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Prosecutor: Cancer center lease requires vote

By Jennifer Sandmann
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — The Hospital Board cannot lease the Southern Idaho Regional Cancer Center without a public vote, the Twin Falls County prosecutor says.

Members of Magic Valley Regional Medical Center's Hospital Board informed the county Monday of its plans to lease the center to Mountain States Tumor Institute, St. Luke's Regional Medical Center, based in Boise, operates MSTL.

The Hospital Board described the lease as a necessary move to provide consistency in local cancer services. It pointed to the recent loss of its medical oncologist,

Dr. Christine Holm, as an example of the need for stability.

Board Chairman Terry Schultz asked Twin Falls County Prosecutor Grant Loeb whether county commissioners or the Hospital Board should sign the lease agreement.

After looking into the matter, Loeb followed up with a letter to Schultz stating that neither could do it. The Hospital Board cannot enter into a lease involving a significant part of the hospital, Loeb said. The commissioners have the sole authority to lease hospital property, but even their authority is limited, he said.

Loeb's opinion in effect settles the question commissioners posed earlier this

spring about whether leasing the entire hospital to an outside organization would require a public vote.

He proposed other solutions to meeting the serious need for local oncology services. "Because this lease proposal would require a vote of the people, which could be accomplished no sooner than November 2001, it seems that a less time-consuming alternative should be explored," Loeb said in the letter to Schultz. "Obviously, the citizens of the Magic Valley need a fairly quick resolution to this problem with the hospital's oncology services."

Mountain States Oncology Group has an exclusive service agreement with MSTL. A contract with MSTL or MSOG would

best meet the immediate need for services, Loeb said.

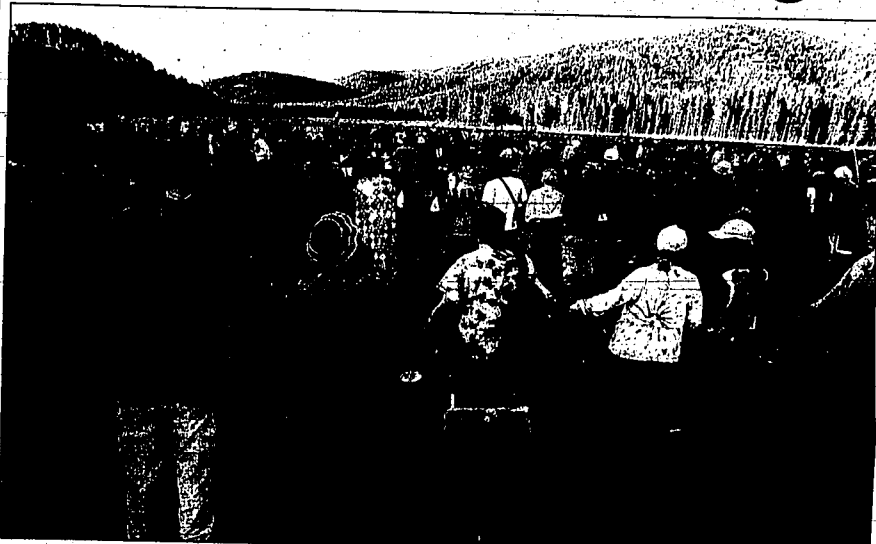
A contract would continue the current relationship between MSOG and Magic Valley Regional Medical Center. MSOG has provided local cancer services for years. The existing contract expires in September.

Without a contract renewal with MSOG, Loeb said the commissioners will support obtaining services elsewhere. In his letter to Schultz, he suggested examining the business decisions which made it impossible for Holm to remain.

The county has received a number of

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Kaleid scope



Several thousand Rainbow Family members gather at Main Circle in the middle of the meadow at their camp near Stanley to hold hands and pray before dinner. As many as 20,000 family members are expected to converge on the meadow by Wednesday.

Rainbows span the spectrum

By Mark Heinz
Times-News writer

STANLEY — Who are these people, and why are they here?

There could be as many answers to those questions as there are members of the Rainbow Family gathered around an expansive meadow about an hour northwest of Stanley.

A small, scraggly, middle-aged man calling himself "Chink Bob Lee" came to the gathering for some respite from the horrible memories he said still haunt him more than 30 years after he saw combat in Vietnam.

Duane, a burly man with close-cropped hair and several hoop earrings, was there to spread the gospel of Jesus Christ.

A young man called "Free Spirit" — who bounded naked around the camp on Wednesday with flowers in his hair — said he wanted to drop all pretense and purify himself.

A slender, graceful, college-age woman who went by "Marybeth"



hoped to help heal battered bodies and bruised egos at one of the camp's medical stations.

And "Felipe," a weather-worn member of the Yakia tribe — indigenous to northern Mexico and the southwestern United States — said he was trying to share his grandmother's wisdom of peace and respect with children at the gathering.

The Rainbows seemed as welcoming to strangers as they were apparently fearful of the U.S. Forest Service, the media and other entities of the outside world — which they call "Babylon." Rainbows constantly reminded media photographers not to take pictures without asking permission, and only a very few were willing to identify themselves other than by their first names or Rainbow Family monikers.

Clean-cut, well-spoken and claiming to be a medical doctor from Southern California, "Mike" — who worked at the camp's infor-

mation center — said the Rainbows are rightfully skittish about giving out too much information. That's because the Forest Service wants to profile the "leaders" of the organization, which claims to have no leaders, and target those people for tickets or possibly even arrests, he said.

'Welcome home, family'

A journey into Rainbow land began in a clearing the group had turned into its parking lot for the duration of the gathering — which is expected to climax on the Fourth of July.

Even there, eclectic images were easy to come by.

Under the threat of rain Wednesday afternoon, a young couple cursed their dilapidated '80s-vintage Dodge van, which sputtered

The heartbeat of the gathering is the drum circle, which can be heard everywhere in the meadow.

Cheney receives implant

Doctors consider procedure a success

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Doctors implanted a dual-purpose pacemaker in Vice President Dick Cheney's chest Saturday to control potentially dangerous irregular heartbeats and said he should be fully able to carry on in his job.

"The vice president's prognosis is terrific," said Dr. Jonathan Reiner, his cardiologist. "He felt great when it was over."

Cheney left the hospital several hours after he cheerfully walked out for lunch.

Mildly sedated during the morning procedure, he was eating shrimp salad for lunch. It was the third time since the November election that Cheney had been hospitalized for treatment of his heart disease. Despite the optimism expressed by his medical team, questions are sure to persist about his health and ability to shepherd the full range of domestic and national security policy that now crosses his desk.

Doctors said he can go back to work Monday. No ill effects were foreseen from the procedure except for temporary soreness around the implant.

"Everything went exceedingly well, exactly as planned," said Dr. Alan Wasserman, chairman of the medicine department at George Washington University Hospital.

President Bush said he saw no cause that he is comfortable with.

Bush said, "I know Dick Cheney well, and if I were to say, 'You've got to slow down, Mr. Vice President,' he's going to say, 'Forget it, because he's got a job to do.'" The two talked by phone after Cheney's surgery.

The vice president has had four heart attacks over 25 years and the procedure he went through Saturday was far heart problems more serious than those faced by most recipients of pacemakers.

The device, about the size of a pager, is more sophisticated than an ordinary pacemaker because it has two sensors — speeding up a slow heart and slowing down a racing heartbeat. It detects an abnormally rapid heartbeat, it sends an electrical surge to a defibrillator coil and jolts the heart back into a normal rhythm.

If it happens, Reiner said, Cheney will probably feel a pop in his chest. "It's really much less dramatic than in the movies," he said. "His hair is not going to stand on end."

Cheney, 68, waved upon entering the hospital Saturday morning, saying he expected an easy time of it. "But you never know until it's over."



Vice President Dick Cheney leaves the hospital.

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FORECAST FOR MAGIC VALLEY

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IDAHO ALMANAC
Idaho Extremes
Yesterday: High 85, Low 55
Twin Falls: High 85, Low 55
Stanley: High 85, Low 55

FIVE-DAY FORECAST FOR TWIN FALLS

Table with 5 columns: TODAY, TONIGHT, MONDAY, TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY. Includes weather icons and temperature forecasts.

CANADIAN CITIES

Table listing Canadian cities and their weather forecasts for today and tomorrow.

REGIONAL WEATHER

Southern Idaho: Mostly sunny today with a very warm to hot afternoon. High temperatures in the 90s in the higher terrain to the middle 90s in the lowest valleys.

SUN AND MOON

Table showing sunrise, sunset, moonset, and moon phase for July 5, 13, 20, and 27.

WORLD CITIES

Table listing world cities and their weather forecasts for today and tomorrow.

REGIONAL CITIES

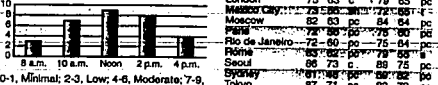
Table listing regional cities like Boise, Pocatello, and Idaho Falls with their weather forecasts.

Table listing regional cities like Coeur d'Alene, Kelso, and Lewiston with their weather forecasts.

NATIONAL WEATHER

Showers and thunderstorms are expected for the day. Forecast high/low temperatures are given for selected cities.

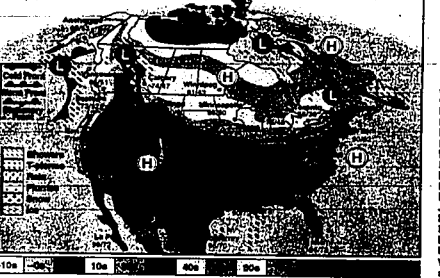
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NATIONAL CITIES

Table listing national cities and their weather forecasts for today and tomorrow.

American Red Cross logo and text: 'We can make no predictions about the future. But one thing is certain. We'll be there.'



Wholesale gas prices drop

Wholesale gas prices have plummeted in recent weeks, but gas stations have lowered prices more gradually. Includes a line graph showing price trends from March to June.

Retailers neglect to pass on savings
The Associated Press
Wholesale gas prices have dropped nearly 25 percent in recent weeks, but retailers - as a result of the July 4 holiday in their sights - have been slow to pass along the savings.

Guitarist Chet Atkins dies at 77

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) - Chet Atkins, whose guitar style influenced a generation of rock musicians even as he helped develop an easygoing country style to compete with it, died Saturday. He was 77.

Portrait of Chet Atkins with text: 'A 1 k s helped craft the lush Nashville Sound, using string sections and lots of echo to make recordings that appealed to older listeners not interested in rock music.'

Boise pump rates rank among nation's highest

IDAHO (AP) - Idaho drivers preparing for the Fourth of July are finding the holiday's highest average gasoline prices ever, with pump rates for self-serve unleaded ranking 10th in the continental United States.

The national average price permitted by 20 cents during the same period. The average price of \$1.52 per gallon - still 38 cents higher than at the same time in 1999.

Center

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Calls from people expressing their frustration and disappointment over losing their oncologist, including those of the Times-News.

Advertisement for Dr. Christine Holms, oncologist. Text: 'I came down to the clinic... and discover, without any notification to myself or my patients... some 15 patients or so had been rescheduled.'

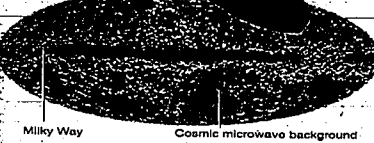
Times-News telephone directory listing circulation and advertising contacts.

IDAHO LOTTERY advertisement for Saturday, June 30, listing winning numbers and prizes.

A baby picture of the universe

NASA launched Saturday the 95 million-dollar Microwave Anisotropy Probe to measure and map ancient radiation heat left over from the birth of the universe.

Microwave Anisotropy Probe - Reflectors
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 • record the microwave
 • radiation from two
 • signals using back to
 • back telescopes with
 • reflectors.
Map of universe
 • Simulated



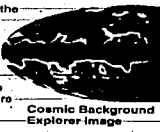
The probe will create a map, similar to the above map, of the microwave radiation measured from two opposing directions. The double system ensures accuracy. Lines color to show temperature differences, the map will be at a higher resolution than that generated from the 1992 Cosmic Background Explorer. The improved detail will help astronomers understand the history, structure and fate of the universe.

SOURCE: NASA Goddard Space Flight Center

NASA's Big Bang probe lifts off

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) - A NASA observatory that will scan the universe for the faint afterglow of creation rocketed toward orbit Saturday.

Liftoff occurred right on time at 1:46 p.m. EDT, with the unmanned Delta rocket climbing through a cloudy sky. The \$95 million MAP spacecraft will study the oldest light in the universe, that which was created within moments of the Big Bang. Astronomers expect this picture of the infant universe - "the ultimate baby picture" as NASA science director Alan Bunner calls it - to answer their most basic questions. How old is the universe? What is it made of and how is it changing? And perhaps most important, what is its fate? At \$145 million, including the rocket, it's a modest-price mission - but with an "enormous appeal," he said. He added, hopefully: "We wish it well."



Cosmic Background Explorer image

Bush braces for patients' rights fight

WASHINGTON (AP) - President Bush is turning to House Republicans to counter the patients' rights bill that Democrats and his chief GOP nemesis, Sen. John McCain, pushed through the Senate before taking a weeklong July Fourth holiday.

Bush said he would work with House to develop a bill that "discourages runaway litigation costs." He said he could not sign the Senate version because it puts the interest of trial lawyers before the interest of patients.

He may have an uphill fight. In 1999, 68 House Republicans voted for a bill similar to the one the Senate passed Friday night. Of the 60 of them still in office, fewer than a dozen have indicated a willingness to support Bush's views.

The Senate bill is "the product of consensus and compromise," said Rep. Marge Roukema, R-N.J. "This bill can and should be signed into law."

Patients' rights is only one of the year's most contentious issues that GOP leaders in the House have promised to act on after Congress returns July 10 and before it breaks again.

House Speaker Dennis Hastert, R-Ill., also has promised to do a campaign finance bill in the four weeks before lawmakers take a

Administration seeks to counter bill in House

monthlong vacation in August. "Doctors and patients should be in control of health care, not trial lawyers and the courts," Hastert said last week as the final touches were put on a bill supported by Bush and Republican leaders in the House.

As with patients' rights, Bush again finds himself on the opposite side of McCain, the campaign finance reformer who mounted a stiff early primary challenge to Bush last year for the GOP presidential nomination.

The Senate vote capped a five-year struggle that dated to the Clinton administration - a delay McCain attributed to the power of special interests. "Trial lawyers have controlled this for the Democratic side and HMOs and insurance companies on the other side gridlocked us," said McCain, R-Ariz.

Covering private and federal health programs, all of the patients' rights proposals would require health plans to pay for needed visits to specialists such as pediatricians, minimum hospital stays after mastectomies and access to clinical trials.

Differences emerged over the

court remedies available to aggrieved patients and their families. Plans can be used if those services are denied or delayed, and the actions result in permanent injury or death.

But the Democratic-McCain plan passed by the Senate would have federal courts hearing only contract disputes; state courts would judge medical malpractice and related cases.

In the first test of their new leadership, the Senate Democrats fended off challenges to the suits allowed in consumer-friendly state courts. Bush threatened to veto the bill for that reason - saying federal courts were sufficient to handle patient cases - and reiterated his opposition after the Senate passed it.

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NATION

For some, tax cuts take effect today

WASHINGTON (AP) - The first installment of the tax cuts signed into law by President Bush takes effect today, but only for certain middle- and upper-income taxpayers. For most of them, the difference amounts to just a few dollars a week.

Amid all the attention to upcoming refund checks, many taxpayers may have overlooked a part of the 10-year, \$1.35 trillion tax relief package that reduces the four highest income tax rates - 28 percent, 31 percent, 36 percent and 39.6 percent - by 1 percentage point beginning Sunday.

For an estimated 35 million taxpayers, that means less tax will be withheld from their paychecks. Employers were notified several weeks ago by the Internal Revenue Service to get ready for the change.

Millions of taxpayers who do not earn enough to qualify will get nothing from this initial rate cut. The reduction does not affect the 15 percent bracket, which is the highest rate paid by an estimated 95 million taxpayers.

Those people will have to be satisfied for now with their refund checks - up to \$300 for a single taxpayer, \$500 for a head of household and \$600 for a mar-

ried couple filing jointly. Taxpayers in the higher brackets also are getting refund checks.

The cuts reflect this year's savings from creation of a new 10 percent tax bracket, which is retroactive to Jan. 1. They will be mailed this summer and fall, based on the last two digits of a taxpayer's Social Security number.

Most taxpayers who do benefit from Sunday's rate cuts will notice only a small change in their take-home pay.

According to H&R Block, a single taxpayer paid \$1,300 twice a month will receive about \$2 more in each paycheck. A similar person paid \$2,500 twice monthly will get about \$13 more in each check.

The union-funded Citizens for Tax Justice estimated that the vast majority of those affected by today's change - about 29 million taxpayers - who pay at no higher than the 28 percent rate would get an average cut of \$3.88 a week, or about \$101 for the rest of 2001.

Those paying at the highest tax rate, the estimated 868,000 taxpayers with average incomes of almost \$1.2 million a year, would get about \$150 a week, or a total of \$3,894 on average.

Bush adviser says tax cut will revive federal coffers

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON - The Bush administration, facing a potentially sharp drop in federal revenue because of the slowing economy, Friday asserted that the tax cut approved earlier this month will help add new revenue to government coffers and thus help stem the slide.

Lawrence Lindsey, President Bush's chief economic advisor, told reporters that 30 percent of the revenue loss from the slowing economy would be recouped through higher economic growth generated by the tax cut, even though by itself the tax cut also results in lower revenues.

Lindsey said revenues are falling because of a "rapidly collapsing growth structure" but the tax cut "has succeeded in arresting that decline" by reviving consumer confidence. He said the tax cut, which takes effect in new withholding tables today, would reverse the trend through the economy faster than the six cuts in interest rates engineered this year by the Federal Reserve.

Branding the estimates of several Wall Street analysts who said the tax cut could add about 1 percent in annualized economic growth this year, Lindsey said: "Anyone who looks at the facts, they are saying, 'This is great, this was a smart move....' The tax cut is part of the solution, not part of the problem."

The administration's offensive came after Senate Democrats last week used their new leadership position to hold hearings showcasing their contention that much of the projected budget surplus over the next 10 years has been wiped away by administration policies, especially the tax cut.

"We're in trouble," Sen. Kent Conrad, D-N.D., chairman of the Budget Committee, said Thursday. "All those out there who think there's this big honey pot, the honey pot is gone."

The escalating rhetoric demonstrates how both parties are scrambling to shape the public perception of the president's main domestic initiative.

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Sen. Kent Conrad, D-N.D.

American Airlines, flight attendants agree on contract

Night Rider News Service

DALLAS - American Airlines Inc. and its flight attendants' union tentatively agreed to a new contract Saturday, hours before a 12:01 a.m. EDT Sunday deadline.

Neither side released details. Reached after nearly 34 months of talks, the proposed pact headed off any action by President Bush. He had said he would prevent a strike at any major airline during the summer travel season.

An American executive called the proposed contract "exceptional" and union president John Ward told his membership that the union's negotiating team gave the deal its unanimous endorsement.

The National Mediation Board said the airline and the Association of Professional Flight Attendants worked through Friday night and for much of Saturday before hammering out the deal, with a final handshake about 6 p.m. EDT.

The union agreed not to strike or take other job actions while its board, and then its membership, consider the proposal, the mediation board said in its statement. That review and vote likely will take several months.

American also will not engage in "self-help," such as imposing any changes in the current contract, the mediation board said.

"We are very pleased to have reached an agreement with the APFA," said the airline's chief negotiator, Sue Oliver, senior vice president of human resources. "Our flight attendants do a terrific job for our customers, and this deal provides rewards for all of their hard work."

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White House says energy panel broke no rules

WASHINGTON (AP) - The White House has acknowledged that top-Bush strategist Karl Rove participated in meetings on the administration's energy policy while he owned stock in energy companies such as Texas-based Enron Corp.

In a letter responding to congressional inquiries, White House Counsel Alberto Gonzales said "general policy discussions" fall outside the scope of federal ethics rules that bar an official from participating in a matter in which he has a financial interest.

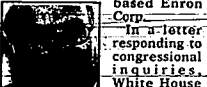
"The formulation of national energy policy is a classic example of the sort of broad policy discussion that is expressly excluded from regulatory coverage," wrote the White House counsel in Friday's letter.

Providing no specifics, Gonzales stated that Rove "did

Administration admits power-company stockholder participated in energy meetings

participate in a number of meetings at which the contours of the administration's energy policy were discussed." But Gonzales said that Rove was not a member of Vice President Dick Cheney's energy task force, which formulated energy policy, and that Rove did not attend any of the task force meetings.

On a separate issue, the White House counsel said that Rove had only "passing contact" with



Karl Rove

a proposed high-tech merger that Intel Corp.'s chief executive and two Intel lobbyists pushed for in a March 12 meeting with Rove.

"Mr. Rove was noncommittal and offered no substantive response" to the Intel executive's remarks, wrote Gonzales.

An interagency government panel with which Gonzales said Rove "played no part" approved the merger less than two months

after Rove met with the Intel executives.

Rep. Henry Waxman, the ranking Democrat on the House Government Reform Committee, asked about Rove's meetings after the disclosure this month that he owned stock in an array of companies, with interests before the Bush administration.

Phil Schlerer, the congressional panel's minority staff director, said Gonzales' letter fails to provide dates of the meetings, who attended, the subjects discussed or Rove's recollection of any views he expressed.

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A look ahead at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center

July 2001

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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.

July 11, 5:00 - 7:00 pm
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Fee: \$25.00

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 energizing 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

Magic Valley Skate Park Grand Opening. SAFE KIDS can and big blue tent will be at the Twin Falls In-Line Park Grand Opening In-Line & Skateboard Competition. SAFE KIDS will have a booth selling in-line skate helmets in black and metallic silver for \$15.00!

July 14 and 15
Harmon Park

Come in for a free inspection of your child's car seat or purchase a new one and have it installed for free. SAFE KIDS also has low cost bike helmets and skate helmets for sale! Call 737-2430 for information.

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
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Bush pushes defense spending bill to improve training, readiness

WASHINGTON - The United States needs a \$32.6 billion increase in defense spending to improve training, readiness and quality of life for U.S. troops following a period of neglect, President Bush said Saturday.

"For too many years, our strength has dwindled," he said.

The president said the soldiers of today are sorely understaffed for upholding the same principles as those who gave or risked their lives more than 200 years ago in the Revolutionary War battle of Bunker's Hill. Bush's proposal has met skepticism on Capitol Hill, where many lawmakers say it lacks support for grand-scale modernization efforts the president has promised, and that Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld blindsided them with some of his proposed cuts - in B-1B bombers flown by Air National Guard units, in MX nuclear missiles and in military bases.

Idaho lawmakers say they fight Bush's plan to move or cut Mountain Home Air Force Base's lone squadron of B-1B bombers.

Jury awards \$16.2 million in false diagnosis suit

SEATTLE - A jury awarded \$16.2 million to a woman who underwent a hysterectomy and had part of a lung removed after being incorrectly diagnosed with a rare form of cancer.

King County Superior Court jurors on Friday awarded Jennifer Rufer, 25, and her husband, David, \$452,000 in economic and \$15 million for her pain and suffering and \$750,000 for his pain and suffering.

Chicago-based Abbott Laboratories, which made the test used to diagnose Rufer, and the University of Washington Medical Center, which treated her, were found equally responsible and ordered to pay \$8.1 million each.

Five face charges of forcing children into manure pits

MONTICELLO, Mo. - Five workers at a religious center for troubled youngsters have been charged with forcing children to stand in a manure pit as punishment.

Eleven youngsters were forced to shovel animal waste because they didn't listen to direction and had a bad attitude, court documents showed. The manure covered one child head-to-toe, and another to her chest.

The five workers at Sharpe Farms and Heartland Community Center were arrested Thursday on child abuse charges and released on bail. A sixth worker was arrested but not immediately charged.

Lawmakers pass budget; avoids government shutdown

ST. PAUL, Minn. - In a cliffhanger at the Minnesota Capitol, lawmakers passed a state budget early Saturday just hours before the government's authority to spend money would have expired.

Gov. Jesse Ventura planned by midnight Saturday to sign the major spending bills.

Months of political wrangling had pushed the state to the edge of a government shutdown.

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Nation in brief

A judge on Friday ordered that all essential government services remain in operation if the budget writers failed, but noncritical programs across the state would have gone dark. The overtime session, which stretched a month longer than usual, produced a major tax

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Woman who drowned children thinks she 'has the devil in her'

The Dallas Morning News
DALLAS—Andrea Pia Yates, the Houston mother accused of drowning her five children, told her relatives from jail that she believed she "has the devil in her," her brother Andrew Kennedy says.

The 36-year-old mother has been largely unresponsive during brief family visits since her arrest at her Clear Lake home two weeks ago, but she told visiting siblings on Wednesday whether her children had been buried and told them during a Sunday visit that she feared she was possessed, he said.

"We were trying to pray with her. She said, 'I think the devil's in me.' She asked me and my brother, 'How long do you think the devil's been in me?'" Kennedy said Friday. "I guess she's looking for answers as to why she did what she did."

Kennedy added that his family had been increasingly worried about his sister's mental health over the last six months, and one of her longtime friends was concerned enough that she kept a detailed diary of Mrs. Yates' severe emotional decline.

The family feared she might kill herself, but "we never dreamed she'd kill our kids," he said.

Yates called police to her family's Clear Lake home June 20 and led them to the bodies of her five children, ages 6 months to 7 years. She later gave police a 90-minute statement in which she said she drowned them one by one in the bathtub, an official said.

She also explained that she killed the children because she thought she was a bad mother and they were hopelessly developmentally damaged.

Her husband, NASA engineer Russell Yates, has said that he believed his wife was suffering from "psychotic side effects" of post-partum depression.

Kennedy, Mrs. Yates' oldest brother, said Friday that she began receiving treatment for her emotional problems this spring after she put a knife to her throat while visiting her mother's house and threatened to kill herself.

She was first treated for depression after trying to kill herself in June 1999 with an overdose of her late father's Alzheimer medications.

Like the second suicide attempt, the first occurred with an attempted overdose of pills in a bedroom of her parents' south-east Houston home, he said.

Mrs. Yates' brother said his family now suspects that incident might have been the culmination of a long slide into depression — a decline that appeared to begin with a miscarriage between the births of Mrs. Yates' third and fourth children.

The overdose led to a series of hospitalizations and intensive drug treatments, family members said.

Her husband has said Mrs. Yates seemed to improve after being hospitalized and treated with a regimen of psychiatric drugs.

Kennedy said Friday that his family believed his sister never really recovered from the 1999 depression. He noted that his family is particularly familiar with the illness because he and other siblings have suffered from bouts of depression serious enough to require medications and therapy.

"Just about everybody in the family has had problems with depression," he said.

A friend who had been close to Mrs. Yates since they worked together at a hospital in Houston in the early '90s grew concerned about Mrs. Yates' condition after she began keeping a diary of her decline.

"She saw that Andrea was getting worse," the brother said. "She begged Rusty (Andrea's husband) 'You need to get her more help.' So he put her back into (a Clear Lake mental hospital) again."

As her mother and siblings grew increasingly worried, however, Mrs. Yates and her husband became more distant and isolated, he said.

"We'd call over there to check on them, and there was a point that we were leaving messages and they weren't returned. They shut us out," Mr. Kennedy said.

He noted that the Yateses were already "loners." At Mr. Yates' insistence, he said, his sister homeschooled her children. John S. White also taking care of the younger children.
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league that Mr. Yates helped coach.

Mrs. Yates and her husband would not leave the children with a baby-sitter because of fear of outside influences, he said.

"She had only a couple of hours a week by herself, and then she had to take her daughter," he said. "She couldn't get away from the stress."

"There was a joke around the

family: 'When are they going to stop having kids?'" he said. "Every child Andrea got increased her stress level."

Though religious, the Yateses did not attend a church, and Mr. Yates said he didn't think the Bible required Christians to join a congregation, Kennedy said.

The couple did have ties to an out-of-state religious group that they had been involved with "for

at least several years," he said. Mrs. Yates told her mother that she sent money to them but was otherwise reluctant to discuss the matter, he said.

Kennedy could not recall the group's name, but he noted that it became a point of contention about six months ago when Mrs. Yates asked that her brothers, sisters and mother be sent a proselytizing letter.

The letter denounced Roman

Catholicism, the faith in which Mrs. Yates had been raised and in which her mother was still devout.

"To me, it was kind of a cult religion. They believed in God, but they made statements that like Catholics were going to hell," he said. "It had some other stuff that was from the Bible. But there was something about it all that just wasn't right."



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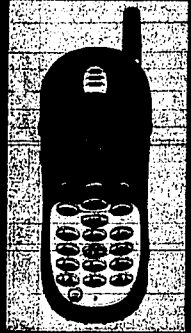
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States battle to keep pace with cyberstalkers

New Internet laws necessitate special Web cops

NEW YORK (AP) — In the early days of the Internet, police some times shrugged off complaints about cyberstalking, telling victims "Turn off your computer."

The response now, after numerous hair-raising cases, is likely to be different.

State after state has enacted cyberstalking laws in the past few years and set up special police units to keep pace with the stalkers.

"We're getting as good as they are," said Rhonda Saunders, a deputy district attorney in Los Angeles who helped establish the city's anti-stalking team. "They think they're clever, but that's what trips them up. They give themselves away in a multitude of fashion."

California in 1997 became one of the first states to pass legislation targeting those who torment others via computer. With the addition of Maine this month, there are now 35 states with laws addressing online stalking and harassment, according to the National Conference of State Legislatures.

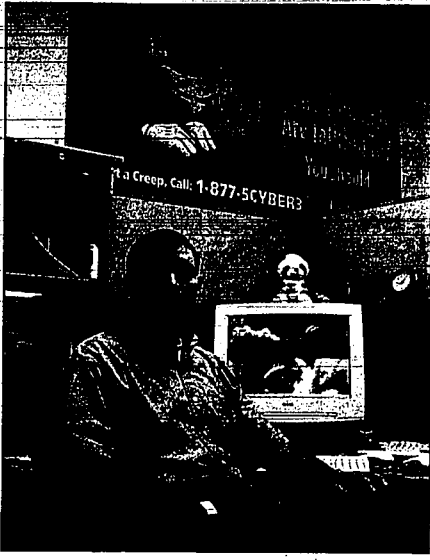
Some recent cases:

- In Los Angeles, Marlon Pagtakhan was sentenced in May to five years' probation for sending hundreds of harassing and threatening e-mails to "Star Trek: Voyager" actress Jeri Ryan and her boyfriend, Pagtakhan, who spent several months in jail awaiting trial, was ordered to stay away from the couple, keep away from computers and seek mental treatment.

- In another Los Angeles case, a security guard accused by a woman he met in church was sentenced to six years in prison in 1999 for using the Internet in an effort to get the woman raped. In messages sent on the Internet, Gary Stephen Dellapenta posed as the woman, claimed to have a fantasy of a "home invasion rape" and gave out her address.

- In Maryland, Warren Gray, 39, was sentenced last year to 33 months in prison for sending threatening e-mail to a high school administrator. The e-mail included threats to kill the administrator, harm his family and burn down his home.

- In Maine, a man angry at his ex-girlfriend posted a photograph of her on the Internet last year, describing her as a "student/escort." When people responded to the solicitation, the man sent them his ex-girlfriend's real addresses, at home and at



Detective Sargeant Tim D. Lee, 34, from the Criminal Investigation Division sits in his office at the Computer Crimes Unit in East Lansing, Mich., Friday.

college in Massachusetts.

"Her family was receiving calls from strange women, looking for their daughter for sexual reasons," said Detective Sgt. Dave Gordon of Kennebunk, Maine. "They were very frightened."

Protection orders were issued in Maine and Massachusetts, barring the man from further harassment. But Gordon, echoing officers in other states, said the case helped convince him that Maine needed a specific cyberstalking law to deter harassers and make prosecutions easier.

"There are lots of things you can do with the Internet to destroy someone from the comfort of your own home," Gordon said. "The cyberstalking statute gives us a better tool to work with."

Working with Gordon on the Maine law was Jayne Hitchcock, a writer who suffered more than three years of online harassment and now heads a group called Working to Halt Online Abuse.

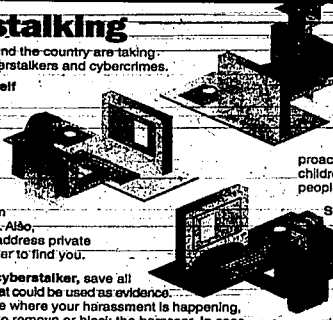
Hitchcock said many cyberstalking complaints can be resolved without charges, but she believes tough, new laws are useful.

Cyberstalking

Police forces around the country are taking action to stop cyberstalkers and cybercrimes.

Protecting yourself is as simple as keeping a secret. Use a gender-neutral screen name, and don't create a profile. These steps will prevent others from knowing about you. Also, keep your e-mail address private — it makes it harder to find you.

If you suspect a cyberstalker, save all communications that could be used as evidence. Contact the service where your harassment is happening, as it may be able to remove or block the harasser. In case of a physical threat, contact the police.



For the police, the methods remain the same, but the tools are different. Instead of wire taps, Internet service providers are often subpoenaed for information about users and their activities. Some police units take the proactive steps of posing as children in chat rooms to catch people preying on children.

Stalkers fall into two categories — acquaintances and strangers. Many Internet users are savvy enough to not give out personal information, so cyberstalkers use deception to trick people into providing information.

SOURCES: Working to Halt Online Abuse; Michigan state police computer crimes unit

your computer?" Michigan, which passed cyberstalking legislation in 1999, formed a computer crimes unit within the state police last year.

Detective Sgt. Tim Lee, supervisor of the unit in Lansing, said catching cyberstalkers often involves a mix of computer savvy and old-fashioned police work.

He advises victims to save offending e-mails in their computers, because experts can find useful identifying information there that does not show up on a printout. Investigators then try to trace the e-mail's "electronic fingerprints," if necessary issuing subpoenas to Internet service providers or companies that run e-mail networks.

He said most service providers are becoming more cooperative in providing data, though some smaller companies balk.

"There are some popping up that cater to the underbelly of the Internet," Lee said. "They might phone a suspect and say, 'Hey, this is what's coming down.'"


The ever-improving search capabilities of the Internet have helped stalkers track down their victims' home addresses, e-mail addresses and phone numbers.

He wants to hide a lot easier," Lee said. "It's so fast, so easy, and people still think they are so anonymous with e-mail, that no one will catch on to them."

He noted that stalkers can use computers at libraries, universities and cyber-cafes, complicating the task of tracing e-mails.

Supervisors at some public computer facilities, anxious to avoid bad publicity, are starting to require users to sign in, Lee said.

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Foster girl dies after mom accidentally leaves her in car

RIALTO, Calif. (AP) — A 3-year-old girl died after her foster mother accidentally left her inside a closed utility vehicle, police said.

The girl was found unconscious, not breathing and drenched in sweat with a temperature of 108 degrees, said Randy Emon, supervising deputy county coroner.

Linda Montano, 48, told police that she didn't realize the girl was still in the back seat of her sport utility after she arrived home with three foster children Friday, Lt. Joe Cirilo said.

to move her blind dog from the driveway and thought all the children had gone into the house, Emon said.

The girl was in the vehicle for 15 to 25 minutes in the late afternoon, Cirilo said.

Montano was not charged.

"This appears to be an unfortunate tragedy," Cirilo said.

He said the district attorney will have to decide if any charges will be filed. The two other foster children, ages 5 and 6, were taken into protective custody, Cirilo said.

Actor talks continue

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Negotiators for Hollywood actors and producers were meeting Saturday in an eleventh-hour effort to reach a new contract and avert what could be a crippling walk-out for the TV and movie industry.

Talks began Saturday morning and were expected to continue into the night.

The Screen Actors Guild and American Federation of Television and Radio Artists represent a total of 135,000 members.

Neither side has commented in detail about the status of negotiations.

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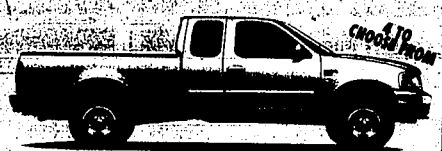
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Rainbows

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out over and over as they tried to make their way into the lot. As soon as they cleared the road, a spanking-new Chrysler convertible came bouncing along the other way.

Occasional whoops and yowls could be heard from the nearby "A-camp" - the area set aside for chemically dependent Rainbows. Along a narrow trail leading to the main meadow, Rainbows met each other with the group's standard greeting: "Welcome home, family."

Authorities said about 3,600 Rainbows were at the site Wednesday afternoon. And the camp had grown noticeably by sunset Thursday.

It would be impossible for any single set of eyes to assess the makeup of the camp. But the Rainbows there Wednesday and Thursday seemed to be an overwhelmingly Caucasian. Older teen-agers and twenty-somethings were apparently the most strongly represented age demographic - although families with babies, toddlers or school-aged children weren't hard to spot. Dogs by the dozen roamed the camp site, and a few Rainbows also packed along cats, birds and other pets.

Some knots of Rainbows here and there passed around marijuana pipes and joints, and a few in the bustling "trade circle" area were visibly impaired by drugs. But during daylight hours at least, the overall activity appeared to be lucid and sober.

The rules of everyday casual fashion were turned upside-down in Rainbow world. Here and there were people dressed in neat clothing from Patagonia or other top-shelf companies. But most were clothed in just about every type of offbeat fashion imaginable. Bare Krishnas in colorful robes rubbed elbows with heavy-metal freaks sporting leather and multiple body and facial piercings. Animal trophies in a scantily clad youngster with tattoos haggled over deals in the trade circle area. And more than a few Rainbows went about barefoot.

The sound of tribal drums was constant in and around the camp - which stretched for miles near a gigantic open meadow and the knots of Rainbows and nearby slopes. Many people played acoustic guitars with various degrees of proficiency. And late Thursday, a youth with a portable amplifier cranked into his back-pack strolled around and proudly blasted out a few chords from an electric guitar.

Throughout the day and into the night Thursday, a tall, gangly man in colorful garb stomped about yelling, "Free Rainbow hugs!" A few took him up on his offer and shared brief, warm embraces.

'A fully functional city'
Though the Rainbows claim to be just so much a group as they are a gathering of individuals, they seemed to pride themselves on the infrastructure of their camp.

"Within a few days to a week, we can establish a fully functional camp with all the amenities except electricity," Chink Bob Lee said.

That includes setting up kitchens, stocking and manning medical stations and arming a few hand-picked Rainbows with shotguns and sending them out on "canine Claymore patrol," he said.

Chink Bob Lee was part of the "Shanti Sena" camp.

The Rainbows claim the Shanti Sena - named for a Sanskrit phrase meaning peace keeper - can solve almost all the group's social squabbles and criminal problems by acting as an internal police force.

Shanti Sena member "Michael" said he'd been staying awake most nights on fire patrol. Rainbows are discouraged from building fires at their own camp.



'Jessica' puts adobe on an oven at the "Lovin' Oven" kitchen. This kitchen specializes in bread and will make thousands of dinner rolls throughout the gathering.

around the Rainbow camp, he said.

"We'll take your pennies, we'll take your nickels, we'll take your \$100 bills," he said.

That money is used to buy groceries in nearby towns, he said. And Rainbows making supply runs are also encouraged to check in Dumpsters at stores and warehouses for supplies.

"You would be amazed by how much bread gets thrown out just because it's a day or two past the expiration date," Gray Ogre said.

Once supply runners return to the depot, Gray Ogre said it was his job to make sure goods get distributed to the kitchens in a fair manner.

A stout pole he called the "ogre stick" helped ensure nobody got more than their fair share, he said.

'One, two, three - circle!'

As Thursday waned into evening, Rainbows began filtering into the main circle area, which had been marked out in the big meadow by long poles laid down end-to-end in the grass.

"Main circle," held every night just before sunset, gives Rainbows a chance to share supper, air gripes and visit, members said.

When it became apparent that many members of the camp were dragging their feet Thursday, the hundreds who were already there began occasionally yelling in unison.

"One, two, three - circle!" Once the Rainbows had arrived en masse, supper organizers did their best to get the crowd to form two circles, one inside the other.

Groups of servers packed massive containers of food along the lane between the circles and served the crowd. People also trotted up and down the lane making announcements or requests.

"We need a pickup or a good, stout van to make supply runs," one man shouted as he walked along. "Anybody got one?"

After supper, Rainbows began trickling back to their individual camps to sleep, socialize or entertain one another.

At one California-based camp, "Pat" from San Diego made preparations for a fire-breathing demonstration.

Two fire extinguishers held a prominent spot among the supplies he had laid out in a Radio

Flyer wagon.

"I've been on fire enough times to know it's not good to be on fire for very long," Pat said as he and others from his camp prepared to put on a fire show.

As two men and a woman tried to work out elaborate rhythms on tribal drums, Pat was joined by "Deanna" and "Jetta Moonraven," a few yards out on the meadow.

In the deepening darkness, Jetta and Deanna used tiny torches attached to chains to whirl in elaborate patterns over their heads and about their bodies. Pat sucked mouthfuls of Coleman camp fuel out of a plastic beverage bottle and blew bursts of flame by spitting the gas toward the torch he held.

Flames hissed in the thin high-country air as the curious stopped to watch the show, yammer and cheer.

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FAMILY VALUES

STANLEY - Members of the Rainbow Family claim their annual gathering revolves around a "meditation for world peace" held on the Fourth of July.

Here's what some of the people at the gathering site northwest of Stanley this week had to say about what else brought them there:

'Chink Bob Lee'

A middle-aged Oklahoman who said he saw combat in the mid '60s in Vietnam, Chink Bob Lee said the gathering helps him fight his personal monsters.

"I haven't slept through the night in over 30 years. I don't trust anybody because of what happened over there," he said. "The only times I can be around a large number of people and be relaxed is at the gathering and believe it or not - in a bingo hall."

'Free Spirit'

He's a tall twenty-something who had a taste for running around naked at least until other Rainbows encouraged him to keep his nudity to his own camp site. For him, the gathering was about finding purity.

"When I am naked, I am not hiding from anything, I have no fear."

'Duane'

A stocky, earnest man, Duane claims he and his camp mates were called to start attending the gatherings for a spiritual mission.

"We heard a lot of Christians Altar boys here because it's a bad place," he said. "So we thought, 'We need to go there, because that's just the sort of

place Jesus would go to minister."

'Marybeth'

A college-aged woman who wore modest clothing but sported some of the heavy piercings that are apparently gaining popularity with her generation, she said the gathering gives her a chance to help heal. She took up a post at one of the gathering's "improvised clinics" called "calm centers."

"I hope to help people with their bumps, bruises and bruised egos."

Rory Ridley

A 30-ish computer tech from Austin, Ridley said the gathering gives him a chance to escape the daily grind of the outside world and expand his horizons.

"I wanted to see some of the different way people do things, and get some good ideas."

'Gray Ogre'

Big, gruff and imposing, but still quite friendly, Gray Ogre said he finds a deep sense of satisfaction by being in charge of the gathering's main food supply depot. He said a messy divorce and trouble with creditors drove him out of mainstream society and into the Rainbow Family.

"I'm a dedicated Family man," he said. "My war cry is, 'Feed the Family.' My Rainbow motto is, 'tuh the TV off.'"

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Barit Connor kisses his wife, Nadia Comaneci, on the cheek after she took the oath of citizenship during a naturalization ceremony Friday in the federal courthouse in downtown Oklahoma City. Comaneci, a gold-medal gymnast for Romania at the 1976 Montreal Olympics, was the first woman gymnast to score a perfect 10 in Olympic competition.



CAMP DAVID, Md. (AP) — President Bush — blessed Japanese Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi's tough-edged economic package in a Washington meeting Saturday. Koizumi, in turn, backed off his criticism of Bush's environmental plans.

Stranding beneath a green dome of oak and poplar trees, the leaders of the world's two largest economies paped over their differences on several other issues at a playful news conference. The 12-minute session began with Koizumi's underhand toss of a hardball to Bush.

The president snagged it with one hand and winked at the U.S. press corps.

"There's no question in my mind our relationship will never be stronger than under our leadership," Bush said after private meetings in his presidential lodge.

A smiling Koizumi said: "I did not, at the outset, believe that I would be able to establish such a strong relationship of trust with the president in my first meeting."

Both newly elected and meeting for the first time, Bush and Koizumi came into the session with plenty of ticklish issues on their plates: Japan's faltering economy, global warming, missile defense, Japanese whaling and the sometimes unwelcome deployment of U.S. servicemen in Okinawa.

Bush quickly set aside the first issue, declaring, "I strongly support" Koizumi's economic policies. The president dismissed suggestions that Japan's slow-growth plans could hurt the U.S. economy.

"I have no reservations about the economic reform agenda that the prime minister is advancing," Bush said. "He talks about tackling difficult issues that some leaders in the past refused to address."

Bush's endorsement was important to Koizumi after a history of tense U.S.-Japanese relations marked by bawling from U.S. presidents in his campaign. Bush chastised Democratic President Clinton for harping on Japan to fix its economy.

With his prize in hand, Koizumi returned the favor by softening his criticism of Bush for rejecting a 1997 global warming treaty.

"I am not disappointed at the president's position," the prime minister said. "The president is enthusiastic about environmental issues and there is still time to discuss this issue."

Bush embraces Japanese leader's reforms



President Bush, left, shows reporters a baseball he had just caught from Japanese Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi, in background, at Camp David, after the two men met privately Saturday near Thurmont, Md.

Election case defines Supreme Court term

WASHINGTON (AP) — When they took their seats on the first Monday in October, the Supreme Court justices faced few of the major issues that have characterized recent terms.

No big abortion cases, no emotional showdown over whether gays should be Boy Scouts. The lawyers and law professors who watch the court predicted a lackluster year.

Instead, the court term that concluded Thursday was defined by the election case succinctly titled *Bush v. Gore*, one of the most memorable and significant decisions of the court's modern history.

"Clearly, Bush v. Gore eclipses the term," said Richard Lazarus, a Georgetown University law professor who runs training sessions to help lawyers prepare for Supreme Court arguments. "It was such a fantastical couple of weeks before the court that it seems hard to believe that it really happened."

Beyond the stark history of the Supreme Court effectively deciding a presidential election, the court term that began in October and concluded last week will likely be remembered for the startling number of cases decided by the bare 5-4 majority.

For the first time in modern memory, or perhaps ever, the court decided more cases by a 5-4 vote than by a unanimous vote. Counting the unsigned majority decision in *Bush v. Gore*, the court decided 26 cases by a 5-4 outcome, while the nine mem-

bers were wholly unanimous in 25 cases. The court resolved an additional 11 cases by 9-0 or 8-0 votes, but not all justices could agree on all portions of the ruling.

In theory, the court strives for unanimity whenever possible. It is an increasingly difficult goal in practice, with the number of 5-4 outcomes climbing nearly every year recently.

"The court is riven with disagreements about fundamental legal questions," said lawyer Thomas Goldstein, who participated in 10 of the 79 cases argued before the court this year.

"The number (of 5-4 splits) is much higher, and the stakes are much higher."

Fourteen of those 5-4 decisions featured the same conservative lineup as in *Bush v. Gore*: Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist and Justices Clarence Thomas, Antonin Scalia, Anthony M. Kennedy and Sandra Day O'Connor in the majority; Justices John Paul Stevens, Ruth Bader Ginsburg, David Souter and Stephen G. Breyer in dissent.

That 5-4 lineup prevailed in a states' rights case, ruling that state employees cannot sue for on-the-job discrimination under the Americans With Disabilities Act. The same 5-4 court limited the scope of the landmark 1964 Civil Rights Act, with a ruling that individuals may not sue state agencies over allegedly discriminatory policies.

Rape allegations underline island's complex relations with U.S. troops

KADENA AIR BASE, Japan (AP) — Mika Tamaraha and her friend came because it's the biggest event of the year on Okinawa, a chance to enter the gates of this sprawling American base, munch on hot dogs, explore the inside of a surveillance plane.

But white tents of thousands of Okinawans swarmed to this normally off-limits corner of their island for an annual goodwill festival Saturday, detectives of the base were investigating an alleged rape that has created outrage.

For a second day Saturday, police questioned a U.S. Air Force sergeant over allegations he raped an Okinawan woman in a parking lot outside a nightclub early Friday.

"It's really frightening," said Tamaraha, an 18-year-old college student. "It made me think twice about coming here. But we try not to think about it too much."

No charges have been filed

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—Mika Tamaraha, a college student

against the sergeant, said Lt. Cmdr. Jeff Davis, a Pentagon spokesman. The U.S. serviceman, who has denied the allegations, was allowed to return to base Saturday night, said Okinawa prefectural police spokesman Akira Namihira.

The alleged incident was front-page news in both local newspapers on Okinawa, where crimes over the years by American servicemen — including the rape of a schoolgirl in 1995 — have fanned opposition to the large U.S. military presence.

Because of its strategic location

between Japan's main islands and Taiwan, Okinawa, one of the bloodiest battlegrounds of World War II, remains a key American outpost.

It is home to nearly two-thirds of the 47,000 U.S. military personnel stationed in Japan, including the largest contingent of Marines outside the United States. Kadena Air Base is America's largest in the region. Feelings toward the troops are complex.

Okinawans often say they are resigned to their presence and welcome the economic boost in Japan's poorest province.

As Saturday's Amerifest demonstrated, many welcome the opportunity to mix with the Americans. No incidents were reported Saturday, and officials said they expected 250,000 visitors before the festival ended Sunday.

"It's a festival, it's fun," said Akemi Ikehara. "My three-year-old son likes to see the planes."

NOW to choose between candidates for president

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — The election of a new president was on the agenda Saturday at the annual convention of the National Organization for Women.

Delegates were choosing between Kim A. Gandy, a lawyer who is the group's executive vice

president, and businesswoman Toni Van Pelt, a longtime abortion-rights activist and immediate past president of the Florida chapter.

Gandy, 47, had the support of incumbent President Patricia Ireland, who could not seek

another term under NOW rules.

"We want to protect the Supreme Court and federal judges from right-wing appointments and from political and religious extremists who would reverse our rights," she said Saturday before the voting began.

Gandy has been president of NOW in Louisiana. Outside her work with NOW, Gandy said she prosecuted child sexual abuse offenders, won sex discrimination cases and wrote some of what she considered to be Louisiana's worst family laws.

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Yugoslav politicians pledge resolution of crisis

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia (AP) — Politicians from Yugoslavia's smaller republic, promised Saturday to work with their Serb colleagues to form a new government and resolve a political crisis triggered by Slobodan Milosevic's handover to the U.N. war crimes tribunal.

The calls for compromise came a day after Yugoslav Prime Minister Zoran Djindjic and other government officials from Montenegro resigned to protest Serbia's abrupt extradition of Milosevic. The extradition defied a federal court ruling.

The resignations drove a deep

er wedge between Montenegro and Serbia and shook the already fragile Yugoslav federation, where the constitution calls for federal elections if a new government is not in place three months after a prime minister's resignation.

However, Zinic said Saturday that his Socialist People's Party, whose backing in the federal parliament is crucial — was ready to support a reshuffled Yugoslav government rather than push for new elections. "That is the way to go," Zinic told The Associated Press.

Another official from

Montenegro, Predrag Bulatovic, also said the smaller republic's deputies in the federal parliament could negotiate to preserve the coalition with Serbia's pro-democracy bloc that ousted Milosevic from power last October.

"We believe that federal Yugoslavia has to be preserved," Bulatovic said. "All of us who want to save Yugoslavia can find an optimal solution through dialogue and compromise."

Serbian Prime Minister Zoran Djindjic urged renewed efforts to resolve relations between his republic and Montenegro. "The

federation is in a deep crisis," he told Germany's ARD television.

Yugoslav President Vojislav Kostunica is to begin talks aimed at forming a new Cabinet on Monday.

In a statement Saturday, Kostunica denied any knowledge of plans to extradite Milosevic to the U.N. tribunal in The Hague, Netherlands, and reiterated criticism of Serbia's government for ignoring a court ban on the handover. "The truth is that I was not informed of Milosevic's extradition," said Kostunica, who was elected last September in the vote that led to Milosevic's ouster.

China's Communist Party celebrates 80th birthday

Capitalist-style reform touted as decade's crowning achievement

SHANGHAI, China (AP) — The ash-gray former girls' school where China's Communist Party was born is now a national shrine. It's also part of a new shopping mall shared with an Italian ice cream parlor, a hair salon and a Starbucks coffee shop.

Opening China to global capitalism was hardly what Mao Tse-tung and 11 other revolutionaries had in mind when they met secretly in 1921 to create a party that would rid China of foreign colonizers and build a workers' paradise.

But as it marks the 80th anniversary of that meeting on July 1, the world's largest communist party is trumpeting two decades of capitalist-style market reforms as its crowning achieve-

ment — and with no hint of irony. With a birthday propaganda blitz in China's wholly state-run media, the party is seeking shew to convince Chinese that it deserves credit for raising living standards and should remain in power.

Government workers have been made to attend classes where they sing patriotic songs. On June 1, 10,000 people sang "The party is in my heart" gathered on Beijing's Tiananmen Square to wave red scarves and release red balloons.

"The party and people are united in building a rich China," says a banner on a Shanghai street.

The party's constitution still says it's "the vanguard of the Chinese working class." But market reforms are forcing all state-owned factories to close, killing millions of jobs. Among farmers, whose support helped the party seize power in 1949, incomes are falling.



A Serbian police officer guards a gay activist who was beaten during a gay rights gathering in Belgrade, Yugoslavia Saturday. Roving bands of young men attacked gay rights activists holding their first march ever in Yugoslavia's capital, circling them one by one and kicking them until police intervened.

Attackers beat gay rights activists at unprecedented march in Belgrade

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia (AP) — Roving bands of young men attacked activists staging what was believed to be the first gay rights march in Yugoslavia's capital, circling them one by one Saturday and kicking them until police intervened.

Dozens of people were reportedly injured, including a half dozen police officers deployed to the capital's main square. Hospital officials said none of the injuries was life-threatening.

The melee began even before the scheduled start of the gay gathering, as dozens of soccer hooligans and members of a

nationalist group appeared at the Republic Square to prevent the march from taking place. The attacks appeared to be organized, with soccer hooligans and ultranationalists among the culprits.

One of the attackers told B-92 radio that "we are here to prevent immorality in Serbia," while others shouted "Serbia is not a gay country." Later the hooligans smashed the front door window of the offices of a moderate political party supporting gay rights.

Belgrade police chief Bosko Buha said in a statement to B-92 radio he had not expected so many and so aggressive anti-gay

hooligans to appear at the march, and therefore had deployed only 50 policemen without riot gear. Some of the police were forced to fire shots in the air to disperse the crowd, witnesses said.

Buha said about one dozen attackers were detained by mid-afternoon. Police were chasing them throughout Belgrade and were expecting more arrests.

The gay pride event was just one of several marches being held throughout Europe this month to draw attention to discrimination against homosexuals and to urge political leaders to grant them equal rights.

New fight breaks out in Macedonia

SKOPJE, Macedonia (AP) — Clashes shattered a lull in fighting between Macedonian troops and ethnic Albanian rebels early Saturday, a day before a new American envoy was due to arrive in a bid to renew stalemated peace negotiations.

Meanwhile, NATO-led peacekeepers in neighboring Kosovo detained 90 suspected ethnic Albanian rebels from Macedonia in two days, a spokesman for the peacekeeping force said Saturday.

In Macedonia, militants attacked government positions on the slopes of Mount Sara, close to the northern border with Kosovo, army spokesman Blagoja Markovski said. The rebels opened fire from Gajre village, along the Pena River canyon and near the Popova Sapka ski resort, prompting a response from the Macedonian troops, he said.

Today, the U.S.'s European Bureau's special adviser, James Pardew, is expected to arrive in Skopje, Macedonia's capital, to help jump-start peace negotiations between ethnic Albanians and the Slav-dominated government. Pardew, who is well known in the Balkans, will be working closely with his European Union counterpart, Francois Letailard.

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Migrant worker returns home to run for mayor

JEREZ, Mexico (AP) — Andres Bermudez was smuggled into the United States squashed against his pregnant wife in the trunk of a Cadillac Supreme, and he didn't look back for more than two decades.

But last year on a trip to Tijuana, Bermudez — now head of a multi-million-dollar California business — said he passed by rows of crosses representing the hundreds who have died attempting the same illegal odyssey and realized he had to do something.

Bermudez returned to run for mayor of his hometown, Jerez. If he wins in today's vote, he'll become the first U.S. resident to serve as a Mexican mayor.

"When I saw those crosses, I thought, 'What if my son was buried there? That's what made me decide to do this,'" he said. "After 28 years of being gone, I returned home to find nothing has changed. People keep migrating for the same reason — because there is no work."

Even if he loses, he already has made his mark with a candidacy that has shown the growing influence migrants wield in Mexico.

Months after Bermudez, another migrant worker-turned-millionaire launched his bid for the Jerez mayorship. And the governor of Zacatecas state, where Jerez is located, has put forward a bill to the state legislature allowing Zacatecans living abroad to vote in local elections.

Zacatecas, in central Mexico, is one of the country's biggest exporters of migrant labor. Immigration is the lifeline of Jerez, a town of 55,000 surrounded by bone-dry fields overgrown with cactus. Another 50,000 from the town are thought to be working in the United States, sending back hundreds of thousands of dollars a week. Money exchange houses line Jerez's main streets.

Bermudez, of the leftist Democratic Revolution Party, says he wants to bring new jobs to Jerez to stem emigration. His contracts in the U.S. business world, he says, will help him draw American investors to the town, and he has offered to bring his own agriculture business.



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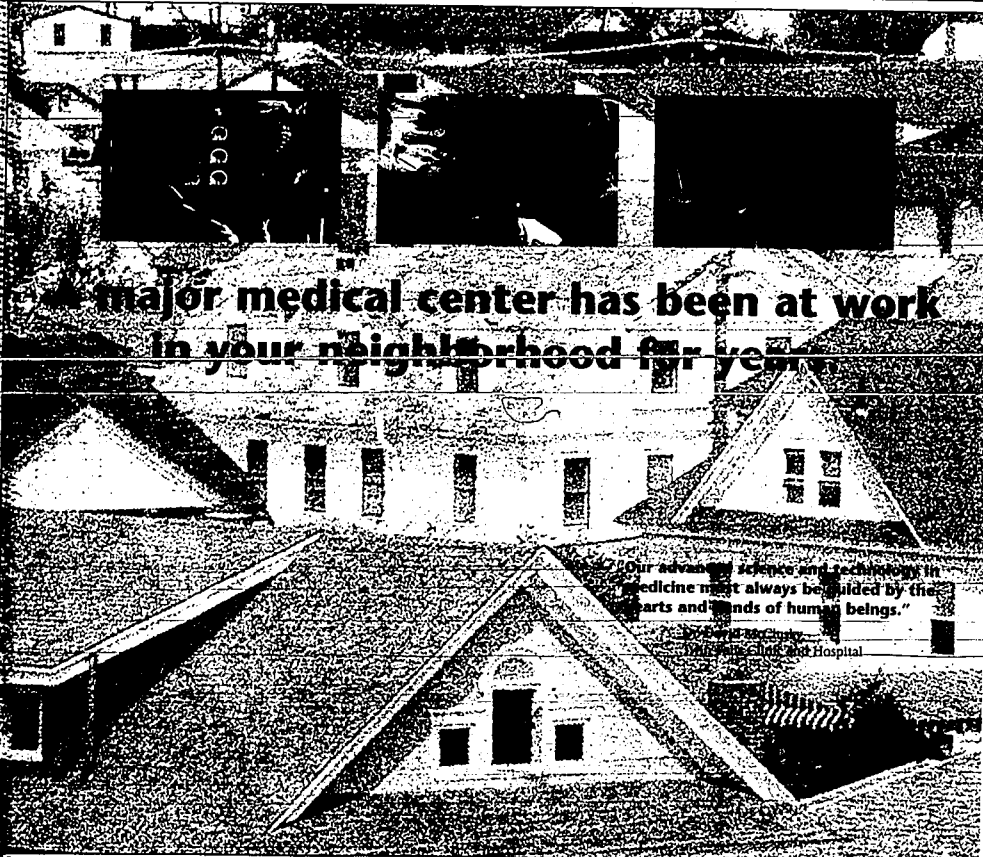
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EDITORIAL

Appointing good judges is a time-consuming task

Two months from today, southern Idaho's most experienced judge will hang up his robes and dive into the cool waters of retirement. Judge Dan Meehl has served the 5th Judicial District with distinction for the past 30 years, the first 10 as a magistrate and the final 20 as a district judge.

Through it all, he has applied Idaho's laws fairly and left the business of "justice" to lawmakers.

We wish Meehl the best as he enters this new phase of life.

Knowing him as we do, we suspect he will invest his time in a variety of thought-provoking pursuits.

His departure creates an opening for a new district judge. The list of aspirants for Meehl's job has been culled to four - and all are capable men. No matter who Gov. Dirk Kempthorne appoints; southern Idaho will be well-served.

Kempthorne will interview the finalists at the end of this month and then make a decision.

Some people are chafing that the process is taking too long. After all, Meehl signaled his intention to retire months ago, hoping to work with his successor in a smooth, orderly transition.

We'll concede that the process could have moved more quickly, but a judicial selection in Twin Falls isn't the

only issue competing for Kempthorne's attention.

The four finalists are now on the governor's calendar and Kempthorne will interview them personally. That shows he is taking this appointment seriously, as well he should.

Appointing good people to key positions is an important but oft-unappreciated part of the governor's job. Idaho has a vast array of boards and commissions that require capable members - from the Peace and Lull Commission to the Health and Welfare Board. Finding the best people for these positions takes good staff work and, yes, time.

District judges often are among a governor's most enduring appointments. Meehl was appointed by former Gov. John Evans - four administrations ago. Step by step, the process of appointing Meehl's successor is moving forward. The Idaho Legislature did its job when it raised judicial salaries, thereby attracting quality private-sector applicants for public-sector positions. The Idaho Judicial Council did its job by winnowing the list of applicants down to four eminently qualified men.

Now it's Kempthorne's turn. With the state he has to choose from, he can hardly go wrong.

The finalists

John Hohnhorst, attorney, Twin Falls

Randy Stoker, attorney, Twin Falls

John Butler, attorney, Twin Falls

Kevin Cassidy, magistrate judge, Gooding

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Reforming Pentagon is hard work

When Secretary of Defense Don Rumsfeld recently gave his first testimony to the Senate Armed Services Committee since his confirmation hearing, it was a big-picture briefing. Assigned by President Bush to bring the military establishment and national security policy into the post-Cold War world, Rumsfeld talked to the lawmakers about the need to develop "the portfolio of capabilities which, in combination with a new strategy, could help us to meet our defense policy goals."

He was quickly brought down to earth. Sen. Robert Byrd of West Virginia grilled him aggressively on how the Navy had used a \$1-billion appropriation Congress had approved in 1999 - two years before Rumsfeld took office. Sen. Susan Collins of Maine, one of whose constituents have shipyard jobs, wanted to know why there was so many "confusing and conflicting signals from the Pentagon" about the prospects for the DD-21 destroyer and CVNX carrier programs.

"And almost everyone wanted to jump in on the missile defense question, even though the secretary had tried to make it clear he was a long way from any decisions on what, when and how that Bush goal would be approached.

Rumsfeld's experience was an object-lesson in the difficulty of bringing off large-scale change in the turbulent political environment. But when I saw him shortly after the hearing, he seemed unfazed, saying he welcomed the comments and questions from the legislators.

"We want to elevate the important issues and see that thoughtful people who care about these issues and who have spent years thinking and worrying about them have a chance to comment on them," he said. "You learn from that. You get a sense of perspective."

Rumsfeld came back to Washington, where he had served a quarter-century ago as White House chief of staff and defense secretary in the Ford administration, with a well-earned reputation as a hard-nosed, my-way-or-the-highway administrator. But he seems to recognize that the military reform project the president has assigned him cannot be a one-man show.

For the last five months, Rumsfeld and a small group of uniformed top brass and civilian aides have been trying to rethink the nature of the national security challenges the United States is likely to face over the next 25 years and the kind of forces needed to meet them. They are now ready to send their tentative conclusions to a larger group of senior career officers to solicit their views on specific personnel and weapons decisions in a congressionally mandated exercise

DAVID S. BRODER

known as the Quadrennial Defense Review, is supposed to be done by Oct. 1, so the new plans can be fitted into the budget for fiscal 2003.

This slow, deliberative process has irritated members of Congress, who have complained loudly about not being consulted. As Sen. Byrd says clearly in his Hampshire Republican, told Rumsfeld, "It's frustrating for all of us to not know what's going on over there. We're not getting any leads."

Rumsfeld promises there will be more consultation and says he's gotten valuable feedback already from people on Capitol Hill. He said he understands that when word spreads that he is questioning certain weapons systems or personnel practices "the implications, right off the bat, are something's decided, and that really causes heartburn for folks."

More than his predecessors, he has been asking why military assignments are so short and why retirements come so early. If private business ran that way, says the former corporate CEO, "we'd be out of business." The questioning has sent shockwaves through the Pentagon.

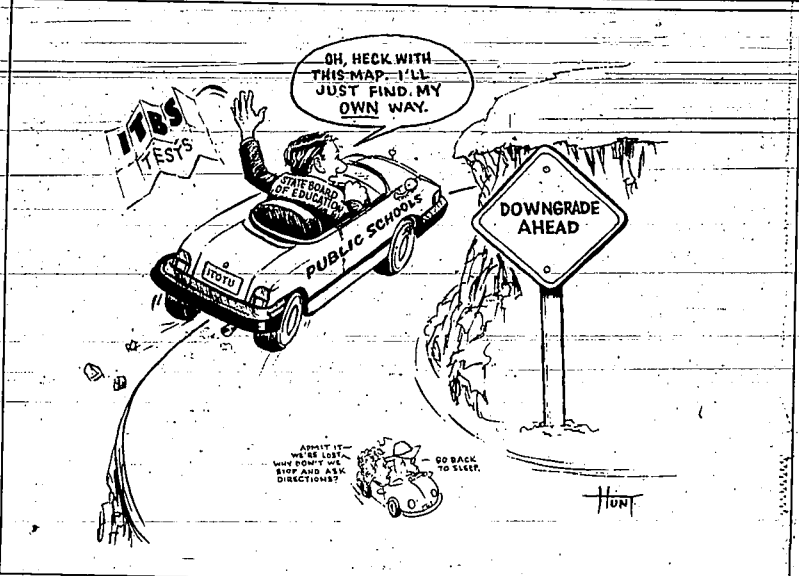
That is mild compared to what he will face as the full scope of the new strategy and its implications are debated in Congress, the services and the defense industry - all of them already feeling shut out of the process. Rumsfeld is trying to change defense policy, personnel and procurement even as the big tax cut forces tough trade-offs in his budget. That means heavy lifting.

"We all know that change is enormously difficult," Rumsfeld told me. "Most of the weapons systems that anyone tries to do anything with, there's just enormous resistance and political pressure on both sides - battles that go on forever."

Rumsfeld has given those inevitable critics a weapon, by candidly acknowledging that no one can foresee with any certainty where or when the next military threat will arise. He likes to point out that when Dick Cheney was confirmed as Pentagon chief in 1989, no one even mentioned Iraq as a source of trouble.

But Rumsfeld holds to the belief that the prudent statesman's duty is to think through the capacities most likely to be needed to keep the peace - and then acquire them, and nothing else. Easier said than done.

David S. Broder is a national political correspondent for The Washington Post.



The history behind the holiday

When you think about it, Independence is an odd thing for the United States to be celebrating as our national holiday - was the first romantic ideal only beginning to take hold beyond a few intellectuals and merchants.

Merchants and businessmen were just coming into their own as a class, muscling aside the landed aristocracy. Ideas of economic freedom in the 18th century tended to go hand in hand with ideas of personal freedom. The new business class argued that people should be able to trade as they pleased - and think as they pleased.

But England was paying for an expensive war against the French and Indians, and wanted the colonists - who benefited - to pay their share. To force payment, Parliament in 1765 imposed the Stamp Act, which taxed all colonial commercial and legal papers, newspapers, pamphlets, cards - even dice.

JULIA VITULLO-MARTIN

The colonists insisted that as English subjects they could only be taxed by their own consent, through their own representative assemblies. Colonial merchants hated most of their trade with England. British merchants and manufacturers immediately protested to Parliament, which repealed the Stamp Act in early 1766.

"Things would have been fine - and we might still be a colony - had Parliament not then passed an even harsher act, the Declaratory Act, which asserted Parliament's right to tax anything anywhere in any colony. Violent protests erupted in the colonies, which spent the next 10 years rallying themselves toward the Declaration of Independence.

Many English merchants saw clearly what Parliament did not - that freedom and unfettered trade would bring wealth to all parties.

This was brought home to me on a recent tour of Stowe, one of England's great country houses, built by the business-oriented Temple family. The house was begun in 1697 and remodeled in 1775, when the Temples were very much out of power. Many of the great houses were built by out-of-power statesmen who had been exiled to the countryside (London).

Gerard Vaughan, co-director of Oxford Tours, said that Richard Temple and his merchant friends watched helplessly in exile as Parliament and King

George III recklessly drove the colonies away.

Calling himself a "Patriot," Temple reconstructed his house and gardens as a political manifesto supporting liberty and attacking tyranny. He built, for example, a Grecian Valley harking back to Athenian democracy, one model for both British and American democracy.

To honor those who had stood for personal freedom, he constructed the Monuments of British Worthies. These included Milton, Shakespeare and John Hampden, who supported "the Liberties of his Country" in Parliament, in "Opposition to an arbitrary Court."

But Parliament and the arbitrary court persisted. In 1775, Temple's brother-in-law, William Pitt the Elder, found himself briefly back in power. He introduced a bill to suspend repressive measures against the colonies, and to authorize the new Continental Congress to assess financial contributions from each colony.

Parliament immediately rejected the bill. One year later, the colonies promulgated the Declaration of Independence.

Oddly enough, the Fourth of July wasn't much celebrated until after the War of 1812.

It was as if Americans weren't quite sure they wanted to be completely free of the mother country - until she went and attacked her former colonies once again. That did it: We've been independent ever since.

Julia Vitullo-Martin was director of the Citizens Jury Project at the Vera Institute of Justice and is writing a book on trial by jury.

Reflect on faith this autumn

With the Fourth of July just around the corner, it gives us time to reflect on this great country of ours that I am afraid that we take too much for granted. When one goes back and reads of our founding fathers who came to this country and set foot at Plymouth, they worshipped God "with prayers, psalms, and thanksgiving."

How much did those brave men and women, along with our early presidents, give credence to the name of God, the Bible and to faith that brought them to this country. Can one ever forget the picture of our commander-in-chief, George Washington, kneeling in fervent prayer at Valley Forge? Can we ever forget those brave men in all wars that gave their lives for this country, thus giving us the freedoms that we enjoy today?

Instances multiply beyond number that evidence the strong religious faith which gave our early leaders convictions which influenced our leaders, molded our national ideals and has carried this country and its people through many a crisis.

How so many of us long that the values of faith be once again recognized by the leaders of our country. Make no mistake, our country was founded on our belief of almighty God and to the moral standards as found in holy scripture. It is only when these two essential facts are ignored and erased do we find "that the nation that forgets God shall be turned into hell." It would be well to heed the admonition that "when the righteous are in authority, the people rejoice, but when the wicked bear rule, the people mourn."

One only has to look at our country today and what is taking place within it

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to recognize that God and his word have been left out of the national life of this great country. Only by each of us committing ourselves to those early principles of faith can we ever expect the blessing of almighty God.

Fly proudly this weekend and through all of next week at American flag, even if you have to "dig to find it."

KEN HAMPLE FILER

Ken Hample is the pastor at the Community Bible Church in Filer.

Commissioner doesn't care

Those of you who live in Twin Falls County but don't receive *Ag Weekly* missed the June 23 article in which Commissioner Bill Brockman states it is unfortunate that he has to represent you.

According to the report written by Janet Howard-Boyece, he makes this statement at the recent Idaho Cattle Association convention in Pocatello, where he characterized most people who move to the country as folks who could care less about the needs of livestock producers when it comes to dealing with the odor of animal waste or the noise of hay cutting at night. "Unfortunately," Brockman says, "I have to represent you, not just the farmers and ranchers out there." Then he goes on to describe recent meetings between equally concerned citizens of differing views as fights between the "ponyails" and the "cowboys."

As a person who doesn't own a cowboy hat, I guess I now know that Bill Brockman could care less about my needs. As one who does live in the country and does care about the farmers who are my neighbors (even as he believes they all might) but who may not believe it

desirable to smell a dairy a mile away, I am offended that he chose to misrepresent me to the entire Idaho Cattle Association.

Furthermore, I find that Twin Falls County has the unique distinction of having a county commissioner who would encourage polarization of major issues by lumping the concerned public into two apparently opposite forces. And that public comment, scientific evidence or list of technological options is being presented to a man who has his mind made up on who is right and who is wrong before anyone says a thing! Bill Brockman has evidently missed the fact that public meetings in Twin Falls County are attended by people of varying backgrounds who have their idea of what is best for their county and who deserve his attention and respect. What good does it do for Dick David Mead, Jim DeKleinhaus, Dick Shorwell and others to work diligently in presenting possible solutions to our confined animal feeding operation problems when one-third of our county commission refers to them as "ponyails" and feels that, unfortunately, he represents them.

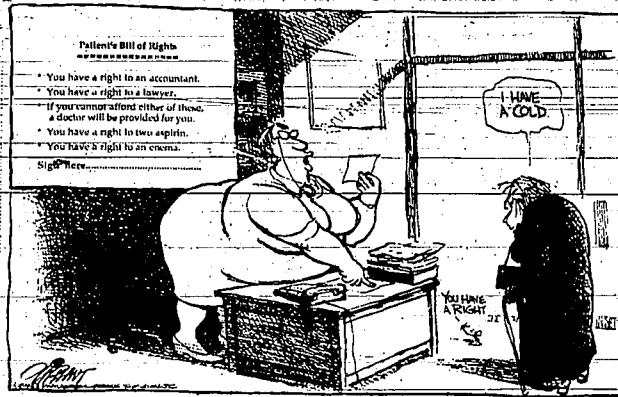
The current problems concerning C.A.F.O.s are going to continue until all people involved, including the commissioners, are willing to solve them and not just stubbornly stand in the way.

VIKIE HANCOCK

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Bring back live operators
Oh, for the good old days when all you had to do was dial the operator on your phone and you had a live person and got results.

These days, which they call progress, you have to go through a multiple of numbers that can confuse the heck out of you and still get no results, just a series of recordings.
But hey, do not forget to pay your bill on time!
ELIZABETH HERMAN - Buhl

Put your desires in writing

I meet hundreds of new faces each month with my business and the work I do at a local grocery store and, in talking with them, I find that most are not prepared to "die." Now, I don't mean today, tomorrow or even next year. But whenever it happens, you need to have your wants in writing for the ones left behind.
I will that details you want for your family and friends for any possessions you may be leaving behind so they don't have to draw straws for that old rocker on the back porch. You can't take it with you, so leave it to the ones you love the most and have it in writing so the courts don't get it all.
How and where do you want to be buried? I have had some people tell me that they don't want to think about that and someone will take care of it when the time comes.
Well, that is a pretty big burden on your loved ones, and it should be your choice, not theirs.
I am 60 years young and don't plan on leaving this great earth very soon, but I do think that we all need to prepare for that final day-by:

- Making out a will, listing who gets what and how your debts are to be taken care of and by whom; get a lawyer if you need help.
- Call the locally owned mortuary and sit down with them to list where and how you want to be taken care of when that final day comes. They will take care of all of it for you and you can make monthly payments if necessary.
- Don't leave all this for your loved ones to handle when you're gone, if you really love them.
- Do it today. You can then enjoy the rest of your long life with that worry put to rest. You don't need to pack your bags or get in line for that final trip, but you do need to be ready to go when the time comes.

ROY "R.D." DIXON
Twin Falls

Litter ruins the view
We took a walk along the canyon - very nice! The beautiful view was marred by debris strewn by the walk and down the canyon by building contractors not containing their refuse. Too bad. Ruins it.
HELEN ROBERT
Twin Falls

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A book list for historians

Recently, newspapers across the country reported that Iraqi dictator Saddam Hussein might have secretly authored that nation's popular allegorical novel, "Zabibah wal Malik" ("Zabibah and the King").
Under investigation by the CIA, the story has sparked interest also among historical scholars and literary sleuths, for whom one question stands out: If indeed the cantankerous tyrant did produce his own version of a Harlequin romance, what other best-selling books could have flowed from the inkwells of history's most famous-and-infamous leaders?
"Gandhi With the Wind": Penned under the nom de plume P. J. Mohandas, this sweeping epic by the former spiritual leader of India imaginatively blends the political volatility of Gandhi's Calcutta with the splendor of ante-bellum Atlanta. Despite its evocative imagery (e.g., "The night air was thick with bougainvillea and vintaggio"), the book was withdrawn from circulation when the estate of author Margaret Mitchell sued its publishers for plagiarism. Chief among the heirs' complaints: a passage in which Gandhi, fresh from his legendary fast, defiantly proclaims to the

BRUCE KLUGER AND DAVID SLAVIN

heavens: "As Vishnu is my witness, I'll never go hungry again!"
"A Short Guy's Guide to a Happy Life": Three hundred years before Anna Quindlen discovered the key to inner peace, diminutive French emperor Napoleon Bonaparte offered up his own pithy prescriptions for day-to-day contentment, trotting out nuggets of wisdom such as, "If you have to go to Elba, remember to pack a bathing suit," and, "When all else fails, wear a really big hat." Although wildly popular among the French common folk, the author failed to capture the same enthusiasm with his sequel, "Who Moved Mon Fromage?"
"Valley of the Dalai Lamas": In this revisionist account of his life, the exiled holy man and his peripatetic posse of Buddhist monks decide to put the "L.A." in Lama and head for the San Fernando Valley. Calamity (and-sitar-music) abounds, as the 14th incarnation of the Bodhisattva of Compassion descends on Hollywood, introducing jaded studio executives to spiritual enlightenment and the all-weather comfort of diaphanous robes. Richard Gere makes a cameo in

the hilarious juice bar scene. "Thatcher in the Rye?": This provocative coming-of-age by England's Iron Lady recounts the adolescent angst of a British shopkeeper's daughter who, having been expelled from Oxford, eschews her mundane existence in search of more meaningful pursuits, like invading small islands. Despite the heroine's perpetual vilification of "phones," she ironically develops a secret crush on a certain Hollywood star with political aspirations.
"Green Eggs and 'Nam": This little known 1968 children's book written by North Vietnamese leader Ho Chi Minh cleverly combines political didacticism with alphabet fundamentals in rhythmically engaging passages such as, "I would not bow to JFK/I would not trust the USA/The CIA is not OK/The same holds true for LBJ." Regrettably, the Communist ruler died without completing the book's sequel, "Horton Hears a Coup."
"Ariel is From Mars, Yasser is From Venus": Authors' contracts still in negotiation.
Bruce Kluger is the home entertainment critic for Us Weekly magazine. David Slavin is an actor and voice-over artist. They wrote this commentary for the Los Angeles Times.

The cold warriors march again

The Bush administration is resuscitating the careers of U.S. officials who oversaw the Contra war in Nicaragua. In March, President George W. Bush nominated Otto Reich, a former State Department official during the Reagan administration, for assistant secretary of state for the Western Hemisphere. Reich's job during the Reagan administration was to create public support in the United States for the Nicaraguan anti-Sandinista forces known as Contras.
Last month, Bush nominated John D. Negroponte for U.N. ambassador and before that, Elliot Abrams for a post at the National Security Council. If their nominations are approved, it could mean a troubling period for Latin America and human rights.
As ambassador to Honduras from 1981 to 1985, Negroponte worked closely with top Honduran military officials during the U.S. government's bloody and covert war on communism in Latin America that cost thousands of lives.
He fed a zealous campaign against leftist movements in the region and ignored human-rights abuses committed by the U.S.-trained Honduran military.
A CIA inquiry found that Negroponte's office did not properly report serious rights violations in Honduras to Washington during his tenure. He has denied knowledge of human-rights abuses, according to the New York Times.
What's even more troubling is the pending nomination of Elliot Abrams to the National Security Council - a post that requires Senate confirmation. When U.S. journalists reported that an elite, U.S.-trained military unit had massacred hundreds of villagers in El Salvador, El Salvador, on Dec. 11, 1981, Abrams, a former assistant secretary of state for Latin America during the Reagan years, told Congress that the story was propaganda. But the massacre has since been confirmed.
In 1993, a U.N. commission

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Contras against the Nicaraguan government. He eventually pleaded guilty to two misdemeanor counts of lying to Congress about the Reagan administration's Contra program. Former President Bush included Abrams in his lame-duck pardons.
If the nominations of Reich, Negroponte and Abrams are approved, we could see U.S. foreign policy shift back toward Cold-War zealotry.
Such policy approaches would be perilous unless they could prove costly, not just in dollars but in human lives.
Bernardo Ruiz is a freelance writer and documentary producer living in New York City.

attributed 85 percent of the abuses and murders in El Salvador to the Reagan administration-funded right-wing military and intelligence agencies.

Yet, while in office, Abrams declared that the "administration's record on El Salvador is one of fabulous achievement," according to a recent article in the Nation.
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Idaho Power designed the program with input from customers and various environmental groups, including Idaho Rivers United and the Northwest Energy Coalition.

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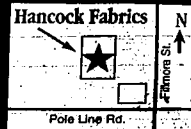
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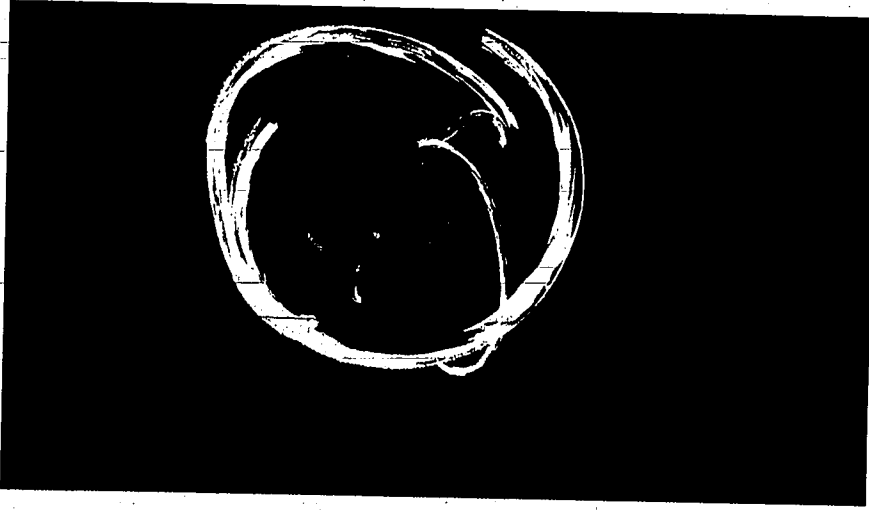
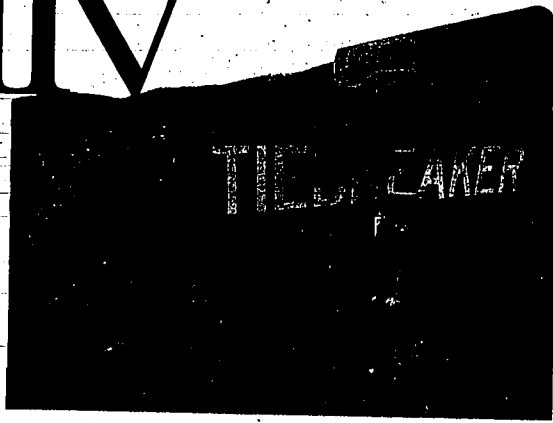
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Section B

Family

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affair

1. A sign posted at a junction in the 'hippie highway' points the way to Kiddle Village, where many families with young children camp.
2. For "Free Spirit," the gathering is a place to find purity through nudity. He wandered the camp in freedom until other Rainbows asked him to confine his nakedness to his own campsite. The next day he was back in public wearing only a loincloth.
3. Jetta Moonraven and Deanna make circles of fire in the dark during one evening at the Rainbow Family gathering near Stanley. The two came from California to attend the gathering. Even though their camp was on the far side of the meadow, about 20 people stopped by to enjoy the show.
4. Sara Nicoletti paints a spider on the back of 3-year-old Aurora at Kiddle Village. This specialized camp has a bunch of toys, a large kitchen and enough adult supervision to make sure children are well-cared for.
5. "Water Singing on the Rocks," a certified Paramedic from Texas, treats the scraped knee of Justice Gilder-Brown. 7. Through a network of healing stations called Calm, the family can handle almost all medical problems. The only time they call for assistance is if the condition is life threatening.
6. The kitchens are the living rooms of the gathering. A group of musicians sing and play in the "Bread of Life" kitchen between cooking times.
7. "Charlie," left, and "Chongo" enjoy the view of the meadow from atop a nearby hill top. Teepee Village is across the meadow from them.



Over a barrel: Cassia County considers wine laws

By Ruth Streever
Times-News writer

BURLEY — Come November, election day in Cassia County won't be so typical.

Voters won't be asked to fund the fire department, pass a school bond or select a mayor.

Instead, a county known for its conservative and religious roots will ask its voters to loosen up its wine laws.

It's a sensitive issue. While some say wine sales keep people dining locally, others see alcohol as more a vice than a virtue.

On Monday, Cassia County commissioners could have a yeoman toichange the wine laws with an ordinance. Instead, they said it was more appropriate to have the residents decide.

Some local leaders think otherwise.

Local-businessman and Albion resident Bill Mendenhall questions whether the issue should go to an election that will pit those whose livelihoods would benefit against those who adamantly oppose alcohol consumption.

"I don't know if it warrants the expense and emotion of having an election," Mendenhall said.

Voters would decide whether to allow wine and low-proof spirit-based drink sales in stores, as well as wine by the drink in establishments without a liquor license.

A Cassia County ordinance requires retailers to have a liquor license to sell wine. While the county grants a separate beer license, it does not grant a separate wine license.

One benefit of recognizing a separate wine license is cost. Establishments pay \$300 to \$750 per year, depending on the size of the city, for a state liquor license. That doesn't include county and city license fees.

By comparison, the state charges establishments a flat \$100 per year for a wine license, whether by the drink or by the bottle, in addition to local license fees.

Cassia County is the only Magic Valley county to have no wine status. Other Idaho counties in that category include Franklin, Madison, Oneida, Bear Lake and Teton counties. Teton County does allow wine by the drink in



Evea Jackson of Rupert shops for wine at Ridley's grocery store in Rupert. While Minidoka County already allows wine sales in stores, neighboring Cassia County is taking the issue to voters in November.

restaurants.

"It is an economic issue. It's all about choice, in my opinion, to be able to compete," said Dave Westfall, president of the Mini-Cassia Chamber of Commerce.

"Right now, Cassia County cannot compete with any neighboring county on those grounds, it's a shame that those that prefer wine with dinner have to leave to have a nice meal and wine. And they do."

Several stores carrying low-proof spirit-based drinks recently told that revenue source when the items were pulled from the shelves.

Investigators with Idaho Alcohol Beverage Control Board recently discovered that retailers in Cassia County that have beer licenses were being sold certain low-proof spirit beverages, said board director Lonnie Gray.

But Idaho Code is very clear that such beverages are sold and taxed as wine, Gray said. Because Cassia County is a no-wine county, the products could not be sold.

Retailers were not fined for carrying the spirit beverages, which have a proof of 14 percent or below.

"It was a thing of ignorance, mostly, I believe, so we just rectified the situation," Gray said.

Albertson's grocery manager

Lanning Morrison said he expects sales to be affected by the loss. But he hopes that if voters allow wine sales in the fall, the grocery store could compete on a more level playing field.

"It would be a great shot in the arm for us," Morrison said. "The term one-stop shopping is just that. People don't like to drive all over for their shopping."

Not everyone sees wine sales as an economic plus. Lorraine Morgan, who helps lead a non-denominational Bible study in the Mini-Cassia Criminal Justice Center, said she hopes the measure doesn't pass in November.

Morgan said she doesn't see how the economy would benefit. Wine sales may increase profits for business owners, "but it takes money out of our pocket to take care of the problem."

"I wish we didn't need it in our community at all," she said.

Darlene Erickson, who runs the Marsh Creek Event Centre just outside Albion, has only a beer license. She's satisfied with that, but she knows the ability to serve wine would have advantages.

"With what I have, I think it serves the purpose, but it would be nice if I could serve a better grade of wine with my dinners," said Erickson, who caters business and corporate functions as

well as class reunions or special occasion dinners.

"With local and state agencies pumping up tourism in south-central Idaho, some local business leaders say wine could be that much more of an asset."

Confident that Albion could reap the rewards of tourism, one restaurant owner wants to serve premium wines with his steak dinners.

But even if voters reverse the county's "no-wine" standing, a 20-year-old ban in Albion on

liquor by the drink must still be overcome.

The Albion City Council could either have an election to rescind the ban or do so with an ordinance before making that decision, city officials will want a sense of what the town's 267 residents think, which shouldn't be hard, said Albion Mayor James Kelley.

"I'd say the council basically knows the feelings of the people, because once it passes (on the county level) we get a lot of input

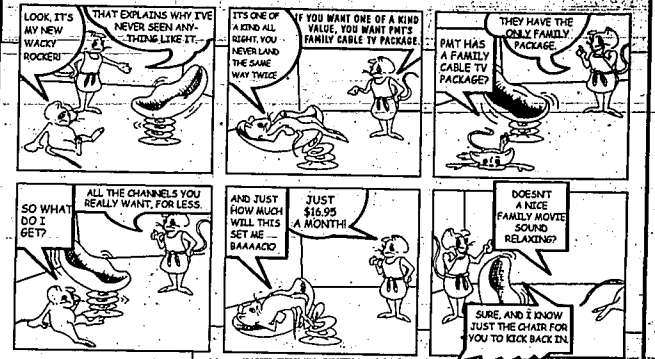
on what they feel we should do," Kelley said.

Kelley said he thinks wine sales could help generate more revenue for the city. But lifting the ban will depend on whether residents see a difference between liquor and wine consumption, he said.

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Jannelle J.A. Travis works on an oil painting of popples in Coeur d'Alene.

Family tosses TV in trash, turns to culture

COEUR D'ALENE (AP) - It might have been TV, or rather the lack of it, that saved Jannelle J.A. Travis' art talent to blossom.

Years ago, the Coeur d'Alene woman decided her husband, Pat, watched too much TV, so she threw the whole set out.

This resulted in two things. Without a TV, the family found it difficult, if not impossible, to find a baby sitter for their son, Michael. They also had to spend much more time at home, looking for other activities to engage their minds than television.

The ex-Californian gravitated to art, discovering a knack for painting, using especially vivid colors.

Word of her talent spread, and she was asked to paint various pieces for friends or area businesses.

The family moved to Coeur d'Alene in 1980, and she painted murals and signs for several downtown Coeur d'Alene businesses over the years. She had gallery space at Roxy Antique Store and also a studio gallery called Northwestmoods/Artunderground in the late 1980s.

Even when there were many things taking place in her professional and personal life, she tried to find the time to focus on her artwork.

In the mid-1990s, Travis and her husband opened Que Pasa Chili, a chili pepper hot sauce store, and it was here that she discovered a new type of art.

During a slow afternoon, she started playing around with the built-in simple Windows paint program on the office computer.

She enjoyed the process of blending colors on a computer, rather than a palette. She also enjoyed how elements can be easily blended and mistakes undone, rather than painstaking work on an unforgiving canvas.

Eventually, Travis said her husband noticed and admired her work and bought her a drawing tablet, similar to a large computer mouse pad, with a digital pointer to write or draw with.

She upgraded through various computers and programs, until she found Merlin, her present Macintosh system, which allows her to quickly pull up her old work and try new things.

For instance, she spent a long time working on a woman kayaking through surging water. Along with tiny details like flecks of white foam, Travis worked hard on the woman's face and stringy hair.

Thanks to Merlin, the same woman's features could be brought into her next painting, rather than starting from scratch, attempting to match the original.

These days, Travis works in both worlds - her studio off the garage, which has paint, a radio, and large canvases of finished and unfinished work and her basement office room, which has two large computers.

Park Service OKs new Zion plan

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) - Zion National Park should grow by about 1,000 acres and make resource conservation a priority, according to a new management plan approved by the National Park Service.

The 20-year master plan is the first for Zion since 1977, when the park, which was designed to handle about a million people a year, had 1.4 million visitors. The park now gets an estimated 2.5 million visitors each year.

The new plan is "intended to safeguard the future integrity and diversity of park resources and provide for a range of quality visitor experiences within that context," according to the environmental impact statement prepared on it.

It emphasizes managing resources and calls for expanding the park boundary to include about 950 acres of Bureau of Land Management land. That change will require Congressional approval.

About 90 percent of the 148,000-acre park would remain isolated backcountry. In that area, hiking groups would be limited to 12 people on an interim basis until a full wilderness management plan is completed.

The number of other groups backcountry hikers could expect to meet will also be limited to ensure "the quality of visitor experiences are maintained," the plan said.

In the park's 16,480-acre "primitive" area, which includes the slopes of lower Zion Canyon, the area around Lava Point and Horse Pasture Plateau, that number will be set at 12. Horses will be allowed in that area.

In the 119,446 "pristine" acres of the park, the encounter rate will be set at zero to maintain "a high sense of solitude," the plan says. Horses would not be allowed.

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And though there are no strings attached to commerce in a global economy nowadays, it goes without saying that the Singaporeans would like us Idahoans to make a good impression on them.

See, it's a country with a bit of identity crisis. Dredged out of a mangrove swamp at the tip of the Malay Peninsula by the Brits in 1819, Singapore became the most anglicized of England's colonies - the Gibraltar of the East during World War II. And since independence in 1965, it's kept its stiff upper lip past the point of obsession.

This in an ethnic mix that's three-fourths Chinese, 15 percent Malay and 6 percent Indian. One-fourth of Singaporeans are Buddhist, one-fifth each Christian and Muslim and the rest of a mixture of atheist, Taoist and Hindu.

But the true state religion is



DON'T ASK ME
Steve Crump

capitalism. Singapore, with a land area about one-fourth the size of Jerome County, has the fourth-biggest economy in Asia.

To get along, the Singaporeans practice fastidiousness. The place is cleaner than Rexburg on a Sunday afternoon.

No littering, no vandalism (remember what happened to American-teen-ager Michael Faye in 1994?), no public cursing, no pornography.

Singapore fairly glens with righteousness, and if they knew what was goin' on in Idaho-right now, they'd be appalled.

About our chewin' gum habits, for example. That's been banned in Singapore.

Plus in Singapore, all firearms are prohibited, and the Singaporeans don't have a sense of humor about this: You can be sentenced to death by hanging, just for packin'.

Firecrackers are out of the question, of course, and if you toss a wrapper on the sidewalk, it's a \$1,000 fine for the first offense, plus you get your picture in the local newspaper doing community service cleaning up a beach.

Possession of pornography borders on treason, and if you're caught vandalizing anything, you get yourself caged. (Think of several strokes of a Siron upside your kidneys.)

So either we pry that shootin' iron from your fingers and you hand-over your Beeman's for keeps, or we go to find ourselves a new swag meet.

What we really need is to get the Japanese back. They were Idaho's top international business associates before they forgot how to make money some years back.

The Japanese didn't care much what Idahoans did, as long as it was in a Toyota truck. And they're so polite, they even feigned liking our French fries.

They didn't of course, but there's a huge secondary market in Asia - especially in Singapore, where discarded McDonald's French fries boxes no doubt constitute forensic evidence, probably tracked by new Micron or H-P software.

We can only hope that the workers in Boise weren't cussin' while they manufactured it. Prudish as the Singaporeans are, I'd sure hate to see Idaho have to start welcoming trade delegations from Utah.

Steve Crump is the Times-News features editor.

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Shoshone man, woman sustain injuries in crash

SHOSHONE - A Shoshone woman and her passenger were taken to the hospital following a one-car accident Saturday.

Klair Furgason, 25, of Shoshone was in fair condition Saturday at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center, a hospital official said.

Jeremy Furgason, 24, also of Shoshone, was going into surgery Saturday afternoon at St. Alphonsus Regional Medical Center in Boise, a hospital official said.

Around 6 a.m. Saturday, Klair

Furgason was driving northbound on Idaho Highway 75 when she fell asleep at the wheel at milepost 77, according to a news release from the Idaho State Police.

Her 2000 Pontiac Grand Am went off the road, struck a bridge guard rail, straddled it and then dropped 25 feet into the dry Big Wood River bed, the ISP said.

The Furgasons were not wearing seat belts, according to the news release.

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RUPERT



Dale Garner
Dale Garner, 79-year-old Rupert resident, passed away Thursday, June 28, 2001, at his home in Rupert.

Dale was born Dec. 18, 1921, in Rupert, Idaho, to William Charles and Hannah Ethel Bowen Garner. He attended school in Rupert and graduated from Rupert High School in 1939. Dale married Ramona Peterson on Jan. 20, 1956, in the Idaho Falls LDS Temple. Dale joined the United States Air Force in 1943, entering into the Cadet program, graduating in 1945. He went on the instructor training and taught flying during World War II. In 1955, he started crop dusting and retired in 1977 to farm. He also drove school bus until 1986.

DEATH NOTICES

Joyce E. Sturtevant

HAGERMAN - Joyce E. Sturtevant, 74, of Hagerman, died Saturday, June 30, 2001, at St. Benedict's Family Medical Center in Jerome.

Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Demaray's Gooding Chapel.

Beth Patrick

ROGERSON - Beth Patrick, 85, of Rogerson, died Saturday, June 30, 2001, at Alterra Wynwood Care Center in Twin Falls.

Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls.

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Dale loved to fly planes, farm, take videos of activities and family, read the scriptures, study LDS Church History and do genealogy. He served as second counselor in the Rupert 3rd Ward Bishopric; first counselor in the Rupert 4th Ward and Bishop of the Rupert 1st Ward. He served in the various church positions most recently as a High Priest and recording church broadcast. He was president of the Rupert Chamber of Commerce. In the 1950s going on to be a member of the Idaho State Legislature for three terms. He also served on the Minidoka County School Board for many years.

He is survived by his wife, Ramona of Rupert; three children, Peggy (Clark) Millard of Meridian, Idaho; and Tammy (Melvin) Day and Bill (Jessica) Garner, both of Rupert, Idaho. He also is survived by seven grandchildren and siblings, Dean (Maxine) Garner of Rupert, Leland (Maxine) Garner of Rexburg, Idaho, Alton Baker of Burley, Idaho, Dalma (Raymond) Jean of Burley, Idaho, Selena (Jack) Jensen of Rupert, Idaho, and Lorraine (Page) Grandall of Salt Lake City, Utah. He was preceded in death by his parents and one brother, Roy Garner.

Services will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday, July 3, 2001, in the Rupert West Stake Chapel with Bishop Karl Kloepler officiating. Burial will follow in the Rupert Cemetery. Family and friends may call at Hansen Mortuary on Monday evening from 6-8 p.m. and one hour prior at the church on Tuesday. Arrangements are under the direction of Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel.

right up to the end, which was a powerful witness of her faith and knowledge of a better world to come. She now has God's perfect peace that is infinitely more.

Memorial services will be held on Monday, July 2, at 2 p.m. at Alden-Waggoner Funeral Chapel, Boise. Reverend Jon Brown will officiate. A private inurnment will take place at Cloverdale Cemetery at a later date.

Mary was born in Hobart, Oklahoma, on November 6, 1931, to John H. and Elah B. (Mallory) Holcomb. In 1945, the family moved to Kimberly, Idaho, and in 1949, Mary graduated from Twin Falls High School. In the fall of 1949, she was married to Arthur D. Boyd of Hazelton, Idaho. Mary and Arthur had two daughters, Beverly Ann Boyd Hahn and Doreen Kay Boyd Nichols, both of Boise. In 1970, she married Richard H. Marchmonte who died of cancer in 1980. She married Carl L. Braun, who also died of cancer.

Mary was a member of the First United Methodist Church "Central Of The Rockies" and was very involved in the Stephen Ministry for many years. She was totally dedicated in servicing others and freely gave of herself to those who were hurting in body and soul. In

November of 1996, Mary retired after 28 years with Geithart-Barbanus Landscaping Inc. She was with the company from its beginning in 1970. She loved her work and the people she worked with.

Mary enjoyed music, round and square dancing, gardening, camping, nature outings, and had a genuine love and compassion for animals and life. She touched the lives of many and was a friend to all.

Mary is survived by her daughters, Beverly A. Hahn - husband, John Charles Hahn, and Doreen K. Nichols - husband, Richard Kenneth Nichols, all of Boise; two grandchildren, Rebecca and Jason; two great-grandchildren, Baylen and Taylor; three sisters, Ruth A. Harrison of San Antonio, Texas, Anita M. Lindbloom of Caldwell and Martina L. Rains of Boise; nine stepchildren and 12 step-grandchildren. Mary was preceded in death by her parents, John and Elah Holcomb.

Mary's family would like to extend a special thanks to Dr. William Kreiste, St. Lukes Hospice, and all of the staff involved in her care. Memorials are suggested to (MST) Mt. States Tumor Institute, 100 East Idaho, Boise, ID 83712.

BOISE



Mary Esther Braun

Mary Esther Braun passed away at 11:15 a.m. Thursday, June 28, 2001, in her home after a struggle with cancer for the last 20 months. Loved ones were at her side. She held a cheerful and positive attitude.

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A special thanks to Cynthia Blazier for her comforting words - Mike Rasmussen, Karen Taylor and Kimberly Cramer for the care given to Vernon. Thanks to the Heritage Alliance Church Women's Bible study group for their steadfast prayers and to Reynolds Funeral Chapel. We appreciated the phone calls, food, cards, words of sympathy, memorials and the flowers extended to us at the death of our husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather.

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Couple says adopted pets were slaughtered

The Seattle Times

LAKE STEVENS, Wash. — "Free goats to a good home," said the newspaper ad placed by Kimberly and Neale Cox.

By the time Dana Guppil called, the Coxes had promised their three pet goats to somebody else. But he was persistent, they say, professing his fondness for goats and touting the great life he'd give them at his Marysville area home.

At day's end, Guppil had been given not only the goats but also the Coxes' beloved horse, a strawberry roan named Jubilee. They say Guppil offered to pasture the elderly gelding for the rest of its life and promised they could visit every week.

Instead, Guppil sold all four creatures for slaughter next month, turning an \$864 profit within 10 days.

The goats, including two former petting farm animals, were sold at a livestock auction, while Jubilee was shipped to an Alberta company that sells horse-meat to Europe for human consumption.

Guppil, 30, apparently broke no laws, so the Coxes, of the Lake Stevens area, plan to sue him in civil court.

Guppil doesn't dispute that he sold the animals. Jubilee's feet were in terrible condition, he said, because the Coxes hadn't trimmed his hooves. They were rotten and "cracked up to their quick," he said, so he believed ending the horse's life was the humane choice.

"Either get it fixed or do the right thing and send him to the canner," Guppil said.

The Coxes' attorney, Valerie Bittner, said the couple would sue Guppil for contract fraud and the tort of outrage, which involves the outrageous infliction of emotional distress. Guppil's conduct went "beyond the

Buyer faces contract fraud suit

bounds of all decency and (should) be regarded as atrocious," she said.

State livestock inspector Lynn Holsworth, who checked Jubilee for brands before approving his shipment to Canada, said he was disgusted by Guppil's actions and would be glad to testify against him in court. "I do remember (Jubilee) because I'm partial to

roan horses," he said.

Holsworth also works the Marysville Livestock Auction, where Guppil sold the Coxes' three goats. He said he thinks Guppil acquired the goats for profit. The Coxes said they told Guppil they were giving away the goats because the animals kept escaping from their yard. They said they weren't looking for a

home for Jubilee until they met Guppil, but Jubilee seemed lonely, and Guppil said his own two horses would provide company.

Guppil adamantly defended his actions and bristled with anger at the Coxes for bringing so many people into what he considers his personal business. He fully intended to keep the goats, he said, but they kept escaping from their pen. That's why he sold them within six days at the weekly Marysville auction, he said.

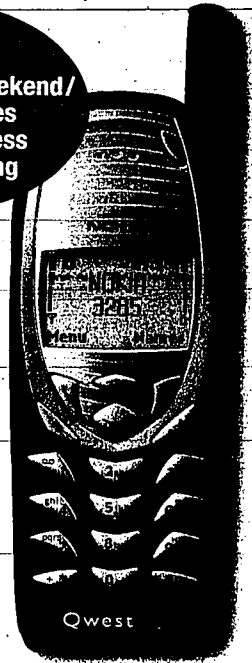


Neale Cox shows a picture of his horse, Jubilee, which, he claims, was sold for slaughter along with three of his goats. Cox gave the animal away under the pretension that they would be kept as pets.

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Nicklaus moves into contention

PEABODY, Mass. (AP) — Jack Nicklaus had an eagle and two birdies over the last five holes and was the leader in the clubhouse in the third round of the U.S. Senior Open when thunder and lightning forced the last 14 golfers from the course on Saturday.

Jim Colbert also eagled No. 14, then birdied 15 before the skies began rumbling and play was suspended at 2:47 p.m. in anticipation of rain. After about 90 minutes of torrential rain and thunder and lightning that knocked out power at the Salem Country Club, the golfers were called together in a darkened clubhouse and told they could go home.

Play was scheduled to resume today at 5 a.m., "assuming we can get the golf course in shape to play," USGA spokesman Marty Parkes said. The final round was to begin at 7:15 a.m., with the players teeing off on the front and back nines in three-omes rather than twosomes because of the threat of more bad weather in the afternoon.

"The weather forecast for

tomorrow is not much different than today," Parkes said.

Nicklaus won 18 majors on the PGA Tour and eight more as a senior, but he hasn't been challenged for a major since the 1998 Masters. He finished fourth at the Siebel Classic in March.

"I haven't been in contention for any kind of a major in some time," he said after shooting a 69 Saturday to finish 54 holes at 2 over. "It feels good."

Jay Sigel shot a 6-under-par 64 to tie a tournament record and was second in the clubhouse, tied with Allen Doyle, who had a 68. Iano Aoki, who led after two rounds, was on the 13th hole at 1 over for the round and even par for the tournament, tied with Larry Nelson.

Four golfers still on the course were at 1 over, including first-round leader Bruce Fleiter, Gil Morgan and Dana Quigley.

"I don't know what kind of day Sigel had. He made us all look silly," Quigley said. "I know it wouldn't hurt this golf tournament to have Nicklaus win. I'm a player, but I wouldn't mind seeing it."



Jack Nicklaus acknowledges the gallery after making a birdie on the 18th hole during the U.S. Senior Open at the Salem Country Club in Peabody, Mass., Saturday. Nicklaus finished at 2-under-par.

Mickelson shoots 61 to take GHO lead

CROMWELL, Conn. (AP) — Phil Mickelson, 30, took a 3-under-par 61 Saturday in the Greater Hartford Open.

Using visualization techniques he learned at Arizona State University, Mickelson matched the course record with the best 9-under-par 61 to take a one-stroke lead into the final round.

"I'm visualizing the shot I want to hit and pulling it off," said Mickelson, trying to end a string of final-round collapses. "In the past, I wasn't seeing the shot I wanted to hit. I was working out of a more negative state of mind."

The 31-year-old left-hander

Golf

eagled the par-5 13th to take the lead at 11 under and birdied Nos. 15, 16 and 18 to match the back-nine record of 6-under-29 and finish at 14-under-196.

David Berganzio Jr. was second after a 64, and Chris DiMarco was two strokes back after a 66.

Montgomery three ahead of Scott at Irish Open

CORK, Ireland — Colin Montgomerie shot a 3-under-par 68 Saturday to stretch his lead to three shots over 20-year-old Adam Scott after three rounds of

the Irish Open.

Scott — whose coach, Butch Harmon, also works with Tiger Woods — on the first eight holes on approach shots that finished very close.

Two ahead at the start of the round, Montgomerie birdied the 4th, 5th and 6th holes to lead by four. But Scott, who made seven birdies in a 66, pulled into a tie before bogeying the two par-5s on the back nine, the 10th and 16th.

Kane and Kerr move into tie at ShopRite Classic

ARSECON, N.J. — Cristie Kerr and Lorie Kane turned in solid,

error-free rounds Saturday and shared the lead at 9-under-par 133 heading into the final round of the ShopRite LPGA Classic.

Playing in withering heat, Kerr shot a 5-under 66 and Kane had a 68 in the second round of the \$1.2 million tournament.

Two-time champion Betsy King was one shot back after a 69, while Marisa Baena and first-round leader Pat Hurst were at 135.

The 23-year-old Kerr, whose first professional tournament was the 1996 ShopRite Classic, used solid putting to make-up for mediocre tee shots en route to eight birdies on the 6,051-yard Marriott Seaview Resort course.

Future of Webber, Payton will soon take place

The Dallas Morning News

DALLAS — This seems a fine time to go back in time and second-guess the Phoenix Suns. To wonder aloud how could they have considered trading Michael Finley for a Kidd who would eventually be dumped.

Trouble is, it's also time to dissect an even bigger question hanging on the rim. Two of them, actually.

Where's Chris Webber headed?

And Gary Payton?

The answers should start taking shape one minute after midnight Saturday when free-agency season commences. It'll be tough to maintain the dizzying pace

Around th NBA

seen since Wednesday, with 12 trades hashed out in a 72-hour span, but let's just say our hockey cousins won't be having all the fun.

Already we've seen Jason Kidd swapped for Stephon Marbury, Shareef Abdur-Rahim routed home to Atlanta and Jason Williams — no-looked out of Sactown in exchange for Mike Bibby. Friday unexpectedly gave us another reasonably big deal, when Phoenix followed Kidd's exile by offloading Clifford Robinson to Detroit.

It comes more than two weeks of wild rumor and hand-

shake deals before the July 18 moratorium on signings and trades is lifted. Agreements and exchanges can and will be orally hashed out involving the big free-agent catch (Webber), the trade-seeking non-free agent (Payton) and a slew of overlocks: Finley, Shawn Bradley, Calvin Booth and Gary Trent.

It remains a virtual lock that Finley will stay put, and most likely for the long-term dollars. He's too smart to take to a one-year gamble. Our unaided advice, Fin: Sign for seven and head for the ballhandling lab.

That's a much easier call, from here at least, than telling you we know where Webber is going. Because we don't. All we know is

that the list of Webber-chasers seems to be dwindling, which has to give the Kings' trade following faint hope.

A sign-and-trade, you see, is probably Webber's only feasible escape route. Indiana and New York continue to pursue that option, even though neither has the depth to offer much of a team around Webber after the signing and trading is finished.

Either a third team like Detroit or those buttoned-up conservatives from Dallas joins in to put some talent on the table. Or Webber sees a nucleus of Peja Stojakovic-Doug Christie-Heedo Turkoglu-Bibby and decides to — gasp — stay where they don't serve soul food.

Cycling through controversy; Armstrong aims for third win

PARIS (AP) — Two years ago, Lance Armstrong breathed new life into the drug-stained Tour de France, inspiring millions with a victory that marked his triumph over cancer.

A second consecutive victory in the grueling cycling race last summer silenced doubters and transformed an event that had become synonymous with doping into "Tour de Lance" — a story of hope against the odds.

Now, Armstrong is trying to extend the record to three wins (after Greg LeMond) to win the Tour de France and the first to do it three years in a row.

"Mentally, I'm as motivated as I've ever been," the 29-year-old Texan said. "Physically, I think I'm

as good or better than I've ever been."

If proof were needed, Armstrong provided it with his win in the Tour de Suisse on Thursday, which put him at No. 1 in the world rankings for the first time.

But there's a dark cloud on the horizon. A seven-month French investigation into the possibility that Armstrong's U.S. Postal Service team may have used banned substances in 2000 — which hasn't led to any legal action against the winner — is expected to end only after this year's race. The team has repeatedly denied any wrongdoing.

Armstrong begins the Tour on July 7 with few serious challengers in sight.

His victory in the Tour de Suisse was just another stage in his preparation for cycling's crown jewel and Armstrong's only real target of the year.

The Tour de France is special because it's the biggest bike race in the world, and it's even the biggest in America. "Armstrong told a group of reporters at the Tour de Suisse. "The only bike race the people on the streets of New York City, of Minnesota or Los Angeles know is the Tour de France, so it's natural and normal that would be our focus."

"We've been lucky enough to win two times and had a taste of that. It keeps us coming back."

This year's race, which ends July 29 on the Champs-Elysees, is

the third-shortest Tour ever, covering more than 2,100 miles in 20 stages. But it still promises to be grueling, with five mountain stages, including one uphill individual time trial.

Armstrong's biggest threat is likely to be Jan Ullrich, who won in 1997 and came in second in 1998 and 2000. The German took gold in the road race at the Sydney Olympics but placed only 52nd in the Giro d'Italia in June.

"With (Ullrich), you can never be sure," Armstrong said. "I analyzed what he did at the Giro but there are still a lot of questions where he is concerned."

"One thing is certain — he is always dangerous. You mustn't underestimate his mental strength."

Gugelmin stays dry, wins Marconi Grand Prix of Cleveland poll

CLEVELAND (AP) — Mauricio Gugelmin, whose 2001 season has included the death of a son and a frightening crash, got a lucky break Saturday as won his first pole in four years at the rainy Marconi Grand Prix of Cleveland.

Gugelmin qualified in the first group before a severe thunderstorm blew in off Lake Erie and delayed qualifying for the top drivers on the already slippery 2.106-mile Burke Lakefront Sports road course.

Gugelmin's lap time of 57.356 seconds and speed of 132.185 mph stood up through the rain delays and gave the 38-year-old Brazilian his first pole since 1997 at Fontana, Calif.

Auto Racing

with fast cars, fun and fireworks as the Pepsi 400 returns to Daytona International Speedway for a primetime broadcast at 8 p.m. Saturday on NBC.

But the haunting memories of the last race at Daytona will likely play a black cloud over the festivities as NASCAR continues to mourn the loss of one of stock car racing's greatest legends, Dale Earnhardt.

Some racing fans may have already forgotten about the exciting race that Michael Waltrip won during the Daytona 500 on Feb. 18.

However, everyone surely remembers what happened after Earnhardt's a seven-time Winston Cup champion, crashed his black Chevy No. 3 car into the wall on the final lap of the race.

Since then, Earnhardt's memory has been glorified or cursed, depending on your legal point of view. The issue of whether to release the autopsy photos dominated much of the post-Daytona 500 news coverage.

Buddy Lazier wins inaugural IRL race at Richmond

RICHMOND, Va. — Buddy Lazier took the lead when his two chief challengers took each other out with 37 laps to go Saturday night and went on to win the SunTrust Indy Go Challenge, an IRL race that looked a whole lot like NASCAR.

Lazier, who took the lead on the first lap and led 224 of the 250 circuits around Richmond International Raceway, beat Sam Hornish Jr. by 4.88 seconds for his sixth career victory and second in a row.

It was the IRL's debut on the

three-quarter-mile oval, the shortest track the series has ever raced on, and featured more spinning, banging and crashing than regular fans of that style racing are used to seeing.

Musgrave wins Milwaukee truck race

WEST PALMS, Wis. — Home-state favorite Ted Musgrave overpowered previously dominant Jack Sprague with 30 laps remaining Saturday and won the NASCAR truck series race.

Musgrave, who pulled away to beat Sprague by 2.304 seconds — about 20 truck lengths — won for the fourth time in 11 races and moved to fourth place in the Craftsman Series standings. He also became the seventh different winner in seven races at The Milwaukee Mile.

SPORTS IN BRIEF

Report: Wizards buy out Richmond's contract

WASHINGTON — The Washington Wizards bought out the final two years of shooting guard Mitch Richmond's contract for \$10 million, Washington Post reported Saturday.

The 36-year-old Richmond became a free agent.

Injuries to both knees limited him to 37 games last season, when he averaged 16.2 points, compared with a career average of 22.2, and lost his starting job to second-year guard Richard Hamilton.

Motorcyclist killed in Estonia

TALLINN, Estonia — An Estonian motorcyclist died during a pre-race practice run Saturday on the same course where five-time world champion Joey Dunlop was killed last year.

Taneli Raak, 35, was in a two-seat motorcycle when he spilled out of a side seat and rolled down a hill into a tree. He was pronounced dead at a hospital a half hour later, race officials said Saturday.

The accident came on a dry track on the forest-park road that is converted each year into a race track.

Mets designate Hamilton for assignment

ATLANTA — The New York Mets designated outfielder Darryl Hamilton for assignment Saturday; one day after he asked for his release following an argument with manager Bobby Valentine.

New York purchased the contract of catcher Vance Wilson from Triple-A Norfolk to provide insurance with Mike Piazza out 7-to-10 days with a broken toe on his left foot.

With Piazza hurt, Todd Pratt had been the only healthy catcher on the Mets' roster.

Tennant was hitting .214 in 52 games with 1 home run and 5 RBIs in 126 at-bats. His was not at the park Saturday and his locker empty.

Arizona running back not prosecuted

ARIZONA — The Maricopa County Attorney's Office will not prosecute Arizona Cardinals running back Michael Pittman based on his arrest last week, and has instead referred the case to Tempe city courts. Pittman was arrested June 23 on suspicion of domestic violence, criminal damage and trespassing, after seeing his wife in her apartment with Earl Little, a Cleveland Browns defensive back. Little, who had a broken ankle, was at his wife's apartment, entered the apartment and scuffled with Little. County Attorney's Office spokesman Bill Fitzgerald said authorities are not declining the case.

White Sox Manager DL possibility for Wells

CHICAGO — David Wells could be forced to go on the disabled list if his balky back doesn't improve soon.

"That's always a possibility," manager Jerry Manuel said Saturday. "Again, we'll wait and see. If his turn comes around and he's not able to pitch, we'll figure out the way he is now, I'm pretty sure the DL will be a possibility for him."

Wells was forced out of his last start Thursday at Minnesota after going only two innings. Wells, who has been plagued by chronic back trouble for several years, said he could not get loose as he warmed up for the third inning.

Manuel doubted that Wells would be able make his next scheduled start Tuesday against the Twins.

Yankees get Wolters from Reds for prospect

NEW YORK — Five years after helping the New York Yankees win the World Series, Mark Wolters has a chance to try to do it again.

Only this time, he'll be on their side.

The 31-year-old reliever became the latest Yankees acquisition when he waived his no-trade clause and Cincinnati dealt him to New York on Saturday for minor league pitching prospect Ricardo Arambolo.

The right-hander was among baseball's top closers in the mid-1990s, getting the final out in Atlanta's World Series win over Cleveland in 1995. A year later, the Braves were five wins from taking a 3-1 World Series lead over the Yankees when Jim Leyritz turned a Wolters slider into a three-run tying homer.

Sluggier Jaha retires from Athletics

ARLINGTON, Texas — Oakland Athletics designated hitter John Jaha announced his retirement before Saturday night's game against the Texas Rangers.

Jaha, 35, played parts of 10 seasons for Milwaukee and Oakland, but a series of injuries limited him to 12 games this season. Jaha was in a 1-for-27 slump and was hitless in his last 23 at-bats when he decided to quit.

He was batting .089 this season with three doubles and eight RBIs. Jaha finishes with a .263 career batting average, 141 homers and 490 RBIs.

Kanawyer wins Pikes Peak Hill Climb

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. — Gary Lee Kanawyer had the fastest overall time in the Pikes Peak International Hill Climb Saturday, finishing in 10 minutes, 39.76 seconds in a 1981 Wells Coyote.

Open Wheel division came sweep the first three spots with Jimmy Olson second in 10:45.59 and David Deener third in 11:00.28.

Rory Millen, son of overall record-holder Rod Millen, drove a Mitsubishi to the summit in 11:58.53, six seconds faster than his High Performance Showroom Stock division record last year.

Golfer dies after withdrawing at Edmonton

EDMONTON, Alberta — Lewis Chitengwa, who had complained of a high fever and withdrew from the Edmonton Open before Saturday's third round, died at a hospital later in the day, according to the Canadian Professional Golf Tour.

Weather officials were released, pending notification of the 29-year-old's family.

He was sponsored by PGA Tour star Nick Price, also a native of Zimbabwe.

Chitengwa had shot a 4-under-par 67 Friday at the Edmonton Country Club and was at 137 for 36 holes, five strokes behind co-leaders Doug McGuitan and Kenneth Staton.

A tournament official said Chitengwa passed out and was taken to University of Alberta Hospital, where he died Saturday afternoon.

White Sox pitcher contemplates retirement

CHICAGO — Cal Eldred isn't ready to call it a career yet, but the Chicago White Sox right-hander says he is considering retirement.

"I don't want to use the 'R' word, but things don't look real good," said the 34-year-old pitcher, who has pitched only one game since 1995. "Kenny Williams, White Sox GM said I was done for the year, and ... as I said, it doesn't look real good."

The 33-year-old pitcher, on the disabled list since April with a chronically sore right elbow, visited the Comiskey Park clubhouse Saturday to catch up with teammates.

Eldred, who had a five-inch screw implanted in the elbow last Sept. 7, has remained steadfast in his attempt to keep pitching despite a career's worth of setbacks.

Capitals exercise Oates' contract option

WASHINGTON — The Washington Capitals picked up Adam Oates' \$3 million contract option for the 2001-02 season Saturday, beating a final deadline.

Oates, who could have become an unrestricted free agent today, led the league for the second time with 63 assists and topped Washington with 82 points in the recently completed season — his fifth with the Capitals.

The 38-year-old center, a finalist for the Lady Byng Trophy for gentlemanly play, had his best offensive season since 1996-97, when he



Capriati focuses on tennis

on tennis

WIMBLEDON, England — Something very strange and a little scary is happening to women's tennis.

For the moment, anyway, it is actually about tennis. It's not about Martina Hingis' older boyfriend, whom she met when he was the prosecuting attorney and Hingis the plaintiff in their recent stalker case. Or about Richard Williams and any of the various outlandish comments he makes any given time. Or Anna Kournikova. Thank God.

Oh, it's all still there as it always will be. Women's tennis and those who control it hardly can seem to help themselves. Dysfunction is like tennis, a constant companion. But when your top player is hanging on to her ranking largely from her hotel room, as Hingis has been doing lately, and your top contenders can't perform consistently enough to make you forget about their insufferable father, much less their own temptuousness (see: Venus and Serena Williams), it becomes increasingly hard to sustain interest.

That's why it is so easy to root for Jennifer Capriati. The story is a good one, of course. Pure Americana from start to finish: hitting bottom to rising back up again. If there's anything we love more than rags to riches, it's riches to rags to riches. So much so that we don't even mind hastening the process.

But in the ultimate of ironies, Capriati is suddenly the normal one. And though we tend to get our perspectives blurred, much more a wonderful sports story than soap opera.

What she has done in winning two Grand Slam events this year, the first in her career, and advancing easily into the second week at Wimbledon is nothing short of astounding. And with a wisdom that comes only from experience, she is showing that she has no intention of turning her comeback into a freak show.

Fortright and thoughtful regarding her revival after a well-earned hiatus from tennis in 1994 and '95 that included two stints in drug rehab, Capriati nonetheless consciously has limited her commercial exposure.

She is playing tennis and playing it well, with the confidence of a champion and at a top form not seen in far too many of her competitors.

Women's tennis, with its perpetually ailing sponsors and feeble leadership from its management, is still one of the worst examples of professionalism around. The Williamses practically brag about not practicing on green courts before Wimbledon. Lindsay Davenport, as earnest as she is, was a top-10 player for years while woefully out of shape, and is now looking so eagerly toward retirement and so repulsed at the idea of playing at age 30 that she wonders if her heart is still in it.

The terrible publicity cycle that Kournikova created more buzz every time she leaned over than when she won a point, which was running about 2:1 at the time of her foot injury six months ago.

The sexual preferences of sixth-seeded Amelie Mauresmo of France still are brought up at every Grand Slam event.

And some would argue if not for the controversy, no one pays any attention to women's tennis.

Perhaps. But it doesn't hold up without the tennis. And though Capriati looked strangely distracted Friday in a 6-4, 6-3 third-round victory over Russia's Tatiana Panova, it still feels safer counting on her to concentrate on her game than any of the others.

MELISSA ISAACSON

Agassi likes the grass at Wimbledon

WIMBLEDON, England (AP) — Patches on Centre Court and Court 1 at Wimbledon are growing smooth and bald.

That suits Andre Agassi just fine. A 6-3, 6-1, 6-1 victory over Chile's Nicolas Pietrangeli on Saturday made Agassi the final 16 at Wimbledon for the eighth time.

The leisurely three-setter let the American examine the wear and tear on the grass.

A semifinal loser a year ago to Pat Rafter and beaten in the 1999 final by Pete Sampras, Agassi studies the Wimbledon grass like an agronomist. He prefers long rallies, but knows points on the lawn are quick and bounces — particularly after a week's wear — can be erratic.

"You know, the grass is playing a lot differently" this year, said Agassi, who termed Wimbledon's week, which starts Monday, "a different tournament."

"The level of competition (next week) is such that you know you're playing the best in the world for the biggest title in the world," he said.

"With the level of players that are still left in this event, I think it's safe to say that a number of guys can win it."

With fewer serve-and-volley players than baseliners in the tournament, Agassi said the grass down the middle is free of the divots and chewed up spots that players like Sampras leave as they charge the net. "It's a good new for a baseliner like Agassi."

"I feel a lot more comfortable ... going into the fourth round with the consistency of the bounce," the 31-year-old Agassi said. "It just doesn't feel like the center of the court is as bad."

"I think that's going to help those who need a good look at the ball as opposed to those who like to play it out of the air."

Rafter, who lost to Sampras in last year's final and was beaten in the semifinals two years ago by Agassi, said courts are producing higher bounces because they are "a lot harder, there's no doubt about it."

Nine of the top 16 seeded men are into the fourth round, including the top six: Sampras, Agassi, Rafter, U.S. Open champion Marat Safin, Lleyton Hewitt, and Britain's Tim Henman.

Ten of the top 16 women have advanced, with only top-seeded Martina Hingis missing from the top five. They are defending champion Venus Williams, 1999 winner Lindsay Davenport, Australian and French Open champion Jennifer Capriati, and Serena Williams.

Agassi faces 19th-seeded Nicolas Pietrangeli on Monday and is 3-0 against the 23-year-old German. Sampras will play Roger Federer for the first time.

Agassi's victory over Pietrangeli was quick and comprehensive.

"To go out there and get in control of the match and stay in control of it and not make it any more complicated than it has to be speaks well to how I'm hitting the ball and how I'm playing on the bigger points," said Agassi, who won Wimbledon in 1992.



Andre Agassi reaches for a shot from Chile's Nicolas Pietrangeli during their men's singles third round match on the Number One Court at Wimbledon.

Despite knee injury, Davenport looks strong

WIMBLEDON, England — It is easier now for Lindsay Davenport to win Wimbledon, and after nine appearances here understands the testiness of the grass and the haughtiness of the All England Club officials.

So the fortnight, at least now, does not intimidate Davenport, frustrate her, or make her nervous. "My first round I ever played here, it was so funny, I think I was up 6-love, 4-love, and ended up winning 10-8, in the third (actually 7-5)," Davenport said Saturday after easily defeating Patty Schnyder, 6-2, 6-3, to advance to the fourth round. "I come so nervous to win my first match here... I remember everything about it, what court, everything."

"It's just one-of-those things where I think Wimbledon has a bigger mystique than other tournaments." Somewhat surprisingly, Davenport rolled through the first week without dropping a set. Before reaching the final of a Wimbledon prep in Eastborne a week ago, Davenport had not played since a quarterfinal loss in the Ericsson Open in March, in a bruised right knee.

She remains ranked third in the world, and is the No. 3 seed at Wimbledon, where she was a finalist last year, and the champion in 1999. Despite a little rustiness, Davenport otherwise has felt fine. In fact, she rushed on several points Saturday against Schnyder because she felt great. Davenport finished with four aces and seven service winners, faced five break points, and lost her serve just once to Schnyder. She sprayed nine unforced errors, but made 17 winners.

But the ball much better yesterday than for whatever reason, said Davenport, who at 25 years old has won 33 singles titles and more than \$12.5 million in prize money. "I warmed up really well, just felt like I'm hitting the ball a little bit better now than I was a few days ago. I thought I played great today, was really going after my shots."

"Coming off my knee injury, I haven't felt like it's slowed me down at all the last two weeks that I've played. We'll see. I mean, obviously these are much bigger tests that are coming up this week than what I faced in the last two weeks. But certainly, I have no reason to feel unconfident in there."

Dokic is Davenport's next opponent. They met earlier this year, in the first round of the Australian Open, a match Davenport won in three sets. Venus Williams, who beat Davenport in the finals of Wimbledon and the U.S. Open in 2000, looms, a potential semifinal opponent.

"Certainly, if someone can have a year like Venus did last year, you almost have to just shrug your shoulders and say, 'That's too good.'" Davenport said. "See if that person can keep it going... I think as a whole, all the tennis players try and get better to fend off whatever player it is for whatever year."

Maybe this week, that player will be Davenport.



Lindsay Davenport returns to Switzerland's Patty Schnyder during their women's singles, third-round match Saturday at Wimbledon. Davenport won the match 6-2, 6-3.

Wimbledon

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on Kim Clijsters and Jelena Dokic.

All women easily Saturday, and all will play Monday in the round of 16, along with Jennifer Capriati and Serena Williams in the other half of the draw. Top-ranked Martina Hingis, upset in the opening round, will be the only title contender missing. None of the others has lost a set yet.

"Obviously these are much bigger tests that are coming up," Davenport said. She advanced with little fanfare, as usual, beating Patty Schnyder 6-2, 6-3. Clijsters quietly eased past Angeles Montolio 7-5, 6-2.

But Dokic made waves after beating Barbara Schett 6-3, 7-5, 6-1 at The Gate. She was forced to hail a taxi for her 10-minute trip to the All England Club. Dokic said she arrived just before her match because the car she expected Wimbledon to provide never showed up at her hotel.

"If you can't organize something like that, you can't run a tournament," Dokic said.

Wimbledon responded with a news release defending its "efficient and friendly transportation service."

Dokic was also upset about a London tabloid's preview of her match under a headline that referred to her father as "the Beast." Damiir Dokic was thrown out of Wimbledon last year and banned from tournaments by the WTA for six months because of volatile behavior.

"It was a really nasty article," she said. "It's really not funny anymore. I think it was as bad as it could get."

On the men's side, there were no inflammatory headlines or transportation problems and only one upset. Guillermo Canas became the first Argentine to reach the fourth round since

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Berlin pulls upset in World Bowl

Late touchdown lifts Thunder over Barcelona

AMSTERDAM, Netherlands (AP) — Jonathan Quinn threw three touchdown passes to lead the Berlin Thunder to a 24-17 upset Saturday of the Barcelona Dragons in NFL Europe's World Bowl.

Quinn, allocated by the Jacksonville Jaguars, passed for 388 yards, including a decisive 53-yarder to Dwayne Jones in the fourth quarter.

"The win took the developmental-league's youngest franchise to its first World-Bowl title in just its third year and avenged two regular-season defeats by the Dragons.

"Our guys never gave up," said Berlin coach Peter Vaas. "One time we threw an interception and one time we dropped the ball, but we put those negative things behind us and we won."

Scott Bentley kicked a 53-yard field goal to give Berlin a 4-0 lead. Field goals of more than 50 yards are worth four points in NFL Europe.

Jesus Angoy kicked field goals of 19, 29 and 33 yards to put Barcelona ahead 9-4 lead. He set a game record with 23 points.

Berlin held a 10-9 halftime lead after Quinn connected with James Stewart for 59 yards.

Jarious-Jackson put the Dragons back in front with a 58-yard TD pass to Tony Simmons,



Joe Watley of the Berlin Thunder kisses the trophy after his team beat the Barcelona Dragons 24-17 in the World Bowl Saturday at the Amsterdam Arena stadium.

supposed to come back but instead went deep and we threw the winning touchdown over somebody's head," Vaas said. "Great plan!"

Barcelona's final attempt to tie the game fountered at the Berlin 5-yard line when Jackson's fourth-down pass was blocked by

defensive end Jon Harris with 1:05 remaining.

Dragons coach Jack Bicknell was gracious in defeat.

"This was a terrific football game and a credit to both teams," he said.

The ninth World Bowl drew 32,166.

Cameroon, South Africa can clinch World Cup spots

The Associated Press

Cameroon and South Africa head into games today with the opportunity to become the first nations to clinch berths through qualifying for the 32-team World Cup next summer in Japan and South Korea.

Cameroon (5-1), the Group A leader, plays at home today against fourth-place Togo (1-2-2). South Africa (4-0), which tops Group E, is at third-place Burkina Faso (1-2-1). The five African group winners qualify.

On Saturday in Group C, Morocco beat visiting Egypt 1-0 to move within one point of clinching and Algeria won 4-0 at Namibia. In North and Central

America and the Caribbean Jamaica won 2-1 at Trinidad and Tobago.

At Port-of-Spain, Jamaica (2-2) rallied on goals by Onandi Lowe in the 50th minute and Dean Burian in the 68th.

Stem John had scored in the 26th minute for Trinidad (0-3-1) which while not mathematically eliminated probably cannot qualify even with wins in its last four games.

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Another tough signing year for first-round picks

Knight Ridder Newspapers

PHILADELPHIA — With less than a month left before NFL training camps open for the coming season, top draft choice Michael Vick is the only first-round pick under contract, and late that is true for the course.

In recent years, the first player chosen has signed right away. Jim Couch (1999) and Courtney Brown (2000) actually agreed to their deals with the Cleveland Browns a day before or on the day of the draft.

The rest of the first round has been a different story. Most players got on the dotted line between the Fourth of July and the start of camp, and a few became holdouts and signed later.

Around the NFL

It will be interesting to see whether the way Vick's deal is structured will change the way high draft choices are paid in the league.

Vick signed with the Atlanta Falcons for six years and \$62 million, the richest contract for a top draft choice in NFL history, but his signing bonus of \$3 million is well below the 2000 average of \$4.5 million for all first-rounders.

The talented quarterback, who is represented by Andre Colona and Mike Sullivan, took the relatively small bonus because he is guaranteed \$15.3 million in his first three seasons, including the signing fee.

In the NFL, the word "guarantee," when it pertains to salary, is about as rare as a year without an Al Davis lawsuit.

In 1998 Peyton Manning got an \$11.6 million signing bonus, but the balance of his \$45 million deal wasn't guaranteed. In 1999 Couch got a \$12 million bonus with his \$46 million deal, and in 2000 Brown got \$12.3 million up front in a \$42 million deal.

Vick, however, gets \$2.5 million in salary for the coming season, nearly \$1.2 million above the average for first-rounders in 2000.

Generally agents for the next five or six players after the top choice use the contract of the No. 1 draftee as a guideline for their negotiations.

"We'll see what happens in the

weeks to come.

"We've not had any discussions," said agent Joel Segal, who represents defensive tackle Gerard Warren, taken third overall in April by the Browns. "We'll probably speak in the next two weeks. I'm sure each side is preparing for what's to come."

Segal said he, also has not had talks with the Washington Redskins, who drafted another of his clients, wideout Rod Gardner, at No. 15.

Jim Steiner, the agent for the fourth overall choice, defensive end Justin Smith, is also waiting before he starts negotiations with the Cincinnati Bengals.

"It's early," said Steiner. "Nothing is going on in the first round until the week after the Fourth."

U.S. plays desperate Mexico in World Cup qualifier

MEXICO CITY (AP) — The U.S. soccer team hasn't had any success playing soccer in Mexico, and American coach Bruce Arena knows his players will have a tough time bucking that trend.

"They are definitely hurting for a win. They will not qualify if they don't get a victory. Arena said after flying to Mexico City on Saturday. "So they have to literally come out and try to dominate that game from the first minute."

The United States, on the verge of clinching a berth in the 2002 World Cup, owns a 0-20-1 record at Mexico heading into today's qualifying game at Azteca Stadium.

"We're going to see the very best Mexico has to offer tomorrow," Arena said. "That's clear."

100,000 people 7,350 feet above sea level, has always been a challenge for the Americans, who are 0-9-1 at the stadium.

After a string of poor outings, Mexico knows that a loss today would put it on the verge of miss-

ing out on next year's tournament in Japan and South Korea.

In the final round of qualifying in the North and Central American and Caribbean region, the United States leads the group with a 4-0-1 record, followed by Costa Rica (3-1-1), Honduras (2-1-2), Jamaica (1-2-2) and Mexico (1-2-1).

Three of the group's six teams will qualify for the World Cup. Mexico, traditionally a regional power, lost to the Americans on Feb. 28 at Columbus, Ohio.

After Mexico's last game, a 3-1 loss to Honduras, the team replaced coach Enrique Meza

with Javier Aguirre, who has shifted the roster.

"They have a new coach and new players. They'll do everything they can to show the Mexican public that they're back," U.S. defender David Regis said.

Arena wouldn't reveal his lineup for today's game, but he'll have to make some adjustments because captain Claudio Reyna is serving a one-game suspension.

Midfielder Cobi Jones, though, returns after a two-game suspension and an injury.

Starting in goal will be Kasey

Keller, who has five straight shutouts in qualifiers. The other U.S. goalkeeper, Brad Friedel, was dropped from the roster after asking for some time off from the national team.

"Today is D-Day for us," Aguirre said. "We need to get a victory however we can. We will break our soul in search of a victory."

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The Kerner family has farming in its blood. They farmed in Russia before the revolution drove them out. They farmed in the Midwest before three years of the Dust Bowl sent them looking for fertile ground. Back in 1935, water running down Magic Valley corrugates was the best thing Bill Kerner had ever seen. He and his 14 siblings

"We all like it or we wouldn't be here."
Mark Kerner
Bootjack Dairy

settled in Southern Idaho and all but one got into the dairy business. Now, not far from the first farm Bill and his wife, Jean, owned in Lincoln County, his son Hershel, grandchildren and great grandchildren carry on a bountiful family tradition.

The Kerners say they are proud to be part of a business that provides so much for so many. Here in Idaho, family dairies provide 15,000 jobs - most of them right here in the Magic Valley. Idaho is the sixth largest milk producing state in the U.S. and your region, with just under 300 dairies, is able to infuse this area's economy with more than \$515 million dollars each year.

Bill, 86, has been a dairy farmer since 1935. Hershel, 59, is active in the daily activities of the family farm. Hershel's sons, Mark and Doug, run the bulk of the operation now, with Mark overseeing the dairy and Doug focusing on the cropland. Mark and Doug both left the farm for a time, but they both found themselves drawn back to the higher stress, lower paying work of

running a dairy and family farm.
"We all like it or we wouldn't be here," Mark Kerner, 30, says.

"There's plenty of other things to do to make more money," his brother, Doug, added.

Both say it's important to them to raise their children on the farm - and to share with them a way of life that has offered so much value.

"I think you can learn a lot on the farm," Mark says. "How to work, how everything works together... where your food comes from... how hard it is to make a dollar."

As much as they love their livelihood the younger Kerners are aware that they must change with tides of agri-business in order to keep the fourth generation on the farm. That's one reason while they've expanded their operation to include custom farming and hauling. Also, their wives work outside the farm to help support their families enough to stay in the dairy business. The Kerners also realize they are part of an industry that must fight for its existence in a society that thinks food comes from the local grocery store.

"It's the scariest thing in the world," Hershel said. "They really don't have a clue. But what are they going to do when the farmers are gone? Go to the store and buy milk? I don't think so."

There is a bit of pessimism, but it is tempered with a farmer's optimism.

"We'll be here another 20 years," Mark said. "It's going to get better. I know it will."

The bottom line is the Kerners, like other Magic Valley farm families, believe that what they're doing is the right thing.

"I'll tell you why we do this," Hershel said. "To keep the rest of you eating. If we don't do it, who will?"

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Survey profiles Sun Valley skiers

Data show visitors are older, wealthier than most

SUN VALLEY - Winter visitors to Sun Valley are older, more affluent and more loyal repeat customers than visitors to other ski resorts in the West, a new survey shows.

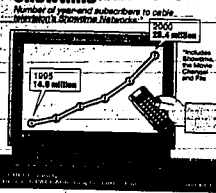
Commerce and prepared by Leisure Trends Group, a Boulder, Colo., consulting firm specializing in recreational and ski industry research.

age 35, compared with 36 percent regionally. A quarter of Sun Valley's skiers are 55 and older, compared with 15 percent regionally.

among resort visitors. Twenty-five percent of the Sun Valley skiers came from California, 15 percent from Washington, 6 percent from Idaho, 4 percent from New York and 6 percent from Oregon.

BizFacts

Showtime



By Karen Bosack Times-News correspondent

BRIEFLY IN MONEY

Tyson, IBP agree to terms on meat merger

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. - Tyson Foods and IBP Inc. - which has ties to the Magic Valley - agreed last week to terms that would merge the nation's largest chicken and beef producers, completing a deal that Tyson had tried to abandon.

Sonic Corp. records strongest quarter of year

TWIN-FALLS - Oklahoma City-based Sonic Corp. - whose franchises recently opened the chain's first Magic Valley restaurant in Twin Falls - reported record results for the third quarter ended May 31.

Kmart cuts 135 jobs in information technology

DETROIT - Kmart Corp. eliminated 135 information-technology jobs Thursday in an effort to streamline one of the retailer's largest corporate divisions.

Latest ruling emboldens Microsoft

Software giant plans to ship new system

Microsoft: The legal battle

Here is a look at key dates in the antitrust investigation of the software giant founded by Bill Gates and Paul Allen.

Table with columns: Date, Event. Key dates include July 1997 (Microsoft in a consent decree), August 1997 (Microsoft launches Windows 95), and December 1997 (Justice Dept. sues Microsoft).

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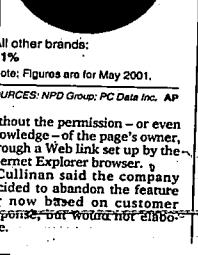


'I'm still paying for this lawsuit, and I don't like it and I'm tired of it,' said Bonnie Mardis, 54, a retired San Francisco software developer, reacting to the Microsoft ruling in downtown Seattle on Thursday.

Legal experts said that while the ruling offered some vindication for Microsoft, it also set the stage for further court action.

Microsoft domination

The power that Microsoft Corp. is wielding with its new operating system, Windows XP, is a major concern in the high-tech world.



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How to shake hands correctly

How good a handshake you give could make a big difference about how you're trying to get a job, according to Patricia & Associates, a Cherry Hill, N.J., business communications training firm.

on the quality of their hand shake." Millions of workers believe wrinkles hinder careers

Table with columns: Symbol, Description, Friday's Close, Previous Friday, Weekly change, 52-week High/Low, Annual Yield. Lists various stocks like ALBIS, AMERISTDS, ASCA, CONAGRA, COST, FIDEL, HNZ, HJ HEINZ, HARLEY-DAVIDSON, HOME DEPOT, HDA, IDACORP, JCP, J.C. PENNEY, KEY, KEY CORP, KM, KROGER, LRF, LONGVIEW FIBRE, MCD, MCDONALD'S, OMX, OFFICEMAX, PHA, PHARMACIA, QWEST, RAD, RITE AID, S, SEARS, SHOP, SKYWEST, SKY, TARGET, UNP, UNION PACIFIC, WMT, WAL-MART, WFBI, WASH. FEDERAL, ZION, ZIONS BANCORP.

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YOUR BUSINESS

MILESTONES

Great Clips chain adds 74 new salons, tops 1,500

MINNEAPOLIS - Great Clips for hair, a growing franchise with a Twin Falls location, reached a milestone as it hit and surpassed the 1,500 salon mark. Its salons deliver competitively priced, high-quality haircuts and perms, said Great Clips' Rhoda Olsen, president of Great Clips, said. "Our commitment to cultivating relationships with franchisees and our comprehensive, ongoing training programs for franchisees and salon managers and stylists have been and will continue to be the keys to our success."

Great Clips said it has seen tremendous growth in the first half of 2001 with 74 salons opening since January and the addition of 30 new franchisees in the first quarter. The company said it is continuing to expand throughout the United States and western Canada.

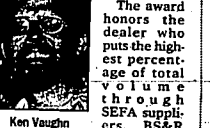
Two from Twin Falls firm accept award in Hawaii

TWIN FALLS - The Supply & Equipment Foodservice Alliance Inc. honored S & R Restaurant Equipment of Twin Falls with the Journey Award during its 15th annual Partnership Conference, held May 6-7 in Maui, Hawaii.

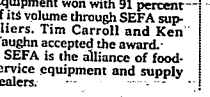
The award honors the dealer who puts the highest percentage of total equipment volume through SEFA suppliers. BSR & Vaughn was the recipient.

Equipment won with 91 percent of its volume through SEFA suppliers. Tim Carroll and Ken Vaughn accepted the award.

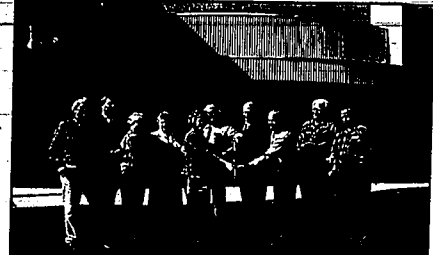
SEFA is the alliance of food service equipment and supply dealers.



Tim Carroll



Ken Vaughn



Pictured at Job Service's ribbon cutting, from left, are Lex Kunau, Mini-Cassia Chamber of Commerce; Roger Madsen, Idaho Department of Labor director; Candy McEneash, South Central Idaho Workforce Board director; Shirley Povlsen, Cassia County commissioner; Pat Peterson, former Job Service manager; Denton Darrington, Idaho senator; James Kille, Industrial Commission chairman; Eddie Lopez, Industrial Commission consultant; Roger Poulton, former Job Service manager; and Pat Campbell, Mini-Cassia chamber.

Department of Labor cuts ribbon on Burley office

BURLEY - The Idaho Department of Labor's Job Service celebrated its office opening with a ribbon cutting June 20.

The office is still at 127 W. Fifth N. in Burley, but in a new, larger building. The phone number will also remain the same, 678-5518.

The office has two conference rooms available and an employment resource center, including Internet access to search for jobs outside Idaho. The Industrial Commission also has an office at the location. It offers recruitment and referral services, information, business-center services, job-training resources and unemployment

Filer native opens new dental practice in Jerome

JEROME - Dr. Scott M. Chandler opened a new dental practice in Jerome under the name Silver Creek Dental PC.

He is a native of Filer and has moved back to the Magic Valley area with his wife and three sons. Chandler graduated from the University of Kentucky's College of Dentistry. His specialty is family dentistry. He is welcoming new patients to his practice, which can be reached at 888 E. Main St., or by telephone at 644-9166.

Solvie Spa and Retreat moves, starts new concept

SUN VALLEY - Solvie Spa and Retreat said it is relocating to a new Sun Valley location to accommodate its growth and launch a new concept in spa treatment.

Founder Pamela Rae is the first spa owner to integrate a Bali Zen theme into Solvie's appearance as well as its equipment

and treatments, the business said. State-of-the-art equipment includes a Japanese goisha tub. To celebrate the opening, Solvie will host a party at 6 p.m. July 6.

Solvie said it will also give invited guests a preview of its new line of enviro-type skin and hair care products which are not officially launching until November.

For information, call (530) 550-7636.

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- Charitable business activities.
- Other business news.

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Or contact her at: The Times-News, P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls, Idaho 83303, 735-9205 ext. 242, Fax: 677-4543 or 734-5538

TWIN FALLS - The Idaho Society of Certified Public Accountants announced its board of directors for 2001-02.

Directors include Daniel De Kruyf of Leforgee, Braga Donnelly Chtd. in Jerome and Tony Adkins of Van Engelen Chtd. Certified Public Accountants in Twin Falls.

Officers for the society's Magic Valley chapter are Addins, president; and directors - Jan Neel of Neel & Associates Chtd., Troy Mahle of Holmstead Hyatt Coleman & Mahle CPAs, Kristen Goodwin of Twin Falls Clinic & Hospital, Susan Tenney of Susan Tenney CPA, Texas Chang, and Juan Watkins Distributing, and Juan Watts of Dodds and Associates CPAs, all of Twin Falls.

TWIN FALLS - KickBack Points welcomed Bob Jensen of his sales staff.

The growth of the KickBack Customer Reward Program in the Magic Valley has created opportunities for expansion that he will develop, a press release from KickBack Points said.

The customer loyalty program is designed to drive new customers to participating merchant businesses, reward future loyal customers and nurture current loyal customers, the release said.

The KickBack Card is available free at participating merchants. Cardholders present their cards to earn points with every purchase, which can then be spent like cash at any participating merchant. Purchases also give cardholders a chance at

TWIN FALLS - Jensen Jewelers announced the graduation of Angel Brown of Jensen Jewelers in the Magic Valley Mall from the Master Jewelry Salesman program.

Brown completed the eight-week course and received certification. The course involves training in fulfilling customer needs in diamonds, genuine stones, watches and jewelry making and repair.

FILER - Kirsten Victor, the daughter of Steve and Gail Kohntopp and Ron Victor, graduated from the Art Institute of Seattle June 15 with an associate of applied arts degree in fashion marketing.

While attending the institute she also worked in collaboration

CAREER MOVES

Jensen can be reached at 308-0128.

TWIN FALLS - Joseph C. Russell, president of Estate Planning Strategies Inc. in Twin Falls, has been notified by the Million Dollar Round Table of his 2001 membership in the Million Dollar Round Table, Court of the Table, and that international association's Top of the Table for 2001. Top of the Table is the highest level of productivity achievable in the life insurance industry, a press release said.



Joseph Russell

Russell has the professional designations of Chartered Life Underwriter and Accredited Estate Planner.

TWIN FALLS - Professional stylist Sheryl Pathrel of Jaggedge returned from classes on African-American hair technique, styling and hair extensions.

Extensions are now available at 734-5970 or 303 Second St. E.

TWIN FALLS - Professional photographer Robert MacDonalld will display a sampling of his landscape photographs at the Buhl Arts Council's Gallery, at the Eighth Street Center, 200 N. Eighth St. in Buhl.

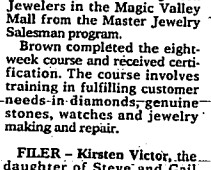


Sheryl Pathrel

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Or for more information, call 326-4568.

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He is a lifelong southern Idaho resident, starting his broadcast career in radio at KAT in Kootenai in Rupert and Mix 103 in Jerome.

with audio students on her own voice/instrumental compact disk and hosted weekly, prerecorded television spots highlighting current activities in the Seattle area.

Victor is a 1999 graduate of Filer High School.

TWIN FALLS - The Canyonside Realty Inc. GMAC Real Estate office in Twin Falls announced the association of Suzie Richardson as an associate broker.



Suzie Richardson

Richardson has been licensed in real estate for more than 11 years. She holds the Graduate Realtor Institute and Accredited Buyers Representative designations. Richardson also recently passed state and national requirements for the broker exam.

She can be reached at 420-3765.

BUHL - Buhl commercial photographer Robert MacDonalld will display a sampling of his landscape photographs at the Buhl Arts Council's Gallery, at the Eighth Street Center, 200 N. Eighth St. in Buhl.

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Employer can give psychological tests, take fingerprints

By Kenneth Brodemeler
The Washington Post

Just when you think you've settled into your job, along comes management with a new policy. And you don't like it one bit.

What do you do? Object? Refuse to go along? Quit?

In today's queries from the office, workers are anguished over new policies requiring them to take a psychological test or show their fingerprints before signing on to their computers.

Q: I'm hoping you can help with a sticky workplace issue. My company is planning to install fingerprint machines so that we have to give our fingerprints to log on to our computers every morning. I object vehemently to this. I feel this is an invasion of privacy. I've never

On the job

had my fingerprints taken, and I associate it with being accused of a criminal act. I already have my Social Security number, birth date and address. Why do they need this, too? Do I have any legal recourse? If I refuse to give my fingerprints and can't log on to the computer, I can't do my job. Could the company fire me for refusing to be fingerprinted?

A: Fingerprinting doesn't exactly conjure up images of a benevolent authority - more like a thumbprint, thoughts of being looked at the station house.

So on the job you can well understand your anxiety over your company's new policy. The company needs two lawyers - one who handles

employment discrimination cases for workers and one a management lawyer - said your company is well within its rights. Many firms with high security needs already use fingerprinting or retinal identification to control access to buildings, rooms or computers.

"I see no laws that would prohibit that process," said Debra S. Katz, who regularly represents workers. "It's not unlike an employer saying it will monitor your calls or Internet usage." She said a worker "could be fired for failure to follow company rules. It's a cruel world out there."

Management attorney Neal D. Mollen said that "anyone can have your Social Security number. Those means of identification are not very comforting to anyone trying to protect intellectual property. They need better

security precautions. They need to know that the person signing on to a computer is indeed that person."

Legality aside, Deborah Keary, who answers hundreds of workplace questions every month for the Society in Human Resource Management for Alexandria, Va., said the company is "doing a very good job of explaining the proposed job of fingerprinting. They need to explain why it's going to be needed to get the employees to buy into this."

Q: Our employer is pressuring employees to take something called "The Predictive Index." They refer to it as an organization survey. It provides a checklist of words. On one side, are the words that you feel describe the way you are expected to act by

others, and on the other side you check the words that you yourself believe really describe you. For various reasons, some employees do not want to take this. I'm afraid it could get ugly. Can our employer force us to take it?

A: Psychological testing is commonplace at the application stage of employment, but Keary said that when the tests are given to existing employees, the purpose is usually to test how existing or potential managers might react to new workplace situations.

Both Mollen and Katz said there's nothing specifically illegal about the testing. "They're usually trying to determine how well suited you are to your job," Mollen said.

Katz said she is very wary on one point: "There's a potential for abuse," she said. "It's what pur-

pose is the employer going to put this in many instances, (management sends) these test results to be scored, and some psychiatric diagnosis could be illegal. You can't make an employment decision based on whether some test seems to show a mental disability."

She said the Americans With Disabilities Act and comparable state laws give disabled workers the right to reasonable accommodations in the workplace to account for their illnesses so they can continue to work.

She said the concerned worker should ask her employer why they are planning to administer the test, to what purpose, and to see the results, who is scoring it and who will see the results.

"This raises red flags for me," Katz said.

Vacation

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or bus tickets, rental car and gas. Check Internet sites such as www.travelocity.com and www.expedia.com to get a feel for airlines. Major rental car companies such as Alamo (www.alamo.com) and Dollar (www.dollar.com) offer online reservations and pricing information.

Sites - such as www.mapquest.com can figure out the route and mileage between home and your final destination.

Food: Using AAA's estimate a family of four should plan on spending \$200 a day for dining out on vacation. Costs can be less if you stay somewhere with a kitchen and prepare meals yourself.

Lodging: The cost can vary dramatically depending on where you stay, but figure on spending an average of \$130 a night according to AAA. Don't forget to add bed taxes.

Admissions and tickets: Adult

admission to the nation's theme parks is up, rising \$2.70 over last season to \$37. That's the largest increase in seven years, according to a survey of 30 theme parks by Amusement Business, a park magazine. Some parks are also raising the price of children's tickets.

Earlier this year, Disneyland began charging its adult price of \$41 to visitors age 10 and older. The price previously started at age 12. To cut costs, local park visitors have the same price.

Souvenirs and miscellaneous stuff: Go ahead and plan on a few impulse purchases like a sequined sunbather and mountains of postcards and stamps. Set a limit for the whole trip and plan, accordingly. Parents can give each child a pre-set spending limit and charge an over-the-limit fee for those who overspend.

Insurance: Look for ways to cut costs: He tries to travel with friends and split gas and lodging

and when possible, books airfare early to take advantage of lower, advance, purchase prices.

Jim Ervin, Fort Worth regional manager of AAA's travel agency, says many consumers opt for all-inclusive vacations such as cruises, because they can pay one price that covers almost all the trip's expenses.

"You may have to pay a little more, but you know the bottom line," he said.

Airfare can be a huge chunk of any travel budget and consumers continue to hunt for the best deals. Many, like Williams, surfer of the Internet to find low fares, while others continue to rely on travel agents to get them the best deal.

Valerie Estep, president of a Portland, Ore., firm called Topax Industries that tracks airfares for business travelers, says many clients are trying to figure out if they get a better deal by waiting for last-minute Internet sales offered on airlines' Web sites.

"So far we've only found two out of 400 flights when they would have been able to get a lower-priced, last-minute fare," she says. "The problem is availability is limited, and it's a very time-consuming process to search for fares."

But, she says, there's nothing to stop you from looking for a last-minute sale in the hopes you can get to your destination cheaper.

"If you already have a ticket, you can use it for your next trip," she said referring to the practice of changing tickets, which typically cost \$75 per ticket. "As long as you know you are going to fly on that airline again."

A recent Gallup Poll found that 41 percent of Americans polled planned to drive less this summer because of higher prices at the pump.

Those with the lowest incomes were more likely to curtail driving, with 55 percent of those making less than \$20,000 planning to drive less this summer.

Survey

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Primary reasons for choosing Sun Valley were friends who visit at the resort, the scenery, previous experience, lack of crowds and friendly atmosphere. Visitors rated the base lodge, restrooms, locker and storage facilities, ticket sales, rental equipment, lifts and lift lines above the regional averages.

Of 25 resorts included in the survey, Sun Valley received the highest ratings for lifts and base lodge facilities. Others in the survey included Aspen, Snowmass, Vail and Keystone in Colorado, and Whistler/Breckenridge in British Columbia, Canada.

Sun Valley, on the other hand, received lower-than-average ratings for children's programs, ter-

rain parks and accessibility.

"Clearly Sun Valley's location is its biggest disadvantage to luring repeat visitation," Schiller-Westergard said. Schiller-Westergard said the resort received a 5.6 rating on a scale of 10 for being easy to get to. The regional average is 7.1.

That said, a quarter of visitors flew into Halley on commercial airlines, compared with only one percent four years ago. Fifty-5 percent flew into Boise and rented a vehicle to get to Sun Valley; 48 percent flew into Halley in private aircraft.

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Irrigation water supply dwindle

Retailers train workers on dealing with thieves

TWIN FALLS—Irrigation managers knew going into the 2001 season that water supplies would be tight, they just didn't know how tight. And with peak irrigation demand still a couple of weeks away, they're discussing the answer is uncomfortably tight.

Only three irrigation projects in the Magic Valley with water rights in the Snake River are expected to carry storage water over to 2002. Every other project expects to fully deplete its storage water by the end of the season, and most of those expect water supplies to be parsimonious by late August.

The A & B Irrigation District near Rupert is one of three that anticipates carrying a little water over.

"Our wells are holding up," said Dan Temple, manager, "and we've got an adequate supply of storage."

The other two projects with the possibility of carrying water over are the Milner Irrigation District and Falls Irrigation District near American Falls.

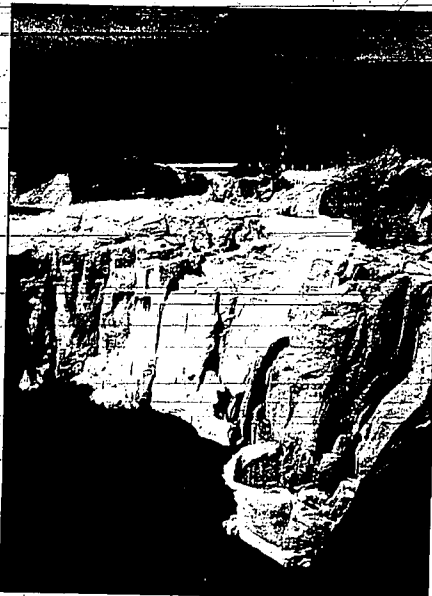
Bureau of Reclamation officials anticipate carrying over 250,000 to 300,000 acre-feet of water this season, just 10 percent of what the reservoir system normally holds going into winter.

Farming community waits for test conclusion, decisions

PAUL—While tests to assess damage to cropland from the herbicide Oxy may take months to complete, community concerns are mounting about how far-reaching the effects will be.

Farmers say wind spread the chemical to cropland after it was sprayed to control cheat grass and other noxious weeds on federal ground following wildfires last August.

Even farmers miles from the area sprayed are complaining about crop damage, and the state Department of Agriculture, the Bureau and Oxy manufacturer DuPont are taking samples up to five miles from the burned area. Up to 38,000 acres of crops



Severe water shortages this year are taking a bite out of flows over Shoshone Falls and tapping irrigation supplies.

could be affected in eastern Jerome County and western Minidoka County with affected fields tainted for possibly the next two or three years, said grower Dan Schaeffer. Some estimates of losses have reached as high as \$100 million.

Court ruling leaves future of herbicide uncertain

SUN VALLEY—A court's deci-

sion to call a commonly used aquatic herbicide a "waste product" will impact more than the way moss is kept out of irrigation canals.

"A bridge between the Clean Water Act and FIRFA was built by the Talent decision," said Jim Wertz of the EPA's Region 10 Operations Office in Boise.

FIRFA is the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide and Rodenticide Act. Irrigators have



argued that applying aquatic herbicides according to label instructions under FIRFA should exempt them from the Clean Water Act.

The Ninth Circuit disagreed when it ruled last March that canals in irrigation districts and other water delivery entities must obtain a National Pollution Discharge Elimination System permit from EPA when using aquatic herbicides into an open canal system. The decision can still be appealed to the U.S. Supreme Court.

Idaho wheat officials watch spread of fungal disease

BOISE—Idaho officials are keeping a close eye on the spread of a fungal disease of wheat in Texas, but are not alarmed.

"We have never had Karnal bunt in Idaho," said Dave Sparrow, administrator for the Idaho Wheat Commission.

Karnal bunt is caused by the smut fungus, *Tilletia indica*. It is spread by spores and through the movement of infected or contaminated seed. The fungus does not threaten human health, but flour made from heavily infected wheat has an unpleasant odor and taste. Crop yields can also suffer because of the disease.

Cool, rainy weather in North Texas created conditions this spring that were ideal for Karnal bunt disease development.

"As fungus rots in the soil until proper wet conditions encourage its growth. It could be one to five years before farmers near the outbreak know if the fungus is present in their fields."

Knight Ridder News Service

DALLAS—When two chubby thieves seemed to make off with a pair of shoes from Bob Wallace's running shoe and apparel store four years ago, Wallace realized he wasn't contending with criminal masterminds.

"You can't be overweight and try to run away from somebody in a running store," said Wallace, owner of three Run On stores in Dallas.

He chased one of the thieves down, tackled him and detained the man until police arrived, but Wallace now instructs all his employees not to react so instinctively to shoplifters.

"The fellow that I caught, actually, the week after, he got picked up for some type of armed robbery," Wallace said. "He could have just as easily runned a gun or knifed me, and he probably weighed twice as much as I did."

Other retailers and industry experts say training and instructing employees in how to prevent and react to shoplifting is paramount because retailers lose an estimated \$9 billion to \$10 billion to theft last year. That training is implemented with both store salespeople and specialized theft prevention staff.

"The best deterrent against shoplifting is pure and simple customer service," said Les Marshall, vice president of internal audit for Dallas-based CompuSA. "We will have auditors come into the store, and we will sit there and watch how long it takes for one of our sales associates to approach a customer."

Shoplifters look for stores where they can operate without interruption, so CompuSA trains its sales associates to be visible and accessible, Marshall said.

Salespeople are trained how to react to different situations, depending on whether the shoplifter is working alone or with an accomplice, or whether they appear armed, he said.

"The main thing that we try to get across to our employee is that, 'The most important asset that we have in a company is you,'" Marshall said. "You're not you to get hurt. You're not trained to be a detective. We don't want a scene where a customer's embarrassed or you get hurt or both."

Large retailers often employ retail detectives to watch high-risk or high-volume stores, said Daniel Buder, vice president of retail operations with the National Retail Federation.

"Depending on the size of the store, that might be one person," he said. "In a large store, it could be 15 or 20, depending on the size of the store. It's all based on volume, just like everything else."

These "floor walkers" go through rigorous training by each retailer, and while some retailers recruit workers with law enforcement or security experience, his company's case, said Jack Hayes, president of Jack L. Hayes International, a loss-prevention firm in Florida.

Buder said many retailers focus on the low enforcement backgrounds of potential loss-prevention specialists when hiring, looking instead for retail industry skills.

"The truth of the matter is at the end of the day, you'd like to be able to ask the question, 'How many shoplifters today did you deter?' And you'd like to say, 'I don't know. All I did was wait on customers,'" Marshall said. "That's the best way to run your business."

Wallace of RunOn concurred, adding that by making his staff aware of how to handle suspicious situations, he minimizes the financial effects of his company's loss.

"I know theft is basically a cost of business to a lot of those big establishments," he said. "There's a certain percentage of their merchandise every year that gets hijacked, and that's not a category that we have as a standard overhead."

Delayed reaction to interest rate cut suggests persistent market weakness

NEW YORK (AP)—An interest rate cut by the Federal Reserve is usually cause for celebration on Wall Street. But investors had to sleep before reacting the day after the Fed's sixth, such move of the year.

Analysts weren't surprised by the initially cautious response to the rate cut Wednesday; the market has become increasingly convinced that better corporate earnings, not Fed policy, will presage any business turnaround. "We still haven't seen the effect of the initial rate cuts, so it's harder to get excited about the sixth one," said Rafael Tamargo, director of equity research at Wilmington Trust.

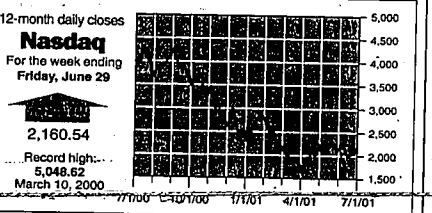
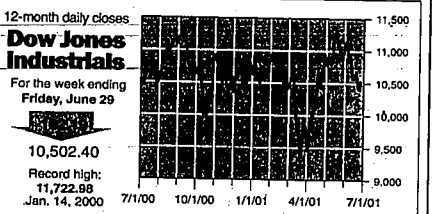
The rate reduction also was widely anticipated, meaning investors had been buying and selling on lower rates ahead of the official announcement. And the cut was smaller than the market had wanted—a quarter of a percentage point rather than the half-point many money managers predicted.

What changed? "I think people thought about it overnight and realized it didn't matter that the cut was smaller than expected," Tamargo said. "What matters was that the Fed had made the cut and indicated it would cut again if necessary."

Still, the market's reaction illustrates one of the frustrating truths about Wall Street in an economic downturn. Although the Fed's interest rate cuts have provided a buffer against a stronger recovery, reassuring investors that help is on the way, the reductions haven't provided a catalyst for a significant, sustainable rally.

Instead, with more than 600 corporate warnings this quarter, the market has become even more hesitant to commit to stocks of companies that can't say their performance will soon improve. Examples include the banking giant Citigroup, which has been trading between 10,500 and 11,400 since mid-April. The Nasdaq has been hovering between 2,000 and 2,300 since about the same time, while the Standard & Poor's 500 index has traded between 1,800 and 1,900.

"In a trading range, people



generally trade off extremes in investor sentiment," said Richard Cripps, chief market strategist at Legg Mason in Baltimore. "What we've seen this week is a market that had become overvalued and negative, so people started buying. They'll sell when the market becomes too high. But the overall market won't advance beyond that."

Don't expect the time of year to help either. Summer is traditionally a slower time for Wall Street and business deals. Trading volumes tend to decrease as the nation goes on vacation.

All of these factors played a role this past week. So did news that a federal appeals court had reversed a lower court ruling that had ordered the breakup of Microsoft intensified the positive sentiment. Analysts say bargain hunting influenced trading, too.

The problems still remain, and until there's solid signs that the economy and earnings are improving, the sustainability of any advance is going to be questionable," said Charles White, portfolio manager for Avator Associates.

For the week, the Dow lost 102.19, or 1 percent, after dropping 63.81 to 10,502.40 on Friday. The Nasdaq gained 125.70, or 6.2 percent, for the week, following a 35.08-point gain to 2,160.54 Friday. The S&P 500 index was essentially unchanged for the week, slipping 0.97, or 0.1 percent. It dipped 1.82 Friday to 1,224.38. The Russell 2000, which measures the performance of smaller company stocks, 23.99 or 4.9 percent for the week after gaining 9.65 Friday and closing at 512.64.

Selling the Internet to skeptics

Los Angeles Times
HONG KONG—Victoria Leung is a master of the unspoken word, the sympathetic smile. She knows the art of saying just what she needs to say.

Leung knows she has only a few moments to sell herself — to a potential client that she works for a firm called Rebound; that she can help his company get rid of its unwanted goods; that his problems are her own.

What she doesn't mention upfront is that Rebound, an online auction site, relies on the Internet. Here in Asia, that word too often triggers polite goodbyes.

While Internet use in parts of Asia is indeed exploding, this is also a region where millions of people don't even have private telephone service. Once you venture beyond the multinational firms that operate in a hot-wired global playground, Asia is filled with storekeepers and factory managers who need to be cajoled even to get on the Internet. The Internet service that might save money but will certainly cause discomfort along the way.

To watch Leung and her colleagues grapple with this technological resistance is to see how the world works in the early days of the new century — and to realize that not much has really changed.

The thinking of Rebound collided with a plain truth about the new economy: Growing an innovative global Internet company has to be done the old-fashioned way — face to face.

The qualities that make the Internet so attractive — its anonymity, speed, global reach — also create a high level of angst. And those fears are magnified exponentially when bridging continents, cultures and huge technology gaps.

This has created an ever greater appetite for human contact. To bridge the inevitable chasm between Leung's fears and technology's promise.

Lomans complete their rounds, we wait a fair short of the seamless supply chain that is supposed to hook Pakistani rug makers with West Hollywood home furnishings dealers, Japanese auto makers with Mexican brake suppliers, Chinese garlic farmers with your corner grocery store.

The woman behind Rebound, Marybeth Dee, the 35-year-old daughter of a successful Philippine industrialist, got her start in 1989 selling jewelry in Vancouver, Canada. But she soon realized there was more money to be made working among the bottom feeders of the retail food chain — the liquidators.

Dee started off in part of the system breaks down: An overzealous buyer cancels an order for a container of pumpkin-shaped Halloween mugs; a bankrupt retail chain leaves 10,000 embroidered shirts on a dock in Hong Kong; fickle shoppers deplete the shelves of fancy slippers, leaving warehouses filled with unwanted sturdy heels.

The inheritors of these excess goods are usually willing to drop them on a middleman for a fraction of their wholesale price, just to avoid the hassle of management and storage.

The Internet, which was just becoming an e-commerce phenomenon in the United States such as Yahoo and eBay, offered a solution: an online auction site where people could anonymously sell their surpluses to the highest bidder. Buyers also could seek out suppliers, a process that's come to be known as a reverse auction.

With the help of Jeremy Tang, an charismatic Australian who had managed Hong Kong's trendy Shanghai Tang retail store, Dee started her online business in the fall of 1998 in Hong Kong. Tang, 32, a marketing whiz, assumed the chief executive officer role and focused on raising capital and developing a corporate strategy. Dee, president of the firm, man-

aged the day-to-day operations. Now came the hard part.

At any given time, Leung was helping at least a dozen customers not only find buyers or sellers but locate banks, customs brokers, shipping companies and inspection services.

She also worked her Rolodex. Within a few months of joining the company, she persuaded a former boss, Lewis Luk, to post Rebound's services on the Web site of the Toys Union of Hong Kong, whose 6,000 members control the lion's share of the global toy industry.

This aggressive networking paid off, as new customers joined Rebound from Manila; Taipei, Taiwan; and even Tokyo's traditional-bound retail industry, which the owner of a discount chain asked Rebound not to translate its site into Japanese lest his competitors learn about it. The big corporate associations in Taiwan and Hong Kong signed on as partners.

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New legislation could affect mutual fund holders

NEW YORK (AP) — Josh Cattle signed up for his employer's 401(k) plan as soon he became eligible, but deciding which mutual funds to invest in wasn't easy.

Although Cattle's employer offered some educational investment advice online, there was no one to turn to for specific guidance about which stock or bond funds were best for him.

"The investment tools my company has are somewhat good, but actually talking to a person and getting their opinion about what to do would have been a lot more helpful," said the 26-year-old Atlanta-area human resources consultant.

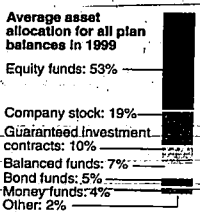
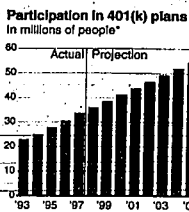
More help might soon be available. The Retirement Security Advice Act, introduced in Congress last week, would make it easier for employers to offer personalized investment advice to participants in 401(k), 403(b) and similar retirement plans. The bill clarifies that the investment advisers, rather than employers, are legally liable for the advice they give.

Opponents contend, however, that the bill strips employees of protections from conflicts of interest by prohibiting investment advisers recommending products they sell.

Nearly 30 percent of mutual fund shareholders own funds sold through 401(k)s or other similar employer-sponsored retirement plans, according to the Investment Company Institute, the fund industry's trade association. The growth of 401(k)s is expected to accelerate in coming years, reaching an estimated 54.8 million participants by 2005, according to estimates

Planning for retirement

The number of participants in 401(k) retirement plans is expected to rise to an estimated 54.8 million by 2005. In 1999, the majority of those plans were made up of mutual funds.



*Based on the most recent data available from the Department of Labor

SOURCES: Employee Benefit Research Institute; Department of Labor

by the Employee Benefits Research Institute.

The problem, most agree, is that the level of investment advice available from most employer-sponsored plans is inconsistent and, in many cases, inadequate.

"Even when a company has done the groundwork in terms of selecting a plan provider and some investment choices? The fundamental problem is how should an investor allocate their money? It can be hard to know what choices to make," said Eric Tyson, author of "Mutual Funds for Dummies," who rates most corporate efforts on retirement planning as unsatisfactory or failing.

Supporters of the Retirement Security Advice Act say it will

encourage more employers to offer more personalized advice services by clarifying that the provider of the advice is not the employer — is liable for any advice-related problems.

"The Retirement Security Act simply allows employers to provide advice without being liable for the specific advice that is given, although they must still periodically review the performance of the advice," said Kevin Smith, spokesman for the House Education & the Workforce Committee, where the bill was introduced.

He said the bill also would require investment advisers to provide guidance that is conflict-free and puts employees' inter-

ests first.

Opponents agree more advice would be better, but say the proposed bill goes too far. Although the bill requires advisers to disclose any conflicts of interest, they still worry that a fund company, for example, would steer business toward its own products at the expense of other equally good or better products.

"You're talking about corrupting the advice-giving process in a retirement plan by associating it with product sales and advice that is biased by sales-related compensation," said Barbara Roper of the Consumer Federation of America. "This bill is targeted at a legitimate problem but unfortunately appears more aimed at opening up a new field for investment firms than guaranteeing employees access to investment advice."

Opponents also note that the current law, the Employee Retirement Income Security Act, already allows employers to provide investment advice by contracting with a third-party provider that has no incentive to sell specific products. The process can be expensive, though, so most companies don't — raising the question of how many companies would actually be interested in offering additional advice services even if the new law passes.

Still, that hasn't discouraged fund companies, employer associations and others from backing the bill. Supporters include Fidelity Investments, TIAA-Cref and the National Association of Manufacturers.

The bill is currently still in committee with a hearing planned for sometime in July. A similar bill was passed out of sub-



Human resources consultant Josh Cattle sits outside his Marietta, Ga., office Monday. Cattle would have needed more advice than his employer provided in deciding how to direct his 401(k) investments.

committee last year but did not go to the full committee.

Some companies are already taking steps to provide more advice. Vanguard announced in

March that it was partnering with Financial Engines, a third-party online investment service, to offer investment advice for its employer plan accounts.

Sum in 401(k) could be rolled into an IRA

By Liz Pulliam Weston
Los Angeles Times

Money Q & A

Question: I am working with a financial adviser who suggests that the \$80,000 that I have in a previous employer's 401(k) plan might better serve me in a variable annuity. There is a back-spread charge and an annual expense deducted from the total investment value. My adviser gets paid by commission, so I know that some of his suggestions may be made as a sales pitch to purchase his company's products. I would appreciate any advice or information you could provide.

Answer: Good financial planning has, simply put, the kind of advice you just got.

If you don't want to leave your 401(k) money where it is, you should roll it over into an individual retirement account. Then you can invest the money in stocks, bonds, mutual funds, certificates of deposit — whatever you'd like — while preserving its tax-favored status.

You'll give your adviser some credit by assuming that's exactly what he wants you to do. It's his next suggestion — that you invest the IRA money in a variable annuity — that prompts his responses.

Variable annuities' main selling point is that your gains will be tax-deferred. But your gains within an IRA are already tax-deferred. So you're paying a higher price for "tax-deferred" for something you're already getting.

There are some financial planners who think it should be illegal to sell a variable annuity for an individual retirement account. No less than the authority on Securities and Exchange Commission has warned that variable annuities typically don't belong in IRAs.

Yet advisers like yours continue to push the sale of variable annuities as a dandy idea for an IRA.

It's too bad, because the company you mentioned in your letter offers a wide variety of other investments, including a full complement of mutual funds, as well as a brokerage through which you could buy stocks and bonds.

Unfortunately, variable annuities tend to be higher commission than a mutual fund purchase or a stock transaction, which is probably why you got the advice that you did.

Then again, maybe this guy did offer a wide variety of other investments, including a full complement of mutual funds, as well as a brokerage through which you could buy stocks and bonds.

information on just how to find a good financial planner at www.finance.com.

Q: I read your column about long-term care insurance with considerable interest, especially the very last paragraph where you say that "some people insist on having it so they can avoid spending the children's inheritance." I understand that philosophy, but if the purpose of the insurance is to protect the children's inheritance, shouldn't the children pay for the insurance? I have proposed that to my brood, but the response has not been overwhelming.

A: Imagine that. You probably didn't really expect them to leap at your offer, but some children do indeed buy long-term care insurance for their parents. Usually their motive is less inheritance preservation than dignity preservation — they want to make sure their folks receive good care and don't have to impoverish themselves to qualify for government-funded help.

Long-term care insurance is designed to pay for the kinds of custodial care — either in a nursing home or in your own home — that isn't covered by regular health insurance.

Many financial planners don't recommend long-term care insurance for people who can pay for their own care. Generally, that includes people with \$1 million to \$2 million or more in assets. Nursing care typically costs \$50,000 to \$75,000 a year and lasts less than three years, and the cost of the care may be needed for 10 years or more.

Some wealthy people do buy the insurance to make sure long-term care costs don't deplete the money they leave to their heirs. If you don't care about leaving an inheritance, there's little reason for you to pay for the insurance yourself.

That said, you should be pretty content you can pay for your own care, and that of your spouse, before you dismiss the idea of long-term care insurance completely. The costs of care can be substantial, and you probably don't want to risk being a burden on your children — despite their underwhelming response to your bright ideas.

Liz Pulliam Weston will answer questions submitted to weston@latimes.com by readers but cannot respond personally to queries. Questions can be sent to her at liz.pulliam@latimes.com

Ruling narrows 'innocent spouse' tax relief

The Washington Post

Married couples who file joint returns are treated as a single unit under the tax law. This has a variety of consequences — some good, some bad — but one of the most vexing to both taxpayers and policymakers over the years has been what is known as "joint and several liability."

Joint and several liability means that both spouses are equally and fully liable for all taxes owed by the couple. That makes sense if the couple is to be treated as a single economic unit, and it helps keep couples from playing the system by shifting income and taxes back and forth.

But it has also caused much hardship in cases of divorce or where one spouse was not honest with the other. Tens of thousands of "innocent spouses" over the years have been left holding the tax bag in such situations.

In the 1970s and '80s, Congress made several attempts to enact escape routes for these taxpayers but still left large numbers of them, mostly women, wrestling with the Internal Revenue Service over tax debts run up by a deadbeat spouse or ex-spouse.

Then two years ago, in the Internal Revenue Service Restructuring and Reform Act, the lawmakers installed a new array of innocent-spouse protections. The new law makes it easier for such a spouse to obtain relief if "he or she did not know, and had no reason to know" that the proper taxes were not being paid.

In addition, divorced or separated spouses are allowed to

elect to owe only the taxes attributable to their own income, unless they "had actual knowledge" of the "item giving rise to" the underpayment of tax.

Thousands of purportedly innocent spouses and ex-spouses have flocked to take advantage of these new provisions, and many have obtained the relief they sought.

But recently, a divided U.S. Tax Court punched what could be a significant hole in the new safety net.

In a case involving treatment of withdrawals from retirement accounts, the court ruled that the wife's knowledge that the withdrawals had been made, even without knowledge of the tax consequences, was enough to deny her innocent-spouse relief.

The case involved a Texas couple, David and Kathryn Cheshire, from whom the IRS sought nearly \$100,000 in back taxes, interest and penalties. Most of the deficiency resulted from the couple's failure to report most of nearly \$200,000 that David Cheshire withdrew in 1992 from his company retirement account and used to pay off a mortgage, buy a new Ford Explorer and start a business.

Kathryn Cheshire asked her husband about the money before signing their return, and he assured her that he had consulted an accountant and that the bulk of the retirement-account withdrawal was not taxable.

The couple subsequently divorced, and thereafter Kathryn Cheshire learned that her husband had not been filing

1992 return had not been filed (she found it in a desk and hasti-

ly filed it); (b) \$8,502 in estimated tax payments had not been made (she borrowed money and paid them); and (c) \$131,591 of the retirement-account withdrawals were taxable and had not been reported.

She sought innocent-spouse relief, and the IRS granted it with respect to more than \$60,000 of income and disallowed deductions. But the agency denied relief on close to \$100,000 in taxes, penalties and interest, related primarily to the retirement withdrawals. She took her case to the Tax Court, seeking relief under several provisions of the new law.

Each of the provisions, though, contains some form of what the court called a "no knowledge of the understatement" requirement, which it determined that Kathryn Cheshire did not meet.

Cheshire conceded that she knew of the retirement-account withdrawals but contended that she did not know that they resulted in an understatement of tax.

But the court, noting that the old law contained a similar standard that had been interpreted as "knowledge of the underlying transaction that produced the omitted income," ruled that

knowledge of the tax consequences is not required in the new law either.

Similarly, Cheshire's request for proportionate relief — allocating her ex-husband's income to him and her income to her — was also rejected.

The IRS "maintains that ignorance of the tax law is of no import — if (Cheshire) knew of the event or transaction giving rise to the deficiency (which she admits she did), then (she) cannot obtain relief," the court noted, and it is effect agreed.

"In our opinion, the knowledge requirement ... does not require the ... spouse to possess knowledge of the tax consequences arising from the item ... or that the item reported on the return is incorrect," the majority said.

"Were we to accept the knowledge standard (Cheshire) advocates (i.e., the putative innocent-spouse-is-entitled-to-relief-if-she/he-misunderstood-or-lacked-knowledge-of-the-Internal-Revenue-Code), then potentially any spouse who is not a certified public accountant or tax attorney would be allowed to escape paying income tax," the court said.

The court did, however, relieve Cheshire of certain accuracy-related penalties.

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You've heard the answers, now answer the questions

NEW YORK (AP)—There may be no perfect answers to the situations that follow, although you might never guess that from the number of people willing to offer their opinions.

Too often, however, their opinions are not that opinions (adulterated by political and investment biases rather than the product of serious consideration, original thinking and independent judgment).

Consider the following scenario: A bipartisan commission has been appointed by President Bush to consider Social Security reform, including the wisdom of allowing the ability to invest in securities of their own choosing.

This would seem to be in keeping with the American tradition of personal initiative, individual responsibility and belief in the private sector way to economic growth.

To one degree or another, more than 20 nations, including Great Britain, Australia and Chile, even Sweden, already allow such "privatization."

In the United States, exemplar of capitalism, the very idea is worrisome. Some surveys show senior citizens are opposed. The AFL-CIO is anti-privatization. Economists, as usual, are split down the middle.

Stocks are risky, say some. Some say individuals will make poor investment decisions. Others, even amid fears that the

existing system could collapse if not changed, argue that things are OK as they are.

Privatization defenders say, OK, keep a base of contributions in the existing system and allow the rest to be privately invested in securities. In stocks, for example, whose value might multiply in 20 years.

In such a way, they say, retirement funds will grow to sums many times larger than existing Social Security benefits. And they add that the widening asset gap between rich and poor might even be shrunk a bit.

Question: Why does the United States fear doing what less capitalistic nations have been doing for years, and reportedly with degrees of success?

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DELEGATION

It's hard to do, but necessary for a business to grow

By Joyce M. Rosenberg
The Associated Press

NEW YORK—Delegate, delegate, delegate. It's the mantra of management experts and yet one of the hardest things for entrepreneurs to do.

But delegating is critical for your company to flourish. "If you don't learn to delegate, you don't learn to grow," said Steve Kalafer, chairman of Fleming Car & Truck Co. in Flemington, N.J.

Kalafer, who started in the car business with one showroom and eight employees 25 years ago, now co-owns a company encompassing 26 franchises with 600 workers. He said it would have been impossible for his business to grow — "the most we would have been was one or two dealerships" — if he hadn't delegated responsibility to employees.

Many entrepreneurs find it hard to delegate for two main reasons, said Jay Barney, a professor of management and human resources at the Fisher College of Business at Ohio State University.

First, Barney said, "there's an emotional attachment because a new business really is a personal creation much as a child." Second, he said, research indicates that "the cognitive skills that make entrepreneurs successful as entrepreneurs make them less successful as managers of organizations."

"They tend to be very confident in decision making... willing to generalize from very small samples and their personal experience," he said. But as the company gets larger, "decision-making no longer be made on the gut feel of the entrepreneur."

Barney noted that many highly successful companies have prospered because the founder or founders were willing to bring in someone to help deal with the operational side of the business. A famous example: Bill Gates asking Steve Ballmer to handle the business end of Microsoft Corp.

Entrepreneurs should think about giving their companies a structure akin to big corporations with a chief executive and a chief operating officer, said Daniel Rodriguez, a professor of organizational management at the Goizueta Business School at Emory University in Atlanta.

"One could be raising capital and getting the money, while the other could be back in the shop working the operations," he said. "Those two roles become increasingly distinct and also require the assumption of a lot more responsibilities than can be effectively done by one person."

Rodriguez said the number of hours an entrepreneur works can be a tipoff that it's time to delegate. "If you find you're working 20 hours a day, the company suffers," he said.

For many entrepreneurs, a big obstacle to delegating is fear that the job won't get done exactly as they would do it. Delegating also means living with the fact that



Flemington Car and Truck Country Chairman Steve Kalafer, left, speaks with general manager Jerry Sheehan Tuesday in Raritan Township, N.J. Kalafer says, "If you don't learn to delegate, you don't learn to grow."

employees are going to make mistakes. "There is a point where you have to say, 'This is fine,'" said Linda Rothschild, president of Cross It Off Your List, a New York firm that supplies concierge, organization and relocation services. "There is no such thing as perfect — you have to trust that people around you are doing as good as is necessary."

That's also Kalafer's advice. "If you don't trust them, they shouldn't work for you," Rothschild said delegating was hard for her at first, but she knew she had to do it when she found she couldn't manage everything herself. She realized she wasn't able to return phone calls as fast

as she wanted, and couldn't keep up with clients as well as she had in the past. Since then, she's come to accept that "as long as someone is maintaining the relationship (with clients) it doesn't have to be me."

Getting to that point requires hiring the right people and giving them a balance of supervision and freedom to do their jobs. As Kalafer puts it, "Let them carry out your mission, and verify and audit what they're doing."

Barney, the Ohio State professor, said hiring is not the forte for many entrepreneurs. A good recruiting or search firm might be the way to find the help you need.

Financing long-term care for a loved one can be stressful, costly

By Victor Godnez
The Dallas Morning News

Sharon Luker knows both the personal and professional struggles of finding assisted living and nursing home facilities.

Luker moved her 102-year-old grandmother to a nursing home a few years ago and is preparing to move her 96-year-old great aunt into an assisted-living facility within a couple of months.

Luker, who owns and operates VSR Financial Services in Dallas, also sells long-term care insurance, which covers the costs of assisted living and nursing homes and is a way for elderly people to avoid the financial conditions imposed by Medicare.

Negotiating the costs, requirements and regulations of long-term care can be difficult, Luker and other experts say. Part of the problem is that there are no central resources to get accurate information on long-term care.

"It's very confusing," Luker said. "The older crowd just has a field day with this whole long-term care thing. It's very confusing, and it's not the same product everywhere."

Families are often left without advice they can trust, said Gary Jacobs, president of Capitated Health Care Services Inc. in New York.

"You really are at a disadvantage, because you don't have one to take you through the process," he said. "It's like if you went to trial without a lawyer."

For elderly people, or even younger people who have suffered severe injuries and require constant long-term care, there are a variety of options available. Home health care services can be as simple as someone coming to a client's home to prepare meals, drive him or her on errands and provide companionship for a few hours.

Beyond home health care are assisted-living facilities, which are usually apartment complexes for elderly or slightly disabled people who require little or no medical attention, but who need closer supervision and a 24-hour staff for emergencies.

Finally, nursing homes can be single or shared rooms at a facility that has a common dining room and around-the-clock medical care.

The costs start at roughly \$3,000 a month, or about \$100 a day, for assisted living and home health.

Luker said that when her grandmother entered a nursing facility here in Dallas, the costs

Cost of nursing home care

Number of residents in U.S. nursing homes in 1997 and average daily cost of their care, by payment source:

Payment source	Average daily charge	Nursing home residents
Medicare	\$203	231,000
Medicaid	\$128	51,000
Other	\$128	51,000

NOTE: Numbers may not add up due to rounding; figures are latest available data

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mounted quickly. "At \$3,000 a pop, we were down to our last \$15,000 to \$20,000 before she died (last June)," she said. "We were actually to the point where we were doing medical planning."

Tom Burke, spokesman for the American Health Care Association, said that many elderly assisted-living and nursing home residents are eventually forced to turn to Medicaid to pay for their long-term care expenses, but that approach has its drawbacks.

"Medicaid today pays for some 65 to 70 percent of residents in a nursing facility," he said. "But Medicaid imposes some, rather, austere requirements on its beneficiaries. They have to basically impoverish themselves."

Because Medicaid was originally intended to pay for nursing care for poor patients, he said, those wishing to apply for Medicaid have to reduce their assets to near poverty level, although some assets, such as homes, are protected.

Those requirements make long-term care insurance a good deal, Burke said, especially if you plan earlier rather than later.

"Costs are hard to nail down because there are such regional variations," he said, but generally a \$2,000 to \$3,000 a year policy that provides \$100 of coverage per day over four years for \$365 a year. At 65, that same policy would cost about \$1,000 a year, and at 75 and above it can be more than \$4,000 a year.

Many people mistakenly assume that Medicare will pay

for long-term skilled nursing facility costs. Burke said, but Medicare will typically cover only the first 20 days of care after a minimum three-day hospital stay.

Family members also need to be aware that not all long-term care facilities accept Medicare, said Carmelita Dolores, president and chief executive officer of The Corinthian, an independent retirement community in Carrollton, Texas.

"In an independent setting, there is nothing that Medicaid would pick up," she said. Even many nursing homes do not accept Medicaid, so when considering a nursing home or assisted-living facility, it's important to place the resident in a program that accepts both private and Medicaid funding, said Gary Macthies, family liaison for the National Citizens Coalition for Nursing Home Reform. Long-term care insurance can circumvent many of these payment challenges, but buyers must be careful in selecting a policy just based on the rates, he said, because while the rates are theoretically fixed for the life of the policy, the insurance company has the right to petition the state for a rate increase.

Convincing younger people to purchase the insurance when they can afford it is difficult, many said.

Most people believe that their retirement will only last a few years before they die, Burke said, and so they assume they'll have plenty of money to cover any costs. However, according to a 1996 survey by the National Association on Aging, a person age 65 has an average additional life expectancy of 17.4 years.

When it's time to enter long-term care, potential residents and their families, Luker said, should be investigating the provider, said Lou O'Reilly.

O'Reilly, founder of Texas Advocates for Nursing Home Residents in Dallas, said that many providers have recently experienced or are working on bankruptcy, and a few have been convicted of fraud or have lost their Medicaid certification because of low-quality care.

One result of the tight budgets is that many states are turning many providers are often reluctant to acknowledge, O'Reilly said.

"Facilities do have a hard time getting staff now," she said. "It's just unreal. On the weekends, it's just a nightmare because there's such a shortage."

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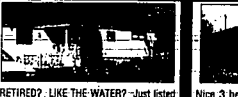
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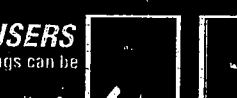
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Bobby Wolff

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ANSWER: Yes, you would offer a raise. The good five-card club suits clips the scales. With only four clubs, a pass would be more prudent.

Dear Mr. Wolff: ANSWER: With your eight HCP opposite partner's takeout double, it is not a good idea to pass...

ANSWER: I suspect you had a severe system misunderstanding. With no prior agreement, partner's redouble shows a willingness to play there or to punish the opponents if they move out.

Dear Mr. Wolff: At duplicate, no vulnerability, RHO opens one diamond and I hold K-8-7-5-3, Q-9-6-2, 10, A-K-Q. Do you recommend a double...

Partner opens one diamond, and my RHO doubles for takeout. If I jump to three clubs, what type of holding is a promise?

ANSWER: Bidding two diamonds to ask partner to choose a major does not appeal. It may succeed if partner holds a four-card major...

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I wasn't born on the Fourth of July

Every Fourth of July I feel almost un-American.

I envy most of the snuff people do to celebrate the birthday of the United States. I'm into picnics and flag-waving and apple pie and marching bands. But, when in the course of human events, it comes time to shoot off the fireworks ... I'm outta here.

I only like fireworks if they are far away from me and not very noisy, and I honestly prefer fireworks with three paramedics standing by. So people think of me as a fireworks dud, and they don't invite me to their Fourth of July celebrations.

Sometimes, I blame my fear of fireworks on my upbringing, having been raised around people who were trained in the way to put your eye out of school of parenting. My grandmother used the phrase for BB guns, and my mother used it for everything from pencils to lollipops to fireworks.

Once, at a picnic, a school teacher told me I could put my eye out running with a chicken leg. I thought about that one for a long time and never figured out how it could actually be done effectively.

But that didn't matter. The damage was done. I grew up hating everything that snapped, crackled or popped. I don't even like Rice Krispies.

A couple of years ago, I spent the Fourth of July with my family at a baseball tournament. Our team was staying at a hotel that had agreed to allow a dozen adolescent boys to run loose with matches, and to shoot off their fireworks on hotel grounds. I figure the hotel chain must have great insurance. Somehow, we all managed to make it through that weekend without undue physical or emotional injury. But then we came home.

I opened the checkbook at the grocery store and saw that my husband had spent \$33.50 on fireworks. And so, the day after the baseball tournament, the agony began all over again ... I tried to act enthused as my son read the names off the boxes.

"This one is jade fountain," he gushed, "and this one is bumblebee."

Before long, I started to notice that the golden fountain and the jade fountain were the same color - sort of beige - and the cuckoo was nothing more than the chrysanthemum with sound effects. The whistling Dixie sounded just like the twirling bird and, by the time we got to the "hen laying an egg," the whole thing had laid an egg for me.

Everyone else in the family thought the fireworks were magnificent. And cars honked as they drove by, encouraging us on. Those people probably had fireworks at home, too.

All evening, I couldn't help thinking that somebody was making a whole lot of money off one overly diversified product.

The last "firework" we shot off that year was "opening flower and happy bird." It looked suspiciously like the cuckoo, the chrysanthemum and any one of the "colorful" fountains. Around midnight, wide awake, I found myself wondering around me I looked ignited.

This year, I decided to check out some Internet sites and study up on fireworks, in the hopes that familiarity might banish all fear. I learned that no one knows who invented fireworks, but some historians think it was the Chinese and others think it was the Arabs. A few attribute the invention to a German magician in the 1300s.

In other words, nobody has ever admitted to being the one who brought fireworks into the world.

I kept reading and found out that people who first made and handled fireworks were called "firemasters" or "will men," and were considered to have a very dangerous job.

That didn't make me feel better. The Internet also told me that the American Medical Association has kept records of the number of people killed or injured by fireworks, and that fireworks are now illegal in 35 states and restricted in others.

I think I'll just leave it at that and thank my lucky non-shooting stars that I was born on the Fourth of July. If I had been born on the Fourth of July, I would surely have a birthday cake.

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The ROCKETS, red glare

Your guide to fireworks this Fourth of July

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(All events are on Wednesday unless otherwise indicated)

Twin Falls

Where: College of Southern Idaho campus, dusk (the fireworks display is formally scheduled for 10:15 p.m., but it sometimes starts a few minutes later).
Expected crowd: 10,000-15,000
Best view: Large grassy areas at the rear of the CSI dorms and in the middle of the campus between the Aspen building and the tower (northeast corner of the campus will be off-limits).
Music: Twin Falls Municipal Band, 8 p.m., in front of the Fine Arts Center.

Burley

Where: Park adjacent to Burley Municipal Golf Course, 10-10:15 p.m.
Expected crowd: 500-1,500
Best view: Burley Municipal Golf Course and the Burley Marina.

Jerome

Where: Jerome High School, 10 p.m.
Best view: Anywhere on the east side of Jerome.

Rupert (tonight)

Where: Rupert Square, Sunday, 10-10:15 p.m.
Expected crowd: 500-1,500
Best view: Anywhere in Rupert
Music: 6-10 p.m., Rupert Square
Other fun: This weekend is Rupert's annual Fourth of July celebration. Highlights today, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday include:
Today:
1-5 p.m. - Horse racing, fairgrounds
Monday:
7 p.m. - Patriotic program, Rupert Square
Tuesday:
7-9 p.m. - Rodeo, stack, fairgrounds
Wednesday:
7:30 p.m. - Mutton bustin', fairgrounds
7:30 p.m. - Red Cross Freedom Run, Rupert Square
8 a.m. - 3-on-3 basketball tournament, 11 a.m. - Parade
1-5 p.m. - Horsing-around, fairgrounds
7:30 p.m. - Mutton bustin', fairgrounds
8 p.m. - Rodeo, fairgrounds



Workers line up mortar shells in preparation for a recent Fourth of July fireworks show at the College of Southern Idaho. It's south-central Idaho's biggest.

Halley

Where: Near the Halley rodeo arena, 10 p.m.
Expected crowd: 2,000-3,000
Best view: Rodeo arena, Roberta McKercher Gateway Park.
Parade: Noon, starts in front of King's (615 N. Main St.), travels south on Main to Cedar Street, west on Cedar to River Street, north on River back to beginning.

Rodeo

Third go-round, Sawtooth Rangers Riding Club's Rodeo, 7 p.m. (Tickets: \$8 for reserved, \$6 for adults, \$4 for children)
Food: Butten Barbecue in Hop Porter Park, 1 p.m.; Scouts' Pack 87 and Troop 6 Flapjack Breakfast at the Upper Big Wood River Grange Hall, 7-11 a.m. (Prices: \$5 for adults, \$3 for kids and \$2 for seniors)

Other fun

This weekend is Halley's annual Days of the Old West celebration. Highlights from Monday and Tuesday include:
Monday:
7 p.m. - Rodeo, first go-round, Halley Rodeo Grounds (Tickets: \$8 for reserved, \$6 for adults, \$4 for children)
Tuesday:
7 p.m. - Rodeo, second go-round, Halley Rodeo grounds

(Tickets: \$8 for reserved, \$6 for adults, \$4 for children)

Buhl

Where: North Park, 10-10:15 p.m.
Expected crowd: 500-1,000
Best view: Anywhere on Buhl's north or east sides.
Fun: Free swimming from noon-6 p.m. in the City Pool; bull-riding contest, 8 p.m.; Buhl Rodeo Grounds firefighters' hose contest, Farris Field, 2 p.m.;
Parade: 10:30 a.m., starts at the intersection of Burley and Main streets, moves northeast on Main to Broadway, up Broadway to Fair, down Fair to Spruce, up Spruce to Melon Valley Road, south on Melon Valley Road to Burley Ave., and east on Burley to the rodeo arena.
Food: Concessions open from noon to 6 p.m. in Eastman Park; Kiwanis pancake breakfast, West End Senior Citizens Center, 1010 Main St.
Fourth of July is part of Buhl Sagebrush Days. Highlights for today and Monday:
Today:
11 a.m. - Community church service, First Christian Church, 1005 Poplar.
Noon - Park entertainment
Noon - Park concessions, Eastman Park.
Tuesday:
9 a.m. - Dance, Copus' Cove, 1700 East 3900 North.

Gooding

Where: Gooding High School, 10-10:15 p.m.
Best view: Anywhere in Gooding
Food - Fourth of July Community picnic, West Park, noon to 3 p.m. Cost \$2.

Wendell

Where: North of Wendell High School, on the football field, 10-10:15 p.m.
Best view: Anywhere in Wendell.

Glenns Ferry

Where: City Park, 10-10:15 p.m.
Best view: Anywhere in Glenns Ferry

Bliss

Where: City Park, 10-10:15 p.m.
Best view: Anywhere in Bliss.

Dietrich

Where: City Park, 10-10:15 p.m.
Best view: Anywhere in Dietrich

Richfield

Where: Richfield High School football field, 10-10:15 p.m.
Best view: Anywhere in Richfield

Hansen

Where: Rolling Hills Park, 10-15 p.m.

CSI takes 'College for Kids' registrations

TWIN FALLS - The Community Education Center at the College of Southern Idaho is taking registrations for select College for Kids classes that start July 16.
In "Making Math Fun with Games," students in grades 1-3 will learn the basic math concepts without even knowing it. This class will be action-packed with fun math games students can play all summer long. It takes place Mondays through Thursdays, July 16-26, from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Cost is \$35.
Older students, in grades 4-6, will enjoy "Fun with Real Life Math." In this class, they'll learn how math applies to the real world by using math to build real-world creations such as their own T-shirts. They'll also design and construct a bridge. This class takes place Mondays through Thursdays, July 16-26, from 12:30 to 2 p.m. Cost is \$35 plus a \$10 fee paid to instructor for materials.
In "Pottery for Kids," students

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will be introduced to the creative potential of clay, including experience on the potter's wheel. They will be able to take at least two high-fired ceramic objects home. This class will take place on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, from 10 to 11:30 a.m., July 16-27. Cost is \$40 plus a \$12 clay fee paid to the instructor.
Kids in grades 3-6 will have the chance to explore their lighter sides with two classes taught by professional clown and comic, Al Hein. In "Be a Clown," students will learn the basics of clowning such as make-up, costume and props. Students will create skits and discuss types of humor. This class takes place from 1-3 p.m. on July 16-18. Cost is \$25 plus a \$5 materials fee.
Students of "Learning to Juggle" will learn how to juggle three objects and discover how juggling is fun, relaxing and good

for coordination. This class takes place on July 16-18 from 3 to 4:30 p.m. Cost is \$15 plus a \$5 materials fee.

Ongoing

KIMBERLY - Kimberly School District is sponsoring "child find" activities to identify and serve children with disabilities from age 3-21. The children may have difficulty walking, talking, hearing or learning or may display behaviors that appear different from other children their age.
For more information, call Chris Charlton, special education director, at 423-4170, Ext. 3312, or the school district office at 423-4170, Ext. 3308.
Every week, To Do for Families list family oriented events throughout 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 Wednesdays.

Find someone to baby-sit with these helpful hints

Rules for finding a sitter:
• Look for a baby sitter within your circle of friends or community.
• Look for someone already working with children.
• Always check references.
• Your sitter must like children, be trustworthy, be able to keep himself/herself and your child safe, have the attention span to actively watch over and entertain your child; be patient to put up with difficult behavior, such as whining and crying.
Interviewing a sitter:
• Present the basic facts - number and ages of children; address; special problems; transportation; pets.
• Go over expectations, stressing the first is keeping your child safe and happily entertained. Go

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over pet peeves or restrictions.
• Go over house rules, including smoking, playmates, TV/computer use and inside/outside play.
• Discuss sitter privileges, including snacking, TV, friends and phone.
• Present a few "what if" scenarios to see how the sitter would handle them.
• Discuss how you want any behavior problems handled.
• Ask about usual fee. Negotiate a fair fee.
• Schedule a pre-job home visit/interview.
-Source: The Kansas City Star

FAMILY LIFE

Kids should do chores for free

Q. My husband and I disagree over paying children for chores. He feels that just as we get paid for doing our jobs, children should be paid for doing theirs. I say their chores are a family obligation and that just as I don't get paid for cooking supper, they shouldn't be paid for folding the dog and so on. Who's right?

A. I agree with you that chores are obligations that should be shared among the members of a family according to age and ability. Applying the word "job" to a child's chores leads to the erroneous notion that they are in the same category as an adult's employment outside the home.

There is a difference, of course, in that the parent's job provides for the child's standard of living. This creates an obligation the child can discharge by performing chores.

More money is paid to the child to the family, a child's sole means of contributing to the general welfare.

One would think that paying a child for doing chores is motivat-



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ing. Not so. In fact, it has the opposite effect.

Paying a child for doing a chore creates the illusion that if the child doesn't feel the need for money at that point in time, he isn't obligated to do the chore. In this regard, I have never found a parent who pays for chores who does not have a difficult time getting children to do them without being hounded.

Paying for chores also obscures the fact that they are obligations. A chore that is paid for is no longer a contribution for the sake of the family, but a service rendered for money.

Paying for chores puts money in a child's pocket but no true sense

of value in the child's head. It may teach something about business but nothing whatsoever about the responsibility that accompanies family membership.

Chores acquaint a child with the fact that the viability of a democracy such as ours depends on the ready willingness of citizens to lay down self-interests and render public service. The service ethic does not arise spontaneously; it is learned. This is what Grandma was referring to when she said that good citizenship began in the home.

Unfortunately, too many of today's parents fail to assign their children to a regular routine of chores (as opposed to haphazard, unlearned, and assumed). In so failing, they contribute to the notion that the only persons with obligation in the parent-child relationship are the parents. Thus, they teach their kids that something can be had for nothing.

My standard recommendation is that a child should become acquainted with chores shortly

after his or her third birthday.

The chores should become part of the child's daily routine, as predictable as taking a bath before bedtime. Begin with chores in the child's own quarters such as picking up toys at a certain time every day. Build on the child's success by slowly expanding the child's responsibilities into the general household.

It is not unreasonable to expect a 5-year-old to contribute 30 minutes of work per day around the home.

To anyone whose eyebrows are raised, let me point out that 30 minutes represents one-fifth of the time the average 5-year-old spends in front of the TV each day. Does the typical child have time for chores? Of course!

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Enjoy fireworks from a distance

DEAR ABBY: I would like to pose a question to your readers who are parents: Would you hand your child a lit match? The idea is a hardy one. Yet, Independence Day, thousands of parents don't give a second thought to giving their children sparklers - lit sticks that can burn at a temperature up to 1,200 degrees Fahrenheit.

Last year, more than 8,000 people in the United States (most of them children) received treatment at an emergency room for injuries related to fireworks. Keep in mind this figure does not include injuries treated by private physicians or those not treated at all. I would like to remind your readers of all ages that fireworks (sparklers-included) are not toys. Please leave fireworks to the professionals.

The number of people who sustain serious burns, loss of eye sight or other injuries resulting as a result of fireworks is evidence that there is no safe way for amateurs to use them. U. J. 4 Fourth and fireworks are practically synonymous. I am not suggesting that fireworks be banned from the celebration; however, the associated risks must be recognized - and reduced. Professional pyrotechnicians are trained to adhere to state-of-the-art codes for public fireworks displays. The only "safe" way to enjoy fireworks this July is at one of these public displays - from a distance.



DEAR ABBY

trying to enhance their celebration is unconscionable and illegal. Readers, please report this crime to the police. Too many lives have been lost as a result of gun accidents. This year, let's not add to the numbers as we celebrate our nation's hard-won freedom.

DEAR ABBY: Ever since I walked into our bedroom and found my wife, "Janice," naked with a naked man, my relations with her have been - at the least - strained. I have tried to be more in touch with her needs, but we have not made love for more than a year.

My wife is defensive and has been since we've been together. "Signs of abuse." Many of the points you make she has been guilty of herself, yet she blames me for these behaviors. I have been to counseling and Janice joined me a couple of times, but she refused to go back because the counselor upset her. We have two beautiful girls whom we both want to raise. I think I still love my wife and want to be her best friend again.

I'm ready to forgive and move on with my life, and I want it to be with my wife. If not, I'll take care of my girls. How can I persuade Janice to return to counseling? We need it.

-TORN IN TENNESSEE

DEAR TORN: You can't. The person who must be willing to admit that counseling is needed to save what's left of your marriage is your wife. Until the subject of her infidelity can be put to bed - no pun intended - it will remain the elephant in the living room and nothing will heal your relationship.

Smile and be glad for others' successes

Smile, act happy, and congratulate others on their success. It will make most people wonder what you're up to!

Smile, because it takes fewer facial muscles than does frowning. And it is certainly more pleasant to look at. Act happy, and your attitude will follow. Soon you will be happy. And isn't being happy and content a good state to express from?

Isn't happy people easier to be around? Not, blind optimism, but inner joy based on accomplishment and care for others.

Sincerely feel good about the success of others. If you do, there is no envy, greed, or jealousy in you. It is also the recognition there is enough success for everyone. Only our beliefs limit our success. Also, being able to feel good about others' success allows us to accept it in our lives.

Get enough people guessing what you're up to and some will



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finally ask. Then, you can share with them one of your secrets to personal happiness. "Smile, act happy, and be glad for the success of others." If they ask exactly how you do it, tell them.

- It is our choice whether or not we are happy or content. Is the glass half full or half empty? See the prosperity, the opportunity, the friendship, the good in people. Or, see the opposite. It is our choice.
- "No" is final and limiting. "Yes" is boundless. Yes includes. No excludes. Yes accepts. No rejects. Yes forgives. No begrudges. Yes wonders. No

doubts. Yes is open and receptive. Yes lets things out. Yes expands. No limits us. Yes is expansive. No is lost chances.

- Health plays a part in happiness. Breathe correctly, relax often, educate yourself on health, stay active with exercise, keep a youthful, positive attitude, and eat a longevity diet. Or, be a couch potato, eat poorly, think negatively, smoke, drink excessively. It is our choice.
- Allow others to have their opinions, even when they disagree with yours. There are many angles from which to view life. Enjoy the variety and breadth of experience of others. Listen more than you talk. Wonder about the mysteries and vastness of the universe.
- Be grateful. Many people help us without us knowing it. Thank your lives, respect your service to you. Assist everyone who does their job well. We each have a part. Some are more visi-

ble than others. All are important to making the whole of society work. Where would we be without trash collectors, or people who work at sanitary plants? Up to our waist in waste, that's where! We should not try to stand tall by stepping on or belittling others.

- Enjoy children. Watch them closely, and you'll learn from them. We can learn how to laugh with more than our mouths.
- If you follow these instructions you will find it easy to smile, be happy, and congratulate others. It feels very good.

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Try to balance your work and life

Lee Iacocca, former chairman of the Chrysler Corp., said that most of the 242 million working people, "swung out of bed, yawn, and figure, 'Oh, hell. I've got to make it through another day of drudgery.'"

Working people are stressed out. Jack Canfield, author of "Chicken Soup for the Soul," estimates that 75 percent of workers don't like what they are doing - or for whom they work.

A major explanation for stress has been uncertainty in the workplace as a result of increased competition, changing local and international trade regulations, merging of corporations and technological advances. These changes have been experienced nationally and locally. Idaho included. For example, Micron's production and profits are directly affected by business practices and turmoil in East Africa. Zings, Hewlett-Packard, Oracle and other companies constantly make major business adjustments to be profitable in an emerging and unpredictable environment.

Is change new to humanity? Are there better ways for an individual to thrive in a world of uncertainty? How can one balance the demands of personal life and work?

To answer these questions, I am inclined to use strategies that were used by people of my native community of Kamaha, in Kenya.



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Their stresses were caused by disease, famine, the presence of buffaloes and unpredictable tribal wars. The stresses experienced by Kamahas and those in today's workplace are similar because in both, one's security is threatened, there is a sense of loss of one's identity and loyalty to a system is threatened.

Using these strategies from the Kamahas can help balance work and personal life:

1. Establish your purpose on an ever-changing perspective independent of your daily activities. In today's chaotic workplace, each one should ask himself: What is the primary purpose or mission of life?
2. Commit your vision, decisions and actions on activities that help achieve this purpose. Align individual goals with those of the group you belong to. In what ways can your employment help you attain that purpose?
3. Take risks and venture into unsettled lands with confidence. Working people have to develop

self-empowering strategies that allow you to use your creative and authentic potential to achieve your purposes.

4. Change is natural and an opportunity for personal growth and new ways of survival. One has to view change in the workplace with an attitude toward new opportunities.
5. Flexibility means survival. The ability to let go of perceptions and practices that may not be beneficial is a stress-reduction step. "Utility players," those who can play different positions in a game, are always needed.
6. Get involved in your community. It's not only a networking strategy, it's also a chance to help others, which is one of the secrets of success.

When work and personal life are balanced, one's health, worth, increased productivity and fulfillment are realized. Earl Nightingale wrote, "There is nothing you can do that will bring us more in the way of rewards than daily striving to become better adjusted, happier, more productive human beings. It's a lifetime job, and worth every minute we spend on it."

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Keep your dog safe this Fourth of July

This Fourth of July, Americans will be filling the skies with the sights and sounds of spectacular fireworks. While we do patriotic citizens look forward to, we need to remember that this is an extremely upsetting time for most pets.

Like the human family is oohing and aahing in the back yard, the family pets are frightened out of their wits and spend this weekend under the bed, in a closet, under a couch, shaking, drooling and seeking safety and comfort.

Both cats and dogs can experience panic at loud noises such as thunder, gunfire and firecrackers. Sita, our black Labrador retriever, wouldn't flinch if a keg of gunpowder blew up beside him. Shop vacs, lawn mowers, weed eaters, motorcycles, thunderstorms, and fireworks elicit but a wince. While Scooter, a wire-haired fox terrier, treats loud sounds as if the grim reaper was calling - no way she is going to answer. When it is scary to loud sounds, the dog is scared out.

Fireworks raise havoc with a dog's supersensitive hearing, causing some to jump out of apartment windows, leap or dig under fences, or chew their skin until it's raw. And they may also bolt out an open door to become lost but never return. If you think noise anxiety is not a problem, imagine standing in front of speakers at a Madonna concert with your hearing aids run to full power. You get the picture.

It's not just the noise that bothers them, says Dr. Myrna Milani, a veterinarian and author of "Staying Calm: The story of a big scary event that comes with the noise of Independence Day."

Dog's senses are much more acute than ours. They hear, smell and sense things only imaginable to humans. Because their hearing

Other things you can do include:

- **Progressive desensitization.** A proven way to help your pet is to expose it to commercial recordings of thunderstorms or fireworks and play them at increasing volume. Designate a safe place in your house and play the recordings at low volume - recognizing how acute your pet's hearing is - and give praise and reassurance. As the volume and duration is increased during subsequent sessions, give them tasty treats so they have the expectation of a reward.
- **Mimic mommy.** Mother dogs control and comfort their young by putting pressure on the bridge of their nose or behind their ears. You can mimic this by using a special head collar called a Gentle Leader. It fits around the neck like a belt, goes around the nose and behind the ears.
- **Throw a slumber party.** Remember when you were little and became afraid at night? To protect yourself you pulled the covers over your head. Some things work for pets. In times of trouble, dogs head for small, enclosed places. Dr. Milani recommends unipping a sleeping bag over your pet.
- **Favorite lounging spot** so that your dog can burrow inside and hide.
- **Give tranqu.** Some pets become so tormented by the noise that nothing short of veterinary prescribed tranquilizers will keep them calm. Veterinarians also use herbal sedatives, acupuncture and massage.

blinding flashes of light, and darting children - all of which can trigger a flight or fight response.

Although we try to comfort our pets, Dr. John Trapp, a veterinary behaviorist and adjunct professor at Colorado State University College of Veterinary Medicine says, "Don't reward the fear." What has a calming effect is for them to see that you aren't freaking out. If you remain calm and don't baby them, they'll be closer to learning how to handle loud noises.

The best defense against Fourth of July problems is a good offense. Professional trainers start socializing dogs and making every probable negative experience - such as fireworks and thunderstorms - a positive experience. If a negative experience comes with tasty treats, then your pet is going to at least tolerate it, if not love it. This works best when started as a puppy, but don't give up hope if your dog is already an adult. New behaviors can be learned.

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Eclipse is near miss, but look it up anyway

Throughout the year, the sun seems to trace a path through the stars - a projection of earth's orbit called the ecliptic. The solar system's flat shape means the planets and the moon project much the same ecliptic too. So you'd think the moon and sun would line up frequently, making eclipses commonplace.

Well, flat as the solar system may be, it's not perfectly flat. Every orbit has a slight tilt, including our moon's. Its orbit is tipped about 5 degrees from the ecliptic. So over the course of a month, it wanders a bit north and a bit south of where it would need to be to line up for an eclipse.

Sooner or later, though, the moon will be in the right place at the right time for an eclipse, which happens roughly once a year. During these "eclipse seasons," the moon can wander between earth and sun producing a solar eclipse, or into the earth's shadow from the sun's perspective here it is a total or partial lunar eclipse, or the way



SKYWATCH

Chris Anderson

But not for Idaho. When the sun, earth and moon line up, you only get to see an eclipse if you're in the right place. Solar eclipses require you to be in the moon's relatively small shadow, but solar eclipse viewers need only be somewhere on the side of the earth facing the moon. For us, the eclipse begins minutes after the full moon sets, just before dawn on Thursday. No matter, there's plenty going on in sky. Mars is still putting on its best show in 13 years in the evening sky, while Saturn and Comet LINEAR are emerging from morning twilight.

Which brings me to a bit of error. Last week I incorrectly identified LINEAR as a space probe. In fact, it is a ground-based effort to

track close asteroids (the Massachusetts Near Earth Asteroid Research project).

Next week: Mercury appears in the morning sky and brushes past Jupiter.

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THE KERNS

BUHL - Dr. Stanley and Marcy Kern will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary at a reception on July 8. Friends and relatives are invited to attend from 2 to 5 p.m. at the reception hall near the Moon Glo Village in Buhl.

The Kerns were married July 6, 1951, at the Christian Church in Jefferson, Mo., following his graduation from the University of Iowa Dental School. He practiced in their home town of Burlington,

Iowa, before moving his practice to Buhl. Marcy Kern participated in community and school projects as well as operating Marcy's Gifts. He moved his practice from Buhl to Twin Falls in 1973. She worked at the College of Southern Idaho Buhl Branch in the reception hall near the Moon Glo Village in Buhl.

The couple has four sons - Jim (Nikki) of Twin Falls, Douglas (Frances) of Hailey, Daniel (Carly) of Boise and Richard (Susan) of Lewiston, Ore. They have 11 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

ANNIVERSARY

Stanley and Marcy Kern

Tragedy points to 'disconnected' society

Author says circles of support have broken down

The Dallas Morning News

A 36-year-old Houston woman with a history of depression is accused of drowning her five children in the bathtub of her home. So, once again, a national news story compels millions of Americans to wonder how or why such a heinous crime could happen.

And who, if anyone, could have prevented it.

Shelly Sampson, the suspect's neighbor and herself the mother of five children, said last week, "I just wish that I could have reached out to her. I wish I had known something. I could have said, 'Let me watch your kids for a while. Let me do something.' This is so awful. We just didn't know."

But how much could Sampson or any other neighbor be expected to know? And what could she or he do to prevent it? One of the most tragic stories in recent memory has raised the question: What can the larger community do to provide a support network and prevent such crimes?

In the view of many, a great deal more.

"There could have been so preventable. There's blood on everybody's hands," says Michelle Oberman, professor at DePaul University College of Law and a national expert on infanticide. She is the co-author of *Who Will Kill Their Children: Inside the Minds of Moms from Susan Smith to the Prom Mom*, this month by New York University Press.

"We need to try to figure out how we can break down the barriers that divide neighbor from neighbor these artificial barriers that stop us from knocking on our neighbors' doors," Oberman says. "You don't have to sit and wait for these cases to happen."



Russell Yates receives a hug as he is joined by family and friends during a candlelight vigil outside his home in honor of his five slain children June 22, in Houston.

Because they will."

James Vollbracht, author of *Stopping at Every Lane: Stand Up How to Create a Culture that Cares for Kids* (Penguin USA, \$13), says today's United States offers uneasy harbor to "a disconnected culture, and we're scratching our heads about what to do about it."

Vollbracht contends that "three things have happened" in the last half-century, the first being "a breakdown of the circles of support for families. The first

is the extended family. In 1950, 50 percent of grandparents lived with or near their grandchildren. Now it's 10 percent."

Mom and Dad are increasingly pressured, he says, "and getting blamed for everything. If parents in the past had a bad day, Grandma and Grandpa could step in. And now that's not happening."

He sees the second troubled circle as the neighborhood.

"Again, in successful child raising, neighborhoods are very con-

nected," he says, recalling an era such as the 1950s in which neighborhoods and families were as intertwined as the threads on a sweater. "Now kids come home to unattended homes. Nobody is there, they don't know the neighbors, and it's one of the highest risks during the day for kids."

The third circle involves the schools.

"We now have schools so large that the biggest risk is not necessarily to kids defined as high-risk - it's to those in the middle who get no attention whatsoever because of the size of the school," Vollbracht says. "In the past, we've gotten by - by not paying attention. Now they're shooting the schools up."

Richard Madden, professor of sociology at the University of California at San Diego, co-authored "Habits of the Heart: Individualism and Commitment in American Life" (University of California Press, \$19.95), which contends that individualism has contributed to the breakdown of community in American life.

"We live in an age of paid providers," Madden says. "Child-care, male therapists. In the old neighborhoods, kids who did something wrong got bawled out by the neighbor, even before their parents got involved. So kids developed an understanding of a larger community, one that cared about them and helped steer them in the right direction."

"In modern communities, a kid grows up and is never taken care of by anybody who isn't paid to do it. The idea of being part of a community where people care about you just because you're there doesn't exist anymore."

There's also the popular notion in Mad's 95, which Americans - by themselves, as individuals - can solve all of their problems and take care of all of their needs, without the involvement of the larger community, or even their own extended family.

"There's this feeling of 'You can't trust the schools, you've got to take care of everything yourself,'" he says.



Jade Rubick, founder of the non-profit Stop Abuse For Everyone, an organization that works to help battered men, shows an advocacy poster in Lake Oswego, Ore., earlier this month.

Gender wars: Male-victims become flashpoint of debate

NEW YORK (AP) - Battered men. On the front lines of America's gender wars, few phrases are more polarizing.

That such men exist in America, suffering one-sided physical abuse from their female partners, is widely accepted.

Almost every other aspect of the topic including: the numbers of abused men and the gravity of their plight is heatedly disputed.

It's a debate loaded with mistrust between the genders, with activists on each side seeing the issue as a prime example of the other sex grabbing for power, either by inflicting the suffering of men or ignoring it.

Advocates for battered men cite academic studies asserting that women, although receiving the overwhelming share of victim-support services, engage in domestic violence as often as men.

"Women's groups, and many domestic violence experts, challenge key aspects of those studies and insist that women are far more likely than men to suffer psychological trauma and serious injuries at the hands of their partners."

"Do women batter? Sure, but very often," said Bonnie Campbell, who headed the federal Violence Against Women office under President Clinton.

"The more success we have as a society in highlighting violence against women, the more of a backlash we get," she said. "I view a lot of this talk about battered men as a significant part of that backlash."

Campbell, and others in the field, are proud of the huge strides taken over the past 25 years in raising awareness about domestic abuse of women. But advocates for battered men contend that many of the programs have been politicized by feminist groups with anti-male agendas.

"That you have a government-sponsored sex discrimination," said Philip Cook, the author of "Abused Men: Hidden Victims of Domestic Violence."

"It was appropriate that domestic-violence services and education primarily be focused on women in the '70s and '80s. But now it's time to turn on the rest of the lights on the stage and see who else is out there."

In Minnesota, a group of men has filed lawsuits in U.S. District Court, seeking to quash the state's Battered Women's Act on grounds it discriminates against men.

Cathy Young, a columnist and author of critical feminist organizations, contends that the staff at many battered women's shelters emphasizes feminist consciousness-raising over practical services.

"There are instances of unilateral battering by men, and sometimes it happens the other way," she said. "In many relationships, there's mutual violence, where you can't pin the blame on one person, and that poses a threat to everything predicated on blaming everything on men."

Trying to pin down gender-based statistics for domestic battering is difficult, with activists on each side of the issue studying and surveying their views.

A major survey released last year by the Justice Department and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimated that 15 million American women and 835,000 men are assaulted annually by an "intimate partner" - a current and former spouse, boyfriend or girlfriend, including partners of the same sex.

However, the estimates in the National Violence Against Women survey, based on 16,000 interviews, don't necessarily correlate with being "battered." The assaults included one-time occurrences and acts of self-defense or retaliation.

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Hanging out windows can be hazardous for dogs

Knight Ridder News Service

It's an icon of summer travel. You've seen it repeatedly. You're driving down the highway on a warm, sunny day, and you spot a dog in another car, lolling out the open window.

The dog's floppy flap in the breeze, and the expression on the dog's face suggests that sticking its nose in the wind is the canine equivalent of heaven.

But there's something about this sight that raises a couple of questions.

First, why do dogs love this so much? Second, isn't this not only distracting to the driver but also kind of dangerous?

The answer to the first question comes from Jack Papp, the obedience trainer and owner of Papp's Dog Service in Akron, Ohio. Papp said the key to understanding this peculiar bit of dog behavior is to remember that the canine nose is a much more sensitive, discriminating

organ than that which can be found in the middle of the human face.

"People laugh when I say this, but it simply gives the dog pleasure. It's like sex," Papp said. "Think of it this way. When you walk by a bakery shop, don't you enjoy the smell of bread baking? Dogs are the same way, only more so because their sense of smell is so much more developed."

Papp compared the experience of a dog sniffing the wind at highway speeds to that of a person sightseeing. "And the dog can cover a lot more ground at 55 mph than he could sniffing along the ground."

Consider the canine nose. The Humane Society of the United States notes that dogs have much more powerful olfactory equipment than we humans. While the human nose has about 5 million olfactory receptors embedded in a piece of nasal tissue the size of a postage stamp, some dogs have

more than 200 million receptors in a sheet of tissue folded inside that magnificent muzzle. Unfolded, the nasal tissue would be big enough to cover one-third of the dog's surface area.

At the back of each dog's mouth is an extra olfactory organ called Jacobson's organ, which is connected to the nasal cavity by air ducts. The organ seems to give dogs more precise powers to distinguish between different odors. Think of it as an olfactory turbocharger.

Finally, the part of the canine brain dedicated to processing data from the nose is enlarged. The difference is especially noticeable in scent hounds - including bloodhounds, beagles and basset hounds - who were trained to hunt with their noses.

Trainer Brian Kilcommons, author of the terrific book "Paws To Go!" notes that scent hounds are prone to a condition he calls "nasal-related deafness." What he means is that when a

scent hound's nose becomes engaged, it seems that the ears disengage. Don't expect this kind of behavior if you call once the nose hits the ground and the chase is on.

Having established the magnificence of the muzzle, the next question involves the safety of allowing dogs to drape their olfactory organs outside the car window. As you may have guessed by now, such practices are not much different than driving without seat belts.

Obviously, sudden stops or a crash could cause serious injury to your dog, but the problem goes beyond that.

"The main problem I see involves road eye injuries. Dogs are prone to that," said Mark Kubetin, owner of K-9 Training Systems of Charlestown Township in Portage County, Ohio. "There's also the chance that the dog could get a bug in the eye, which could do some damage at 55 mph."

Their paper, which has been accepted for publication in a forthcoming issue of the *Journal of Family Issues*, suggests that states make policies that would take competing sets of children into account when setting rules for child support.

"Sometimes states act like men only have one group of children to be responsible for," Manning said.

Researchers: Half of absentee fathers have other kids

WASHINGTON (AP) - Half of fathers who live apart from their children are tied to at least one other set of kids, researchers said last week, meaning many dads face complicated decisions about where to spend their time and money.

The study, which was on a survey of households, found that fathers with at least two sets of children in their lives were less

likely to pay child support and less likely to visit the kids who live apart from them.

Researchers examined fathers' lives in a new way in an attempt to measure their competing interests. They counted biological children from different mothers, stepchildren living with them and stepchildren who live elsewhere.

"Men's lives as fathers are much more complicated than we

give them credit for. They're responsible for lots of different children," said Wendy Manning, a sociologist at Bowling Green State University, who conducted the research with colleagues at the University of Michigan and the University of Richmond.

"There's just all kinds of complexities that we often ignore in our effort to understand men's lives."

Secondary schools. Qualified expenses include tuition, uniforms, transportation, room, board, books and computers and are allowable for students at public, private and parochial schools. It would be tough to save a whole lot by the time a child entered first grade, but starting an account for a newborn with the idea of using it, say 14 years later for high school could make sense.

Since many families are only vaguely aware of these savings plans, some explanation is in order. Section 529 of the tax code (hence the name) actually covers two different kinds of college savings programs.

The first kind, while technically also 529 plans, are more commonly referred to as prepaid tuition plans. Many states have been offering these for a number of years.

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Some states are now giving state tax deductions for contributions and a lower exempt distribution as well.

offers the contract (or an amount equal to in-state tuition, if the child opts to go out of state or to a private college). In many cases these plans are restricted to state residents.

Such contracts have achieved modest popularity in states like Virginia, where there is a wide array of plans. However, they have not done as well in states with fewer or less-well-regarded schools.

The other program under Section 529 is the one the new tax law helped to create. These are sometimes referred to as college savings plans, but more generally as 529 plans.

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New tax-cut law helps families get breaks on college savings

The Washington Post

Families interested in saving to finance a child's college education get a number of new benefits under the recently enacted tax-cut law, with the best of the lot for many appearing to be the tax exemption that was bestowed on Section 529 college savings plans.

These plans, operated by the states, have been around since 1997. But proceeds were taxable to the student, making them only modestly better than saving in the child's name, according to some analyses.

The new law changes that. Investment earnings inside the plans remain untaxed. But starting next year distributions to the students will be exempt from federal tax too, as long as the money is used for higher education. This puts them clearly ahead of such options as saving in the child's name via a custodial account or in the parents' name in a fully tax-

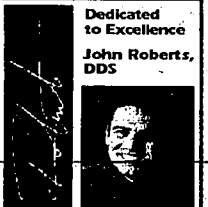
able account.

A number of other restrictions were also removed or eased, further boosting the accounts' appeal.

"I very seldom see coherent legislation coming out of our Congress, but this one makes sense," said Sam Bardsley, vice president for investment tax at T. Rowe Price, the big Baltimore mutual fund operator.

Education IRAs also have been improved and distributions from them for college expenses are tax-exempt as well, but annual contributions are limited to \$2,000 (up from \$500), which makes it tougher to save enough to cover college expenses, especially for late starters. Also, higher-income families - couples with incomes over \$220,000 - are barred from contributing to Education IRAs.

But Education IRAs did get a new benefit that some families will like: Proceeds may be used to pay costs for elementary and sec-



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Coalition honors student for work

TWIN FALLS - Shaylee O'Connor, a Twin Falls High School graduate, was named Asset Builder of the Month for March by the Twin Falls HealthNet Coalition.

O'Connor was a member of the National Honor Society and working on a certified nursing assistant degree.

She is the president of the Magic Valley Tobacco Free Coalition where she works closely with schools and businesses to provide tobacco-free environments.

O'Connor has been instrumental in

drafting a tobacco-free school district policy and having signs placed around the Twin Falls High School football field, the coalition reports. She also devotes many hours tobacco "assets" in her peers by teaching tobacco-free classes and tutoring other students.

The coalition is a group of agencies and people working together to promote "assets," which are defined as developmental building blocks needed by young people to succeed in life.

DANCE FEVER



Zach Paladino and Lanny Gonzales break dance at a West Minico Junior High School talent show to benefit The American Cancer Society's Relay for Life. The event was organized by the Builders Club and students from each grade participated.

FOCUS ON PEOPLE

Egbert accepts nomination from Air Force Academy

Troy Egbert, a 2001 Jerome High School graduate, has accepted a nomination from the U.S. Air Force Academy.

He is the last of David and Ann Egbert's children to deliver the Times-News. The children began delivering the paper in 1973 and at times had three to four papers to deliver every morning, the family says.

The children are Robert (a network engineer in Salt Lake City), Brent (a vacuum distributor), Logan, Utah, Lon (a physical therapist in Elko, Nev.), Richard (an electrical engineer in Salt Lake City), Paul (a civil engineer in Walla Walla, Wash.), Rebecca (a student at Utah State University studying physical education), and Troy.

Osborne of Hagerman earns BSU scholarship

Carrie Osborne, a Boise State University student from Hagerman, was awarded a Francis-Woods Charitable scholarship.

Osborne, a sophomore majoring in elementary education, is the daughter of Layne and Judy Osborne of Hagerman High School in 1999.

Activities association honors students

Senior students from 26 Magic Valley high schools were honored by the Fourth District Activities Association.

The seniors were recognized for their scholastic performance, athletic and activity participation, and displaying outstanding qualities of leadership, citizenship and responsibility in their respective schools.

The honored students are as follows:

- Bliss: Melena Sawyer
- Burley: Chance Asher, Janelle Briston, Stacey Carter, Shanna Hines and Joe Scott Peterson
- Buhl: Sean Van Elderen, Hattie Raean, Hiatt, John "Ty" Poupwell and Katie Williamson
- Camas County: Ashley Dalin and Russel Schiermeier
- Carey: Jonathan Rivera and Drew Simmons
- Castlerey: Jake Bokma and Amy Schofield
- Declo: Stierling Anderson, Marcee

Monroe, David Brent Webb and Amy Zoller

Districts: Rashell Astle and Stetson Phil Weber

Filer: Crystal Koch; Jesse Lassen, Josh Peterson and Skyler Richards

Glenns Ferry: Chance Gennette, Andrea K. Johnson and Candace Laib

Gooding: Sadie Cheney, Mathew Doman, Leisa Goodman and Matt Rigby

Hagerman: Lindsey Choiles and Brandon Knight

Hansen: Amanda McAhren and Rachel Stanger

Jerome: Beth Greenwood, Maricela Madrigal, Allison Marshall, Ben Newman, Dusty Schwaneveldt

Kimberly: Sean Egbert, Wes Hopwood, Karissa Maier and Carly Schneider

Magic Valley Christian: Jacqueline Sweet and Sarah Lincoln

Kinayok: Andy Coats, Cody Cooper, Adam Cox, Lisa Patterson, and Kay Story

Murtaugh: Kenny Roseborough and Ashley Ward

Okada: Emily Bedke and Steve Burch

Raft River: Amy Carpenter and Amber Nye

Richfield: Blaise Exon and Wayne Yornin

Shoshone: Matt Alexander and Krista Pendleton

Twin Falls: Paige Allen, Joel Brown, Amy Conover, Brandon Nielsen and Ashley Pfefferle

Valley: Rob Black, Derek Malone and Michelle Praegeritz

Wendell: Tiffany Davis, Brett Lancaster and Marty Solomons

Wood River: Cory Goicoechea, Max Paisley, Jeremy Hayward and Erin Bashoy

Students graduate from George Fox University

Magic Valley residents graduated from George Fox University in Portland, Ore. at April 28.

Erin Shank of Filer earned a bachelor's of arts degree in writing and literature, graduating cum laude. She is the daughter of Randy Shank of Filer and Arlene Evans of Kimberly.

John Wilkinson Varin of Fairfield received a bachelor's of science degree in business and economics with an emphasis on management, graduating summa cum laude. He is the son of Jack and Cindy Varin of Fairfield. Varin also was selected as an outstanding student by the university Department of Business and Economics.

Woman graduates from West Virginia college

Fumela (Hatshard) Donley graduated from Shoptack College in West Virginia on May 19.

She received the Joseph McMurray Academic Honors award in accounting. The award is the highest academic honor granted by the college, her family says.

Donley is the daughter of Robert and Arlene Hatmaker of Rupert and Francie Hepper of Boise and the granddaughter of Begie Hatmaker of Jerome.

She grew up in Burley, graduating from Burley High School in 1989. In 1990, she graduated at the top of her class from ITT Technical Institute's associate accounting course and joined the U.S. Coast Guard, serving four years.

In 1998, she enrolled at Shepard. She has interned with the Department of Energy and a CPA firm.

She is married to Doug Donley and they have two Daug.

Students earn Governor's Challenge Award

Several Magic Valley students won Governor's Challenge Awards for those who want to further their education at an Idaho college, university or professional-technical school.

The funds are raised at the annual three-day Governor's Challenge event in Sun Valley, which last year raised a record \$147,000 through golf, tennis, trap shooting and fly fishing participation.

The scholarship is \$3,000 per year renewable for four years at acad.

ARBOR DAY ARTISTS

In commemoration of Arbor Day, fifth grade students were asked to draw posters showing the importance of trees. Winners from Blinlock County were Brock Catmull of Paul Elementary, Allio Thain of Acquila Elementary, Whitney Teeter of Heyburn Elementary and Stacy Tarbet of Big Valley Elementary. Stacy also won first place in the Idaho state contest. Each child was presented with a certificate and T-shirt from the National Arbor Day Foundation at Lincoln Park in Rupert.



TRINA TELFER/The Times-News

GOOD DEEDS



Boy Scouts set out flags on veterans' graves at Sunset Memorial Park in Twin Falls for the Memorial Day holiday. Among them were Cub Scouts from Pack 68, from left to right, Tyler Dixon, Justin East, Loring Brock and Matthew Keith. The flags were provided by the American Legion. This was a great learning experience for the boys and involved aspects of history, America's fight for freedom and democracy, and recognizing the contributions others have made for them, Scout leaders say.

Carey School announces honor roll

CAREY - Carey School announced the following honor roll students:

Sixth grade: Todd Adamson, Allison Bingham, Emily Olsen, Allen Peck and Seren Shaffer; seventh grade: Ananda Hill, Natalie Hill, Whitney Peck, Jessica Reitz, Devin Simpson, Brenna Stewart, Carole (Caitlin) Dill, Todd Green and Rayanne Hennefer; eighth grade: Derrick Patterson, Melissa Peck, Jessica Gomez, Brook McAfee, Shannon Roseberry and Matthew Tremmel; ninth grade: Matt Adamson, Bryan Ellsworth and Katrina Harwood; 10th grade: Jesse Mohrman, Seth Adamson, Ginger Bingham, Devon Campbell, Robert Ellsworth, Yaelia Gomez, Shawn Hennefer, Nicole McAfee, Joseph Patterson, Koko Peck, Pamela Reitz, Jose Ruiz, Leilica Ruiz and Deary Steyer.

11th grade: Jacqueline Gomez; Tiffany Kimball, Karen Patterson, Mindy Patterson, Annette Peck, Tamara Adamson, Andrea Ellsworth, Ismael Manuza, Amy Rivers, Julie Royal and Laynee Stocking

12th grade: Caleb Harmon, Tony Howard, Israel Ocampo, Jessica Rathke, Jonathan Rivera, Dawn Simmons, Bryan Sparks, Jude Ringham, Ley Jay Cook, Alex Patterson, Julia Radomkna and Christina, Sil

Students win conservation poster contest

TWIN FALLS - The Twin Falls, Snake River and Balanced Rock conservation districts announced the winners from their 2001 poster contest.

Almost 130 fifth and sixth-grade students from across Twin Falls County participated in this year's contest. The 2001 theme was "Habitat for Life" and students learned about natural resources as they created their posters, the districts say.

Twin Falls Soil and Water Conservation District fifth grade winners:

- First place - Jordan Jarvis, Clover Luthern School
- Second place - Cassie Vierstra, Filer Middle School
- Third place - Nicole Thom, Clover Luthern School
- Snake River Soil and Water Conservation District fifth grade winners:
 - First place - Brittany Cadwell, Immanuel Lutheran School
 - Second place - Rob Parrish, Immanuel Lutheran School
 - Third place - Willard Mumm, Immanuel Lutheran School
 - Fourth place - Jessica Beaver, Hansen Elementary
 - Fifth place - Natalie Doann, Hansen Elementary
 - Sixth place - Brett Loveless, Hansen Elementary

Overall winners:

 - These posters will represent the Snake River Conservation District at the division contest next October:
 - First place - Teresa Unruh, Deep Creek Memorial School
 - Second place - Mattin Regher, Deep Creek Memorial School
 - Third place - Justin Maple, Buhl Middle School
 - Fourth place - Guadalupe Cuevas, Buhl Middle School
 - Fifth place - Will Chivers, Buhl Middle School

Kimberly School District sponsors 'child find'

KIMBERLY - Kimberly School District is sponsoring "child find" activities to identify and serve children with disabilities from age 3-21.

The children may have difficulty walking, talking, hearing, learning or may display behaviors that appear different from other children their age.

For more information, call Chris Charlton, special education director, at 423-4170, Ext. 3312, or the school district office at 423-4170, Ext. 3308.

Cassia Regional Medical offers refresher course

BURLEY - Cassia Regional Medical Center is offering a refresher course for anyone who has previously taken childbirth classes from 7-9 p.m. Tuesday in the

board room.

This class will address breathing, pain control, question and answer period, as well as inclusion of a tour of the birth center.

The cost is \$10. It can also be taken as part of the birthing series for \$20, which offers several other classes.

Jerome County Fair accepts art, photo entries

JEROME - The Jerome County Fair will be held July 24-28.

Art and photo departments will accept entries from 12-7 p.m. July 21 and from 12-5 p.m. July 22. All exhibits must be in a frame and have a secure wire hanger with eyelet with no sawtooth hangers. This includes photographs that are 5 by 7 inches, 8 by 10 inches and 11 by 14 inches.

Art and photography judging will be held July 23-24. The fair will

open after the parade at 6 p.m. July 24.

For more information, call Ada at 326-2825 or Xandra at 324-2795.

American Red Cross holds blood drive in Jerome

JEROME - The American Red Cross will hold a blood drive from 12-5:45 p.m. Thursday at St. Jerome's Parish Hall, 216 Second Ave. E.

Shoshone Rehabilitation seeks recipes for book

SHOSHONE - Shoshone Rehabilitation and Living Center is seeking recipes for a community cookbook.

Recipes should be sent with a photo of the sender and a story of how the recipe turns out. The deadline is July 10.

Recipes should be mailed to Heather Williams, c/o Shoshone Rehabilitation and Living Center, PO Box 8, Shoshone, ID 83352 or dropped off at 511 E. Fourth, Shoshone.

CSI offers beginning sculpture class this month

TWIN FALLS - The Community Education Center at the College of Southern Idaho will offer a Beginning Sculpture I class from 7-9 p.m. Wednesdays, July 10-31 in room 113 of the art complex at CSI.

Students will receive initial instruction in anatomy and design from a professional sculptor, construct a project using inexpensive clay and build a simple armature to support the clay. The final sculpture can be baked in a conventional oven and completed in a variety of finishes.

The cost is \$50 plus about \$12 in supplies.

For more information or to register, call 733-9554, Ext. 2290.

La Leche League of Magic Valley changes meetings

TWIN FALLS - La Leche League of Magic Valley will hold meetings at 10 a.m. the second Thursday starting July 12 and at 7 p.m. the

first Tuesday starting in August at KMYT's Community Room, 1100 Blue Lakes Blvd. N., Twin Falls.

The club offers current information and mother-to-mother support. Children are welcome.

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ANNIVERSARIES

THE HOLYS THE HIEBS

RUPERT - Gene and Hildegard Holy and Art and Dorothy Hieb will be honored for their 50th wedding anniversary at a dual celebration on Thursday. Close friends and family are invited to join them at 6 p.m. at the Rupert Elks Lodge. A light buffet reception will be held with a program and dancing. The couples request no gifts.

Gene Holy and Hildegard Hieb were married Dec. 26, 1950, in the Presbyterian Church in Elko, Nev., by the Rev. Harold VanZee.

Gene's occupation was auto body repair and painting for 46 years, being self-employed for 29 years. He retired in 1992 with their son, Gary Holy, taking over the business. Hildegard was a stay-at-home mom until the children were raised. She then was employed by the Rupert Post Office as a substitute rural carrier, which developed into a full-time job until 1993 when she retired after 21 years of employment. The couple has two children, Shelly Holy of Hailey and Gary (Beverly) Holy of Rupert. They have four grandchildren, two of which are serving in the armed forces.

Art Hieb and Dorothy Lemke were married March 13, 1951, in



Hildegard and Gene Holy



Dorothy and Art Hieb



Eugene and Sylvia Hite



the Presbyterian Church of Elko, Nev. Art moved with his family to Idaho from North Dakota in 1941. He was a farmer, builder, musician, welder and inventor. He owned and operated Hieb Equipment in Paul, where he invented and built many pieces of equipment. Dorothy was a homemaker and mother. She worked at Lloyd's Floral, Janer's

Floral, Minidoka Pharmacy, and worked at Nancy's Rupert Floral on her days off. She is currently working at Nancy's Rupert Floral. They spend the winter in Yuma, Ariz. The couple has three sons, Virgil (Paula) Hieb, Ron (Debbie) Hieb and Rupert (Candy) Hieb, all of Rupert. They have 11 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

THE HITES

JEROME - Eugene 'Gene' and Sylvia Hite will be honored at an open house on Saturday for their 60th wedding anniversary. Friends and relatives are invited to attend a reception from 1:30 to 4 p.m. at the Best Western Sawtooth Inn, 2653 S. Lincoln, Jerome. The couple requests no gifts.

Hite and Sylvia Silver were married on July 7, 1941, at the Silver family home south of Jerome.

Following their marriage, the couple began farming southwest of Jerome and have lived on their own farm since 1945. Many area citizens have become familiar with the big red barn on the Hites' Double H Ranch on Bob Barton Road. While most of the farm land was sold in 1988, the Hites retained the family home and a few acres of land.

In addition to farming, Gene formed Hite Construction in 1960 and is well known as an experienced building contractor and skilled cabinet maker.



He is a past member of the Jerome County Mounted Sheriff's Posse and the Valley Flying Club.

She was employed by the Selective Service Office and the Office of Price Administration during World War II. When the children were in school, she returned to work in the private business sector in office management and as a licensed public accountant. She graduated with an associates of arts degree from the College of Southern Idaho. She is a past member of Jeroma Toastmistress Club and a cur-

rent member of the Order of Eastern Star, Chapter 54.

They are charter members of the Bible Baptist Church in Jerome.

They have enjoyed traveling in the Americas, Europe, Asia, Africa and Australia during the last 30 years.

THE CLEMENTSES

TWIN FALLS - Mr. and Mrs. Ken Clements of Twin Falls will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on Monday. A private family dinner is planned for July 21.

Clements and Alice Murphy were married July 2, 1951, at the Hazelton Presbyterian Church. They lived in California before moving to Twin Falls in 1993.

He worked at GTE for 35 years. She worked at South Whittier School District in Whittier, Calif.

THE STRIEGELS

GOODING - Mr. and Mrs. Edward Striegel celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on May 3. The family will celebrate the event with a gathering on July 4.

He spent the war years as an electrician at shipyards near Chicago. They moved to Richfield in 1951 to take over operation of the Richfield Telephone Company. They sold the company and moved to Boise in 1968. After retirement, they spent 10 years traveling the United States in their trailer. In 1991, they bought a home in Gooding and spend the summers there and winter in Yuma.

Their children are Donna (Lew) Pence of Gooding, Bill (Pam) Striegel of Gig Harbor, Wash., and Ann (Tony) Felton of Boise. They have nine grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.



Ken and Alice Clements

Clements of Mira Loma, Calif., and Janice Brown, deceased.

The couple has four grandchildren and one great-grandchild.



Monica and Leo Gihring

THE GIHRINGS

BUHL - Leo and Monica Gihring will be honored at an open house on Saturday for their 50th wedding anniversary. Friends and relatives are invited to attend from 5 to 8 p.m. at their home, 1770 E. and 3500 N., Buhl. No gifts, please.

Gihring and Monica Frey were married Feb. 25, 1951, at St. John's Lutheran Church in Idaho Falls.

They made their first home in Twin Falls and, in 1958, they moved to their present home in the Clover area. They farmed until 1991 when he began to ride ditch for the Twin Falls Canal Co. and operate the Clover Irrigation Pumping Co. pumps. He retired after the 1999 season. The event is hosted by their children, Barbara (Gene) Gihring of Bremerton, Wash., Ron (Jill) Gihring of Logan, Utah, and Debra Williams of Longmont, Colo., and their six grandchildren.



Frances and Edward Striegel



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ENGAGEMENTS

NUTSCH-LARSEN

JEROME - Roger and Susan Nutsch of Jerome announce the engagement of their daughter, Rae Jean Nutsch, to Raymond Larsen, son of Michael and Ann Larsen of Jerome.

Nutsch is a graduate of Jerome High School and the College of Southern Idaho. She is employed at the College of Southern Idaho in Twin Falls.

Larsen is a graduate of Jerome High School. He is self-employed in Jerome.

The wedding is planned for

SHUPE-STALEY

GOODING - Stan and Sharon Shupe of Gooding announce the engagement of their daughter, Janette Lois Shupe, to Richard Eric Staley, son of Dick and Jeanne Staley of Gooding.

Shupe is a graduate of Gooding High School and Washington State University in Pullman, Wash.

Staley is a graduate of West Valley High School in Yakima, Wash., and Washington State University. He is employed by Mattawa School District in Mattawa, Wash.

CHANDLER-LEITCH

TWIN FALLS - Dean Chandler of Buhl and Delilah Sayles of Twin Falls announce the engagement of their daughter, Nicole Chandler, to Rob Leitch, son of Robert and Colleen Leitch of Buhl.

Chandler graduated from Castleford High School. She is currently employed at Don's Turfway in Buhl.

Leitch attended Buhl schools and is self-employed in the trucking business with his father.

The wedding is planned for



Raymond Larsen and Rae Jean Nutsch

July 14 at St. Jerome's Catholic Church in Jerome.



Rachel Idso and Mike McAuley

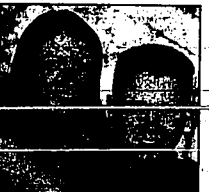
IDSO-MCAULEY

TWIN FALLS - Jon and Shan Idso of Twin Falls announce the engagement of their daughter, Rachel Idso, to Mike McAuley, son of Frank McAuley of Twin Falls.

Idso is a graduate of Crown College in St. Bonifacius, Minn. She is employed by the Twin Falls School District.

McAuley is a graduate of the College of Southern Idaho's Adult Education Department. He is also employed by the Twin Falls School District.

The wedding is planned for Saturday at the White House in Twin Falls. A reception will follow the ceremony.



Janette Shupe and Richard Staley

The wedding is planned for Saturday.



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Libra - let go of relationship

IF JULY 1ST IS YOUR BIRTHDAY - you are an original thinker. You are daring, possess pioneering spirit. You can handle a degree of being passionate. While you are concerned, you are serious. Leo, Aquarius persons play major roles in your life, could have these letters, initials in names: A, S, T, D, U, R, I, N, G, M, O, N, E, Y, R, E, L, A, T, I, O, N, S, B, E, G, I, N, S, O, F, E, N, D, S. In August, you make fresh start in new direction, could be "madly in love."

ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 19): You see college today that might be prohibited from doing. Compensation comes from anonymous source. Gemini figures prominently.

TALISMAN (May 21-June 20): Lie low, play waiting game. Be aware of details, including proper measurements. Rebuild, rewrite. What had been rejected could now be accepted.

GENIUS (May 21-June 20): Emphasis on Mercury "ruling planet." This means your success via written word. Read and teach. Filtration your serious

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CANCER (June 21-July 22): Your kind of day! Focus on home, family and production of luxury items. Music plays, dance as well as over time. Libra persons play key roles.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): There is a government job waiting if you so desire. Terms will be defined, get promises in writing. Please play outstanding role. Lucky number is 7.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): What seemed to be a fruitless journey could be transformed into a profitable enterprise. Relative invites you to "join me in business," Capricorn represented.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Let go of relationship that finds you being taken for granted. Open lines of communication; someone wants to "tell you something." Aries plays major role.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Cycle moves up. Take initiative in making fresh start in new direction. Circumstances work in your favor. Get jump on opportunity. Make requests in writing.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Look behind scenes; mysterious circumstances require your investigation. Someone may not have valid information or may be deceiving you. Beware.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Accent diversity, versatility. Give full play to intellectual curiosity. Many of your hopes, desires will be fulfilled. You could be flirting with fame, fortune.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Green light flashes for you to proceed with project. Rebuild, address your safety risk. You excel in sensuality, sex appeal. Know when to say, "Enough is enough!"

PISCES (Feb. 19-Mar. 20): Be prepared for sudden change in itinerary. Make requests in writing. You could encounter future mate. Flirtation is getting hot and heavy. Sagittarius involved.

Report your tips as part of income

Knight Ridder News Service

Q. I'm a waitress, and I have to admit that I normally don't report tips as part of my income. A friend suggested that I start reporting them. Do I have to?

A. Anyone one earns tips should report them as part of their income. When you pay Social Security taxes on your tips, you'll be earning protection for you and your family against loss of income if you retire or become disabled. You'll also claim protection for your family if you die.

Q. Can I get more Social Security credits by working more than one job?

A. The maximum number of Social Security credits that a person can get in a year is four. In 2001, you receive one credit for every \$830 of covered earnings up to the four-credit maximum. Most people are easily able to obtain the maximum credit each year, so you need to work a second job to obtain them.

However, an additional job may increase your earnings base and give you a higher benefit

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amount when you retire. For more information, check out our Web site - <http://www.ssa.gov/> - or call 1-800-755-7277 and request the booklet, "Retirement Benefits."

Q. I can't afford my Medicare premiums and I heard that if a person has limited income and assets that there's some kind of assistance to help pay these expenses. Is this true? Do I apply at the Social Security office?

A. It's true that if you have Medicare hospital insurance (Part A) and your income and assets are below certain limits, you may qualify for help with Medicare expenses. You may qualify if your monthly income is not more than \$987 for an individual or \$1,327 for a couple and if you have assets of no more than \$4,000 for an individual or \$6,000 for a couple, not counting the home where you live and some other items, like one car. Also, some states use higher lim-

its and, even if you income is slightly higher, you may get help in paying a small part of your medical insurance premium. To apply for the Medicare Savings Program to help with your Medicare costs, contact your state or local Medicaid, social services or welfare office for more information.

Q. How do I apply for Medicaid?
A. In many states a Supplemental Security Income application filed with Social Security is also an application for Medicaid. Otherwise, you will need to contact your local medical assistance office to file an application for Medicaid. They will determine if you qualify for help in paying your medical and hospital bills. They may also help pay your Medicare premiums, deductibles and co-insurance.

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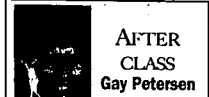
Remember the holiday's meaning

On July 4, 1776, our forefathers declared the independence of our 13 tiny colonies from Great Britain - at that time, the most powerful nation on earth. This declaration was the first in history - the first time a colony belonging to a greater nation had dared to question that nation's authority. Since that time other countries have followed our lead, but we were the first.

The Fourth of July is coming up on Wednesday, and we will be inundated with parades, picnics and fireworks, but I wonder how many of us will stop and think of what we are actually celebrating.

John Leno, in his people-on-the-street interviews, asks a supposedly well-educated lady, "Who led our armies during the Revolutionary War?" She had no idea that George Washington, our first president, was also the general who led us to victory. It made me feel sad that a man so brave and so important to our history could be so easily forgotten.

I know that the majority of us



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tend to live in the present, looking forward to the future, while caring little or not considering it vital to remember the past. But I do think that, at least on this commemorative holiday, we should pause and give a bit of contemplation to where we might be had our founding fathers not had the foresight to believe that the people, rather than dictators or monarchs, had the right to rule themselves and that it was possible for those people to actually succeed.

The men who signed the Declaration of Independence, written by Thomas Jefferson, understood that in the signing they were committing treason, and that the penalty for treason

was death. They also understood that our 13 little colonies would be plunged into a war for which we were ill-prepared, and that this war would not only be against Great Britain, but would be a civil war as well, for many in this country were Loyalists.

The men who signed that great document were not poor men; many were wealthy and realized that their wealth relied to a great extent on Great Britain. They were, in general, very well-educated so that this was not a spur-of-the-moment decision. They knew they might lose their livelihoods, their families and their very lives, yet they pledged their "lives, their fortunes and their sacred honor" to the cause of freedom.

On this Fourth of July, in the midst of a fun-filled holiday, let us at least pause a moment and remember. We owe them that and so much more.

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Stroke survivors find Web site useful

The Stamford Advocate

A stroke occurs when the blood flow to the brain is interrupted; in the United States, it is the leading cause of death because they are no longer able to receive the oxygen and nutrients they need to function.

The symptoms of a stroke are quite distinct. Signs include sudden weakness in the face, arm or leg, particularly on one side of the body; sudden confusion or trouble speaking; sudden trouble seeing in one or both eyes; trouble walking or maintaining balance; and a severe headache with no known cause.

Nationwide, about 4 million Americans are living with the consequences of stroke. The National Stroke Association helps these individuals and many others by reducing the incidence and impact of strokes.

The organization's Web site, www.stroke.org, provides a wealth of information on the topic. In addition to basic facts and updates on diagnosis and treat-

ments, the site features survivor and caregiver resources in the form of links to regional chapters of the National Stroke Association and support groups, which are organized by state and region.

It is a look and feel: The site's home page offers visitors the option of viewing a multimedia show on stroke or heading straight to the informational pages. Inside, the main page offers the links most frequently viewed by other visitors (for example, most common stroke symptoms and rehabilitation tips) in addition to sections such as Survivor and Caregiver Resources and Prevention Programs. A search function and a site map are available, as is information about the organization's goals. One of the more bothersome aspects of the site is a screen that pops up with annoying frequency to pitch a three-month subscription to the organization's newsletter. Delete the pop-up screen whenever you run into it.

• A quick tour: For most view-

ers, it probably makes sense to start off by viewing the pages on the site that are most frequently scanned by others. Links to these are on the site's main page.

If you need resources, tap into the Resources section.

To find out more about preventing a stroke, head to the site's impressive array of prevention tools including an outline of the Stroke Prevention Guidelines released by the National Stroke Association in 1998 and a self-administered stroke risk assessment.

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Documents should comply with rules

Q. Since we retired and purchased our motor home three years ago, my wife and I travel and spend a lot of time in several different states. We give our children our itinerary when we leave to take our cell phone to make sure we can remain in contact. We also carry in our glove compartment our powers of attorney and health care powers of attorney from our state of residence, just in case. But we read recently that we might have problems with our health care documents being valid in another state. Is this true? And if so, how can we make sure we are protected?

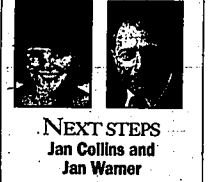
A. Because each state legislature regulates its own documents, there is a lack of uniformity from state to state regarding health care powers of attorney and living wills.

While the majority of state laws provide that out-of-state documents are valid to the extent they comply with local law, forms and procedural requirements differ from state to state.

And, in some instances, the kinds of medical decisions that can be delegated to the agent may be limited despite the clear expressed intent of the principal.

The best solution to this confusing mess for travelers like yourselves is to prepare and sign health care documents that comply with the laws of the states where you spend the most time. So long as you and your wife understand the options and procedural requirements for signing, you can pick up copies of these documents in each state.

To further complicate matters, some health care providers have become apprehensive about the possible differences in the choices made by a competent person well in advance of a health crisis.



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ness and the choices which would actually be made if that individual faced an imminent life-threatening illness, at the time of the decision.

To alleviate this potential problem, assuming your choices have not changed, it would be a good idea to attach a dated memorandum to your health care documents every two years or so to confirm your choices. If you change your minds, you should sign new documents.

Q. I have been concerned about the disclosure of information from my mother's medical records at the nursing facility where she is currently, a resident. Her room is near the nursing station and, while I was visiting last week, I was shocked to discover a nurse and a doctor talking about my mother's lack of progress and what they referred to as the "sourpuss" disposition of my mother's roommate. My mother and her roommate may be ill, but they both can hear. And so can everyone else within earshot. Does this not breach my mother's right to privacy, and how should I handle this?

A. You have cause for concern. Each resident has a right to privacy with regard to his or her personal and clinical records and, the right to have those records kept confidential.

Discussions about medical conditions by staff should take place in a conference room, not in a breach the duty of confidentiality.

To us, this means that chit-chat about patients in earshot of other patients and family members is inappropriate. We realize that staff members are very busy, the public discussions as you describe are inexcusable. We suggest that you air your concerns to the administrator where we are sure, will take remedial action.

Q. My 80-year-old mother lives on the West Coast and is planning to sell her condo and move east to be near me and my family. My sister, the new live-in Mom, is moving overseas. Mom has about \$50,000 in CDs and will have another \$80,000 or so from the sale of her condo. I read somewhere that if she runs out of money she needs to go into a nursing home, the state where she now lives is a better place to be. Can she move in with me and keep her permanent residence there so she can receive favorable treatment if she needs nursing home care?

A. Whatever you think you may have read is wrong. Medicaid is a federal program that establishes guidelines that are in part set by each state in somewhat different fashions. If your mother is living with you, needs long-term care and can't pay for it, and meets the medical criteria, the rules of your state of residence will be what may keep a bank account, will govern.

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