to fulfill their commitments to the cease-fire, which was worked out by CIA director George Tenet.

"It's obvious that there can be no military solution to this problem," Burns told reporters in the West Bank town of Ramallah. "It's only through a political process that security can be re-established."

As part of increased American involvement, Secretary of State Colin Powell is scheduled to visit the region starting Thursday, following Prime Minister Ariel Sharon's visit to Washington.

In a hint of the seriousness of efforts to keep the truce going, Arafat offered an unusually explicit assertion that Jewish settlers should not be targeted by Palestinians.

"I announced a total cease-fire, and the Palestinian leadership accepted it, and it includes all the Israelis," Arafat said Saturday on Israel's Channel Two, in response to a question about whether Palestinians were forbidden from firing on settlers under terms of the truce.

At the same time, Arafat aide Saeb Erekat denounced what he called "settler terror," in reference to settlers' attacks on Palestinians. Palestinians regard all Jewish settlements as illegal and have killed more than two dozen settlers in drive-by attacks and roadside shootings during nine months of violence, often drawing retaliation.

Despite the relative lull, violence continued Saturday. Israeli troops killed a Palestinian man — found to be carrying grenades and a pistol, the army said — and arrested two others as they tried to climb over a fence into Israel from the Gaza Strip. Hamas confirmed the three had planned an attack.

Castro appears to faint during speech but recovers quickly

HAVANA (AP) — Fidel Castro appeared to faint during a live televised speech before tens of thousands Saturday, and was helped off the stage by aides. He returned to the podium within a few minutes to assure his audience that he was fine, but said he needed some rest.

The 74-year-old Cuban leader, wearing his traditional long-sleeved uniform and heavy black boots, was addressing the crowd under the bright sun with temperatures in the mid-80s when his body suddenly began listing off to the side.

Government cameras suddenly pulled away and concentrated on the crowd.

People at the rally said that the

president never fell, and was immediately helped off the stage by uniformed members of his security staff.

"Calmness and courage, we lift our flag," Foreign Minister Felipe Perez Roque said, taking the microphone immediately after Castro appeared to faint.

"Companero Fidel obviously has had in the middle of the heat ... a momentary fall," Perez Roque said.



Fidel Castro

India tries to halt abortions of female fetuses

NEW DELHI, India (AP) — Government officials and religious leaders are meeting in an effort to stem an alarming rise in abortions of female fetuses.

The National Religious Leaders Convocation this weekend will bring together the heads of all major religions in India, government ministers, opposition party leaders, demographers, bureaucrats and social workers. The group will attempt to find ways to overcome the country's traditional preference for boys and to end discrimination against girls.

Boys are favored in Indian families and girls viewed as a burden.

Parents must often pay a dowry to a groom's family before marriage. Many fetuses are aborted once it is determined that they are female.

Some groups argue that education and employment opportunities for girls would help change societal attitudes.

"The battle is to change people's mindsets," said Erma Manocourt of UNICEF, one of the sponsors of the meeting.

But Satish Agnihotri, a professor at Calcutta University, said the female population is lower even in more well-to-do areas.

"What is disturbing is that the

drop in the number of girls is sharper in India's prosperous states, like Maharashtra, Punjab and Haryana," he said. "Female infanticide can't be blamed on poverty. The blame rests squarely on how the Indian society undervalues women."

Initial results of the country's 2001 census showed a sharp drop in the number of girls born in most parts of the country.

Prenatal sex determination tests have become a booming business in India. Each test costs \$17 and an abortion another \$20. Average per capita income in India is \$400 a year.

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EDITORIAL

Idaho Power needn't spill water for salmon

Bill Clinton has been out of the White House for months, but echoes of his two-term tenure continue to haunt the nation.

A prime example is the National Marine Fisheries Service's campaign to shame the Idaho Power Co. into releasing water for fall run Chinook salmon. The fisheries service is baiting the hook for federal energy regulators to force Idaho Power to uncork Brownlee Dam in July.

NMFS calls it a simple request, but that's too polite a word. The real term is "shake-down." Remember, the feds aren't offering to pay for any water this year — as they have done in previous years.

The real tragedy is that there is a better way. The U.S. Bureau of Reclamation — which is literally Uncle Sam's water boy — has long used a "willing-buyer, willing-seller" approach when acquiring water to augment river flows for salmon migration.

Unfortunately, 2001 is proving to be a dry year. There aren't enough willing sellers in the state water bank, which is essentially the spot market for water.

So now another tentacle of the federal octopus is trying to open the headgates at Brownlee Dam, the master reservoir in Idaho Power's Hells Canyon complex.

If the feds cared enough to ask, Idaho Power officials would tell them

they don't want to draw Brownlee down in July. Instead, the utility wants to keep the reservoir as full as possible so it can generate electricity this winter — when wholesale power prices will be high. That makes sense in a year when electricity and water both are in short supply, and when every gallon of water through a turbine will ease the burden on ratepayers.

It's worth noting that Idaho Power already has spent a lot of money on salmon hatcheries to atone for the environmental impacts its dams have wrought on salmon. It has also spent a lot of money acquiring and defending its water rights. In short, Idaho Power has played by the rules.

Now the feds are seeking to change those rules.

If NMFS can force a release of water this year, it undoubtedly will seek to do likewise next year. And the year after that, and so on. Then, in 2005 — when the Hells Canyon dams are up for relicensing — the fisheries service could ask federal energy regulators to make water releases a condition of renewal. After all, there would be plenty of precedent.

Another long, hot summer has just begun, but the fisheries service's tactics already stink to high heaven. President George Bush could do everyone a favor by ordering the agency to stop strong-arming Idaho Power.

The National Marine Fisheries Service should stop badgering the Idaho Power Co. to release water from Brownlee Reservoir.



Democracy needs help the world over

SALZBURG, Austria — They came from 34 different countries on six continents, drawn to the baroque Schloss Leopoldskron that was once the home of the prince-archbishop, for a weeklong convention on the topic of "sustaining democracy in the modern world."

The independently financed Salzburg Seminar has been operating here for more than half a century (this was Session 368 and the 22,900 alumni give it an outreach to new participants well beyond what the small staff here and at the Middlebury, Vt., headquarters could generate).

So the participants ranged from an expatriate American who, with her South African husband, runs a democracy Web site in the outback of Australia, to a manager of civic renewal programs in the office of the president of Ghana, to a Pakistani journalist expert on Afghanistan, to three each from the European Union bureaucracy in Brussels and universities in China, to a Macedonian publisher's assistant, to a Maltese politician and a Kuwaiti native now teaching at Tougaloo College in Mississippi.

The faculty members, most of them diplomats with wide experience in both established and emerging democracies, were dazzled by the variety of backgrounds and the candor with which the "fellows," as they are called, described the challenges to human rights and representative government in their countries.

For an American reporter, thrown into the mix, it was a powerful learning experience — in more than one way. The United States is a huge factor in all these countries, both with the policies it conducts and the lessons it teaches by example. The details of the last election — and especially the dispute over the Florida



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voting — were familiar to everyone, and a topic for close questioning from citizens of countries where the legitimacy of elections is always suspect.

Even more persistent were the questions about the role the United States would play, under this new administration, in supporting democratic movements around the world. It is sobering to be reminded how often, during the long decades of the Cold War, this country, backed (and in some cases, created) undemocratic regimes, simply because we thought military rulers and other autocrats were more reliable allies against communism.

The week of the Salzburg Seminar coincided with President Bush's first tour of Europe. He was a target of jokes and ridicule for many of the fellows as the week began. But the coverage of his meetings and, especially, his major address in Poland on his vision of Europe's future and America's role in it, earned him grudging respect, even though it remains uncertain how high a priority human rights and promotion of democracy will have in the Bush foreign policy.

Another great lesson for an American reporter is that the struggle to maintain the legitimacy of representative government in the eyes of the public is a worldwide battle. Election turnouts are dropping in almost all the established democracies, so much so that seminar participants seriously discussed the advisability of compulsory voting, before most of them rejected it as smacking too much

of authoritarian regimes. Political parties — which most of us have regarded as essential agents of democracy — are in decline everywhere. They are viewed by more and more of the national public as being tied to special interests or locked in increasingly irrelevant or petty rivalries — anything but effective instruments for tackling current challenges. One large but unresolved question throughout the week: Can you organize and sustain representative government without strong parties?

The single most impressive visitor to the seminar was Vaira Vike-Freiberga, the president of Latvia, a woman of Thatcherite determination when it comes to pressing for her country's admission to NATO, but a democrat who has gone through eddie four times in her quest for freedom. She is a member of no party, chosen unanimously by a parliament of eight parties, and bolstered by her popular support. But how many such leaders are there?

Meantime, even as democracy is tested everywhere from Venezuela to Romania to the Philippines, a new and perhaps tougher accountability examination awaits in the supranational organizations. The European Union has opened so far with a strong council, where each nation has a veto, and a weak parliament, with majority rule. But with its membership seemingly certain to expand, the age-old dilemma of democracy — majority rule vs. minority and individual rights — is bound to come to the fore.

The principle of federalism will be vital to its success. And, once again, the United States has important lessons to teach. But only if we can keep democracy strong and vital in our own country.

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LETTERS

Regulate dairies differently

As I write this, it is almost 4 a.m. and I would dearly love to be asleep with fresh, cooling air coming through the windows, but I was awakened by an am kept awake by a strong, putrid odor that seeps through my closed windows and is searing my throat. My neighbors, family and I have endured this sewage smell for more than a year now, and sleep deprivation is a form of torture.

More than 20 years ago, my husband and I moved to the Magic Valley from Iowa where huge hog operations have become a daily blight for the people who live in the countryside.

We have been happy living south of Filer — until a year ago when the caustic smell from Hank Hafziger's industrial-size dairy with its thousands of cows was allowed, without a public hearing, to become a daily blight for the people who live miserably two to three times every day.

With the experience we had, we would have every reason to be anti-dairy, but we are not against dairies. Legislators, the Department of Agriculture, the Environmental Protection Agency, the Idaho Department of Water Resources, the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality and the public — including the editors of this newspaper — must understand that there is a drastic difference between the "mon and pop" dairies that have been here to begin making people's lives worse and these monster-size industrial operations. These new dairies have waste lagoons larger than the waste lagoons of entire towns.

I am not anti-dairy. But these dairies with thousands of manure-producing animals should be regulated differently from smaller dairies.

Understand and act on this difference — or the Magic Valley, like the beautiful Iowa countryside, will soon become a miserable place for all of us to be.

ELIZABETH BOYD
Filer

We should preserve all human life

I would like to express my point of view regarding your June 13 editorial.

McVeigh had a choice, but his victims didn't. Timothy McVeigh had a choice to respect life but he chose death for the people of Oklahoma City on April 19, 1995.

We have a lot to weep for in our country as we head more and more toward a culture of death. We weep for the 168 victims and their family and friends. We weep for the little boy in the fireman's arms. We should also weep for all the babies that are aborted in our country every day and will never get to see their first birthday because their mother's right to choose. We weep also because of the recent killings that have taken place in our schools because some children do not understand God's commandment, "Thou shalt not kill."

In an age where respect for life is threatened in so many ways, it is important to emphasize that human life is a gift from God and no one or any government should presume to kill God's gift. This includes innocent human beings in the womb threatened by abortion, the victims of other people's violence and, yes, even the guilty who are caught up in a vicious cycle of vengeance and unrepentant rage.

The U.S. criminal justice system has alternative ways to punish criminals and protect society. We should use them and reconsider the use of capital punishment in our country. Timothy McVeigh said he didn't want to spend the rest of his life in prison. We gave him what he wanted.

For those of us who read the Bible, in the book of Genesis, Cain murdered his brother, Abel. God didn't take Cain's life. God let him live; in fact, he put a mark on Cain that no one should kill him. God drove Cain out of his presence and sent him into exile far from his native land. God preferred the correction rather than the death of a sinner, did not desire homicide to be punished by the execution of another act of homicide. Pope John Paul II explains this very clearly in his Gospel of Life Encyclical written in 1995.

I think we should work toward protecting human life at all stages, from conception until natural death, and turn away from the culture of death.

CAROL DOUGLAS
Twin Falls

Society appears too safe for its own good

Risks are ubiquitous in every-day life, and we are constantly forced to make decisions about them. Whether to eat street food in Tijuana, for example, or whether to choose to drive a motorcycle or a giant SUV.

We don't make those decisions alone: Society imposes sometimes-controversial regulations to mitigate risks. Underlying the controversies about various products or activities ranging from nuclear power to genetically modified foods is a fundamental question: How should regulators, acting as society's surrogate, approach risk in the absence of complete certainty about the likelihood of potential harm?

Proponents of a more risk-averse approach have advocated a so-called precautionary principle, which might be stated as: For fear that something harmful may possibly arise, do nothing.

Use of this precautionary principle is sometimes represented as a striding on the side of safety. A corollary is that a little "over-regulation is harmless," but that assumption is false and dangerous. The way the precautionary principle is typically applied to research and development in the commercial products can actually increase risk. Radical environmental groups branding the precautionary principle have prevailed upon governments in recent decades to assail and intimidate the chemical industry and, more recently, the food industry.

Potential risks should be considered before proceeding with any new activity or product. But the precautionary principle focuses solely on the possibility

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that technologies might pose unique, extreme or unmanageable risks, even after considerable testing already has been conducted. What is missing is an acknowledgment that, even when technologies introduce new risks, most confer net benefits. That is, their use reduces many other, far more serious hazards. Examples include blood transfusions, MRI scans and automobile air bags, all of which offer immense benefits and only minimal risk.

The danger in the precautionary principle is that it distracts consumers and policymakers from known, significant threats to human health and diverts limited public health resources from those genuine and far greater risks. An example is the environmental movement's misguided crusade to rid society of all chlorinated compounds. By the late 1980s, environmental activists were attempting to convince water authorities around the world of the possibility that carcinogenic byproducts from chlorination of drinking water posed a potential cancer risk. Peruvian officials, caught in a budget crisis, used this supposed threat to public health as a justification to stop chlorinating much of their country's drinking water. That decision contributed to the acceleration and spread of Latin America's 1991-96 cholera epidemic, which afflicted more than 1.3 million people and killed at least 11,000.

Applying the precautionary principle

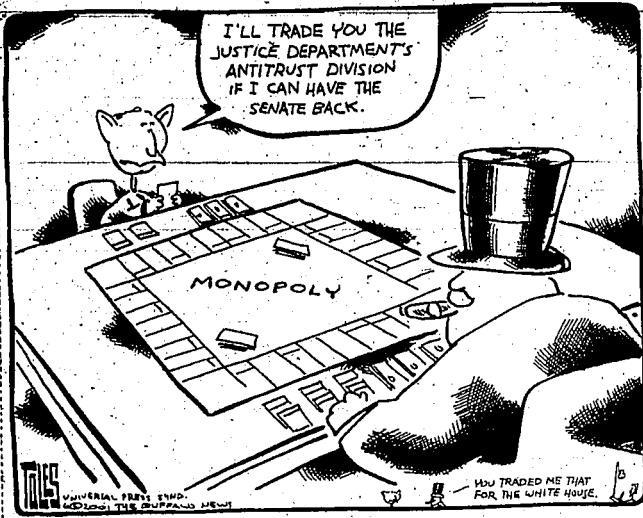
to biotechnology is a high priority for the anti-technology activists who plan to protest the BIO 2001 conference currently going on in San Diego, but as is the case for chlorine, the real issue is not safety at all. Most proponents of precautionary regulation are more anti-business than anti-technology than they are pro-safety.

Many groups do not stop at demanding illegal and stultifying regulation or outright bans on product testing; they advocate and carry out vandalism of the very field trials intended to answer questions about environmental safety. Such arrogance illustrates that the metastasis of the precautionary principle generally, combined with relentless opposition to innovative new products, stems from a social vision that poses serious challenges to academic, commercial and individual freedom.

Application of the precautionary principle frequently results in unscientific and discriminatory policies that inflate the costs of research, inhibit the development of new products, divert and waste resources, and restrict consumer choice. Its encroachment into additional areas of domestic and international health and safety standards will create a kind of "open season" that government officials could have feared. Whenever they wished arbitrarily to introduce new barriers to trade or simply to yield disingenuously to the demands of a radical, anti-technology constituency.

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OPINION



Leave a tip, but also do the math

Would you tip more on a nice day? You'd probably say it makes no difference, but you'd be wrong. When guests at an Atlantic City hotel with no outside views were told it was sunny when they received their breakfast tray, they tipped on average 29 percent of the bill. Those who heard it was rainy tipped 19 percent of the bill. Guests told it was cloudy tipped 24 percent and those given a partly sunny forecast tipped 26 percent.

BERNICE KANNER

The presence of a tray increases the tip, while a decorated tray increases it best of all. Urbanites tend to be the best tipppers, while women tip slightly more than men, according to a study conducted by Taylor Nelson Sofres Intersearch, a market research firm based in Horsham, Penn. Yet more than twice as many women as men are turned off by winks from the waiter.

Equally surprising: Older people give larger tips than younger folks. Older people tend to give female workers less, while men as a group are less generous to other men. Fifty-seven percent are irked when a service charge is included in the bill. Nineteen percent refuse to pay it. But 11 percent leave a tip in addition to the service charge included.

Two out of three of us calculate the tip on the gross amount instead of the pretax total. Three out of four tip the same percentage in an expensive restaurant as we would in a cheap place. Fifty-seven percent tip the same percentage for food as for drinks and 83 percent never leave a tip at a takeout. People who eat by themselves are the best tipppers, leaving an average tip of 20 percent, compared with 16.9 percent for two people and 15.2 percent for three, according to the NPD Group, which does research on consumer marketing. The rate drops to 14.9 percent for four and 13.2 percent for five diners.

Although Americans tip lavishly, we don't do it indiscriminately. One-third of customers don't tip the hair stylist who owns the salon. Twenty-eight percent of guests who stay in hotels never tip the maid. More than half of us scale back to 10 percent when the service doesn't meet expectations and 42 percent would cut the tip if the waiter failed to do something about an unsatisfactory meal. Twenty-seven percent would shave the tip if the waiter didn't bring water when asked. And if the food's not good, 21 percent of patrons take it out on the server. The use of the word "tip" originates from 18th-century England, where coffeehouse patrons were encouraged to put coins in a box labeled "To Insure Promptness."

Studies show that tips really may have little to do with the size of the bill or the quality of service—and are to do with vagaries like the weather, or the personality of the tipper. "Tipping enables the tip giver to feel power," says Kerry Segrave, author of "Tipping: An American Social History of Gratuities." Segrave adds, "It reinforces a sense of superiority in a society that says it doesn't believe in class, and it allows Americans to establish feelings of dominance and superiority over others. It's all about control."

Bernice Kanner writes on advertising and marketing from her base in New York.

Men, perhaps because of practice or natural feelings of superiority, claim to be slightly more adept at it than women. Patrons tip more if their waiter or waitress touches them on the arm or shoulder. Even if you don't want to hear it when Candy introduces herself by name, she's playing the odds. Waiters and waitresses who crouch at the table when taking an order get better tips, as do waitresses who put a smiley face on the bill to increase their pay—but waiters who do the same see their tips drop. Research says that on average patrons increase their tips on two percentage points if the waiter writes "thank you" on the bill. Experts say that those who pay with credit cards tend to tip more than diners who pay with cash. And a little strategy like putting the bill on a tray jacks up the return. Researchers report that

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Weeds are town's concern

To Ms. Caster: I so look forward to your letters. Everyone should start out their day with a good belly laugh.

Why, you're Jerome's own "rebel without a cause." But to compare yourself to ones who have faced the reign of Hitler or any other war is disproportionate.

Deb, as a renter, which taxes do you pay? Sales tax does not warrant city or county taxes. You might not understand what it's like to own your own home, pay property taxes, take pride in your neighborhood and town. It's disturbing to have a neighbor who allows weeds and debris to build up around their home, trash to overflow cans that either have no lids or are not contained so that they may be knocked over by the wind or animals in general, eye sores. Such individualists, be they renters or homeowners, are lazy as well as irresponsible and should be held responsible for their actions, not their neighbors.

As your letter states, our town does have areas of concern. And you'll also notice city fathers are trying to solve these issues with new lines as well as speaking with individuals about property issues.

Our declaration in the paper speaks for itself. So may I suggest rather than muddling, take a deep breath, open your mind and eyes, look around you and see what others may see.

Find another way to unleash your hostilities and take pride in your community; it could be rewarding. And if not, well, pack up your horse and move on to the next town.

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Jerome

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COMPANY NEWS

Drought conditions and a grim fire forecast for the summer have prompted Idaho Power to purchase additional material in advance of the fire season in order to expedite transmission line repairs following wildfires.

Blackmer said the dedicated inventory is valued at more than \$340,000 and includes 70 wood and steel poles, a variety of more than 1,800 insulators, and numerous other pieces of power line equipment such as cross-arms, clamps and braces.

"We're working in our materials yard right now, evaluating our inventory and working with vendors to have additional material on hand in the event of fire damage," said Materials Analyst Wes Blackmer. "We're expecting a bad fire season and we want to be prepared to restore power as quickly as we can."

The company hopes to have on-hand enough supplies to potentially replace two miles of a high-voltage transmission line. "The high-voltage lines are Standard equipment like shovels already are on the trucks, and vehicles working in brush also will have a 50-gallon water tank and pump on board.

WATT SAVERS

Boise State University has joined the many organizations that are encouraging energy conservation. According to Public Relations Officer Kathleen Mortensen, Boise State is committed to building awareness and promoting simple changes because with 1,700 employees, "if everyone saves a little we can all help a lot."



Mortensen said the university created a sticker reminding staff and students to be "Watt Wise and Power Down." In addition to affixing stickers on light switches, computers and elevator buttons, she and a team of employees are spreading the word through an information sheet on energy use facts and conservation tips; web site information and a weekly e-mail newsletter.

The university also is considering physical changes to increase the campus' energy efficiency. Among the changes being reviewed are the consolidation of evening and weekend class locations to wisely use building space, xeriscape (low-water) landscaping and retrofitting older equipment with new, energy-saving equipment.

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WORLD

Three Tenors perform in Beijing

Concert sparks protest; police beat one man



Jose Carreras, left, and Luciano Pavarotti perform in Beijing Saturday.

BEIJING (AP) — Police guarding against protests outside an opera concert by the Three Tenors beat at least one man Saturday night and dragged him away. A news photographer also was punched and detained.

The performance by Luciano Pavarotti, Jose Carreras and Placido Domingo was one of the biggest in a series of events publicizing Beijing's bid for the 2008 Olympics.

Security was intense for the \$10 million gala concert, which was supposed to be a showcase for Beijing and its ability to hold large international gatherings.

Hundreds of police and members of the paramilitary Peoples Armed Police ringed the ancient Forbidden City in central Beijing, and officers stopped and questioned some pedestrians.

The Three Tenors performed before an audience of about 30,000 in the courtyard of the Meridian Gate in the heart of the 250-acre former imperial palace.

The home of Chinese emperors for five centuries is now a museum. Tickets ranged in price from \$60 to \$2,000.

Outside the palace's front

entrance, which faces Tiananmen Square in central Beijing, police were seen punching one man, then kicking him after he had fallen to the ground.

They knocked off the man's shoes and were trying to pull off his shirt as he was being dragged away. There was no indication why police beat the man.

A photographer for the French news agency, Agence France Presse, was punched by police and detained outside the palace. He said the beating left bruises on his arm.

But the open-air concert, which was broadcast live on national television, went off without a hitch.

An evening breeze cooled members of the audience seated on padded, folding chairs. Two giant dragons flanked the stage and the palace's temples and pavilions were dramatically lit.

The crowd cheered enthusiastically as three Chinese sopranos joined the tenors for an encore of the drinking song from Verdi's 'La Traviata.'

Putin: Treaty lapse will disrupt global stability

MOSCOW (AP) — President Vladimir Putin repeated his threat of a Russian nuclear buildup if the United States abandons the Anti-Ballistic Missile treaty, but asserted that the Kremlin's response would not be aimed at the United States.

World stability has been preserved "thanks to the balance of powers and interests" in the nuclear sphere, Putin told reporters after a meeting with Austrian President Thomas Klestil.

"We are certain that the elimination of the 1972 ABM treaty and the creation of the Nuclear Missile Defense system by the United States disrupts this balance," he said. Putin reiterated Russia's position that scrapping the ABM would mean the collapse of the START I and START II treaties limiting nuclear weapons.

"This means that all countries, including Russia, will have the right to install multiple warheads carrying nuclear weapons on their missiles," he said.

In an interview with American reporters Monday after his first



Vladimir Putin

summit with President Bush, Putin warned that Russia would strengthen its nuclear arsenal if the United States developed missile defenses that violate the

ABM treaty. However, he said Friday that such a response should not be seen by the United States as a threat. "I want to say that if such a response does take place, it will not be aimed against the creators of the NMD system," he said, adding that "it should not worry anyone."

Despite Putin's statement, Russian officials have said repeatedly they fear a U.S. system could undermine the deterrent value of their missiles. They have threatened to respond to a U.S. shield by equipping their missiles with multiple warheads in order to overwhelm such defenses.

Study: High-fiber diet does ward off colon cancer

LYON, France (AP) — New research indicating that eating lots of red meat may create about as much of a certain cancer-promoting chemical in the colon as smoking does.

The findings, presented Saturday in Lyon at the European Conference on Nutrition and Cancer, were part of a study that also appears to revive the theory that fiber wards off colon cancer, the second most deadly cancer worldwide.

The idea that a high-fiber diet rich in fruits, vegetables and grains prevents colon cancer suffered a setback last year after two

studies failed to find an effect.

But the latest research, which experts say is the most reliable to date on the link between eating habits and cancer, found that those who ate a high-fiber diet had 40 percent less chance of developing colon cancer than those who ate the least roughage.

The study, which involved 406,323 people from nine European countries, had the widest range in fiber intake of any study to date.

At the start of the study, in 1993, questionnaires separated the people into five categories, according to how much fiber they

ate. There were about 80,000 people in each of the categories.

There were 176 colon cancer diagnoses in the group who ate the least fiber and 124 cases in the group that ate the most — a difference of 40 percent.

The finding redoubles fiber as a potential anti-cancer agent, said Nicholas Day, a cancer expert at Cambridge University in England. Day was not involved in the fiber investigation.

Scientists believe that bacteria in the colon ferment fiber and in the process create a by-product called butyrate. Experts believe that cells in the lining of the colon

turn cancerous when normal cell death is hampered. Test-tube studies have shown that butyrate is a potent inducer of cell death.

Those who don't eat a lot of fiber tend to load up on protein, which also provides food for bacteria in the colon, said Dr. Sheila Bingham, deputy director of the Human Nutrition Unit at Cambridge University.

Lab tests have shown that the combination of red meat and colon bacteria produces chemicals called N-Nitroso compounds, some of which are cancerous, Bingham said. One of them, known as NNK, is found in tobacco smoke.

Iranian president sees frustration

TEHRAN, Iran (AP) — President Mohammad Khatami on Saturday warned that ignoring Iranians' demands for greater freedoms may force them to look for solutions "outside the establishment."

Khatami, re-elected June 8 with a 77-percent landslide, vowed to push forward the reform campaign. Iran's predominantly young population has been grown impatient with the slowness of reforms, blocked by hard-liners in control of the judiciary and security forces.

"The people have clear, serious

and deep-rooted demands and, if these demands are not met, be sure they would not give up and if they are disappointed, they will look outside the establishment," Khatami told his election campaign team. He did not elaborate on his comments.

Young people and women, the backbone of Khatami's support, say they want the president to stand firm against hard-liners. Last year, frustrations with a slow pace of reforms spilled onto the streets in the biggest demonstrations since the 1979 Islamic revolution.

Macedonian peace talks look grim

SKOPJE, Macedonia (AP) — Macedonia's military bore down on rebel positions with tanks and helicopter gunships for a second day Saturday despite efforts by the European Union and NATO to restore a cease-fire and push forward talks on a political solution.

Government forces concentrated their mortars and rockets on Aracinovo, a Skopje suburb seized by rebels early this month. Pledging to purge the area of all "terrorist activity," Defense Ministry spokesman Gjorgji Trendafilov said Macedonian forces were advancing from two sides.

"We are in control of one-third of the village from the west and our tank units are advancing from the east," he said.

Col. Blagoja Markovski, the Macedonian army spokesman, said troops were focusing solely on "military targets such as machine-gun nests, sniper positions and terrorist command posts."

Western officials, however, sharply condemned the breaking of a cease-fire that calmed the violence for nearly two weeks. NATO Secretary-General Lord Robertson called the resumption of hostilities "complete folly."

EU security chief Javier Solana flew back to Skopje for the second time in two days to meet with ethnic Slav and Albanian leaders.

"I believe there will be a possibility to renew political dialogue, but I want to be realistic," Solana said. "A cease-fire requires goodwill, but I think it's possible."

56 die in clash in Colombia

BOGOTA, Colombia (AP) — In what appeared to be the heaviest rebel resistance yet to a U.S.-backed counterdrug offensive, clashes in Colombia's main coca growing region have left at least 30 soldiers and 26 guerrillas dead, the army says.

The clashes broke out Friday at an army base near the riverside town of Puerto Leguizamo, 318 miles south of Bogota in southern Putumayo state, a launching point for Colombian marine operations against rebels and drug traffickers.

The high troop losses were a setback for Colombia's U.S.-supported military, which has struggled to regain the upper hand against rebels growing nightmarish with profits from ties to the drug trade. The bloodshed also contrasted with recent breakthroughs in peace talks to end the South American country's 37-year conflict.

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The plot to hurry up keno players

A small outrage is going on in the gambling business these days. The *Detroit Free Press* reported recently that the gaming industry is trying to speed up the pace of keno, that stately casino tradition so beloved by retirees and by people frugal at the cellular level.

"It can take a long time to get through \$10 of quarters, and you can get through \$50 of quarters in the same amount of time playing video poker," John Hawkins, vice president of slot operations for Detroit's Greektown Casino, told the newspaper.

Precisely the point, I think. The attraction of keno is its leisurely pace. It takes time to blow, numbered Ping-Pong balls to drop out of the hopper, and players can and almost invariably do - check new combinations of the 80 possible numbers at the start of each game.

Every bus-riding grandmother in southern Idaho knows that you can make a weekend out of \$200 if you play keno. And in between, you can take a nap, have a piece of key-lime pie in the coffee shop and buy his-and-hers salt-and-pepper shakers in the shape of slot machines in the gift shop.

Granted, it's hard to get rich doing it. The game has a 25 percent to 30 percent house edge - long odds, even for a casino. But keno players are not in it for the money. They're in it for fun - if the Nevada equivalent of watching paint dry can be described as fun.

Experienced keno players savor the experience, knowing full well that they're impeding, ever so slightly, the green-velvet money machines that is modern corporate gambling.

If you don't believe that, ask a keno runner - a casino employee who cruises the coffee shops and the bars soliciting keno tickets. He or she will spend the bulk of the time standing over folks intently crossing out between one and 15 numbers with a grease pencil.

Then the player will retire to a comfortable chair somewhere and watch the winning numbers pop up on a lighted screen. You can cut the tension with a butter knife.

In an effort to speed things up, the industry has contrived a video version of keno, which moves along more briskly and offers slightly better odds (8 to 12 percent house edge). But the true keno player will have none of it.

The true keno player is my Aunt Vi, who used to save all year for a long weekend of full-contact keno in Jackson or Reno. She like most keno players, had a system, always marking the same numbers (the birthdays of her grandchildren worked pretty well, she claimed, until her daughter had twins. So she switched to phone numbers).

Once she won \$400, but that was beside the point. Keno was her intellectual release, and outsmarting those Ping-Pong balls her passion. Aunt Vi would never play the lottery. It's pure, dumb luck. But keno numbers, she believed, recur in predictable patterns.

Get those patterns straight, and you'll go home with as much money as you came in with - not an inconceivable feat in a casino. Aunt Vi didn't go in for things like numerology, but her system had a certain logic.

"Go outside on the Fourth of July and you'll see it," she'd say. "The sky will look pretty much like it did last Fourth of July. Imagine the odds that all of those millions of stars would be in the same place on the same night."

As I noted, for example, that in the two weeks after Christmas at Harold's Club in Reno, multiples of the number seven seemed to be particularly common. She won her \$400 by marking 7, 14, 21, 28, 35, 42 and 56. She missed 49 - and, thus, \$10,000 - and was forever remorseful. Thereafter, she'd mark 49 even if that combination wasn't in a single phone number she knew.

I guess that's why she bought a '49 Packard, and it turned out to be a smart move: She ended up driving it until '94, when my uncle enrolled all his farmland in CRP and they retired to Vegas.

My dad drove a Cadillac with personalized license plates that read, "NOHURY."

Steve Crump is the Times-News features editor.

ARTEC wants to align curricula

By Julie Pence
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - Some 10,000 high school students living within a 10,000-square-mile area in south-central Idaho were linked when the Advanced Regional Technical Educational Coalition was created three years ago.

Educators from 20 districts involved in the consortium met at O'Leary Junior High School last week to share what they've done over the past year and to learn more from "High Schools that

Work" presenters and Mid-continent Regional Education Laboratory researchers.

Among other things, educators were learning the quickest ways to meet state-mandated exiting standards, now called achievement standards, said ARTEC Director Dave Sass.

Part of that means "raising the bar," Sass said. For example, all students will soon be expected to take algebra in order to graduate. One of ARTEC's goals is to align curricula in all 22 schools in the consortium. That way, Sass said, when stu-

dents travel from one school to another to access one of the ARTEC academies, they can be assured they have the same background as those whose school they are entering.

"The districts in southern Idaho are trying to stay on the cutting edge," said Cassia County School Superintendent Michael Chesley. "Through ARTEC we can meet the state-mandated standards and benchmarks for high-stakes testing."

Representatives from the Colorado-based Mid-continent Regional Educational Laboratory - referred to by

educators as McRel - presented workshops showing teachers various techniques they can use to reach all students. Chesley says these philosophies and methods are the way to go.

"These people are the best," he said. Kimberly School District Curriculum Director Kathleen Noh said the researchers from the laboratory show teachers how to define exactly what they want students to know, how to show it and specific strategies to accommodate differ-

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REGATTA FUN



Jerry and Patty Parks, far right, enjoy the Idaho Regatta with their son Justin, daughter Melissa, and Melissa's husband Joshua Gonzales Saturday.

Western boat-racing fans flock to Burley

By Michael Journee
Times-News writer

BURLEY - Fast boats, hot sun and cold suits.

No matter what you might have been after, Saturday's Idaho Regatta had it.

Spectators from all over the southern Idaho, Utah and northern Nevada packed the lawn at the Burley Municipal Golf Course.

They sunned themselves on beach towels, watched the speedboat races from lawn chairs or sat in the shade with a cold one. But no matter how they watched the 2001 version of the Regatta Saturday, they enjoyed it.

"We heard this was a hot spot to see the big old racers we used to see," said Nancy Garrick, of Orem, Utah.

Nancy and her husband Lynn used watch power boat races near their home in Utah. When they discontinued the Utah Lake regatta, the Garricks stopped keeping track of things.

But this year the retired couple has gotten back into things by following Provo racer Lance Faulkner's crew to Burley.

"We've been very pleased so far," Nancy said in the Superstock boats raced by on the Snake River.

Schedule
The elimination finals for the Idaho Regatta start today at 10:45 a.m. on the Snake River at the Burley Municipal Golf Course.

The trip from Orem also gave them an excuse to drop in on their son and daughter-in-law who live in Malta.

Under the shade of the Elks' food booth shelter, Jenny Throckmorton, Karen Price and

Martha Stewart (no, not the Martha Stewart) rooted for the No. 17 Crackerbox division boat. Price and her husband, Dick, own the boxy, antique wooden speedboat.

Martha, and her husband Jimmy (no, not the Jimmy Stewart) flew in from Maryland to watch the races.

"My husband fell in love with Crackerboxes back when he was in the Navy 37 years ago," Stewart said.

The couple met Throckmorton and her husband, Jim, who volunteers for No. 17's pit crew, and the Prices - both couples hail from western Washington - last year when a group of western Crackerbox crew members went back east to race.

"Jimmy heard that they were coming and just about went crazy," Stewart said. "He just loves those boats, so we flew out here this year."

"It's really nice to come to a town that supports something like this so well," said Stewart.

Patty and Jerry Parks started coming to the Idaho Regatta when their now 20-year-old daughter, Melissa, was just three or four, and before Justin, 15, was born.

Now Melissa is married and her husband, Joshua Gonzales, is coming to the races with the family.

"I love motorsports," said Jerry, who grew up in Burley and still has family here to visit when the Regatta comes to town.

"We go to boat races, or drugs - whatever we can make it to."

"It's a good family event," Patty said.

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Former Burley resident skis to the North Pole

By Ruth Stroeter
Times-News writer

BURLEY - Born and raised in southern Idaho, Kathy Braegger was used to wide open spaces.

Until April, when she skied 80 miles to the North Pole.

"I'll remember the way the ice sounds when it's pulling apart or being pushed together. It's actually very loud when it's happening and then deathly silent when it stops," the Burley High School graduate said.

"I remember an environment that is deadly yet incredibly beautiful all at the same time," she said.



But after 20 days on the ice, 12 women became the first women's team to ski unsupported to the North Pole from a Russian-based point.

"We all came together as a team, however, and helped each other out," Braegger said. "Toward the end of the expedition, a hot bubble bath started

invading my thoughts on a regular basis.

"The 24 hours of sunshine helped psychologically, however. You just don't feel as cold when the sun is shining."

The San Diego-based corporate finance professional is no stranger to adventure and her interest in skiing the Arctic

Circle originated with a slide show she saw of a four-woman trek to the South Pole.

In the Spring of 2000 she discovered Polar Trek 2001, an expedition put on by WomenQuest, a nonprofit organization that provides role models for young girls. Braegger sent in an application and made the cut.

Her team flew out of Moscow, Russia to Khatanga, Siberia. From there they flew four hours in a polar jet onto the ice, where they began their 20-day trek to the top of the world.

Each woman carried an average of 40 pounds on their back and 50 pounds on a sled, taking into account the stronger skiers who helped the weaker ones out, Braegger said. To minimize their weight, the women replenished their water supply every

Legislators oppose utility deregulation

By Pat Murphy
Times-News correspondent

SUN VALLEY - Idaho business and industry executives who're expecting deregulation of electric utilities may not only be in for a long wait but also a major disappointment.

Several legislators who appeared at the annual meeting of the Idaho Association of Commerce and Industry Saturday said outright they oppose deregulation and will work to isolate the state from the same mechanism that has sunk California into soaring electric rates and rolling blackouts.

And the Idaho political opposition comes from Democrats as well as Republicans.

One of the Idaho Legislature's most influential lawmakers, Sen. Laird Noh, R-Kimberly, said during a panel discussion on energy and politics the big national push for deregulation is coming from Upper Midwest and New England business interests who want to end the Pacific Northwest's cheaper hydropower electricity.

Noh, who chairs the Resources and Environmental Committee and is senior member of the Special Legislative Committee on Electric Utility Restructuring, said that in the absence of strong national leadership from Washington the state Legislature must enact strong laws preventing deregulation utilities from selling their generating plants to regulated wholesalers - the device used by utilities in California that has driven costs into the stratosphere and created shortages when wholesalers couldn't be paid.

Portraying California as the nation's largest economic entity outside the federal government, Sen. Noh seemed disgusted when he wondered why the United States should be "fumbling around with rolling blackouts."

Democratic state Sen. Clint Stennett, of Ketchum, was even

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Filer holds Run Days

By John E. Swayze
Times-News correspondent

FILER - Whether searching for a unique toy or looking to fill out that collection of handmade candles, the Filer Fun Days craft show and flea market was the place to be Saturday.

Vendors came from near and far to buy, sell and trade those hard-to-find items.

Gary Pippin, owner of Action Toys in Billings, Mont., goes to as many as 15 shows each year.

"Toy shows are always popular," Pippin said. "We used to own a typesetting business, but farm toys are much more fun. Jerome resident May Sulliff's specialty is delicately crocheted dollies. She said she goes to about four shows a year.

"I can finish a dolly in about one week but I only do it in my spare time," Sulliff said. Filer Fun Days continues today with family games from noon to 3 p.m. at the Twin Falls County Fairgrounds.

Times-News correspondent John E. Swayze can be reached in Filer at 326-7212.

MAGIC VALLEY

SUMMER LUNCH

Dietrich School
406 N. Park, Dietrich
Free summer meals will be offered to all children. The meals will be provided from 8:30 a.m. and from 1:30 p.m. Monday at the Dietrich School lunch room.

Dworshak Elementary School
109 E. 19th St., Burley
Free summer meals will be offered to anyone age 18 and under. The meals will be offered from 7:45 a.m. and 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays.
For more information, call Mary Ann Roskelley at 678-6626.
Breakfast menu:
Milk is served every day
Monday: Cereal, orange
Tuesday: Granola bars, pears

Wednesday: Cheese toast, grapes
Thursday: Crisp rice bar, pineapple
Lunch menu:
Milk is served every day
Monday: Deli ham sandwich, fruited, jelly, tortilla chips
Tuesday: Pepperoni pizza pockets, green beans, orange animal crackers
Wednesday: Taco, peaches, chocolate chip cookie
Thursday: Hamburger, vegetable sticks, fruit snacks, ice cream bar

Summer school lunch menus are printed as a public service. To have the lunch menu (breakfast menu if desired) printed with the menus in Sunday's paper, send the menu to Melissa Morgan at The Spokesman, P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls, ID 83303 or fax it to 734-5538. Deadline is noon Wednesday for publication Sunday.

Katrina Frances Jacobsen
Gardner, W. Wall, memorial service at 1:30 p.m. Pacific daylight time today at the LDS Church in Ruby Valley, Nev. (White Mortuary, Twin Falls)

Patricia Louise Kidwell Wilson
Blackfoot, vigil prayer from 7:30 p.m. today; family will greet friends from 7:30 p.m. today at Hill-Hawker-Sandberg Funeral Home, 214 S. University, Blackfoot; Mass at 11 a.m. Monday at St. Bernard's Catholic Church in Blackfoot; interment at Sunset Memorial Park in Twin Falls.

Hilda Barbara Schroeder
Bliss, service at 11 a.m. Monday at Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls; burial will follow at Sunset Memorial Park; friends may call

from 9 a.m. until the time of the service Monday at Reynolds Funeral Chapel.

Mark Richard Kinsey of Paul, service at 10 a.m. Monday at the Paul Snake Center, 424 W. Ellis St., Paul; friends may call from 6-8 p.m. today at Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel and one hour before the service Monday at the church; burial at 2 p.m. in the Crouse Creek Cemetery; in Grouse Creek, Utah.

Louisa Molina of Heyburn, Mass of Christian burial at 10:30 a.m. Monday at St. Nicholas Catholic Church in Rupert; burial will follow in the Rupert Cemetery; rosary at 6 p.m. today at St. Nicholas Catholic Church (Hansen Mortuary, Rupert Chapel).

Edna Pearson Davis of Gooding, service at 2 p.m. Monday at Demary's Gooding Chapel.

Vern B. Winward of Burley, service at 11 a.m. Monday at the Burley Second, Fourth and Tenth Ward Chapel of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints; interment will follow at Pleasant

View Cemetery; friends may call from 6-8 p.m. today at Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St., Burley and from 10-10:45 a.m. Monday at the church.

Bob Eisenhauer memorial gathering from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Saturday, June 30 in the Social Hall of the Methodist Church, 270 N. Pine St., Utah, Calif. (Eisenhauer Mortuary, Utah, Calif.)

OBITUARIES

For obituary rates and information, call 733-0931, 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.

BOISE



Royal G. 'Doc' Neher

Royal G. 'Doc' Neher, M.D., of Boise, formerly of Shoshone, died peacefully June 14, 2001, of emphysema at home. Please join us in celebrating Royal's life at a brief memorial service June 30, 2001, at 11 a.m. at All Saints Episcopal Church, 704 S. Latah, Boise, Idaho. Afterwards, there will be a luncheon where we can joyfully reminisce about his accomplishments and friendships.

Royal was born April 7, 1920, in Kingsley, Iowa, to Edna Fika Neher and Samuel S. Neher, the youngest of five children. He was raised in North Manchester, Ind., where his family ran a dairy and his father was a pastor in the Church of the Brethren. His father died when he was 17; he and his mother continued to run the dairy until Royal graduated from Manchester College. He then attended Indiana University Medical School, graduating in 1944.

In his junior year in medical school, he and the other medical students were inducted into the armed forces. Royal married Juanita Laurine in 1947. In August 1943, when the army increased his pay to \$50.00 per month. He was on his way to Okinawa when the bomb was dropped on Hiroshima, so he was routed to the Philippines and assigned to the 311th General Hospital in Manila where he operated on injured G.I.s 7 days a week. He said "MASH" was very realistic, both in terms of medical conditions and general chaos, but he did enjoy deer hunting with military issue rifles. He was then sent to Korea where he has made the Director of Public Health for Pusan.

When he returned to the States, Royal, Juanita and baby daughter moved to Shoshone, Idaho at the urging of Royal's cousin, Lauren Neher, M.D. Shoshone looked like the Gobi desert for people reared in the verdant lushness of Ohio and Indiana, so they only planned on staying five years - long enough to pay off student loans and set aside a nest egg. At the end of five years they had three more children, a dog, a pregnant cat and too many great friends to even think of moving. - One of Royal's most vivid memories of his early practice in Shoshone was the winter of 1949 when the snow was so deep Floyd Silva had to fly him out to isolated farms to treat emergencies. When he wasn't flying with Floyd, he flew by car from Shoshone to Gooding to Wendell, and later Jerome, making rounds.

He was both a classic country doctor and brilliant surgeon, treating people with great skill and compassion from pregnancy to old age. His military surgical training enabled him to handle anything that came up in Shoshone. He prayed before every surgery and knew God guided his hands. He was a life fellow in the American Society of Abdominal Surgeons, and one of the first physicians in Idaho to become a Charter Fellow in the American Academy of Family Physicians.

Royal served on the Shoshone City Council, and was instrumental in building the new library, city hall, convalescent home and sewage system. Although he was always on call, he found time to tinker in his shop, collect insulators and bottles, hunt, gather morals, pick berries, make wine, play bridge and pinocle.

tend his bees, and make daily visits to the Shoshone Supermarket (the dump). He could see the possibilities in others' discards, and loved to make tools and furniture from his finds. His ever-present camera filled his photo albums with typed labels for each picture.

After practicing in Shoshone for almost 45 years, he and Juanita moved to Boise to be closer to their daughters. He was a wonderful husband, father, and "Gramps," and is sorely missed by Juanita, his sister, Mildred; his children and their spouses: Al and Deborah Kristal, Chaz and Helen Neher, Richard and Marcia Neher and Susan and Del Baker and grandchildren, Jeremiah, Gabriel and Mercedes Kristal; Dietrich, Tjellent, Taliha, Saskia and Pamela Neher and Jonathan and Carolyn Baker.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests a donation to Christ Church Episcopal, Shoshone, Idaho or All Saints Episcopal, Boise, Idaho, or a pledge to stop smoking.

The family wishes to thank Dr. Sackton and Waterford Health Services for their compassionate care of Royal during his final illness.

EAGLE

Barbara May Conn
Barbara May Conn, 83, of Eagle, began a new life on Friday, June 15, 2001.

Graveside services were held Tuesday, June 19, at Cloverdale Memorial Park, Boise. Jim Harris of Grace Bible Church officiated.

Barbara was born Aug. 23, 1917, at Los Angeles, Calif., to Maybelle Howard Powers and Benjamin Nelson Powers. The Howard and Powers families were early pioneers in the Los Angeles area.

She is survived by her three daughters, Ronna Horst of Buhl, Lorna Gowans of Boise, and Dorie Lynn (Stephen "Conky" Gowans) of Lewiston, Idaho; granddaughters (David) Kotira, Benjamin Horst Jr., Melissa (John) Horst, Jeff Gowans, Stephen Gowans II, Seth Gowans and Sara Gowans; four great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. on Tuesday, June 26, 2001, at the Twin Falls 1st Ward LDS Building, 847 Eastland Dr. Interment will be at the Alton, Wyoming Cemetery. Viewing will be held from 4-8 p.m. on Monday, June 25, 2001, at White Mortuary, 138 4th Ave. E., Twin Falls, Idaho, with family greeting friends and family from 6-7 p.m.

Memorials may be sent to the Idaho 4-H Endowment Fund, c/o 4-H office, University of Idaho, Moscow, Idaho 83844.

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Adriene Blaine Lintford
Adriene Blaine Lintford, beloved husband, brother, father, grandfather and great-grandfather was born March 1, 1920, to John Amasa Lintford and Elizabeth Jean Rowland Lintford. He passed away June 20, 2001, in Salt Lake City, Utah.

Dr. Lintford is survived by his wife Clara McNeal Lintford; brother, Avard B. Lintford of Des Moines, Iowa; sisters, Velma Lintford of Salt Lake City, Utah and Catherine Dickson Sheets of Casper, Wyo; sons Rowland B. Lintford (Susan) of Wilmington, N.C. and James W. Lintford (Marilyn) of Eagle, Idaho; daughter, Dr. Jennifer Lintford (Dr. Mark R. Zenger) of Salt Lake City, Utah; grandchildren John F. Lintford (Sherie) of Tracy, Calif., Dr. James L. Lintford of Baton Rouge, La., Rev. Kristan M. Lintford-Steinfield (Joshua) of Berkeley, Calif., Brian L. Zenger and Liza C.L. Zenger of Salt Lake City, Utah; great-grandchildren J.D. Lintford and Morgan Alissa Lintford of Tracy, Calif.

Blaine Lintford received his B.S. in agronomy and botany from the University of Wyoming; attended the graduate botany program at the Sorbonne in Paris during his military service, and completed his MS

in public administration at Colorado State University. He was recognized in the honor societies Alpha Zeta Sigma Xi, Gamma Sigma Delta and Epsilon Sigma Phi.

During World War II, from November 1942 through December 1945, he served in England and France in the US Army Medical Corps as a Medical Lab and Food Inspection Technician.

From 1946 to 1961 he owned and operated a farm in Elma, Wyo. His professional positions included University of Idaho Cooperative Extension Service County Agent in St. Anthony and Caldwell, Idaho; District Supervisor for District III in Twin Falls; and Director of the Experiment Station at Kimberly, Idaho. Additionally, he was granted the rank of full professor at the University of Idaho. His professional memberships included the Weed Society of America, the Range Management Society, the Soil Conservation Society and the Farm Appraiser's Association.

Blaine held many positions in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. His community service included Memberships in the Monarch Lions Club and the Kiwanis Club, as well as leadership positions in 4-H clubs and NARFE. Blaine was deeply loved and will be missed by all who knew him.

Services for Blaine will be held at 1 p.m. on Tuesday, June 26, 2001, at the Twin Falls 1st Ward LDS Building, 847 Eastland Dr. Interment will be at the Alton, Wyoming Cemetery. Viewing will be held from 4-8 p.m. on Monday, June 25, 2001, at White Mortuary, 138 4th Ave. E., Twin Falls, Idaho, with family greeting friends and family from 6-7 p.m.

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JEROME



Artella Tilly Kathern Rosen

Artella (Tilly) Kathern Rosen, 76, died June 21, 2001, at her home in Jerome.

Tilly was born July 26th, 1924, in Wendell, Idaho, to Carl and Ethel (Fuller) Small. She worked for 17 years at Harry's (Stok's) Market as a checker before retiring in 1993. She touched the lives of all that knew her.

She was preceeded in death by her parents, four brothers and one sister. One sister, Patsy Bayless of Gooding, Idaho, survives her.

Tilly married Vern Kulanek and raised five children: Darrell (Joy) Kulanek of Seattle, Wash.; Denise (Maxine) Kulanek of Twin Falls, Idaho; Chuck (Sandy) Kulanek of Twin Falls, Idaho; Terry Kulanek of Twin Falls, Idaho; and Sandra (Doug) Miller of Boise, Idaho. She later married Bruce Rosen and raised three children: Tom (Cindy) Rosen of Jerome, Idaho; Becky Johanson of Bear Lake, Idaho; and Patsy (Chuck) Ray of Vernal, Calif. 19 grandchildren and 25 great-grandchildren also survive her.

Funeral services will be held on Monday, June 25, 10 a.m. at the LDS chapel on North Lincoln in Jerome, Idaho. Viewing will be on Sunday from 6-8 p.m. at Hope Robertson Funeral Chapel and one hour prior to services on Monday at the church. The family would like to thank Vision Hospice, and especially Helen Shewmaker, for the service in our time of need. Funeral services are under the direction of Hope Robertson Funeral Chapel.

SERVICES

DEATH NOTICES

Reuben Lierman

FILER - Reuben Lierman, 87, of Filer passed away June 23, 2001, at the Bridgeview Estates in Twin Falls.

Funeral services are pending and will be announced by Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home of Twin Falls.

Charles L. Twitchell

ELBA - Charles L. Twitchell, 78, of Elba died Saturday, June 23, 2001, at the Minidoka Memorial Hospital in Rupert. Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Payne Mortuary in Burley.

Dee Mitchell Whitacker

TWIN FALLS - Dee Mitchell Whitacker, 47, of Twin Falls died Friday, June 22, 2001, at his home. Arrangements are pending and will be announced by White Mortuary.

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Group of artists to test how nudity ordinance affects models

BOISE (AP) — A group of artists is testing the city's nudity ordinance which has been assailed by sexually oriented businesses.

The Northwest Liberal Arts Association, a non-profit coalition of fine and performing artists in Boise, will hold a nude art exhibition, accompanied by live drawing of nude models, Friday

through July 1 at the Peacher Gallery. If the arts group goes ahead with the show, the police will be there to investigate, Boise Police spokesman Rich Wright said. But it is a gray area.

"In the case of a private setting, for example, as an art school using nude models for the purpose of artists sketching, and if the model was out of the pub-

lic's view, for the purpose of artistic expression, the officer may use discretion on enforcement," Wright said.

The arts group's intent is to make people aware of the ordinance, which targets exotic dancers and sexually oriented dance clubs, also impacts the arts, said Marcus Pierce, 20, the group's president.

"Artists have been fighting conserva-

tive views century upon century. We're concerned how the ordinance affects arts education," he said.

But the end result of this type of art show is uncertain, said Kevin Berger, assistant city attorney.

"There is no automatic answer, because it hasn't happened," he said. "If they stick nude models up there, we have

to decide if it's real, legitimate artistic expression, or are they going to push and push until it's something so graphic that someone complains."

Even without a complaint, the police can write a citation to models violating the ordinance, Wright said. It carries a maximum \$300 fine and six months in jail.

Pole

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Morning and night by melting snow.

The South Pole remains on Braegger's to-do list, and she has the adventures to her name.

She's performed some high-altitude mountaineering on peaks in Nepal, Ecuador and Argentina, although she says she hasn't always submitted.

"But each time I've learned a little bit more about the sport and about myself. I guess I like to try things that push me mentally and physically. I gravitate towards activities that take me to remote places. You can't get much more remote than the South Pole," Braegger, who now lives in San Diego.

Jed Braegger, supports his

daughter's recreation decisions. But he can't help but be nervous when another adventure pops up.

"It makes you extremely proud on one side. But my wife and I live with our heart in our throat when she's gone," said Jed Braegger, who now lives in Las Vegas, Nev.

While her family enjoys the outdoors, Braegger's thrill-seeking tendencies are a bit of an anomaly.

"I've wondered at times who her real father and mother are," Jed Braegger said.

The women, between the ages of 27 and 52, all had corporate sponsors. Braegger, in her early 30s, was one of eight Americans. The remaining women were

Canadian.

A reporter with the *Ottawa Citizen* made the trek, as well as a documentary filmmaker, who both documented the trip.

Satellite telephones provided by the U.S. Navy allowed the women to talk with school children in Michigan while the Navy tested the telephones in Arctic conditions.

"I have to say that this experience was probably the most special so far in that I've been able to share it with so many others," Braegger said.

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Power

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stronger in his condemnation of deregulation. Although "conspiracy is too strong a word," Stennett said energy corporations "certainly had the opportunity to drive up costs" because of the deregulation structure.

Idaho lawmakers would violate the public trust, Stennett said, if they abandoned decades-old agreements with consumers for cheap hydroelectric power. Alternative energy sources such as windmills and solar as well as providing tax credits for more energy-efficient homes also should be on lawmakers' agenda, Stennett told the some 100 business and agricultural executives at the meeting.

"Because some consumers mis-

understand "deregulation" to mean they can shop and choose for their electricity, state Rep. Charles Cuddy, D-Orofino, took pains to dispel that myth, insisting the present system — whereby Idaho's electric utilities have monopolies in their service areas — "isn't conducive to competition."

Former state legislator Jim Kempton, of Albion, now an Idaho member of the Pacific Northwest Power and Conservation Planning Council, suggested state legislators are on the front lines of protecting Idaho's isolation from the energy crisis that has hit California and is predicted to hit other states.

"When the lights go out," Kempton said, "the issue is polit-

ical."

One of the audience questions for the panel opened up a possible area of tension with local planning and zoning boards — should the state get involved in deciding where new electric generating plants and transmission lines should be built.

The panel seemed to agree, yes, the state is in a better position to avoid "local politics" that might lead to delays of critical decisions on construction of new plants.

But panelists agreed local planning boards and the state could work together.

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ARTEC

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ent learning styles students have.

"Not everybody learns the same way or at the same rates," Noh said. "We need lots of different talents in this world, and we're not going to try to make everyone the same."

But at the same time, with higher academic standards in place, Noh said educators must look at customizing education for each student.

For example, some students find algebra challenging.

With new standards, students can't be able to dodge the class, Noh teachers won't be able to judge the student who doesn't

learn algebra easily, either.

Noh said teachers might give students more time to learn concepts in lab situations or provide more one-on-one tutoring for those having trouble, to name a few alternatives. Students will not be allowed to continue for long without understanding a subject, either, with the new strategies, she said.

"A student won't go a whole semester without understanding," she said. "We'll catch him through testing and assessments before he falls very far behind."

ARTEC has changed the world of education for educators in the consortium, Noh said.

"We're learning to work smarter, be more deliberate and teach more scientifically," she said.

"It has also provided training to us that we could have never gotten otherwise," she said. "It has brought in consultants and expertise that was not available."

"And it has connected us. We have gotten together to get better acquainted and to work together, and through telecommunications we have connected schools together."

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School Board mulls new district budget

By Margaret Jones
Times-News correspondent

KIMBERLY - School board members met until past midnight Thursday but still hadn't made a final decision on a balanced budget.

The board voted to continue the meeting at Tuesday. Superintendent John Garner said the district can't afford to replace the elementary counselor position or to add an additional teaching position. Unexpected costs at the new high school for extensive landscaping, paving and a turn lane at the Center Street entrance have put a dent in the district budget.

Other School Board business:
• The board honored retiring teachers Gene Egeler and Jane Burns.
• The board reviewed the year-end school resource officer report

Meeting time
The Kimberly School Board will continue a discussion on the district budget at 7 p.m. Tuesday at Kimberly High School.

and the district's out-of-district student policy.

- The board approved the high school committee report.
- The board approved a requirement for parking permits at the new high school.
- The board approved raising hot lunch prices. Hot lunches for elementary students will go up to \$1.20 from \$1.15. Hot lunches for middle and high school students will go up to \$1.35 from \$1.30. Adult lunches will go up to \$2.60 from \$2.50.

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Teen shot by police apologizes for actions

NAMPA (AP) - A 13-year-old boy shot in an altercation with police apologizes for his actions, but maintains they opened fire first.

"I want to tell everybody I scared that I am sorry," he didn't mean for what happened to happen," Derek said as he touched a protrusion, the tapered end of a bullet lodged in his spine. He is in Mercy Medical Center.

"They shot at me two or three times before I shot," he said, his mother, Angelic, by his side. "I didn't think they would shoot. I thought they were just going to Mace me or something or try to talk me down."

The lodged bullet has not been moved because doctors are not certain what the outcome could be, Angelic said.

Nampa and state police are conducting separate investigations and have not released information on who shot first.

Derek, whose last name is not being released because he is a juvenile, faces three counts of aggravated assault on a police officer.

A call came in to police on Monday night of a youth with a handgun. Three officers responded and the boy ran. The police say Derek aimed the weapon several times at them and fired at least one round.

Derek's mother tried to set the record straight that although he is prone to the sometimes imprudent actions of teen-agers, Derek is not the bad seed that people may believe he is.

"If I'd just known him by what I read in the papers, I'd say: 'Yeah, give him what he deserves,'" she said. "But I don't think he meant any harm. He's just a typical teen-ager. He made a bad choice."

Nez Perce will improve casinos for commemoration

LEWISTON (AP) - The Nez Perce Tribe is betting the Lewis and Clark Bicentennial commemoration will bring more tourists to its casinos in the next few years, so it will buff them up in preparation.

The Lewiston-area Clearwater River Casino may get a facelift, possibly with a hotel, entertainment and convention center, food and beverage outlets and a golf course.

The tribe has published a legal notice seeking bids for a feasibility study on an expanded complex.

"With the prospect of millions of tourists passing through Lewiston during the Lewis and Clark Bicentennial celebration, the tribe wanted to be prepared to greet visitors with the best possible facility," Tribal Executive Committee Chairman Samuel Penney said.

The Ah'W'y Plaza, with the Clearwater casino, would see the addition of sewer services and later a permanent casino building with hotel and meeting rooms. A golf course could be in the next phase.

In Kamiah, the current Nez Perce Express 'I-convenience store will be expanded into the new site of the It-Se-Ye-Bingo and Casino. A restaurant also will be added. Work begins in July.

Penney said the projects will not expand the casinos but will provide more places for tourists to sleep, eat and play.

"Our two gaming operations are the cornerstones of our economic development plan," he said. "We are hopeful that once the construction is finished, the new improved facilities will continue to provide needed revenues for basic tribal services and programs for tribal members, and benefit the local communities and economy."

Mayor calls on U.S., Russia to reduce weapons

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) - Mayor Rocky Anderson called on Presidents Bush and Putin on Saturday to lead the world in eliminating nuclear weapons at the U.S. Conference of Mayors being held in Detroit.

The mayor is not attending the conference because of a stomach flu.

The resolution builds on an earlier statement signed by Anderson and others which detailed the threat of nuclear weapons on cities. "It is unacceptable that while so many human needs are neglected and while poverty afflicts so many, particularly in cities, vast resources that could be put to wiser use are spent on nuclear weapons," the resolution says.

Joshua Ewing, the mayor's communications director, said Anderson feels strongly about reducing the number of weapons.

"It hasn't necessarily been an issue he has been publicly speaking about, but it is something he thinks is important," Ewing said.

About 80 resolutions are proposed, and passed, every year at the mayors' conference.

Anderson's resolution will be voted on early next week. The last proposal to reduce nuclear weapons came up several years ago, said Jubi Headley, director of public affairs for the U.S. Conference of Mayors. The five-day conference ends this Thursday.

Court: Collectors can take community property

BOISE (AP) - The Idaho Supreme Court on Friday ruled that community property can, in certain cases, be taken by federal tax collectors to satisfy a federal judgment even if one spouse has been found completely innocent of the crime.

But the high court refused to declare that community property can be used to settle every liability including those that could be considered reserved to just one spouse.

The ruling was sought by U.S. District Judge B. Lynn Winnmill in the attempt by Mary Hegg to protect her home from being taken by the Internal Revenue Service. David and Mary Hegg had been

married for 24 years when David Hegg obtained a \$3 million federal tax refund in 1992 by filing a false joint tax return. The IRS slapped a lien on all the Hegg's property once the fraud was discovered and pursued it even after the couple divorced in 1994 and Mary Hegg ended up with the house.

Three years later she was declared an innocent spouse under the federal tax code, meaning that she could not be held liable for the fraud.

In 1998, Mary Hegg filed for bankruptcy and asked that the IRS lien on her house be lifted since she had innocent spouse status. The bankruptcy court

refused, and she appealed to Winnmill, who asked the state Supreme Court what Idaho law is on liabilities and community property.

Chief Justice Linda Copple Trout, writing for the unanimous high court, cited a 1962 ruling in which the court held that a tavern owned by a married couple could be tapped to cover a damage judgment resulting from the husband tear-gassing a patron.

In that case, the court held that the incident happened during operation of the community property business and with the intention to protect and benefit the business so the community is responsible.

In the Hegg case, Trout wrote that the fraudulent refund was obtained from a joint tax return that involved community property income.

"This is a community obligation for which the community is fully liable," Trout wrote.

In another case, the court agreed to suspend the license of Coeur d'Alene attorney David Frazier, but for just one year rather than the three years recommended by the Idaho State Bar.

The court agreed that Frazier charged excessive fees and failed to safeguard client property and finances in the handling of two estates.

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Idaho farmland conversion accelerated dramatically in the '90s

BOISE (AP) — A new report from the U.S. Department of Agriculture underscores Idaho's urbanization, documenting the conversion of prime agricultural land across the state.

Development on crop and pasture land increased dramatically during the 1990s, and soil and wind erosion on the erodible land that was left continued to threaten its productivity, the report by the Natural Resource Conservation Service found.

Only about 17 million of Idaho's 63 million acres is in private hands to begin with, and the resource inventory found that from 1992 to 1997, another 91,000 acres of that land was urbanized. That was an increase of almost 14 percent in developed while agricultural conversion nationally increased developed acreage by 12.6 percent.

"Rapid urbanization and development leads to the fragmenta-

tion of agricultural land and the loss of prime farmland in growing areas," the report said.

The shift from agriculture was concentrated in the state's economic hotspots. Ada County saw its developed land increase 26 percent, Canyon County 14 percent and Kootenai County 13 percent.

The overall rate of converting rural land to urban use increased 47 percent between 1992 and

1997 compared to 1982 to 1992. What was a shift of just over 11,000 acres a year became more than 16,500 acres annually in the 1990s.

And the disappearance of pastureland was even more dramatic. After converting an average of just 620 acres of pasture between 1982 and 1992, developers began urbanizing an average of 1,440 acres a year between 1992 and 1997.

Of the land converted in the last 20 years, more than 74,000 acres were irrigated. Only four other states saw more irrigated land go to developers in that period.

The state continued to have over 5.5 million acres of land in crops and another 1.3 million in pasture, but the report said water and wind erosion was above the national average.

Conservation efforts over the past two decades have reduced

the problem but the state was still losing an average of 3.4 tons of soil per acre a year to water and 3.3 tons an acre each year to wind. That compared to national erosion figures of 3.1 tons an acre to water and just 2.1 tons an acre to wind.

"Excessive erosion is a concern because as topsoil disappears, soil productivity declines," Richard Sims of the Resources Conservation Service said. "And with the sediment that is the end product

of erosion often goes pesticides and nutrients in concentrations too high for streams and rivers to safely absorb."

Sims also pointed out that wind erosion contributes to poor air quality.

The severest water erosion problems, up to 10 tons an acre, were in north-central and eastern Idaho while wind erosion was the worst in southern and eastern Idaho — also up to 10 tons a year,

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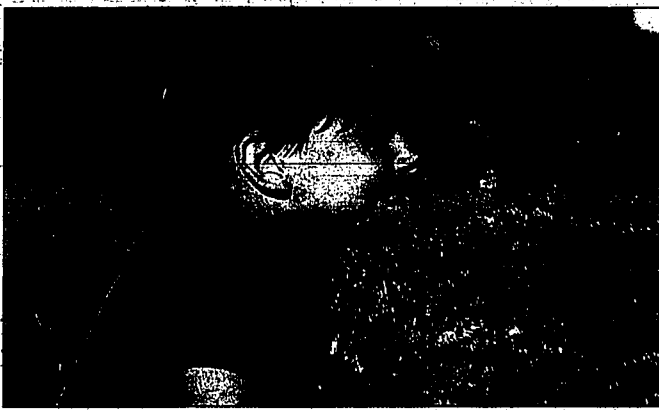
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Tabatha Ytuarte, 4, cools off at the Alameda Neighborhood Association-sponsored Arts in the Park by biting into a water balloon Friday in Pocatello.

Eastern Idaho towns may adopt European-style intersections

IDAHO FALLS (AP) — Eastern Idaho intersections could take on the ambience of Rome or Paris with traffic roundabouts replacing traditional four-way stops or traffic lights.

Traffic experts believe the circular intersections are a safer, cheaper alternative to lights.

Blackfoot's urban renewal agency recently approved one at the intersection of Jensen Grove and Parkway drives, near the new Wal-Mart Super Center.

And the Bonneville County commissioners think one at the intersection of Hitt and Lincoln roads is the right step.

Roundabouts are mostly concrete and asphalt and require little maintenance once they are

completed, unlike traffic lights. Motorists on side roads just weave into the revolving traffic and then pick an exit.

Brandon Bird, Blackfoot's urban renewal chairman, said installing a traffic light near Wal-Mart would cost at least \$180,000. He estimates the roundabout will run less than \$100,000, and be finished by the end of August.

"We feel it's a really, really good option for that intersection," Bird said.

Roundabouts have long been a traffic staple in Europe. They were first introduced in the United States about 50 years ago, but most Americans disliked them because traffic moved too fast and there were a lot of acci-

dents, Idaho Falls engineer Shaun Dustin said.

But in the past four years, their popularity has risen. There are now more than 350 in the country.

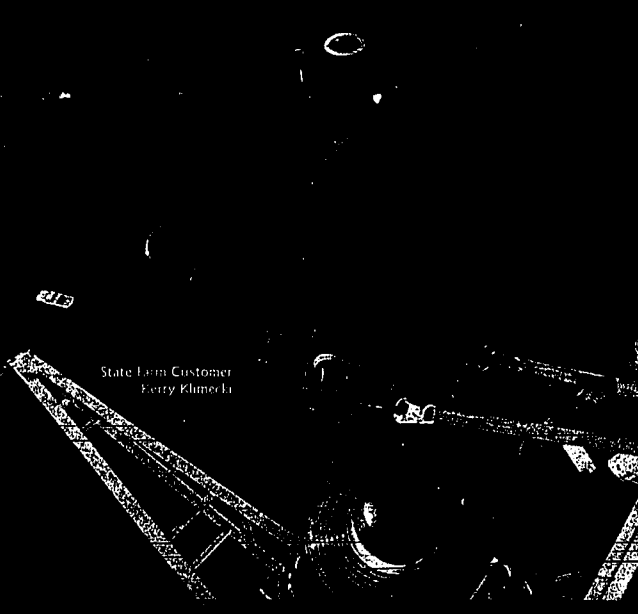
An Insurance Institute of Highway Safety study looked at American intersections that were converted to roundabouts. It found the accident rate there dropped by an average 39 percent and the severity of the accidents declined by 76 percent.

Blackfoot officials are anticipating some backlash and believe the key is education.

"Ours will be the first in Idaho and is kind of a test case--we want to make sure people are prepared," Bird said.

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Potato shipper sues dehydrator but continues business dealings

IDAHO FALLS (AP) — One of the region's largest potato shippers has filed a \$75 million federal antitrust suit against the largest dehydrator, accusing it of driving spot prices to unreasonably low levels.

But Dave Kingston Produce will continue to do business with Basic American Foods.

Kingston Produce filed suit Tuesday against the California company that owns potato processing plants in Blackfoot, Shelley and Idaho Falls. It accuses it of controlling the market for processed potatoes.

Basic American supplies potato flakes for retail brands like Betty Crocker and Hungry Jack, and also dominates the dehydrated potato granule market.

Kingston's suit charges that before Basic American bought Pillsbury's dehydration plant in Shelley in 1998, there was a competitive market for process-grade potatoes. But the acquisition gave Basic American control of at least 77 percent of Idaho's dehydrated potato production, the suit says.

"Since acquiring monopoly power, it has raised consumer

prices for dehydrated potatoes by raising its prices to supermarkets and institutions, and lowered prices paid to grower or fresh potato sheds that buy potatoes from growers," the suit says.

In addition to damages of \$75 million, the suit is asking for divestiture of the Shelley plant under antitrust laws.

North American Potato Market News publisher Bruce Huffaker called it a bold move on Kingston's part, considering the company rents its Shelley fresh-pack plant from Basic American.

KING OF SWING



The setting sun silhouettes a youngster on top of a swing at Lions Park in Bremerton, Wash., Wednesday.

Hundreds may join Micron suit

BOISE (AP) — Hundreds of employees could join a lawsuit that accuses Micron Electronics of violating the Fair Labor and Standards Act in its overtime pay for sales employees, an attorney says.

The suit was filed June 1 by Kimberley Smith of Nampa, an account manager at the company's call center in Arden.

Employees who were current and former employees have agreed to join the complaint. Attorney Dan Williams said they will ask the

court to have it certified as a class-action suit to accommodate hundreds more, he may have received similar treatment.

Williams said the suit alleges supervisors, through the use of verbal reprimands and warnings, discouraged employees from recording overtime. Micron encouraged the class members to sue staff with the suggestion the extra work will lead to a managerial position, and supervisors altered time cards to diminish

overtime, it said.

Employees are only paid overtime on their base pay and not commissions, which Williams said is a violation of the labor act.

The complaint requests a jury trial, asks for payment of overtime due, as well as damages. Micron officials declined comment.

Most of the litigation comes from operations Micron Electronics recently sold to Gores Technology Corp., a Los-Angeles-based technology investment firm.

Couple sues bar for serving man with Wave Runner

COEUR D'ALENE (AP) — A Dalton Gardens couple involved in a fatal boating accident two years ago are suing Arrow Point Resort, claiming it served alcohol obviously intoxicated waterfitters.

Robert and Tanya Benson filed a civil suit in 1st District Court, suing the bar on Lake Coeur d'Alene served drinks to the driver of the Wave Runner that took their 18-foot boat the night of July 6, 1999.

with Williamson and Bennett at Arrow Point. Knowing Williamson was drunk and that the watercraft had no navigational lights, Diptiero gave Williamson permission to drive it, it said.

The couple is seeking an undetermined amount of damages.

In November, a jury acquitted Williamson of involuntary manslaughter, but convicted him of misdemeanor boating under the influence.

Field-burning ruling upsets boy's family

LEWISTON (AP) — Parents of a 12-year-old boy who is asthmatic plan to take him away from his home in southeastern Washington farm country late this summer to protect him from field-burning smoke.

Patti Gora had hoped a judge would order a halt to burning of wheat stubble, making it unnecessary to evacuate her son, Tim, from the family's Pullman home.

Hillbilly heroin' may become Utah's newest abused drug

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — A powerful, prescription painkiller is likely to become a fashionable new drug in Utah, according to drug enforcement officials in the West.

OxyContin, or "hillbilly heroin," derives from opiates and produces euphoria akin to the feeling of taking heroin or cocaine.

The drug already has been blamed for the death of one Utah, a 19-year-old Orem man.

"I think this is a very good example of what is going on here," said Barry Jamison, agent-in-charge of Utah's Drug Enforcement Agency.

The Bensen's lawyer, Joel Hazel, said they would have named Williamson in the lawsuit, but he declared bankruptcy in March.

Police said Williamson's blood-alcohol level registered at .18 percent after the crash, more than double Idaho's legal limit of .08 percent.

Prosecutors said Williamson had been drinking beer, whiskey and three "De-rallers," a giant rum concoction served in a motel ice bucket with multiple straws, from the resort before taking the night ride.

But U.S. District Judge Robert Whaley of Spokane, Wash., on June 15 dismissed a lawsuit filed by Save Our Summers, a Spokane clean-air advocacy group.

The civil rights complaint was filed in 1999 under the Americans With Disabilities Act on behalf of several area children who suffer respiratory diseases. The lawsuit alleges field burning discriminates against people with breathing problems because it limits their access to public places such as schools and parks.

Potlatch protests tax assessment

LEWISTON (AP) — In its latest attempt to cut costs, Potlatch Corp. is protesting the property tax assessment on its Nez Perce County plant.

Assessor Daniel Anderson said the current assessment is \$500 million, and the wood products manufacturer believes the value is more like \$350 million.

The \$7 million Potlatch pays annually is one of the largest property tax bills in the county, Anderson said, and if the company prevails in its protest, there could be a shift in the county's property tax burden to other businesses and home owners.

Potlatch officials contend timber market conditions and skyrocketing power costs were not properly factored in to this year's valuation.

Assessed value is supposed to

be based on what a willing buyer would pay a willing seller, Potlatch spokesman Frank Carroll said.

"I can say my house is worth half a million dollars because I love it. But if I can't get anyone to pay that, what is its value?" Carroll contended.

The Nez Perce County Commission, acting as a board of equalization, will refer the first round in the dispute. The commissioners have until July 9 to reach a decision. If Potlatch remains dissatisfied, it can take its case to the State Board of Tax Appeals.

Notice of Fair Housing Enforcement Agreement

The United States Department of Housing and Urban Development and Intermountain Fair Housing Council (Complainants) and Jack Wright and Elaine Wright Twin Falls, Idaho. (Respondents)

Finding: The parties agree that The Department's investigation showed that Mr. Wright used an advertisement which stated "Secure Gate Adult Community." This statement may discriminate against families with children. This advertisement may be in violation of The Fair Housing Act.

Resolution: Respondents have paid the Complainants the sum of \$6,225.00 as relief.

Respondents also have agreed to take six "Actions in the Public Interest" including participating in Fair Housing training and agreeing to "not make, print, or publish any notice, statement or advertisement with respect to the sale or rental of a dwelling that indicated any preference, limitation or discrimination based on Familial Status."

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Notice of Fair Housing Enforcement Agreement

between The United States Department of Housing and Urban Development and Intermountain Fair Housing Council (Complainants) and Rock Garden Condominium Association Twin Falls, Idaho. (Respondents)

Finding: The parties agree that the Department's investigation showed that the Respondent had a restrictive rule, which states, "No units shall be occupied on a permanent basis by a person fifteen (15) years...or younger." This rule as stated may be in violation of The Fair Housing Act.

Resolution: Respondents have agreed to undertake six "Actions in the Public Interest," including obtaining Fair Housing training and undergoing Fair Housing "testing" for the next three years.

Respondents also "acknowledge that they accept families with children into Rock Garden Condominiums and will continue to operate in this manner."

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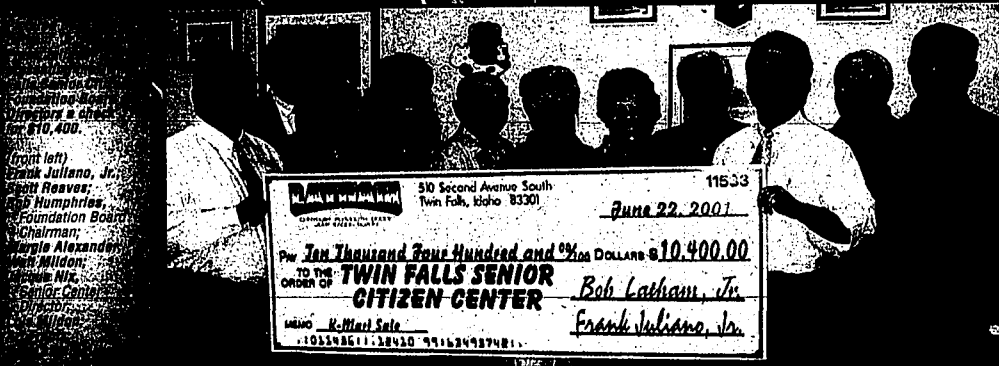
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TODAY'S SCHEDULE

Idaho Regatta
at Burley Marina, 11 a.m.
Region baseball
Lethbridge, Alberta
Twin Falls AA at Lethbridge, 7 p.m.

IN BRIEF

Ken Hamilton wins shortened SRL race
TWIN FALLS — Thunderbolts cut short the 35-lap main event for the Supermodified Racing League at Magic Valley Speedway on Saturday.
But Boise driver Ken Hamilton, driving in place of injured son Jay Hamilton, took the checkered flag when the race was ended due to a slick track on lap 34.
In other main events on Saturday, Dave Bean won the Idaho Midgets race, Eugene Wensch took first for the Pony Stocks and Modified points under Bruce Quale also won.
Racing returns to the track next Sunday.

Knack and Feldman in at Candleridge

TWIN FALLS — Beverly Uphaw and Kay Feldman regained their titles as 2000 Best Ball champions at Candleridge Golf Course on Saturday. After dropping the title last year, the twosome posted an even par 66 for gross honors, giving them the title for the third time in four years.
Playing their first tournament together, the mother-daughter team of Tammie and Wendy Kling claimed second gross with 83. Cindy Byers and Beth Sigler tied with a 79 for third. On net side, Rae Mae Reese and Annie Tolman carded a 21-under 45 for first place.
Carol Knack and Vi Duro took second with a 49. Pam Van Engelen and Betty Pettit claimed third.

Bohli sweeps in Boise

BOISE — The Buhl Indians American Legion team won its 21st game at the Boise Barnes tournament on Saturday. Complete results will appear in today's sports section.

Register for 3-on-3

Timmy In Glennis Ferry
GLENNIS FERRY — Teams are being accepted for the inaugural three Island 3-on-3 Shoot-Out July 4 at Glennis Ferry City Park.
Check-in begins at 8 a.m. with teams starting at 9 a.m. Registration deadline is June 27, no registrations. Divisions will be divided by ages (8-14, 15-18 and 19 and over) with fees ranging from \$40-\$50.
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TRIVIA ANSWER:

Wrigley Field in Chicago during a high school all-star game.

IDAHO REGATTA

Hulls hit water

Races begin with a few broken hopes

By Joe Sunnen
Times-News writer

BURLEY — Sometimes even when you win, you still lose.
At least that's what happened to Karl Loveless at the Idaho Regatta.

The second-generation speed boat driver roared to his first official race win Saturday, taking the Super Stocks "B" Main event to the finish and a shot at some prize money and points.
The only problem was, the engine that propelled the SS-741 wouldn't be coming along for the ride.
"We blew our best engine winning the 'B' Main just to get into the 'A' Main," Loveless said. "It was kind of bittersweet." Even before Loveless was pulled from the boat and dumped in the water, as is customary when a driver wins their first race, he was shaking his head about the prospects of actually driving in the race he'd worked so hard to reach. But shortly after conceding his spot, Loveless rushed to the race director and announced he would be in the race, if he and his crew could put their second engine in place in time.
"That's when the real race started."
"I was just praying we could make the main," Loveless said. "This is my second official race, so to have a chance to be in the Super Stock main and get some point for the series, it was huge."

A group of several skilled mechanics, including some from other crews, joined the Loveless family in a mad dash of "out the old and in with the new" trying to get the boat ready before the "A" main. With a little help and a lot of elbow grease, the engine was in place in just over an hour.
"We needed to make sure it would be safe to run," Loveless said. "I was a little concerned about whether we had the right combination of things together, but we ended up getting it together and making the show."
Sadly for Loveless, the show didn't last very long.
The engine that they had so frantically tried to put in the boat shut down on the second lap of the final and Loveless didn't get a chance to finish the race.
"I don't know what happened," Loveless said. "That's something that we'll probably be up all night trying to figure out."
And even though Saturday's final didn't have a storybook ending, it didn't make Danny Loveless any less proud of his son. Danny has been a fixture at the Regatta since the beginning, and chose the course in Burley for Karl's first race last season because it was a safe place to learn.
"The win was a great moment," Danny Loveless said. "He's doing a great job. I've raced for a lot of years and I'm just starting to turn it over to Karl."
And the father and son agree that the Idaho Regatta holds some special memories.
"I love coming to Burley," Karl Loveless said. "My first race was here last year and now my first win is here. This is the best race for me and my family. I've been alive 21 years and I've been here 21 years. To win my first race here ... I couldn't have asked for anything better."

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Lance Faulkner, driver of K-Racing Runabout No. K-69, competes in the Budweiser K-Racing Runabouts race Saturday afternoon at the 2001 Idaho Regatta at the Burley Golf Course Marina.



Shawn 'Chick' Loveless, left, helps lift a blown motor out of Super Stock 741. His brother, Karl Loveless, blew the motor winning the Super Stock B heat. It was Karl Loveless' first-ever win but it cost him his best engine. The team was able to replace the broken motor, but Karl Loveless didn't finish the Super Stock final.

Easy wins and hard feelings

Faulkner untouchable in Supers, K-Boats

By Joe Sunnen
Times-News writer

BURLEY — The showdown ended in a splashdown before it even began.
And that left Larry Hamilton a little hot under the collar.
Lance Faulkner cruised to an easy win in the Super Stocks "A" Main event Saturday at the 2001 Idaho Regatta at the Burley Golf Course Marina, but one of his main competitors was inadvertently left behind.

Hamilton, running second to Faulkner in the points race, was knocked off-course going into the first turn of the race when Faulkner's teammate, Ty Newton, moved into Hamilton's lane creating a rooster tail. Newton was penalized one minute for the incident, but it also knocked Hamilton deep into the pack.
Dave Bryant finished second, Paul Wittington was third and Hamilton a disappointing fourth.
"I feel like one of the boats came down on me pretty good and didn't leave me my lane," Hamilton said. "It's close quarters, and that's to be expected, but someone

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Bessette maintains lead at Challenge

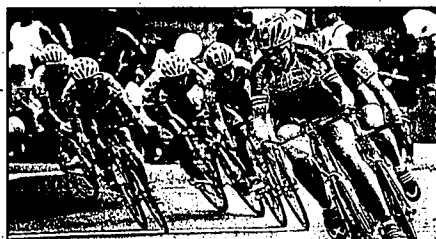
The Associated Press

BOISE — Four riders tied for first place in the Stage 12 of the Hewlett-Packard Women's Challenge Saturday.
The four cyclists finished the 34.7-mile Wirestone Statehouse Criterium 45 laps in downtown Boise with a time of 1 hour, 22 minutes, 2 seconds. The first-place finishers were Marielle van Scheepingen of the Dutch National team, Catherine Marshal of France riding for Intersports, American Kimberly Smith from the AutoTrader.com team and Boise Cascade Office Products racer Roz Reekie-May of New Zealand.
Bessette maintained her overall lead at 25 hours, 41 minutes,

HP Women's Challenge

Today: Stage 13 (final stage)
What: HP Road Race from Middleton to Boise
A 55.2-mile combination road race and criterium from Middleton to Hyde Park in Boise.
The five-lap finish in historic Hyde Park is fast and exciting.
When: 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

19 seconds. Judith Arndt of the German National Team remained second at 25:46:14, followed by Lithuanian Rasa Polikeviciute at 25:51:12, and German Petra Rossner of Saturn at 25:53:12.



AutoTrader.com rider Katrina Berger leads the pack during the Boise Statehouse Criterium Stage 12 of the Hewlett-Packard Women's Challenge bicycle race on Saturday. The race concludes today.

Brigham City wins Donnelley tournament

By Kevin Hall
Times-News sports editor

TWIN FALLS — Pool B teams swept the final day of competition at the 2001 Donnelley Sports Invitational American Legion Tournament at Bruin Field on Saturday.
Brigham City, Utah (18-4) finished 4-0 to take home the championship, dismantling Bear Lake 12-2 in a run-rule five innings. The Cascades scored four runs in the bottom of the fourth to break open a close game.
In other games, Wood River

settled for third place with a 10-0 thrashing of Mountain Crest, Utah; Jerome ripped Twin Falls 10-1 for fifth place and Marsh Valley rallied in eight innings to top Caldwell 6-5 for seventh place.
Bear Lake coach Craig Culver, whose team fell 2-1 to Brigham City two years ago at the tournament, said his young team just couldn't overcome the older, more polished Guardians.
"They're a good team," Culver said. "It was a good game through three innings. We were trailing 5-1 with the bases loaded

in the third and hit a shot to right field. But (the outfielder) tracked it down. After that, we couldn't get anything going."
Wood River finished the tournament 3-1 for third place after its 10-0 win of Mountain Crest, Utah (8-3). Drew Detwiler went the five-inning minimum for the win, facing 19 batters and striking out six.
Max Fatsley led the Wolverines (9-3) with three hits. Matt Conover, Joe Molyneux and Paul Tinker all had two hits and two runs batted in. Tinker and Cory Golcochea also hit

triples.
"Drew pitched a great game and we really swung the bats well," said Wood River assistant Mike Chatterton.
Jerome finished the tournament 2-2 after beating Twin Falls for the third time this season 10-1. Kiel Thibault had five RBIs and was a home run away from the cycle to lead the Tigers (5-9), who also got outstanding pitching performances from starter Kyle Roberts and relievers Matt Tilley and Thibault.
The loss spoiled Twin Falls' bid for a second consecutive title.
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Rocker misses start of Negro League tribute

The Associated Press

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — John Rocker, whose comments about minorities prompted a former teammate to label him a clubhouse "cancer," missed the start of the Cleveland Indians' game Saturday night against Kansas City that featured a Negro Leagues tribute.
The Indians, who obtained Rocker and minor league third baseman Troy Cameron from Atlanta on Friday, for relievers Steve Karsay and Steve Reed, wore the uniforms of the 1946 Cleveland Buckeyes on Saturday night.
Rocker had been expected to arrive in the early afternoon, the team said, but his flight from New York — where he had been for the Braves' weekend series against the Mets — was delayed by thunderstorms.
Rocker had 83 saves and a 2.63 ERA in 210 career games with Atlanta. But his comments in an interview with Sports Illustrated after the 1999 season — he vilified New Yorkers, gags immigrants and renegeed mothers — brought down the wrath of baseball, the Braves



John Rocker

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SPORTS

Thrashers make winger first Russian chosen No. 1

SUNRISE, Fla. (AP) — Ilya Kovalchuk's talent overshadowed any concern for his temperament.

The Atlanta Thrashers made Kovalchuk the first Russian ever chosen No. 1 in the NHL entry draft Saturday.

"We all feel that he's going to be a superstar in this league and he will get 100 points for a lot of years," Waddell said, downplaying reports that Kovalchuk sometimes plays selfishly.

"I understand it's a young team, but I will do the best I can to make this team a lot better, a lot stronger and I want to do that,"



Kovalchuk said through an interpreter.

The Ottawa Senators traded disgruntled center Alexei Yashin to the New York Islanders for the second pick, defenseman Zdeno Chara and forward Bill Mackinnon.

"I'll just go out and play hard and try to have fun," Spezza said. "Getting a chance to play in Canada is going to be unbelievable. I grew up on the home turf. It'll be pretty awesome."

The Calgary Flames made two big trades. They got center Rob Niedermayer and a second-round pick from Florida in exchange for a forward Valeri Bure and winger



Ilya Kovalchuk puts on his team jersey during the NHL first round draft picks Saturday at the National Center in Sunrise, Fla.

Rental Center in Sunrise, Fla. Jason Wiener. Then they added goalie Roman Turek from St. Louis for goalie Fred Brattwaite, young winger Daniel Tkaczuk, prospect Sergei Varlamov and a ninth-round pick.

There could be more wheeling and dealing, as veteran stars Jaromir Jagr, Eric Lindros and Michael Peca remain the center of several trade rumors.

Kovalchuk's draft stock started rising when the 6-foot-2, 207-pound scorer had 11 goals and four assists in six games during the World under-18 Championship in Finland this spring.

He expects to make an immediate impact in Atlanta.

Kovalchuk was one of three 18-year-old Russians selected in the top five picks. With the third pick, Tampa Bay took physical Russian center Alexander Svitov. Florida selected Canadian center Stephen Weiss fourth, and Anaheim then got Russian winger Stanislav Chistov at No. 5.

High school runner Webb places fifth; Dragila struggles but wins

EUGENE, Ore. (AP) — Alan Webb's blue and white South Lakes High School uniform was "officially been retired," the 18-year-old said after winning the men's 1,500 final Saturday.

Webb, who has caught the world's attention with his recent amazing performances, is looking forward to some time off before beginning his training at Michigan this fall.

Webb finished fifth Saturday in 3:38.50. He was trying to become the first teen to win the mile or 1,500 at the national outdoor meet since Mary Liguori in 1969.

"I ruined the day," said winner Andy Downin. "There's a lot of people upset with me, but there's a lot of people who love me, too." In the Prefontaine Classic here last month, Webb ran an amazing 3:53.43 in the mile to break Jim

Ryun's 36-year-old high school record of 3:55.3.

Olympic women's pole vault gold medalist Stacy Dragila says more important than always winning is that she continues to attempt higher heights and tries using bigger poles. Dragila, a former Idaho State University student and the world indoor and outdoor champion in the event, cleared 15-7.5.

She opted to skip up to 15-7 and missed three tries. "It's important to win, but it's important to keep putting the bar up," she said.

"She knows she can clear 16 feet. She struggled Saturday, and had to warm up several times and take more practice jumps on the ground. "Not until the last two heights did I feel good," she said.

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Boomer's perfect fiction

On a segment of HBO's Real Sports that premiered this week, Chicago White Sox pitcher David Wells claimed to reporter Armen Keyevliari that he was hung over "like a son of a (expletive)" when he pitched his Sunday afternoon perfect game for the New York Yankees against Minnesota on May 17, 1998. Wells said he had been out late at the taping and subsequent cast party of NBC's Saturday Night Live.

"I was out all night," Wells said. "I went to Saturday Night Live and (producer) Les Moonves invited me to the after-party. And his assistant said, 'Yeah, I'll be great. Have fun.' She goes, 'In fact, Dennis Rodman was here one time, partied all night, (then) had one of the best games ever.' I'm like, 'Really? See if it works twice, then.'"

It makes for a good tale, except that it's not true. SNL's production log shows the series was on tour the night before Wells' perfect game. In fact, SNL's 23rd season finale aired May 9, 1998 - eight days before Wells' perfect game.

Must have been a heck of a hangover, Boomer.

Easing off the pedal

The Seattle Mariners are on pace for many milestones of individual and team variety. But manager Lou Piniella said he intends to throttle back to ensure the team can achieve its biggest goal - winning in October.

Among the chief concerns are keeping fresh the league's best bullpen and not wearing out lead-off man Ichiro Suzuki, who has played 70 of the Mariners' first 71 games but never played more than 100 innings in his native Japan. The Mariners are on pace to win a major league-record 123 games, and Ichiro is on pace to set big-league records for hits (262) and at-bats (737).

It's tempting to try to push these people out there every day and win as many games as you can," Piniella said. "But you're looking at a time it's going to bite you, you really are. Do you want a team for June, or for September and October?"

Nice trade

With Monday's decision to designate relief pitcher T.J. Mathews for assignment, the Oakland Athletics officially have nothing left to show for their financially motivated July 1997 trade of slugger Mark McGwire to St. Louis.

The A's acquired three pitchers for McGwire, whom they decided they could not afford to re-sign after his contract was up that season. Mathews made 240 relief appearances for Oakland in the last four years and was 24-15 with a 4.75 ERA. Blake Stein started 21 games for Oakland and was 5-9 with a 6.60 ERA before being traded to Kansas City in July 1999. Stein is in the Royals' rotation.

Around the AL

Their deal for Montreal reliever Ugueth Urbina scuttled by poor doctors reports, the Yankees are turning their trade attention toward Detroit's Todd Jones, Pittsburgh's Mike Williams and Oakland's Jim Mesciti. The White Sox lost another pitcher (LHP Kelly Wunsch) to a season-ending arm surgery, the ninth since September. And Chicago GM Ken Williams said RHP Cal Eldred won't be back this season and is contemplating retirement.

-The Dallas Morning News

Table with 2 columns: Team, Player, Position, Stats. Includes American League Leaders and National League Leaders.

Submariner

Pitcher Elden Auker remembers preserving DiMaggio's 56-game hitting streak



'He got his hits off me. Me and everybody else.' - Elden Auker



Pitcher Elden Auker circa 1941.

By Hal Bock
The Associated Press

Take nothing for granted in baseball, because nothing is guaranteed. A batter hits for the cycle one day and then takes an off-day the next. It happens. That's why batting streaks are so difficult to explain and maintain.

Every so often, a hitter pieces together a streak, 10 games, 20 games, maybe even 30. And that's when people start thinking about the summer of 1941 when Joe DiMaggio hit in 56 straight.

Think about that. Fifty-six straight games. A hit every game for two months, from May 15 through July 17, in wins and losses, day games and night games, single games and doubleheaders.

Six weeks after the streak started with an innocent single, DiMaggio's day-in, day-out pounding of pitchers had reached 37 games and the Yankees were facing the St. Louis Browns. On the mound for St. Louis that day was submarine pitcher Elden Auker, whose style always bothered DiMaggio.

In his new book, "Sleepers Cars and Flannel Uniforms," Auker recalls dealing with DiMaggio. "I had pretty good success with Joe," he said. "He told me he had trouble following my ball."

Auker had been victimized in the first week of the streak when DiMaggio singled against him. That was the sixth game. Then, there were two home runs in game

No. 23. Now, on June 26 - 60 years ago Tuesday - they faced each other again.

The streak was the last thing on Auker's mind. "All I was trying to do was get hitters out and win a game," he said. "I wasn't interested in his streak. I didn't pay any attention to it."

By then, though, the Yankees were caught up in Joe DiMaggio's run.

Auker's approach with DiMaggio was to keep the ball in on his hands, mixing an occasional screwball into the equation. The submarine motion, made necessary by an old football injury, helped complicate matters for hitters.

In his first at-bat that day, DiMaggio flied out. On his next swing, he hit a grounder to second base where Johnny Berardino booted the ball. When the play was called an error, the Yankees gathered on the top step of the dugout and peered up at the press box at the official scorer, a silent protest in support of their teammate.

In his third at-bat, DiMaggio was retired on a grounder to third. Now he was 0-for-3, and with the Yankees leading 3-1, the streak was in jeopardy. He was scheduled to be the fourth batter in the bottom of the eighth inning; most likely the Yankees' final turn at the plate.

With one out in the eighth, Auker walked Red Rolfe. That brought up Tommy Henrich. If Auker had experienced some success over the years with DiMaggio, he had none with Henrich.

"He wore me out," the old pitcher said. This time, though, Henrich had a different agenda. Concerned that an inning-ending double play would deprive DiMaggio of one more chance to extend the streak, Henrich suggested to manager Joe McCarthy that he bunt. The manager agreed. The sacrifice worked and DiMaggio got that last at-bat.

Now the option belonged to Auker. "I wasn't concerned with Joe's streak," he said. "As a pitcher, you're concentrating one batter to the next, just trying to get guys out. If I wanted to stop the streak, I could have hit him or walked him. First base was open. But I didn't put guys on base intentionally. I had pretty good control."

Two days later, Philadelphia's Johnny Babich tried that strategy, walking DiMaggio on four pitches in each of his first two at-bats and going 3-0 in the third one. He got ball four a bit too close, though, and Joe DiMaggio hit right back through the pitcher's box for a base hit.

DiMaggio never gave Auker a chance to avoid him, swinging at the first pitch, hitting it hard down the third base line and into left field for a double. The streak was intact, now at 38 games.

Thirteen games later, DiMaggio pushed it to 51 games against Auker, his fifth hit during the streak against the submarine pitcher. No one surrendered more.

"He got his hits off me," said Auker, now 90. "Me and everybody else."

Ramirez blasts two homers in win over Jays

BOSTON (AP) - Manny Ramirez hit a pair of huge home runs but the Toronto Blue Jays beat the Boston Red Sox 3-6 Saturday as Homer Bush hit a two-run single in a seven-run second inning.

Ramirez hit two straight following a four-game winning streak, cutting its AL East lead over second-place New York in half to two games.

Ramirez hit solo homers totaling 964 feet in his first two at-bats against Chris Michael, the second drive at 501 feet likely the second-longest homer ever at Fenway Park behind a 502-foot drive by Ted Williams in 1946.

Robert Fife (3-1) worked 1-2-3 scoreless innings for the win and Billy Koch pitched the ninth for his 13th save. Frank Castillo (7-5) was pounded for seven runs and five hits in 1-3 innings.

Yankees 2, Devil Rays 1
ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. - Roger Clemens (10-1) became the AL's first 10-game winner, allowing one run and five hits in six-plus innings to send Tampa Bay to its eighth straight loss.

Clemens' 270th victory tied Benito Sison's record for 28th on the career list.

Tigers 10, Twins 9
DETROIT - Juan Encarnacion hit a three-run double to cap a four-run seventh. Detroit has won four straight, while Minnesota has lost eight in nine.

Athletics 5, Rangers 4
OAKLAND, Calif. - Eric Chavez drove home pinch-runner Tim Lincecum with a single off the wall in the 10th inning.

MLB

A's closer Jason Isringhausen (2-2) got the victory, but he also blew his major league-leading sixth save chance on a two-out homer by Ruben Sierra in the ninth.

White Sox 8, Orioles 3
BALTIMORE - Tony Graffanino and Paul Konerko homered in a six-run seventh inning.

Jeff Lieve also homered for the White Sox, who rallied from a 3-1 sixth-inning deficit to record their 21st win in 28 games. Ray Durham, who entered in an 0-for-21 skid, hit two doubles, scored twice and drove in a run.

Royals 3, Indians 2
KANSAS CITY, Mo. - John Rocker, acquired a day earlier from Atlanta, met weather and traffic delays and joined the Cleveland Indians in the eighth inning a loss to the Kansas City Royals.

Rocker, who did not dress, missed seeing Kansas City's Chad Durbin overtake two early solo home runs to outfield Dave Burba.

National League
Cardinals 6, Giants 5
ST. LOUIS - Barry Bonds became the fastest player to 39 home runs, but the San Francisco Giants lost to the St. Louis Cardinals 6-5 Saturday night on Mike Matheny's RBI single in the ninth inning.

Bonds hit a two-run shot off Derryl Kile in the first inning, getting to 39 homers in 74 games and

Bonds watch

Home run: No. 39. Game: 73. Against: a Low Daily. Where: Busch Stadium. Includes a photo of Barry Bonds.

putting him on a pace to hit 85 homers. Babe Ruth was the previous fastest, doing it in 89 games in 1928.

The homer also extended Bonds' total already to his best major league history, before the All-Star game. The Giants have 14 games to go before the break.

Braves 9, Mets 3, 11 innings
NEW YORK - The Atlanta Braves survived shaky relief pitching from John Rocker's temporary fill-in before scoring six runs in the 11th inning to beat the New York Mets 9-3 Saturday.

Chopper Jones homered in the fifth and hit a two-run double in the 11th off Rick White (1-1). Rafael Furcal had a rib-kicking, RBI infield single in the 11th.

Steve Reed (1-0), the other pitcher the Braves got in Friday's trade with Cleveland, got three outs for the win.

D'backs 9, Rockies 5
DENVER - Erubiel Durazo hit a tiebreaking single off Gabe White (1-4) in the ninth inning and Reggie Sanders followed with a

three-run homer off Juan Acevedo.

Luis Gonzalez hit his 32nd homer and went 3-for-4 for the Diamondbacks, who have won three straight and eight of nine.

Brewers 4, Cubs 0
CHICAGO - James Wright (7-4) allowed five hits in eight-plus innings to win his career-best fourth straight decision and Curt Leskanic finished without allowing a hit.

Richie Sexson hit a three-run homer off Kevin Tapani (8-4), who lost his third straight start.

Marlins 12, Phillies 1
MIAMI - Kevin Millar hit a grand slam as Florida routed Philadelphia for the second straight night and pulled within 2.5 games of the NL East-leading Phillies.

Pirates 7, Expos 4
PITTSBURGH - Todd Ritchie (3-8), the first pitcher in the Pirates' 115-year history to start a season with eight consecutive losses, allowed four runs and seven hits in six innings to win his third consecutive start.

He also hit an RBI double to spark a six-run fourth inning for the Pirates, who stopped a three-game losing streak. Mike Williams pitched the ninth for his 14th save in as many chances.

Astros 9, Reds 3
HOUSTON - Shane Reynolds surpassed his win total from an injury-interrupted 2000 season and Jeff Bagwell hit a three-run homer, leading the Houston Astros over the Cincinnati Reds 9-3 Saturday night.

Reds duke it out

As if the performance of their players weren't disturbing enough, now the Cincinnati Reds are coping with open hostility among their coaches.

Third-base coach Ron Oester and bench coach Tim Lincecum scuffled in the coaches' dressing room at Cingery Field following a two-run loss to Milwaukee on Monday night. Foli wound up in a headlock and needing stitches in his scalp after banging into a locker. Oester emerged with a large bite mark on his leg. Reds manager Ed Boone dismissed the incident as a show of frustration for a team that was 11-34 since May 1.

It probably runs deeper than that. Oester was originally offered the chance to succeed manager Jack McKeon last winter. But when he hesitated to take the job for a salary of only \$300,000, the position was offered to Boone and accepted.

Oester and other coaches remained to coach the final year of their contracts. Foli, a member of Boone's previous coaching staff in Kansas City, was the only Reds coach Boone was permitted to hire.

Fresh Fish
The hottest team in the league entering the weekend was the Florida Marlins. They were taking aim this weekend in Miami at the first-place Philadelphia Phillies, right after winning three of four games in Atlanta to climb into a second-place tie with the Braves in the East.

As the showdown began Friday night, the Marlins had won 11 of 16 and the Phillies had lost 11 of 16. Florida was 15-8 in its first 23 games under new manager Tony Perez. And because of the final year of their contracts, Foli, a member of Boone's previous coaching staff in Kansas City, was the only Reds coach Boone was permitted to hire.

Snakebit Cubs
The Arizona Diamondbacks and Chicago Cubs entered the weekend dueling for the best record in the league. But a potential playoff matchup between the teams would be an unsettling proposition for the Cubbies.

The biggest reason, literally an figuring out the presence of likely Game 1 starter Randy Johnson. Arizona's left-handed ace is 9-0 with a 2.22 ERA in 10 career starts against the Cubs. In 73 innings against them, Johnson has walked 29 and struck out 102.

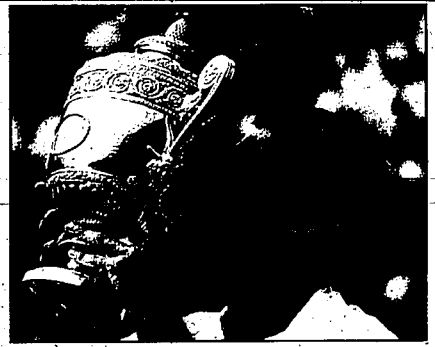
The Cubs haven't fared much better against Arizona's other ace, either. Right-hander Curt Schilling is 6-6 with a 3.63 ERA against Chicago in 16 career starts, walking 19 and striking out 121 in 121 1/3 innings.

Around the NL
The Phillies designated RHP Chris Brock for assignment on Monday, just five days after the Giants designated C Bobby Estabrook. The players were traded for each other after the 1999 season, but the Phillies made the bigger mistake of signing Brock to a two-year, \$1.7 million contract last August. Delton Sanders is telling former Cincinnati teammates that he might sign with Toronto as early as Monday.

-The Dallas Morning News

HOARDING WIMBLEDON

Sampras guns for fifth straight title in tennis' premier event



Pete Sampras kisses his trophy after winning the Wimbledon title July 6, 1997.



By Bill Glauber
The Baltimore Sun

WIMBLEDON, England - Here's the thing about predicting if Pete Sampras will ever lose his Wimbledon crown. Who, exactly, is going to beat him? Still thinking?

As Sampras prepares for Monday's opening-round Wimbledon match against Spain's Francisco Cluset, he remains the nearly unquarrelled grass-court king.

Sure, the usual contenders will be trotted out, such as Andre Agassi, Patrick Rafter, Marat Safin, Lleyton Hewitt and Tim Henman. The fans also will cast long looks at the new American phenom, Andy Roddick.

There'll be the typical stories detailing how Sampras is suddenly vulnerable, losing at the French Open again, closing in on 30 in August, enjoying his first year of marriage, and living a life outside the confines of the court.

But for Sampras, Wimbledon is about dominance, renewal and history.

Beyond the seven titles in the past eight years, aside from the 53-1 match record since 1993, Sampras has something that all his foes lack on grass at the All England Club.

It's called an aura.

"If anything, I just have a bit more of an aura playing here than anywhere else in the world because of the grass," Sampras said the other day. "I love playing on it. I don't feel like I've won the match walking out. If anything, these guys come out with nothing to lose. They



Pete Sampras returns to Jan Siemerink, of The Netherlands, during their match at Queen's Club in central London June 15. Sampras won 6-3, 6-4.

kind of swing away. Strange things can happen out there."

With Sampras, though, what usually occurs is something wonderful.

Roll back to last year's Wimbledon final, at twilight's last gleaming, with Sampras and Rafter slugger away for hours and Sampras finally winning a record 13th Grand Slam title, leaving a trail of tears and cheers as he climbed into the stands to find his parents, who

rarely witness his matches. "Storybook" doesn't even begin to describe the moment, one of the greatest in the history of tennis and its premier event, Wimbledon.

"It all happened the way I've always dreamt about breaking the record - at Wimbledon, having my fiancée there, having my parents there," he said. "I just realized it's as good as it's ever going to get. As an athlete, that moment, it's getting dark, a surreal atmosphere - it's still firmly in my mind."

So, what does he do for an encore? There's still plenty of history to be made at Wimbledon. With seven men's singles titles, Sampras shares the record set in 1889 by William Renshaw. Another title will give him eight, as well as match the five straight titles won by Bjorn Borg. Sampras claimed he's not even thinking of Borg and five, focusing instead on the one tournament that lies ahead.

Last year, he said he felt pressure to gain the 13th Grand Slam title. This year, he said he's more relaxed, and "there's nothing for me to prove here at Wimbledon."

That doesn't mean he's taking winning, or the tournament, for granted, speaking almost in awe of walking out to a Centre Court that he said feels like his home court in California.

"I love the court, because it's so small, intimate - you get to see the people," he said. "You play in some of these stadiums around the world, you don't feel connected to the people. Wimbledon, you feel a certain connection."



- 1 Pete Sampras (U.S.)
- 3 Patrick Rafter (Australia)
- 4 Andre Agassi (Russia)
- 5 Lleyton Hewitt (Australia)
- 6 Tim Henman (U.K.)
- 7 Yevgeny Kafelnikov (Russia)
- 8 Juan Carlos Ferrero (Spain)
- 9 Sebastien Grosjean (France)
- 10 Thomas Enqvist (Sweden)
- 11 Thomas Johansson (Sweden)
- 12 Jan-Michael Gambill (U.S.)
- 13 Arnaud Clement (France)
- 14 Wayne Ferreira (S. Africa)
- 15 Roger Federer (Switz.)
- 16 Vladimir Voltchkov (Belarus)

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- 1 Martina Hingis (Switz.)
- 3 Lindsay Davenport (U.S.)
- 4 Jennifer Capriati (U.S.)
- 5 Serena Williams (U.S.)
- 6 Amelie Mauresmo (France)
- 7 Kim Clijsters (Belgium)
- 8 Justine Henin (Belgium)
- 9 Nathalie Tauziat (France)
- 10 Elena Dementieva (Russia)
- 11 Amanda Coetzer (S. Africa)
- 12 Magdalena Maleeva (Bulg.)
- 13 A. Sanchez-Vicario (Spain)
- 14 Jelena Dokic (Yugo)
- 15 Sandrine Testud (France)
- 16 Silvia Farina Elia (Italy)

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Wimbledon is missing many of its standard stars

Light Rider News Service

PHILADELPHIA - Wimbledon will be without this year. Without Gustavo Kuerten, the top-ranked player on the ATP Tour. Without Anna Kournikova, the British tabloids' favorite photographic target. Without Monica Seles, Mary Pierce, Alex Corretja, Mark Philippoussis, Marcelos Rios and Richard Krajicek.

Injuries and illnesses have ravaged the men's and women's draws for the tournament, but the reigning champs will return when tennis' premier event begins Monday at the All England Club.

Pete Sampras will return after a horrid clay court season in which he won one match in three tournaments. He will try to win his eighth Wimbledon title and keep alive his four-year unbeaten streak in his favorite event.

Venus Williams will return, too, this year in the opposite half of the draw from her sister Serena. Venus and Serena won in last year's semifinals, which Venus won before beating Lindsay Davenport in the final.



Jennifer Capriati

With several of the top women's players out of the tournament, the focus will be on Jennifer Capriati, who is halfway to a Grand Slam, already having won the Australian and French Opens. Capriati is seeded fourth, with a first-round match against Maria Alejandra Ventosa of Venezuela and a potential semifinal against top-seeded Martina Hingis.

After several players threatened to boycott Wimbledon last year because they viewed the seedings as unfair, the Grand Slam Committee increased the number of seeds from 16 to 32 for all major tournaments, beginning with Wimbledon. In doing so, the committee ensured that the 32 played ranked highest would be seeded, but it has allowed each tournament - the Australian, French and U.S. Opens and Wimbledon - to arrange the order to account for players'

successes or failures on the tournament's surface.

Sampras is Wimbledon's poster boy for the new seeding format. Although he has only a 15-10 record this season, including a fourth-round loss at the Australian Open and a second-round loss at the French, he is the top seed at Wimbledon because he has been so dominant there.

"We have stayed true to our beliefs that seeding at Wimbledon should take into account players' grass-court credentials," Tim Phillips, chairman of the All England Club, said in a statement this month. "At the same time, (we) have addressed players' concerns by accepting that the Wimbledon seeds will be the top 32 players in the entry system of each player association."

Sampras, 29, understandably supports the new format. He is 53-1 at Wimbledon in the last eight years, with seven titles.

"I'm still the man to beat," he said during a teleconference from England on Thursday. "You feel like everyone is kind of gunning after you. You feel that."

Henin wins Heineken

DEN BOSCH, Netherlands (AP) - Justine Henin of Belgium won the Heineken Trophy tournament Saturday, beating countrywoman Kim Clijsters 6-4, 3-6, 6-3 in their French Open semifinal.

Lleyton Hewitt advanced to the men's final against Guillermo Canas of Argentina. The top-seeded Aussie defeated fourth-seeded Roger Federer of Switzerland 6-4, 6-2. Canas dented Tommy Robredo of Spain 7-5, 6-4 in the other semifinal.

This was Henin's third title of the year and fourth of her career. She also won twice in Australia in 2001, at Gold Coast and Canberra.



Belgium's Justine Henin celebrates after defeating Belgium's Kim Clijsters during the final ladies singles at the Heineken Trophy tennis tournament in Rosmalen, central Netherlands, Saturday.

Henin lost to her friend Clijsters in three sets at Roland Garros.

Davenport returns to tour with tournament victory

EASTBOURNE, England - Lindsay Davenport completed a strong comeback for Wimbledon, sweeping Spain's Magui Serna 6-2, 6-0 in just 43 minutes Saturday to win on grass at Eastbourne.

"It's not just a warmup for Wimbledon - it's also a tournament victory and a return to the tour," Davenport said. "After you've played so well the day before you're never sure if you can keep it going, but I was able to do that. I've got to be ecstatic

going into Wimbledon now. I can't wait to get back there. I'm happy, excited and eager."

Davenport, playing her first tennis since a three-month layoff with a knee injury, won Wimbledon in 1999 and was the runner-up last year.

Johansson wins second grass title at Nottingham

NOTTINGHAM, England - Thomas Johansson of Sweden showed he is ready for Wimbledon, winning his second straight grass-court title by beat-

ing Harel Levy of Israel 7-5, 6-3 Saturday in the Nottingham final. Johansson won the Gerry Weber Open in Germany last week and is seeded No. 11 when Wimbledon opens Monday. He has won 10 matches in a row and is unbeaten on grass this season. "I'm really looking forward to Wimbledon," he said.

Johansson has a tough Wimbledon opener against Andrew Ilie. He is drawn in the same bracket as Greg Rusedski and Andy Roddick, who lost to Levy in Friday's semifinals.

Webb remains steady in pursuit of career Grand Slam

WILMINGTON, Del. (AP) - Karrie Webb wound up where she started Saturday, with a three-stroke lead in the LPGA Championship and in position to become the youngest woman to win the career Grand Slam.

The 26-year-old Australian shot a 1-under 70 for an 11-under 201 total on the DuPont Country Club course.

Webb, who repeated as U.S. Open champion three weeks ago, is trying to become the youngest woman to win all four majors. Mickey Wright was 27 when she completed the Grand Slam in 1962.

Laura Diaz had three straight birdies from inside 10 feet on the back nine for a 66 and was at 204, along with Maria Hjorth of Sweden, who also shot a 66.

Another stroke back was Wendy Ward (71) and Laura Davies (70), who survived a double bogey on No. 74 to remain in striking distance of her chance to win the McDonald's

Golf

LPGA Championship and get into the Hall of Fame.

Garcia, Hoch share lead at soggy Bulck Classic

HARRISON, N.Y. - It might take a few days to find out if Tiger Woods can come from behind to win the Bulck Classic.

Heavy rain left parts of the already soggy Westchester Country Club under water, forcing postponement of the third round.

Sergio Garcia and Scott Hoch were tied for the second-round lead at 7-under 135, one shot ahead of Mark Wiebe. Woods, who avoided the cut by shooting a 66 in the second round he completed Friday, was tied for 30th - six shots back.

Hill gains one-stroke lead at FleetBoston Classic

CONCORD, Mass. - Mike Hill shot a 6-under-par 66 in the second round of the FleetBoston Classic, taking a one-stroke as he goes for his first senior-victory in five years.

At 62 years, 6 months, Hill would be the third-oldest golfer to win on the senior tour and the oldest since Gary Player won the 1998 Northville Long Island Classic at 62 years, 9 months.

Defending champion Larry Nelson, the first-round leader with a 65, shot a 69 in the second round - bogeying the 17th hole to drop to 10 under and finish the day one stroke behind Hill.

U.S. Women's Public Links tournament heads to finals

LONG GROVE, Ill. - Missy Farr-

Kaye and qualifying medalist Candie Kung of Taiwan won semifinal matches in the U.S. Women's Amateur Public Links Championship.

Farr-Kaye of Scottsdale, Ariz., the sister of late LPGA Tour player Heather Farr, beat Allison Johnson of Amarillo, Texas, 5 and 4 on the Kemper Lakes course.

Kung, the 1997 U.S. Girls' Junior runner-up, edged Karla Jane Schuldt of Elk Ridge, Minn., 3 and 2.

Farr-Kaye, a breast cancer survivor and the mother of two, is trying to join her late sister as a Public Links champion and become the oldest winner. Heather Farr, who died of breast cancer in 1994, won the 1984 tournament. At 33, Farr-Kaye is attempting to become the first player over 22 to win the tournament.



Karrie Webb of Australia hits out of a sandtrap on the 13th hole during the third round of the LPGA Championship at the DuPont Country Club in Wilmington, Del. Saturday. Webb parred the hole and went to finish in the lead by three strokes with a 22-under-par score of 201.

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Dick Price and his mechanic acknowledge the crowd as they head out to race in the Hub Plaza's Hot Stuff Buzzy Crackerboxes. The class is one of the oldest race boat styles at the 2001 Idaho Regatta.

Ebbett update
First corner claims two boats
BURLEY - First-time driver Tim Ebbett, who was featured in a Times-News story on Saturday, got more than he bargained for Saturday at the Idaho Regatta.
Ebbett flipped his Competition Jet Boat coming out of the first turn of lap 3 of a four-lap race and was seriously injured when he was thrown from then trapped under the boat. Ebbett sustained a deep laceration near his throat on the left side of his upper chest and was taken to the Cassia Regional Medical Center. Further word on his condition is unknown.
The day's second crash was for more spectacular but much less dangerous. Gus Schade barrel rolled Danny Loveless's PS-74 in the Pro Stock final, but walked away unharmed and even raced in the Super Stocks "A" Main where he finished seventh.

Riding shotgun isn't all it's cracked up to be

By Joe Sunnen
 Times-News writer

BURLEY - The first time Jim Matthew and Bob Jones sat together in a Crackerbox boat, Matthew dumped the duo upside down in a lake in the middle of winter.
 Not long after, the two refined their way of communicating while going 100 mph in a speed boat strapped side-by-side.
 "You can't print the hand signal I gave him that day," Jones said. "But we learned."
 Such is the life riding shotgun in the

only class at the 2001 Idaho Regatta that requires two people in the boat instead of one.
 The Crackerbox is the oldest racing class in the American Power Boat Association, originating from classic ski boats into the class on the water today. The rider was initially used for handling the rope and watching the skier, long-time driver Rick Frampton said.
 "In the beginning of competitive racing," Frampton said. "The rider had to pump fuel into the engine when the boat went around a corner. They were real important then."
 As technology has advanced, the

responsibility of the rider has dwindled to just telling the driver where the other boats are and checking gauges. But they're still more substance than show.
 "I really on him to tell me where the other boats are in comparison to where you are on the course," Matthew said. "He makes sure I don't chop into another guy's lane and that's very important. You're busy out there and that's what's he's for."
 Like most drivers and riders, Matthew and Jones have a close relationship. They have worked together in the trucking industry for over 20 years and drive "in the Mood" as a hobby.
 Another tight-combo are the family

team of Dan Doidge and Ken Knudsen. Doidge is Knudsen's uncle and the two credit that relationship to some of the success they've had driving "Gramp's Cracker."
 "We think alike," Knudsen said. "So when we're on the water it's easy to communicate with each other. It's a big plus. When I'm reading his mind and I let him know it's safe to duck inside somebody, he has to be able to trust me."
 In the end though, the final decision is made by the person behind the wheel.
 "Basically I listen to Jim," Jones said. "And I just try and keep track of everything."

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washed us down pretty good. I had no lane to drive the boat in and damn near crashed it."
 Faulkner, however, was less diplomatic in his response to the situation.
 "There are just some racers that would rather beat you by the rule books than on the water," Faulkner said. "When you're on top and they can't get you, they go after your second boat I guess."
 Newton flew in late last night on a red-eye from Phoenix, Ariz., after an engine break in one of Faulkner's Pro Stocks boats freed up an extra boat for the Supers. He qualified for the race earlier in the day.
 "We had a good start and everything was fine," Newton said. "But we got in the corner and these boats move a lot and kind of tend to slide. I don't really know what happened, that's up to the judges."

With eight boats of similar speeds attempting to stay in their designated lanes around the first turn, sticking to the rules can be tough. The racers must start as close to even across the hulls as possible and then travel approximately 1,000 feet before the first turn.
 "We just need to all keep our heads screwed on straight and get through that first turn," Hamilton said.
 Faulkner also took the K-Boat grudge match and a \$2,500 check, beating John Guthrie, Jr. and Cory Monsen. Faulkner edged Guthrie by a little under two seconds at 3:50.71 for the win.
 In the Pro Stocks division, Charlie Marquard of Seattle picked up a win over runner-up Henry Arnold with a time of 3:17.9. Prior to the win, Marquard might have been best known to Regatta race fans as the driver that finished second to Tom

Leavitt in an epic Sunday battle in 1999.
 The family team of Dan Doidge and nephew Ken Knudsen drove "Gramp's Cracker" to a win in the Crackerboats on Saturday, turning in a time of 3:56:12. Danny Mang was second followed by Dick Price.
 Skip Tuttle may have had the easiest race at the Regatta, running the Grand National endurance race in the GN-II class unopposed. Lanse Haselrig won the GN-I competition in "My Pleasure," running the fastest overall lap time of 56.54 seconds. Joey Stovall took the GN-III class in "A Little Insane."
 And Glen Dilworth stormed away with the Competition Jet Boat win, but times were unavailable. It was a disappointing day for Mark Moyle of Burley. The son of Don Moyle just couldn't seem to get things started, failing to finish in both the heat

and the finals.
 The races conclude today starting with Super Stocks heat races at 10:45 a.m.
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Regatta Roster
A partial list of racers at the Regatta

Competition Jet Boats

Boat No.	Driver
40	Tim Ebbett
71	Mark Moyle
171	Glen Dilworth
203	Don Moyle
288	Rodger Finney
637	Ralph Johnson

Crackerboxes

Boat No.	Driver
14	Dick Price
21	Dan Doldge
27	John Fay
86	Thomas Woogerd
87	James Matthew
200	Rick Frampton

Grand Nationals

Boat No.	Driver
GN1-30	Michael Hoban
GN111-98	John Bonnol
GN111-369	Joey Stovall

K-Racing Runabouts

Boat No.	Driver
6	Cory Mansen
13	John Guthrie, Jr.
69	Lance Faulkner
141	Steve Nyman

Pro Stocks

Boat No.	Driver
1	Charlie Marquard
24	Hal Jones
52	Bud Allerton
86	Tom Leavitt
87	Henry Arnold
70	Lance Faulkner
74	Danny Loveless
741	Karl Loveless

Super Stocks

Boat No.	Driver
7	Tim Hoffman
10	Drexel
Brandenburg	
32	Scott Nish
53	Donald Cucci
55	Charlie Marquard
56	Jim Lawrence
70	Lance Faulkner
75	Jim Gregory
91	Dave Bryant
98	Larry Hamilton
211	Paul Whittington
225	Kenneth Wells
501	Garth Schade
741	Karl Loveless

Today's forecast
Partly cloudy and cooler, highs in upper 70s to low 80s

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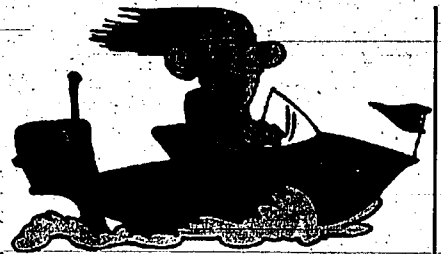
Guo Schade, is carted away after barrel rolling his boat in the Pro Stocks final on Saturday. Schade actually came back to race in the Super Stocks main.

Today's Schedule

10-10:45 a.m. Qualifying and Testing, Course
10:45 a.m. - 6 p.m. Elimination Finals, Course
6 p.m. Duck Race, Course

Elimination Finals Schedule

Time	Event (sponsor)
10:45 a.m.	Burger King Grand National Heat 15-minute Endurance Race (Best Western)
	Pepsi-Cola Superstocks Heat 1 (Gary's Custom Decks)
	Pepsi-Cola Superstocks Heat 2 (D & D landscaping)
Noon	Flag Ceremony
	Goode Motors Auto Group Top Alcohol Flatbottoms Drag Heat 1 (Frenchman's Island Resort)
	Pepsi-Cola Superstocks Heat 3 (Pine Tree Sports)
	Hub Plaza's Hot Stuff Pizza Crackerboxes (D.L. Evans Bank)
	Mountain Dew Pro Stocks (Smith's Food & Drug)
	Stinker Stations Competition Jets Final (Ronco)
	Budweiser K-Racing Runabouts Heat 1 (Frenchman's Island Resort)
	Pepsi-Cola Superstocks "C" Main (Radio Service Co.)
	Stinker Stations Competition Jets Final (Ronco)
	Mountain Dew Pro-Stocks Final (Smith's Food & Drug)
	Pepsi-Cola Superstocks "B" Main (Frenchman's Island Resort)
	Budweiser K-Boat Final (Jensen Jewelers)
	Hub Plaza's Hot Stuff Pizza Crackerboxes Final (Stinker Stations)
	Burger King Grand National 4-lap Final (South Idaho Press)
	Pepsi-Cola Superstocks "A" Main Final (Valley Communications/Nextel)
	Goode Motors Auto Group Top Alcohol Flatbottom Drag Heat Final (D.L. Evans Bank)
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6 p.m.	End of racing



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 Car Show Awards ... 5:00 P.M.
 Bingo/Auction - West End Senior Center 7:00 P.M.
 Community Church Service: 11:00 A.M.
 Park Vendors/Entertainment 12:00 Noon
 July 1 ... Fun Run Carnival ... 6:00 P.M.
 "Money Scramble In Hay Stack" - Eastman Park
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 July 3 ... Free Swimming - City Pool ... All Day
 Kiwanis Picnic Breakfast ... 7:00 A.M.
 Fun Run ... 8:00 A.M.
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 Kiwanis, Wednesdays, Grandstands Sports Grill ... 12 Noon
 Rotary, Thursdays, Grandstands Sports Grill ... 12 Noon
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June 30 ... Sagebrush Days Bingo Party ... 7:00 PM.
 July 3 ... Luncheon At The Center ... 12:00 Noon

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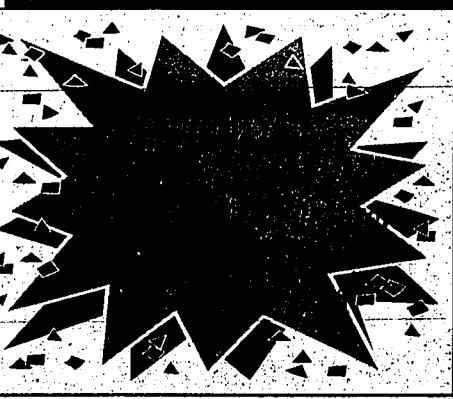
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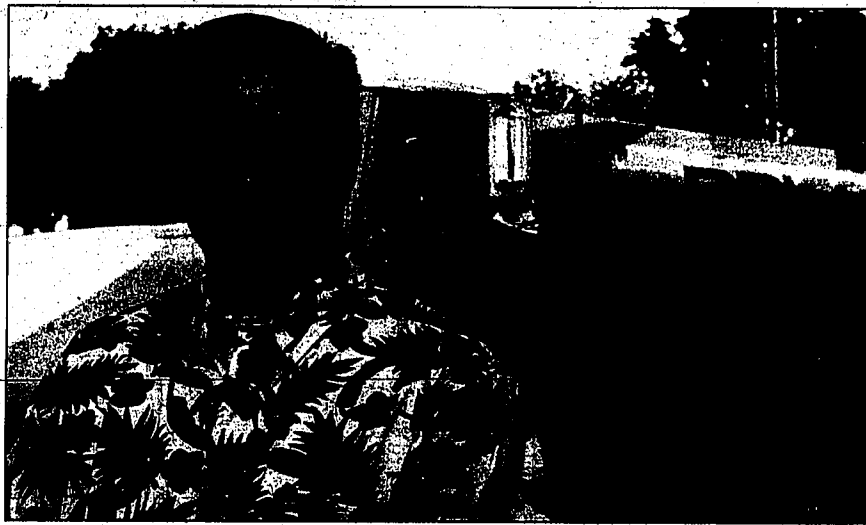
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BizFACTS

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Small businesses . . . Big achievements



Dan West, president of BriCo of Idaho, recently was named one of the Small Business People of the Year by the Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce.

TF chamber honors petroleum distributor, veterinarian

By Virginia S. Hutchins
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — One presides over a distributor that multiplied gasoline sales more than 275 times in a dozen years. The other mastered payroll paperwork as well as small-animal surgery.

A gas company's president and a veterinarian are in the spotlight this month, as the Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce honors its Small Business People of the Year.

Magic Valley Veterinary Hospital owner Dr. Connie Rippel won in the division for businesses with fewer than 10 employees, and BriCo of Idaho President Dan West in the more-than-10 category.

The two businesses were among those nominated for their longevity, profitability and community involvement, among other factors. A florist and a nurseryman took the honors last year.

Both of the 2001 winners won chamber executive Kent Just's praise for revved-up sales.

"The BriCo people have really grown that business over the years. They are listed in the top 50 in sales volume of Idaho privately held firms," Just said.

With headquarters in Twin Falls, independently owned BriCo distributes Chevron and two other brands of gasoline — and most major brands of oil — to clients from Baker City, Ore., to Yellowstone National Park, West said.



Dr. Connie Rippel
Opened her business in 1992.

He joined BriCo in Twin Falls 12 years ago as a dispatcher, then general manager. Now as president, he oversees a work force of 65, as well as distribution centers and automated "card-lock" fueling locations in Twin Falls, Boise, Mountain Home, Hailey, Ketchum, Jerome and Mackay, and three convenience stores.

"I just rely on my employees. I hire quality people with good work ethics. And that's helped me in my success," West said.

When BriCo started its Idaho operation a dozen years ago, it sold 30,000 gallons of gas a month in Idaho, he said.

"Today we move about 100 million gallons a year," he credits the Chevron brand's quality, good customer service, southern Idaho's population

growth — and several acquisitions. . . . Expect more expansion in distribution trucking and in convenience stores.

"In our industry, you have to stay on the edge with growth," West said. "So we'll continue to acquire other businesses and continue to grow."

This month's award, Just said, recognizes all of BriCo's economic and community contributions to the Magic Valley, as well as its leader's.

"They've been a good chamber and community supporter," Just said, adding that one BriCo employee chairs the chamber's transportation committee and that BriCo's job growth helps the local business community.

"They're a Twin Falls-based business that influences a lot of what goes on in southern Idaho."

Aggressive on a smaller scale, Rippel and her veterinarian clinic startup already this year received a Small Business of the Year Award from the Idaho Department of Commerce. And the Idaho Small Business Development Center at the College of Southern Idaho this spring named her the region's success story for 2000.

"It's been really interesting. It's grown a lot faster than I ever thought it would have," Rippel said then.

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She now has nine years of lab work under the belt of her lab coat.

"At its leased Main Avenue location in Twin Falls, Magic Valley Veterinary Hospital cares for small animals — dogs and cats and a few exotics such as ferrets, rabbits, guinea pigs, hamsters, iguanas and rats.

Rippel's veterinarians and staff do surgeries, dental work and routine preventative care such as vaccinations. And after constant upgrading, the business now has enough laboratory equipment to perform its own diagnostic work — such as blood tests and X-rays — and get speedier results than in its early days, when it sent away all lab work.

When the business opened in March 1992, just Rippel and two employees ran the show. Now, it has three doctors — including Rippel — plus half a dozen staff members.

Between its first and second year, the clinic doubled its revenue, then it did the same between its second and third years. In the past couple of years, revenue growth has been 8 to 10 percent annually, Rippel said in April after winning the ISBDC honor.

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BRIEFLY IN MONEY

Jerome chamber solicits nominations for awards

JEROME — The Jerome Chamber of Commerce is seeking some special folks to honor. . . . The business organization is soliciting nominations for its Citizen of the Year and Lifetime Achievement awards. Both winners will be recognized at an Oct. 17 chamber luncheon and at a Jerome County Fair parade July 24. . . . Nominations are due July 13. Call 324-2721.

Standard & Poor's moves Zions into 500 Index

SALT LAKE CITY — Zions Bancorp., which has several bank branches in the Magic Valley, has been added to Standard & Poor's S&P 500 Index.

The Salt Lake-based bank replaced Alza Corp., a maker of drug delivery systems, after the close of trading Friday. Alza is being bought by Johnson & Johnson, which is already a member of the S&P 500.

Zions, which operates six commercial banks with 374 offices around the West, was added to the S&P 500 GICS Banks subindustry group and the Banks (Major Regional) industry group.

Colonial Bancorp. will replace Zions in the S&P 500's 400 Index.

Small business center teaches Quick Books Pro

TWIN FALLS — The Small Business Development Center at the College of Southern Idaho will offer a five-week summer class on Quick Books Pro 2001, a comprehensive accounting, payroll and inventory management software program for businesses of all sizes.

Classes will be held from 6 to 9 p.m. Thursdays, July 12 through Aug. 9 in Room 202 of the 2001 Evergreen Building. Cost is \$100 per person. Registrants are welcome to bring guests who can share their classroom personal computers at no extra charge.

For information to sign up, call Sherry Rust at 733-5554, Ext. 2450, or send e-mail to rust@csi.edu.

New Directions presents teamworking skills class

TWIN FALLS — The Center for New Directions at the College of Southern Idaho is offering a "WorkSmart: Teamworking Skills" class to help employees become more productive by developing team work skills.

Participants will become valuable team members and learn skills to promote strengths from other team members, the center said.

Classes will be held from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, July 10-24, at the Center for New Directions. One credit is offered. Cost is \$66.50; financial assistance and scholarships are available. Register as soon as possible.

For information, call 733-9554, Ext. 2680, or (800) 680-0274, Ext. 2680.

Bald Mountain chairlifts open Saturday for summer

SUN VALLEY — You don't have to walk to the top of Baldy anymore. . . . Bald Mountain chairlifts were to crank up for the summer Saturday. Hikers and sightseers can ride Baldy to the top then walk down or ride the chair to the bottom. . . . The chair will be ready to take on mountain bikers June 30. They will remain open through Sept. 3.

The outdoor grill at Lookout Restaurant on top of the 9,150-foot mountain will be open daily from 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Life rates are \$15 for adults for one ride and \$20 for an all-day pass. Rates are \$6 and \$10 for children 12 and under. Season passes cost \$250 and can be purchased from Sun Valley Sports Center at the River Run day lodge. . . . For information, call 622-2231.

Compiled from staff and wire reports.

Here's how a few companies with Magic Valley locations, or other local ties, fared in the stock market during the week.

Symbol	Description	Friday's Close	Previous Friday	Weekly change	52-week high-low	Annual Yield
ABB	ALBERTSONS	28.70	29.55	-0.85	36.00-20.08	2.85%
ANS	ANHEUSER-BUSCH	42.79	42.45	0.28	16.45-4.08	4.36%
CAG	CONAGRA	20.53	20.80	-0.07	26.19-17.50	NA
COST	COSTCO	41.82	40.80	1.42	46.38-29.31	NA
DE	DEERE	44.83	44.70	0.03	48.93-21.00	NA
HNZ	H. HEINZ	41.40	41.70	-0.30	48.00-34.00	3.7%
HDI	HARLEY-DAVIDSON	47.98	46.00	1.98	50.82-33.10	0.2%
WBA	WALMART	26.71	26.80	-0.01	80.70-37.12	1.53%
IDA	IDACORP	35.85	38.00	-2.05	51.81-32.25	0.17%
JCP	J.C. PENNEY	25.92	22.57	3.38	28.48-8.82	1.93%
KF	KROGER	24.83	23.81	1.02	22.95-12.38	3.82%
KEY	KEY CORP.	28.01	23.88	1.13	28.25-17.80	0.7%
KM	KMART	11.80	11.38	0.44	12.32-4.51	NA
LAB	LABORERS	41.73	40.50	1.23	47.04-27.25	0.16%
LRW	LABOR READY	4.19	4.13	0.08	6.12-2.50	NA
LFB	LONGVIEW FIBRE	11.88	12.04	-0.06	14.25-10.58	4.01%
MCO	MCDONALD'S	26.12	26.07	0.05	35.08-28.78	0.75%
MU	MICRON TECH	53.38	39.50	1.12	87.50-37.12	NA
OMX	OFFICEMAX	3.30	3.62	-0.22	5.31-1.50	NA
PHX	PHARMACIA	22.89	22.80	0.01	84.00-42.80	1.1%
Q	QWEST	30.50	33.00	-2.50	86.87-28.40	0.16%
RAD	RITE AID	9.02	9.74	-0.72	9.99-1.75	NA
SE	SEARS	41.73	39.50	3.05	43.01-27.75	2.20%
SKW	SHOHPRO	4.75	6.79	-0.96	18.09-7.25	NA
SKYW	SKYWEST	28.04	27.85	-0.01	30.79-16.04	0.31%
TGT	TARGET	28.71	28.07	0.72	40.40-21.78	0.81%
UNP	UNION PACIFIC	52.27	51.30	0.97	60.70-37.12	1.53%
USB	U.S. BANCORP	23.00	21.50	1.50	22.00-15.38	3.28%
WAL	WALMART	48.98	48.15	1.83	82.94-41.50	0.56%
WFB	WASH. FEDERAL	18.83	18.83	0.00	27.30-16.38	3.43%
WFC	WELLS FARGO	48.18	43.15	3.03	56.38-27.38	2.08%
ZION	ZIONS BANCORP	57.55	58.38	-1.16	84.00-40.82	1.59%

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Baseball fever sweeps offices

The Associated Press

A new survey shows that more than 12 percent of Americans who follow baseball have faked an illness with their employers to spend a day at the ballpark.

The Maritz Poll of 1,400 randomly selected adults around the United States said 58 percent pay attention to the major leagues. Of that figure, one in eight, or 12.6 percent, said they had taken a sick day from work to see a game.

But the same study showed that professional football defeated baseball as Americans' preferred pro sport. "Employers are probably lucky pro football games are only held on week-ends and evenings," said Phil Wiseman, marketing vice president at Maritz Marketing Research Inc., based in St. Louis.

Complaints about cursing spawn new seminar, book

James O'Connor, president of the Cuss Control Academy, is

DOT TO DOT

Grant will help tourists link sites in a tour of the Valley

By Virginia S. Hutchins
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — A tourism group will be on the prowl in coming months, seeking good views, historic spots and diverse diversions to offer up as orderly adventure to the driving tourist.

The aim is luring those tourists' vehicles off major highways and into the smaller communities of south-central Idaho, eventually spurring new hotels and restaurants to open.

"That's the idea," said John Atwood, spokesman for the U.S. Commerce Department's Economic Development Administration.

The EDA this month announced a \$45,000 grant to the South Central Idaho Tourism and Recreation Development Association Inc. of Twin Falls, to plan a regional loop tour system to draw visitors and create new nonfarm jobs in an agricultural area suffering economic distress.

"It's a pretty innovative experiment and a new concept for SCITRDA," the organization's Executive Director Heather Tiel said.

The grant is funded under EDA's Economic Adjustment Program, which helps states and communities develop plans to counter changes in their economic situations that are causing, or threatening to cause, serious structural damage to the underlying economic base. In this case, low farm commodity prices and the resultant decline in farmers' spending.

EDA funds locally devised initiatives — such as SCITRDA's — in communities that need to attract diversified business such as tourism, Atwood said.

But don't expect anything dramatic soon.

The tourism-loop concept is in early planning stages. The grant, Atwood said, will fund a market analysis to identify and define "underutilized tourism opportunities — historic markers, scenic overlooks and the like — then plan detailed tour routes. SCITRDA will try to link attractions in scenic drives for motoring tourists to follow.

Think of it as a connect-the-dots drawing of Magic Valley. Tiel said she and her colleagues might model their project after the north.

The International Selkirk Loop is a 280-mile circuit exploring more than two dozen towns and sites. Indian reservations in Washington, Idaho and the Canadian province of British Columbia.

That scenic loop connects the Pend Oreille Valley with the Kootenay Valley, forming one of North America's more remote and scenic highways, according to its Web site, www.selkirkloop.org. The Internet site details towns, outdoor-recreation attractions.

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tions, shopping and dining venues, lodging, cultural and historic activities and seasonal events along the Selkirk Loop.

SCITRDA already is building a foundation for its planned loop system in the form of a pair of "adventure packages" it's marketing in the Hagerman Valley and Mini-Cassia's Big River Country.

Buyers on the latter package, for instance, can travel in the Big River-Country's history on horseback, enjoy isolated Independence Lake for a day of fishing, and finish by cycling through the City of Rocks National Reserve.

Two important differences: The adventure packages try to get folks out of their cars; the loop tours might cater to tourists in buses or personal vehicles, Tiel said. And the regional loops will cover larger geographic areas — perhaps Hagerman, Buhl and Twin Falls together, for example.

SCITRDA launched marketing of its Hagerman Valley pilot project in April 2000, then added the Mini-Cassia adventure package to its marketing this spring, Tiel said.

The Twin Falls organization hopes for Idaho Travel Council funding in July to develop a third adventure package for Glenns Ferry and Mountain Home, which Tiel aims to have on the ground by early 2002. SCITRDA hasn't decided what area is next in line.

The organization, using the slogan "Ride the Great Rift," originally intended to build an adventure package for each of the 13 counties it covers — an area drawn along geographic lines and stretching from Massacre Rocks on the east, north to Arco, south to the City of Rocks and west to the Bruneau Dunes.

But SCITRDA found it's an enormous undertaking to gather detailed information and group it logically into experiences for which people will get off the interstate.

"We found that it takes us an incredible amount of time," Tiel said.

The newest grant, she added, will help SCITRDA build on the work it has done so far and turn that research into the larger regional driving tours.

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CONTRIBUTIONS

■ Magic Valley Regional Medical Center Foundation's executive committee awarded \$21,244 in grants during its recent meetings. The grants included:

- \$4,854 for MVRMC nursing staff continuing education in diabetic education, cardiovascular, pulmonary rehabilitation, radiation therapy, patient management, emergency medicine and pediatrics.

- 5,000 for continuing education for other MVRMC clinical specialties including neurodiagnostics and radiology.
- \$250 for an MVRMC employee who had a personal emergency.

- \$2,210 to MVRMC Hospice Services for patient equipment.
- \$3,650 for new computers for the MVRMC Medical Library.
- \$280 for educational displays for the Southern Idaho Regional Cancer Center.

- \$4,000 for general support of the quick response units in Declo, Idaho for Rock/Almo, Buhl and Hagerman.

- \$1,000 for scholarships to Camp-Rainbow-Gold, a summer camp for pediatric cancer patients.

The MVRMC Foundation also supported these programs during 2001:

- \$9,935 for the Lifeline emergency response system for seniors.
- \$1,675 for supplies, medications and other things for cancer patients in Magic Valley.

- \$5,915 for support of counseling expenses incurred by the Child Trauma Recovery Resource.
- \$13,569 for Children at Risk Evaluation Services.

- \$2,156 for supplies, medical exams and other things for diabetic patients in Magic Valley.
- \$3,689 for paramedic equipment.

- \$5,287 for support of a regional emergency medical services conference.

- \$4,615 for the youth assets programs of Southcentral HealthNet.

- \$71 for operations of the Magic Valley Drug Free Workplace program.



Zions Bank employees paint a Burley woman's home this month.

■ Zions Bank held its 11th annual Paint-a-Thon June 18-23 in communities throughout Idaho and Utah. More than 2,000 Zions Bank employee volunteers were scheduled to scrape, prep and paint 45 homes.

Employees from Zions Bank's Burley branch painted the home of Esther Short, at 1810 Overland Ave. in Burley. Employees and their families volunteered for the fourth year to help members of the Mini-Cassia community who are elderly, on a fixed income and have no other resources to help in upkeep of their homes.

Pro Paint, a local company, provided the paint and supplies at a discounted price.

The Paint-a-Thon throughout the region is targeted to low-income, elderly and disabled homeowners. The average age of last year's recipient homeowner was 75, with an average monthly income of \$830. Projects are selected with the assistance of state housing agencies, community organizations and local churches. In addition to painting, Zions employees provide yard cleanup, pruning, mowing, planting and minor repairs as needed. Zions pays the cost for paint and supplies.

TELL US YOUR BUSINESS

Your business is a weekly feature that highlights commercial activity in the Magic Valley. If you have information about any of the following, The Times-News wants to hear about it:

- Promotions and staff changes.
- New certifications.
- Seminars and workshops.
- Awards and achievements.
- Charitable business activities.
- Other business news.

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Your business deadline: Noon Thursday for publication the following Sunday.

These grants bring the total amount awarded in 2001 to \$80,189.

For information on grants or

opportunities to help the foundation support health care in Magic Valley, call Larry Baxter at 737-2480.

CAREER MOVES

TWIN FALLS — Betty Pettit, director of the Idaho State University Center in Twin Falls, will retire Friday.

She leaves ISU after 13 years of service.

A barbecue in honor of her retirement will be held at noon Friday on the lawn outside the College of Southern Idaho's Evergreen Building. Former students and CSI faculty and staff are welcome. Respond by Wednesday, at 736-2101.

TWIN FALLS — AmeriFride Apparel and Linen Services announced

Blake Gardner was hired as sales associate for a store in Idaho.

He replaces William "Red" Brady, recently promoted to sales manager.

Gardner will be responsible for sales in eastern Idaho and Utah to customers requiring industrial uniforms, dust-control items and restaurant linens.

He is retired from the Air Force and has worked in real estate in the Blackfoot area. He and his family live in Pocatello.

AmeriFride also said Brandon Oswald was hired as sales associate for western Idaho. He will be responsible for sales in western Idaho and Oregon.



Brandon Oswald

from Ace University, a training school offered by the AmeriFride corporate office. He and his family live in Boise.

TWIN FALLS — Jensen Jewelers announced the graduation of Robert Roberts of its Ringmaker's store from the Certified Professional Jeweler program.

He completed the 11-week course and received certification. The course involves training in product areas of the jewelry industry, including diamonds, genuine stones, watches and jewelry making.

BUHL — The Idaho State Pharmacy Association held its 95th annual convention June 7-10 in conjunction with the Washington State Pharmacists Association and Montana Pharmaceutical Association.

Idaho officers for 2001-02 were installed and several recognitions given to special Idaho pharmacists.

The new officers include Cathi Ketterling, pharmacist at Sav-Mor Drug in Buhl.

Pharmacists honored for 50 years of service and licensure included Ralph Smith of Buhl.

BUHL — Judy H. Hoffman of Barker Realtors was awarded the Accredited Buyer Representation designation by the Real Estate Buyer's Agent Council Inc. of the National Association of Realtors.

She joins more than 24,000 real estate professionals in North America who have earned the ABR designation. Requirements include a two-day course in buyer representation, a written examination on legal and practical aspects of client representation and experience in buyer representation.

THE LIGHT TOUCH

by Craig Smith



The trouble with being rich is that you miss one of the greatest thrills of a lifetime: paying the last installment on a purchase.

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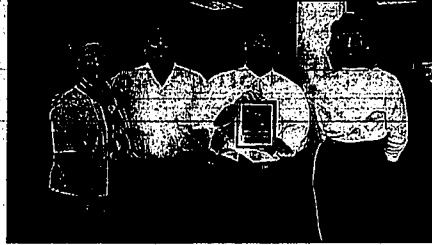
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Hertz of Magic Valley received the Dealer of the Quarter Award from Bank of America-Seattle Auto Group. Hertz said it was No. 1 in volume of auto loans booked with Bank of America during the quarter out of more than 1,000 dealers in the Seattle Northwest Area, and the No. 1 used-car dealer in Idaho in 2001. From left are Debbie Alberta, vice president, B of A Auto Group; Tracy Frank, Hertz finance director; Bob Latham Jr., Hertz owner; and Diana Barnes, assistant vice president, B of A Auto Group.

MILESTONES

Home Federal announces selection of new officer

NAMPA — The board of directors of Home Federal, which has a Jerome bank office recently elected Daniel L. Stevens as chairman of the board and chief executive officer.

Stevens has been president and CEO of Home Federal since January 1995. He has 30 years' experience in financial services management, having served in various executive officer or CEO positions in Iowa, Arizona, Nebraska and Idaho.

He and his wife, Betty, moved to Idaho from Omaha, Neb., where he was first vice president of residential lending for Commercial Federal Bank and president and CEO of the subsidiary Commercial Federal Mortgage Corp.

He is in his second term as a director of the 12th District

Federal Home Loan Bank of Seattle, where he also serves on the Financial Operations Committee and chairs the Board Audit Committee.

Trade Journal singles out U.S. Cellular for award

TWIN FALLS — U.S. Cellular said it was named the 2001-Wireless Titan Award winner for customer service by Wireless Review, an industry trade magazine.

Wireless Review cited U.S. Cellular's customer service goals and initiatives to reach these goals as the basis for the honor. The goals include: rapidly deploying wireless service in the communities-U.S. Cellular services, developing associate training initiatives, increasing customer awareness of wireless service and reducing the number of customers who switch to another carrier. Specifically noted was U.S. Cellular's 1.8 percent customer-defection rate — below the 2 to 3 percent industry average, the company said.

Initiated in 1995, each year the Wireless Titans Awards honor one wireless carrier each in the categories of wireless data, 3G products and services, wireless broadband, customer service, wireless voice, branding and marketing.

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Mature workers embrace change

The Associated Press

Contrary to conventional wisdom, American workers over the age of 55 aren't a bunch of codgers set in their old-fashioned ways, a survey by Randstad, N.A., a Dutch-owned employment staffing company, says.

These so-called "matures" — workers between the ages of 55 and 69 — tend to embrace change, the study said. In fact, 81 percent said they are interested

at trying new things on the job. Another 44 percent said they're willing to seek extra training or education to contribute more to their companies.

The study also found that this experienced set gets tremendous satisfaction from knowing their employer values the work they do.

Given the survey results, Randstad said whippersnapper managers may just find these vintage employees to be an answer for staffing shortages.

MONEY

Personal finance

Investors are right to question advice

NEW YORK (AP) — One day last week a high-tech company whose stock had collapsed from more than \$170 to \$3 and change in little more than a year, revealed that conditions were even worse than he had anticipated.

The company, Exodus Communications Inc., already had reported a first-quarter loss of \$650 million, which was bad enough. But now it was running low on cash and its business was not recovering as expected.

If company officials, equipped with computers and software able to sop up every nuance in the marketplace, were caught unaware by the "shock" that was matched by that of investors who had relied on information from "experts."

The experts were brokerage house stock analysts, calculating types who earn six-figure annual incomes for dissecting the finances of companies they cover, issuing recommendations and, often, publicizing their firms.

Many if not most of them had advised investors to buy Exodus. In fact, some had been so advising investors since Exodus was trading in triple digits. They indicated they had not anticipated Exodus' dismal news.

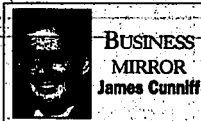
Within a couple of days or sooner, they rushed to cleanse the record. Salomon Smith Barney downgraded Exodus stock to "neutral" from "buy."

UBS Warburg's price target to \$3 from \$15. Lehman dropped its advice from "buy" to "market perform." All after the fact.

Too often during the long decline in stock prices investors had observed the same thing: Buy recommendations on declining stocks from advisers who claim to see ahead. At one point when the Nasdaq composite index was down 60 percent, almost all recommendations were to buy.

For a marketplace that depends on investor trust and confidence the consequences could be deadly. Investors, portfolios depleted, now wonder if they were duped. Conflict of interest accusations have been made. Are analysts hucksters or advisers?

Recognizing the dangers, the



BUSINESS MIRROR
James Cunniff

Securities Industry Association, a major trade group, has endorsed a "best practices" set of guidelines that it believes might quiet suspicions and restore confidence levels.

Among other things, the principles encourage a wall being erected between analysts and other profit-seeking activities of their firms. And it would prohibit analysts from trading against their own recommendations.

But the principles are voluntary, and so might be insufficient to the task. Already feeling deceived, investors might be excused if they question soft discipline. A House subcommittee considering the situation has not ruled out government action.

Whatever the resolution, the stock market's confidence problem depends on assurance of a free flow of quality information as certainly as the welfare of society in general depends on a flow of good water. In the view of many, some of the information seems tainted if not plain polluted.

It begins not with Wall Street but with corporations and industries, where the market is equipped with computers and software that sop up every nuance of the marketplace, still can't forecast their own markets.

In evidence, one chief executive officer after another — at Nortel, Lucent, IBM, Uniphase, Xerox, to name a few — has conceded in recent weeks a failure to anticipate major changes occurring just weeks ahead.

Analysts, then, might be forgiven for not having had insight superior to that of the company's chief. But even if such insight were possible, the suspicions may remain.

The questions have been raised and the fears expressed that in the years to come the information that flows through Wall Street might emerge tainted. So tainted it isn't to be believed.

Not many use online banking

The Associated Press

Consumers are still queasy about the idea of taking care of their personal finances in cyberspace.

Although Americans are increasingly comfortable with technology and the Internet, a survey of 3,033 U.S. households by TowerGroup's primary market research service found that while 39 percent said their financial service institutions offered online banking, only 18

percent have used it. And 85 percent of those who have ventured online are still true to their brick and mortar bank branches. Although the information that flows through Wall Street might emerge tainted. So tainted it isn't to be believed.

"Rather than dropping existing channels, consumers use what they know while slowly adding new delivery channels into the mix," said Michael Weil, managing director of primary market research at Needham, Mass.-based TowerGroup.

All-female investment clubs outperform male and coed groups

NEW YORK (AP) — When it comes to giving advice on how to choose a mutual fund or which stocks to buy, much of the focus lately has been on women.

Consider that Money Magazine this year launched Money for Women, and Wall Street veteran Muriel Siebert established a financial services Web site for women.

"This has been the year of the woman all of a sudden," said Andrea Trachtenberg, spokeswoman for Neuberger Berman, an asset management firm in Boston.

But the truth, many financial experts say, is that women have been doing just fine on their own, often creating portfolios that do better than men's. Women are credited with doing more research and taking a long-term approach for example, holding mutual fund shares for years rather than making frequent trades.

"I have women clients who want go-for-it portfolios, but they know they takes five years, not six months," said Patricia Jennerjohn, a financial planner and head of Focused Financial in Oakland, Calif.

"My experience is that they are some of the best investors because they are so thoughtful," said Christina Fahlund, a certified financial planner for the investment firm T. Rowe Price.

All-female investment clubs by and large outperformed male and coed groups last year, according to the current issue of Money for Women. Women also are applauded for being more patient investors — because, unlike men, they don't believe what they can control the market, Jennerjohn said.

"Women are more likely to go with the flow and men are more likely to say, 'I can win,'" she said.

"Women are more willing to buy and hold," said Nancy Barron, a broker in Lexington, Ky.

Many agree that when it comes to investing, patience — buying and holding pays off more often than trying to time the market's ups and downs. In fact, a study released earlier this year, by Financial Research Corp., a Boston consulting firm, said investors who held mutual funds for just three years in the 1990s had a 20 percent lower return than if they stayed with their

Loan repayment can be baffling

Knight Ridder News Service

Q. I've been making extra principal payments on our 6.5 percent mortgage. Would it make more sense to pay off my student loan, which charges 8 percent?

A. This is an intriguing question because of its apples-and-oranges nature: Interest paid on the mortgage is deductible on your federal tax return, while student-loan interest is deductible only for some people, and only up to a certain amount. You need to adjust things for an apples-to-apples comparison.

The "return" earned by paying off any loan is equal to the interest rate charged. Paying off a \$10,000 loan that charges 10 percent saves you \$1,000 in interest charges this year, which is like earning 10 percent on the \$10,000.

So the higher the interest rate on the loan, the higher the return from paying off chunks of the loan early. That's why it pays to get rid of an 18 percent credit-card bill rather than put money in a savings account earning only 4 percent.

But there's another thing to

Money Q & A

consider with your mortgage. Because interest payments on your mortgage are tax-deductible, paying off part of the loan reduces your tax deduction. So a mortgage prepayment doesn't earn the 6.5 percent mortgage rate, it earns less. To figure what it earns, you need to figure the cost of the mortgage with taxes taken into account.

If the interest charge came to \$1,000 a month and you were in the 28 percent federal income-tax bracket, you would save \$280 a month in taxes. The after-tax mortgage cost would be \$720.

In the same way, the tax deduction reduces your 6.5 percent mortgage rate by 28 percent. You would be left with 72 percent of 6.5 percent — 4.68 percent.

What about the student loan? If you are paying the full 8 percent, clearly it makes more sense to pay off that loan rather than the mortgage: You would earn 8 percent instead of 4.68 percent.

For 2001, however, some people can deduct up to \$2,500 in student-loan interest paid during the

year, and the tax saving would reduce the return from making extra student-loan payments.

Single people can deduct \$2,500 as long as their modified adjusted gross incomes are no higher than \$40,000. The deductible amount gradually reduces to zero as modified adjusted gross income rises to \$55,000. For married couples filing joint returns, comparable figures are \$60,000 and \$70,000. (Modified adjusted gross income is the adjusted gross income figure shown on your tax return, plus any foreign-earned income or foreign expenses that may not have been included in your adjusted gross income.)

If you get this interest deduction, subtract the amount it saves, expressed in dollars, from the interest portion of your loan payments. Then divide the remainder by the loan balance before any extra payments are made.

Suppose, for instance, that you paid \$1,000 in interest, or 8 percent, on a \$12,500 loan balance. If you are in the 28 percent tax bracket, the interest deduction would save you \$280 in taxes. The remaining \$720 is 5.76 percent of

the \$12,500 owed. Making extra payments on the student loan would earn 5.76 percent. Obviously, that is less than the 8 percent you started with, but it's still better than the 4.68 percent you would earn paying extra on your mortgage.

Now, suppose you paid \$5,000 in interest on a \$62,500 loan. The more you could deduct would be \$2,500. That would save you \$700 in taxes, assuming a 28 percent bracket. That would cut your real interest payments to \$4,300, or 6.88 percent on the \$62,500 loan. Reducing the student loan still pays better than cutting the mortgage.

But obviously this isn't inevitably the case. If your student loan had a lower rate and was small enough that most or all of the interest were deductible, while your mortgage rate was high, it might well pay to reduce the mortgage first.

The returns you earn by retiring low-interest, tax-deductible loans are modest. But they're not bad compared with what you would expect from paying taxes on other safe investments, such as bank savings.

Americans swim deeper in debt than ever

Knight Ridder News Service

As the number of personal bankruptcies soared during the 1980s and '90s, something less obvious but, more far-reaching was happening in the relationship between creditors and debtors: a dramatic shift in how Americans borrowed and spent money.

The main instrument of change was the bank credit card — the Visa, MasterCard and the like, now used by two of every three American households — and the easy access to credit they allowed.

Credit cards helped fuel the 1990s boom, the biggest uninterrupted economic expansion on record. They sped the latest high-tech products — CD players, Web-linked computers, wireless telephones — into people's hands much faster than hot new inventions used to arrive in stores. They helped many people, even those near the bottom of the economic ladder, share in the sense of prosperity.

Credit cards grease the gears of the consumer economy in many ways. They spare people from having to carry much cash, work equally well in person, on the phone or over the Internet, and provide instant access to credit — credit that 20 years ago would have been out of reach for many, at least without considerable effort and paperwork.

But there are researchers and consumer-advocates who see a darker side to the changes that credit cards have fostered, especially as the economy slows down and fears of a recession increase.

For all the benefits the cards offer to most people, they have enabled others to get so deeply into debt that they can't see a way out. Sometimes, they can't tell what hit them until it's too late.

By the end of the 1990s, credit

Example showing the Eppers family's individual credit cards and payments, which in each case was the minimum required:

Card	Annualized interest rate	Monthly payment
Capital One Visa	20.91%	\$34.45
NationsBank/Bank of America Platinum	22.40%	\$135.00
American Express Travel & Entertainment	23.46%	\$339.00
Service Merchandise	21.98%	\$23.00

Annual payments toward principal and interest: \$1,039.99

Principal: \$1,039.99

Interest: \$0.00

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cards had helped leave Americans deeper in the hole than ever before. Last year, bank-card debt alone totaled \$531 billion, nearly double what it was five years before. And credit-card balances loom increasingly large in the profiles of those who filed personal bankruptcies, which have topped one million every year since 1996.

To Elizabeth Warren, a Harvard law professor who has studied credit issues for the last two decades, the rise in bankruptcy is the canary in the mineshaft — a warning sign about risky patterns in spending and borrowing that affect millions of households beyond those who fall off the financial precipice.

The biggest changes in the last 20 years, Warren said, may be reflected in what seem like the smallest decisions people make with credit cards in their pockets or purses.

"In 1980, anyone who wanted to borrow \$25,000 had to go to a

bank and explain why, and had to fill out a form to explain how they were going to pay for it. So a would-be debtor had to make a well-considered decision to go into debt, and have that decision reviewed by a somewhat skeptical creditor," Warren said.

"Fast forward to 2001, when some people add up \$25,000 in credit-card debts without a single purchase larger than \$60. In other words, they went \$25,000 into debt on pizza and one pair of tennis shoes at a time. And that is a profound shift in how Americans deal with money."

For those who can't handle the consequences, the woes — and balances — can compound quickly.

If cardholders are late with a payment or exceed their credit limit, lenders will typically tack on fees of \$25 to \$30 to the next month's bill. Many are also subject to so-called penalty interest rates, which can quickly boost rates to 25 percent or higher.

Lenders defend charging high-

er rates to borrowers with worse credit records, a practice known as "risk-based pricing," which has been developed in the years since states began eliminating the usury laws that once capped interest rates.

When the caps started to disappear in the late 1970s and early '80s, banks were being squeezed between rate limits and the high cost of their own funds, fueled by the era's high inflation. But as the cost of money fell, lenders realized new possibilities — including offering credit cards to people once considered less credit-worthy.

Nowadays, a typical credit-card offer does not even promise a particular interest rate. Instead, a customer's starting rate — after any so-called teaser rate expires — varies according to how they rank on computerized credit-scoring models, which use a variety of factors to predict the likelihood that he or she will become delinquent or default on payments. If they miss payments, penalty fees and interest rates kick in to reflect what lenders fear is an increased risk.

Such pricing mechanisms also protect lenders from one of credit-card lending's most bedeviling peculiarities: the tendency of some borrowers to go more deeply into debt at a time when their risk of missing payments rises because of job loss, illness, or some other emergency.

Jim Chessen, chief economist for the American Bankers Association, said risk-based pricing was the fairest way to assess their credit.

"For those of us that meet our obligations, we want to have very low interest rates," Chessen said. He said people with good credit histories should not have to pay higher rates. "To subsidize rates for people who have missed payments or created losses for lenders."

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Small-businesses go corporate

Separating business from personal life helps insure assets

Knight Ridder News Service

Marcelo Giglio is lucky. Very lucky. Sued eight times; Giglio's home, car and cash were at stake every time. And each time the real estate agent got to keep his assets by winning or settling his lawsuits.

After the last experience two years ago, Giglio, who was having nightmares about his problems, found a way to separate his business from his personal life and assets.

The solution: incorporation. Making that move planted Giglio firmly in the subset of business owners who establish corporations over sole proprietorships. Small-business owners in general tend to use sole proprietorship - it's cheaper and easier to establish - but minority business owners overwhelmingly set up sole proprietorships instead of corporations, according to a 2000 study by Merrill Lynch. The study surveyed 1,200 business owners in the Southern California area.

The IRS, in a 1997 survey,

found that 170,000 Orange County businesses were sole proprietorships, 31,700 were incorporated and 20,400 were partnerships.

Giglio, owner of a real estate company in Costa Mesa, Calif., and a mortgage company in Los Alamitos, Calif., says incorporating his business was a smart move. Well worth the \$1,500 incorporation expense that translates into asset protection and tax advantages.

"I had all my assets under my name, and if there was ever a problem, I would lose everything, and I was very worried, my home, my income property and cars," said Giglio, who was born in Argentina. "Now, if there is a problem it is with the corporation. There is a level of protection that is very useful."

Business owners tend to set up sole proprietorships because it's easier, said Robert Hirsch, author of "Entrepreneurship" and a professor at Weatherhead School of Management in

Cleveland. "For immigrants, it could reflect a cultural bias in the immigrant groups," Hirsch said. "Around the world, sole proprietorships are more prevalent than other organizational structures, the lack of capability in the English language and a lack of understanding of the U.S. business culture may be why they choose this more than other structures."

"Those who don't do the research feel corporations are only for big business or for businesses with four or more people."

—Marcelo Giglio, owner of a California real estate company

Japanese-Americans, have a higher rate of incorporation than Korean-Americans and Vietnamese-Americans, according to the Merrill Lynch study.

"It's a very telling statistic because you can see the longer a minority community has been in the U.S. the more sophisticated their legal structures are," said Denise Fairchild, executive director of Los Angeles-based Community

Development Technologies Center. The center specializes in training, research and technical assistance for community economic development.

The immigrant entrepreneurs mostly set up sole proprietorships because they are family-owned and have not found the network or legal information on how to structure themselves differently, Fairchild said.

Those who don't do the research feel corporations are only for big business or for businesses with four or more people, Giglio said.

This isn't a phenomenon exclusive to immigrants, Hirsch said. At first, even some of his business students are convinced corporations are only for the Fords and Boeings.

Irvine, Calif., attorney Mark Holmes is on a mission to help business owners like Giglio switch from sole proprietorship to corporations. The firm, Calvin & Yap, already known for courting the Asian market, is, with Holmes, zeroing in on the Hispanic community.

Holmes, who sets up a booth at Hispanic Chamber of Commerce events, tries to persuade small-business owners about the protections a corporation can provide.

Trojan horse e-mails enable hacker espionage

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. (AP) — For 45 days, officials from a California bank paid to keep a blackmailer quiet.

The blackmailer had information on confidential accounts and passwords, and officials had no idea how those records were obtained.

What had happened, recalled Ron Moritz — chief technical officer with Cupertino, Calif.-based Symantec Corp. — was a bank vice president had accidentally downloaded a Trojan horse virus, maybe by opening something as common as an online greeting card. The virus gave the sender a view of everything that popped up on the screen.

"Basically, it was a window into his computer," Moritz said. The bank eventually detected the Trojan intruder by running an anti-virus program. Since then, the company has installed increased safety nets so a similar situation doesn't occur.

Moritz — whose company develops Internet security technology — was unsure what eventually happened with the case, but he said such incidents are becoming more common as companies try to keep their secrets safe. In this electronic age, companies need to secure access, not only physically but also over data lines as well.

A security breach through which new product information leaks out could cost companies millions of dollars. Corporate spying, illegal and legal, is thriving as companies seek an edge over rivals. To deal with it, many businesses have set aside staff to monitor physical access to their facilities and virtual access over the Internet. Companies are negotiating agreements and making workers aware of the risks of leaks.

"There's some really good information that's happening at corporations," Moritz said. "If I were going to do espionage, it wouldn't be against the Department of State. It would be against a really interesting company that I would want to compete against."

Steve Ackerman, director of research and analysis at CTC International Group, said, "The increase in spying is due to the end of the Cold War and the fact that there's so many more countries now we can do business with. We're so much more interconnected."

His West Palm Beach, Fla., firm works with companies to get information about rivals and their products. He said more companies are fighting for a competitive advantage.

More women enter ranks of financial elite

DALLAS (AP) — When Susan Richman became a certified public accountant in the 1970s, her first company was worried about how clients would respond to getting financial information from a woman.

That fear never materialized, Richman said, and some companies now prefer to hire women as accountants.

"I had executive recruiters tell me that their client is really looking for a woman," she said. "They think a woman would form a better team and would be more willing to work with people. That is a change."

More women are entering the financial sector, and more will be promoted to executive roles in the coming years than ever before, researchers predict.

The jobs are there for the taking. A January poll of chief financial officers by RHI Management Consulting found that 58 percent of respondents believed that a record number of women would be promoted to senior financial roles in the next five years. Because corporate finance jobs come under a variety of titles, it's hard to find a statistic to show just how many women are in those roles already.

Only 10 percent of Finance Executives International's 15,000 members are women, up from 1 percent in 1980. But 60 percent of

accountants and auditors are women, according to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

That gap will shrink this decade, said Deb Bennett, division director for management resources in RHI's Dallas office.

"There's just a lot more women in the finance world than there used to be," Bennett said. "Society has blended a whole lot more, and it's not an old boys' club anymore."

Richman is the second woman to make partner at Tatum CFO Partners LLP's Dallas office. Her rise to the top included several corporate finance positions, mainly in the Dallas area, and she always felt the door was open for her to move up.

"I never found my gender to be a significant issue in my career, to be honest," Richman said. "I consider myself a decisive per-

son, but I'm also quite willing to listen to other people, and I think that's what's helped me along."

Female corporate finance officers often have to adjust to being the only woman in management, said CandE Wright, who became Tatum CFO's first female partner in Dallas after holding a string of corporate finance jobs.

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While Comair reels, SkyWest fills seats

ST. GEORGE, Utah (AP) — Book a Delta Airlines flight to a small or mid-sized city, and you're likely to end up on a Comair or SkyWest plane.

But while the inside of the planes may look alike, the two companies couldn't be more different.

Comair, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Delta, settled a strike Friday which had crippled the airline for three months, the effects of which could yet destroy the company.

SkyWest, already the country's largest independent regional airline, is embarking on one of the most ambitious expansion plans in the industry and may be ready to move into Comair's territory.

"There's clearly going to be some opportunity not just for SkyWest but I suspect for others," SkyWest chief executive officer Jerry Atkin said. "But I don't want to be sitting here getting too gleeful about something that's a miserable situation at the moment for some people."

SkyWest has snatched up five jets dropped by Comair, giving the company 421 seats on routes from Salt Lake City to Texas, Iowa and Arizona.

That's just the beginning of SkyWest's plans to add more than 100 50-seat Canadian Regional Jets over the next four years — up from 25 now.

It's a big change for a company that, when established in 1972, had just one plane: a six-seat Piper Seneca that shuttled between St. George and Salt Lake City for a round trip. A whopping 256 passengers flew the brand-new airline that year.

The books showed it. When Atkin, the brother of company founder Ralph Atkin, was brought in to crunch some numbers in 1974, he discovered the company had lost \$150,000 that year — and was only worth \$50,000 to start with.

"It's been a lot of years since then," Atkin said in his office in SkyWest's St. George headquarters, where construction workers are sweating in the desert sun to double the size of the building by fall.

"But I think there are a couple of things that were important then and still are: you have to have a good quality product that people can depend on and it's got to be well managed and it's got to be at a cost that's extremely competitive."

Another key, Atkin says, is letting the big carriers carry the weight. Where three years ago, SkyWest was entirely independent, about 75 percent of its current flights are under contract for Delta Connection and United Express.

That means Delta and United plan the routes, sell the tickets and decide where planes are needed. SkyWest maintains and flies the planes, earning a set fee for each route whether the plane is empty or full.

"It would be absolute foolishness and poor economics to even think of doing anything different," Atkin said. "We can just sell so many more seats so much easier through a major carrier than we could do trying to get the world to understand what SkyWest is or what our phone number is."

Today, SkyWest flies an average of 226 daily flights for Delta out of its Salt Lake hub, spidering across the West from Vancouver to



Jerry Atkin, president of SkyWest Airlines, sits on his motorcycle outside his company's headquarters recently in St. George, Utah. The independent airline is embarking on one of the most ambitious expansion plans in the industry.

Phoenix and as far east as Des Moines.

It runs another 768 flights a day for United, many of them short West Coast hops in turboprops, plus longer links from Denver to Montana and California.

Industry experts say the major carriers are hungry for more jets in markets as big as Los Angeles and as small as Billings, Mont.

"There's plenty of room for growth," said Jim Parker, an airline analyst with Raymond James & Associates. "All of these regional jets are under contract so SkyWest doesn't have to find markets for them."

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become even more important to big carriers in coming years, said Jamie Baker, an analyst with UBS Warburg.

He predicted that Delta, for one, will likely expand its regional base, giving SkyWest the opportunity to fly further east and Cincinnati-based Comair and Delta's Atlanta-based subsidiary, Atlantic Southeast Airlines, to fly further west.

"There's a veritable land grab

taking place," he said. "Airlines are falling over one another to get to regional jets."

That doesn't mean SkyWest can relax, especially as the airline business continues to experience turbulence.

Last month, the company announced that fourth-quarter profits fell 27 percent compared to last year, a drop the company pinned on the cost of buying new jets. In fiscal 2000, SkyWest earned \$57 million on revenues of \$474 million.

There's also some uncertainty about labor tension even though the nonunion company has some of the best relations with its pilots in the industry, Baker said. The company's pilot contract becomes amendable this summer, meaning it faces hand-out raises.

Atkin says SkyWest prides itself on maintaining a family atmosphere even as the company has grown from a handful of employees to more than 4,200.

Fifteen percent of SkyWest's income is distributed to employees through the retirement plan and bonuses, and stock options are also available. He also participates in an open forum with employees on the Web, where he has even tried

to explain management's point of view on the touchy Comair topic.

"A couple of people got on there and told me I was an idiot, and that's OK," said the well-tanned CEO, who used to fly a small plane but now contents himself with riding his Harley to work. "There's a good level of trust. I'm not trying to say it's perfect but I think the level of trust between our work group and management is probably higher than most."

Atkin admits that relationship may be harder to maintain when

employee ranks double in the next few years. The company figures each new jet brings about 35 additional employees.

As well as expanding in St. George, SkyWest has doubled the size of its maintenance facility at the Salt Lake City International Airport and plans to expand its airport operations in Fresno, Calif., and build another center in Denver within three years.

"A worry every time we've made a major grow is being able to maintain this culture of 'We're all on the same team,'" he said.

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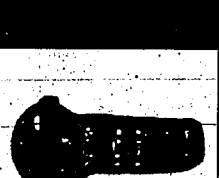
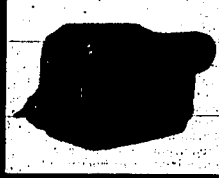
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Housing prices hold despite cold economy

The Associated Press

The softening economy has done little to dent housing prices in some parts of the country, according to Worth's annual ranking of America's 250 richest towns.

As the magazine points out, towns that are last to be hit by a downturn are "generally the ones highest on our list."

Tops in the compilation is Jupiter Island, Fla., where the median cost of a home is a cool \$3.9 million. Mount Kisco, N.Y., a New York suburb, was No. 250 at \$458,500.

- Other towns in the top 10 were Atherton, Calif. (\$2.7 million); Aspen, Colo. (\$2.3 million); Los Altos Hills, Calif. (\$2.1 million); Belvedere, Calif. (\$1.84 million); Sea Island, Ga. (\$1.82 million); Hillsborough, Calif. (\$1.76 million); Snowmass Village, Colo. (\$1.75 million); Mountain Village, Colo. (\$1.7 million); and Rolling Hills, Calif. (\$1.6 million).

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CAT FIGHT

Nevadans claw it out with firm wanting mine, kitty litter plant

RENO, Nev. (AP) — The politically charged, high-stakes battle over reforming U.S. mining regulations is playing itself out on the edge of Reno. But the claim staked under the 1872 Mining Law in Hungry Valley isn't for gold or silver or any other precious metal.

"It's for kitty litter — some of the finest kitty litter known to grace a box."

Local residents and neighboring tribal leaders are fighting Oil-Dri Corp.'s plans for an open pit clay mine and kitty litter manufacturing plant. They don't want the dust from the mine, the noise from the plant or the huge dump trucks rolling past their new school. Some fear their ancestors' graves will be harmed.

"Nevertheless, they might be powerless to stop it because of the law enacted more than a century ago to help develop the Western frontier."

"Do you really think Ulysses S. Grant thought he was including kitty litter when he signed this into law in 1872?" asked Tom Myers, a hydrologist and head of the Great Basin Mine Watch.

The mine is planned on about 300 acres of federal land managed by the Bureau of Land Management and bordered by a fast-growing residential area 10 miles from the center of downtown.

"We really do want to be a good neighbor. We have no intention of coming in and trying to alienate people," said Craig Paisley, manager of Oil-Dri's Reno plant, which is expected to employ up to 100 workers.

The biggest maker of cat litter in the world, the Chicago-based Oil-Dri produced nearly one-third of all that was sold in the United States last year, with total sales of \$1.5 billion.

The Reno site's attraction is the dry, high-quality clay beneath the high-desert, sage brush where less than 7 inches of rain falls annually.

Jayne Weiske, Oil-Dri's production manager, said the key to kitty litter is absorbency. Good mineral has just the right combination of absorbency, density and hardness, all of which is affected by geologic conditions such as how ancient oceans receded.

"The mineral's only available in certain parts of the country. You can't just make it in



American Indian Lois Kane of Hungry Valley, near Reno, Nev., protests against a proposed clay mine and cat litter plant, June 6.

Chicago, Ill., you have to go where the mineral is. You'll find that around the country most plants — ours and our competitors' — are located fairly close together."

Oil-Dri officials say they searched the West for 15 years to find the right clay to make the company's Cats premium Fridge-Scoop 'N Flush and other kitty litter.

BLM officials aren't taking sides, but suggested it would be difficult to halt the mine even if they wanted to.

"BLM's authority ... is not to decide if mining should be allowed but to regulate how activities already authorized by the General Mining Law of 1872

are to be conducted," a recent draft environmental impact statement said.

The point is not lost on conservationists who have been trying for decades to rewrite the 128-year-old law that makes "uncommon, locatable" minerals on federal lands generally available to hardrock miners.

Environmentalists say the government's lack of authority to just say "No" — even when the mine site borders a residential area — is precisely why the law should be changed.

Or more accurately, why it should not be changed back.

Former Interior Secretary Bruce Babbitt changed the so-called "3809" regulations in the

last days of the Clinton administration to give the BLM more authority. But Babbitt's successor, Gale Norton, is moving to suspend some of those changes at the urging of the mining industry.

The result is a sort of regulatory limbo as both sides work to draw a line in the sand north of Reno.

"I admit it is an uphill battle. But I don't think anyone would want this thing in their backyard," said Myers, executive director of the watchdog group fighting the project with Reno Spark-Indian Colony, Citizens Alert and the Tolyabe Chapter of the Sierra Club.

Or, as Mineral Policy Center President Stephen D'Esposito in Washington put it:

"It is one thing to balance a bar of gold or some palladium or maybe even some platinum versus the impact on a nearby community. It's another thing to do it for kitty litter."

Not that riches aren't involved. In addition to 100 jobs, the Economic Development Authority of Western Nevada estimates Oil-Dri's project would generate \$100 million over five years for the local economy.

"That's pretty significant," said Chuck Alvey, director of the cooperative working to lure new business to the area to ease local reliance on casinos.

Other backers include Rep. Jim Gibbons, R-Nev., vice chairman of the Resources subcommittee on energy and mineral resources, an ally of the mining industry and staunch opponent of Babbitt's reforms.

Oil-Dri has been selling premium cat litterers for 30 years. The company got its start in 1941 when founder Nick Jaffe replaced sawdust used to sweep floors with a safer, more efficient, nonflammable mineral floor absorbent. His first sale was to Sears in Chicago.

Company officials say the Reno project won't disrupt sacred tribal sites and said they would make changes the BLM recommended to reduce dust and route traffic away from the school.

"The biggest hurdle we have is convincing people we are a good company, we manufacture a premium product and we are offering some tremendous jobs," Paisley said.

Maatman, an attorney for Baker & McKenzie in Chicago.

Companies take jokes very seriously, he warns.

"Employees may think they're innocently engaged in pranks and horseplay, but employers are worried about potential liability and will take action to stop the behavior," Maatman said.

Some companies cross-reference their sexual harassment and Internet policies, because sexually offensive material is admissible as evidence in sexual-harassment cases, he said.

Internet faux pas could get you fired

Chicago Tribune

Before you send a romantic e-mail to your betrothed, consider this real-life cyber disaster:

A woman in England sent her husband an e-note complimenting him on an evening of passion. It was so complimentary, he decided to forward it to a half-dozen friends working in law firms and banks with international offices.

The very personal e-mail message ended up traveling to 10 million computers in London, Australia, Hong Kong and the United States. The London tabloids got wind of it and pursued the woman relentlessly, sending her into hiding.

There is an important lesson here, but it extends far beyond love notes. Any electronic communication you send or engage in at work could be viewed by someone else, whether it's your boss, some unknown techie on the 19th floor, the person in the next cubicle, or an infinite number of strangers.

"It's just like any rumor. The potential for embarrassment is enormous," said Nancy Flynn, author of "The e-Policy Handbook" (Amacom, 2001, \$19.95) and executive director of the e-Policy Institute, which helps companies reduce liability by developing effective e-policies.

If a red face is all you get out of a cyber slip-up, you could be one of the lucky ones. Increasingly, companies are firing and reprimanding employees for forwarding adult jokes and socially insensitive rhetoric, visiting inappropriate Web sites, and inadvertently sabotaging computer systems with personal e-junk.

"You can imagine how much money they lost in terms of productivity and inability to respond to customers," Flynn said. "They had to fly a Microsoft rescue squad in to repair the damage."

In recent years, employees have lost their jobs for any number of e-mail or Internet faux pas involving sexually explicit material, passing of trade secrets, loss of productivity and bad-mouthing of company officials.

Xerox Corp. fired more than 40 employees for wasting up to eight hours a day on pornographic Web sites.

Last September, the U.S. Department of Defense fired more than 100 workers for circulating jokes with sexual content over its computer system.

One company subpoenaed Yahoo! to get the identities of employees participating in online chat rooms for its own stock. Guess what? They were fired.

Workers who are terminated for violating e-policies have little legal recourse. Most are at-will employees and they can be fired for any reason, said Gerald

Maatman, an attorney for Baker & McKenzie in Chicago.

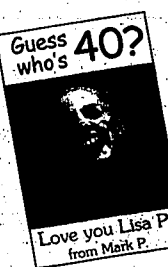
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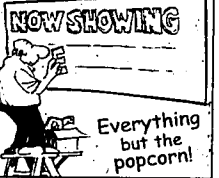
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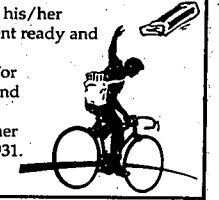


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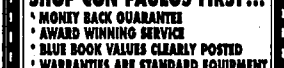
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Sunday, June 24, 2001

THE ACES ON BRIDGE

Bobby Wolff

Dear Mr. Wolff:
Partner opens one no-trump (15-17 HCP), and I hold ♠ Q-9-7, ♥ Q-J-10-7, ♦ A-K-Q-7, ♣ 8-5. Should I check on a heart fit, or should I bid four no-trump to invite a slam?

ANSWER: It is a close decision. However, I would not recommend the raise. It might get you overboard. Since the opponents have shown no inclination to bid, if the opponents do come to life and compete, it's a safe bet that you can buy the hand at two spades.

Dear Mr. Wolff:
Partner opens one heart, and next hand overcalls two no-trump, promising length in the minor suits. What is my best choice with ♠ A-Q-9-7-3, ♥ 10-9-8-7, ♦ J-7-4, ♣ A? We play four-card majors.

ANSWER: My choice is an aggressive raise to four hearts. Your singleton club is a positive value.

Dear Mr. Wolff:
At duplicate, RHO opens one club, and I double with ♠ A-K-7, ♥ 9-8-7-3, ♦ A-Q-10-5-2, ♣ 10. After LHO bids one spade, partner rebids two clubs. Should I bid two diamonds?

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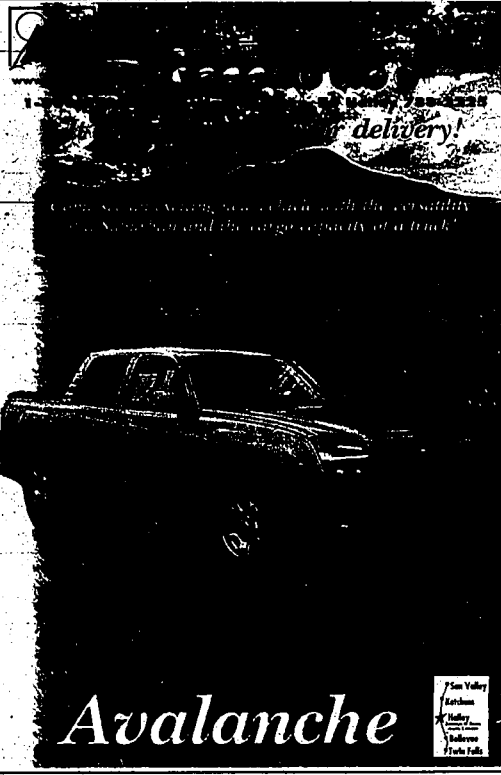
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I'll just run in for a minute

I call it "kid-induced panic," that tight knot in the middle of the stomach that parents know all too well. Sometimes I wonder how many of those knots a mom can endure and still function well enough to fool everyone into thinking she is mentally sound.

Is there such a thing as the knot that send Mom over the edge?

I don't know. But I do know I had a visit from the knot last month.

So Steve has entered that dreaded stage when kids are allowed to drive with their parents. Which puts me in the equally dreaded stage when parents try to remind themselves that life is to be short to worry yourself to death, even when your teenager has the car keys.

Mostly, I spend my days feeling amazed that I have never seen "teaching your teenager to drive" on any of those psychological stress classes. I figure it should be right up there with "experiencing an atomic bomb attack."

And so, we got in the car and headed to school.

The way this normally works is Steve drives to the school, jumps out leaving the driver's door wide open, goes around the car to grab his backpack forgetting to re-lock the back door, while I exit and walk around to the driver's seat having locked the passenger door. This time, everything happened as usual, except for a couple of not-so-minor exceptions.

For probably the second time in his life, Steve actually remembered to lock the back door. And for the first time in his life, for reasons incomprehensible to everyone, including him, he also locked the driver's door.

There we were in 90-degree temperature, next to the Roper Argonium, locked in the car (as if anyone could get into the thing to steal it) while I went to find the school DARE officer.

"Stop laughing," I told Laine, who, being a drama instructor, could have withstood much longer to try and hide his amusement. "The air conditioner is even on in there!"

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TROUBLE by the side of the road

Breakdowns can become dangerous

By Steve Crump
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - There's a scene in the 1997 movie "Breakdown" in which Kurt Russell, who plays a motorist stranded on a remote Arizona highway, surveys a dilapidated pickup truck bearing down on his disabled Jeep Cherokee.

"This," he says to his wife, played by Kathleen Quinlan, "isn't good."

As this summer travel season nears its perigee, some transportation safety experts have had a change of heart about how motorists should deal with that most dreaded of motoring hazards, The Roadside Breakdown.

"We're advising stranded motorists to get away from the vehicle, and if possible, to get completely off the road," said Manthel Williams, director of public relations for the national office of the American Automobile Association. "It's just too dangerous to stay on the shoulder."

Williams points to federal Department of Transportation statistics that show between 2,000 and 3,000 people die annually in vehicle accidents on the shoulders or medians of American highways.

"The fact is that the shoulders, especially of freeways, are disappearing," Williams said in a telephone interview from his Washington, D.C., office. "Traffic engineers are using them to add extra lanes to ease traffic congestion, and even in cases where there is an adequate shoulder, traffic is getting heavier and the danger is greater."

That advice runs exactly contrary to what Idaho law enforcement officials - and some other transportation safety experts - offer.

"Stay with your vehicle," said Capt. Dave Neal, the commander of the Idaho State Police district that covers the Magic Valley. "The risk of injury is less."

Neal points out that interstate highways in Idaho are generally broad-shouldered, and that a vehicle which pulls completely out of traffic is usually relatively safe.

But not always, he adds. "Trying to change a tire by the side of the road - particularly at night - can be very dangerous."

Consider the closing velocity of an 18-wheeler at 75 mph.



Kurt Russell and Kathleen Quinlan ran into trouble by the side of the road in the 1997 movie thriller, 'Breakdown.' Their dilemma is increasingly dangerous on American highways, some transportation safety officials contend.

Stationary objects		
Collisions involving a parked vehicle in Idaho, 1995-2000:		
	Magic Valley/Wood River Valley	State
Fatal crashes	0	.11
Injury crashes	127	905
Property damage crashes	707	4,871
Total collisions in Idaho, 1996-2000:		
	Magic Valley/Wood River Valley	State
Fatal crashes	225	1,158
Injury crashes	6,130	45,883
Property damage crashes	10,756	75,939

- Source: Office of Highway Safety, Idaho Transportation Department

Such a truck, which weighs 10 tons or more, travels at 110 feet per second.

"It doesn't take much of a lapse of attention for a driver to drift over to the shoulder," Neal said.

Since 1995, the Magic Valley hadn't had a fatal accident involving a parked vehicle until March, when grocers Jerry and Richard Swensen and another man were killed on Interstate 84 near Wendell when their vehicle ran into a parked tow truck that was assisting a stranded motorist.

Between 1995 and 2000, there were 11 fatalities statewide involving vehicles crashing into parked cars, but just 2.1 percent of all the injury collisions in Idaho during that period and for just over 6.5 percent of the property damage, according to Steve Rich, principal research analyst for the Office of Highway Safety of the Idaho Transportation Department.

But in the Magic Valley there have been many near-misses involving disabled vehicles, Neal said.

"The most dangerous situation is if you're changing a tire on the side of the vehicle closest to traffic and you have your back to oncoming traffic," he said.

"In some cases, there are literally inches between traffic and somebody changing a tire," Williams said.

"If you have a flat, keep driving until you can get off the road to a safe place. It's cheaper to replace a tire and a rim than a human life."

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If you're changing a tire and you have an adult passenger, station him or her a few yards behind the stranded vehicle by the side of the road to steer oncoming traffic away, Neal advised.

Better still, carry flares and a cell phone.

"A cell phone is extremely valuable if you get stranded on a highway in this area," he said. "It can help you get help through our law enforcement emergency numbers."

And if you have kids in the car, don't leave them to go get help, he said.

"Children don't have the maturity to react to situations that might come up if they're left by themselves," he said.

"Even an adult should be wary of a stranger who stops and approaches the vehicle. If you talk to them, do it with the doors locked, the windows partly rolled down."

Better still, avoid getting stuck in the first place.

"It's easy to check a few basic things before you get out on the highway," Williams said. "Are the tires properly inflated? If you open the hood, do you see any worn or frayed belts or liquid on the ground underneath the vehicle? It's worth the time. Getting stranded by the side of the road can be a dangerous situation, not just an inconvenience."

Times-News writer Steve Crump can be reached at 735-3223, or write to him at crump@magicalvalley.com

Decrease the chances of a breakdown with these tips

Every time you drive your vehicle, check the following:

- Tires for proper inflation.
- Windshield, headlights and taillights should be clean.
- Survey gauges and warning lights after you have started your car.

As part of routine maintenance, you should:

- Check oil level once a week, and change oil every 3,000 miles.
- Check for oil leaks.
- Check tires for cuts, nails, stones and proper inflation.
- Help prevent uneven tire wear by rotating them every 5,000 to 6,000 miles. Research shows that 90 percent of tire problems occur in the last 10 percent of a tire's life.
- Make sure the battery and its terminals are clean and corrosion-free.
- Check the air filter;

replace it if it's dirty.

- Check fluid levels for brakes, steering, windshield washer, radiator coolant and automatic transmission.
- Make sure the exhaust system has no visible leaks or cracks and that the tailpipe is not obstructed.
- Before trips, check fluid levels, belt, hoses and clamps, and refill or replace them if necessary.

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- Read - actually read - your car's owner's manual. Chances are you'll find information there that will prevent a roadside breakdown.

Source: Shell "Breakdown" book; AAA.

Program registration deadline approaches Take care with trampolines

TWIN FALLS - The registration deadline is Monday for the 11th annual Kids Art in the Park, which is scheduled for July 14 in City Park.

Kids Art in the Park provides workshops in the visual and performing arts to children from preschool through ninth grade, including tie-dyeing, marble paper-making, mask-making, clay sculpture, mime, cartooning, creative movement, watercolors, origami, sand art, band instrument-making, wood sculpture and yoga.

Pre-registration is required. Registration forms are available at all elementary and junior high school offices, at the Twin Falls Public Library, at the Twin Falls Parks and Recreation department office, at the YMCA, the Twin Falls city pool and the Magic Valley Arts Council office. Cost is \$1. For further information, call 734-2787.

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To do for families

Education Center at the College of Southern Idaho will offer a College for Kids scrapbooking class for grades 4 through 6 this week.

In "ScrapBookin'" instructor Wendy Myers will teach students how to create a scrapbook full of precious memories. They will be introduced to journaling, layout design, creative lettering and photo cropping techniques. Materials cost \$12.

The class will meet 10:30 a.m. until noon Monday through Thursday in the Shields Building, Room 108. Cost is \$30.

For more information or to register, call 733-9554, Ext. 2290.

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In "Summer Playground," instructors Lisa de Victoria and Jennifer Hansen will spend the afternoons introducing children to the past. Students will learn about dinosaurs, enjoy a mini-renaissance festival, and participate in a backyard Olympics in an Ancient Greece lesson.

All supplies for crafts and snacks are included in the cost of the class. The class will meet from 1-5 p.m. Monday through Friday in the Shields Building, Room 108.

Cost is \$60. For more information or to register, call 733-9554, Ext. 2290.

Every week, To Do for Families list family-oriented events in south-central Idaho. To get an item listed in the calendar, send it to Features Department, The Times-News, P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls 83303. Deadline is noon on Wednesdays.

Only one jumper at a time.

- No somersaults or flips.
- Supervise children.
- Don't let children under 6 on a full-size trampoline.
- Don't use ladders; they let small children climb on.
- Make sure padding covers the springs, hooks and frame.
- Look around to see whether jumpers could fall onto a dangerous surface or kids could be tempted to jump from a fence, tree or other high spot onto the trampoline.

Source: U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, Carolinas Center for Injury Prevention and Control/Ouchi, The Charlotte Observer

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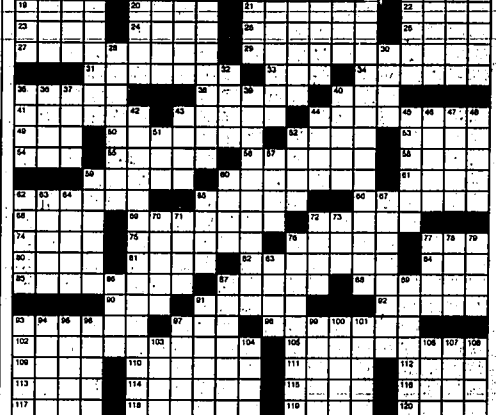
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By Robert H. Wolfe, North Woodmere, New York

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Funerals aren't about clothes

DEAR ABBY: This is in response to "Marie in Grand Prairie, Texas," who was shocked at some of the attire and lack of respect shown at a funeral she attended. She sent a list of do's and don'ts regarding funeral etiquette.



mementos (like a remote control) in his coffin and cheerfully chatted about the good times. There were few tears. At first I thought it was improper. I have since changed my mind. I now know that's exactly how her dad would have wanted it. He wanted to go out with a bang — and he sure did!

My mother passed away recently. Shy and homebound, she knew very few people. My siblings and I expected less than 25 attendees at her funeral. We were stunned to see triple that number gathered for Mom's service. Some were family members, but most of them were our friends, many of whom had never met Mom. Some wore dresses and suits; others wore jeans.

DEAR ABBY: There should be no hard-and-fast "rules." Herb would have deplored a regimented service. The entire group even joined in singing John Denver's "Take Me Home, Country Roads" during the service. More than a year later, I still receive compliments about his wonderful send-off.

IN ST. CHARLES, MO.
DEAR ALLIE: More power to him. Read on:

"I wouldn't have cared if they had come in their bathrobes. These wonderful people put their lives on hold to come and tell me they cared about me and were sorry about the loss of my mother."

"HUGGING SUE" LEMOORE, CALIF.
DEAR HUGGING SUE: Your husband's funeral was a "hug-in" at the time you needed it most. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: Hugs and acknowledgments can be given anytime, anywhere. After the viewing, prior to my husband's service, a mother held out her baby, who took my finger in her fist. I knew then that, yes, life does go on.

Your response to Marie was right on target. It's not about what people wear; it's what's in their hearts that counts.

DEAR ABBY: Bravo for your response to Marie regarding my "proper and acceptable" funeral behavior. When we buried my Herb, I violated the "hug and

Every person in attendance took away a little bit of my pain. I couldn't begin to tell you what they were wearing.

MOMS DAUGHTER ROCKS! TEXAS
DEAR ABBY: Many people write to comment on Marie's letter. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: Two years ago my best friend "Sara" (who was 13 at the time) suffered a major tragedy. Her father, a long-haired biker in his mid-30s, died.

DEAR READER: I understand. A woman named Patricia in Cincinnati related that she wore a bright green dress for her husband's funeral. A few days before his sudden death he had admired it on display and said it would look even better on her. She wore it knowing his spirit was with her, whispering, "You made the right choice!" And, indeed, she did if it brought her comfort.

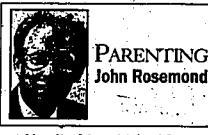
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When we arrived for the funeral, we were shocked to see most of the adults wearing blue jeans and cut-off shirts. Her father had been dressed in blue jeans, his favorite Harley shirt and a leather jacket. His friends left

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Send violent 4-year-old to his room

Here's an interesting tale: A 4-year-old I'll call him Bluto has a habit of hitting other children in his preschool program. Bluto's teachers try various approaches, none of which work. Their latest attempt involved rewarding him with something special on days when he didn't hit. That didn't work either.



snatch things out of other children's hands, and so on. It could be argued that in a toddler this sort of behavior is impulsive, not "deliberate." Imagine, however, what the world would be like if adults failed to punish these antisocial outbursts because toddlers "didn't mean it." Come to think of it, the same could be said of children today are still behaving like toddlers is because many of today's adults are reluctant to nip antisocial toddler behavior in the bud through firm punishment.

At it's end, Bluto's mom asks my advice, which I give as follows: When Bluto hits, his teachers should immediately remove him from class, take him to a neutral "holding zone." As soon as he is able, Mom should retrieve Bluto from school and take him home. There, she should confine him to his room for the remainder of the day and put him to bed immediately after supper. During Bluto's "time" his room should be cleaned of all toys except two (of his choosing) and all electronic entertainment. Mom said she'd do it and get back to me with a progress report.

PARENTING
John Rosemond

and he should not be punished. So instead of calling Mom when he hits, they inform her of any incidents at pickup. If Bluto has hit, Mom takes him home, confines him to his room, and puts him to bed immediately after supper. The teachers don't know what Mom is doing because she is convinced, and probably rightly so, that if they knew he was being confined to his room, they would not give her accurate information.

Instead of supporting his rehabilitation, Bluto's well-intentioned teachers made excuses for him. Had their point of view prevailed, he would have been denied the opportunity to develop self-discipline and improve his social relationships. He might still be hitting five years from now. Good for Bluto's mom that she went ahead and did what is necessary to bring his antisocial outbursts to a halt. It's all pray the teachers don't find out. Mom is doing to cure Bluto's ETS.

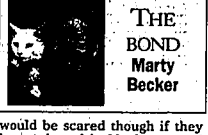
Several weeks later, I received e-mail from Mom, who reports great improvement. Reminding me that Bluto had been hitting on a daily basis, she tells me she's only three times in three weeks. She has made a slight change in plan however, because when she told Bluto's teachers what I recommended, they expressed disapproval, saying they were sure she didn't mean to hit other children. His hitting was "impulsive," they said, "not deliberate."

Actually, I accept the teachers' assertion that most of Bluto's hitting is impulsive. Nonetheless, they are wrong to think he should not be punished. The only way a child learns impulse control is to be punished when his lack thereof produces an antisocial behavior, and let's face it, there is nothing more antisocial than the punishment, furthermore, must be discomforting, because discomfort is motivating.

Nothing less will cause the child to exert the effort necessary to master his impulses. Toddlers are antisocial behavior factories. They hit, bite, scream, openly defy authority,

Canine comes with security blanket

In my almost 20-year veterinary career, I've read and heard some incredible stories about people's pets. In fact it's one of the things I like the best about the job.



lab, stuck in emotional second gear, never destined to grow up, always a pup. Labrador's proud owner, the doctor of being the Peter Pans of the dog world, and are all the more precious for it.

Some are bizarre, some are unbelievable, most are heart-warming. I'm going to tell you that pet is a family and that almost every pet has something that makes a particular family member uniquely precious. Everybody wants to tell you his or her story. Here's mine.

THE BOND
Marty Becker

would be scared though if they know that this 80-plus pound block of blue steel sleeps with a security blanket.

In turn, Sirloin provides an emotional security blanket for Lex and our entire family. He is always there to keep us feeling loved and nurtured. When Sirloin is around, it is impossible to feel lonely, worried, nervous or depressed. His love envelops you in warmth, just like his blanket envelops him, providing a steady, silent feeling of — well, security.

That's right. Even the cool grass isn't good enough for Sirloin. Like Linus, the character in the Peanuts comic strip, Sirloin can be found constantly dragging around an old blanket.

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Now there are probably other pets that have a security blanket. There most certainly are those with even more unusual habits. It just goes to prove that there's only one smartest, cutest, most special pet in the world, and every family has it.

Pisces: Let go of losing proposition

IF JUNE 24TH IS YOUR BIRTHDAY...you have unusual voice and sense of rhythm. You are diplomatic, romantic. Taurus, Libra and Scorpio persons play major roles in your life, could have these letters, initials in name, F, O, X. During this cycle, you could change residence, marital status. Travel, filtration during August. November most memorable, profitable. During December, relationship could begin or end; it will be your decision.

ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 19): Don't equate delay with defeat. What you have been waiting for will arrive within 24 hours. Lunar position activates creative juices. Pisces involved.

TAUROS (Apr. 20-May 20): You could be involved in major financial transaction relating to home, property. Take charge of your own destiny. Don't underestimate your own worth.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Look beyond the immediate. Take short trip for purpose of recovering legal document. Aries, Libra persons play major roles.

HOROSCOPE
Sydney Omarr

these letters in names: I, R.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Take initiative, make fresh start in new direction. You will retrieve lost article. You extend personality, sex appeal. Leo figures prominently.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Check Cancer message for valuable hint. Focus on home, partnership and marital status. Decide on direction, be aware of motivation. Meditation brings forth answers.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Look beyond scenes; someone is trying to "tell you something." Focus on mystery, intrigue. Don't confide or confess. Key is to be discreet. Sagittarius involved.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Many hopes, wishes will be fulfilled. Don't ask for more than you can handle. Taurus, Leo and Scorpio play major roles, these letters in names: D, M, V. Opposition melts.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):

Keep options open. Be prepared for change, travel and variety of experiences. Get thoughts on paper, take note of dreams. Tonight's dream will be significant.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Attention revolves around where you live, marital status. Music plays, dance or march to your own tune. Money transferred, some of it to you. Libra represented.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Define terms, get commitments in writing. Discovery. One close to you has obtained funding. Dig where previously prohibited. Maintain aura of mystery.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Check legal aspects of enterprise. Your records will be under scrutiny. Focus on promotion, better ways of distribution.

PISCES (Feb. 19-Mar. 20): Change relates to "the work you do." Let go of losing proposition. Much love in your life if you so permit. Aries, Libra persons will play passionate roles.

Early bird: See a morning comet

Comet Hale-Bopp, which graced the spring skies of 1997, was more than a comet of a lifetime. Being one of the 20 brightest comets of the past millennium, it was the comet of 10 lifetimes. In 1996, it had a front-row seat for Comet Hyakutake, one of the 20 comet comets of the past two millennia. What are the chances?

Over recorded history, bright comets (meaning bright enough to be seen easily with the naked eye) occur roughly once per decade. That being said, we've had some pretty good luck in recent decades. The '70s brought Comets West and Kohoutek (although the latter did not perform up to early expectations), and the '80s IRAS Araki-Alcock (1983), Halley (1985-86) and Wilson (1987).

Taking all this into consideration, we should feel especially lucky to have another naked-eye comet coming our way. Comet LINEAR, discovered in images from its namesake spacecraft early this year, has been gracing southern skies for the past several weeks. Now it's coming our way,



SKYWATCH
Chris Anderson

providing a brief viewing opportunity for Northern Hemisphere viewers.

The comet is currently rising out of morning twilight. At its brightest it will still be fainter than the bright stars, so wide-field binoculars will be helpful in spotting it. Starting this week, look in the ESE one hour before sunrise for a fuzzy "star," perhaps sporting a faint tail extending to the right. Each day the comet will be 4 degrees higher and 2 degrees farther to the west (right), holding its brightness until the second week of July. Then it begins to fade, fast as it recedes from the sun.

Part of the reason that LINEAR is putting on a good show is that its close encounter with the sun's

Sky calendar
(through Saturday)

• Planets:
One hour before sunrise:
Saturn: ENE, very low
Venus: E, low
One hour after sunset:
Mars: SSE, low

• Moon:
First quarter Wednesday, 9:19 p.m.

gravity in late May split the nucleus into three pieces, exposing far more surface area to sublimate in the solar heat and wind. Further outbursts are possible, so keep an eye on this one. Although it won't be Hale-Bopp, it may be the best we'll see this decade.

Next week: A near-miss lunar eclipse.

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ENGAGEMENTS

BLUMENTHAL-MCLAUGHLIN

TWIN FALLS - Shirley Blumenthal of Twin Falls announces the engagement of her daughter, Paige Elizabeth Blumenthal, to Chase James McLaughlin, son of Jim and Marra McLaughlin of Filer.

Blumenthal is a 2001 graduate of Filer High School. She is employed at Albertsons in Twin Falls.

McLaughlin is also a 2001 graduate of Filer High School. He is employed at Medical Office Pharmacists in Twin Falls. They will be attending the



Paige Blumenthal and Chase McLaughlin College of Southern Idaho in the fall. The wedding is planned for July 6.

BERG-WARD

BURLEY - Logan and Cheryl Berg of Burley announce the engagement of their daughter, Monica Yvonne Berg, to Ryan Ward, son of Ron and Venna Ward of Almo.

Berg is a 1998 graduate of Burley High School.

Ward is a 1998 graduate of Raft River High School. He is employed by East Idaho Railroad in Burley.

The wedding is planned for 6:30 p.m. Saturday at the home of Reese and Kathy Mitchell, 3124 Hilland Ave., Burley. A reception



Monica Berg and Ryan Ward to honor the couple will be held from 7-9 p.m. that evening at the same location.

HAWKINS-LORENZO

TWIN FALLS - Craig and Judy Hawkins announce the engagement of their daughter, Angie Hawkins, to Frank Lorenzo, son of Pedro and Alberta Lorenzo of Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic.

Hawkins graduated from Highland High School in 1992 and Ricks College in 1994 with an associate's degree in health science.

She served a medical mission to the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints from 1995-1997. She is currently attending the University of Washington School of Medicine's Physician Assistant Program.

Lorenzo graduated from Fawcett Mota High School in 1987 with an associate's degree in physics



Angie Hawkins and Frank Lorenzo and mathematics science. He attended O&M University, where he majored in electronic engineering. He worked for Amado & Asociados (for the U.S. Consulate).

The wedding is planned for Saturday in the LDS Temple in Salt Lake City, Utah.

COBB-FRANSON

BUHL - Vern Cobb of Marsing and Teresa Roberts of Caldwell announce the engagement of their daughter, Amanda Bryne Cobb, to Craig Noel Franson, son of Dennis and Karen Franson of Buhl.

Cobb is a graduate of Caldwell High School and Albertson College of Idaho.

Franson is a graduate of Buhl High School and Albertson College of Idaho.

The wedding is planned for Saturday at the Rose Garden in Caldwell.



Amanda Cobb and Craig Franson

WALTON-EVANS

HEYBURN - Tom and Dala Walton of Heyburn announce the engagement of their daughter, Abigail Sue Walton, to Wesley Clint Evans, son of Clint and Ann Evans of Heyburn.

Walton is a 2001 graduate of Calvary Christian School and has completed the nail technician requirements at the Cosmetology School of Arts and Sciences, graduating in April 2001. She is employed at Quality 1 in Burley.

Evans is a 1997 graduate of Minico High School in Rupert. He is employed at BioFlora in Burley.



Wesley Evans and Abigail Walton The wedding and reception is planned for 6-9 p.m. July 4 at the Walton residence, 636 W. 300 S., Heyburn.

THE HERNANDEZES

RUPERT - Mr. and Mrs. Everado Hernandez of Rupert will be honored at an open house on Saturday for their 50th wedding anniversary.

Friends and relatives are invited to call from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Rupert 7th Ward LDS Church, 806 G St. The couple requests no gifts.

Hernandez and Dominga Arenivas were married June 8, 1951, in Pecos, Texas. He is from Sombrerete, Zacatecas, Mexico, and she is from Pecos, Texas. A few years later, they moved to Rupert, where they have resided and raised their family. Their marriage was solemnized in 1961 in the Idaho Falls LDS Temple.

The Hernandezes were employed by Ore-Ida/McCain Foods and, after more than 30 years of service each, they both retired within a few years of each other.

They keep a busy schedule while at home but find time to enjoy their travels to see children and grandchildren and also family and friends in the Western states and Mexico. Both have been active members of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and have



Everado and Dominga Hernandez served in various callings. Presently, he is a regional patriarch and she is a nursery leader. They plan to serve a full-time mission for the church in the near future.

The open house is being hosted by their children and their families: Eloisa (Robert) of Englewood, Tenn.; Jose (Shannon) of Logan, Utah; Hilda (Charlie) of Meridian; Esteban (Holly) of Burley; Adolfo David (Julianne) of Meridian; Margarita (Dan) of Heyburn; Yolanda (Curtis) of West Jordan, Utah; Abel (Lisa) of Jerome and their daughter-in-law, Diane, of Bountiful, Utah. A son, Everado Jr., is deceased. They have 37 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

THE NEIWERTS

BURLEY - Mr. and Mrs. Fred Neiwert of Burley will be honored at an open house on Saturday for their 50th wedding anniversary. Friends and relatives are invited to call from 2-4:30 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church, 2100 Burton Ave., Burley. Anyone with a favorite photo or story is asked to share it for a memory book. The couple requests no gifts.

Neiwert and Gay Ingram were married June 27, 1951, in Burley. He was serving in the Army, stationed at Fort Lewis, Washington. After a short honeymoon, she accompanied her new husband to Fort Lewis until he was assigned to serve in Korea for one year. She returned to Burley and started her banking career with Cassia National Bank. He was discharged from the Army and in 1953 they began their 36-year farming business. He worked winters sorting potatoes. She worked part-time as a retail clerk for Albertson's and teller at Idaho Bank & Trust/Key Bank, each for more than 15 years. They worked side by side on the farm with their three children, Randy (Lynette) Neiwert of Eagle, Dorly (Dale) Dalsoglio of Boise and Earl (Clint) Kidd of Declo. Both are retired. Fred in 1990



Fred and Gay Neiwert

and Gay 1995. They are happy in their home on the Snake River. Time is spent doing yard work, community and church service, and she enjoys scrapbooking, quilt and afghan making. The couple has 13 grandchildren living, one deceased grandson, and one great-granddaughter.

THE BEAMSES

TWIN FALLS - Mr. and Mrs. Roy Beams of Twin Falls will be honored at an open house on Saturday for their 50th wedding anniversary.

Friends and relatives are invited to call from 3-6 p.m. at the Shilo Inn, 1586 Blue Lakes Blvd. N., Twin Falls. The couple requests no gifts, your presence is gift enough.

Beams and Claireen McClain were married June 28, 1951, in Twin Falls.

They have lived and worked in the Twin Falls area.

They are active members of Bethel Temple Church.

The event is being given by their children, Mark (Pauline) Beams of Twin Falls and Rinnae (Rev. Leon) Suggest of Pearland, Texas.

The couple has four grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.



Claireen and Roy Beams

ANNIVERSARIES

THE McMULLINS

TWIN FALLS - Frank and Pearl McMullin of Twin Falls will be honored at an open house on July 1 for their 50th wedding anniversary. Friends and relatives are invited to call from 3-5 p.m. at 1887 Washington St. N., Twin Falls.

The couple was married on March 25, 1951, in Baker City, Ore., where they were teaching school. She was teaching elementary students and he taught agriculture to veterans coming home from the war. They moved to Twin Falls in the spring of 1952. For Frank, the move to Twin Falls was returning home. He was raised in the Twin Falls area, having moved here in 1939, and graduated from Twin Falls High School in 1944. He began his farming career with a dairy farm north of town. He also worked at the sugar factory from 1954-1958. He then sold insurance for Sierra Life until 1966. He continued his teaching career at the College of Southern Idaho and substitute-taught at Twin Falls School District. He retired in 1991 after 39 years of farming in Twin Falls. He continues to sell DCL products.

She taught in Unity, Ore., before their marriage. She was raised in Baker City, Ore. In the Twin Falls area, she substitute-taught elementary level classes for the Irwin Falls School District from 1963-1978. She was a full-time kindergarten teacher at the Twin Falls Christian Academy from 1978-1991. She also taught music from 1969-1991 at her home and at TPCA.

Their home has always been filled with music. They shared



Pearl and Frank McMullin

their talents with others by providing musical accompaniment at the First Baptist Church and at Grace Baptist Church, where he was organist and she played the piano. They continue to share their music during their retirement. They are members of Grace Baptist Church.

The event is being hosted by their family, Sandra (John) Brennan of Twin Falls, Steve (Candy) McMullin of Twin Falls, Pamela (Howard) Wolf of Tacoma, Wash., and David (Kathy) McMullin of Brighton, Colo.

The couple has 13 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

THE DRAPERS

JEROME - Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Draper of Jerome will be honored at an open house on Saturday in celebration of their 50th wedding anniversary. Friends and relatives are invited to call from 2-4 p.m. at their home, 114 N. 200 W., Jerome. No gifts, please.

Draper and Barbara Jean Dudley were married July 14, 1951, in Burley. Their marriage was later solemnized in the Idaho Falls Temple.

They have lived in the Heyburn and Jerome areas where he worked for Paul's Market for many years, and then began his own business, Ron's Meat Market, in Jerome before retiring nine years ago. She worked for the Jerome School District before



Ronald and Barbara Draper

retiring seven years ago.

The event is being hosted by their children, Ron (Joanne) Draper, Dan (Wendy) Draper, Crystal (Michael) Sullivan, Kevin (Jody) Draper and Ronda (Todd) Critser.

The couple has 10 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

THE BALTZERS

TWIN FALLS - Mr. and Mrs. Darrell "Jerry" Baltzer will be honored on July 1 for their 60th wedding anniversary.

Friends and relatives are invited to call from 2 to 5 p.m. at the American Legion Hall. No gifts, please.

Baltzer and Irene Lopez were married Jan. 24, 1941, at St. Edward's Catholic Church. They have lived in Twin Falls all of their married life.

After serving two years in the Navy during World War II, he worked at various jobs until starting his own business, Gem State Trophies, in 1966. Upon retirement, the business was sold to and continues under the management of their son, Walt Baltzer.

The couple also owned Gem Religious Goods, which closed at



Darrell and Irene Baltzer

their retirement.

The Baltzers have five children, Walt Baltzer of Twin Falls; Janet Fank of Coeur d'Alene; Jean McDonald of Castle Rock, Colo.; Ruth Baltzer (deceased); and Donald Baltzer, Coos Bay, Ore. They also have 12 grandchildren, and 10 great-grandchildren.

WEDDINGS

GERBRANDT-YARBROUGH

BURLEY - Robert and Gayle Gerbrandt of Calgary, Alberta, announce the marriage of their daughter, Nikki Jean Gerbrands, to Larry Yarbrough, son of the Rev. Quinn and Sharon Yarbrough of Burley.

Yarbrough is a graduate of Burley High School. He is self-employed, doing construction in Burley.

The wedding was June 23 in Calgary and is open to honor the couple will be 7-9 p.m.



Larry and Nikki Yarbrough

Saturday at the Rev. Quinn Yarbrough residence, 555 E. 155 S., Burley.

ROBIN-HARTTRUFT

PAUL - Stephanie Robin and Eric Von Harttruff were married Dec. 16, 2000, at Cambria Pines, Calif.

The bride is the daughter of Chris and Marianne Blair of Grover Beach, Calif.

The bridegroom is the son of Mike and Jo Harttruff of Paul.

An open house to honor the couple will be held from 2-4 p.m. July 1 at the First Baptist Church, 25 N. 4th E., Paul.



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FAMILY LIFE

WEDDING

ANDERSON-MAKI

TWIN FALLS - Janel Anderson and Craig Maki were married July 8, 2000, at Centennial Park in Twin Falls. Officiating was John Ellis.

The bride is the daughter of Rick and Gayle Pruett of Buhl. Parents of the bridegroom are John and Regina Maki of Dillon, Mont.

Mary Lee Roberts, friend of the bride, served as the maid of honor. Bridesmaids included Kummie Hafer, friend of the bride, and Tracie Hall and Marlene Mangum, sisters of the bride.

Kalie Anderson, daughter of the bride, was the flower girl. Miles Stewart, friend of the groom, served as best man.

Groomsmen included Jeff Maki, Brett Maki and Todd Maki, brothers of the groom.

Matthew Anderson, son of the bride, was the ringbearer.

Special guests included grandparents of the bride, Clarice and Arnold Pruett of Buhl, and grandmother of the groom, Rosemary Rieher of Glen, Mont.

A reception was held following



Janel and Craig Maki

the ceremony. Serving were Marilyn Bus, sister of the groom, and Anna Loge, friend of the bride.

The bride is a graduate of Idaho State University. She is a teacher at Sawtooth Elementary School.

The bridegroom is a graduate of Western Montana College in Dillon, Mont, and the University of Idaho. He is a teacher at Sawtooth Elementary School.

The couple resides in Twin Falls.

TOWNE-TALBOT

DIETRICH - Lyle and Janet Towne of Dietrich, announce the engagement of their daughter, Natalie Joe Towne, to Henry Leon Talbot, son of Marshall and Cynthia Talbot of Kimberly.

Towne is a 2001 graduate of Dietrich High School. Talbot is a 2000 graduate of Kimberly High School. He is employed at Heritage Retirement Center in Twin Falls and the Twin Falls Clinic & Hospital. The wedding is planned for 2 p.m. July 14.



Henry Talbot and Natalie Towne

STRAND-WYKE

TWIN FALLS - Doug and Nancy Strand of Twin Falls announce the engagement of their daughter, Nicole Leigh Strand, to Evan Alexander Wyke, son of Gary and Janet Wyke of Boise.

Strand is a graduate of the University of Idaho. She is employed at St. Luke's Regional Medical Center in Boise.

Wyke is also a graduate of the University of Idaho. He is employed by Jabli Circuit in Boise.

The wedding is planned for July 21 in Ketchum.



Evan Wyke and Nicole Strand

JONES-DILLON

TWIN FALLS - Rep. and Mrs. Douglas R. Jones of Twin Falls announce the engagement of their daughter, Heather Elizabeth Jones, to Jeremy Layne Dillon, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Dillon of Pocatello.

Jones is a 2000 graduate of the University of Idaho College of Engineering and is currently pursuing a master's degree at the University of Idaho.

Dillon is a 1999 graduate of the University of Idaho and is



Jeremy Dillon and Heather Jones employed as an engineer for the Boise Cascade Corporation.

BLASTOCK-WHITCHURCH

FILER - Greg and Valerie Blastock of Filer announce the engagement of their daughter, Melissa Blastock, to Thomas Whitchurch, son of Bob and Sharon Whitchurch of Jerome.

Blastock is a graduate of the College of Southern Idaho. She is currently employed by Target in Twin Falls.

Whitchurch is also a graduate of CSI. He is employed by Home Depot in Twin Falls and North West Labs in Jerome.

The wedding is planned for 7 p.m. July 14 at St. Edwards Catholic Church in Twin Falls. A



Thomas Whitchurch and Melissa Blastock reception will follow at the Weston Plaza.

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In the Honor of the 50th Wedding Anniversary of John & Henrietta Bos, their children & grandchildren request the pleasure of your company at an open house, Sunday, June 24, 2pm-4pm. Twin Falls Reformed Church 1631 Grandview Drive, Twin Falls. John & Henrietta were married June 23, 1951 in Idle, Minnesota and lived in Jerome 21 years. The couple has five grandsons.

(Mark) Cheryl, Zachary DeKruyf Larry (Debbie), Matthew, Christopher, Kevin Bos (Gail) Michelle Lewis Jim (Jennifer) and Jayden Bos

ANNIVERSARIES

THE DUGGANS

HAGERMAN - Mr. and Mrs. Max Duggan of Hagerman were honored at an open house on June 16 for their 50th wedding anniversary.

Duggan and LaVerne West were married June 17, 1951, in Buhl.

They have lived in Hagerman all of their married life. He

worked at the family business, Duggan Brothers Inc., sawmilling and building log homes. She also worked at the family business.

They have been active in Jehovah's Witnesses since 1952.

The event was given by their children, Jim (Terry) Duggan and Susan Duggan, all of Hagerman.

The couple has two grandchildren.

THE ROSSES

TWIN FALLS - Mr. and Mrs. Walt C. Ross of Twin Falls will be honored at an open house on Saturday for their 50th wedding anniversary. Friends and relatives are invited to call from 2-5 p.m. at the home of their daughter, Shannon Rinehart, 1350 Wilmore, Twin Falls.

Ross and Marlene L. Moss were married July 1, 1951.

They have lived in Twin Falls for 31 years.

He worked at radio sales and management. She worked at the Lynwood Shopping Center.

The event is being given by their children, Colleen Jensen,



Walt and Marlene Ross

Shannon Rinehart and Sheryl Frahm, all of Twin Falls, and Dan Ross of Boise.

The couple has six grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

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Nobody likes me, everybody hates me

Jason (not his real name) was a big boy for his age - maybe 6 feet tall - fat around the waist so that his belt barely showed. He had a crewcut and pimples, and he was loud, even for a freshman.

He announced in class that no one liked him, and the class nodded solemnly in agreement. Unfortunately his teachers could find no argument with their assessment, for he was obnoxious - had a chip on his shoulder, made disgusting statements to students and teachers alike and spent a great deal of time in the principal's office.

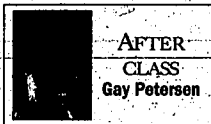
I was not his teacher - I only knew of him by chance, and I wondered what would become of this child who put on such a front, hiding, no doubt, a miserable existence.

He was a trial for every teacher who had him in class, and his parents too had no suggestions as to what to do with him, only telling the school administration that if he required punishment it should be the maximum the school could demand - otherwise the boy would not be impressed.

People in general, being social animals, require attention from their peers. Adults have generally tempered their reactions - learning over time what it takes to get along and knowing that they can be quickly ostracized if they do not fit the norm.

But adolescents generally have not yet learned the lessons that maturity will bring, and so they often act out in ways that are unacceptable. They become a challenge to themselves, their peers, their teachers and their parents.

What causes such behavior? Sometimes it cannot be explained. Other times it can be caused by an unhappy home life, being picked on at school or by the child's mis-



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taken ideas of how to get attention.

What can be done to help a child such as the one I have described? Perhaps counseling, perhaps maturity, perhaps nothing will help. Yet children are the greatest assets society can produce, and we often care more for our material possessions than for these precious lives. Somewhere along the line someone must at least try - must take a personal interest in this child, or he will be lost - to himself and to society.

Society, in general, tends to take those on the fringe and place them as far from the group as possible. We do not like to accept those that don't fit in. It is a natural reaction, and one that is as old as mankind. But as we increase our knowledge about the human psyche and what makes it tick, we should all make an effort to assure that the Jasons of the world are not lost to society, that a way will be found for them to fit in, to make a contribution, to stop their detrimental behavior. As we have discovered, to our sorrow, these children may become so unhappy that they may take out that unhappiness on anyone in their path.

Our quest to help may be unsuccessful, but we can take comfort in the fact that we tried, and if we saved just one child it will be well worth the effort.

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Home can't discharge patient

Q. My father is now 77, suffers from dementia, and has become too much for our mother to handle.

Although she wanted to continue to keep him at home, the emotional and physical drain on her was obvious. That's when my sister and I stepped in and helped her find a suitable nursing facility.

At the time he was admitted seven months ago, Mother was required to disclose all of their assets and income because he was to be a private pay patient and to guarantee the bill.

We have now realized that at a rate of nearly \$5,000 per month for his care, unless we try to get Dad some assistance from Medicaid, Mother will spend all of their life savings in the next 10 months, leaving her nothing but their home.

The administrator of the facility told us that they have no Medicaid beds, and they relied on Mom's application, and that if we can't pay privately, we must take Dad back home. We don't know what to do. Can the nursing home prevent us from trying to make sure our mother is protected?

A. No. Making financial disclosure at the time of admission does not commit your parents to using all of their assets to pay for his care.

If your father meets the Medicaid medical level of care requirements and if your parents meet the income and asset limitations in your state, a



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Medicaid application is appropriate.

Your mother is entitled to the community spousal allowance in your state.

Once admitted, a facility cannot discharge a resident for changing the source of payment. You should see an elder law attorney in your area to assist you.

Q. After my father's death three years ago, my mother changed her will to leave everything to her three children. She also appointed my brother as her power of attorney. Since he lived near my mother, he was the logical choice, and Mom told us that he would handle everything for her.

Trusting that he would, my sister and I did not check behind him. Mom suffered a stroke earlier this year and is now totally incapacitated. Our brother is admitting her to a nursing home, telling us that she is destitute. We know for a fact that in addition to her home which was

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worth more than \$100,000, she had at least \$150,000 in certificates of deposit that Dad left her. Neither my brother nor the banks will give us any information.

We had a lawyer check the real estate records and found that my brother used the power of attorney to gift himself the house right after he was appointed. Is there anything we can do? A. First, have the lawyer check the public records to see if the power of attorney is on file. If it is, find out if it is "durable" - meaning that it continues in effect after your mother's incapacity.

If it is, find out if the document contains gifting provisions as, without specific gifting provisions, an agent acting under a power of attorney has no authority to make gifts, especially gifts to himself.

If there are no gifting provi-

sions, then the transfer of the house to your brother is invalid as are any transfers from bank accounts.

Find out if it is "springing" - meaning that it comes into existence upon the occurrence of an event such as your mother's incapacity.

If it is, then your brother exceeded his authority by transferring the house while your mother had capacity.

Your remedy is to bring a guardianship and conservatorship proceeding in the county probate court where your mother lives.

Once you or your sister is appointed conservator, you will have the authority to secure your mother's banking information and to bring such action as may be necessary against your brother to recover the assets.

Should the assets be recovered, your mother will probably will not qualify for Medicaid because of the \$2,000 asset limit.

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Healthy Traveling Tips for Diabetics

After months of dreary weather, many look forward to a vacation during the summer. However, traveling with diabetes involves extra preparation and planning, although, with proper care you should be able to go anywhere in the world. Here are some guidelines to follow when traveling, courtesy of the American Diabetes Association.

- Always carry your diabetes supplies with you. Bring more than enough for your trip, including insulin, test strips and lancets.
- If you're going to another country, take with you a note from your doctor indicating that you have insulin-dependent diabetes. Customs agents are used to travelers with diabetes so you are unlikely to experience any problems but the note will help if you are questioned.
- Wear a medical identification bracelet or necklace that indicates that you have insulin-dependent diabetes. Carry a card in your wallet or purse, too.
- Take an emergency sugar supply to treat hypoglycemia. Good examples are glucose tablets, which won't melt in the heat or get sticky.
- Unless it's really hot in your room, don't store your insulin in a hotel room refrigerator. These small refrigerators have poor temperature control, and you're as likely as not to end up with frozen insulin, which must be thrown away.
- Take real food with you, in case meals aren't available from elsewhere. You never know when you will be delayed, or when you'll be stuck someplace for an extra hour or two. Good food choices are fruit, power bars and peanut butter crackers.

DIABETIC'S LANGUAGE GUIDE

In case you do get into trouble on the road, it's vitally important that you or your travel companion be able to communicate your condition and your needs quickly and correctly. Below is a list of how to tell someone you have diabetes in six common destination languages:

- **Spanish** - Yo tengo diabetes
- **German** - Ich habe Diabetes
- **Chinese** - Ngo yau tong liu beng
- **French** - J' ai le diabete
- **Italian** - lo ho il diabete
- **Hebrew** - Yesh li sucret

Source: www.diabetes.org and www.childrenwithdiabetes.com

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Super EZ Restaurant Style Fajitas

INGREDIENTS:
1 boneless skinless chicken breast, sliced in strips
(toss sliced chicken in 1 T soy sauce and 1 T BBQ sauce)
Stir fry in 1 T olive oil

Add to chicken:
1/2 green pepper, sliced in strips
1 small onion, sliced in strips
4 fresh mushrooms, sliced thin
dash black pepper

Stir fry over medium high heat until tender. Serve on warm tortillas with chopped lettuce, and tomatoes. Garnish with salsa or lite Ranch dressing as desired.

For a tasty side:
Simmer 1/2 cup rice in 1 C boiling water and 1/4 cup salsa. Cover and cook approximately 15 minutes. (Serves 2)

Recipe courtesy Jeanne Bjorn, Filer, Idaho.

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