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Breaking the bank

Jerome County's insurance can't cover tort claims

By John T. Huddy
Times-News writer

JEROME — Jerome County does not have enough insurance to cover more than \$17 million in tort claims stemming from a fatal shooting which left two sheriff's deputies and a drug suspect dead. The county is covered for \$2 million in liability insurance per incident by the Idaho Counties Risk Management Program,

which handles insurance for 38 Idaho counties. The comprehensive insurance covers law enforcement claims.

Jerome County's insurance coverage is hardly enough to cover the \$17.4 million total in tort claims filed by the families of three victims of a Jan. 3 shooting in Eden.

A \$2.4 million tort claim was filed by James Moulson's family in May. A \$5 million tort claim

was filed by Phillip Anderson's family on June 29.

Moulson, 30, and Anderson, 23, were killed in a shootout while attempting to serve a search warrant for illegal drugs at the Eden home of George Timothy Williams, 47, Williams, a suspected drug dealer, was also killed during the fight.

According to Jerome County Sheriff Jim Weaver, Williams started firing at deputies when

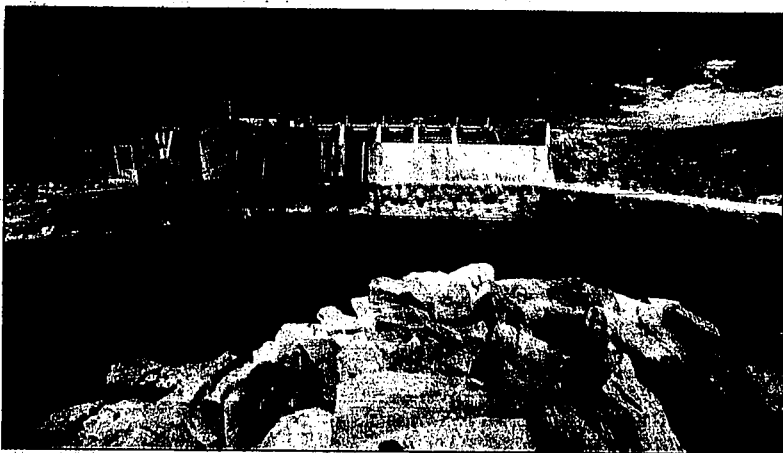
they entered his home. A trace amount of marijuana was found in Williams' home after the gunfight.

The claims from the families of Anderson and Moulson allege that the Jerome County Sheriff's Department acted recklessly when serving the warrant.

In addition to those claims, Williams' family has demanded

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Irrigators could turn to courts



After a long, dry winter, barely a trickle of water passes through Milner Dam into the Snake River. Even though the Twin Falls Canal Co. has one of the best water rights on the river, deliveries to users have had to be cut.

Canal companies consider water rights defense

By Jennifer Sandmann
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Across the Snake River Plain canal levels are lowering or running dry, exposing the long-unresolved issue of whether groundwater pumping is depleting the water supply of surface water irrigators who hold senior water rights.

Local senior water right holders are discussing whether it's time to take legal action to try to spur a resolution, but they say they have much to consider before making such a choice.

"Where we have had to cut back in delivery of water, it is certainly something we are thinking about," said John Honcik, chairman of the Twin Falls Canal Co. board. "Right

now we have to start to plunge into something that would be expensive and time consuming.

If a senior water right holder moves to defend a water right, it sends off a chain reaction.

"We would hate to curtail or injure somebody's farming operation," he said.

The Twin Falls Canal Co. Wednesday reduced water deliveries to its irrigators below a full share — from five-eighths



In 1997, the problem was the reverse. Peak flows over the dam that summer topped more than 20,000 cubic feet per second.

of a miner's inch to half a miner's inch. The problem is that the canal companies are making deliveries reduced to half a miner's inch.

Irrigators with senior water rights have priority over junior right holders because of Idaho's first-in-time, first-in-right water doctrine. The principle is clouded by the impact of junior right holders pumping groundwater

that feeds seniors' surface water right.

The Twin Falls and Northside canal companies operate canal systems that begin at Milner Dam. They have long said that irrigators pumping groundwater above American Falls are siphoning water from the springs from the Eastern Snake River Platin Aquifer that feed

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Senator urges wise water use

By John T. Huddy
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TWIN FALLS — Calling it the worst drought that he's ever seen, state Sen. Larry Craig encouraged farmers and ranchers to bear with the burdensome times and work to manage their operations and water use as best they can.

Craig met with various state and federal government agency representatives, local officials and concerned residents at a drought symposium meeting Saturday in Twin Falls.

Craig said help will likely come, with short-term and long-term financial aid to farmers getting hit hard by this year's drought.

But Craig also said farmers must do their best to hang in there and manage their water use wisely.

"Every operation is different," Craig said in an interview with *The Times-News* before Saturday's meeting. "We can make some basic programs

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Missile hits its mark

Interceptor destroys mock warhead

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A missile interceptor soared into the skies over a tiny Pacific Isle Saturday and destroyed its target, a mock nuclear warhead traveling through space, the Pentagon said.

It was the Bush administration's first test of the "hit-to-kill" technology it hopes will become a key element of a missile defense network.

At 11:09 p.m. EDT, exactly the scheduled moment of collision between the interceptor and the warhead, an enormous white flash appeared at the planned impact point 144 miles above the earth's surface.

Military officials said minutes later that their tracking data showed a direct hit.

Reporters monitoring the test from a video-conference room in the Pentagon could see the white flash. The video then switched to the mission control room on Kwajalein Atoll in the Pacific, where military and civilian officials who were running the test broke into a loud cheer, clapped hands and punched fists into the air.

The interceptor missile was launched from Kwajalein 21 minutes after its target, a modified Minuteman II intercontinental-range missile equipped with a mock warhead, roared toward the heavens from a launch pad 4,800 miles away at Vandenberg Air Force Base, Calif.

Navigating by the stars and by information transmitted from a ground station on Kwajalein, the interceptor's weapon, known as a "kill vehicle," was to ram the mock warhead 144 miles above the earth's surface. The force of impact would obliterate the warhead, thus the term "hit-to-kill," as distinct from other approaches such as detonating an explosive in the flight path of the target.

The test schedule called for the "kill vehicle," a 120-pound device with its own propulsion, communications, infrared seeker and guidance and control systems, to reach the planned impact point in space about eight minutes after the launch from Kwajalein.

The Coast Guard and Air Force arrested two Greenpeace environmental activists after they swam to shore from an inflatable raft moored off the central California coast, said Air Force Sgt. Rebecca Bonilla. The arrest delayed the launch by two minutes, she said.

The swimmers were among a small group of Greenpeace who tried unsuccessfully to stop the launch, said Carol Gregory, a spokeswoman for the group.

Gregory was riding on the outcome of Saturday's test than a year ago, when a failed interception sealed President Clinton's decision to put off initial steps toward deploying a national missile defense.

Bush has made clear he would proceed with an accelerated testing program regardless of the outcome Saturday.

Klamath Basin protesters won't give up

The Associated Press

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore. — Federal marshals took farmers by surprise early Saturday morning, shutting down a canal head gate protesters had partially opened the night before.

About a dozen people used a crowbar to partially open a canal head gate at the Klamath irrigation project on Friday, the fourth time someone has tried to forceful release water that is being held back by federal officials to protect endangered and threatened fish.

But federal marshals entered by

a back entrance at 6 a.m. Saturday and closed the head gate.

The marshals made no arrests — even though the protesters had broken federal law.

"We just wanted to make sure no one was going to get hurt," said U.S. Marshal Reg Madison. Last April, the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation decided to stop providing water to 90 percent of the land in the Klamath Project in favor of endangered sucker fish in Upper Klamath Lake and threatened coho salmon in the Klamath River.

Since the water was shut off,

farms with no other source of water have been forced to sell off cattle, let pastures and hay fields go brown and give up annual plantings of potatoes, grain and other crops.

Angry groups had wrenched open the head gates three times previously, most recently on July 4.

The Bureau of Reclamation closed the head gate each time, citing the Endangered Species Act, which prohibits federal agencies from doing anything to jeopardize

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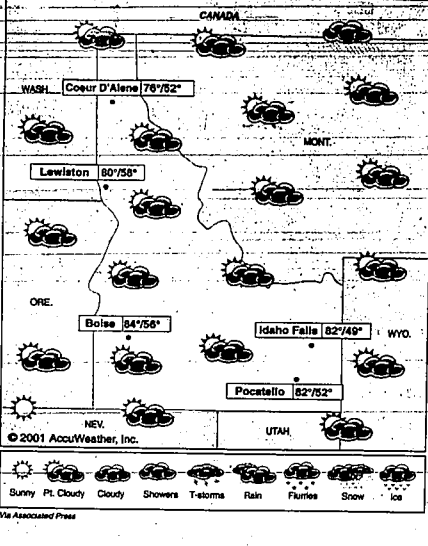
A lone protester stands surrounded by algae while an upside-down U.S. flag waves in the breeze Saturday near the Upper Klamath Lake headgate.

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available. But they (farmers and ranchers) are going to have to manage it. The federal government is not the savior nor should it be. But we can, in some instances, help soften the blow."

Jack Blackwell, U.S. Forest Service regional director out of Ogden, Utah, said water availability will be further reduced this year.

Grazing allotments will be looked at on a case by case basis, he said.

"Both the livestock industry and the Forest Service is a letter to U.S. Agriculture Secretary Ann Veneman asking her to look closely at the drought affecting Idaho and much of the West."

"Many experts have said the nation is now suffering one of the worst droughts since the 1930s," Craig wrote. "The extent of this dry spell is causing widespread social and economic disruption to our rural communities."

The letter also asks Veneman to submit recommendations to Congress to address the problem.

Craig said U.S. Agriculture Department officials are setting the necessary mechanisms in place to see and judge the disaster effects of this year's drought.

Gov. Dirk Kempthorne has already declared a state of emergency in 26 Idaho counties.

Kempthorne declared the Snake River Canal Co.'s Salmon Tract service area of southern Twin Falls County a drought emergency area in May.

The declaration was issued at the request of Twin Falls County commissioners. It allows water

users to temporarily change existing or acquire new water rights in the Salmon Tract area near Rogerson and Hollister.

"The water supply forecast estimates that the total water supply expected for the Salmon Tract is well below what is normally considered an adequate supply," Kempthorne said in a statement issued by his office.

"This drought emergency declaration gives the canal company flexibility to meet their customers' needs."

Estimates for storage plus forecast inflow for the Salmon Tract total 66,000 acre-feet of water. A normal adequate supply is 110,000 acre-feet, and a full supply is 150,000 acre-feet.

The drought emergency declaration will remain in place until the end of the year unless extended or ended by the director of the Department of Water Resources.

The declarations allow water users in the counties to work with the Department of Water Resources to temporarily reallocate water rights and secure temporary water rights to make it through the summer, Kempthorne said.

The drought ranges from extreme in the Klamath Basin of southern Oregon, to severe in northern Washington, most of Idaho and western Montana, to moderate for the rest of the Northwest. Pieces of Wyoming, California, northern Utah and Nevada are classified as abnormally dry, the Associated Press reported recently.

Farmers and ranchers are getting hit the worst, with market and economic problems that have left many farms on the edge financially.

Those ranchers who is starting to feel the effects of this year's drought is John Faulkner

of Gooding.

Faulkner, a sheep rancher and farmer, said the drought is affecting farmers more so than ranchers this year.

"We still have a lot of range land," Faulkner said. "But we're short of water."

The drought's effects are highlighted by terribly low water levels at local reservoirs, including the Magic Reservoir, which is 87 percent below average this year.

In the vast Columbia River Basin, the water supply volume forecast through September is 53 percent of average - just over half of the water typically available, the AP reported.

And for some local farmers, the drought, coupled with problems caused by the state Bureau of Land Management's spraying of the herbicide Oust, are making this year especially difficult.

Between 20 and 25 farmers in the Hazelton and Rupert areas, just south and east of last August's 20,000-acre range fire, have reported varying degrees of damage to their sugar beet and grain crops, blaming it on Oust.

Range managers use the chemical as part of their rehabilitation efforts in recently burned desert areas.

Craig said Saturday that all local and federal agencies "are involved" to try and curb the problem.

"There clearly appears to be damage," Craig said.

But before any aid can be given, the loss must be assessed, Craig said.

"There has to be a measurable number," he said.

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dis the survival of protected species.

In a sign of a split between the farmers, some had said they would protect the gate this time

to conserve water for next year, rather than waste it on a gate that farmers protecting the gate.

"I am frustrated with federal officials who didn't act as I had recommended," Evinger said.

Other farmers said they had planned to open the gate all along. Bennie Diaz, an 81-year-old alfalfa farmer, explained, "I was protecting it so I could open it later."

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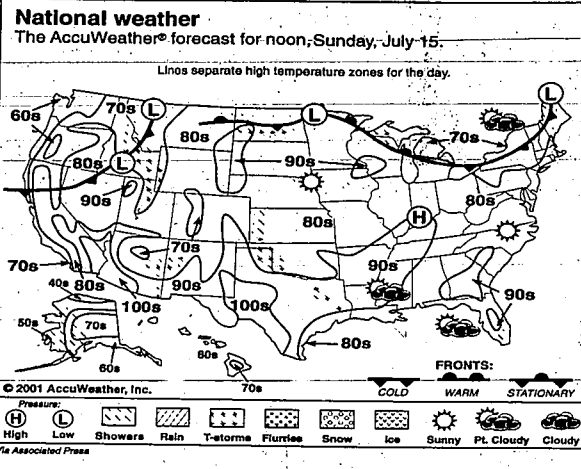
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To our readers

The standard weather maps and other data were unavailable today. They'll return in Monday's Times-News.



Absentee votes helped Bush win election

Los Angeles Times

WASHINGTON - In an extraordinary get-out-the-vote effort that helped put George W. Bush in the White House, Florida's Republican Party mounted an aggressive appeal to party faithful - complete with a letter from Gov. Jeb Bush - to cast absentee ballots before the Nov. 7 election.

"Vote from the comfort of your home," Bush urged in the letter, which was superimposed over what appeared to be an image of the state seal.

And vote they did. A survey of Florida's 67 counties shows that more than 700,000 Florida voters - or almost one in eight - voted absentee.

George W. Bush, the governor's brother, captured about 125,000 more absentee votes than his Democratic rival Al Gore.

That margin dwarfs Bush's official 537-vote edge in the Sunshine State. And Florida in turn put Bush over the top in the Electoral College.

The dramatic but largely invisible absentee ballot blitz was the GOP's secret weapon in the Florida campaign. But it was almost entirely overlooked during the suspenseful five-week recount of the Florida vote last fall, when the presidency hung in the balance.

Republicans say it was a smart, successful gambit. But some Democrats believe it took unfair advantage of both the governor's office and the absentee voting process.

Under Florida law, voters could cast absentee ballots only if they were unable to go to their regular polling places on Election Day. But Jeb Bush's letter didn't say that (although the absentee ballot application that came with it did). Many voters appear to have cast their ballots absentee merely as a matter of convenience, as Bush's letter suggested.

Ammunition ship catches fire

SOUTHPORT, N.C. (AP) - A ship loaded with 2,800 tons of explosives caught fire Saturday at an Army terminal on the Cape Fear River.

About 40 crew members were on deck when the fire started in the engine room, the depot's commander said. No casualties had been reported, but it wasn't clear how many of the crew had been accounted for.

The Coast Guard told WWAY-TV that one person jumped ship when the fire broke out and remained missing.

The fire was still burning at 10 p.m., but no ammunition had caught fire, said a spokesman.

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their natural flows guaranteed them by their senior water rights.

The Eastern Snake River Plain aquifer is 10,000 square miles extending from King Hill to Island Park with roughly 10,000 groundwater rights. The Idaho Department of Water Resources says more time is needed to study where and by how much the groundwater pumping is affecting surface water rights before it makes decisions that could hurt a farmer's operation. The department says groundwater monitoring by the U.S. Geological Survey is being used to develop a model that will help define the aquifer's evolution. New data is coming that will be used to compare current water levels in 1,200 wells between King Hill and Rexburg with data from 1980.

Chuck Coiner, vice chairman of the Twin Falls Canal Co., said the department has done many studies and he is putting off making the decisions needed to resolve the issue.

"A dry water year always brings it to a head," Coiner

said.

"Historically the department has been very good at doling out water rights. In doing that there was no forethought to conjunctively managing the ground and surface waters. At this point they seem unwilling and incapable of rectifying that," he said.

To prevent the issue from becoming an all-out war, there was an agreement to come up with "conjunctive management" rules to deal with managing the interconnectedness of surface water and groundwater, said Dick Larsen, spokesman for Water Resources.

So far there hasn't been a set of rules that everyone can agree on, although a resolution is coming closer, he said.

"This year is one of the situations that shows how desperately we need to get those done," Larsen said. "It opens the wounds all over again."

What if the canal companies take action? Larsen said it would be understandable but regrettable.

In 1995, the Legislature required that groundwater pumping be measured.

Lynn Tominga, executive

director of the Idaho Groundwater Appropriators, Inc., said common ground can be found.

A major issue standing in the way is the matter of determining how much groundwater pumping is affecting natural flows, he said. Groundwater pumpers pushed for the requirements to measure water use, he said.

Groundwater pumping accounts for 54 percent of the irrigation on the Snake River Plain Aquifer, Tominga said. Many irrigators rely on both surface water and groundwater.

"If the lack of water due to the drought than it is to groundwater pumping," Tominga asks.

The canal companies say that groundwater pumping is reducing the natural flow and forcing them to rely more on their stored water supply, which this year will be stretched to the limit.

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\$10 million, in damages from the county, also alleging reckless sheriff's department work. Weaver is named in all three claims.

Williams' claim, filed by attorney Patrick D. Brown on April 10, was not settled within the 90-day time frame allowed by state law. If a claim is not settled within 90 days, according to the law, it is deemed denied and can be filed as a lawsuit.

According to him he will likely take the matter to court.

"All I can tell you is nobody has called me about a settlement," Brown said Wednesday.

Faige Parker, the attorney for ICRMP who is handling the claims, said there have been no settlements reached on any of them.

Parker said he did not know who would become of the Williams claim.

"We'll see if they file a lawsuit," Parker said. "If they do, I'll defend my clients."

According to state law, a governmental entity is limited to \$500,000 in settlements, unless the entity has "purchased applicable, valid, collectible liability coverage in excess of said limit, in which event the controlling limit shall be the remaining available proceeds of such insurance."

"If any money awarded goes

Program notes

About the Idaho Counties Risk Management Program

When was it formed? ICRMP was formed in 1985 by the Association of Idaho Counties.

Which counties? Including Twin Falls County and Jerome County

the Jerome County claims or fight them in court, arguing that the county is not at fault.

Gunnerson declined to say whether the Farm showing would be considered one incident or several.

Jerome County Deputy Prosecutor Eric Shaner declined to comment on the claims. Jerome County officials had been speaking with ICRMP representatives about settlement offers.

The Times-News was unable to reach County Commissioners John Florido and Veronica Lierman for comment on Friday.

In contrast to Jerome County's insurance coverage, Twin Falls County has \$5 million in insurance liability per incident through ICRMP. Twin Falls County's annual premium is \$239,661.

In population size, to Jerome County, is covered for \$2 million per incident with insurance by Coregis Insurance, a company that has an office in Boise. Cassia County's annual insurance premium is \$89,740.

Jerome County's annual insurance premium through ICRMP is \$82,127 per year.

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Thorny issues haunt Bush in Europe

Second overseas trip sees carryover from first expedition

By Ron Fournier
The Associated Press



President George W. Bush Begins overseas trip Wednesday

WASHINGTON — On his second European trip in five weeks, President Bush hopes to rally the world's richest nations to fight AIDS, poverty and economic isolationism.

He will test his personal charm when he sees Queen Elizabeth II and Pope John Paul II, and will rally U.S. troops in Kosovo. But he will not be able to dodge some of the thorny issues that hampered his first overseas visit: missile defense, global warming and the gnawing perception among U.S. allies that Bush ignores their pleas with a go-it-alone approach to foreign policy.

To French Foreign Minister Hubert Vedrine, it is a "unilateralist mindset."

"We must hope that this trip will help the American administration evolve toward more negotiating and openness to our points of view," Vedrine said in advance of the president's seven-day trip beginning Wednesday — to Britain, Italy and Kosovo.

Unlike that first trip, when Bush toured five nations in five days, the president is easing his way into action. He arrives in London on Wednesday night and gets some sleep, then goes sightseeing Thursday before meeting the queen and Prince Philip at Buckingham Palace.

That evening, he meets with Prime Minister Tony Blair at his country estate, Chequers.

Though the closest of U.S. allies, even Britain declined last week to support setting aside the 1972 Anti-Ballistic Missile Treaty to make way for Bush's missile defense system.

The issue will shadow Bush the next three days in Genoa, Italy, where he attends a summit of the world's seven wealthiest nations, plus Russia.

Because many oppose his missile shield plan, Bush hopes to shift focus to:

- Trade. Advisers predict summit participants will seek a new round of global trade talks.

- AIDS. An international AIDS fund, started by the United States with a \$200 million pledge, could top \$1 billion after donations from other nations and groups are combined at the summit, according to administration officials speaking on condition of anonymity.

- Poverty. The president's national security adviser, Condo-

mic development and trade.

He might get feisty. In early drafts of one Bush speech, the president suggests that the protesters do not speak for the poor, U.S. sources said.

Also in Genoa, he meets with Russian President Vladimir Putin — the second in a series of sessions this year that Bush hopes will thaw Moscow's objections to his missile shield dreams.

Despite talk of compromise during his first meeting with Bush, Putin has continued to warn the United States against scrapping the arms control treaty.

Aides expect the pair to announce a schedule for future meetings between their ministers, including top military advisers, aimed at closing differences.

Predicting no major breakthroughs in Genoa, Rice said, "They're going to try to move the ball forward."

On global warming, Bush hoped to blunt widespread criticism for his rejection of a 1997 international climate change treaty by pledging last week to spend nearly \$200 million on research.

Junichiro Koizumi, the popular new Japanese prime minister, may emerge as a mediator between the United States and its European allies during the

Genoa summit.

Though Japan supports the treaty, Koizumi said during his recent Camp David meeting with Bush that Japan does not want to go forward without the United States.

A task force report prepared in advance of the summit urges the leaders to phase out subsidies for fossil fuels and devote more money for nonpolluting energy sources such as wind, water and solar power.

Such a plan is opposed by the White House, based on the president's desire to let the market determine how quickly renewable energy sources are adopted worldwide and his belief that many developing countries are not ready to make the quick transition from fossil fuels.

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NATION

Argentine debt woes prompt fears of a new global crisis

Shockwaves could strike U.S. economy

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON - The last time a big country defaulted on its debt was August 1998 when Russia went bust, an event that triggered financial chaos, nearly paralyzing Wall Street's capacity to provide credit to American businesses.

Now the prospect of a similar episode has arisen as analysts have concluded that Argentina will soon be forced to acknowledge that it cannot repay its debts in full.

The global financial system has become more resilient in many ways over the past couple of years, sharply reducing the chances for a repetition of the events of 1998, according to policymakers and private economists.

But the Argentine crisis is erupting during a period of sluggishness in the world's biggest economies - the United States, Europe and Japan - and in that respect the current situation is worrying the stewards of the global economy even more.

Asked Friday about the potential impact of an Argentine default, Stanley Fischer, first managing director of the International Monetary Fund, said many other emerging markets, notably Mexico and Brazil, are better able to withstand such shocks today than they were several years ago. That is in part because they no longer maintain pegged currencies that are vulnerable to sudden, catastrophic selling waves. Furthermore, Fischer said in a telephone news conference, nations in Asia - where the last crisis started - have reduced their debt and accumulated large reserves of dollars.

But, Fischer added: "The last thing anybody should do is be complacent about anything untoward that would happen in the



A trade worker holds his head at the Stock Exchange in Buenos Aires, Argentina, Wednesday, after a key stock index in Argentina fell another 1.5 percent.

global economy at a time of general weakness, and there is general weakness because the industrialized countries are not growing very fast - or, in the Japanese case, are probably in recession. ... It's a mixed picture. There would certainly be no desire to find out" what would happen if Argentina defaulted.

Argentina took a step back from the brink Friday, as a key member of the ruling coalition, former President Raul Alfonsin, said he would "join in a show of patriotic force" by backing a package of spending cuts and tax-enforcement measures that had been hastily unveiled Wednesday in an effort to boost market confidence. The panicky atmosphere that pervaded the markets earlier in the week eased, and the country's main stock index rose 5.6 percent, recouping much of the previous day's 8.2 percent loss.

But skepticism abounds that Argentina, which shows no sign of emerging from a three-year recession, can muster the resources to pay the \$130 billion in debt that its government owes to creditors at home and abroad. "It's unsustainable. It's just a matter of time" before

the government must acknowledge that it cannot service the debt, said Rodrigo Sacca, an economist who covers Argentina for Stone & McCarthy in Mexico City.

Privately, even some Wall Streeters - the very holders of the bonds Argentina has issued to cover its debt - agree that the most sensible thing Argentina could do is declare it must seek an agreement with its creditors for a negotiated reduction in the amount it owes.

But the costs of such a move might be considerable. Not only would the Argentine government and Argentine companies have to pay much higher interest rates for years to obtain foreign capital, but the confidence Argentines have in keeping their money at home would almost certainly erode, said William Cline, the chief economist of the Institute of International Finance, an organization of banks, investment firms and other financial institutions.

"There has been much less of a problem in Argentina with capital flight in the '90s than in the '80s, so (default) is certainly something to be avoided," Cline said.

Astronauts start spacewalk to install air lock

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) - Two astronauts floated out of space shuttle Atlantis late Saturday to install a \$164 million passageway for spacewalkers on the international space station.

Michael Gernhardt and James Reilly II got started an hour late on their spacewalk, which followed a successful dress rehearsal of the big event. "There we go," Gernhardt said, popping open the hatch. "Coming out."

Everyone in orbit and Mission Control was relieved to see the space station-robot arm step through all its paces earlier in the day without any of the problems exhibited in recent months. The dry run, conducted soon after the two spacecraft docked late Friday night, cleared the way for

Saturday night's lengthy spacewalk to hook up the new air lock.

Paul Hill, the lead flight director, expected space station Alpha's arm to work "just fine." "I have almost no doubt - I hate to say I have no doubt just because flying in space is kind of a tricky business," Hill said. "But we haven't really left any stone unturned."

Atlantis carried up the 6.5-ton air lock in its cargo bay. Because the shuttle's 50-foot robot arm cannot reach the attachment point on the international space station, the station's 58-foot robot arm was assigned the lifting.

The Canadian-built station arm had a variety of start-up problems after it was installed during the last shuttle flight in April. Hundreds of engineers in the

United States and Canada spent weeks trying to understand and solve the difficulties. A bad computer card was to blame for the most serious and persistent trouble, involving the shoulder joint, and ended up delaying Atlantis' flight one month.

Space station astronaut Susan Helms operated the station robot arm during Saturday morning's dry run and again Saturday night for the real event, while shuttle astronaut Janet Kavandi steered Atlantis' robot arm, needed to transport the spacewalkers around the sprawling complex.

The dress rehearsal was crucial given that the eight space travelers had not worked together since early this year. (The three station residents have been in orbit since March.)

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NATION

Campaign finance blowup stalls measure

WASHINGTON (AP) — The House's blowup over campaign finance legislation could have repercussions on other issues now before Congress while also raising the stakes and money flow, in the 2002 election.

A procedural roadblock stalled the measure indefinitely on Thursday. That chaotic day ended with opponents of imposing spending limits on elections chiding reformers for killing their own reform.

For Rep. Christopher Shays, a chief proponent of those limits, the fight is far from over, resurrounding the legislation still possible.

"It will happen in a nice and congenial way or it will happen after a lot of conflict and disagreement," he said. Shays, R-Conn., and his chief ally, Rep. Marty Meehan, D-Mass., had hoped for a final vote on their bill. It would ban soft money, the unregulated millions pouring into political parties from corporations, unions and individuals, and restrict certain political ads in the final days of an election.

Instead, Shays and 18 other Republicans joined Democrats in defeating rules for debate that they felt stacked the deck against their bill.

GOP leaders, who oppose the bill, blamed the Shays-Meehan camp for the vote that ended deliberation on the issue. They showed no inclination to return to campaign finance in the near future.

House Speaker Dennis Hastert, R-Ill., said he would take a look at the matter but "right now it's not on the schedule."

If Hastert digs in and does not allow another debate, Shays and his allies are contemplating actions that could disrupt the work of Congress.

One option is a discharge petition, where the signatures of half the House members force floor action on a bill.

A second would be joining to reject rules for debate on other bills, effectively preventing the GOP majority from moving its legislative agenda.

Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., sponsor with Sen. Russ Feingold, D-Wis., of a similar bill that passed the Senate in April, said the Democrats could attach campaign finance legislation to House-passed bills. That would send it back to the House for action.

"We want to explore all options," McCain said.

Jeff Cronin of Common Cause, a leading supporter of the Shays-Meehan bill, said the opponents of spending limits hope to put-off a vote so as to dilute the effects on the 2002 elections.

"If we don't have reform, the king of excesses that were outrageous once but are taken for granted now are just going to get worse," he said.

Opponents of the legislation argue that restrictions on what people can donate and on what political ads violate First Amendment free speech rights. But nobody argues that the money spent in running for office has risen dramatically.

During the presidential election last year the two national parties obtained nearly \$500 million in soft money donations. Counting "hard money," the regulated donations going to candidates, Republicans received \$700 million and Democrats about \$500 million.

That compared with the 1992 election when soft money for both parties was \$86 million out of total donations of about \$500 million.

If campaign spending limits are not in place by the 2002 presidential election, said Fred Wertheimer, president of the Democracy 21 group, there will be \$1 billion of these unlimited, unregulated contributions dominating our

Stalemate means more contention, more money in politics

federal elections." "It will absolutely be an issue in next year's political campaign," Wertheimer said. He predicts that McCain, a presidential candidate and a popular GOP campaigner in 2000, will make sure it gets nationwide attention.

Jim Sedillo, a state representative from Flagstaff, Ariz., said spending limits have already won acceptance in his state, which

along with Maine last year instituted voluntary public financing programs. He said that after collecting 200 \$5 contributions from registered voters he was eligible for \$28,000 in state funds.

Regardless of what happens in Washington, it is the wave of the future, Sedillo said. "When you're talking about restoring confidence to the populace, it's the only way to go."

'[Campaign finance reform] will happen in a nice and congenial way or it will happen after a lot of conflict and disagreement, but it will happen.'

—Rep. Christopher Shays, R-Conn.

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NATION

Loyalty, crowded classrooms slow federal school-choice plan

HAGERSTOWN, Md. (AP) — Tucked away in an isolated spot between a highway and the Potomac River, Hancock is the kind of place where teachers and students carpool together, to homes.

So when townspeople learned that a decision made downriver in Washington, D.C., would allow their children to transfer to better schools elsewhere in Washington County, many dismissed the plan as disloyal.

"I don't see any parent around here doing that," said Sandi Myers, whose daughter begins second grade in September. "I think you need to support your school, and not go somewhere else."

Students at Hancock Elementary, west of Hagerstown, and other schools in poor communities nationwide have the opportunity to transfer this year, courtesy of congressional leaders who did not want to see students trapped in declining schools.

But the transfers are off to a slow start, stymied by crowded classrooms, loyal parents and the absence of better schools.

The plan involves so-called Title I schools, which serve large numbers of poor students. Beginning July 1, federal law allocated \$224 million to improve those schools where test scores slipped for two straight years, but it also requires that students be allowed to transfer to better schools within the district.

Education Department officials said they have no estimates of how many schools will be affected.

A year earlier, a similar bill set aside \$134 million but allowed districts to opt out of the funding and transfers.

The new law helps parents choose the best education possible for their children, said David Schnitzer, spokesman for the House Committee on Education and the Workforce.

"The more choices parents have, the more opportunities there are for children to learn and, ultimately, succeed," Schnitzer said. "And that is the true purpose of public education."

A broader reform bill moving through Congress would allow transfers from any public school that fails to improve.

Jay P. Greene, a senior fellow at the conservative Manhattan Institute, said the current

approach hasn't gone far enough. Title I transfers give schools no incentive to get better, because when students remain in a district, so do funds allocated for their education, he said.

"A choice system that provides no incentives is actually no choice at all," he said.

The law also contains a number of exceptions. Districts already prohibiting transfers do not have to offer

them. Schools without open seats are not required to take transferred students.

And sometimes, districts don't have any better schools. Baltimore school officials said no students will transfer this year because none of the city's better-performing schools has space.

"We're going to be telling people about this option, but we're going to tell them that this year we don't have room to do it," curriculum and instruction officer

Patricia Abernethy said.

Students in some Alabama school districts cannot transfer because that would undermine a federal desegregation order, said assistant state superintendent Feagun Johnson Jr.

In addition, many rural Alabama school districts have just one middle or high school, meaning students have nowhere else to go, Johnson said.

Not one family from Hancock Elementary has asked to leave, but Principal Donna Newcomer-Coble said the possibility still hurts.

"I know the impact that it had on my teachers when I first shared this with them," Newcomer-Coble said. "They felt very defeated."

"I think when we have problems in our schools, that's the time we should be pulling together as a community."

Court upholds wiretapping conviction

BOSTON (AP) — A rock musician who was found guilty of wiretapping after he secretly recorded police during a traffic stop had his conviction upheld by the state's highest court.

Michael Hyde, 33, said he turned on his tape recorder on Oct. 26, 1998, after being pulled over by Abington police because he believed he had been unfairly targeted because of his long hair, leather jacket and sports car.

Hyde recorded officers using an obscenity, asking him if he had any cocaine in his car, and threatening to send him to jail.

They let him go without a ticket, but several days later, Hyde brought the tape to police headquarters to try to prove he was harassed. Instead, he was charged and convicted of breaking the state's electronic surveillance law, getting six months of probation.

Hyde said the Supreme Judicial Court's decision Friday vindicated the people of Massachusetts very hard in the face.

At Hyde's trial, police testified they pulled him over because of the loud revving of his car's engine, a noise muffler and a broken license plate light.

The court rejected Hyde's argument that the surveillance law was not applicable because police were performing their public duties and therefore had no reasonable expectation of privacy.

"We conclude that the Legislature intended (the law) strictly to prohibit all secret recordings by members of the public, including recordings of police officers or other public officials interacting with members of the public, when made without their permission or knowledge," Justice John M. Greaney wrote in the majority opinion.

In a strongly worded dissent, the two justices said the wiretapping statute was not meant to prevent citizens from recording an encounter with police.

Chief Justice Margaret Marshall and Justice Robert Cordy used the famous videotape of the Rodney King police beating in Los Angeles as an example of a recording that would have been prohibited under Massachusetts law.

Prosecutor Robert Thompson said the language of the law explicitly protects the privacy rights of all individuals, whether they are private citizens or police officers.

Hyde vowed to continue his fight.

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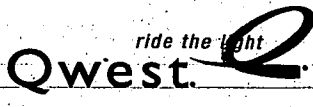


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China calms down after celebration

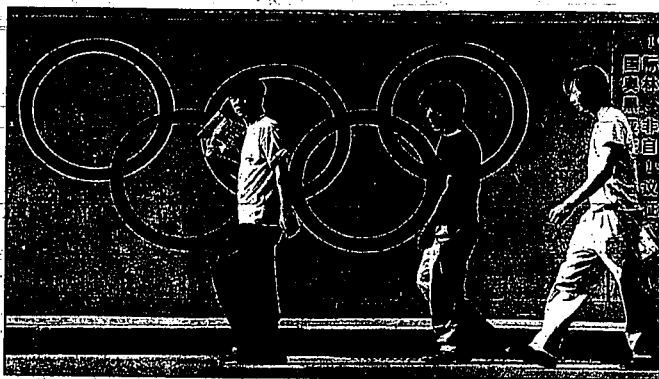
Olympic host remains jubilant

BEIJING (AP) — The screaming crowds were gone, but high spirits abounded in Beijing on Saturday as life returned to normal a day after the city was awarded the 2008 Olympics.

"Yesterday, our hearts were in our throats. How can we not be happy today?" said Chang Hai, 29, a manager at an appliance store near the site of the planned Olympic village on the city's northern outskirts. The shop cut prices 10 percent to celebrate the winning bid.

"Businesses all over will increase a hundredfold. We will witness the miracle in 2008. It will be a happy day," Chang said.

"Our hearts were so moved yesterday. This will bring good luck to us," said Xian Weili, 20, an employee at a nearby clothing store.



Three men walk past the Olympic rings painted on the wall of a construction site in Beijing Saturday. After a night of celebrations of the announcement of Beijing as the host for the 2008 Olympic Games, the city was back to normal Saturday.

Beijing was picked over four rivals — Toronto, Paris, Istanbul, Tokyo and Osaka, Japan. The decision marked a comeback for the city of 8 million, which lost the 2000 Olympics to Sydney by five votes.

"This is a realization of a lot of hard work and planning. As a Chinese, it's a very historic moment for me," said Li Hao, 24, a factory worker in the city.

Through Tiananmen Square, hundreds of thousands of people gathered on Friday in a night celebration.

On Saturday, there were no fireworks or lion dances, special edition newspapers, streamers, red flags and banners. Scores of people milled around the nation's most famous gathering place, taking photos and basking in the afternoon sun.

"We tried rushing here last

night to make it for the celebrations, but we were too late," said 20-year-old Zheng Liwei, who arrived from the southern province of Guangdong close to midnight. "This is so good for China. It used to just be a big country. Now it's a strong country."

President Jiang Zemin received a congratulatory message Saturday from his South Korean counterpart, Kim Dae-jung, whose country was host in the 1988 Summer Games.

"I hope that China will help develop its economy and promote world peace by successfully hosting the Summer Olympics," Kim said.

In Hong Kong, hundreds of people lined up at post offices to buy commemorative stamps col-

lectively issued by Beijing, Macau and Hong Kong.

"The Chinese central bank said it would issue a special silver coin to mark the occasion.

Both English and Chinese-language newspapers in Hong Kong ran huge headlines proclaiming "Beijing wins" or "We win" and pictures of fireworks and euphoric crowds in the Chinese capital.

Some suggested that China will be prompted to improve its human rights record, which has been under severe scrutiny.

The Chinese-language paper Ming Pao said it hoped to see a "more open and free" Beijing in seven years and that the Chinese government would honor its pledge to improve freedom of

the press.

"If abuses take place as preparations for the Games proceed, it won't be just the Chinese authorities who look bad — the IOC and the corporate sponsors will be complicit," said Sidney Jones of the New York-based Human Rights Watch.

China convicts, deports suspected U.S. spy

Knight Ridder News Service

BEIJING — In a speedy resolution to an espionage case that had drawn international criticism, a Chinese court on Saturday put a U.S. business professor on trial for spying for Taiwan, convicted him and then ordered him deported, according to the state-run Xinhua News Agency.

Li Shaomin, an American citizen of Chinese origin who teaches at the City University of Hong Kong, had been arrested Feb. 25. He is one of about 30 U.S. passport holders who have been detained by China over the past year.

Intermediate People's Court. An official from the U.S. Embassy and a defense attorney were allowed to attend, according to Xinhua.

Neither the U.S. official nor the attorney could be reached for comment.

Government-run Xinhua reported that substantial pieces of evidence "show that Li accepted tasks from a Taiwanese organization and collected information for it, which harmed state security of China."

The U.S. House of Representatives late last month passed a resolution 379-0 citing Li's case and condemning the detentions. It called on President Bush to give the detentions top priority in his dealings with China. And more than 400 prominent China scholars from around the world recently appealed to President Jiang Zemin to release detained scholars from the United States and elsewhere immediately or allow them to defend themselves under international standards of due process.

Foreign reporters were barred from Li's trial at Beijing No. 1

Li, 44, moved to the United States in 1982 and received a Ph.D. in sociology from Princeton University in 1988. He has worked as a United Nations adviser to the Chinese government and has lectured at China's prestigious Peking University.

His wife, who also teaches in Hong Kong, denied that he spied for Taiwan. Li is one of five Chinese-born academics with U.S. ties who over the past year have been detained and accused of spying for Taiwan, the independently governed island China claims as its territory.

China's decision to deport Li showed the government's eagerness to improve relations with the United States. Xinhua's report did not say if he had already left China.

China will sign treaty with Russia

MOSCOW (AP) — Russia has a huge advantage over China in the race to build advanced territory. It is in many ways the poorer nation as the two countries cement a "strategic partnership" with Chinese leader Jiang Jingxiang's visit this week.

Jiang will sign a new friendship treaty with Russia — their first major treaty since the Soviet collapse 10 years ago — during his four-day visit, which begins today.

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China is even more alarmed by the plan than the Kremlin, Russian diplomats say, because China's nuclear arsenal is tiny by comparison to Russia's. Even a limited U.S. missile defense could erode its deterrent value.

The ABM treaty "remains the cornerstone of global strategic stability. If this is destroyed, strategic stability is destroyed and could lead to a new arms race," said Yu Zhengqi, a political adviser at the Chinese Embassy in Moscow.

Just what kind of language Jiang and Russian President Vladimir Putin use concerning missile defense bears close watching, said Rogov.

"If Russia and China conclude it is a common threat and they can decide on a common response, in practical terms Russia could provide China with sophisticated weaponry and a Chinese military buildup could happen much earlier," Rogov said.

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Drug convictions put damper on college aid plans

More than 34,000 could be denied funds

The Associated Press

A ban on giving federal aid to college students with drug convictions could mean more than 34,000 people will be denied loans and grants in the coming school year — more than triple those turned away in 2000-01.

The increase reflects a clarification in the U.S. Education Department's aid application, which screens for people with drug records. But the change has brought louder protests against the law: Even the measure's author says enforcement has been taken too far.

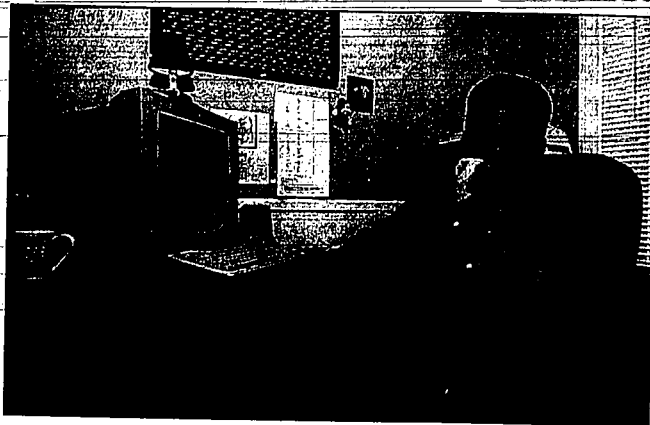
U.S. Rep. Mark Souder, an Indiana Republican, intended the aid ban to apply only to college students already getting loans or grants when convicted, an aide said.

Instead, education officials in the Clinton administration and now under President Bush are denying aid to people with previous drug convictions. Souder is trying to get them to change their enforcement efforts to match his intent, said Angela Flood, Souder's chief of staff.

U.S. Rep. Barney Frank, D-Mass., has introduced a bill seeking the law's repeal. It is also the aim of the fledgling Students for Sensible Drug Policy and its 140 campus chapters.

Higher education leaders are protesting, too.

The law is "fundamentally flawed," and amounts to "double



Todd Howard sits at his home computer Wednesday in Louisville, Ky. Howard said he eventually wants to work in the computer industry, but he says drug possession charges might have derailed the grant he needs to attend college.

punishment" — and bias — against low-and middle-income students who must undergo screening while their wealthier peers do not, the head of the American Council on Education wrote in May to U.S. Rep. Asa Hutchinson, R-Ark. Hutchinson is Bush's nominee to run the Drug Enforcement Administration. The council is "concerned that

this provision will prove to be an insurmountable obstacle to far too many students, causing many of them to abandon their hope of a college education." Ikenberry wrote on behalf of 13 groups, including the nation's major associations of colleges and universities.

The education agency is only doing what Congress asked, said

Lindsey Kozberg, Education Department spokeswoman.

"Consistent with the department's overall position, we seek applications from students that are complete and accurate, so we can provide aid to as many eligible students as possible," she said.

The law, approved in 1998, bars federal grants, work-study money

and U.S.-backed and subsidized student loans to anyone convicted of selling or possessing drugs.

For a first drug-possession offense, ineligibility lasts a year after conviction; for a second offense, two years. More convictions bar aid indefinitely.

The law is tougher on traffickers: A single drug sale conviction means aid ineligibility for two years; more than that and the ban is indefinite. Aid can be restored if a student undergoes drug rehabilitation.

Enforcement starts when an applicant fills out the Free Application for Federal Student Aid, or FAFSA. Question 35 on the 2001-02 aid form: "Have you ever been convicted of possessing or selling illegal drugs?"

A "yes" brings a second form in the mail, asking for details to determine if the aid ban applies in this case.

Those who fail to answer question 35 are asked again. If they still don't answer, aid is automatically denied.

Changing last year's form confused people: "If you have never been convicted of any illegal drug offense, enter '1' in the box."

Even after a follow-up letter, 275,058 people left the box blank. Federal officials blamed their flawed question, and granted aid to those who didn't answer. After consulting with focus groups, they changed the question to make it clearer.

A total of 9,548 people were still denied aid in the 2000-01 cycle, but they were the applicants who admitted to having drug convictions.

This year, the government expects 10 million aid applications. Among 6.8 million so far, 34,096 will likely be denied student aid, officials said.

Lawmakers wait for Condit to vacate seat

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) — State Democratic leaders meeting here Saturday were under increasing pressure to condemn U.S. Rep. Gary Condit for his relationship with missing Washington intern Chandra Levy.

But they also need him to complete his term so they don't lose his seat in a special election — Condit's San-Joaquin Valley district was the only Democrat-held district in the state to back Republican President Bush in the November election.

Republicans already are lining up for the seat, while Democratic politicians are diplomatically expressing interest should Condit's seat become vacant.

"There's blood in the water, and every politician is out there looking at his seat," said Modesto Mayor Carmen Sabatino.

Assembly Speaker Robert Hertzberg, D-Van Nuys, said he's not sure whether Democrats should condemn Condit.

"I'm not prepared to make a decision one way or the other," Hertzberg said Saturday, during a break from a Democratic meeting. "Let's let the facts speak for themselves at the end of the day, and we're not there yet. This is America, still."

On July 6, in a third police interview, the 53-year-old congressman said he and Levy, 24, had an intimate relationship, a police source said. Condit has denied any connection with her. April 30 disappearance, and police have said he is not a suspect.

Even so, there are calls for Democrats to ease Condit out of office, or for the congressman to resign, said Bruce Cain, director of the Institute for

Governmental Studies at the University of California's Berkeley campus.

"The question is no longer whether he is finished. The question is when," Cain said.

Condit has been a good match for the seat he has held since 1989.

"You go to a function in Gary Condit's district, there are 6,000 people there," Hertzberg said.

As one of the original "Blue Dog" Democrats who often vote with Republicans on fiscal issues, Condit received attention from Bush — until Levy disappeared 11 weeks ago.

Democrats would likely lose the increasingly Republican district in a special election, said Tony Quinn, a former redistricting expert for Republicans and an editor of the California Target Book election guide.

"The only issue right now is does this get so bad he will be forced to leave office and then hold on long enough for the Democrats to fix up his seat and hold it in the next election?" said Quinn.

Democrats control the California Assembly, Senate and governor's office, and are expected to redraw Condit's district in their favor based on the 2000 population census.

Cain suggested Condit still can leave it both ways: he could announce now he won't seek reelection. That might allow him to complete his term as a last favor to his party.

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New York Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton pauses for a photo with fellow airplane passengers upon her arrival in Puerto Rico Saturday. Clinton will visit environmental activist Robert F. Kennedy and a New York labor leader jailed for protests against Navy bombing on Vieques Island.

Senator Clinton arrives in Puerto Rico to support Vieques protesters

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico (AP) — New York Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton arrived in Puerto Rico on Saturday to visit environmental activist Robert F. Kennedy and a New York labor leader jailed for protests against Navy bombing on Vieques Island.

Clinton has said her one-day visit is a "gesture of solidarity" with protesters. Kennedy, nephew of former President John F. Kennedy, and labor leader Dennis Rivera are serving 30-day sentences for trespassing connected to an April 28 protest.

Her visit comes as the Navy has notified local government it

will begin a new round of exercises on Vieques Aug. 1.

Acting Gov. Ferdinand Mercado, who made the announcement Friday, said the timing is "insensitive and lacking prudence" because it would follow a July 29 nonbinding referendum the local government is holding to gauge if and when Vieques, 9,100 residents want the Navy to leave. One option will be an immediate end to bombing.

Clinton, a Democrat who supports an immediate halt to the exercises, arrived in the capital, San Juan, Saturday morning. She did not speak to media at the airport before leaving in a

motorcade for the federal detention center in suburban Guaynabo.

Clinton also planned to meet with Archbishop San Juan Roberto Gonzalez Nieves after leaving the prison on Saturday afternoon.

The former first lady will not travel to Vieques — an outlying Puerto Rican island.

President Bush plans to have the Navy out of Vieques by 2003. But that promise has not appeased many Puerto Ricans, who claim six decades of bombing has harmed the health of islanders. The Navy denies those claims.

Victims remember skywalk collapse

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Sally Firestone was all dressed up, standing on a suspended walkway over the lobby of the Hyatt Regency downtown, watching a tea dance on the floor below.

The night 20 years ago is a loud "crack" as one skywalk snapped and collapsed onto a second, sending both to the floor in a shower of concrete and steel. She lay unconscious and trapped for hours under the debris, and was left a quadriplegic.

"I'm not really bitter. I'm just amazed that no one discovered the problems with the building," said Firestone, 54, who requires around-the-clock care. "So many things happened along the way that should have been caught."

The collapse on July 17, 1981, killed 114 people and injured more than 200 others, the deadliest structural failure in the nation's history.

It was caused by the failure of steel connections supporting the concrete and glass walkways, and provided a catalyst for changes in construction practices nationwide.

"Since the Hyatt, there has been a lot of activity in the engineering profession to address quality, the final product and how you attain quality," said Paul Munger, chairman of the Missouri Board of Architects, Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors. "The steps taken after the Hyatt helped the industry recover from failure."

Ultimate blame was pinned on the two structural engineers who designed the skywalks. One of them later testified that he never checked the skywalks' connections, and that he thought it was the responsibility of the fabricators to make sure the connections would hold.

After the collapse, the American Society of Civil Engineers adopted a policy that structural engineers are ultimately responsible for reviewing shop drawings by fabricators, said

Edward Pfrang, a former ASCE president who also headed the National Bureau of Standards' investigation.

While the policy is not legally binding, it would carry some weight in court, Pfrang said.

He said the Hyatt was "one of the worst examples of people trying to push off their responsibilities to other parts of the team."

Munger said the disaster also led to peer reviews in the industry in which engineering firms now call upon other companies to meet with their staff to ensure the proper checks and balances are in place.

An overflow crowd had filled the Hyatt — the city's newest luxury hotel — the night of the collapse.

"The people were dancing and clapping. Everyone was happy and having a good time," recalls Grace Trefts, 63, of St. Louis. She and her husband had finished dinner and planned to walk on one of the skywalks, but were delayed by errands.

At 7:04 p.m., the band started playing Duke Ellington's "Satin Doll." About a minute later, the 120-foot walkway at the fourth floor level split in two places, falling onto the second-story walkway.

"There were a lot of electrical wires and sparks. I think a water main broke because there was a lot of water on the floor," Trefts said. "Dust was still rising. We all were very, very frightened."

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Analysts lower surplus estimate

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Congressional Budget Office says this year's federal surplus is dropping below \$200 billion, according to recent comments by Bush administration officials that the surplus is falling.

The nonpartisan analytic agency also estimated this week that the surplus was \$167 billion — \$10 billion less than a year earlier — in the first nine months of fiscal 2001, which ends Sept. 1.

In May, before the recent tax cut was enacted, CBO projected a 2001 surplus of \$275 billion.

Asked about the estimate, CBO Director Dan Crippen said he did not believe the figures foreshadowed the beginning of a long-term plunge back to the days of federal deficits. "Not if you expect the economy to recover, as we do," he said.

While projected federal surpluses are still large, the growing acknowledgment that their size is falling and the resulting squeeze on budget dollars has sparked a political battle between Republicans and Democrats.

Administration officials and congressional Republicans have blamed the slowing economy and Democratic efforts to boost spending for the shrinking surplus.

Democrats say the White House and GOP lawmakers based their budget plans on overly optimistic assumptions about how the economy would perform, and also cite the \$1.35 trillion, 10-year tax cut that Bush won this spring.

CBO based its figures on an examination of Treasury Depart-

ment data and budgeted the diminishing surplus figures on falling corporate tax collections. It said June corporate tax collections had fallen by \$26 billion or 11 percent from June 2000.

"Because receipts from corporate income taxes were very low in June, the surplus for the full fiscal year is likely to be less than \$200 billion," CBO said in its report.

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Astronomers battle light pollution

SAN DIEGO (AP)—The stars at night don't appear as big and bright as they used to, thanks to cities washing out the sky with excessive, misdirected light, astronomers say.

The glow troubles astronomers trying to pick out faint nebulae, gaseous clouds and other distant phenomena. A group of Canadian astronomers has issued a "reward" for a missing galaxy: our own Milky Way.

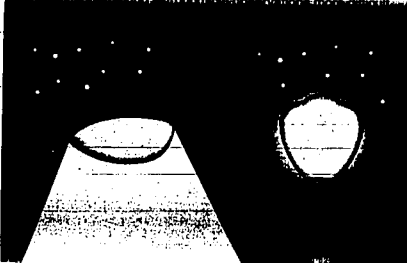
The International Dark-Sky Association, a group of about 7,000 astronomers, light engineers and other concerned people, is trying to reverse the brightening trend.

According to the association, light-pollution-control laws have been enacted recently in six states: Arizona, Colorado, Connecticut, Maine, New Mexico and Texas. New Mexico bans so-called light trespass by homeowners whose outdoor lights spill onto neighbors' property. Ketchum, Idaho's dark skies ordinance has been making effect in phases over the past two years designed to eliminate upward nighttime exterior lighting and require reduced illumination to prevent light pollution of the nighttime skies. Both businesses and residences must comply with the new code.

The latest flashpoint is San Diego, where astronomers at Palomar Observatory — home to

Too much light in the night

San Diego is looking at installing acorn-style period street lights to replace some cobra-style street lights, as well as replacing all yellow, low-pressure sodium bulbs. Astronomers at Palomar Observatory are concerned that these light fixtures will increase light pollution, making astronomical observations more difficult.



Cobra-style street lights cast most of their light downward allowing a relatively clear view of the stars. Low-pressure sodium bulbs cast a yellowish light that can be filtered out by astronomers.

Acorn-style street lights cast light radially, sending much of it upward, obscuring the stars. High-pressure sodium bulbs emit a white light that cannot be filtered out.

Source: Palomar Observatory, City of San Diego Manager's Report

one of the world's largest telescopes is trying to fend off a City Council proposal to use brighter streetlights. Such "white" light can't be filtered out by the telescopes and

would hurt Palomar's ability to see quasars and other objects in remote corners of the universe.

"It's a major threat," said Robert Brucato, assistant director of the observatory. "There are precious few telescopes left in the world to do the kind of research we do. We shouldn't throw these telescopes away with impunity."

In 1984, officials at Palomar, about 70 miles from San Diego, helped persuade council members to adopt low-pressure sodium streetlamps, which produce yellow light that stargazers can filter out as they focus on the feeble twinkle of stars millions of light years away.

"It is pleasing to the senses and intellect of man to be able to gaze at the night sky and see the planets, comets, and galaxies with a minimum of interference from light pollution," the council said in passing a light pollution ordinance.

But there is a backlash against the wan yellow light. The council will decide on Aug. 6 whether to convert 25,000 yellow streetlights to the brighter pinkish-white light of high-pressure sodium bulbs.

City officials say yellow lights make people feel unsafe and have made it hard for police to identify those lurking in the shadows, although they concede they have only anecdotal evidence to support that claim.

Home Depot shooting spree leaves three dead

MORROW, Ga. (AP)—A former employee of a Home Depot store chased his ex-girlfriend into the store Saturday, killing her and another woman before killing himself after police arrived, authorities said.

A third person was wounded by gunfire.

Brandon Bolton, 22, and 20-year-old Lisa Atkins, had worked at the Home Depot about 15 miles south of downtown Atlanta.

"We don't know what led up to this," said Clayton County Police Maj. Doug Jewett.

Friends of Atkins said Bolton was obsessed with her and angry about their breakup.

No customers were involved, although some may have witnessed the shooting at about 8 a.m., just as the store was opening for the day, Jewett said.

Atkins was shot multiple times, including at least once in the head, Jewett said. Tiffany Bush, 27, was shot in the head and died in surgery.

Maurice Jenkins, 31, was shot in the arm and back and was in good condition Saturday after-

noon at Southern Regional Medical Center.

After the shots were fired, Bolton ran out of the store and exchanged shots with a police officer, Jewett said. Neither the officer nor Bolton was hit.

Bolton then went back into the store and shot himself after he was cornered in one of the aisles, Jewett said.

Jewett said Bolton's mother called 911 to report that he had taken her car without permission "and that he said he was coming to kill his girlfriend."

Rachel Morris, who attended high school in nearby McDonough with Bolton and Atkins, said the two were a couple for about two years but that none of Atkins' friends liked him.

"He was just crazy, a very weird guy," Morris said.

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Chemical factory explosion kills at least two in Michigan

RIVERVIEW, Mich. (AP)—Two men died, a third was missing and at least nine were injured following an explosion and fire at a chemical factory on Saturday.

Hundreds of homes were evacuated following the explosion at the ATOFINA Chemicals Inc. plant.

The victims were employees Edwin J. Wroblewski, 47, and Kenneth J. Cox, 55, said company spokesman Jane Crawford. Walter Terry Stein, 41, was missing, said company engineer Ron Pober.

"This is the worst thing I can remember in the plant's history," Pober said. "We've always prided ourselves on plant safety."

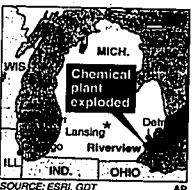
Two injured factory workers were treated at Riverview Hospital for respiratory problems from inhaling fumes, said spokeswoman Jackie Swearington. One was released.

Seven were in stable condition and were being treated for exposure to fumes at the Oakwood Health Care System, said spokesman Ken Bearden.

A railcar containing a dangerous chemical exploded about 4:30 a.m. at the factory, Pober said.

Soon, the fire was under control. Hazardous material specialists were en route from Texas to clean up the chemicals.

About 400 homes were evacuated in Grosse Ile, an island across the Detroit River from this suburban community. Another 40 homes were evacuated near the



SOURCE: ESRI, GDT

factory, but the area is mostly industrial, said Riverview fire Capt. Ken Williamson.

The north side of neighboring Trenton was also evacuated, but city fire Lt. Mitch Jensen said he didn't know how many people were affected. The evacuation put Trenton's Mid-Summer Festival on hold. Last year, the festival drew about 250,000 people, Jensen said.

Heidi Kisselburg of Ypsilanti was getting ready for the festival when police evacuated the area. Soon, her eyes stung and her throat hurt, she said.

"It was like hot pepper oil. It was like nothing I've ever felt. Most of us who were down there even for a few minutes experienced some problems, so we know it was for real," Kisselburg said.

The burning chemical was methyl mercaptan, or methanethiol, a flammable substance used in pharmaceutical and agricultural products.

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Pardon sought for man killed in 1922 execution

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. (AP)—A pardon is being sought for a black man who supporters claim was mistakenly convicted and executed for the murder of a white woman eight decades ago.

Maurice Franklin Mayes' arrest in 1919 triggered a bloody race riot in Knoxville. He died in the electric chair three years later.

However, Mayes' conviction never settled doubts about his guilt. And now historian and former legislator Robert Booker, who has written a book about the case, is joining with Mayor Victor Ashe to seek a posthumous pardon.

"There is no way this case would have resulted in an execution in today's justice system, and it is doubtful that it would have ended in a trial," Ashe wrote to Gov. Don Sundquist this week.

Jay Ballard, the governor's legal counsel, received Ashe's request Friday and will review it, Sundquist aides said.

Mayes, a nightclub owner, was arrested for murdering Bertie Lindsey in her sleep on Aug. 29, 1919.

The next day, angry whites stoned the downtown jail. When they discovered Mayes was being held elsewhere, they rampaged through the city's black neighborhoods.

The National Guard was called in and martial law declared. At least two people died.

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EDITORIAL

Convention center must be economically sound

As Twin Falls' 2004 centennial approaches, members of both the Twin Falls City Council and the Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce are eyeing the possibility that Craig Neilsen's proposed Snake River Canyon rim developments might provide a setting for a community center, an interpretive center or perhaps a new visitors center.

It's easy to see why. The canyon-side convention center that Neilsen envisions, and the high-rise hotel that eventually may follow, would be a marquee setting for either the city or the chamber to showcase Twin Falls' history and its attractions. And Neilsen has expressed a willingness to cooperate on such a venture.

Unfortunately, reality may dictate otherwise.

Twin Falls probably never will be a destination resort, no matter how much water spills over Shoshone Falls.

Whether a convention center gets built will depend entirely upon whether the idea makes economic sense, and there are plenty of signs it may not.

For all its rapid growth in the past decade, Twin Falls remains a modest crossroads town, smack in the middle of the arid West. It probably never will be a destination resort, no matter how much water spills over Shoshone Falls.

For that reason there are limits to how much convention business — or high-end tourism — this market will bear in the foreseeable future.

That's why we've long been skeptical of a publicly funded convention center. The chamber reached that same conclusion several years ago.

These projects — sometimes struc-

tured as auditorium districts — have a way of falling back on taxpayers. As several Northwest communities have discovered in the past couple of decades, there are few economic black holes deeper than a publicly financed convention facility that doesn't pay for itself.

If Neilsen can make the convention center work with private funding — and is still willing to let the city or the chamber attach an interpretive center to it — more power to him. But it won't get built unless it can turn a profit, and for now that seems problematic at best.

As for the other tourism — promotion options available to the chamber and the public sector, it seems to us that modest is better, at least for now.

Of course, it would be grand to have a Glens Ferry-style interpretive center near the canyon, financed with federal grants and private donations. But can it be built at a location that makes sense? And once it's built, would there be enough tourist traffic to support it?

More to the point, who's going to pay for it?

If the goal, as Councilman Howard Allen has suggested, is to move the county historical museum into Twin Falls, then the city and museum supporters need to start looking at more realistic options — perhaps in an existing building, or maybe in a new, privately funded structure.

But it's wrong to expect Neilsen to head an all-purpose solution. After all, he's in the hotel and retail development business, not the public subsidy game.

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Gary Condit and the Ten Commandments

It was almost exactly two years ago that U.S. Rep. Gary Condit, the son of a Baptist minister, voted to permit the display of the Ten Commandments in schools.

"Congress probably should spend more time obeying the Ten Commandments, and less time trying to exploit them for cynical political purposes," Barry Lynn, executive director of American Family Association of Separation of Church and State, said at the time.

Prophetic observation, you might say. Especially given the fact that each day, Condit seems to read the boundaries of yet another commandment in the continuing saga of missing interfaith Chandra Levy. Everything in the God-fearing family man's life suddenly seems a contradiction, if not a madcap joke. On the Democrat's Website, for instance, there's a link to the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children. And you can click on "Intern Opportunities" to find the following:

STEVE LOPEZ

- Or, as a woman told me this week in downtown Modesto, the hypocrisy with Mr. Ten Commandments is difficult to suffer.
- Condit has "certainly broken two" of the Commandments, says a Benedictine monk I've been corresponding with. But if she were alive today, Sister Maryanne, who used to walk the line in a nondenominational way, would no doubt have applied a broader interpretation of the Decalogue, regardless of what version we're talking about.
- You shalt have no other Gods before me.
- Guilty: Sister Maryanne would have said. Being weak of mind and spirit, he has worshipped the flesh of the young.
- You shalt not make unto thee any graven images, or any likeness of any thing that is above, or on the earth, or under the earth.
- Guilty. He has pliously waived the cross before the nation.
- You shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain.
- He's his O.K. here.
- Keep holy the Sabbath.
- Or, at the very least, pray with the minister's daughter while he's away delivering the Sunday sermon.
- Honor thy mother and father.
- Trouble here. What's Condit's father going to tell his flock?
- You shalt not kill.
- Awaiting DNA results.
- You shalt not commit adultery.
- He'll fire and damnation.
- You shalt not steal.
- From her grave, Sister Maryanne waves a ruler and asks: "Has he not stolen the honor of the office, the faith of constituents, and the trust of his wife?"
- You shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor.
- My friend the monk weighs in: "He has presented himself as utterly other than he is in condemning Clinton and others."
- They shalt not covet thy neighbor's house, nor his wife.
- Eternity is a long, long time.

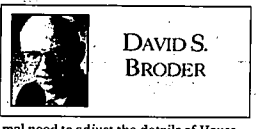
Steve Lopez is a columnist for the Los Angeles Times.



Bush's education plan is in trouble

Although few people outside the White House seem to realize it, President Bush's cherished education reform plan is in trouble. After passing both the House and Senate with big, bipartisan majorities, it's stuck in a conference committee of the two chambers, facing serious policy and political problems.

To salvage something more than a symbolic victory, Bush likely will have to do what he appears most reluctant to attempt — explain the nuances of a complicated subject to the public at large and knock heads of recalcitrant politicians in both parties.



DAVID S. BRODER

Since the House passed its version of the bill June 23 and the Senate finished its bill June 14, almost all the steam has gone out of the drive for the overhaul of the biggest federal school program. Bush is trying to restart the effort to redeem the "leave no child behind" pledge that he made the centerpiece of his campaign. But the Senate got around to naming conferees to meet with the House only last week, and Rep. John Boehner, the Ohio Republican who will head the House conferees, told me, "This will not be quick or easy."

Senate Democrats have made it clear they will not send the bill to the White House until Bush agrees to increase spending on schools well beyond the level recommended in his budget. And while both bills include Bush's bottom-line demand for annual testing of all students in math and English from the third through the eighth grade, a host of other policy problems remain unresolved.

Sandy Kress, the Democratic lawyer and former Dallas school board official who became Bush's ally in Texas school reform and has served as his education adviser in the White House, made it clear in an interview last week that those problems go well beyond the nor-

mal need to adjust the details of House and Senate bills.

Kress confirmed — and, indeed, expanded on — the challenges laid out in a brilliant piece of reporting by Nicholas Lemann in the July 2 issue of the New Yorker.

As Lemann noted, while most reporting focused on the issue of vouchers — which were of marginal importance to Bush and were quickly rejected by both the House and Senate — the real struggle involved what tests would be used, what standards would be deemed acceptable and what would happen if those goals were not met.

In Texas, where the reform effort predated Bush but accelerated under his leadership, the state picked the tests, set the initial standards relatively low but raised them steadily and rather rapidly, and saw performance improve, especially by minority students.

Bush brought that experience to Washington, but he is not the first education reformer to discover that what worked well in his state is far more difficult to achieve nationally. Arkansas Gov. Bill Clinton and South Carolina Gov. Dick Riley were successful in upgrading their schools, but were frustrated by major initiatives as president and secretary of education — including their own try for voluntary national testing.

"What makes this tough," Kress said, "is designing something that will work in 50 very different states, and then figuring out how you can leverage change

when you're only paying 7 percent of the bill" — the federal share of total education spending. Neither the House nor the Senate succeeded in solving that riddle to the satisfaction of the White House, governors, education experts, classroom teachers, liberals or conservatives. The amount of repair work to be done in conference is awesome and the cross-pressures are immense.

From the National Education Association, which passed a resolution saying all these tests should be made voluntary, to the state and local officials who argue against national norms, to the Heritage Foundation and other pro-voucher conservatives who complain that Bush already has allowed the standards to go limp, to the idealists who argue that if you just demand more of teachers and students, they will perform — all these conflicting views and agendas remain to be resolved.

Bush can still shape the outcome if he is willing to try to exact public opinion seriously in the struggle. He would have to explain that the great goal he enunciated in the campaign — which the public supports — of assuring every child achieves his or her potential cannot be reached without clear standards, comparable tests, measurable results for every significant sub-group, and real rewards and penalties for schools that succeed or fail. He will have to say that a degree of autonomy for the classroom teacher and local school authorities may have to be sacrificed to get these results. And he will have to be willing to see the federal government meet its fair share of the costs.

Unless he does, the bill he signs likely will be one more empty promise of real reform.

David S. Broder is a Washington Post columnist.

LETTERS

Newspaper policy protects writers
Today I write to express my sincere appreciation to *The Times-News* staff and commend its policy of verifying the sender of letters submitted for publication. — LOYD ELDON COX, Burley

Wage disclosure is wrong
It has come to my attention *The Times-News* is trying to obtain personal information about employees of Magic Valley Regional Medical Center. The information you requested is very personal and release of it could cause serious problems for employees involved. I fail to see how the public release of MVRMC employee wages could be of importance to the general population. This information should be protected by the privacy act. Employees of MVRMC aren't elected officials, they aren't being paid by the county, therefore aren't part of the county's budgetary process. Given these facts, the only conclusion I can draw is *The Times-News* is simply out to create problems for employees of MVRMC because of some undefined spiteful agenda the paper has with the hospital. I am concerned the information requested would be totally misrepresented by *The Times-News*. I understand *The Times-News* has only requested the gross income of employees. Most employees affected by your request don't work a 40-hour week and go home. They aren't salaried so their incomes fluctuate drastically from month to month. Employees of MVRMC work numerous hours of overtime, not because of the pay but because they

care about the community. It would be easy to say, "I'm sorry we can't take care of you tonight, come back in the morning during regular hours."

Wage disclosure is wrong
I would love to work a 40-hour week and receive a raise in my pay. My wife and I both make less than \$10 an hour. I don't get home at home. Unfortunately, this isn't the case. I take calls evenings and weekends as do many other hospital employees. We are the only local facility providing 24-hour emergency care. Much of this is done on call.

The pay for this inconvenience in our lives is minimal. How much is your personal life worth? How would you handle being on call every other night and every other weekend? Many employees of MVRMC are old and some even more. Do you really think the minimal income is worth not having a life outside the hospital? I do not! Employees of MVRMC do it because they care about the community enough to make these sacrifices. Now to me I'm a devoted professional who carry this burden, you want to broadcast their private information to the world.

Again I ask, "For what purpose?"
VIENNA NORTON
Twin Falls
(As part of our coverage of the debate over the hospital's future, *The Times-News* has requested a variety of hospital financial records. Release of such records is governed by Idaho's Public Records Law. We have not received all of the information, and we have not determined how much of it we will publish.)

who that is tramping on our grass.
LOYD ELDON COX
Burley

Last week, I received a telephone call from the editorial department to verify if we had sent a letter to print. Neither my husband nor I had typed this letter, but someone else had intended to use our names in his or her grievance against a third party. Because of this courtesy, the letter will not be printed and our names will not be linked to an issue and opinion that is not ours.

Our newspaper graciously allows the public to use its "Letters" page as a public forum to voice our educational points of view, concerns and just to gripe. However, *The Times-News* recognizes its liability for slander, libel and defamation of character and protects itself by verifying its sources. Never consider it a nuisance if someone calls to verify your identity. It could save you a lot of headache.
Thank you again, *Times-News*.
ANITA NOWAK
Jerome

Discounlone endangered salmon
Of all the hullabaloo we've heard about the endangered salmon — I just imagine those salmon had their noses sticking out of the water all the time that the Rainbows were there, wondering

OPINION

LETTERS

Fireworks are overdue

I'm writing this letter so that others can be spared the tragedy we experienced. My family and I went to the College of Southern Idaho July 4 celebration. We returned home to find our neighbors exploding "big time" illegal fireworks that rivaled CSI's and my beloved cattle guardian shepherd missing. I knew that something was dreadfully wrong because he never left our property without me.

These fireworks must have represented the magnitude of World War II to this terrified dog, with rockets of red, green and yellow fire flashing around 100 feet up in the sky with ear-bursting explosions. So he did the only thing he knew how to do - he ran away from it. He ran and ran until a truck on Addison Avenue hit him. I live on Falls Avenue north of Kimberly, he ran far to get away.

My beloved best friend, Wylie, is now dead. His neck was broken, the cartilage in his ears was crumpled, his face was deformed and he had internal injuries. I am grieving deeply over his senseless death. He was there at my bedside, comforting and encouraging during my several months in bed last year recovering from an injury and four knee surgeries. He went with me on all my rehab exercises of long walks and swimming. He always wanted to work with me. He was only 4 years old and in the prime of his life. I fail to understand why the magnificent fireworks at CSI weren't good enough to satisfy my neighbors. If they were so bent on their own personal display of illegal fireworks, they should have first notified each neighbor so they could protect their pets. Their actions were selfish and thoughtless and invaded our space.

Wylie is now buried in my herb garden under the grape arbor. I will never see or hear him again. I hope that others learn from this tragic and needless experience. We have to live in this world together; we need to think of how our actions may impact others. (Incidentally, after talking to Sheriff Tousey, it's my understanding that, in Twin Falls County, if fireworks go beyond "fizz or sparkle," they are unlawful unless you have a valid display permit from the clerk of the District Court approved by the county commissioners.)

JUDE COLAY Kimberly

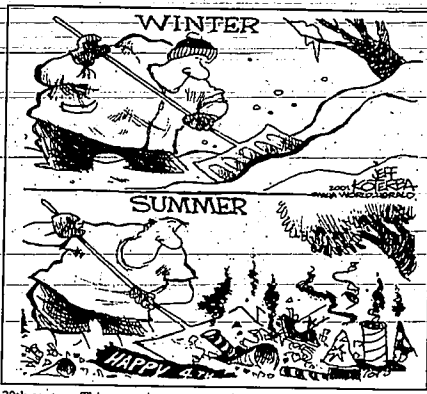
Hospital should come at cost

A big mistake can be made if the proper thing is not done with the Magic Valley Regional Medical Center. You can lose track of doing the best thing by being influenced by those who have personal advantages in status quo or keeping the county from getting fair value for it.

Medical practitioners have much to gain as they have free use of the hospital while charging clients for procedures which can best be performed or only performed at the hospital. It is comparable to providing free garages for mechanics to work on clients' cars. Logic could be used that the poor cannot afford to pay the price necessary to repair their cars.

Furthermore, you can be influenced to retain a facility which allows you to provide care for a host of people whom you consider unable to pay for their own services.

I remember conditions which existed in the early part of the



20th century. This was prior to any governmental unit becoming involved with medical care. If patients were unable to pay for their care, they exchanged services with those providing them, or the doctors provided care without pay. There was no one that I knew who wasn't taken care of and politicians didn't have to become involved. The medical profession built and operated its own hospitals. They were profitable ventures for them.

This practice has been carried on with the Twin Falls Clinic. They provide the same services as the county-owned facility. Providing free service to some, willingly or unwillingly. They make a profit on their investment and pay property taxes. Neither you or an appointed board need to be involved with their operation.

If you still feel compelled to provide free services to the needy or those who refuse to pay, use the taxes generated and the interest received on the funds generated from the sale of the hospital to continue the socialistic practices.

I urge you to get an accredited, fair market appraisal of the hospital and sell it. Please stop the game playing. The Twin Falls doctors should be the buyers, but why buy when you can get it free? Forget all these ideas of retaining ownership and offering charitable leases. Our government on any level should not be in business. Few elected officials are qualified to run a business. It takes backbone to override social pressures. Everyone wants someone else to pay their bills.

NOLAN VICTOR Twin Falls

Infuse politics with God

Regarding your July 11 editorial celebrating the disbanding of the Idaho Christian Coalition: I understand the joyous celebration of a political entity such as *The Times-News* over the demise of the ICC. I tend to agree with you

that the coalition probably didn't accomplish all that it had desired, despite its "positive spin on what appears to be bad news."

However, I do find that you err in stating, "In yet another sign that politics and religion don't mix..." Not only is our U.S. government founded on moral law (given by God) but, our government was, from the beginning, positively influenced by those of religion - especially Christians, through prayer and Bible reading, even in sessions of Congress. Most of the signers of our Declaration of Independence were religious.

While I would agree that the Idaho Christian Coalition and even the Idaho Family Forum

often seemed to be extreme in their views and input, they have had an important contribution, especially in light of some of the other extreme groups or individuals who would argue against all moral restraints. Those who would say, "Why not allow us to kill all babies, born or unborn. And what gives some of those old lawmakers the right to still live?"

Representation is the foundation of our democratic republic. As citizens, we have a right and obligation to be involved in politics so that our respective views can be voiced. When you remove the rightful political input of the Christian groups, you in essence vote for further erosion of our morals as a state and as a nation. You, the editors, would then be seen as the extremists when you speak against the immoral acts and lies of the president of the United States, as you did against President Bill Clinton. Whose standards are you going to use to judge the unjust - your own?

Eugene H. Peterson, in his devotional, "Living the Message," says, "In some ways Christians are the least religious people in the world - there is so much that we don't believe! We don't believe in good-luck charms, in horoscopes, in fate. We don't believe the world's promises or the world's curses." You see, our lives prosper, not so much because of what we do but rather because of what God does for us and in us. We need God at work in our politics - and in our politicians!

JIM SOMMER Twin Falls
(Editor's note: Jim Sommer is the pastor at the Christian Center Four Square Church in Twin Falls.)

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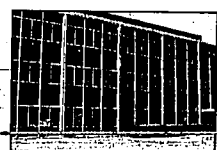
Construction has started on a five-mile transmission line that will connect the Cloverdale Substation near Franklin and Cloverdale roads to the Locust Substation on Locust Grove and McMillan roads in Boise.

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"For many years, energy conservation efforts have been ongoing at the Idaho Transportation Department (ITD). With the governor's executive order last April, we expanded our energy-saving strategies," said ITD General Services Manager John R. Tomkinson.

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WORLD



Two unidentified children stay with some of their family's belongings as workers from a private security company, under instruction from government authorities, continue ripping down shacks in Bredell, near Johannesburg, Friday. Several thousand squatters began erecting shacks two weeks ago on the land after paying an opposition party 25 rand (\$5) for small parcels of land that they believed they would own.

Homeless S. Africans briefly occupy land near Cape Town

CAPE TOWN, South Africa (AP) — Thousands of homeless people briefly occupied government land Saturday near Cape Town, demanding they be given housing by the government. The occupation came the same day authorities demolished the final shack on a plot of land outside Johannesburg that thousands of squatters began occupying about two weeks ago. Thousands of people danced and began erecting shacks Saturday morning on land owned by the government in Macassar, near Cape Town.

"The land belongs to the Africans, the land belongs to God. No one owns it," local activist Peter Makute told e-TV television news. Many squatters said they had become frustrated by the long wait for free government housing. Since the end of apartheid in 1994, the government has built 1.1 million low-cost homes, sheltering more than 5 million people. However, 7.5 million South Africans still lack proper homes. After negotiations with local officials, the squatters removed their shacks and left the land. On Thursday, officials began

demolishing an estimated 1,300 shacks erected on a tract of land near Johannesburg that had been illegally occupied by squatters for about two weeks. The land belonged to the government, a state utility and a private company. Authorities had left the last shack — owned by 83-year-old Puleng Eliza Lidimo — standing Friday after angry squatters surrounded it. Church officials found her a place in a local nursing home and the shack was demolished Saturday.

Hunger strikers protest German custody rules

BERLIN (AP) — A group of parents from France and South Africa held a rally Saturday drawing support for their hunger strike to demand Germany give them greater access to their children caught up in custody battles here. The protesters' complaints echo those of many foreign parents — including Americans — estranged from German spouses, who say German courts unfairly favor their own citizens in custody disputes. The issue has come up in talks between U.S. and German leaders.

Five French citizens and a South African who launched a hunger strike on Wednesday, held a rally Saturday in Berlin's Alexanderplatz square, planning to hold similar protests daily. "We're protesting for the right to see our children, for their right to have both parents," Olivier Karrer said. Karrer, who lives in France, said a German court unfairly denied him custody of his son after he and partner separated three years ago. He says he has been allowed only minimal contact since with the boy, now 7.

About 50 German parents joined the rally. Three German fathers joined the hunger strikers, who have been drinking only sugared water. Dozens of estranged parents from the United States and France have complained in recent years that German justice is stacked against them — even in cases where children have been illegally taken from their homes in other countries.

In particular, delays in bringing custody cases to court mean that children grow accustomed to Germany. Courts have in turn cited that as a reason not to award custody to a parent living abroad.

Somalia clan fighting kills 22

MOGADISHU, Somalia (AP) — Heavily armed groups from rival clans clashed in some of the worst violence in Somalia's capital in months Saturday, killing 22 people and seriously wounding 25, health workers and witnesses said. Using assault rifles, anti-aircraft guns and anti-tank weapons, fighters loyal to faction leader Muse Sudi Yalahow battled gunmen from a clan that supports the transitional government formed last year after a

decade of chaos and violence. The fighting was focused on a market in northern Mogadishu's Sana neighborhood, which suffered serious damage. Residents of Sana have expressed support for the new government. In a bid to maintain order, President Abdiqasim Salad Hassan's fledgling government established a 2,000-member police force in late June — the first since President Mohamed Siad Barre was ousted in 1991.



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Bomb kills politician in Spain

MADRID, Spain (AP) — A bomb killed a politician and a police was shot and wounded in two separate attacks in northern Spain on Saturday, the latest blamed on the armed Basque separatist group ETA.

The blast took place in Leiza, a farming town of 3,000 people in Navarra province about 20 miles northwest of the provincial capital Pamplona, where the San Fermin festival was concluding after a final run of the bulls.

The Navarra regional government identified the victim as Jose Javier Mugica, 50, a councillor for the Union of the People of Navarra, a center-right party opposed to Basque separatism. Mugica also worked as a photographer.

Later, about 8:30 p.m., a member of the Basque police forces, identified as Mikel Uribe, was shot twice in the town of Tolosa, the private news agency Europa Press said. He was taken to a nearby hospital.

The province of Navarra, which borders the Basque country, is home to many Basque speakers and is claimed by ETA as part of the independent homeland it wants to build. Many people in Leiza are fervent Basque nationalists and the town council is dominated by Euskal Herriarrok, a party seen as ETA's political wing.

"I want to express my condemnation and deep contempt for ETA's atrocities," Basque regional president Juan Jose Ibarretxe said after the bomb attack. "This killing brings nothing but pain," he said in the town of Guernica as he was sworn in for another term.

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Section B

The sound and the furry of Teton St.

I have a mouse problem, and I don't want to talk about it. It's embarrassing for a guy to admit. My house is infested with 2-ounce fuzzy creatures that irritate the bejeebers out of my dog and me, and we're powerless to stop them.

Oh, there are periodic waves of D-ronning and mouse-trapping, but it always seems to be a temporary cure. I went home to my freshly demoused house one lunch hour last fall and opened the door to let the dog out. Petunia - that's the dog - found herself snout-to-snout on the back porch with a gray rodent one twentieth her size.

Petunia lunged for the critter and missed - badly - which startled the mouse sufficiently to prompt it to scamper through the open door and into the house. A new generation was born.

Since then, I've found mouse droppings throughout the premises and, one day, a very-much-alive mouse, perhaps two minutes away from gnawing its way into the tower of my computer.

Petunia isn't much help. She's a feisty 7-year-old Tibetan terrier who is exceptionally broad in the aft section. She couldn't catch her own shadow if the shadow gave her a head start.

So she confines herself to expressing moral outrage whenever a mouse scampers past. That doesn't seem to help.

This is a venerable plague at my place. I wrote a column in 1993 about my young son waking up in his bed to find mouse droppings on his chest, and of the family's reckless pursuit of a renegade rodent whom we dubbed Ralphie. For all I know, Ralphie's a grandfather by now.

But in the meantime, I've acquired a friend whose mother is a retired biology professor at California State University at Sacramento. Her specialty is virology.

That's the study of viruses, and in the high, dry Intermountain West, the king of the microbes is hantavirus.

Hantavirus is a noxious critter that thrives in mice, and is spread through their droppings. Inhale enough airborne hantavirus in an infested building, and you're guaranteed a bad day.

Now I have an idea whether the mice of Teton Street have ever met a hantavirus, but paranoia reigns supreme nonetheless. I've washed every dish, bowl and fork in the household in an inch of its life, and sprayed the ceiling, walls, floor, surface, vertical and horizontal, that didn't run away first. (I'm pretty sure I killed the fake ficus tree that way.)

I've moused bait around every corner, and enough to catch the unwary bare big toe at any hour of the night.

So far, I've caught three that way (the left big toe twice), with no tangible evidence of rodentary mortality.

Perhaps it's time to consider that they aren't mortal.

Submitted for your approval, the nursery rhyme about three aggressive mice who, without apparent cause, pursued a farmer's wife around the kitchen and provoked her into detailing them-with-a-Ginzu.

Literary historians say the farmer's wife was Queen Mary I of England, the Catholic daughter of King Henry XIII, history's most famous Protestant. The mice in question were her nobles - they got that way by hanging out with King Henry - with whom she had some issues.

The real Queen Mary, of course, didn't cut off their tails; she started with their heads. But, as a class, they certainly outlived her in the end.

So to speak. Is there anyone who doesn't think that six months from now, I'll once again be finding gray-bleach blinks at vermin twice as fast and half-again as smart as Petunia?

I read the other day that Mickey Mouse now has his own tree house at Disney World. I wonder if he'd be interested in a time-share?

Steve Crump, who buys *Velocetta* in bulk at a bait shop, is the Times-News features editor.



DON'T ASK ME
Steve Crump

CEO holds Sun Valley gathering

By Pat Murphy
Times-News correspondent

SUN VALLEY - If Herbert A. Allen Jr. ever ditches the heady Wall Street world of billion dollar deal-making, he'd be ideal for any President of the United States who needs a go-to man with a zippered bag who can bring together some of the world's most powerful figures to make diplomatic or political deals.

Allen, the fit 61-year-old CEO of the New-York investment banking firm of Allen & Co., was at it again last week, staging his premiere summertime get-together of major media moguls and their families

Media get-together details elude press

at the Sun Valley Resort. Although described by the Sun Valley/Ketchum Chamber of Commerce as the single biggest annual economic shot in the arm for the Wood River Valley, Allen has perfected the art of secrecy for his gathering that would make the Central Intelligence Agency glow with admiration.

Leaks about who attended last week and what was said in the closed sessions were virtually impossible to find, despite the size of the get-together - an estimated 500 corporate giants, their families and

staffs, plus several hundred other local workers providing support services. Even the Sun Valley Resort's otherwise media-friendly marketing director, Jack Sibbach, was reluctant to even confirm the presence of Allen & Co., much less confirm even the most insignificant details.

Protectiveness and silence is perhaps one of the most important appeals to Allen for staging his annual gathering here. He's notoriously shy about contact with the press, despite the irony that his

guests and some of his biggest clients are top brass of the U.S. news and entertainment media.

The other attraction for the Wood River Valley is its environmental ambience, the laid-back pace, the casual dress-down lifestyle and the tendency of townsfolk to not pester billionaire VIPs.

That, of course, comes from years of conditioning. Hollywood megastars have owned homes here for more than 50 years, and on any day, locals might see Clint Eastwood shopping in a market, Arnold Schwarzenegger nibbling on lunch at an

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A TRAIL OF TEA CUPS



Cathy Baer and Jenny Busdon, both avid users of the Harriman Trail, show off attire you'll never see them wearing along the trail at this week's high tea.

Residents take a sip for Harriman fund-raiser

By Karen Bossick
Times-News correspondent

SUN VALLEY - Claire Bailey pushed her spanking new white golf gloves up her wrist and then reached out to grip a china tea cup.

Yes, this was high tea. But Bailey's sports gloves fit right in, considering it was a fund-raiser for the Harriman bike and ski trail north of Sun Valley.

About three dozen women dug their fanciest dresses out of mothballs, delicately removed never-worn hats from their hat boxes, hung pearls around their necks, slung tiny ornamental purses over their shoulders and pushed white gloves up to their elbows this week to participate in the ritual of sipping tea for the trails.

It was a head turner in the casual laid-back resort of Sun Valley where getting dressed up for a cocktail party typically means putting on a Norwegian

sweater. "I really didn't know there were this many dresses in all of Sun Valley. All you ever see is people in hiking, biking or skiing clothes," said Ketchum resident **MARILYN** Rennels, as she gazed around the room.

The late afternoon tea party was held in the French country home of **B A R B A T H R A S I E R** perched high on a hill overlooking Elkhorn and Sun Valley. Thrasher, a Seattle resident who built a part-time home in Sun Valley two years ago, said she had participated in similar tea parties in Seattle to raise money for a children's cancer center.

"I've been in other ski resorts where you have to drive an hour to go hiking. The Harriman Trail is a jewel that needs to be taken care of and I decided the way to do that is to get all these women

together and show the power of women in the charity arena," she said.

The 18-mile trail, which stretches between **S A W T O O T H** Recreation Area and **G A L E N A** Lodge, was completed a couple weeks ago.

The trail has been the backbone of the North Valley ski trails for about a quarter century. The trail was completed a couple years ago. The trail had only 10 years ago, said Mary Austin Crofts, executive director of the Blaine County

Recreation District. "It's not just a recreational corridor but a wonderful place to interface with nature," said Cathy Baer, who lives north of Ketchum.

Slitting on furniture imported from Europe, women talked about everything from the informal get-togethers they participate in to keep up their French to banding goshawks to Karen Johnston's descriptive instructions on how to mountain bike in gravel.

"You've got to steer with your butt, keep your front loose," she said, giving a mock demonstration on the patio. Jenny Busdon, a British native who has organized numerous fund-raisers to keep Galena Lodge Nordic Center open over the years, sacrificed her own recreation time to drink a cup of tea to the

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City Council mulls proposed budget

By Karen Bossick
Times-News correspondent

KETCHUM - The big question concerning a new parking program director for Ketchum is where to park him or her.

Ketchum City Council members this week gave an informal nod to creating a new position to implement paid parking and work toward a valleywide public transit system.

But council member Maurice Charlat wanted to know where new additions to the city staff should be put in a crowded building where he said staffers are already practically sitting on one another's laps.

Ketchum's budget for 2001-2002 probably decrease from \$1.32 per thousand to \$1.30 per thousand of value, City Administrator Jim Jaquet says. This should lower the annual amount residents are assessed for projects like the new high school.

New construction and revaluation have increased market values in Ketchum by about 9 percent over the past three years. A preliminary estimate of market value for Ketchum properties is \$1.644 billion.

members are scrutinizing in the proposed budget.

The proposed \$9,169,595 budget is an increase of \$766,693 or 9.1 percent over the current year.

It includes \$477,000 for the first phase of a Warm Springs Bike and Pedestrian Path along Warm Springs Road. There also is \$230,000 to install trees, street lights, benches and trash receptacles along Sun Valley Road.

The Sun Valley/Ketchum Chamber of Commerce, whose funding has been criticized by some residents, has requested an increase of \$22,100 - from \$331,500 to \$353,600. Jaquet termed the request "reasonable."

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Twin Falls graduate wins pageant

Amy Chandler wore home the crown of Miss Magic Valley Saturday night from the scholarship pageant at the College of Southern Idaho presented by the Twin Falls Lions Club.

Amy Chandler, daughter of Don and Lori Chandler, is a graduate of Twin Falls High School and plans to attend Brigham Young University.

Her platform is keeping music in schools, and she will perform a piano solo. She also enjoys hiking, water skiing, snowboarding and bike riding. Chandler was selected to sing at the All-Northwest

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Firefighters battle Cassia wildfires

The Times-News

MALTA - Firefighters were battling a pair of lightning caused wildfires in southern Cassia County Saturday night, according to the BLM.

The largest fire has burned almost 5,000 acres 10 miles southeast of Raft River. Thirteen fire engines have been assigned to fight the fire, which ignited an unharvested grain field.

The other fire is burning in rugged terrain about 13 miles southeast of Malta, and has burned about 800 acres. BLM crews are being assisted by smokejumpers from the BLM, the Payette National Forest and a Sho-Ban hand crew from Fort Hall.

Both fires were reported at about 4 p.m. Saturday. The BLM said no structures were being threatened by the fires and no estimated containment time has been set for either blaze.

FLIGHT PREPARATIONS



Six-year-old Megan Cummins decorates a kite to take home during the Kids' Art in the Park at the Twin Falls City Park Saturday.

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Officials to provide details of radioactive-debris site

The Associated Press

IDAHO FALLS - The Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory is updating the public on a new landfill that would accept about 26,000 metric tons of contaminated soil and debris from cleanup jobs at the site.

When plans were announced three years ago, farmers and nuclear watchdogs voiced concerns about burying chemicals

and radioactivity above the aquifer that is a sole source of drinking water for about a quarter of a million people.

With 30 percent of the facility now designed, the U.S. Department of Energy is conducting a public meeting next week to explain how it will work.

The landfill, which would operate for 30 years, will accept soil and debris contaminated with low-level radioactivity or toxic substances from cleanup jobs around the

INEEL

To protect groundwater supplies, the Energy Department will limit how much pollution goes into the landfill, officials said. They are calculating what quantities of chemicals might pose a threat to the Snake River Plain Aquifer.

The eight-acre landfill also will have a clay liner and a system for collecting any contaminated liquid that seeps through the waste. It is scheduled to open in 2003.

But nuclear opponents remain critical. And the Government Accounting Office recently recommended that the Energy Department reevaluate the costs of disposing of its waste at existing private sites before building new landfills.

The May report also said a number of assumptions have changed since decisions were made to build cleanup landfills at the INEEL and two other Energy Department sites.

The INEEL already is revising cost estimates from three years ago, said Talley Jenkins, a waste-area manager for the Energy Department's Idaho Operations Office. Since then, the amount of radioactive waste slated for the new landfill has increased about 3 percent. But because the INEEL has reduced the landfill's capacity, the costs of burying the waste on the desert also have declined to about \$140 million, Jenkins said.

OBITUARIES

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BOISE



Stephanie Laurel Joslyn

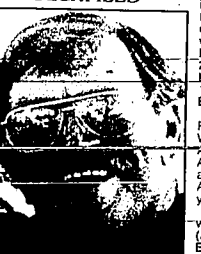
Stephanie Laurel Joslyn passed away Saturday, June 16, 2001, after a long illness. She died at her home in Glenwood Beach near Lincoln City, Ore. surrounded by her family and friends.

A memorial service will be held July 19 at Kathryn Alberson Park, Boise, ID, at 1001 Americana Blvd., 7 p.m. in the Eyrle Gazebo. Stephanie was born on leap day, February 29, 1950, in Pocatello, ID. Stephanie grew up in Burley, Idaho, and had many happy childhood memories. She graduated from Boise High in 1978. She later received an associate degree in Applied Science from Boise State University. Stephanie had a strong connection to the earth and made her living as a horticulturist. She had her own business called Wild About Nature's Designs. Stephanie used her extraordinary talent to help family and friends with beautiful landscapes and floral arrangements.

Stephanie had many talents. She was an accomplished photographer, potter, artist, clothing designer and seamstress. Stephanie loved adventure and she and her friends had many wonderful times in the awesome Idaho mountains. She was an avid white water rafter, swimmer, snow and water skier. She was always on the look out for unique rocks and earth's natural art. Steph's most treasured times were spent with her nieces, Joslyn and Tori. Stephanie embraced life with a vivacious and fun personality and will be missed by her loving family and friends.

Stephanie is survived by her parents, Carolyn Eichholz and Loren Joslyn; her sister and brother-in-law, Julia and Bill Dresser, nieces, Joslyn and Victoria Dresser; her grandmothers, Joyce Moore, all of Boise, and numerous aunts, uncles and cousins. She was preceded in death by her grandparents, Wanda Ann and Ted Moore, and her stepfather, Dick Eichholz. Written remembrances of her life may be forwarded to the family at 6500 Outlook Drive, Boise, ID, 83703.

RICHFIELD



Robert 'Bob' Eugene Dain

Bob died on July 12th, 2001 at his home in Richfield in the company of his family, following a short illness. He was 51 years old.

Bob was born on September 28th, 1949 to Jesse and Neva Dain in Emporia, Kansas. He lived with his family in Bushong, Kansas until the death of his parents.

In 1959, at the age of 10, Bob came to Idaho to live with his Aunt Darlene and Uncle Robert Gaskill in Gooding.

He attended schools in Bushong, Kansas; Gooding, and graduated from Shoshone High School in 1967. He attended Idaho State University in Pocatello.

On May 16th, 1981, Bob married Cheryl Cantwell in Shoshone. Bob had two children, a son, Jesse Lee

and a daughter, Zada Ann. They resided in Shoshone until 1995 when they moved to Richfield. Cheryl preceded Bob in death in October of 1996.

Bob was a very talented carpenter and worked at this trade until he was no longer able, due to his illness.

Bob is survived by his children, Jesse Lee and Zada Ann of Richfield; his parents, Darlene and Robert Gaskill of Shoshone; his brothers, Lyle (Michelle) Gaskill, Dietrich, Jay (Lori) Gaskill of Lewiston; his sister, Sherrill (William) Bingham of Dietrich; and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his birth parents, his sister, his wife and an infant son "Baby Dains." A memorial service will be held Tuesday, July 17th at 10 a.m. at the Northeast end of the Shoshone City Park. In lieu of flowers, the family has requested that donations be made to Jesse or Zada Dain in care of Jay Gaskill, Esq., P.O. Box 446, Lewiston, Idaho 83501. We love you Bob.

will follow at Sunset Memorial with military rites. Family members and friends may call from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Monday at Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home.

Memorials may be made to the Veterans Organization or of your choice.

JEROME



LaVonne Marie Brooks

LaVonne Marie Brooks, 90, of Jerome, passed away on Thursday, July 12, 2001, at St. Benedict's Hospital in Jerome.

She was born November 9, 1910 in Hagerman, Idaho the daughter of Edward and Marie Silver Gutery. Shortly after her birth the family moved to Halley, Idaho where her father was partners in a Hudson-Essex automobile dealership. In 1916 her father sold his share of the auto dealership and the family moved to Twin Falls, Idaho. After graduating from Twin Falls High School in 1928, she briefly attended the College of Idaho in Caldwell, Idaho but transferred to Albion Normal Teachers College in Albion, Idaho where she received her two year teachers certification.

LaVonne began her teaching career with the Bliss School District in 1933. In 1934 she married Farrell Christopherson of Twin Falls, in Winnemucca, Nevada. She interrupted her teaching career in 1937 when they began a family, but stayed active in education by substitute teaching. In 1953 she reentered her chosen profession of teaching in the Gooding School District. During the summers she attended Idaho State College, receiving her bachelor's degree in 1957. In 1957 the family moved to Twin Falls where LaVonne continued her teaching career at Morningside Elementary School until she retired in 1975.

LaVonne and Farrell divorced in 1963. She married Russell Brooks of Gooding on May 26, 1966. They were later divorced. She enjoyed Idaho and traveling with retired teacher friends and reading. LaVonne was a member of Delta Kappa Gamma, Honorary Teaching Society, The Chapter and the Twin Falls First Methodist Church.

She is survived by her four children: Carlene Citek of Jerome, Ed (Fae) Christopherson of Wendell, Cheryl (John) Bastida of Jerome and Charles Christopherson of Jerome; nine grandchildren, 23 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, two brothers and one sister. Graveside services will be held Monday, July 16, 2001 at 1 p.m. in the Twin Falls Cemetery, Eastland Ave. and 4th Ave. East, Twin Falls, Idaho, with Pastor James Frisbie officiating. A viewing will be held Sunday, July 15, 2001 at Farnsworth Mortuary, 1343 South Lincoln, Jerome where friends and family may call from 6-8 p.m.

The family suggests memorial contributions be made to the Morningside Elementary Library, 701 Morningside Drive, Twin Falls, ID 83301.

Robert 'Bob' Thompson of Hazelton, service at 11 a.m. Monday at the Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home in Twin Falls; interment will be at the Twin Falls Cemetery; visitation for friends will be from 9-11 a.m. Monday at the funeral home.

LaVonne M. Brooks of Jerome, graveside service at 1 p.m. Monday at the Twin Falls Cemetery; friends and family may call from 6-8 p.m. today at Farnsworth Mortuary, 1343 S. Lincoln, Jerome.

Anna K. Yager Brannan of Portland, Ore., and formerly of

DEATH NOTICES

Porfirio Cardenas BURLEY - Porfirio Cardenas, 58, of Burley resident died Friday July 13, 2001, at St. Alphonsus Regional Medical Center in Boise.

Services are pending and will be announced by Hansen Mortuary Burley Chapel.

Donya Machacek MERIDIAN - Donya Machacek, 43, of Meridian died Friday, July 13, 2001, in Boise.

Services are pending and will be announced by the Farmer Funeral Chapel in Buhl.

HOSPITAL

MAGIC VALLEY REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER Released Sherry Bradbury of Jerome.

SERVICES

the Burley-Rupert area, memorial service at 2 p.m. Monday at the Payne Memorial Chapel, 221 W. Main St., Burley. Inurnment will follow at Pleasant View Cemetery in Burley.

Zelma "Tiny" Bartlett, of Wendell, no service will be held; memorial open house at 1 p.m. July 21 at her home, 536 N. Pocatello St., Wendell (Demary's Wendell Chapel).

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Shovel brigade, others discuss road repairs

By Karen Terrell
Times-News correspondent

ELKO, Nev. — While both sides to the South Canyon Road issue continue to disagree, there are indications lines of communication may be opening up between some of the key players.

Humboldt County National Forest Supervisor Bob Vaught met this past week with members of the Jarbridge Shovel Brigade, Elko County commissioners and others in an attempt to work through the differences surrounding the rebuilding of the disputed road. While no final decision on the repair was reached, both sides expressed an interest in working together in a cooperative manner to accomplish the repair.

The need of a study under the National Environmental Protection Act (NEPA) is a major issue dividing the two sides. Vaught explained that the riverbank's terrain and the fact bull trout live in the river would trigger a NEPA study before extensive road repair can be implemented. The bull trout is listed as "threatened" under the Endangered Species Act.

Vaught also said the road repair plan submitted by the county and prepared by the Shovel Brigade's Road Committee would involve extensive repair and thus a NEPA study would be needed under federal regulations.

Nevada Assemblyman John Carpenter, one of the original organizers of the volunteer movement to reopen the road, countered by reading from the agreement reached by all parties in April which outlines work being done on the first washout before the Forest Service makes a decision on a county plan.

"America grinds to a halt," Carpenter said, "if a little thing like this requires NEPA." Others agreed, saying the work would only involve from 100 to 300 feet of work to repair the "first washout."

Elko County Road Supervisor Otis Tipton said the terminology of the agreement made it clear "fixing the washout was not to be placed in the road repair plan." While Vaught acknowledged the agreement's wording, he said the plan as presented would require a NEPA study. In a letter he wrote in late June, Vaught said the proposed repair plan went "...well beyond the interim work envisioned by the Forest Service." The plan submitted, he added, outlined work for all but the last quarter of a mile.

Vaught told the group this week

the plan goes further than the first crossing, the area the Forest Service had identified as the "washout." He explained that actually moving the channel of the river would necessitate a NEPA study, and the county plan includes putting the river back into its original channel. The channel moved onto the original roadway during a flood in 1995.

"We are interested in the same end product ... environmentally friendly repairs ... and a road that will serve everyone into the area," Forest Service Engineer Hal Peterson reminded the group. He said more information from the county would be required to achieve the "best long term product."

Mike Lattin, an Elko civil engineer and member of the Shovel Brigade Road Committee, agreed "we are supposed to work together to get the plan done." He indicated his group would be willing to answer questions and provide information as required to move forward with the project.

In answer to complaints the Forest Service was "stalling," Vaught repeatedly stressed his agency's willingness to work with Elko County, and added the federal

regulations are "too restrictive" in many areas. He made it clear, however, he would not help the county if it decided to approach the Council on Environmental Quality in Washington D.C. for a waiver of the NEPA process.

"It would not be appropriate for me," he told the commission. He noted the decision would have to be made by his supervisors in the regional office in Utah. In his June letter to the commission, Vaught said the environmental issues involved in the Jarbridge Canyon would rule out a NEPA waiver.

The forest supervisor acknowledged, "the decision is mine" in regard to a NEPA study, but said he wanted advice from his supervisors in the regional headquarters. To that end he suggested the group visit the South Canyon Road area Wednesday morning and sort out the issues.

Vaught later said a fish and wildlife specialist and an environmental expert from the Utah office had agreed to accompany the group for a look at the river. He indicated optimism that the on-site review might produce some resolution to the conflicts surrounding the rebuilding process.

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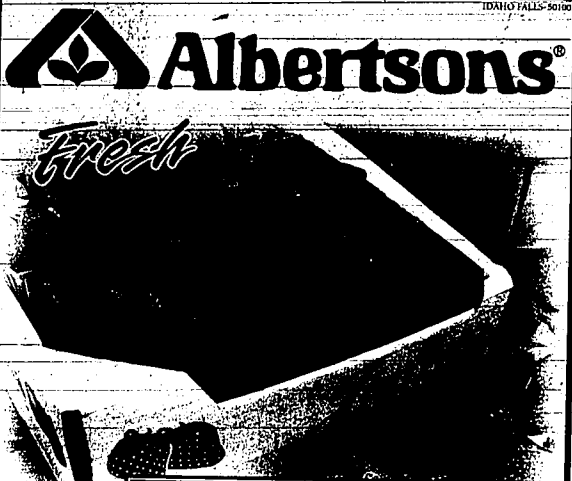


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Gas leak response satisfies regulators

LEWISTON (AP) - Environmental officials are satisfied with Potlatch Corp.'s initial response following the release of toxic chlorine and chlorine dioxide gas at its pulp and paper mill Thursday evening.

Although they say no leak is a good leak, the emergency response plan appeared to have been executed with precision.

On employee was treated for chlorine dioxide inhalation after the mill experienced its largest release of the chemical in 25 years.

"It looks to me like they took every measure possible to minimize the release, so we are pretty satisfied with what we saw," said Eric Koczynski, an air quality analyst for the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality.

Workers quickly notified emergency agencies and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's national hot line. State officials were contacted Friday and inspected the site the same day.

Employees at the mill's Lurgi plant quickly shut it down so the leak could be fixed. Lurgi is a process by which chlorine is converted into chlorine dioxide, which is used to bleach pulp and

paper. Local environmentalists have tried unsuccessfully to convince Potlatch to use oxygen to bleach the products instead of chlorine dioxide.

All releases of toxic chemicals, especially chlorine, are serious matters, Koczynski said.

"It's fairly toxic and causes instantaneous problems with people," he said. "Once a leak happens there is nothing that can be done to contain it."

"The emergency response would be to protect people, that is really all you can do once a release like this has occurred. There is no cleanup you can do," said Beth Shel Drake, a regional response officer with the Environmental Protection Agency.

The cloud hung over the mill and then dissipated. Although both chlorine and chlorine dioxide are toxic, chlorine is much more dangerous.

It is reflected in their differing federal reporting thresholds. Releases of 10 pounds or more of chlorine must be reported to regulators but chlorine dioxide does not have to be reported until 1,000 pounds are emitted.

Study finds chemicals in some Utah aquifers

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) - Herbicides and fertilizers used on lawns in Salt Lake County are seeping into the groundwater.

A new study shows that Salt Lake County's shallow aquifers contain toxic chemical nitrates, pesticides and solvents from such activities as spraying lawns with chemicals.

"We found quite a few compounds related to what people are doing at the surface," said Sue Thiros, a hydrologist for the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS).

The federal agency just completed a water-quality study using 30 wells, 23 feet to 153 feet in depth, in areas where residential and commercial development occurred between 1963 and 1994.

The study found at least two dozen chemicals. The most common was atrazine, a herbicide, which was discovered in 23 wells, all west of the Jordan River.

Most of the chemicals were found in concentrations well below federal drinking-water standards.

Two chemicals, however, exceeded the standards. Nitrates were found to exceed the standard in three wells, and tetrachloroethene, a common dry-cleaning solvent, exceeded the standard in one well in West

Valley City.

The discovery of tetrachloroethene has prompted an investigation by the Utah Division of Environmental Response and Remediation to determine the source of the contamination, said division scientist J.D. Keetley.

Salt Lake County's continued growth and use of chemicals could further degrade the shallow ground water, making it unsuitable or costly for human use, said Thiros.

The USGS findings come a time when the Jordan Valley Water Conservancy District plans to pump shallow ground water from near the Jordan River to use as culinary water. The plan will require expensive water treatment.

Of most concern to Thiros, however, is that the contamination of the shallow ground water could spread into the deeper aquifers, which are connected to the shallow ones tested by USGS. Salt Lake County currently depends on deep wells, not the shallow aquifers, for about half of its culinary water supply.

"The question is whether it is getting into the deeper aquifers. Nobody knows. We want to find out," she said.

Inmate dies during parole hearing

BOISE (AP) - A 64-year-old Idaho prison inmate convicted of sex crimes died Thursday just as his parole hearing was about to begin.

Lee Hays, originally from Atlanta, Ga., had seated himself in a hearing room at the Idaho State Correctional Institution when he told Commission Executive Director Olivia Craven that he was exceptionally nervous.

"I said, 'Relax, Mr. Hays, and I got his some water,'" Craven

said. "Apparently, he died of a massive heart attack."

An unidentified person tried to give Hays CPR. Hays still had a pulse when paramedics arrived, but he died sometime after being taken from the hearing room.

Hays was serving a life sentence with a 10-year fixed term for lewd and lascivious conduct with a minor under the age of 16.

He was convicted in Kootenai County in 1984.

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Conservationists question snow-making plan

JACKSON, Wyo. (AP) — A ski resort's snowmaking plan could alter plant and animal life and affect water supplies, a conservation group said.

But Grand Targhee Ski and Summer Resort officials said the impact would likely be minor because snowmaking would be limited to a few runs on the lower half of the mountain.

The resort, which is leased from the Caribou-Targhee National Forest, is seeking permission from

the U.S. Forest Service to use a maximum 4.3 million gallons of water to make snow during poor snow years.

Resort officials would not have proposed snowmaking if they thought it would cause major environmental impacts, resort marketing director Susie Barnett-Bushong said.

"We would certainly never jeopardize anything along that vein," she said. "That's our livelihood."

The Jackson Hole Conservation Alliance is asking the Forest Service to thoroughly review the proposal.

"While this proposal may seem like a minor action, it could have major consequences on the natural and socio-economic environment," wrote Pam Lichtman, alliance program director, in a letter to the agency.

She asked the Forest Service to detail precisely where the water would come from and what

impact its use would have on streams, aquifers and water supplies of the towns of Alta, Wyo., and Driggs.

In particular, Lichtman questioned a proposal to use snowmaking to fill in wetlands at the base of the ski area for early season cross-country skiing.

"We believe that prematurely filling and freezing wetlands will have an impact on both the wetland itself and the species that rely upon them," she wrote.

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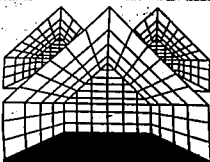
SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Psychiatrist Robert Weitzel has filed four complaints with the Utah State Bar's Office of Professional Conduct against the attorneys who prosecuted him for allegedly killing his elderly patients.

According to documents obtained by the Deseret News and the Standard-Examiner, Weitzel filed the complaints April 26. The Office of Professional Conduct regulates attorneys licensed to practice law in Utah by investigating reported ethics violations and doing out punishments.

The handwritten complaints contain numerous allegations against Davis County Attorney Mel Wilson, Deputy County Attorney Steven Major and Assistant Attorneys General Charlene Barlow and Elizabeth Bowman.

As lead prosecutor on the case, Wilson "failed to refrain from the prosecution of a case not supported by probable cause," Weitzel wrote.

Billy Walker, senior counsel for the Office of Professional Conduct, refused to comment on the complaints.



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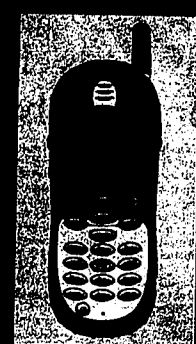
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Director: Idaho's behind the times

BOISE (AP) - The director of a Public Television program that dealt with homosexuality and angered some Idaho lawmakers...

Meema Spadola, 31, of New York City, was the featured speaker at a gay pride rally on the Statehouse steps.

Spadola said Idaho was the only state she knew of that had trouble with "Our House," one of two programs aired on Idaho Public Television in 1999 and 2000...

"What really struck me was this attitude that the topic of gay and lesbian parents and their children had nothing to do with Idaho," Spadola told the crowd.

More than 500 gays, lesbians, friends and relatives attended the annual event, now in its 12th year. Some religious groups, including a contingent of Idaho Episcopalians, also showed their support.

About 100 members of the Treasure Valley Baptist Church of Meridian showed up in opposition, loudly singing hymns from 100 yards away.

Some male rally participants came in drag, wearing colorful pin-up dresses, rainbow-colored pants and making T-shirts with the words "Queer as Idaho" across the chest.



Connie Pyles strikes a pose in her costume during the 12th annual Pride Rally on the Capitol steps Saturday in Boise. She was part of a theater company promoting their production of 'The Rocky Horror Show.'

In contrast, protesters stood across the street, packed in a tight block and angled toward the Statehouse, each wearing conservative white dress shirts and ties. Spadola's documentary chronicled the experiences of children of gay and lesbian parents in five different cultures and locales in the United States.

The first show, "It's Elementary," dealt with how teachers should teach children about homosexuality. It aired in 1999 and caused lawmakers to threaten funding for Idaho Public Television and even consider privatizing the network.

ment that periodic disclaimers be aired about controversial programming.

Spadola's "Our House" aired months later but added fuel to the already raging argument.

"It's pretty amazing to be right here on these steps. I feel like I'm sort of returning to the scene of the crime," she told the crowd.

GOP political legend dies of cancer at 79

BOISE (AP) - Bill Campbell, a national powerbroker who helped elect Republican leaders to local, state and national office for half a century, died of cancer at his home Friday night. He was 79.

Campbell was a legend in Idaho politics.

Idaho Republican Chairman Trent Clark said party leaders were saddened by the loss of a man who left an indelible mark on his colleagues and the state.

Campbell managed more than 50 campaigns during his career. "Bill's political career was noted for sound and well-thought-out policy, considerate action and great integrity. He was never one to grab headlines for himself, but was influential in his own calm and thoughtful manner," Clark said on Saturday.

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He returned to finish work toward a bachelor's degree at the University of Idaho and moved in 1949 to Boise, where he opened an independent insurance agency that, by the time he sold it in 1982, was Idaho's largest.

Campbell was born March 10, 1922, in Boise, and lived much of his young life in Moscow. He attended the University of Idaho and served as an infantry officer in World War II, winning two

Indians try to discourage 'lake encroachment'

COEUR D'ALENE (AP) - The Coeur d'Alene tribe has alerted real estate agents not to assume that new docks will be allowed on waterfront property sold within its northern Idaho reservation.

Current tribal policy is to discourage new lake encroachment permits," wrote Phillip Cernera, tribal restoration coordinator, in a letter to the Coeur d'Alene Association of Realtors.

Cernera said on Friday that the purpose of the policy is to encourage multifamily use of docks rather than a proliferation of single-family docks along the lakeshore.

"We're hoping to meet with all Realtors in Benewah and Kootenai County and say, 'Here are our regulations and policies and we will work with anyone,'" he said.

The U.S. Supreme Court recently upheld a 1998 federal court ruling that affirmed the tribe's ownership of the southern third of the lake and the St. Joe River within the reservation boundaries.

Cernera expressed concern that some recent property buyers were not made aware that all lakeshore activities below the normal high water level on the reservation are regulated by the tribe.

Under state permit will be approved by the tribe for a tribal encroachment permit, if certain standards and conditions are met and fees are paid, Cernera said.

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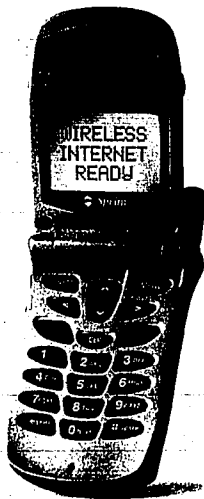
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John Doherty will run the 100- and 200-meter dashes at the U.S. National Senior Games this month. Doherty, 51, took up running just to stay fit but has since moved on to the amateur senior competition level.

By Kevin Hall
Times-News sports editor

JEROME — Like many men his age, 51-year-old John Doherty is after the fountain of youth. He may have found it on the track.

“Two years ago, I went to a care home to deliver a sign,” he said. “I looked over and there was the ‘Senior News’ lying on the table. It had an ad for the upcoming Senior Games in Boise. I went to Boise to see what the competition was like.”

The easygoing Jerome businessman, former Navy seaman and father of three teen-agers liked what he saw. It got him thinking.

“I was looking for something to keep me in shape,” Doherty said. He had tried training for a triathlon, but he realized it “wasn't my thing.”

The National Senior Games Association, a non-profit organization, promotes healthy lifestyles for people age 50 and beyond through activities such as swimming, bow-

Run for life

Jerome's John Doherty, 51, chases a youthful dream



Senior track athlete John Doherty of Jerome is a blur to most of his competition. Doherty timed in at 12.8 seconds in the 100-meter dash and 25.4 seconds in the 200 at last September's Idaho State Senior Games in Boise.

ing, golf, ballroom dancing, walking and track and field.

It holds a network of annual nationwide, senior-based athletic competitions. The so-called “Geezer

Games.” So Doherty shifted to sprint training, in September 2000, he returned to Boise to run the 100- and 200-meter dashes at the Idaho Senior

Games. He did well, running the 100 in 12.8 seconds and winning the 200 in a fast 25.4 seconds.

He also tossed a softball 238 feet. Please see **RUNNER**, Page C2

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IN BRIEF

Minico's Wright to stay in Rupert

RUPERT — Minico High baseball coach Russ Wright has elected to turn down the head coaching job at Treasure Valley Community College and stay in Rupert, the veteran coach announced Saturday.

Wright was offered the job at TVCC earlier in the week but decided to remain at Rupert because he's “a high school guy,” he said.

“That's what my stomach and heart told me to do,” Wright said. “I have more passion for this job than that one.”

However, the coach admitted that the prospect of being a college coach was enticing.

“Once upon a time, that was a big priority of mine,” he said. “I guess I found out that isn't the case as much anymore.”

Early in his career, Wright served as an assistant at TVCC under Rick Baumann, who is presently the Chukars' athletic director and is a former Minico Spartan coach. Baumann led the Spartans to the 1982 state championship.

Wendell, Burley win events at football camp

JEROME — Wendell High came out on top in the “Lineman Challenge” and Burley High won the 7-on-7 passing league competition at the Magic Valley football camp Saturday.

The Trojans won three of seven events in the “Lineman Challenge,” including the five-man sled push, the shuttle run and the obstacle course. Burley won the team bench press competition and Buhl took the sprints, tire flip and tug-of-war. Trojans won the junior varsity competition.

Wendell also finished second in the 7-on-7 competition. The camp included nine schools from throughout the Magic and Wood River Valleys.

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TRIVIA ANSWER:

The Dodgers' Shawn Green, with 354 through Saturday.

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Tribe dominates shorthanded Wood River in doubleheader

By John Derr
Times-News writer

HAILEY — When a team is missing several starters, it's important to take advantage.

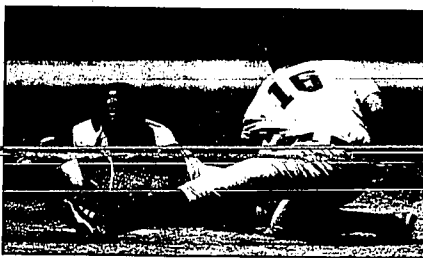
That's exactly what the Buhl A American Legion baseball team did Saturday.

The Tribe pounded out 12 hits, including Wood River's 13-3.

Game 1 of their doubleheader. With the first game being the only contest that counted in the Area C standings, it was an important victory.

“It was an opportunity to get a win,” said Seth Mathews, who earned the victory on the mound while scattering three hits in five innings. “It (his pitching) wasn't perfect.”

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Buhl's Luke Gerrish safely slides home while Wood River's Ryne Reynolds tries to tag him out. Buhl swept the Wolverines 12-1 and 15-3.

Minico sweeps Upper Valley; Frank leads Spartans at the plate

By Scott Thompson
Times-News Writer

RUPERT — Adam Frank went 4-for-4 from the plate with four RBIs and a run scored to power the Minico Spartans to a victory in the second game of their AA American Legion baseball doubleheader sweep over Upper Valley Saturday at Warburton Field.

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China says it will be ready for 2008 Summer Olympics

The Associated Press

More Olympics — C6

MOSCOW — Let the building begin! Still bathed in the afterglow of its selection as the 2008 Olympic host, Beijing turned its attention Saturday to the massive task of preparing for the world's biggest sports extravaganza.

Chinese Olympic official He Zhenliang promised his colleagues on the International Olympic Committee that China's capital would be ready.

“We are fully aware of the heavy task and responsibilities that lie ahead,” he said. “In seven years time, Beijing will make you proud of the decision you took.”

More Olympics — C6

The challenge facing Beijing is daunting. Less than half its planned 32 Olympic venues are built. Traffic clogs its roads and its air is polluted.

But Chinese pledges to spend billions of dollars on roads, subways, pollution control and stadiums helped sell Beijing to IOC members. They awarded the Games to the world's most populous nation for the first time, sparking delirious celebrations on the streets of Beijing.

Delighted Chinese tourists converged

Saturday by the busload to snap souvenir photos under the trade center in Moscow where Samaranch declared: “The games of the 29th Olympiad in 2008 are awarded to the city of Beijing.”

“China's Really Cool!” read one banner held up by the crowd of about 100 cheering tourists who said they came to Moscow for the vote. They made V for victory signs and waved red Chinese flags.

“The decision of the IOC and the joy into which this plunged the people of Beijing and the whole of China will be in our memories forever,” said He, the top Chinese Olympic official.

Critics of Chinese human rights abuses

accused the IOC of having rewarded a repressive regime. But IOC members clearly believed Chinese arguments that the Games would boost the nation's economic reforms and opening to the world, spurring rights improvements.

“People talk about human rights. But what about the right of 1.2 billion Chinese to hold the Games?” said Zhou Yuan, chief editor of China Sports magazine.

Beijing's Games will be centered on an “Olympic Green” to be built in the north of the city. Now mostly fields, Beijing says the site will have an Olympic village with 17,600 beds, state-of-the-art sports facilities, press centers and lush woods in 2008.

SPORTS

Russets sweep TF AA Legion Team

The Twin Falls AA American Legion baseball team dropped two close games to the Idaho Falls Russets Saturday, losing 5-3 in the first game and 5-2 in the nightcap.

games could have gone either way but mentally we just looked bad. In the second game, the Cowboys jumped out to a 3-0 lead after two, but managed only one more run in the rest of the way.

Camacho beats Duran with unanimous decision

DENVER (AP) - It wasn't so much a fight for the ages as of the ages. In a bout that seemed to feature as much clutching as punching Hector Camacho used a steady mix of right jabs to set up his left hook in a unanimous 12-round decision over 50-year-old Roberto Duran on Saturday night.

A flurry of punches would inevitably be followed by clinching in the ring, drawing boos midway through the fight from the crowd of about 4,500 at the 19,000-seat Pepsi Center.

Jerome splits at Baker City tourney

BAKER CITY, Ore. - The Jerome A American Legion baseball team moved to 2-1 at the Baker City Subway Legion Invitational Tourney Saturday with a split.

in the seventh-to-seal-the game.

In the second game, Jerome walked 12 batters and gave up 15 runs on only six hits. Ontario allowed only one hit.

Runner

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ing him developing good habits and a training regimen. Instead of working the "wrong" muscles, Doherty slowly began flexing his explosive, lean, fibrous, cablelike muscles in the calves and lower leg.

Jordan gets back on the court with Wizards

WASHINGTON (AP) - For the second consecutive day, Michael Jordan practiced with his Washington Wizards on Saturday.

stands you don't take off three years and just run out there and start playing at the level he wants to play.

Minico

Continued from C1 Andy Coats in the second and an RBI single from Frank in the third.

Minico broke the game open with a three-run fifth inning followed by another three runs in the sixth.

Twins put All-Star Guzman on DL

MILLWAUKEE - The Minnesota Twins put All-Star shortstop Cristian Guzman on the 15-day disabled list Saturday with an inflamed right shoulder.

McKie, Sixers agree on 7-year deal

PHILADELPHIA - Aaron McKie, the NBA's sixth man of the year and the Philadelphia 76ers have agreed to a seven-year deal worth \$15 million, an NBA source said Saturday.

Tribe

Continued from C1 too bad. I was able to get my fast-ball across. In the second game, Buhl belted off five runs in the 16th and 16th hits, winning 15-3. TJ Cline hit a two-run home run in the second and Cody Howerton hit a grand slam in the fifth.

"I was comfortable at the plate, I just sat there and picked out a good one," said Chandler, who scored four runs and added two hits. "We started slow, but we picked it up."

Still no decision from McGriff as Cubs wait

CHICAGO - Chicago Cubs manager Don Baylor has a lineup card with Fred McGriff's name on it, just in case.

Johnson leads relay victory on his farewell tour

GDANSK, Poland - Five-time Olympic champion Michael Johnson dashed through the 200-meter leg of the 800-meter relay Saturday giving the United States an easy victory over Poland at a meet in this Baltic port city.

Magie Johnson makes a one-game appearance

LONG BEACH, Calif. - Magic Johnson had a triple-double with 20 points, 12 rebounds and 10 assists Saturday in a Summer Pro League game.

Summerhays and Job advance Utah Amateur

MIDWAY, Utah - Defending champion Daniel Summerhays advanced to the finals of the Utah State Amateur, defeating his brother Boyd in the quarterfinals Saturday.

SPORTS

Leslie sparks L.A. over Mystics

WASHINGTON (AP) - Lisa Leslie and DeLisha Milton combined for 31 points Saturday as the Los Angeles Sparks extended their winning streak to eight with a 62-50 victory over the Washington Mystics. Leslie had her 10th double-double of the season with 18 points and 14 rebounds, and Natalie Milton had 13 points and eight blocks, and Lanasha Byers added 10 rebounds for the Sparks (17-3). Helen Luz scored 14 points for the Mystics (5-13). Washington has lost four straight.

Startz 69, Monarchs 57 SALT LAKE CITY - Jennifer...

WNBA

Azzi had 17 points and eight assists as Utah beat Sacramento to snap a two-game losing streak. Margo Dydek had 10 points and 14 rebounds, and Natalie Williams added 12 points and eight rebounds for the Starz (8-10). Yolanda Griffith led Sacramento (12-8) with 18 points and nine rebounds.

Sling 71, Fever 58 CHARLOTTE, N.C. - Allison Feather scored 17 points and...

made four 3-pointers to tie Charlotte's single-season record while leading the Sting past Indiana. Stinson added 14 points and Clarisse Machungana scored 13 for the Sting (8-11), who won seven of eight to close the first half of the season. Nadine Malcolm had 17 points for Indiana (6-13).

Sol 66, Shock 51 MIAMI - Sandy Brondello scored 14 points as Miami beat Detroit for the second straight day and extended its winning streak to four games. The Sol (10-9) built their lead...

to 20 points in the final minutes and finished with their largest margin of victory this season. Deanna Nolan led Detroit (5-13) with 10 points.

Mercury 80, Lynx 67 MINNEAPOLIS - Maria Stepanovich made her career high with 19 points as Phoenix beat Minnesota and snapped a two-game losing streak. Trisha Fallon scored 14 points for the Mercury (7-12). Michele Timms and Jennifer Gillom each added 13 points, and Lisa Harrison scored 12.

Consultant: Webber close to signing; no team designated

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) - Chris Webber, the NBA's most highly sought free agent, could sign a new contract as soon as next week, his consultant said Saturday. However, it was not clear if Webber would be re-signing with the Sacramento Kings or joining one of the few teams that could afford the contract he seeks. "Right now, we don't have anything finalized," Fallisha Erwin said Saturday. "There are a lot of questions still to be answered, things like length of contract and signing bonus. There are a lot of details to work out."

"We have indicated to everyone that before a contract is finalized, we have got clarification on what the maximum would be for Chris, to see how the signing bonus would be handled." Erwin said he was waiting for union officials to return from their annual meeting in the Bahamas. "Chris is looking to see what Sacramento is going to do," Erwin said. "He feels he owes that to the fans of Sacramento."

No one at the Kings' office responded to a message left by The Associated Press on Saturday requesting comment.

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SPORTS

A star is born

Marketers are ready to push athletes into Olympic spotlight

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) - Quick Name an American athlete who's expected to make headlines during the Salt Lake Olympics.

How about skier Picabo Street or figure skater Michelle Kwan? They're established, recognizable athletes who through past success have made themselves familiar to legions of fans.

Now imagine you're a sports marketing specialist. Just like a coach, it's your job to discover and groom another Olympic medalist.

Although the Salt Lake Games are seven months away, sports agents and marketing executives are hard at work this summer, hoping to cultivate a new stable of American stars.

"Since January and February of this year, we've had a team of two dozen people working on our plans for the Salt Lake Olympics," said Dave Minge, a spokesman at Nike headquarters in Beaverton, Ore.

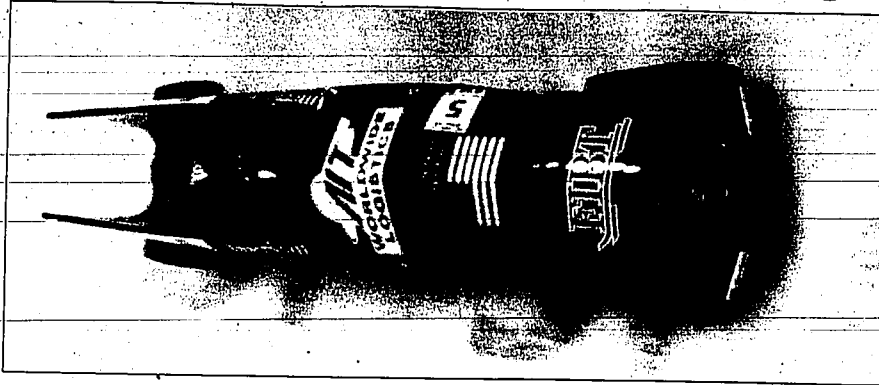
The average American probably doesn't know bobsledders Jean Racine and Jen Davidson, speedskater Apolo Anton Ohno or skeleton racer Lincoln DeWitt, the world's top athlete in a daring and dangerous event.

They're not household names - yet.

Remember wrestler Rulon Gardner? The 286-pound Greco-Roman gold medalist defeated powerful Aleksandr Kareline in the Sydney final, handing the Russian his first loss in 13 years.

"He did what the Olympics are all about," said Evan Morgenstein, a North Carolina-based agent.

"Under great stress and incredible odds, he stepped up and beat



USA's Jean Racine and Jennifer Davidson thunder around a turn in the women's World Cup bobsled race at the Utah Olympic Park near Park City, Utah, Feb. 16. The pair's manager has already secured three books and a deal to put their faces on cereal boxes.

somebody who was not supposed to be beaten."

Morgenstein is betting on the opposite approach, with his top clients. Racine and Davidson form the world's best women's bobsled team, dominating the World Cup last season in an event that makes its Olympic debut in Salt Lake.

"They fit the mold," Morgenstein said. "They're talented, they're successful and it's a first-time Olympic sport."

Morgenstein said he has

secured three books and a deal to put their faces on cereal boxes. He won't reveal much because announcements are pending, but says the women already have contracts "in the mid-six figures."

"We're doing OK," Racine said. It's good money, for sure, but it's little compared to the reported \$20 million golfer Tiger Woods makes annually from Nike. Golf World magazine says Woods earned \$54 million last year from

a dozen endorsement deals. But this is the Olympics, and the athletes will take what they can get.

DeWitt, for one, recently decided to find an agent. His girlfriend had been helping him deal with sponsors, but the work became dizzying after he won the World Cup skeleton title last season.

"It's a process I never thought I needed," DeWitt said. "Then after the season went well, I thought I should change."

Nike also plans to have a big presence in Salt Lake.

It has an apparel contract with the U.S. Speedskating team, among others, and one of its targeted stars is Ohno, a 19-year-old short-track standout who quickly has risen to the top of his sport.

"We'll be looking to provide him with a fair amount of public relations support so people get to know Apolo from the first day he steps on the ice," Minge said.

Olympics president leaves mark

Samaranch to step aside to successor

By Bob Ford Knight Rider Newspapers

PHILADELPHIA - He is a small man, almost fussy in his demeanor and hardly the sort of celebrity who fills a room upon his entrance. Juan Antonio Samaranch moves quietly, placing each step with care, but the footprints he has left behind are deep and indelible.

Samaranch, the president of the International Olympic Committee since 1980, will move

aside Monday when the IOC elects a successor. Most people in the United States, even hard-core sports fans, would struggle to recognize Samaranch in a crowd. Those who have



Juan Antonio Samaranch

watched Samaranch's career and charted the renewed health of the Olympic movement during his tenure, however, mark him among the most influential sports leaders of the century.

His legacy is mixed in many ways, though, because under his guidance, the IOC has been quick to address its own financial needs, but slow to ferret out internal corruption and often hesitant in meeting the challenges posed by performance-enhancing drug use.

That's a slam-dunk certainty for Samaranch, who turns 81 the day after the election, but also somewhat faint praise. The Olympic movement in 1980 was nearly in shambles - besieged by dozens of political agendas, verging on bankruptcy, and facing the order of things with a membership composed of old white men who still had straw boaters in the closet.

Amid the mess - elected in the same city, Moscow, where he will relinquish the election, but also Samaranch first moved into the spotlight. A former functionary in the fascist government of Spain's Francisco Franco, Samaranch was nothing if not a survivor. He had gone on to become deputy director of Spain's first ambassador to the Soviet Union before beginning a steady climb up the ladder of the IOC.

He liked to live comfortably, long occupying a suite in the Palace Hotel in Lausanne, Switzerland, the IOC's headquarters. He also liked to travel the world in luxury and be addressed as "Excellency" - a minor star named Pablo Picasso. For all the imperiousness, however, Samaranch has been publicly committed to simple, human causes. He beamed in Sydney last year when North Korea and South Korea elected to march together - a symbolic joining, perhaps, but not one lost on those who had criticized the awarding of the 1998 Games to Seoul. In the same way, he championed the last week's choice of Beijing for the 2008 Games, confident that human-rights record of the Chinese would improve after they were invited to host the world.

French athlete takes stage on Bastille Day

Driver plows into Tour de France crowd

COLMAR, France (AP) - A man plowed his car into a crowd at the finish line after he had been stopped from meeting the Tour de France stage winner on Bastille Day. Four people were injured, one seriously, race officials said.

The driver was denied entry at an area for accredited personnel when he tried to greet French star Laurent Jalabert following his victory, officials said.

He returned to his car, then drove at high speed and smashed through several barriers into a group of people, said Patrice Clerc, president of A.S.O., the company that owns the Tour.

"Some people could not avoid him," Clerc said.

An unidentified woman was hospitalized with two broken legs and head trauma, organizers said. She was thrown in the air by the car and landed on her head, momentarily losing consciousness.

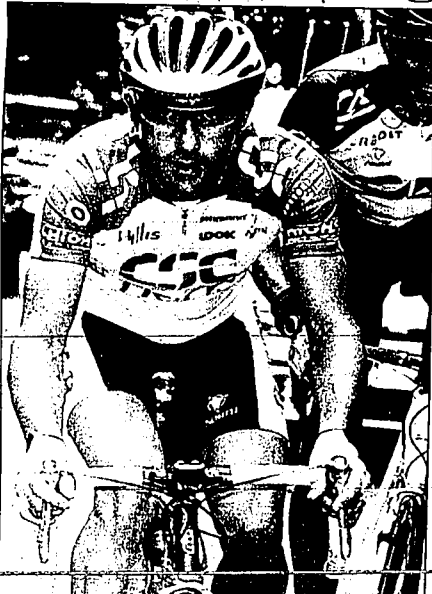
Two police officers were injured, one with a broken leg, and a Tour employee injured a knee.

The driver, who was not identified, was in police custody, Clerc said.

The mayhem occurred at the end of the seventh stage between Strasbourg and this picturesque town near the German border.

French fans were celebrating on their national holiday when a man "not in control of his emotions" disrupted the finish, about 30 minutes after all the riders were done racing, Clerc said.

Jalabert completed the 101-mile leg in 4 hours, 6 minutes, 4 seconds. Two-time defending champion Lance Armstrong finished 428 behind but remained 15th overall. He retained a 27-second advantage over his main rival, Germany's Jan



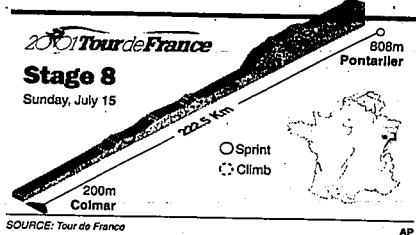
Laurent Jalabert of France rides to victory ahead of Jens Voigt of Germany in the seventh stage of the Tour de France cycling race between Strasbourg and Colmar, eastern France, Saturday. Voigt placed second to take the overall leader's yellow jersey.

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Germany's Jens Voigt was second and France's Laurent Roux was third. Voigt, who rides for Credit Agricole, took the leader's yellow jersey from teammate Stuart O'Grady. This was Jalabert's second

stage victory of this year's Tour. He also won a stage on Bastille Day in 1995.

Today's stage is a 138-mile route from Colmar to Pontarlier near the Swiss border. The 20-stage Tour ends July 29 in Paris.



SOURCE: Tour de France

Tour de France

A look at Saturday's seventh stage of the Tour de France: The stage is a 100.91-mile leg through the Vosges mountains in France's eastern Alsace region near the border with Germany, starting in Strasbourg and ending in Colmar. Winner: France's Laurent Jalabert, with a time of 4 hours, 6 minutes, 4 seconds. Two-time defending champion Lance Armstrong was 35th, finishing 4:28 behind Jalabert. Germany's Jens Voigt finished second and took the leader's yellow jersey. Next Stage: A 138.1-mile stretch from Colmar to Pontarlier near the Swiss border.

Armstrong's teammate falls, quits

COLMAR, France (AP) - Lance Armstrong's teammate Christian Vande Velde was forced to quit the Tour de France on Saturday after breaking his left femur in a crash on a slippery road.

He was to leave the hospital Saturday and spend the night in his team hotel in Kayersberg, team spokeswoman Sophie Boutel said. She described Armstrong as "very unhappy" about what happened.

Vande Velde was 58th in the overall standings before the seventh-stage. The 25-year-old American rider crashed into a metal post about two hours after the start of the 101-mile stage from Strasbourg to Colmar near the German border. The accident occurred in a

downhill ride after the Col de Fouchy pass in the Vosges mountains. Light rain had been falling throughout the afternoon. Vande Velde got back on his bike and continues but soon stopped. He crashed two days ago during the team time trial, bringing down teammate Roberto Heras. Vande Velde's withdrawal leaves eight riders on the team. The three-week race ends July 29 in Paris.



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Lindsay, a 2-week-old bonobo, clutches her mother, Lisa, while she makes her debut at the Cincinnati Zoo. Thursday, A bonobo resembles a chimpanzee but is smaller. The Cincinnati Zoo is known for its success in breeding rare and endangered species.

CBS defends 'Big Brother'

Ratings rise after knife incident

Los Angeles Times

HOLLYWOOD — The widely covered ouster of a contestant who held a knife to another's throat on CBS' "Big Brother 2" appeared to contribute to a ratings bump for the show Thursday, even as CBS defended the program in the face of criticism regarding its content.

Tuesday, Justin Sebik, a 26-year-old bartender from Bayonne, N.J., held a knife against the throat of waitress Krista Stegall, 28, as the two kissed. Both had been drinking alcohol freely supplied by the producers of the series, which sequesters a dozen people in a house and keeps them under constant surveillance.

Sebik, warned previously for seeking to physically intimidate other contestants, was ejected Wednesday.

Although Sebik stressed during an interview with "Big Brother" host Julie Chen broadcast Thursday that he meant the stunt in jest, producer Arnold Shapiro issued a statement saying he "crossed the line of tolerable and acceptable behavior," leaving producers "no choice but to expel him."

An estimated 9.1 million people watched Thursday's episode — about 1 million more than viewed the series premiere a week earlier, winning its time slot.

In Thursday's edited-hour, CBS did not show the moment when Sebik held the kitchen knife against Stegall, which was seen by people watching the program's live Internet feed. Viewers of that feed — for which CBS is charging a subscription fee — also witnessed a three-way sexual encounter involving Sebik, Stegall and a third woman.

At least some CBS employees privately say they are embarrassed by events on the show. Once known as the Tiffany network, CBS figures to endure some tough questioning regarding the series during its portion of the in-progress Television Critics Association tour, with CBS executives to address critics and reporters later this month.

If top CBS brass are concerned, however, they haven't shown it. They continue to accentuate the program's ratings among young adults and ran on-air promos advertising "Controversy in the 'Big Brother' house. What did one of these housemates do that forced producers to kick him out? ... Don't miss what everyone will be talking about."

Singer brings rai music to the U.S.

PARIS (AP) — When Cheb Mami started singing as a boy in Algeria, rai music was banned from the radio because of its irreverent lyrics about desire, politics and the problems of everyday life.

So Mami sang in the streets and at weddings, dreaming of a time when his music might have greater reach. Today he's a star not only in his violence-plagued country, but also in Europe, where rai — a blend of Western pop and sinuous Eastern melodies — pulses through almost every dance club.

Now Mami, 34, is touring the United States, where his brand of music is still unfamiliar. He's already made inroads: American audiences got a hint of his haunting, high-pitched voice on Sting's hit "Desert Rose," which they sang together at the Super Bowl.

Mami, who also has a new album, hopes to be a cultural ambassador for rai music and for Algeria, which is struggling with high unemployment. Interest among its young people and nearly a decade of extremist violence.

"Rai is a way of talking about our daily life, the daily lives of youths in Algeria," Mami said in an interview in Paris, where he lives. "Young people in Algeria ... dream of having lives like young people in other places."

Some of rai's themes, like love, are universal. But with its unfamiliar rhythms and Arabic lyrics, it might initially be a tough sell in the land of rock 'n' roll, Mami said. He doesn't mind.

"I like challenges. You've got to fight to have things you want," said Mami, who speaks in Arabic-accented French. He's known for his on-stage energy, and offstage, too, he bursts into song and dance in his chair.

"What's the point of things that come easy? When a poor guy buys a bicycle, it makes him more happy than a rich guy who buys a Ferrari."

Mami's new album, "Dellali," released July 3 in the United States, stretches the definition of rai, mixing plaintive Bedouin melodies, reggae, French chanson, African beats and Indian-style violins. Sting and Ziggy Marley sing backup.

"I wanted to do something more international, more daring," Mami said. "I dream that rai can be world music in the real sense of the term."

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Dinosaur dig evaluates ecosystem

Paleontologist leads effort to reconstruct ancient environment

HELL CREEK STATE PARK, Mont. (AP) — Dinosaur hunter John "Jack" Horner drives his four-wheeled ATV like he's crazed. He veers down what passes for a road, a rutted, bouncy path that eventually gets him and his passenger bobbing on back within a long hike of buried dinosaurs.

"This is my office," the paleontologist says, grinning as he looks out on the dry eastern Montana badlands.

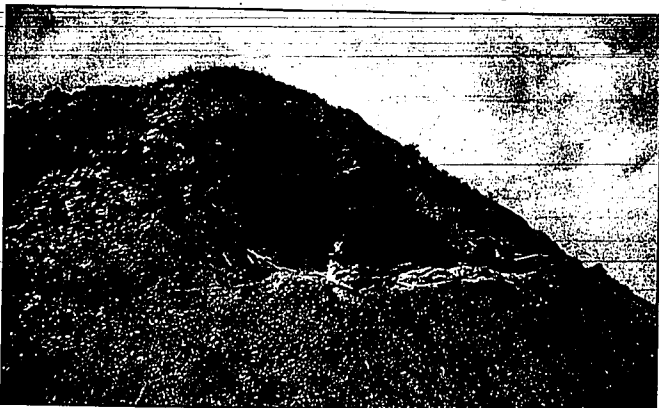
This is where Horner has launched his latest project, one far more ambitious than just digging up bones. Buried in the hills are not only the remains of dinosaurs but, Horner believes, vast clues to their lives and the environment in which they lived their final 3 million years.

Horner plans to collect fossil evidence from rocks in what is known as the Hell Creek Formation to eventually reconstruct the ecosystem as it appeared 65 to 68 million years ago.

The Montana native and technical adviser to the "Jurassic Park" movies has gathered a team of top scientists from across the country, with backgrounds ranging from geology to invertebrate paleontology, for this project. It is considered the largest of its kind ever in the state.

The scientists want to learn more about the "lifestyles" of the dinosaurs — from diets to behavior. And they believe the clues are buried right alongside the mammoth beasts.

"It will probably be the most complete ecosystem ever interpreted, certainly for any of the time that the dinosaurs had been around," said Horner, whose credits include finding the first dinosaur eggs in the Western Hemisphere and the first evidence of dinosaur colonial nesting. The findings from Horner's Hell Creek Project could also have



Scientists chip away at a hillside as they uncover dinosaur bones Monday near Hell Creek State Park in Montana.

benefits far beyond paleontology, including allowing researchers to study climate change over long periods.

"Here is a whole ecosystem no longer on earth. It's very alien to us," said Nels Peterson, a project crew chief from Corvallis.

"The paleo-ecology has never really been told," said Marilyn Wessel, director of MSU's Museum of the Rockies in Bozeman, where Horner is curator of paleontology.

"Someone digs up a big dinosaur, but what does that tell us?" she said. "It's interesting. But what can you learn about the environment from that?"

The findings from this dig, scientists say, also may provide better insight into what led to the dinosaurs' demise.

"We can already say there were changes leading up to the extinction and these stories of a catastrophic environmental change because of an impact are over-

blown," said Bill Clemens, a professor and curator in the Museum of Paleontology at the University of California-Berkeley.

Horner searched sites around the world before settling on eastern Montana, near Jordan.

Here, he said, the final 3-million-year period of the dinosaurs is preserved distinctly. Because of erosion, many bones and fossils already are exposed.

The formation is known for yielding dinosaur bones. Crew members last summer found five Tyrannosaurus rex skeletons and one, found by Horner's wife, may be the largest.

"Jack's work really is helping to put Montana on the map," Wessel said. "His work continues to excite and amaze, not only the scientific community, but you and me and children."

The collection of bones and other fossils in this isolated area is expected to continue into 2003. It is hard, demanding work.

Sometimes it's downright treacherous. The weather ranges from a scalding dry heat to sudden downpours that can make just getting to the site nearly impossible. Sites are remote, their locations protected by project members to keep away a prying public.

Reaching the project sites is not easy. There are long hikes through clusters of cactus and tall grass. Some are reachable only by boat. Workers often rely on a helicopter to transport materials and fossils from the site.

"It gets brutal out here," said DeLacy Williams, of Helena, pointing to the tarp meant to block the elements at a hillside T-rex site.

The work also is expensive, costing about \$150,000 for the summer field season alone, Wessel said. It is paid with private donations. Universal Studios, makers of the three Jurassic Park movies, put up a huge chunk — \$150,000 over two years, she said.

Oregon evacuation site uncovers distant past

WOODBURN, Ore. (AP) — At the ragged edge of the Ice Age, after glaciers had begun releasing their grip from the landscape, the Willamette Valley was a land of giants.

Bison 8 feet tall at the shoulder roamed the valley, as did sloths weighing 9,000 pounds. American lions that resembled their African counterparts, but were bigger, prowled the brushy savannah and peat bogs that made up the valley. There were saber-tooth tigers and raptor birds with a 14-foot wingspan.

Now, bits at a time, remnants of the long-extinct wildlife are being excavated from a drainage area near Woodburn's Legion Park.

More than 200 bone or bone fragments have been found at the dig.

Seven strands of human hair have also been discovered.

One of the strands was carbon-dated at 12,050 years old. Other hairs will be tested at labs in Portland and Tennessee for age and DNA to indicate just who the early inhabitants of the valley were.

"Hints of stone and bone tools" were also found, said Alison Stenger of the nonprofit Institute of Archaeological Studies, which is conducting the investigation with the Condon Museum at the University of Oregon and the city of Woodburn.

There are indications that humans may have chopped off chunks of beasts that perished at the site.

"There are suspicious looking marks on a femur and on a couple of foot bones, and a couple of toes. The toes with cut marks on them are three inches wide, and about three inches long," Stenger said.

"We put a microscope on these to determine whether the marks are from animal predation or cut marks from a human, and they look like cutting marks."

On a recent day at the dig, Chuck Hibbs showed a plastic bag containing a bone fragment — a piece of mastodon femur.

Hibbs is an archaeologist and co-director of the project.

The bone in the bag had a fracture, which could have been created by some other animal or by humans looking for marrow, Hibbs said.

Hibbs said the dig workers are finding bones with spiral fractures, indicating the bone was fresh when it was broken.

"Dry bones tend to break at right angles," he said.

There is no reason why there shouldn't have been humans in the region after the Missoula Flood wiped the valley clean of life somewhere around 12,000 years ago, Stenger said.

The flood was the result of a breakout of a huge reservoir of water released when an ice lobe gave way near present-day Lewiston, Idaho.

A resulting wall of water has been calculated at 1,000 feet high at the Dalles and left the Willamette Valley under hundreds of feet of water in a lake which stretched as far south as Eugene.

"It was one of the greatest catastrophic events of all time," Hibbs said.

A layer of gray silt that has been traced to eastern Washington was left by the receding floodwaters. The bones and other items being found at Legion Park postdate the flood.

Hibbs says after the floodwaters receded the valley was dotted with a series of lakes, bogs and ridges, and soil under the lakes was a mixture of peat and soft sand that apparently trapped and drowned animals who wandered or were chased into it.

About 6,800 years ago a clay cap formed over the bogs, sealing them from the decaying effects of off oxygen and helping preserve the bones, which are now partially mineralized.

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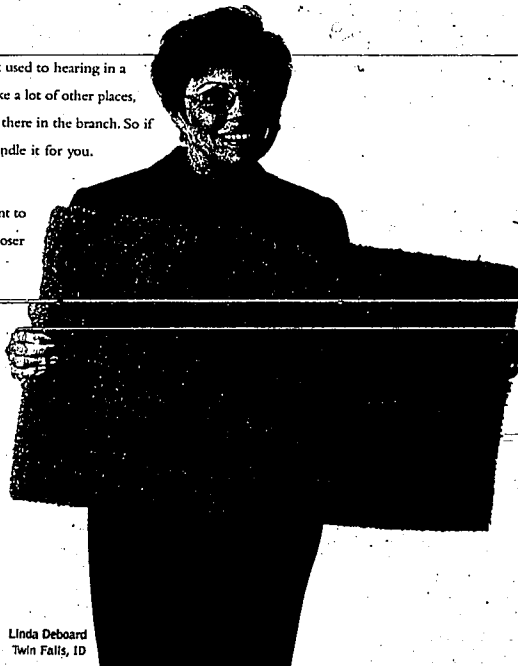
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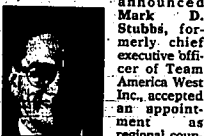


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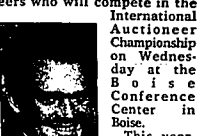
TWIN FALLS — Team America, a division of Team Mucho Inc. based in Worthington, Ohio, announced



Mark D. Stubbs formerly chief executive officer of Team America West Inc., accepted an appointment as regional consultant for Team Mucho to provide

additional legal services to TEAM America. Stubbs since 1998 has been chief executive of Team West, with operations in Idaho, Utah, Oregon and Montana. Team America is a professional employer organization providing outsourcing services for businesses' human resource needs. Team Mucho is publicly traded on the Nasdaq as TMOS.

TWIN FALLS — Five Idahoans, including one Magic Valley man, are among nearly 100 auctioneers who will compete in the International Auctioneer Championship on Wednesday at the Boise Conference Center in Boise.



Stephen Hutchins This year, for the first time, the public is invited to the competition's preliminary round, which begins at 10:15 a.m. Wednesday and runs until 3:30 p.m., when finalists will be announced.

Stephen P. Hutchins of Twin Falls is among two women and three men from Idaho who will ply their skills in conducting the trademark chant, salesmanship and working the crowd, the National Auctioneers Association said.

Hutchins said he has been involved in the auction industry since graduating from Missouri Auction School in fall 1990. He auctions for Twin Falls-based All American Auction, selling real estate, antiques and household estates on location throughout the year, and for the Caldwell Auction every Thursday evening.

TWIN FALLS — Donald Puder of Twin Falls said he completed the two-day corporate qualification seminar for Pre-Paid Legal Services Inc. on June 22-23 in Boise.

Puder is now qualified to sell the legal services plan to both individuals and groups.

TWIN FALLS — Marilyn Mills and Arma Bajraktarevic Transformations LLC recently formed a partnership called

Transformations Unlimited LLC. The salon said it features the newest international techniques, incorporating customization of designs, hair designs, color, techniques and makeup through personalization. Education for the customer is an important element of the salon experience at Transformations, the women said. Bajraktarevic and Mills have been cosmetologists for 17 and 30 years, respectively.



Marilyn Mills

Arma Bajraktarevic

KETCHUM — Trinity Springs Ltd., holder of TRINITY, a natural mineral dietary supplement,

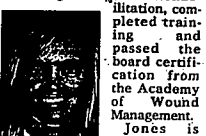
announced Walter Robb was named to Trinity Springs' board of directors.

As a 25-year veteran of the natural foods industry and executive vice president of operations of Whole Foods Market, Robb has extensive knowledge of the natural foods marketplace and its customer base, said Trinity Springs, a privately held company headquartered in Ketchum.

"His career in natural foods has spanned successful startups and nationwide chains. With his accomplishments in growing Whole Foods' Northern California region from two to 17 stores since 1993, Walter has demonstrated his keen understanding of the natural foods consumer and the business of whole products," CEO Mark Johnson said.

TRINITY's natural geothermal spring water bottled at the source in Paradise.

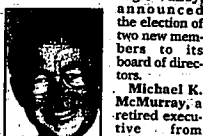
TWIN FALLS — Andrea Jones, physical therapist for Idaho Home Health and Hospice and Sunbridge Care, and Rehabilitation, completed training and passed the board certification of the Academy of Wound Management.



Andrea Jones

She will continue to treat patients through both Idaho Home Health and Sunbridge. She also will treat patients in the Outpatient Wound Clinic in the new Idaho Home Health facility at 826 Eastland Drive. Jones received her physical therapy degree from the University of Utah. She has lived in Twin Falls with her husband, Pete, and their son for the past two years.

LEWISTON — Regence BlueShield of Idaho, which does business in the Magic Valley, announced the election of two new members to its board of directors.

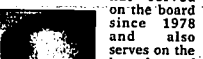


Michael K. McMurray, a retired executive from Boise Cascade Corp., and Jeffrey G. Nessel, mayor of Lewiston and vice president and office manager for investment firm Davidson, joined the board.



Jeffrey G. Nessel

Dr. Daniel Miller of Lewiston was elected chairman of the board, and Richard J. White of Lewiston was elected board secretary. Miller has served on the board since 1978 and also serves on the board of directors of the Regence Group, an affiliation of Blue Cross and Blue Shield plans in Idaho, Utah, Oregon and Washington. White has served on the board since 1999.



Dr. Daniel Miller

Richard J. White

Advertising firm awards franchise to Ketchum man

KETCHUM — Adventuras in Advertising Franchise Inc., a promotional products company, awarded its latest franchise to Mike Thompson of Ketchum-based Marketing Success.



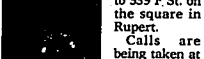
"His 20-plus years of sales and marketing experience and demonstrated customer focus make Marketing Success a perfect fit for our expansion in the Idaho market," AIA founder and Chief Executive Officer Dan Carlson said in a press release.

As one of the more than 450 independently owned AIA franchises, Marketing Success now has the corporate staffing to bring worldwide resources, marketing expertise, national buying power, databases of more than 350,000 products, direct import services and online company stores to its clients, the release said.

For information, call AIA/Marketing Success at 726-9728.

Cathy's Kitchen restaurant moves to 539 F St. in Rupert

RUPERT — Cathy's Kitchen has moved from 716 F St. to 539 F St. on the square in Rupert.



Cathy Purin croissant sandwiches and scones.

Calls are being taken at 436-0354. Business hours are 7 a.m. to 5 p.m., for breakfast and lunch. Specialties are croissant sandwiches and scones.

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among other items and daily specials. The business also features homemade bread, pies and cookies.

Owner Cathy Purin also delivers "The Better Basket," which delivers a variety of goodies to businesses in the Mini-Cassia area.

Wells Fargo Home Mortgage launches Interest-Only feature

TWIN FALLS — Wells Fargo Home Mortgage recently launched its Interest-Only feature, which eliminates the need for a homebuyer to pay the principal portion of a mortgage for a fixed period of time, reducing the monthly payment.

The feature, available on five- and seven-year adjustable-rate mortgages for purchase or refinance transactions, allows homebuyers to make payments of "interest only" during the fixed-rate period of the ARM — either five or seven years. After the interest-only period has ended, full principal and interest payments are required.

Lower monthly payments can help increase cash flow, the company said, which may allow homeowners to:

- Increase savings or investment options.
 - Maximize contributions to 401(k) or other tax-deferred retirement accounts.
 - Pay off higher-cost, non-deductible debt.
 - Make homeownership more affordable.
- Homebuyers using the new feature may benefit from a longer, more stable period of interest deductions as payments are interest only; 100 percent of the payment may be tax deductible, the company said.

CONTRIBUTIONS

Six of the Subway restaurants in Twin Falls will offer two college scholarships each spring to employees.

Subway employees, typically with the franchise for more than a year, are given the chance to win one of the \$300 scholarships to take with them to college. The judges, Subway managers and general managers, ask that the candidates have better than a 3.5 grade-point average and write a one-page essay on why they deserve the scholarship.

— OFFERING ALTERNATIVES —



May 29, J.C. Penney store manager Jim Godwin announced a \$10,000 donation to the Boys & Girls Club of Magic Valley. The grant is to support Project Learn, which offers an alternative to unwanted activities among youth, builds self-esteem and self-confidence and contributes to improved behavior and better grades, the retailer said. Pictured from left in the back row are Erla Godwin, club education director; Jim Godwin; and Don Hall, club executive director.

— SAFE KIDS —



John Pohman, center, and Leon Mills, right, of Lamb Weston present a check for \$2,000 to Kyla Kelly of Magic Valley Safe Kids Coalition. During Western Days in Twin Falls, Lamb Weston employees served French fries and cheese fries to raise money for Safe Kids.

— COMPUTER CONTRIBUTION —



Sarah Schenk, 12-year-old daughter of Wayne and Dallice Schenk of Rupert, was the winner of D.L. Evans Bank's "Education Pays" computer. The bank gives a computer to a student in the Mini-Cassia area and Twin Falls each year. Students in sixth through 12th grades are entered in a drawing for each A grade they receive in core classes. Here Sarah stands with her father and the D.L. Evans Burley branch president, Roger Faer.

TELL US YOUR BUSINESS

YourBusiness is a weekly feature that highlights commercial activity in the Magic Valley. If you have information about any of the following, The Three-News wants to hear about it:

- Promotions and staff changes.
- New certifications.
- Seminars and workshops.
- Awards and achievements.
- Charitable business activities.
- Other business news.

Please e-mail items to Business Editor Virginia S. Hutchins at virginia@magicvalley.com

Or contact her at: The Three-News, P.O. Box 549, Twin Falls, Idaho 83303, 734-0931, Ext. 242, Fax: 677-4543 or 734-5538

YourBusiness deadline: Noon Thursday for publication the following Sunday.

Investment company offers finance broadcast

TWIN FALLS — Edward Jones Investments will offer a live satellite broadcast addressing these topics:

- Is the United States falling behind or leading the charge for individual economic freedom in retirement?
- The new tax relief bill — what's in it for you?
- Congress' nod to Wall Street — how the financial markets are likely to be boosted by the new law.

The broadcast will be presented at 11 a.m. Friday at 1031 Eastland Drive, No. 3. Guests include Sen. Charles Grassley, R-Iowa, sponsor of the tax relief bill; Tom Donahue, president and chief executive of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce; and John Bachman, Edward Jones manager.

The program is free, but seating is limited. To reserve a seat, call the Edward Jones office at 734-9106.

TF chamber sponsors beautification contest

TWIN FALLS — The Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring a beautification contest for area businesses to encourage them to add flowers and color to their business landscapes.

Any Twin Falls-area business is eligible; membership in the chamber is not necessary. Categories are container and in-ground projects. Judging criteria include creativity, uniqueness of design, overall appearance, use of color, appropriateness of plant variety and quality of maintenance.

Winners will receive traveling plaques and small cash prizes and will have signs placed in front of their businesses designating them as winners. Winners will be announced and prizes awarded at the Hot August Nite event Aug. 16.

To enter, write down the business name, address, phone number, contact person and category and take it or mail it to the Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce, 838 Blue Lakes Blvd. N., Twin Falls, ID 83301. Entries can also be faxed to 733-9216.

Deadline to enter is July 25. For information, call the chamber at 733-3974.

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Personal finance

Many couples keep separate accounts

By Eileen Alt Powell
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — It used to be that couples followed their walk down the aisle with a saunter to the bank, where they opened their first joint account and, perhaps, merged their credit cards.

A study conducted four years ago by the Roper Center at the University of Connecticut found that more than 65 percent of couples shared a joint checking account. These days, however, more couples appear to be opting for separate "his" and "hers" accounts — or his, hers and a very limited "ours."

Take the case of Valerie Rodriguez, 31, and Scott McMurray, 30, who met on the job at Credit Suisse First Boston in New York and were married in April.

Rodriguez, who is a vice president in the CSFB e-commerce division. "Everything was in place, like direct deposit of our paychecks, and it just didn't seem worth the hassle of changing."

They did open one joint account — as a place to deposit wedding checks made out to both of them. And while they keep their own credit cards, they also signed up for a joint American Express card that they use for household and other shared expenses. They split the bill at the end of the month, she said.

"I like the feeling of being independent," Rodriguez said. "I'm responsible for my own money, my own savings, and I don't have to change my spending."

Consumer experts acknowledge the tradition of joint accounts, but see a lot of merit in keeping finances separate.

"There are a lot of newlyweds who see marriage as a new joint venture, and a joint account is in the spirit of that," said Virginia B. Morris, author of "A Woman's Guide to Personal Finance."

But there are alternatives, she pointed out. One is to keep separate checking and savings accounts, but set up a joint household account that you fund on a predetermined basis.

"Each can contribute a set amount every month," she said. "Or, if your incomes are significantly different, a set percentage of your salaries."

The key is determining the formula in advance so it doesn't become a source of friction.

The advantage of retaining some financial separation is that it allows for different savings and buying — decisions as well as a sense of independence for both the husband and the wife.

"More women work these days,

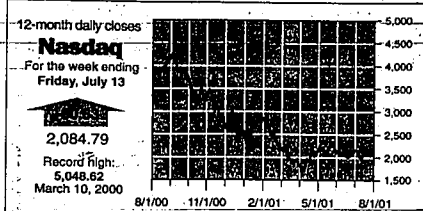
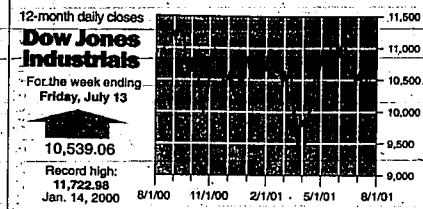
and they have their own 401(k)s and IRAs anyway," Morris pointed out.

Separate credit cards, meanwhile, allow both to build credit records. That will be helpful if the couple decides to buy a house together. If they split, both will have the ability — and credit rating — to borrow on their own.

Greg McKride, a financial analyst at Bankrate.com in North Palm Beach, Fla., suggests that a joint account should be for bills a couple incurs jointly — mortgages, utilities, food.

Separate accounts, he said, "are especially useful if one brings considerably more debt to the marriage than the other" or if they want to avoid quibbling over very different spending habits.

He suggested that a lot of couples might start out with his and hers accounts but should be aware that "as time goes on, things tend to grow together."



Small investors jump back into technology

By Lisa Singhanla
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — If this past week's technology gains — made primarily on a handful of mediocre earnings reports with mostly dim outlooks — have a familiar feel, your instincts are correct.

Wall Street has fallen into a pattern of selling tech stocks sharply lower at the first whiff of weak earnings and then boosting the same issues higher at the barest sign of a turnaround. The problem is that each time the market has rallied, the gains haven't stuck.

The question now is whether this latest rally will play out any differently.

"This is what we did in December and January, then March and April and now June and July," said Will Bramer, chief investment officer at John Hancock Funds. "We sell these stocks off when we get into pre-announcements and warnings, and when we get the first sign of better news we rally."

This past week, investors rewarded Motorola and Yahoo! for earnings reports that slightly beat Wall Street's conservative forecasts. Neither company offered any hint that business would improve this year, but

investors didn't seem to care.

Motorola rose nearly 16 percent Thursday and Yahoo, 7 percent, before both gave back some of their gains Friday.

The companies' stocks had waffled in the days leading up to the announcements — a reflection of investors' uncertainty about buying if companies can't predict when their business will improve. That reluctance has limited the market's efforts to rally.

But investors heard enough to make them want to buy. Thursday's advances also had some help from Microsoft, which upped its revenue estimates for the quarter. Its stock rose nearly 8 percent.

Thursday's rally sent the Dow Jones industrials and Nasdaq composite index up by triple-digits in their biggest advance in two months. Friday's gains, while more modest, solidified the market's progress.

One-third of the money flowing into Standard & Poor's technology group on Thursday came from orders for fewer than 10,000 shares, a category usually associated with individuals. While the other two-thirds came from larger orders, the ratio still indicated the market's tone is improving to the point where individuals feel comfortable.

Retirees can reduce tax hassles with planning

By Jeff Brown
The Philadelphia Inquirer

Q. Once retired, how do you determine which investments to tap first — IRA, mutual funds, stocks, bonds? Withdrawing a fixed amount each month would create a mountain of paperwork at tax time!

A. Tax paperwork in retirement is part of like the door hitting you on the way out. Just when you want your hassles to ease up, there's a whole new set as you start tapping into various accounts for living expenses.

Tax burdens can be mitigated somewhat, but the top priority should be to keep your investments growing so you'll have enough money for 20, 30 or 40 years of retirement. This, not tax hassles, should guide decisions on which investments to tap first.

Back when people didn't live so long, investment money often was channeled into bonds at retirement to provide a safe, dependable income. But earning 5 percent-or-6-percent-a-year is not good enough these days because even modest inflation can dramatically reduce a fixed income's buying power over the decades.

So you probably need to hold some stocks and stock funds.

To start by examining all your holdings' prospects. Those that seem too risky or are likely to produce incluster profits are good candidates for sale, even if you'll have to pay tax on past profits. Sale proceeds can be used for living expenses or redirected to more promising investments.

If you are happy with your portfolio but need to pull out some cash, look for assets that will trigger the least tax when sold. That includes those that show the least profit. When selling just a portion of one asset, for instance, sell the shares purchased at the highest

price. Also look for shares owned at least one year, so you'll pay the long-term capital gains tax of 20 percent rather than the higher income tax rate.

Generally, tax-deferred investments such as IRAs and 401(k)s are the last things to sell. You want to enjoy the tax benefits as long as possible, leaving money in the account to grow rather than using some of it to pay tax on withdrawals.

Of course, these are just guidelines. If you think you could end up in a higher tax bracket later, it might make sense to tap IRA and 401(k) accounts first, so you could pay tax at today's lower rate. But if you are retired already, it's not likely you will go to a higher tax bracket in the future.

There's no escaping the hassle of figuring taxes — but also no reason to make this worse by selling assets every month to raise cash.

Instead, sell enough to generate the cash you'll need for the next 12 months. Then look for ways to convert other portion of your portfolio to a series of bonds equivalent to four years' expenses. Divide it into quarters and buy bonds with maturities of one, two, three and four years.

Just as you run out of cash in 12 months, the one-year bonds will mature, providing cash for the next 12 months. A year later, the next bonds will mature, and so on.

Each year, sell enough of your stock and stock-fund holdings to buy another four-year bond.

This system will give you a dependable and predictable source of cash for living expenses. The only downside should earn more interest than you'd get if you put five years' worth of cash in a bank account.

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF TWIN FALLS

Case No. SP 01-642
CHILD PROTECTIVE ACT SUMMONS
In the Matter of: **CASEY DUDLEY**
d.o.b. 12-19-94
STEPHEN DUDLEY
d.o.b. 04-28-98
DALTON DUDLEY
d.o.b. 09-23-01

Children under the age of eighteen:
THE STATE OF IDAHO SENDS GREETINGS TO: CANOY DUDLEY
348 Brecken Street North
Apartment A
Twin Falls, ID 83301

AND/OR ARMANDO DE DIOS Ketchum, ID AND/OR STEVE MILLER Billings, Montana AND/OR JOHN DOE Unknown

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED

A Notice of Taking Child into Custody under the Child Protective Act, a copy of which is enclosed, has been filed in the above-entitled matter in the District Court of Twin Falls County, Idaho, by the undersigned attorney, alleging that the above-named children come within the purview of the Child Protective Act, and

You, the person who has the custody or control of said children, are hereby directed to appear personally before the Court for a Shelter Care Hearing at the Twin Falls County Courthouse, 425 Shoshone Street, Twin Falls, Idaho. You are hereby notified that service of the enclosed notice upon you, as the parent, guardian, or custodian of these children, does confer the personal jurisdiction of the Court upon you and does subject you to the provisions of the Child Protective Act.

You are notified that if you fail to appear without reasonable cause or attempt of Court.

You are notified that the parent, guardian, or custodian may be financially liable for the support and/or treatment of the children.

You are further notified that the children and the parent, guardian, or custodian have the right to be represented by an attorney of their own choosing, or if financially unable to pay, have the right to have an attorney appointed at the county expense, if the request to have an attorney appointed at county expense you must appear before the Court at the address given above, at least two (2) days, excluding weekends and holidays, before the date of the hearing.

At the hearing, you will be advised of the separate and independent appointment of an attorney.

DATED this 19th day of June, 2001.

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The Times-News

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Section E

Pun club offers help for the clinically underlaughed

Old-Joe, the village lush, appeared before the judge, who said, "You've been brought here for drinking."

Old-Joe replied, "OK, let's get started."

Or ... The agnostic died. Did he go to the great perhaps?
Those are two of the World's Seven Worst Puns, just released by Pun America Club (<http://user.aol.com/punamerica/>). The club pays tribute to "the humorous use of a word in such a way as to suggest different meanings or application; or words having the same or nearly the same sound, but different meanings."

Other favorite puns, from the club's newsletter:

- Original sin - a transgression no one has thought of before.
- Old quarterbacks never die, they just pass away.
- "That's the last time I'll ever pet a lion," Tom said offhandedly.

Some of the puns are sent in by readers, while others are reprinted from church bulletins: "Eight new choir robes are needed due to the addition of several new members and the deterioration of some older ones."

The pun may be more important than you think, Author/psychologist Hendrie Weisinger is one among many who say that laughter is a big component of a healthy lifestyle.

In fact, Weisinger says if your daily laugh total is less than the average - 15 laughs, including three belly laughs for adults - you are "underlaughed," and that's not a good thing.

But there is hope. If you think you might be underlaughed, Weisinger offers some tips: Know what makes you laugh, and compile a library of favorite jokes and cartoons.

Be playful with words and images. And start thinking about something funny when you need a break from a tense part of your day. Reminds me of a doctor I knew in Ohio. He was very healthy and he was even able to blend laughter into his daily routine, which mostly involved tending to emotional women. Many of the pregnant women wanted to know the sex of their babies.

So the doctor would make a guess and then write down the opposite guess on the patient's records. Later, when a patient said, "But you told me it would be a boy," the doctor would pull out the records to prove the woman had not heard him correctly. If he guessed right, he never had to show anyone the records.

The doctor was always right, and he was always laughing.

But what about the moneys?

One day, I ran across a book titled "Humor, Play and Laughter," in which author Joseph Mitchell instructs people to use humor to counter the stresses of life. He advises parents to "lighten up and laugh with your kids," and he says the average toddler laughs 400 times a day.

But does that mean the adults would have to enjoy laughing at people falling down, and jokes that have been told to you 20 times, and bodily functions, and other stuff that's just plain stupid?

I mean, check out the titles in your kid's bookcase: "The Plant that Ate Dirty Socks," "Dog on Third Base," "There's a Boy in the Girl's Bathroom" ... And here's a sample joke from Boy's Life magazine: "Question: Where does a Cyclops go after sixth grade? Answer: To junior eye school."

You are supposed to be able to tell a lot about people's personalities by what makes them laugh. I wonder what that says about adults who like seventh-grade humor. Maybe it means they are stuck in some developmental stage. Or maybe it means they are fun-loving and young at heart.

Most likely, it just means their kids have finally driven them nuts. And they really need a nap.

Denise Turner is assistant features editor at The Times-News.

Beat the BRAIN DRAIN



Melvin Bissell, a Foster Grandparent volunteer, reads with Josh Mills, 6, at the Twin Falls Public Library. Bissell, who volunteers in the public schools during the school year, works throughout the summer break as well to keep kids engaged in learning.

It's high summer, and children aren't getting smarter

By Steve Crump
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - There's a reason they don't schedule the Iowa Test of Basic Skills for mid-July.

"Do kids lose ground (intellectually) during the summer? You bet they do," said Stan Steiner, associate professor of education at Boise State University and a public school teacher for 15 years. "Most teachers will tell you it takes a month or more of remedial work in the fall to get them back on track."

Youngsters often go from a broad range of intellectual stimulation in May to almost none by July, according to LaVonne Peterson, director of curriculum and instruction for the Twin Falls School District.

"If they're playing video games and watching TV all day, they're learning very little," she said. "It's up to parents to make sure that learning doesn't end in June."

There's a growing body of research, Steiner and Peterson say, that suggests summer vacation is a measurable brain drain on most students.

A review of 39 studies by the University of Missouri showed that achievement test scores decline measurably during summer vacation. A more detailed analysis of 13 of the most recent studies indicated that the summer loss equaled about one month on a grade-level equivalent scale.

In short, it's as if school was out in April. Kids forget things. Harris Cooper, director of the Center for Research on the Education of Young Children at the University of Missouri at Columbia, told the Orlando, Fla., Sentinel.

During summer vacation, students can lose up to 25 percent of their reading and

Stemming summer stagnation

• **Promote reading.** Children can read anything, from comic books to Harry Potter, but the important thing is to read, says Thomas M. Sherman, professor and chairman of the teaching and learning department in the college of human resources and education at Virginia Tech in Blacksburg, Va. Parents may think "War and Peace" makes for light summer reading for their child, Sherman says, but "it helps to focus on recreational and enjoyment reading." Parents also can search for books related to summer activities and read aloud to their kids.

• **Pursue education opportunities in your community.** Libraries and museums often run continuing events during the summer. Take a safari to the zoo, look into tours of corporate facilities, and pursue summer programs at community colleges.

• **Fold education into your travel.** If your family is going away this summer, explore historical and educational sites near your destination. Going to Philadelphia? Let history ring at the Liberty Bell. Roughing it at a campsite? Your children might benefit from a guided ranger tour.

• **Go to the movies.** Sherman gives two thumbs-up to movies as a way of sparking family discussions. "Movies can be very stimulating, especially if they are the focus of conversations in the car, at dinner, or during walks before and after seeing the movie," he says. Parents can kick-start discussions, he says, with questions such as: "What do you think X is about?" "Have we seen a movie like this before?" "What did you think about ...?"

• **Talk to teachers.** Approach the teacher your child will have next year, or talk to an instructor who teaches the same grade level at your child's school. Ask what math skills and reading skills your child needs to review to start the school year off right. Have the teacher contribute to your child's summer reading list.

• **Surf the Net.** It may be a tall order, but parents should try convincing their Web-surfing children that the Internet is more than the virtual door to a global gadget, says Rick Bawa, vice president of education for Sylvan Learning Centers based in Baltimore, a national provider of tutoring services.

-Source: The Orlando Sentinel

math skills; Cooper discovered. Math and spelling scores suffered the most, although reading scores also took it on the chin.

What's behind the regression is no mystery. Without the practice in reading, writing and math that occurs during the school year, learning skills diminish.

"The biggest thing they're missing is reading," Peterson said. "That's what parents need to make sure they're doing."

That reading can include the Internet,

Steiner said, as long as parents monitor it carefully.

"Doing research on the Web is not only beneficial; it's a skill they're going to need in life," Peterson said. "But it's also very easy to get distracted on the Web, and there are many sites that kids can get access to that they shouldn't see."

Both Peterson and Steiner are advocates for a regular, daily reading time - and of limiting TV and video-game time.

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Book helps kids learn to entertain themselves

The Stamford Advocate

In "The Over-Scheduled Child: Avoiding the Hyper-Parenting Trap" (Griffin, \$13.95), authors Dr. Alvin Rosenfeld and Nicole Wise say parents try so hard to give their kids every advantage - by enrolling and scheduling their children in various lessons and team athletics - that youngsters are being robbed of their childhood. What makes youngsters successful, the authors contend, is the amount and quality of time parents spend with their children, and they don't mean driving to sports practice or dance lessons. Over-scheduled children are often stressed, unhappy and less successful in school than children who aren't over-scheduled.

Researchers know children need to play. What looks like a waste of time to adults is a vital part of childhood. When they play soccer or softball, children are playing by adult rules. When they play their own games, they make up their own rules as a group, taking into account the ages and skill levels of all the children playing. They practice negotiation and creative problem-solving skills.

When they act out a scenario, they practice language, create their own activity, and perhaps learn to put themselves in another person's shoes. When they run at full speed around the yard, they release tension, get exercise and just feel good.

Many experts wonder how this generation

Please see ENTERTAIN, Page E2

Kid-safe neighbors? Here's how to find out

It's helpful to talk to parents about their safety precautions, but you don't want to sound as though you doubt their parenting skills - even if you do. Here are some tactful ways to approach common safety topics and what we hope they'll say.

- **Swimming pool.** You say: "That looks so enticing. How do you keep the kids from getting in when you're not watching?" You hope they'll say: "Yes, we worry about that, too. We have a fence, a lock and an alarm on the door leading to the pool, and we always keep an eye on the kids when they swim."
- **Guns.** You say: "I was wondering, how do you keep them away from the

Etc...

- **Bicycles, skateboards and scooters.** You say: "Does your child give you a hard time about wearing his helmet? Mine does. We don't let her go riding without an adult to watch for cars and strangers." You hope they'll say: "Yes, if they don't have a helmet, they don't ride. And I always go with them."
- **Hobbyists.** You say: "It must be such a hassle having to put away all your hot glue guns, sewing machine and ironing when the kids come home. I bet they'd love to get their fingers in that stuff." You hope they'll say: "Yes, but it's got to be done. Kids can really hurt themselves with these things."
- **Source:** Dallas Morning News

County fairs, rodeos to take place this week

Monday
The Lincoln County Fair and Rodeo is scheduled all week at the Lincoln County Fairgrounds in Shoshone. Highlights for kids include a carnival beginning at 4 p.m. Thursday and Friday and from 2-10 p.m. on Saturday; a parade at 6:30 p.m. Thursday; a Little Ritty Horse Show Friday at 1 p.m.; the junior rodeo Friday and Saturday at 7 p.m., and kids' races Saturday at 2 p.m.

Monday through Saturday
The Elmore County Fair and Rodeo runs all week at the Elmore County Fairgrounds in Glenns Ferry. Highlights for kids

To do for families
include a carnival Wednesday and Thursday from 4-10 p.m. and all day Friday and Saturday; a junior rodeo Thursday at 6 p.m. and a performance by Dan Mink, the Rhinestone Roper, Friday at 4 p.m. and Saturday at 2 and 4 p.m.
Every Sunday, To Do for Families lists family oriented events in south-central Idaho. To get an item listed in the calendar, and to Features Department, The Times-News, P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls 83303. Deadline is noon on Wednesdays.

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The Jerome High School FFA chapter came home with state championships.

Jerome FFA chapter returns with wins

JEROME - The Jerome High School FFA Chapter capped off an exciting year with a tremendous performance at the State FFA Career Development events this past week in Moscow, says adviser Tom Clifton.

Louisville, Kent. The competitions in which Jerome won are forestry, job interview, and poultry, with second place finishes in ag sales and dairy foods.

team are Rachel Cox, Heidi Blom, Jennifer Shoup and Audrey Waite. Kathryn Prescott is the champion in the job interview competition.

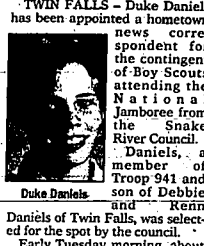
Oakley schools release semester honor roll

OAKLEY - Oakley Junior and Senior High School releases honor rolls for the second semester.

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Scout reports jamboree news



TWIN FALLS - Duke Daniels has been appointed a hometown news correspondent for the contingent of Boy Scouts attending the National Jamboree on the Snake River. Daniels, a member of Troop 941 and son of Debbie and Kenn Daniels of Twin Falls, was selected for the spot by the council.

Richmond, Va. Fifty-thousand Scouts and leaders will attend the jamboree from all 50 states and many foreign countries. There will be daily activities and events for the boys to enjoy and experiences that will last a lifetime, organizers say.

More Scouts Other Jamboree participants are: Collin Alisa, Cameron Allen; Eric Allen, Greg Allen, Josh Allen, Alex Arington, Jed Bateman, Randy Brown, Riley Browning, Justin Casperon, David Coleman, Evan Crowley, Trent Cummings, Aaron Dennis, Jordan Funk, Clay Hansen, Chad Harris, Linden Harrison, Robert Hawkes, Matt Hawkins, Josh Hayes, Jason Hobbs, London Jenks, Derek Lloyd, Joel Marwaning, Alan McCurdy, Tyler McCurdy, Sean Parish, Tom Patterson, James Pettingill, Brian Scott, Jonathan Scott, Richard Stubbs, Andrew Toft, Ben Ware and Matt Wilson.

HONORED TEENS

Marisol Lopez, 18, daughter of Carlos and Bruna Lopez, and Alex Chavez, 16, son of Sergio and Lola Chavez, were named students of the month in March at the Gooding Accelerated Learning Center. Both plan to graduate next year and go to college.



We want your news. Please send your news and photos to: Community Editor Pat Marzantonio, The Times-News, P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls, Idaho 83436, 733-0931, Ext. 288. Fax: 877-4543 or 734-5538. Email: patm@magvalley.com. Deadlines: For the Sunday page: noon Wednesday; For the Thursday page: noon Monday; For the Tuesday page: noon Friday; For the Saturday page: noon Friday; For the Wednesday page: noon Friday.

Youngster reaches for the stars at camp

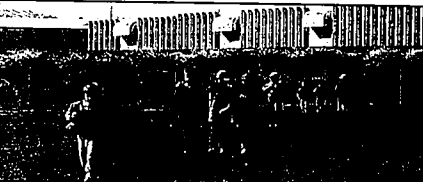
HUTCHINSON, Kan. - Michael Keeth, son of Tamara Keeth, Twin Falls, attended Level I of the Future Astronaut Training Program at the Kansas CosmoSphere, and Space Center in Hutchinson, Kan. The intense week-long program incorporates actual astronaut training with briefings on subjects ranging from how the body reacts to space flight to principles of rocketry.

They also repair a malfunctioning satellite utilizing the simulated manned maneuvering unit, fly the advanced flight simulator housed in an actual F-101 cockpit and direct a Lunar Rover mission directed by the Mars Pathfinder, guiding a computer-controlled rover around rocks and craters and picking up samples to return to "Earth" the center reports.



Michael Keeth attends astronaut training at the Kansas CosmoSphere and Space Center in Kansas.

WALKING WITH A PURPOSE



Heyburn Elementary School students raised almost \$5,000 with a walk-a-thon to raise money for the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life. Students collected pledges and walked laps around the play ground in their own "miniature relay."

COMMUNITY EVENTS

gencies in adults, infants and children. The CPR class can be taken alone or with first aid. American Red Cross standard first aid and CPR training courses meet OSHA-identified first aid guidelines. For more information or to sign up for the class, call 1-888-367-6321.

Art in the Park coming this month in Twin Falls. TWIN FALLS - The 42nd annual Art in the Park will be held from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. July 28 and from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, July 29 at the Twin Falls City Park. For more information, call Dianne VonDiac at 733-8484.

Care center offers caregiver support group. TWIN FALLS - SunBridge Care and Rehabilitation will hold a caregiver support group meeting at 7 p.m. Thursday at the KMYV community room. For more information, call Lauralee Smith at 734-8645.

Burley girl wins Minidoka County Fair theme contest. RUPERT - BreAnna Parkin, 10-year-old daughter of Kelli and Brian Bott and Pete Parkin of Burley, was the winner of Minidoka County's fair theme contest. The theme she chose was "Having Fun in 2001" and her artwork will be featured on the Minidoka County fair book.

CSI offers summer playground activity. TWIN FALLS - The College of Southern Idaho will offer the College for Kids Summer Playground series for children in grades four to six from 1-5 p.m. July 30 through Aug. 3. Each day, children will look at a new classification of animals through stories, pictures and games. All class supplies and snacks are included in the \$60 class fee. For more information or to register, call 733-9554, Ext. 2290.

District, hospital provide immunization clinics. BURLEY - In an effort to keep folks on track with their immunizations, South Central District Health in Burley and Rupert are teaming up with Minidoka County Memorial Hospital and Cassia Regional Medical Center during the week of July 16 for immunization clinics. Parents whose 1- to 2-year-old babies are up-to-date on their immunizations will be entered in a drawing for prizes. Babies do not have to be immunized during the week to be eligible to enter. Parents may enter at either the Burley or Rupert District Health offices during the week. Regularly scheduled clinics are: Burley Health District office, 2311 Parke Ave., Unit 4, 9-11:30 a.m. Monday; and 3-6:30 p.m. Thursday. Rupert Health District office, 1218 9th St., Suite 15, 9-11 a.m. Monday; and 9-2-4 p.m. Thursday.

Reading program needs senior volunteers. CASTLEFORD - The Retired and Senior Volunteers program and American Reads has joined together for summer school sessions now through Aug. 3. Volunteers are needed to work closely with the teachers and students. For more information, call Kathy Scottorn at 736-2122, Ext. 325.

There will also be a social gathering at 7:30 p.m. Friday at the Elks patio at the Burley Golf Course marina. Call Steve Westfall at 678-0466 for more information.

Pressure Canner." This and many other pamphlets and handouts on food preservation recommendations will be available for sale. For more information, call the Cassia County Extension Office at 878-9461.

American Red Cross offers adult, infant CPR classes. RUPERT - The American Red Cross of Greater Idaho Mini-Cassia branch will offer adult, infant and child CPR classes at 6:10 p.m. Tuesday at the Mini-Cassia branch office, 707 F St. First aid classes will also be offered 6-10 p.m. Thursday at the same location. These classes train participants to overcome reluctance to act in emergency situations and to recognize and care for life-threatening respiratory or cardiac emer-

gencies in adults, infants and children. The CPR class can be taken alone or with first aid. American Red Cross standard first aid and CPR training courses meet OSHA-identified first aid guidelines. For more information or to sign up for the class, call 1-888-367-6321.

Nature Conservancy offers lots of activities. SUN VALLEY - The Nature Conservancy is offering the following presentations: Wildlife of Island Park will be held Wednesday, July Williams of the Idaho Department of Fish and Game will be the speaker. West Yellowstone Area History will be held July 25. Saturday morning nature hikes will be held at 10 a.m. Saturdays through Aug. 25. Participants may bring binoculars, field guides and water. For more information, call 726-3007.

Extension service offers food preservation update. BURLEY - A food preservation update has been scheduled for 1-4 p.m. Tuesday in the Cassia County University of Idaho Cooperative Extension Office. This update is open to the public and free of charge. Canning season is here, organizers Jean Parr, extension educator and family and consumer science, advises that when checking over canners, be sure that everything is clean; Remove petcocks, vent weights and soak in vinegar, then wash and dry. Clean vent ports and petcock openings by drawing a string or narrow strip of cloth through them. Hard water stains can be removed from aluminum with a solution of one tablespoon cream of tartar in one quart of water. Further hints on care, storage and use of pressure canners are included in a pamphlet, "Using and Caring for Your

Hagerman Fossil Beds organizes Camp Pliocene. HAGERMAN - The Hagerman Fossil Beds National Monument will offer Camp Pliocene to children in grades four to six on Saturday, July 26, Aug. 2, Aug. 11 and Aug. 16. Children who attend will learn about the science of paleontology, geology and ecology. Those interested in attending must send a one paragraph letter explaining why they want to attend, include their name, address, phone number and first, second and third choice of dates. Each student will receive a letter of confirmation and instructions for their day. Letters should be sent to Camp Pliocene, Hagerman Fossil Beds National Monument, PO Box 570, Hagerman, ID 83332. For more information, call 837-4793.

Cassia Regional provides CPR, child safety class. BURLEY - Cassia Regional Medical Center is offering an infant CPR and child safety class from 7-9 p.m. Tuesday. Instruction will also include first-aid techniques to assist infants who are choking. The

gencies in adults, infants and children. The CPR class can be taken alone or with first aid. American Red Cross standard first aid and CPR training courses meet OSHA-identified first aid guidelines. For more information or to sign up for the class, call 1-888-367-6321.

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ENGAGEMENTS

RANDALL-GILLESPIE

JEROME - David and Kerry Randall of Jerome announce the engagement of their daughter, Jocelyn Rae Randall, to Joshua Michael Gillespie, son of Michael and Yvonne Gillespie of Silverdale, Wash. Randall is attending the College of Southern Idaho in Twin Falls. Gillespie attended Olympic College in Bremerton, Wash. He is employed at Home Depot in Twin Falls. The wedding is planned for



Joshua Gillespie and Jocelyn Randall Friday.

ESCOVER-WHALEY

JEROME - Rich and Cindi Escover of Jerome announce the engagement of their daughter, Brandi Escover, to David Whaley, son of Ronnie and Kathy Whaley of Jerome.

Escover is a graduate of Jerome High School. She is employed at Idaho Joe's in Twin Falls. Whaley is a graduate of Jerome High School and the College of Southern Idaho.

He is self-employed in Twin Falls. The wedding is planned for Saturday at the White House in



David Whaley and Brandi Escover Twin Falls. A reception will follow the ceremony.

ZELL-ALLEN

GLENN'S FERRY - Bob and Jackie Zell of Keizer, Ore., announce the engagement of their daughter, Tricia Lynn Zell, to Jason Bud Allen, son of Buddy and Patti Allen of King Hill.

Zell is a graduate of Twin Falls High School and is attending Portland Community College in Portland, Ore.

Allen is a graduate of Glenn's Ferry High School and is attending Portland Community College. The wedding is planned for



Jason Allen and Tricia Zell Saturday at Carmela Vinyards in Glenn's Ferry.

STAUFFER-ASHBY

JEROME - Dennis Stauffer and Doreen Stauffer, both of Jerome, announce the engagement of their daughter, Danielle Stauffer, to J.C. Ashby, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alan Ashby of Selah, Wash.

The wedding is planned for 6 p.m. Saturday at Country Club Estates in Twin Falls. A reception will follow the ceremony.



Danielle Stauffer and J.C. Ashby

WOJCIK-MARKELL

HANSEN - Mr. and Mrs. Roy Wojcik of Hansen announce the engagement of their daughter, Melanie Lynn Wojcik, to Joshua Matthew Markell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Victor Markell of Hannibal, Mo.

Wojcik is a graduate of Hansen High School and has attended the College of Southern Idaho, majoring in restaurant management. She is employed at a Book Creek Grand Store in Hansen.

Markell is employed at Lamb Weston in Twin Falls.



Melanie Wojcik and Joshua Markell. The wedding is planned for Aug. 4.

CASE-MELVIN

WENDELL - Bruce and Carol Case of Wendell announce the engagement of their daughter, Teri Jean Case, to Ryan Christopher Melvin, son of Gordon and Susan Melvin of Meridian.

Case is a 1995 graduate of Bliss High School and a 1998 graduate of the College of Southern Idaho. She will graduate in August with a degree in physical therapy assistant from the College of Applied Technology at Idaho State University.

Melvin is a graduate of Idaho Falls High School in Idaho Falls and received his bachelor's degree in biology at Idaho State University in 2000. He is currently employed by Walgreen's



Ryan Melvin and Teri Case Pharmacy in Boise. The wedding is planned for Saturday at the Presbyterian Church in Wendell. A reception will follow the ceremony. The couple will reside in Glendale, Ariz., where the groom will attend Midwestern University Medical School.

MCCALL-PARKINSON

PAUL - Jim and Laurie McCall of Paul announce the engagement of their daughter, Beth McCall, to Bing Parkinson, son of Bing and Kathy Parkinson of Carey.

McCall is a 1999 graduate of Minico High School. She is employed by Walmart in Jerome.

Parkinson is a 1999 graduate of Wood River High School. He is employed by Home Depot in Twin Falls.

Both McCall and Parkinson attend the College of Southern Idaho and will further their education at the University of Idaho next year.



Beth McCall and Bing Parkinson The wedding is planned for Saturday at the home of Jim and Laurie McCall. A reception to honor the couple will follow the ceremony.

PAGAN-OPDYCKE

TWIN FALLS - Steve and Ethel Kame of Roseberg, Ore., and Cross and Connie Carl of Tucumcary, N.M., announce the engagement of their daughter, Cynthia Lynn Pagan, to Frederick Charles Opdycke, son of the late S. Fred and Ruth C. Opdycke of Phillipsburg, N.J.

Pagan is a graduate of Boise State University. She is employed at Positive Connections in Jerome. Opdycke is a graduate of Warren County Technical-Vocational High School in Phillipsburg, N.J. He is self-



Cynthia Pagan and Frederick Opdycke employed.

NUTTING-HABEL

KIMBERLY - Stephan and Pamela Nutting of Kimberly announce the engagement of their daughter, Stephanie Corina Nutting, to Gregory Clark Habel, son of Louise Habel of Twin Falls and the late Martin Habel.

Nutting is a graduate of Kimberly High School and the College of Southern Idaho. She is employed at the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare in Twin Falls.

Habel is a graduate of Twin Falls High School and the College of Southern Idaho. He is employed by Idaho Power in



Stephanie Nutting and Gregory Habel Twin Falls. The wedding is planned for 4 p.m. Saturday at the home of the bride's parents in Kimberly.



Brian Utz and Kristin Muchow

MUCHOW-UTZ

GOODING - Craig and Pat Muchow of Gooding announce the engagement of their daughter, Kristin Muchow, to Brian Utz, son of Kerry and June Utz of Gooding.

Muchow is a 1997 graduate of Gooding High School and a 2001 graduate of Boise State University.

She is employed as marketing manager at Meeting Systems in Boise.

Utz is a 1992 graduate of Gooding High School and attended the University of Idaho. He is a flight instructor at Verde Aviation in Boise.

The wedding is planned for Saturday.

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ANNIVERSARY

THE CATTERSONS

TWIN FALLS - Mr. and Mrs. Russell Catterson will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on July 22.

The couple has spent their married life in Twin Falls, except for eight years in San Diego, Calif.

They are active members of the Kimberly Church of the Nazarene. In their spare time, they enjoy traveling and camping in their motor home with their favorite spot being the



Russell and Norma Catterson

Sawtooths. A celebration is being hosted by their children, Debbie Reidhaar of Boise, Teresa Primm



Kimberly and Sandy Rayborn of Twin Falls.

The couple has seven grandchildren.

WEDDING

METZLER-GRIGG

JEROME - Della Metzler and Jeff Grigg were married June 9 at their home in Jerome.

Officiating was the Rev. John Babb. Bridesmaids were Kellie Little and Heather Milligan, daughters of the bride.

Groomsmen were Ty and Jason Grigg, sons of the groom. Special music was provided by son-in-law, Michael Milligan.

The couple resides in Jerome.



Della and Jeff Grigg

Explore Idaho every Thursday in The Times-News Outdoor section

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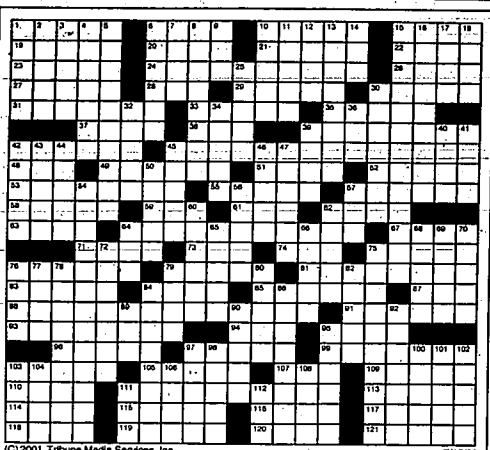
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New IRA withdrawal rules offer more flexibility

Q. I am nearing age 70 1/2 and scheduled to begin taking minimum distributions from my 401k and IRA. My wife, who is 65, and I have been reviewing this complicated process for some time to make our decisions; however, when we went to the bank last week, we were told that the Internal Revenue Service had come out with new rules that had not yet cleared the bank's legal department. That was six weeks ago. Do you know what the new rules are and how will they affect us?

A. In comparison to the complicated, somewhat unforgiving rules of the past, the new regulations, which are effective this year, make it much easier to plan withdrawals from IRAs, 401ks, and similar retirement accounts and allow you to change beneficiaries.

Under the old rules, for example, as you reached age 70 1/2, you were required to make the irrevocable decision of whether to take your withdrawal based upon your life expectancy at that time (called the "fixed method") or upon your life expectancy as it changed each year (called the "recalculation method"). Depending on when you died, your choice could have a big impact on your surviving beneficiary.

Under the new rules, on the other hand, the choice you make at age 70 1/2 is not irrevocable. The new rules are based on one withdrawal table for participants whose beneficiaries are 10 years younger than they are. If a spouse is more than 10 years younger, you can choose to use a table based upon your actual joint life expectancy and take the smaller minimum required distributions each year.

Because your choice of your beneficiary will not affect the amount to be withdrawn each year under the new rules, you can change your beneficiary designation whenever you wish. Unlike the old rules, you will not be penalized if you fail to name a designated beneficiary before your required beginning date. Even if you have begun taking your required minimum distributions, you can use the new table. In addition to the ability to make beneficiary designations by Dec. 31 of the year after the participant dies, there are expanded options to beneficiaries.

Taking the NextStep: Since the new rules are much more flexible

Next Steps
Jan Collins and Jan Warner

Right to Equal Access to Health Care: Each resident has the right to be free from physical or mental abuse, corporal punishment, and any physical or chemical restraints imposed for purposes of discipline or convenience, and not required to treat the resident's symptoms. Physical restraints can be used only to ensure the physical safety of the resident or other residents and must be prescribed by a physician. The order must specify how long and circumstances under which the restraints are to be used. Similarly, the use of any chemical restraints on the order of a physician as a part of a written drug plan of facility receiving such drugs.

Right to Inmate Grievances: Each resident has the right to lodge grievances regarding his or her care or treatment without fear of discrimination or reprisal along with prompt efforts by the facility to resolve the complaints. Grievances may not be resolved internally; the facility must provide written information regarding state agencies that can make resolution.

The Rights of Incompetent Residents: The rights of incompetent and incompetent resident may be exercised by guardians, conservators, attorneys in fact, or other persons with powers of attorney.

Right to Participate in Resident and Family Groups: Each resident has the right to participate in family and resident groups. Each also has a right to confidentiality of their personal and clinical records. Facility personnel should not inquire for adequate privacy when administering treatment, but should not discuss a resident's care or treatment with other residents or unauthorized persons.

Right to Accommodation of Needs: Each resident has the right to receive individualized services with regard to his or her individual needs (unless the health and safety of the resident or other residents would be endangered).

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Right to Privacy: Each resident has the right to privacy regarding their accommodations, medical treatment, written and telephone communications, visits, and meetings with family and resident groups. Each also has a right to confidentiality of their personal and clinical records. Facility personnel should not inquire for adequate privacy when administering treatment, but should not discuss a resident's care or treatment with other residents or unauthorized persons.

Right to Choose a Personal Nursing Home: Each resident has the right to choose a personal nursing home. Each resident has the right to choose a personal nursing home. Each resident has the right to choose a personal nursing home.

Thank heaven for small mercies

My leg is still broken, but it is healing nicely, and, though I must admit that I will be overwhelmed with joy to get rid of the walking boot - the last stage in my drama - I can say with certainty that I have, through ordeal, learned how very fortunate I am.



AFTER CLASS
Gay Petersen

I am fortunate to have lived in a time when a break such as mine could be properly cared for and healed by competent physicians who understood the problem perfectly. I am fortunate to be married to a loving, kind and caring husband who attended my needs daily. I'm lucky to have a wonderful daughter and granddaughters who came every day to visit, to cook and clean and do all the other chores of which I was incapable of what seemed like forever.

I am fortunate to have friends and family who called, sent e-mails, came by to visit, brought flowers and food, books and embroidered, kind words and friendly thoughts. I'm lucky, for I was able to discover how many kind strangers there are in this world - strangers who take the time to say something nice to a wheelchair, who open doors, who ask if there is anything they can do.

We hear so much about the other kind of people, but, believe me, I have found that the majority of those with whom I come in contact are good, not uncaring, as we have sometimes been led to believe.

Breaking a leg is certainly no way to discover the blessings of having those around you who are automatically kind and thoughtful. I will never again take them for granted. And it is no way to discover abilities each of us possess that we spent little time even considering. Breaking my leg has really has made me stop and think.

I will no longer take for granted how easy it is to step out the door and walk a mile or two. Stepping out the door became, for awhile, a tricky problem that made me very nervous. As for walking a mile or two - I got tired just getting around the house.

I'll never take for granted how easy it is to clean my house. Running a vacuum, scrubbing a tub, mopping or even taking my own plate from the table to the sink was impossible in my situation.

I will no longer take for granted the comfort of sleeping in any position, of turning over in the night without having to reach down and turn my cast, of being sure I started for the bathroom

before I was desperate, and I will be forever grateful for showers that a blessing, especially when I was unable take one for awhile.

I think sometimes we should all just sit down and make a list of what we do every day - look at each item and be grateful that we can do them. How often we gripe about how much we have to do, how we hate ordinary everyday chores, how much we wish we could just sit down and do nothing.

I've been there, and I've done that, and, believe me, it isn't all cracked up to be. But I'm going to remind myself, once I am healed, that each day is a blessing, each project, no matter how small, is something that someone, somewhere, cannot do, that work too is a blessing, especially if you are unable to do it.

Make a list. Count your blessings. Be aware of others who cannot do all we, who have no physical limitations, can do. Take advantage of good health to appreciate your loved ones, your friends and neighbors, those with whom you come in contact.

Life is full of good things, everyday things that we all take for granted. Grab life with both hands, and do everything in your power to enjoy and appreciate each and every moment.

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Not too late to enroll in Medicare Plan B

Knigh Rider News Service

Q. I didn't enroll in Medicare Part B when I turned 65 because I was still working. Can I enroll now?

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- The eight-month period beginning with either the date your employment ends or the

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