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GOOD MORNING

WEATHER

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MAGIC VALLEY

GUILTY PLEA: A Kimberly man faces up to 10 years in state prison after agreeing to plead guilty to one felony drug charge.
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MONEY FOR SCHOOLS: Valley, Murrough schools have snagged a \$1.2 million grant.
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MONEY

ALBERTSON'S ANNOUNCEMENT: The supermarket giant plans to close about 165 stores and eliminate a number of jobs.
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OUTDOORS



NATURE'S WATERMASTERS: By building dams, beavers create lush habitat and ensure year-round water in mountain streams.
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ARMSTRONG IS LEG-STRONG IN MOUNTAINS: American cyclist moved closer to the overall lead in the Tour de France Wednesday.
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EYES ON THE SKY: British Open tees off today with the weather on everyone's mind.
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PRIOR APPROPRIATION? Junior water users are harming the Magic Valley's senior water right holders, today's editorial says.
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Saint Al's - partnership buds

By Jennifer Sandmann
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - Representatives of Twin Falls Clinic and Hospital and Saint Alphonsus Regional Medical Center told Twin Falls County commissioners Wednesday that their partnership talks eventually could include a new local hospital.

His vision for best health care and then met with commissioners to provide an update on partnership discussions with the local doctor-owned clinic.

"We're looking to grow. We're looking to be more of a player."
- Dr. Robert Ward, Twin Falls Clinic and Hospital chairman

executive officer of Saint Al's. The discussions are headed for conclusion by fall, she said. No definite plans or announcements were made Wednesday.

Saint Al's owns St. Benedict's Family Medical Center in Jerome. Bruce said there is a great deal of local interest in consolidating the clinic and St. Benedict's. Moving in that direction would require a several-year process involving the community, she said. The vision she shared includes a medical campus that offers acute and long-term care and geographically dispersed ambu-

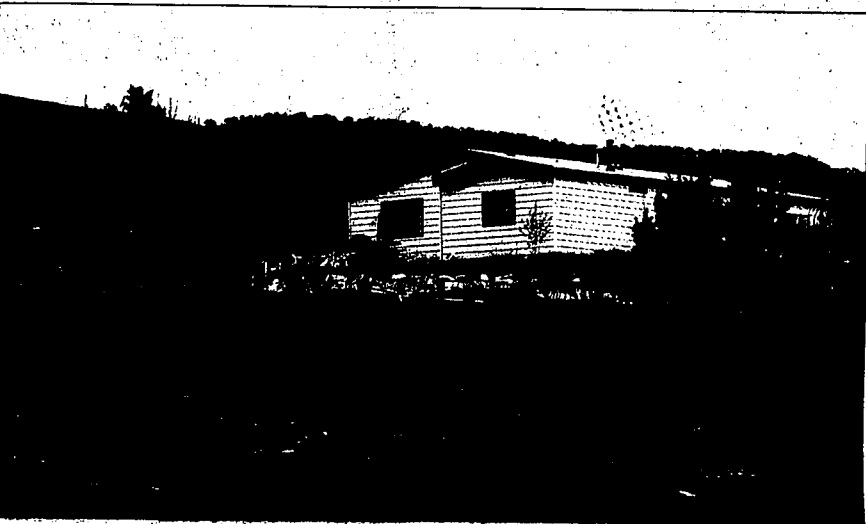
The nonprofit Boise-based Saint Al's briefed the Twin Falls Rotary Club about

"I'm really pleased that our talks are making progress," said Sandra Bruce, chief

County Commissioner Gary Grindstaff asked whether Saint Al's plans to build a

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SPARED



The house of June and Dennis James suffered some smoke damage but remains standing following a 2,000-acre fire in Jones Hollow Canyon late last week. The fire came within 60 feet of their front door and burned an outbuilding and an empty chicken coop before it was contained by firefighters.

Program helps communities deal with fire risk

By Mark Heinz
Times-News writer

MALTA - June James said it certainly gave her pause when she spotted a wildfire galloping toward her house near Malta Friday and owing no signs of slowing down.

Communities at risk
Some Idaho Magic Valley areas have been designated "communities at risk" from wildfires by the Bureau of Land Management and might be eligible for federal aid: Bliss, Elba, north-east Gooding County, southern Jerome County, Malta, Rogerson, Shoshone, Sun Valley.

Some question Forest Service's age limit for firefighters in light of recent deaths

The Times-News and The Associated Press

TWIN FALLS - A U.S. Forest Service policy that denies permanent firefighting jobs to new applicants over 35 years old is drawing some criticism, but a Sawtooth National Forest spokesman has joined other Forest Service officials in defending the policy.

Wildfire watch

Firefighters are currently working to contain large blazes in five western states.

Acres Burned In millions	Number of fires In thousands
2.5	60
2.0	40
1.5	20
1.0	10
0.5	5
0.0	0

* As of July 17, 2001

But when firefighters from the BLM and local volunteer fire departments showed up in her driveway, James said she knew her property was in good hands.

Fires in southern Idaho over 10 acres (as of July 5):
19 fires since May 21, ranging in size from 11 to more than 11,000 acres.
A total of 15,861.4 acres burned.

The Forest Service is hiring thousands of full-time firefighters this year but has bypassed some of its most experienced veterans because pension rules deny such permanent jobs to anyone over 35, critics say.

Fed chairman says economy still tilts toward weakness

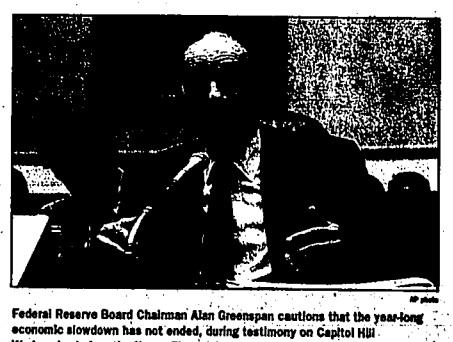
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON - Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan foresees no quick end to sluggish economic growth and signaled Wednesday that the Fed stands ready to cut interest rates for a seventh time this year.

Economists see hint of another rate cut in Greenspan's remarks

two decades. "I expressed hope that the Fed's actions, combined with falling energy costs and soon-to-be mailed tax-rebate checks, will bolster an economy stuck in low gear for a year."

and companies increase investment in computers and other high-tech equipment.



Federal Reserve Board Chairman Alan Greenspan cautions that the year-long economic slowdown has not ended, during testimony on Capitol Hill Wednesday before the House Financial Services Committee.

FORECAST FOR MAGIC VALLEY

IDAHO

Malta Extremes
Yesterday:
High 80°
Low 37°
Starry

ALMANAC

Twin Falls through 6 p.m. yesterday
Temperature 61°/81°
Normal High/Low 67°/53°
Record high/low 90°/19°
Precipitation 0.00"
24 hours ending 6 p.m. yesterday 0.00"
Moisture content 2.5%
Normal moisture to date 10.7%
Water year to date (Oct. 1) 1.54"
Normal water to date (Oct. 1) 4.24"
Humidity 41%
Wind gusty at noon 36%
Barometric Pressure 30.00 in.
Yesterday at 6 p.m. 30.00 in.
Poison yesterday in Twin Falls
Poison Low Weeds 100%
Poison Low Mold 100%
Source: Asthma Alert Allergy of Idaho

FIVE-DAY FORECAST FOR TWIN FALLS

TODAY	TONIGHT	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY
Sunshine and patchy clouds.	Partly cloudy, it might shower.	Partly sunny.	Sunny to partly cloudy.	Sunny and patchy clouds.	Seasonably warm and sunny.
▲ 84°	▼ 54°	▲ 84° ▼ 56°	▲ 84° ▼ 54°	▲ 86° ▼ 56°	▲ 86° ▼ 56°

REGIONAL WEATHER

Southern Idaho: Sunny to partly cloudy and still cooler than normal today. A couple of spots across the north will have a shower or thunderstorm. Highs 76-84. Partly cloudy tonight with a stray shower.

Boise: Sunshine and a few clouds today; a pleasant afternoon with a high of 84. Partly cloudy tonight with the slight chance of a shower. Low 56. Partly sunny tomorrow with a thunderstorm possible.

Northern Nevada: Sunny most of today with a pleasant afternoon. Comfortable for the middle of July with highs from the 70s in the higher terrain to near 90 in a few of the lowest locales.

Northern Utah: Partly to mostly sunny today with a thunderstorm in a few spots across the mountains this afternoon. Highs from 70 in the mountains to 90 in Salt Lake City.

Northern Idaho: Still cooler than normal today. Expect sunshine and occasional clouds. A few spots across the south will have a shower or thunderstorm. Highs 62-80. Partly cloudy tonight with a shower.

NATIONAL EXTREMES

High 110° in Fort Riley, KS
Low 34° in Truckee, CA

NATIONAL WEATHER

Show an hour's forecast of weather systems and precipitation. Temperature bands are shown for the noon positions of weather systems and precipitation. Temperature bands are shown for the noon positions of weather systems and precipitation. Temperature bands are shown for the noon positions of weather systems and precipitation.

CANADIAN CITIES

City	Hi	Lo	Hi	Lo
Calgary	76	47	78	48
Edmonton	72	42	74	43
Halifax	77	48	79	49
London	81	57	83	60
Ottawa	83	59	85	62
Quebec	79	53	81	56
Vancouver	88	64	90	67
Winnipeg	88	66	90	68

WORLD CITIES

City	Hi	Lo	Hi	Lo
Accapulco	90	77	92	79
Athens	95	75	97	77
Auckland	83	67	85	71
Bangkok	90	76	92	80
Beijing	84	70	86	74
Berlin	82	67	84	71
Buenos Aires	84	62	86	64
Calcutta	90	73	92	75
London	81	65	83	69
Los Angeles	88	72	90	76
Manila	88	74	90	80
Moscow	83	70	85	73
Mumbai	88	74	90	80
Paris	82	67	84	71
Rio de Janeiro	84	66	86	68
Rome	82	67	84	71
Sao Paulo	84	68	86	70
Sydney	87	74	89	77
Tokyo	86	74	88	76
Washington	83	68	85	71
Zurich	81	65	83	69

SUN AND MOON

Sunrise today: 6:17 a.m.
Sunset today: 8:11 p.m.
Moonrise today: 4:50 a.m.
Moonset today: 4:34 p.m.
New Moon: July 20
First Quarter: July 27
Full Moon: Aug 3
Last Quarter: Aug 12

UV INDEX TODAY

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10 a.m. 10 a.m. Noon 12 p.m. 4 p.m.
High: 10+ Very High: Virtue indicates the exposure to the sun's ultraviolet rays.

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City	Hi	Lo	Hi	Lo
Atlanta	88	71	90	73
Atlanta City	79	59	81	60
Baltimore	82	63	84	65
Boston	84	64	86	66
Birmingham	94	74	96	76
Chicago	85	67	87	69
Charlotte, NC	80	62	82	64
Chattanooga	85	67	87	69
Cleveland	84	63	86	65
Denver	90	62	92	64
Dayton	82	64	84	66
Detroit	84	67	86	69
El Paso	94	74	96	76
Falmouth	73	56	75	58
Fargo	88	72	90	74
Honolulu	88	75	90	78
Houston	87	69	89	71
Indianapolis	87	69	89	71
Jacksonville	91	74	93	76
Kansas City	85	68	87	70
Las Vegas	101	74	103	77
Lia Rocco	98	78	100	79
Los Angeles	90	72	92	74
Lubbock	94	76	96	78
Memphis	84	66	86	68
Miami	90	76	92	78
Milwaukee	82	65	84	67
Nashville	88	73	90	75
New Orleans	92	77	94	79
New York	82	65	84	67
Oklahoma City	91	75	93	77
Omaha	92	73	94	75
Ottawa	84	68	86	70
Philadelphia	80	64	82	66
Phoenix	105	82	107	84
Portland, ME	82	65	84	67
Raleigh	86	68	88	70
Rapid City	84	63	86	65
Reno	94	76	96	78
Sacramento	85	68	87	70
St. Louis	92	73	94	75
St. Paul	84	67	86	69
Salt Lake City	90	65	92	67
San Diego	92	75	94	77
San Francisco	88	74	90	80
Seattle	86	72	88	74
Tucson	100	74	102	76
Washington, DC	86	69	88	71



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Boise	84	56	86	58
Bonneville Ferry	76	49	78	50
Burley	85	56	87	58
Coeur d'Alene	74	50	76	54
Elgin, OR	72	51	74	52
Eugene, OR	87	62	89	64
Idaho Falls	82	54	84	56
Kippville, MT	75	47	77	49
Lewiston	80	58	82	60
Malad	78	48	80	50
Malta	77	56	79	58

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"If our premiere law enforcement agency, the FBI, is so lax in keeping track of its guns, I shudder to think about what other abuses may exist at other federal agencies," said Dingell, a Democrat on the House Judiciary Committee.

"The FBI has since tightened security and said he has confidence in the agency. Senators critical of FBI lapses nevertheless pledged to press for reforms."

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New abortion pill ad campaign begins in women's magazine

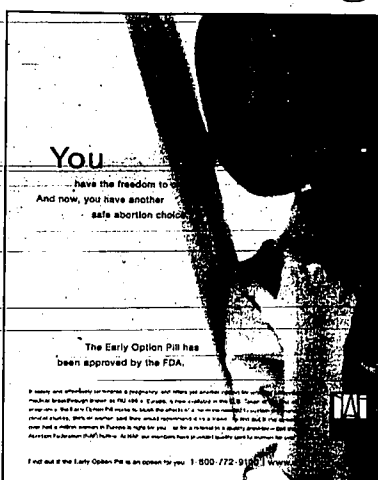
CHICAGO (AP) — Sandwiched between a mineral water ad and toothpaste news is a photo of a young woman contemplating whether to take the abortion pill RU-486.

You have the freedom to choose. And now, you have another safe abortion choice," says the full-page ad in the July issue of *Self* magazine.

The message is part of a national advertising campaign in major magazines that has drawn objection from abortion foes. The ad was also in *People* magazine earlier this month and will appear in the August issue of *Vanity Fair*, *Glamour* and some seven other national magazines.

Known formally as mifepristone and marketed as the Early Option pill, the practically do-it-yourself alternative to surgical abortion was approved 10 months ago. It was developed as RU-486 more than a decade ago in France.

The National Abortion Federation, which operates 400 facilities nationwide that provide abortions, is behind the \$2 million privately funded ad campaign.



You have the freedom to choose. And now, you have another safe abortion choice.

The Early Option Pill has been approved by the FDA.

An advertisement from the National Abortion Federation explaining the availability of the Early Option pill, an abortion choice also known as RU-486.

Advocates say it is no different from running ads for birth control pills or condoms. The ads "are saying that we don't need to be ashamed about abortion as an option," says Lorie Spear, director of surgical services for Planned Parenthood in Chicago.

—Abortion foes say promoting it with the type of mass marketing used to sell toothpaste is abhorrent.

"They're trying to mainstream it, trying to make it seem like an ordinary part of life," says Randall K. O'Bannon of the National Right to Life Committee.

"It's not about life at all. It's a violent destruction of another being's life."

O'Bannon says the ads suggest that demand for the product has been weaker than anticipated.

Advocates say they are encouraged with the demand so far. But the federation says it has no figures on how many mifepristone abortions have been done. And mifepristone's U.S. marketer, Danco Laboratories, did not return calls.

Jana Cunningham, spokeswoman for Planned Parenthood's San Francisco-area clinic, says the ads may increase the percentage of women choosing the pill over surgical abortions, but not the overall number of abortions.

"Women aren't stupid," she says. "They're not going to see an ad and say, 'Oh, I'm going to have an abortion.'"

Police arrest two abortion demonstrators

WICHITA, Kan. (AP) — Two people were arrested on Wednesday as tensions rose between abortion opponents and supporters of abortion rights outside a clinic that is the focus of a week of protests.

The arrests, the first during the anti-abortion Summer of Mercy renewal campaign, were made after separate shoving incidents

between the two sides. Both people arrested were abortion-rights supporters, police said. They faced misdemeanor battery charges.

Later in the morning, organizers said about 50 people marched peacefully near the clinic for an hour.

Demonstrators had started lining up before sunrise outside the

clinic operated by Dr. George Tiller, one of the few doctors in the country who perform late-term abortions. The clinic was bombed in 1985, and Tiller was shot and wounded outside the clinic in 1993.

Jennifer Stark, an intern for the Los Angeles-based Feminist Majority Foundation, was at Tiller's clinic before 5 a.m.

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Officials seek global warming pact, despite stand by U.S.

BONN, Germany (AP) — A deal can be reached to bring a global warming agreement into effect even without the United States on board, the chairman of negotiators said Wednesday, despite environmentalists' complaints that new demands are sabotaging the deal.

Jan Pronk, the Dutch environment minister, admitted his hopes for the 1997 Kyoto Protocol took a dive after the United States — the world's biggest emitter of greenhouse gases — abandoned the agreement in March.

But nations appear committed to reaching agreement at a conference of 178 countries on rules for cutting emissions, he said. A deal here would revive hopes of getting enough countries to ratify Kyoto to bring it into effect.

"I have the impression it is possible to reach a result," he said. "More and more I am hearing discussions that countries want to reach an agreement. It may be a different kind of agreement than what countries did have in mind... but an agreement."

Pronk refused to say what shape a long-sought agreement might take. But he did say progress has been made during three days of technical discussions so far at the

conference, which he chairs. Environment ministers join the talks today, launching what Pronk hopes will be the final phase of negotiations on a package of measures for implementing the Kyoto agreement. The protocol requires industrialized countries to cut greenhouse emissions an average of 5.2 percent from 1990 levels by 2012.

About 30 countries have ratified the pact so far, but it requires backing by 55 countries representing 55 percent of the industrialized world's emissions.

Pronk admitted the survival of Kyoto hangs in the balance of the talks. If no agreement is reached by the end of the Bonn talks, the treaty wouldn't be dead but "it would be utterly sick," he said.

Although the United States has pulled out of the treaty, it is participating in the Bonn talks, raising hopes among some that Washington wants to leave options open for joining in the future.

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Reclaiming Mexico

Mexicans see explosion of interest in country's pre-Hispanic past

By Morris Thompson
Knight Ridder Newspapers

TEOTIHUACAN, Mexico - Every day here at noon, within sight of the 1,700-year-old Pyramids of the Sun and the Moon, four men dangle by their feet from ropes around the top of a 60-foot pole. They imitate an ancient rite.

On the very top, another man stands up and begins to play a simple clay flute and beat a drum. Then, pushing with his feet, he unwinds the ropes, and the men descend to the ground in graceful circles.

"I began doing this because tradition is important," said Adolfo San Martin Garcia, 42, who has been a volador - flyer - for 25 years, about 10 of those here. "The number of turns we make as we come down symbolizes the 52 years of an Aztec century."

Long a rare sight, these ritual dancers now are more common than at any time since the Spanish conquest in the 16th century.

Anthropologists and archaeologists say it's part of an explosion of interest among Mexicans in their country's extensive pre-Hispanic past. As economic development progresses, they say, Mexicans are increasingly turning to their traditional society and economy. People are looking increasingly to the past for an anchor, a way to feel proud about themselves and their culture amid an invasion of new things, many from abroad.

"It's not just a phenomenon of new value for the tradition, but also a matter of looking for magic, religion - something supernatural to overcome their custom-

ary problems," said Jesus Torres, deputy director of the Center for Tehuacan Studies, an arm of Mexico's National Institute of Anthropology and History. "It's

a phenomenon that has been observed in many cultures over time, especially when there's an economic, social or moral crisis. It's a search for identity."

Anthropologist Cuauhtemoc Reyes said many working-class Mexicans have lost their sense of place in the nation's economy, as the buying power of their wages has deteriorated over the past 20 years.

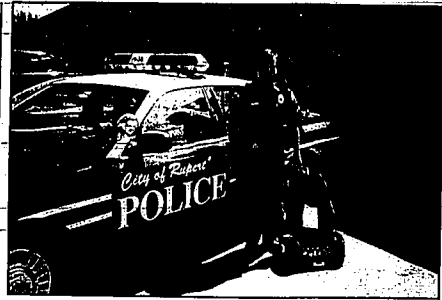
In reaction, some people are clinging to - or learning - traditional beliefs in the magical powers of special places, words or symbols to cure an ail or grant a wish.

The last time that Mexican interest in its glorious past surged was in the 1930s and 1940s, but Reyes noted it was then encouraged by the government and reflected an intellectual movement. Many of the country's great public murals were painted then, such as the famed series on Mexican history by Diego Rivera in the National Palace here. Many Mexicans don't realize it today, but that was the time that many national heroes were implanted in the popular culture, such as Cuauhtemoc, the nephew of the Aztec Emperor Moctezuma who led the final battle against the Spanish conquerors.

"Now there's a desire to recover the past that's coming not from the government, but the people," Reyes said. "There are a lot of problems and conflicts, and for many the (Catholic) Church doesn't adequately explain this city or country. So people are looking for new ways of expression."



This is a drawing of the Aztec god Huitzilopochtli, the god of war and the sun. According to tradition, he guided the Aztecs to their mythical homeland, the valley of Mexico.



Saving lives and changing lives are a part of Rupert Police officer Juan Martinez's daily work. He's a nationally-trained child-seat instructor and a frequent translator for the force.

Officer wants to give back to the community

By Coreen Hart
Times-News correspondent

RUPERT - It only took one night of riding along with a police officer to hook Juan Martinez.

"I give the credit to the man I call my mentor, Todd McGhee," Martinez said. "We were both volunteering with the fire department, and he asked if I'd do a ride along with him."

After that, Martinez joined the Rupert Police Department reserves. He studied hard, volunteered often, and waited for an opening on the force. It would be two years.

"I worked the harvest and put away enough money for the essentials like rent, hoping to get hired," he said. "My wife was very understanding. In fact, she was behind me 100 percent."

"I could see how much it meant to him," said his wife, Gypsy. "He had to give GED before he could be accepted. He just did it."

August 27, 1996 was the big day. At last, there was an opening on the force, and he was hired. McGhee recalls the time with satisfaction.

"I think having Juan get involved in law enforcement was one of the greatest steps in his life," McGhee said. "He actually became an asset to the force, and he did it himself. He became very energetic."

Martinez spent 10 weeks at the state police academy in Meridian, learning basics he had only sampled in the reserves. Since then, he has studied many areas of specialty work, including detective work and safety training.

He's one of three Hispanic officers, and there is also one in the reserves.

Because he is bilingual, Martinez has been especially valuable to the force.

"You get a lot of people that don't understand the workings of the system," he said. "... I want them to see that I'm there for them in their time of need as well as in time of crime. Once they see that, they can talk to them. It's kind of a relief."

There already has been a

defining moment in his work.

"I was asked to do a stakeout with some other guys," Martinez said. "Someone was breaking in and stealing things and running up a huge phone bill while this family was at church. We were waiting for him. We heard him up on the roof, then opening the bathroom window; heard him climbing in."

The perpetrator came through the bathroom and started down the stairs, where Cpl. Juan Martinez awaited him.

"All of a sudden he was facing the barrel of my gun. I can see it still," the officer recalled. "I don't know who was more scared, him or me. But in that moment I realized what could have happened. If he had been armed... but he wasn't."

Gypsy Martinez said it is difficult to be a policeman's wife.

"It can be frustrating. He's away from home a lot, teaching, taking classes, getting called out because he's bilingual," she said. "We've had talks about what can happen. But I don't have a problem with it. And I am very, very proud of him."

Juan makes an excellent officer," McGhee said. "He gives 110 percent. He's on a mission to give something back to the community."

Besides volunteering for the fire department, Martinez also represents the police department on the Juvenile Justice Council and the Magic Valley Safe Kids Coalition, and is a nationally-trained child seat instructor, one of only 17 in the state of Idaho.

"I'm a big-time advocate of child seats," he said.

He's seen what happens to children who aren't strapped into a child seat when an accident occurs.

Juan Martinez has found his place in the community.

"He's so interested in dealing with the kids out there that helped," his wife said. "He's interested that they have a better life."

Times-News correspondent
Coreen Hart
can be reached through the Mini-Cassia bureau at 677-4042.

Star, character share dream of becoming a star

By Samantha Martins, David Nyrenberg and Rasminne Campbell
Kiddway Staff Reporters

Nineteen-year-old Christina Vidal, who plays Taina Morales on Nickelodeon's comedy series, "Taina," grew up in the Whitestone section of Queens in New York City, and attended a performing arts school in Manhattan, just as her character on the show does.

When not performing, she says she loves to dance to salsa music, play pool and paint pottery.

Q: How did you get the part of Taina?

A: It wasn't my idea: Maria Perez-Brown created the show. I found out about the audition, I thought it was perfect for me, and went for it. I had to sing a few songs, something from Selena and something from Christina Aguilera. I was very nervous. I knew it was the perfect part for me, but I wasn't sure the producers would see it the same way.



Christina Vidal stars in Nickelodeon's series, 'Taina.'

Q: How would you describe the TV show?

A: It is a lot like me. It is a show about a girl going to a performing arts school, who has a dream to become a star, and at the same time keeping her friends and her family where

they should be.

Q: Tell us about growing up in Whitestone, Queens.

A: It was a nice neighborhood, everyone knew each other, but I spent most of my time in Manhattan.

Q: Did you ever dream this would happen to you?

A: Yes, and I am living that dream right now. I just hope that I continue to be successful and happy.

Q: What is your all-time favorite movie?

A: It has to be "West Side Story." I always envisioned myself playing Maria in the movie.

Q: What show does "Taina" remind you of?

A: Well, it is definitely not "Family Matters." Does anyone remember the show "Fame" that used to be on? I think it is a little similar to that show.

Q: Do you have a boyfriend?

A: No, I am too busy, but it's a "good busy."

Q: Do you think you are a good

actress?

A: That is a very tough question. I work really, really hard, and I think hard work pays off.

Q: Do you ever watch yourself on the show?

A: Yes. It's cool to watch the show and know other people are watching, too, and are inspired by it.

Q: What other TV shows do you watch?

A: I watch "Friends" and "Dawson's Creek."

Q: Do you have a role model?

A: My mom on the show (Lisa Lisa, who plays Gloria Elena Morales) has always been a supporter, and my sister, Lisa, has been my mentor from the very beginning of my career.

Q: Who inspired you to sing?

A: Well, inspirations for singing, growing up, were definitely Mariah Carey and Whitney Houston. I began singing when I was 9, and started acting when I was 10. I sing all the songs you hear on the show - that's my voice.

La Banda de Enrique plays in Jerome this weekend

JEROME - The Mexican army La Banda De Enrique will play 9 p.m. Friday, Saturday and Sunday at the El Parralito Salon on Lincoln Street in Jerome.

Guide for parents of teen drivers available in Spanish

A guide to help parents and other adults assist teenage drivers is available in Spanish. Drivers under the age of 17 are required to pass more stringent requirements to qualify for a driver's license than in the past. The law raises the age to enter driver's education from 14 years to 14 years, 6 months, and establishes a four-month probationary period after formal driver's training. During that period, teens complete at least 50 hours of supervised driving practice with a licensed driver age 21 or older.

"Changes in law make it essential for parents to be involved in their child's life to earn a driver's license," said Marilyn Howard, superintendent of Public Instruction. "With the translated guide, we hope to provide the same support to Spanish speaking parents that we provide to others."

The State Department of Education's Driver Education pro-



Noticias.

The guide has been translated into Spanish and is available through driver education programs and on the Internet at www.sde.state.id.us/DriverEd/.

Hispanic business start-up seminar begins Aug. 8

JEROME - Hispanics who want to start up their own business are invited to a seminar sponsored by the Hispanic Heritage Festival, Small Business Administration and the College of Southern Idaho Small Business Development Center.

The seminar will be held from 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Aug. 8 at El Sombrero Restaurant, 143 W. Main St. in Jerome.

Preregistration is required because of the limited number of spots, and cost is \$10. Representatives from the development center, SBA and other agencies will talk about SBA

business planning and other available sources.

To register, call Sherry at 733-4203. Ext. 2435 for more information, call Gloria at 733-4203.

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THANK YOU LETTERS

Burley High School players put on superior basketball camp for youth

I would like to express my gratitude to Matt Harr and the Burley High School basketball players. The basketball camp that we did on the week of June 18 was superb. The instruction that they gave those young people on the fundamentals of the game was just outstanding. I felt that the athletes gained a greater understanding of the game as well as the pressures in life. The talk Coach Harr gave on academics and sportsmanship was terrific and very true. Thanks again for a job well done and all the time and effort that was put in to make this camp so successful.

EUGENE D. KRAMER
Burley

'Jallbirds' help raise money for Muscular Dystrophy Association

All of "Jerry's Kids" in Twin Falls join me in expressing thanks for a successful Muscular Dystrophy Association Lock-up at the Creekside Steakhouse in June.

The event was fun for more than 90 local "jallbirds" who volunteered to serve for MDA. Everyone worked hard to raise \$26,500 in contributions to benefit the local programs of the MDA. We especially want to thank the Creekside Steakhouse restaurant and U.S. Cellular, who sponsored the event.

Thanks to the community leaders, teachers, business owners and others who made the MDA Lock-up an outstanding success, area families will continue to receive comprehensive medical services at the MDA clinic at the Idaho Elks Rehabilitation Center in Boise. They'll also benefit from MDA support groups and summer camp. Equally important, this lock-up and other MDA events represent real hope by helping MDA annually fund more than 400 scientific teams seeking treatments and cures for neuromuscular disease.

TISHA PARROTT
District Director
Muscular Dystrophy Association
Boise

Off-road association appreciates help with Western Days float, cleanup

The Southern Idaho Off-Road Association wants to thank some of the individuals and businesses for their support with our Western Days parade float and our annual cleanup.

Thanks to Kelley Garden Center for the trees, Northwest Foam for the "snow" and Triple C Concrete for its truck and trailer used in the Western Days parade. On June 9 and 10, we held our annual cleanup. Thanks to PSI Waste Systems and Southern Idaho Solid Waste Systems for dumpsters at the clean-up site, Triple C Concrete for the front-end loader and dump truck, Bethwell Construction for a trailer, Subway of Buhl for sandwiches, Coca-Cola for Foverade and Sizzler for donating ice to keep it all cold. Special thanks to the Bureau of Land Management for its support and the manpower it provided.

We would also like to thank everyone that was able to attend.

GRACE WILKIN
Southern Idaho Off-road Association
Twin Falls

Girls State delegate has amazing experience thanks to Optimist Club

To the Twin Falls Optimist Club: I wanted to thank you for giving me the opportunity to attend Idaho Springs Girls' State. It was an amazing experience that I will never forget. I made many lasting friendships and learned so much about our government. It's incredible how much you can learn and accomplish in a week.

I truly appreciate your kindness and generosity. Without your contribution, I wouldn't have been able to have this wonderful experience. Thanks again for everything you do.

HEATHER HODGES
Twin Falls

Many help Murtaugh Friendship Parade; barbecue a great success

I want to take a moment to thank the many people who helped to make our Murtaugh Friendship Parade and Barbecue a great success.

Jack and Ruth Hurd, all the parade participants, Tom from Wonder Bread, Falls Brand Meat, all the individuals who donated money and time, State Rep. Sharon Block, Rep. Darrington, County Commissioner Bill Brockman, Twin Falls County Sheriff's Department, Twin Falls HealthNet facilitator Melanie Housa, City Council members Verla Rice, Dee Hunsaker and Carl Melugin, Gaylene Craft, Kevin and Laurie Harper.

Special thanks to Councilman Carl Melugin for his help at the park. Cost was \$275; donations were \$275.02. Thanks kids!

MIG GREGG
Murtaugh

Dedicated people give valuable time to Western Days city park events

It takes a tremendous amount of time and effort for quality community events to become a reality. It takes dedicated people that are willing to give of their valuable time for the betterment of the people of our area and usually with very little thanks you're for the many, many hours of work involved.

To the board of directors of Western Days, please consider this a huge public thank you from the many hundreds of people that appreciate all the work that you put in. The parks and city park events were once again a huge success thanks to all the people that participated. I'm sure I am leaving out some folks that deserve to be mentioned, but I want to personally thank Bonnie Lezamis, Western Days chairman, and her staff of Kathy Hanifen, Robyn Brody and Mary Olson.

Thank you again.
JIM AND SANDY VICKERS
Twin Falls

City of Burley Fourth of July fireworks display was best ever

I realize I am a little late, but I do want to thank the city of Burley for the wonderful fireworks it displayed for our pleasure. They were stupendous, the very best they've had.

Also want to thank all the families on both sides of the river who entertained us with their fireworks before and after Burley's main event. They were all beautiful and we enjoyed them very, very much.

Also on behalf of you.
VIOLET HINZE
And Family
Heyburn

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Gooding gifted and talented students in the seventh- and eighth-grade, left to right, Daniel Montgomery, Tai Brown, Lana Infanger, Dana Nelson, Halley Gill and Aaron Pace finished their advanced studies with mentor Dr. Finesas Hubanks in veterinary medicine, an advanced animal practice. The mentorees are geared to challenge and interest the students with areas of study. Jackie Brown is facilitator.

Jimmy can brighten your day, keep you on your feet

Personality: If you need someone to brighten your day, talk to Jimmy. But you'd better bring your running shoes so you can keep up. His foster mom and school teachers all say he enjoys making people laugh. He has an active imagination that's always engaged. This hands-on boy enjoys projects that require him to be involved. He enjoys the company of other children, especially those who are older and who set a good example.

Interests: Jimmy loves the outdoors as much as any child. He loves jumping on the trampoline with his foster brothers and sisters. He also likes to ride his bike. Jimmy's favorite indoor activities include playing with small cars or just about anything on wheels.

Needs: Jimmy needs a family who will work through challenging behaviors with patience and firmness. He will continue the tremendous progress he has made at home and in school if his parents are dedicated to accessing needed services within the community. He qualifies for adoption subsidy and access to services related to diagnosed challenges. Jimmy finds comfort and calmness in reliable routines, clearly defined rules and consistent consequences. He would succeed best in a family that is self-assured and able to delay their

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Jimmy Age 7

own need for gratification to a parent-child relationship.

Because of a traumatic childhood, he may not place his trust readily, but Jimmy's foster parents say that he has become very affectionate and bonded to them in the past year and a half. Jimmy could thrive in a family that's willing to wait for him to return their patience and love.

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FOCUS ON PEOPLE

Rogerson's Brackett takes spot on Iowa State University dean's list

Jacob Brackett of Rogerson has been named to the dean's list for the 2001 spring semester at Iowa State University in Ames, Iowa.

Students named to the dean's list must have earned a grade-point average of at least 3.5 while carrying a minimum of 12 credit hours of graded course work.

Twin Falls' Bradley graduates with doctorate from Illinois university

Carl Alan Bradley of Twin Falls graduated with a doctor of philosophy degree from the University of Illinois at Urbana Champaign.

Twin Falls teacher launches Wright Fellowships at UI

A Twin Falls teacher was among eight Idaho schoolteachers, winners of \$8,500 Thomas C. Wright Fellows awards, on the University of Idaho campus until Aug. 3 for the first stage of their four-semester fellowships.

Last year's Wright Fellows serve as their mentors. Selected for excellence in their field, the teachers pursue individualized courses of study leading to either a master's degree or an education specialist degree within four semesters. This summer session they develop a research plan; return to their schools to conduct action-based

University of Idaho Alumni Association elects board members

The University of Idaho Alumni Association Board of Directors elected four new members to three-year terms. They join a 20-person board of representatives with local alumni chapters in regions throughout the U.S. and beyond.

They include: Phyllis Ann "P.A." Melnyk, class of 1971, letters/science; Kimberly The UI Alumni Association, founded in 1898, serves more than 75,000 alumni and friends with recreation and activities, recognitions, charitable purposes, scholar-

ships and recruitment of future UI students.

Quesnell receives graduate scholarship from foundation

Elizabeth Quesnell, daughter of Michael and Valerie Quesnell of Twin Falls, has been awarded the Nancy Jane Trail Memorial scholarship, a graduate scholarship for full-time study, by the Kappa Kappa Gamma Foundation for the 2001-2002 academic year.

Quesnell was a member of Kappa Kappa Gamma Fraternity at University of Idaho where she served as chapter president. She is attending Washington State to study veterinary medicine.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Redfish Lake Visitor Center offers activities, programs

TUESDAY - The Redfish Lake Visitor Center is offering the following activities and programs:

Tuesday, "Bet You Didn't Know" will be offered to children ages 6-10:30 from 10-11 a.m., a Moraine hike will be held from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and a Salmon talk and walk will be held from 1-2 p.m.

On Friday, a wildflower walk will be held from 10-11 a.m. A fly pond wilderness exploration for the family will be held from 11 a.m. to 1:45 p.m. Participants will meet at the Redfish Lake Lodge Marina and the cost is a \$10 shuttle fee per person. "Animal Tracks" will be offered for children ages 6-10 from 1-2 p.m. and Native American rock shelter site tour will be held from 1-2 p.m. Friday.

Saturday, "Nutty Squidrels" will be offered to children ages 8-11 from 10-11 a.m. and the Salmon festival will be held from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. The festival will include a giant salmon nylon tent, story telling, costumes and exhibits. Videos

featuring the salmon in Idaho will be shown throughout the day.

On Sunday, a Moraine hike will be held from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. "Pioneers of the Early Mining Days" will be held from 1-2 p.m. and a Salmon talk and walk will be held from 2-3 p.m.

On Monday, "Totally Terrific Trees" will be offered for children ages 6-10 from 10-11 a.m. **On Tuesday**, "Black Bears" will be offered for children ages 6-11 from 10-11 a.m. and "Walk the Wilderness" will be held from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Evening programs will include: "Flint knapping and Stone Age Tools" today, "Dynamic Forests of the SNRA" Friday, "Wolves" on Saturday and "Only You: Fire Prevention" on Sunday. The programs begin at 9 p.m.

Basic cake decorating class begins next week

TWIN FALLS - A basic cake decorating class will be held from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. July 28 at Kitchen Magic in the Lynwood

Center. Cost is \$20 plus supplies. Call 733-4285 for more information.

Buhl resident celebrates 80th with open house

BUHL - Dorothy Scott Howard of Buhl will celebrate her 80th birthday with an open house from 2-4 p.m. Saturday at 700 11th Ave. N., Buhl.

Howard was born July 24, 1921 in Twin Falls. She has two daughters, Sharon (Dave) Aremson and Shirley (Calvin) Wilde of Buhl and the late Richard Scott, two step-children, Debbie (Rex) McArthur of Washington and Grey Howard of Washington; nine grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. Her daughters are hosting the event. She requests no gifts.

Sawtooth Science Institute offers geology, plant courses

SUN VALLEY - The Sawtooth Science Institute is offering the following classes:

Ice Ages Geology will be held Aug. 2-3. Participants will meet near Sun Valley. Classroom discussions and field studies will explore glaciers and glacial processes. Participants must be prepared for moderate hiking - 3 miles each day.

Idaho Plants and their Uses will be held Aug. 7-8. Participants will learn about and sample edible plants. They will also learn how to identify plants and plant families, poisonous and medical plants, the ethics of collecting wild foods, basketry, dying and fire-by-fire.

Mammals of Idaho will be held Aug. 9-10 and participants will meet near Sun Valley. The workshop will provide an introduction to various mammals found in the Sawtooth Mountains. Topics covered will include natural history, ecology, taxonomy of mammals, keeping field notes,

books, print identification and following trails.

For more information, call 788-9686 or 726-1832.

Music store hosts piano workshop for teachers

TWIN FALLS - Welch Music will host a workshop for piano teachers from

9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Wednesday. Participants will receive a free 2001 New Alfred Piano Music Sampler CD recording and a Teacher's Toolbox 2001. Refreshments will be served and a door prize will be given.

Dennis Alexander will present ideas that piano teachers can use with their students. He will explain how to achieve results with students through imagery, characterization and choreography.

Participants must RSVP by Tuesday by calling Jackie Welch at 734-9010.

Mindoka County Fair Board seeks grandma queen hopeful

RUPERT - The Mindoka County Fair Board is looking for candidates for the grandma queen title.

To nominate a grandma (age 50 or over), write a short story about why she should be the 2002 Grandma Queen. Entries can be sent to the Mindoka County Fair, P.O. Box 151, Rupert, ID 83350. For more information, call 436-9748.

Looking for a community project? Consider the fair

BURLEY - Anyone looking for a community service project for their club or organization or just looking to volunteer are invited to call Dean Draper at the Cassia County Fairgrounds, at 678-9150. He is always needed about this time of year to get the fairgrounds in shape for the fair, Draper said.

EDITORIAL

Water Resources must enforce water law No.1

First in time is first in right. Supposedly, it is the supreme law of Western water appropriation. In reality, it is routinely ignored by the Idaho Department of Water Resources. It's time - long past time, actually - for Water Resources to stop winking at the law and start enforcing it.

Here's why: The Twin Falls Canal Co. provides irrigation water for about 200,000 acres of farmland. The canal company has a big, old water right. It's for 3,000 cubic feet of Snake River water every second, and it was issued in 1900.

But in dry years, such as this, the canal company doesn't get its full entitlement. Many Buhl- and Hagerman-area fish farms also don't get their full share of spring water. All of these Magic Valley farms are squeezed by the shortage of water.

Meanwhile, thousands of wells are merrily pumping water from the aquifer beneath the Snake River Plain. Those farmers aren't being squeezed, because they pump their full share - in some cases more than their share. Their biggest limitation is the cost of electricity needed to run the pumps.

Collectively, those wells diminish the amount of water flowing in the Snake River and bubbling from springs in the Thousand Springs area.

One last detail: Most of those wells were drilled after World War II. Thus, senior water rights go unfilled while thousands of junior rights get a full share. How does that square with the pious litany that first in time is first in right?

The short answer is that it doesn't. The canal company and major fish farms can't afford to watch their key water rights get siphoned away by interlopers. So they are paying lawyers to ask Water Resources to enforce Idaho's most fundamental water law.

We'll concede the difficulty of trying to administer surface water (from springs and the Snake) and ground water as a single, conjunctive resource. It's not an easy job, but it's a necessary one.

Whose job is it? Water Resources.

The department has known about this problem for years, but it continues to ignore the fact that senior surface right holders are being harmed by junior pumpers. The juniors keep pumping, and the seniors keep hurting.

Unless something changes, it will always be that way in dry years. The canal company's diversion at Milner Dam is, literally, at the end of the ditch in the Upper Snake Basin. Springs in the Buhl and Hagerman areas are also at the mercy of uncounted irrigators.

Their senior water rights are difficult to satisfy ahead of the thousands of junior pumpers scattered across the Snake River Plain. But Buhl- and Hagerman-area fish farms also don't get their full share of spring water. All of these Magic Valley farms are squeezed by the shortage of water.

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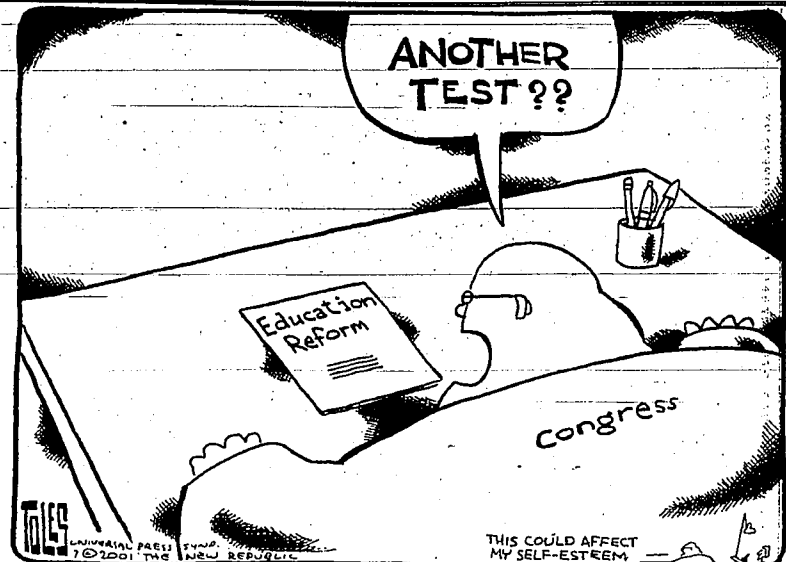
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Farewell, Katharine Graham

The world knew Katharine Graham as the poised and powerful publisher who led The Washington Post through a period of turmoil and shaped it into one of the nation's most influential newspapers. The courage it took for her to do all that, when her father's death and her husband's suicide catapulted her into that unexpected leadership role, is something readers learned from her Pulitzer Prize-winning memoir, "Personal History."

But for those of us fortunate enough to work at the Post during the years when she was publisher and Ben Bradlee was executive editor, there was another, more human side to her story. We were allowed to watch her take her first hesitant, awkward steps into her new public role, then warm to it and master it.

When I learned that Mrs. Graham had died from injuries suffered in a fall at Sun Valley, Idaho, my thoughts turned back to another Sun Valley trip she had made almost 35 years ago. I was a newly hired political reporter when my phone rang in the newsroom, summoning me to her eighth-floor office. "I have this letter," Mrs. G said, handing me an invitation for her to speak to a Republican Governors' Association meeting in Sun Valley. "I really don't want to do this. I can't make speeches. But I think I probably ought to. What do you think?"

The Republicans had just scored big gains in the mid-term election of 1966. The Post was viewed by many of them as incorrigibly liberal. I said, "I think if they ask you to speak to them, you should." "Will you be there?" she asked. I said I was planning to cover the meeting. She said she would tell them she would come. She did, and got through her speech



DAVID S. BRODER



without any bobbles. But the highlight of the visit - as she recounted it at breakfast on the second day - was what happened on the opening night, when she was invited to join the governors at a private dinner. Afterward, she told me, her old friend, Nelson Rockefeller, offered to walk her back to her condo. They got lost on the snowy, winding paths and several times found themselves circling back past the patio where the convivial Gov. Winthrop Rockefeller of Arkansas was enjoying a nightcap and loudly urging them to come join him. Declining that invitation, they eventually found her condo and the governor of New York gallantly took her key to unlock the door. But the lock had frozen in the cold and when he tried to force it, the key broke.

Nothing to do but return to the front desk, where, at 2 a.m., the blushing Rockefeller explained to a desk clerk that, "I'm, I was just walking Mrs. Graham home, and, um, we - I mean she - needs someone to open the door for her."

"When Mrs. G. told me the story, it was with the unfeigned joy of a teen-ager. But this same uncertain, almost debutante-like woman soon showed the back-

bone to stand up and protect her paper in battles with the pressmen's union and, famously, the Nixon administration. Hundreds of smaller ways, she encouraged those who worked for her to dig out stories - and let her worry about the consequences. She, more than anyone else, made it clear there were no sacred cows, no subjects to avoid or people who were off-limits, even if they happened to be her friends.

There have been many days in my 35 years at the Post when I felt privileged just to be part of the paper. But the high bar none, was the day Jay Graham received her Pulitzer. She had earned many honors for the work of the paper, but this was for the book she had written herself, a story only she could have told. The news of her Pulitzer had leaked inside the building. But custom decrees there be no celebration until the official word crosses the Associated Press wire. She had come down to the newsroom that afternoon and was waiting in Executive Editor Len Downie's office, along with Bradlee and Meg Greenfield, the editorial page editor. The newsroom staff gathered at the desks closest to that office.

When she came out, the applause began - and just did not stop. Without a word being said, all of us realized in the same instant that this was the time we could express our thanks to the woman who had provided us such unstinting support and such unlimited freedom to do our jobs - the greatest gift any publisher could give. As the applause went on, she began to weep, and so did we.

Now we will weep again, for her but not with her. And bless her memory.

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Idaho Legislature won't say it, but there is help available

A recent visitor to our office remarked that he had just seen me interviewed on television. I explained, as I had to the TV reporter, that the Idaho Legislature had decided during the last session to reduce the amount of information available to the public about the state's health and welfare programs. Reducing these funds is primarily a federal money.

This was going to have a profound impact on the lives of people who need and are eligible for those services, I said. And it may mean that The Idaho Foodbank, with its more than 200 affiliated agencies, will become one of the distribution outlets for that information. "I'd be willing to take it to the places I work," he said.

This is exactly the sort of attitude I hope individuals, for-profit businesses and nonprofit groups can adopt. It will take a concerted effort from all of us to disseminate this information to people

READER COMMENT

Roger Simon

who need to get it. The Idaho Legislature, during its 2001 session, the Idaho Legislature included the following language in several bills that funded programs of the State Department of Health and Welfare: "It is the intent of the Idaho Legislature that the Department of Health and Welfare conduct outreach efforts in all programs to the minimum level allowed by federal law."

In other words, the Legislature was willing to fund the state's portion of such Health and Welfare programs as food stamps, the Children's Health Insurance Program, substance-abuse programs and child protection services. It just wasn't

willing to inform the people who needed them that these programs exist.

The Legislature's decision to support this language surprised many people, especially considering that Gov. Dirk Kempthorne had declared this "The Generation of the Child" and First Lady Patricia Kempthorne had worked hard to increase enrollment in CHIP. Nevertheless, the "no-run rule" went into effect.

Rather than debate the wisdom of the Legislature on either a financial or ethical level, I believe it is important to recognize the realities this new rule puts in front of us.

First, prevention saves money. Children and adults who can be assisted before their problems of hunger, education or health become chronic will save society money and everyone involved an enormous amount of pain. Second, government can't do it all. As our world becomes faster paced and more complex,

we run the risk of leaving more and more people behind. It is vital that both the for-profit and nonprofit sectors do all they can to complement the services government can offer.

This is different than replacing government. The nonprofit sector simply does not have the human and financial resources to take over the service-delivery roles that federal, state and local government play.

example I know best, using only private donations. Last year, The Idaho Foodbank gave away 4.3 million pounds of food to nonprofit agencies through its sites in the Treasure Valley, Pocatello and Lewiston. This was an increase of 26 percent from 1999 despite the economic boom of the past decade. In 1989, the Foodbank supplied 1 million pounds of food. In 1985, it was 200,000 pounds.

Soup kitchens and other Foodbank-supplied on-site feeding programs served 2.6 million prepared meals in 2000, up 35

percent over the past two years.

Two of every three people who rely on the Foodbank are either children too young to work or seniors who have already worked all their lives.

More than 40 percent of households that receive food currently have at least one person working. About half those work full-time jobs.

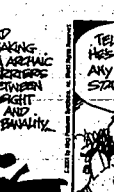
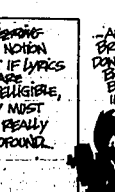
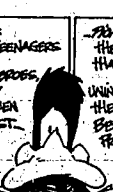
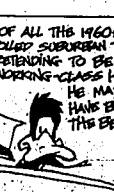
Despite these efforts, one in eight Idaho children - 475,700 children - go to bed hungry every night.

It is crucial that businesses, organizations and individuals in Idaho continue the generosity they have shown in the past and tackle this new challenge.

The programs are there. People need them. It's up to all of us to make sure the right information gets into the right hands. We cannot afford to let the treasures of Idaho - our children and parents - go to waste.

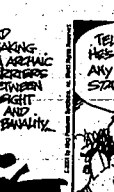
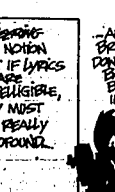
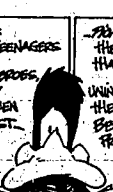
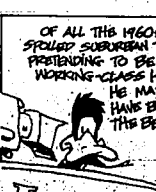
Roger Simon is the executive director of The Idaho Foodbank.

Doonesbury



By Garry Trudeau

Mallard Fillmore



By Bruce Tinsley

Mom learns her daughter lost her virginity

DEAR ABBY: My 15-year-old daughter left her journal open on her bed and, being nosy, I read the page that was open. She had written that she had lost her virginity to her boyfriend.

We have stressed to her how important it is to save herself for marriage, but it looks like she decided not to. She had a friend who just found out she was pregnant three months ago. I can't believe this didn't make my daughter think a little bit more about it.

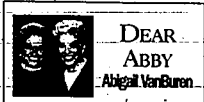
Should I confront her about what I read, or let it slide? It's tearing me up inside because she was brought up with better values than this.

We have always been very close and she usually talks to me about everything. Well, at least I thought she did. Any advice?

- MISSOURI MOM

DEAR MOM: Your daughter may have left the book open in order to open the door to discussion with you. She probably didn't know how to break the news to you any other way and feared your reaction.

How you deal with this is very important. Do not attack her and do not scold. Talk calmly; tell her you are disappointed and why. Then review why it is important for her to use every precaution if she is going to be sexually active. Use her friend as an example. I suspect your



DEAR ABBY
Abigail Van Buren

daughter already knows she has gone further than she should have and now regrets it.

DEAR ABBY: The woman I date (I'll call her Earlene) is 62 and owns her own home. She also has a truck that's fully paid for, CDs and an IRA. In other words, she's well-off.

For the last four years we have gone out to eat frequently because she lives alone and so do I. We eat out at least four days a week, breakfast and dinner. In all that time she has picked up the check only five times. Even when I pay, she never leaves a tip. She figures since I'm paying the bill, I should do it.

Earlene is from the old school - that the man is supposed to do all the paying. I have talked to her about it. It goes in one ear and out the other. I don't believe this is fair, and it is straining our relationship because I'm not as well-off as she is.

What ever happened to equal rights for women and men? Please answer soon. This is an emergency.

- BUSTED BUDGET, ANDOVER, OHIO

DEAR B.B.: If you're asking about the Equal Rights Amendment - it lost by a narrow margin. Even so, dating rules have changed greatly since your ladyfriend was a girl. It's time to tell the meal server, "Separate checks, please." If Earlene doesn't agree, maybe it's time to go your separate ways.

DEAR ABBY: Although I am a recent reader of your column, I enjoy it daily. Would you kindly assist me with somewhat of an office etiquette dilemma?

Oftentimes in my workplace, women will actually brush their teeth using the public restroom sink. Personally, I think it is totally inappropriate for anyone to do such a thing in a public place, especially rinsing. Could you please share the appropriate rule, if any applies, and assist me in scolding such

offenders?
- GROSSED OUT IN BEVERLY HILLS
DEAR GROSSED OUT: Sorry, I respect people who are diligent about their oral hygiene. I see nothing wrong with brushing one's teeth in a public restroom, as long as the sink is rinsed thoroughly after the person is finished.

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Cancer: Make home comfortable

IF JULY 19TH IS YOUR BIRTHDAY... you are romantic, known among friends as a "free soul." For you, life without romance is no life at all. Leo, Aquarius individuals play major roles in your life and could have these letters, initials in names: A, S, J. During August, you make fresh start in different direction; you could encounter "love of your life."
ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 19): focus on recreation, participation in sports. Gain additional room at home because you could be overrun with guests.
TAURUS (Apr. 20-May 20): Instead of meeting obstacles head-on, try stepping aside. Popularity on the rise: You'll hear cheering, and it will be for you.
GEMINI (May 21-June 20): You could be "talk of the town." Money "flows" from surprise source. Place views on paper; important to hear you and read what you write.

HOROSCOPE Sydney Omar

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Accent independence. Make home comfortable. Don't neglect music. Your voice is more melodious, people comment on it. Love is no longer a stranger.
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Family secret revealed. Keep it secret, accent discretion. Someone makes mistake, will be punished by the law. Be understanding, display wisdom.
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): You can make hopes, desires become realities. You will be under pressure but will be up to it. Relationship "sizzles."
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Look beyond the immediate. Make predictions that could "put you on the map." Those who know you will express amazement. Aries figures prominently.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Idealism suits you just fine. Imprint style, make fresh start in new direction. Leo, Aquarius persons will play entertaining roles. Lucky number 11.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Family member undertakes "mysterious" project. Remain neutral, don't bring up past mistakes.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Display humor, versatility and intellectual curiosity. Lie low, don't make yourself too available. Legal affairs, marital status dominate.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Employment picture will favor you. Do job quietly, efficiently. You will receive compliments from higher-up. Taurus, Leo and Scorpio play dominant roles.
PISCES (Feb. 19-Mar. 20): You will have greater freedom of thought, action. Be careful, what begins as mild flirtation could get "too serious." Marriage, travel figure prominently.

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LOVING LIFE
ROBERT WAYNE IVERSON, born July 19, 1921 is celebrating 80 gracious years on the earth. He enjoys his home, outdoor nature and yard which are blessed by the hands of the Lord. Bob is loving and caring of his wife and soul mate, Maxine. Much respect for this wonderful man.

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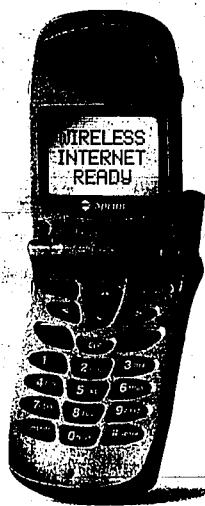
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Section B

MORNING LINE

SPORTSQUOTE

“We were told we had 10 minutes to get out.”

—Rangers public relations vice president John Blake after a 60-car freight train carrying hydrochloric acid derailed in a tunnel near Camden Yards, postponing the second game of a doubleheader with Baltimore

TRIVIA

QUESTION:
Who is baseball's career doubles leader?
...answer below

Legion baseball

T Jerome at Twin Falls A (2), 4 p.m.
Pocatello at Twin Falls AA (2), at Frontier Field, 5 p.m.
Idaho Falls Russetts at Minico (2), 6 p.m.
Babe Ruth Tournament
all games at JC Field at Harmon Park
Lewiston vs. Twin Falls American, 10 a.m.
Central Idaho vs. Twin Falls National, 1 p.m.
Ada County vs. Idaho Falls, 4 p.m.
Nampa vs. Game 1 winner, 7 p.m.

IN BRIEF

Mathers wins age group at PGA event

TWIN FALLS—Willie Mathers of Twin Falls shot 76 on the final day of the Rocky Mountain Section PGA Magic Valley Junior Championships at Twin Falls Golf Course, winning the boys 12-to-13-year-old division on the third hole of a playoff with Castleford's Jake Harr.
First-day leader in the girls 16-to-17-year-old division, Monica Venn of Twin Falls, shot 86 in the final round to finish third at 158. Samantha Stanger of Heyburn was fourth with 163.
In the boys 16-to-17-year-old division, Matt Taylor of Twin Falls finished tied for fourth at 141, falling five strokes behind winner Tyler Aldridge of Nampa.
A trio of Twin Falls golfers finished behind Nick Minor for the boys 14-to-15-year-old title. Zach Abel was second with 137, while Toliver Latham and Jysen Lancaster tied for third at 146.
Mandi Hedberg of Twin Falls finished tied 160 in the girls 14-to-15-year-old division, but it wasn't enough to beat Erica Haney's 150. Whitney Cleland was third with 163.

Twin Falls goffer shoots 78 at Junior Worlds

SAN DIEGO—Twin Falls High School senior-to-be Brett Kleinkopf shot a 6-over-par 78 on Wednesday at the Junior World Golf Championships at Torrey Pines in San Diego.
Kleinkopf's two-day total is 158 with cuts occurring after today's round. Jason Biddeman of Homedale shot 79 and Cody Hayes of Caldwell shot a 77.

South Idaho Basketball Club to hold car wash

TWIN FALLS, The South Idaho Basketball Club will be holding a car wash and garage sale on Saturday to raise money for an upcoming trip to the Adidas "Big Time" Basketball Tournament.
The event will be in the parking lot of the Pioneer Federal Credit Union in the Centennial shopping area beginning at 8 a.m. The car wash is donation based. For more information or to make a contribution contact Steve Ayers at 733-5375.

Compiled from staff reports
TRIVIA ANSWER:
This speaker, 793, from 1907-28.

Armstrong wins 11th stage

The Associated Press

CHAMROUSSE, France — Lance Armstrong, hunched over the handlebars, lowered his head and gripped his teeth as he powered up the steep mountain climb from Grenoble to Chamrousse. This time, he wasn't bluffing. But the end result was the same Wednesday.
The Texan blew away his rivals for a second day running and took another big step toward a third Tour de France title.
“We're getting closer and closer to the yellow jersey,” Armstrong said after finishing the uphill time-trial a minute faster than his main rival,

Germany's Jan Ullrich.

Taking the start in fourth from last position, the U.S. Postal Service rider pedaled at a tempo that made the 5,019-foot climb high into the French Alps look effortless.
Some 2.5 miles from the finish, he had set a time 42 seconds faster than Ullrich's. In the final uphill stretch, he extended the margin by a further 18 seconds, clocking a time of 1 hour, 7 minutes, 27 seconds.
But it wasn't enough to satisfy the two-time champion.
“I still believe that there's another level of Lance Armstrong,” he said.
Please see TOUR, Page B2

Tour de France

A look at Wednesday's 11th stage of the 88th Tour de France:
Stage: A 19.87-mile mountain time trial from Grenoble to Chamrousse, an Alpine ski station, featuring a 5,019-foot climb.
Winner: Two-time Tour de France champion Lance Armstrong, in 1 hour, 7 minutes, 27 seconds.
Others: 1997 champion Jan Ullrich was second, one minute behind Armstrong. Francois Simon of France held on to the leader's yellow jersey for a second day.
Next Stage: Today is a rest day, and riders fly from Grenoble to Perpignan at the foot of the Pyrenees. Friday's 12th stage is a 103.4-mile mountainous stretch from Perpignan to Ax-les-Thermes.



Lance Armstrong, of Amnith, Texas, waves on the podium after he won the 11th stage of the Tour de France cycling race in the French Alps, Wednesday.

WEATHER WORRIES

The best British defense is wind

The Associated Press

LYTHAM ST. ANNES, England — In the 141 years since golf's oldest championship was first played, the British Open has advanced from hickory shafts to space-age metals, from the gutta percha ball to Pro VI, from Old Tom Morris to young Tiger Woods.

The one constant has been the weather.
R o y a l
Lytham & St. Annes Golf Club is the shortest course in the Open rotation, but an ally is never too far away.

The wind showed up in force — gale force, that is — on Wednesday as Woods got in a final practice round and others didn't even bother.

“I think people can lose their swings in this type of weather and then it changes,” Colin Montgomerie said. “I don't think I'll play today.”
Don't get the idea Lytham will turn into a mere pitch-and-putt if the wind doesn't whip off the Irish Sea.

There are 196 bunkers, most of them so severe that the best shot, sometimes the only shot, is simply getting out. Nick Price considered them equal to a water hazard, while David Duval offered an amusing perspective when asked about the challenges they present.

“I don't see much of a challenge in them,” he said. “The challenge is to avoid them.”
Several Lytham has been rough this year, too, and tee shots need only stray 6 feet from the edge of the fairways for players to discover how nasty it is.

But the biggest factor in this British Open, which has been the case since the 12 players gathered

The British Open
A brief look at the British Open, which starts today:
Site: Royal Lytham & St. Annes Golf Club.
Length: 6,905 yards.
Par: 71.
Format: 72 holes (18 daily), stroke play.
Prize, if necessary: Four holes, stroke play.
Purse: 3.3 million British pounds (\$4.62 million).
Winner's share: 600,000 British pounds (\$840,000).
Defending champion: Tiger Woods.
Television: 5 p.m. to 8 p.m., ESPN.



John Daly of the United States plays from the rough during practice for the British Open Golf Championship at Royal Lytham and St. Annes golf course in England Wednesday.

Bobcats, Bulldogs play to draw in doubleheader

By Scott Thompson Times-News writer

BURLEY — The Burley Bobcats and Kimberly Bulldogs took turns beating up on each other Wednesday in an American Legion baseball doubleheader, with the Bobcats winning the first game 10-0 and the Bulldogs bouncing back to take the nightcap 7-1.
Both teams received brilliant pitching performances in victory, with Matt Michel hurling a one-hit, six-strikeout gem over five innings for the Bobcats in a 10-run mercy rule win in Game 1.
In the second game, Jake Wardell was tremendous for the

Bobcats, going the distance and allowing only two hits with seven strikeouts for the win.
“Matty just dominated,” assistant coach Matt Peterson said after Burley head man Shaun Walker declined comment after the contest. “He doesn't throw hard but he baffled ‘em all day.”
And he had plenty of help.
After a scoreless first inning Burley erupted, sending 13 batters to the plate in the second inning as the Bobcats scored eight runs. Jacob Key scored a pair of runs in the inning and Deven Beale managed a pair of hits in the frame, including a two-RBI triple.
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Webber signs with Sacramento

The Associated Press

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — Chris Webber, the biggest prize in the NBA's free agent sweepstakes, will re-sign with the Sacramento Kings, his agent said.
Webber will receive the largest possible contract under league rules, \$123 million over seven years, and will sign the deal Friday or Saturday, agent Fallasha Erwin said Wednesday night.
“He's going back to Sacramento. He always wanted to go back with the Kings,” Erwin said. “They had to do something to drive him away rather than someone else win him over.”
Owner Joe Maloof's ear-to-ear grin at Sacramento's training center spoke volumes about the final stages of the Kings' exhaustive



Chris Webber will receive largest possible contract courtesy of his star. Webber's decision ends a year of speculation on the talented power

forward's future. After examining many options and seriously considering Indiana and Detroit, Webber apparently determined that a return to Sacramento — which seemed improbable when the regular season ended — was the best decision.
“He has a lot of respect for Joe Maloof, he's always idolized Issiah Thomas, but from the very beginning I think his mind was set on going back to the Kings,” Erwin said. “It wasn't a difficult negotiation at all. The Maloofs wanted to make Chris happy, and we wanted to make sure we got everything we could.”
The Kings have said since last fall that they would offer Webber the maximum contract allowable. He will make \$12.75 million next season.



Colin Montgomerie Hopes to win British Open

The full Monty

Montgomerie pokes fun at Open chances

The Associated Press

LYTHAM ST. ANNES, England — The only heckling Colin Montgomerie heard Wednesday was from himself.
Then again, this is the British Open, where the Scotsman gets nothing but enthusiastic support and delivers nothing but dismal performances.

At 38, his chances for winning his first major championship are fading, and Royal Lytham & St. Annes is hardly the best place for his fortunes to turn around. Montgomerie has missed the cut five times in 11 appearances, and only once has he finished in the top 10.

So much more is expected from the man who has dominated European golf the past decade, winning a record seven straight money titles.
Adding to his misery is a 13-month stretch without winning in Europe, ended only recently with his three-to-one victory in the Irish Open. More bad news came Monday — he fell out of the top 10 in the world ranking for the first time in seven years.

And yet, he was full of charm and self-deprecating humor on the eve of the British Open, not willing to wait on the British press to point out his failures. He then offered them himself.

Please see MONTY, Page B2

SPORTS

Wood River sweeps Twin Falls A team

The Times-News

HALLEY - Kellen Chatterton went 6-for-9 with seven RBIs and Wood River scored 25 runs as the Wolverines swept the Twin Falls American Legion baseball team in a doubleheader in Halley on Wednesday.

In Game 1, the Wolverines used a six-run first-inning to cruise to a 9-4 win. Max Paisley went 2-for-3 with an RBI and Cory Galeone finished 2-for-3 with two RBIs.

Paisley combined to allow just four hits over six innings. "We cruised in the first game," Wood River coach Mike Chatterton said. "But we started to hit a little bit in the second game."

Kimberly on Monday.

Wood River 8, Twin Falls 4
Twin Falls 10, Wood River 1
Wood River 25, Twin Falls 1

Tigers salvage split with New York

DETROIT (AP) - Roger Cedeno couldn't quite win the opener with his legs, but he homered twice and drove in six runs in the second game to give the Detroit Tigers a split of a doubleheader with the New York Yankees on Wednesday night.

Angels 2, Devil Rays 1
ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. David Eckstein went 4-for-4 and Tony Lema pitched six shutout innings before leaving with a blister on his right middle finger as Anaheim beat Tampa Bay.

shot as the Cleveland Indians beat the Chicago White Sox. Florida C.C. Sabathia (9-3) leads the Indians, who were helped when center fielder Kenny Lofton reached over the wall to rob Carlos Lee of a home run.

the 11th inning as the New York Mets extended their season-best winning streak to five games with a victory over the Florida Marlins.

Roger Clemens (13-1), pitching on three days' rest, became the American League's first 13-game winner in the opener, pitching New York to an 8-5 win despite Cedeno's season-high three stolen bases in the first game.

Mariners 2, Royals 0, 10 Innings
KANSAS CITY, Mo. - Bret Boone's RBI single off Roberto Hernandez with two outs in the 10th inning broke a scoreless tie and lifted the Seattle Mariners over the Kansas City Royals.

National League
Astros 17, Cardinals 11
HOUSTON - Jeff Bagwell hit for the cycle, homering and doubling in an eight-run fifth inning as the Houston Astros outslugged St. Louis 17-11 Wednesday night in the highest-scoring game at Enron Field.

McEwing singled to lead off the 11th against Vladimir Nunez (2-3), the sixth Marlins pitcher. Turk Wendell (4-3) walked two in 1-2 innings to win.

Rangers 6, Orioles 4
BALTIMORE - Frank Catalanotto went 4-for-4 and scored twice as Texas battered Sean Dougllass (0-1) in his major league debut and beat Baltimore. The teams were supposed to play a day-night doubleheader Wednesday, but the night game was postponed when a freight train carrying hazardous materials derailed in a downtown tunnel near Camden Yards and caught fire.

Athletics 7, Twins 2
MINNEAPOLIS - Jeremy Giambi drove in a career-high six runs, going 4-for-4 as the Oakland Athletics beat the Minnesota Twins for their fourth straight win.

Braves 3, Reds 1, 7.5 Innings
CINCINNATI - Tom Glavine made another stingy start in one of his favorite ballparks and Keith Lockhart hit a three-run homer that sent the Atlanta Braves to a rain-shortened victory over the Cincinnati Reds.

Lockhart hit his second homer of the season in the fifth off Elmer Dessens (6-9).

Red Sox 5, Blue Jays 4
TORONTO - Trot Nixon hit a game-winning single in the seventh and a go-ahead double in the ninth inning as Boston beat Toronto.

Indians 9, White Sox 4
CHICAGO (AP) - Jim Thome hit a three-run homer to key a five-run fourth inning, and Roberto Alomar added a two-run

Mets 4, Marlins 3, 11 Innings
NEW YORK - Tsuyoshi Shinjo doubled home Joe McEwing in

Cubs 6, Pirates 5
PITTSBURGH - Eric Young's bloop double capped a two-run rally in the ninth inning and the Chicago Cubs overcame Craig Wilson's fifth pinch-hit homer this season to rally past the Pittsburgh Pirates.

Tour

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The performance was all the more impressive given Ulrich's strong showing on the 19.87-mile leg. He placed second after knocking 35 seconds off Spaniard Joseba Belok's best time.

Ulrich, the 1997 champion, was distraught after being beaten by Armstrong on a second day running. "Lance Armstrong once said that Jan Ulrich is the greatest talent in cycling. This doesn't seem to be the case," the Team Telekom rider said. "But I am not giving up despite everything and I'll try everything. I've never been in such good shape."

Monty

Continued from B1
"OK, I'm outside the top 10 in the world," he said. "Great. It was one hell of an effort to go in there from May 1994 to this time. That is the longest survivor. My Open record is pretty poor, which is being polite. So that's it, really. Can we go on now?"

Montgomerie recently watched videotape of the 1997 U.S. Open, where he finished second to Ernie Els, and that helped him get his game back in shape to end his slump.

One of those was surely at Royal Lytham in 1996, of Montgomerie trying hopelessly to get out of a bunker on the last hole while missing the cut.

Darren Clarke and Thomas Bjorn, both of whom are playing well and have beaten Tiger Woods.

Legion

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The Bobcats (14-17 overall, 8-5 league) picked up two more runs in the third inning when Kasey Knopp and Michel Kasey struck the plate. Knopp scored on an RBI single by Dallas Bristol and Michel came home on the Bobcats' second successful double steal of the contest.

and walking another six before being pulled with only one out. The Bulldogs then extended their lead to 7-0 in the second inning when Greg Thomas delivered an RBI double that brought home Ryan Verwey.

"I feel like I did well in the beginning and then my teammates came and picked me up and wow," said Wardell, who also went 2-for-4 from the plate.

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SPORTS IN BRIEF

Sports medicine seminar at CSI August 3
TWIN FALLS - The annual sports medicine seminar sponsored by the Twin Falls Clinic and Hospital Foundation, Family Physical Therapy and Sports Injury Clinic and the College of Southern Idaho and Idaho State University will be held at CSI on August 3-4.

Registration for fall soccer starts Monday
TWIN FALLS - The Twin Falls Parks and Recreation Department will begin registration for the fall soccer season from July 23-August 17. Fall soccer is open to those boys and girls in grades K-7 who attend school in Twin Falls or have a Twin Falls address.

Ex-IOC President Samaranch hospitalized
LAUSANNE, Switzerland - Juan Antonio Samaranch, who Monday formally relinquished the presidency of the International Olympic Committee, was admitted to a Lausanne hospital early Wednesday, suffering from breathing problems, IOC officials said.

Jordan: Decision on comeback in September
LONG GROVE, Ill. - Michael Jordan, smoking a cigar, joking with the crowd and looking fit and trim, has a timetable for deciding whether he'll return to the NBA.

Bonds hits HR Nos. 41 and 42
SAN FRANCISCO - Barry Bonds hit his 41st and 42nd home runs of the season Wednesday night to tie Mickey Vernon for ninth place on the career list with 536.

ESPN signs deal to televise Seattle Bowl
BRISTOL, Conn. - ESPN signed a multiyear deal Wednesday to air the new Seattle Bowl.

Former Gonzaga star to play in Japan
TACOMA, Wash. - Former Gonzaga star forward Casey Calvary has decided he'll play in Japan next season instead of trying to make it into the NBA as a free agent.

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Miracle shoot down Comets

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP) - Taj McWilliams-Franklin scored 16 points, including six straight...

for the Liberty (16-5), who shot 57.4 percent from the field and scored 13.9 points off 17 Shock turnovers...

Lynn 68, Storm 68 MINNEAPOLIS - Svetlana Abramovic scored a career-high 21 points as Minnesota dealt Seattle its fifth straight loss...

Rain hampers play at Belgian touney

KNOCKE-HEIST, Belgium (AP) - Maria Marrero of Spain defeated Denisa Chirakova of the Czech Republic 6-1, 6-0...

Kafelnikov won the first set 6-4 but trailed 3-1 in the tiebreaker when a thunderstorm halted play...

Another seeded player was eliminated when Albert Montecinos of Spain ousted No. 4 Michal Tabara 6-2, 6-0...

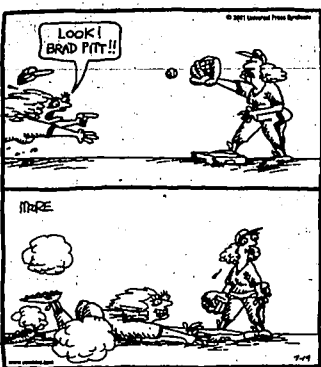
BASEBALL

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ML Standings

Table showing Major League Standings for American League (AL) and National League (NL) teams.

IN THE BLEACHERS



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ON THE AIR TELEVISION

Table listing television and radio broadcasts for various sports events.

ATP Croatia Open

Table with columns for ATP Croatia Open, listing player names and match results.

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TRANSACTIONS

Section containing various sports-related transactions, trades, and news items.

Major League Soccer

Table showing Major League Soccer standings and game results.

WTA Tour Sanex Trophy

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ATP Energy Open

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Pioneer League

Table showing Pioneer League standings and game results.

Pacific Coast League

Table showing Pacific Coast League standings and game results.

ATP Mercedes Cup

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CYCLING

Section containing news and results related to cycling events.

BASEBALL (Continued)

Large table containing detailed baseball statistics, including batting averages, fielding percentages, and pitcher records.

SOCCER

Table showing soccer league standings and game results.

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SPORTS

Final Four change good for women

The sprint to the women's Final Four soon might become a little less exhausting. If changes being talked about are approved, the teams that make it would even have a chance to savor the experience.

A new 11-year contract with ESPN will give the NCAA women's basketball tournament more exposure than ever before for the first time all 63 games will be available on ESPN, ESPN2 or pay-per-view.

Just as important, the schedule changes that could result from the contract, which begins with the 2003 tournament.

If approved by the Division I Championships/Competition Committee, the Final Four would be played on Sunday and Tuesday. A look at the current Friday-Sunday format shows why a change is needed.

All four regional championship games are played Monday night, with the West Region final starting after midnight Eastern time. The teams usually return home immediately after those games, often arriving in the west Tuesday morning.

Tuesday then becomes a wild day. Players repack for the Final Four and try to make it to a couple of classes - if they're not too exhausted. Coaches scramble to gather information on their opponent in the national semifinals and try to squeeze in a practice. The sports information office hurriedly updates the postseason media guide. The NCAA staffs and try to squeeze in a practice. The sports information office hurriedly updates the postseason media guide.

All that must be done on Tuesday because the teams travel to the Final Four site on Wednesday, Thursday, they have open practices and news conferences, awards ceremonies and maybe a closed practice if the coach can find a gym. Friday, the four teams play.

Now, look what would happen with a Sunday-Tuesday format, which could come as early as 2003.

Two of the Final Four teams then would have Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday at home. The two others would be home Wednesday and Thursday before leaving for the Final Four site on Friday. The plan also would change the regional finals, putting two on Monday and two on Tuesday.

"I think it's a natural," said Connecticut coach Geno Auriemma, whose teams have made five Final Four trips. "They way they do it now, it's like you get there and hurry up and play. It's really unfair."

"What they're talking about is a little more realistic. The other one crams too much into too little time."

Chuck Schoffner is a columnist for the Associated Press

No YourSports

Due to space limitations, YourSports will not be in today's paper. This week's installment will appear in Friday's sports section. The Times-News regrets any inconvenience.

If anybody needs me...



I'll be in Classifieds.

Chiefs tight end weighs NBA options

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (KRT) - Kansas City Chiefs fans have grown accustomed to seeing Tony Gonzalez celebrate touchdown receptions by dunking over the goal post. Would they be ready to see the NFL's best tight end throwing down on rims in the NBA?

For the first time since the Chiefs drafted Gonzalez from California in 1997, the question is a legitimate one.

Gonzalez, a two-time Pro Bowl selection, often spends his summers hooping it up. He is playing



Tony Gonzalez

he is intrigued, at the very least, by the possibility of playing bas-

ketball at the game's highest level. "It's no secret that I love playing basketball—everyone knows that," said Gonzalez, who recently had 26 points and 11 rebounds in a victory over Johnson's team. "But I haven't really planned on anything. I'm just playing like I have every other year, trying to get in shape for the NFL season."

"It's just that this summer, I've been playing really well, and scouts are coming up to me asking if I'd think about playing in the NBA. I am curious, but I would think about it only if it

didn't interfere with football." In addition to playing in the California league, Gonzalez has scrimmaged in front of NBA executives in Boston. Chiefs head coach Dick Vermeil said he was unsure of how he would react if his best player seriously considered a two-sport career. "I'd give it some thought if it became an issue, but right now, I'm not concerned about him as a basketball player, I'm concerned about him as a football player," Vermeil said.

For his part, Gonzalez, who averaged 6.4 points and 4.3 rebounds per game in three seasons as a member of the University of California basketball team, made it clear his priorities remain with football. "Right now, my focus is on getting in shape for training camp and having a great season with the Chiefs," Gonzalez said. "If an NBA team were interested in me, I'd think about playing after the football season is over. But if it interfered with football, I wouldn't even think about it."

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AROUND THE VALLEY

Twin Falls man receives stab wound in chest

TWIN FALLS - A 19-year-old Twin Falls man was listed in satisfactory condition Wednesday evening after being stabbed in the chest.

Todd Declusin was stabbed in the lower chest area at his apartment at 202 Falls Avenue West in Twin Falls about 8:30 a.m. Wednesday by a 17-year-old female, according to a Twin Falls Police Department news release.

Declusin apparently got into an altercation with the female, whose name was not released by police Wednesday.

"They were either boyfriend/girlfriend or former boyfriend/girlfriend," said Twin Falls police Sgt. Mike Covington.

The female, who was charged with aggravated battery, is being held at the Snake River Juvenile Detention Center, Covington said.

The investigation is continuing, he said.

Auto accident seriously injures Twin Falls man

TWIN FALLS - A 58-year-old Twin Falls man was seriously injured in a car accident Wednesday morning.

Clarence Kirkpatrick was driving northbound on Grand View Drive south of Twin Falls when he failed to stop at the stop sign at the intersection of Grand View and Highway 74, slamming into a car driven by Anthony Hernandez, 65, of Clovis, Calif., an Idaho State Police news release said.

The accident happened about 9:12 a.m.

Kirkpatrick, who was not wearing a seat belt, was taken to the Magic Valley Regional Medical Center and then flown to Saint Alphonsus Hospital in Boise, where he was listed in serious condition Wednesday evening.

One juvenile from the Hernandez vehicle was treated at the scene and released. Hernandez was not injured. Seat belts were used by Hernandez and passengers in his car, the news release said.

The accident was still under investigation Wednesday.

TF girl who was hit by car shows improvement

BOISE - A 15-year-old Twin Falls girl who was struck by a car Tuesday was showing signs of improvement last Wednesday at St. Alphonsus Regional Medical Center in Boise, a hospital spokeswoman said.

Chelsea Roll's condition had been upgraded from critical to serious, said the spokeswoman, who declined to say if Roll had been moved out of the hospital's intensive care unit.

Roll suffered head and chest injuries when she was struck by a dark-colored car around U.S. Highway 93 by Nicole Swanson, 28, of Boise, according to the Idaho State Police. Roll had been attempting to cross the Perrine Bridge on her bicycle when she was hit, according to the ISP. The accident was still under investigation Wednesday.

Idaho's first lady to visit CSI to distribute books

TWIN FALLS - Idaho first lady Patricia Kempthorne and Bank of America President Rob Stuart will visit the College of Southern Idaho Child Care Center today to distribute books and read to children.

CSI will also be the site at which a \$50,000 grant will be awarded to the United Way of South Central Idaho's Support of Six Initiative. The grant supports the development of developmentally appropriate reading skills and help children enter school ready to learn.

The grant will be awarded at 11 a.m. at the CSI Child Care Center. The public is welcome to attend.

Band concert to feature songs from the past

TWIN FALLS - Taste a little yesteryear tonight at City Park when the Twin Falls Municipal Band presents a concert titled "In Love with Old Times and Oldies." The concert is directed by Ted Handley who has programmed some familiar old favorites, including hits from Tin Pan Alley, a Glenn Miller medley and Leroy Anderson's "Bugler's Holiday." Jerry Brubaker will be featured on "Faded Tiger Rag."

Musicians who have performed with the band in the past are especially invited to attend.

The weekly free concerts start at 8 p.m., whenever the weather.

Compiled from staff reports

Kimberly man faces prison for drugs

By John T. Huddy
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - A Kimberly man faced up to 10 years in state prison after agreeing to plead guilty to one felony drug charge, in exchange for Twin Falls County prosecutors dropping other felony drug charges against him.

Larry Dan Fairbanks, 38, pleaded guilty to a charge of delivery of a controlled substance, stemming from a September 2000 drug bust in Twin Falls.

Police said they netted more than

\$100,000 worth of methamphetamine during the bust.

Fairbanks, clad in an orange Twin Falls County jail uniform and conferring with his attorney, Mike Wood, in 5th-District Court Wednesday, pleaded guilty to the charge after prosecutors said they would drop other charges against him. Those include a drug trafficking charge stemming from an April drug bust in Kimberly.

Fairbanks can argue for a lesser sentence of 2 to 4 years in prison, although prosecutors are suggesting a 4- to 10-year sentence, Twin Falls County Deputy

Prosecutor Jill Sweesy said.

After his arrest last September, Fairbanks' name came up again in the news April 12 when he was arrested by police, along with Juree Conway, 36, and his brother, David Fairbanks, 37, after officers did a random search of Conway's and the Fairbanks' home at 3567 East 4000 North in Kimberly - about five miles outside Twin Falls on Falls Avenue East. They found what they suspected to be a disassembled meth lab in a backyard garage.

As part of Larry Fairbanks' guilty plea, the state dropped a methamphetamine

trafficking charge related to that case, and a delivery of a controlled substance charge related to another case in Burley.

Sweesy said Conway and David Fairbanks pleaded guilty to conspiracy to deliver a controlled substance in the meth lab case.

Conway is being held at the Twin Falls County Jail on a \$500,000 bond. David Fairbanks was released from jail on a \$20,000 cash-only bond. They await sentencing.

The case against Conway and David Fairbanks is still under investigation. Please see SENTENCE, Page C3

HIGHWAY 93 ACCIDENT



Seven to eight people were injured in a two-vehicle accident Wednesday night on U.S. Highway 93 at milepost 70 about two miles south of Shoshone, according to the Idaho State Police. The accident occurred at 7:22 p.m. Details about the accident were still sketchy at press time, but one person was flown to St. Alphonsus Hospital in Boise, two people were taken to St. Benedicta Family Medical Center in Jerome and four or five people were taken to Magic Valley Regional Hospital in Twin Falls, according to the ISP. The ISP was still out investigating the scene late Wednesday and no other details were available.

Heyburn wants to hold on to paintings

By Ruth Streeter
Times-News writer

HEYBURN - Heyburn officials seem to agree with a cadre of Heyburn alumni - that a valuable art collection should stay in town.

So with no environmentally sound facility in which to put the 49-piece collection, no money to build one and no idea how displaying the valuable paintings would affect the city's insurance coverage, the Heyburn Alumni Association asked the council last week if it would consider displaying the paintings at City Hall.

If the city takes the paintings immediately, they would have to be divided between Heyburn City Hall and the Mini-Cassia Chamber of Commerce, which is in Heyburn, Mayor Cleo Gallegos

The paintings have hung for years in the Heyburn Elementary School, which was once Heyburn High School. But time is taking its toll on the paintings and an art expert recently recommended that the paintings be donated to the College of Southern Idaho Mini-Cassia Center in Burley.

said Wednesday.

Cheney asked the council whether it was willing to house the collection for two to five years while the grants and donations are raised to build or convert an existing facility and the nonprofit entity is formed to manage the collection.

Council members said they were "I think it'd be a big mistake to let them go," said Councilwoman Cleo Gallegos.

Councilman Dee Ray Bailey said he wanted to hang on to the paintings because of their rich history.

Although the paintings are

director of the Latter-day Saints' Museum of Church History and Art in Salt Lake City. Olsen did suggest that the paintings could go to the city of Heyburn, but that would have been the emotional, rather than the practical choice, he said last month.

But alumni balked at the idea. Some don't mind if the collection moves to Burley, but they are worried that CSI may opt to sell the paintings down the road.

The Alumni Association will discuss the issue with the Mini-Cassia County School Board at its Monday meeting.

In other council business Wednesday, the council tabled a request from Valley Vista Care Service for city funding. The nonprofit transit organization is asking the council for \$9,600 next year.

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Jerome to get its own weather station

By Dixie Thomas Reale
Times-News correspondent

JEROME - The city is getting its own weather station.

County Disaster Services Coordinator Art Brown on Tuesday spoke to the City Council about the program. The U.S. Bureau of Disaster Services in cooperation with the U.S. Weather Service donated the weather station now housed at the city fire department. The station will provide early storm warnings.

Also Tuesday, the council approved a zoning change for the southwestern corner of the intersection of South Lincoln Street and 100 South Road.

The area was rezoned from light manufacturing to community services.

Steve DeLuca, a partner in the Lincoln Developers LLC group, told the council the zoning change

Shelter reopens

The Jerome Animal Shelter should reopen in about a week, Jerome Police Chief Bill Reid told the Jerome City Council Tuesday. The shelter has been closed for remodeling.

was needed for 11 lots due to the design of the office buildings to be constructed on the land. The office will be constructed as "pods" rather than as one large structure on the property.

Councilwoman Marge Schmidt said the proposed office complex "an excellent addition to the community. It will enhance the south entrance to the city."

In other action Tuesday, the council tabled a request from Albino Ortega for a waiver to allow him to serve beer and wine at his restaurant, El Paraiso.

The restaurant is located near

Landmark Baptist Church and Washington School and state law prohibits the sale of alcoholic beverages within 300 feet of a school or church. However, the law allows business owners to petition local governments for waivers of the rules.

Washington School is no longer an elementary school and is now used for special services classes and offices.

Ortega said he thought the waiver was justified since his business is a restaurant and not a bar or nightclub and is located across a busy street from the church and school.

The council tabled the request to allow the city time to check with legal counsel to determine potential liability issues the city might face.

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DOWN & DIRTY



Joseph McMillin, 7, hangs onto a muddy pig as his teammates, Hannah Belloli, 6, left, Jay Sheaffer, 5, foreground, and Mikala Mastroviti, 6, help guide the pig into the barrel. The Lincoln County Fair kicked off with the pig wrestling contest. A parade from downtown to the fairgrounds will begin tonight at 6:30 p.m. and the carnival will be open from 4-10 p.m.

Cold War-era nuke employees seek help for health problems

IDAHO FALLS (AP)—As oxygen-deprived chugged and bearded spouses went in the background Tuesday, about 200 veterans of the Cold War-era nuclear industry sought help gaining compensation for work-related health problems.

Some wanted to know whether illnesses might have been caused by radiation or chemical exposures. Others described long battles to get help that went nowhere.

Mary Mathamal, Energy Department senior policy adviser, said the government had changed its approach and wants to help.

"DOE must stop denying legitimate claims of work-related illnesses and instead we must help those we made sick," he said. "The best thing we can do is to get compensation to everyone as quickly as we can."

Darhl Hughes, 70, a retired Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory laborer, said he came to find out what he could do to get a better handle on his medical problems.

"My first concern is to find out what's wrong. My body is screwed up," the Blackfoot resident said. He was diagnosed with throat and lung cancer last year, and is trying to stave off an operation to remove his lung.

While he is not sure whether that is related to his 39 years at the site, he knows his radiation exposures were fairly high.

"They used to dose you up. We were just a piece of machinery," he said. "But it was a job and it needed to be done. Radiation wasn't any worse than working in the potato fields."

A new law would give \$150,000 and

medical benefits to Energy Department workers who contracted radiation-related cancers or diseases from beryllium and silica. Spouses and some children of deceased workers also are eligible. Claims processing will begin July 31.

The department also started a program to help people sickened by chemicals, asbestos or other hazards apply for state workers compensation.

Prosecutor decides bikini is not indecent

WEST POINT, Utah (AP)—The itchy-bits, teeny-weeny bikini that Dee Dee Derian likes to wear while gardening, to the great distress of her neighbors, is not too teeny-weeny, prosecutors have decided.

Dee County Attorney Mel Wilson said Tuesday that Derian will not be prosecuted under the state's lewdness statute.

He said neighbors gave sheriff's deputies misinformation about the swimsuit.

"It was represented as more of a string bikini," Wilson said Tuesday. "She was pretty scantily clad, but you can wear a bikini like the one she was wearing. It's not illegal."

Neighbors last week claimed that Derian, 40, was wearing a thong bikini while she weeded, mowed and planted trees. Deputies, who had been called to the residence three times, read Derian the state lewdness statute

Friday.

"I think it just challenges all that we've built," a neighbor Valerie Flint told KUTV Tuesday. "We try to teach our children to be modest and cover their bodies and you just don't parade around like that."

Derian said Monday that her neighbors were trying to make her move because she runs Black Rose Enterprises out of her home. The company sends topless maids to private homes to do light housework.

Flint said the neighbors just want her to cover up. "I manage to do my yard work in clothing," she said.

Meanwhile, Sheriff's Lt. Dan Horty said that since news reports of the dispute, dispatchers have received numerous prank calls from people reporting their neighbors also were gardening in bikinis.

Spokane utility seeks rate hikes in Washington, Idaho

SPOKANE, Wash. (AP)—Avista Utilities on Wednesday asked regulators in Washington and Idaho for electricity rate surcharges to cover costs of a new generating plant and losses from high wholesale power costs.

If approved, the 36.9 percent surcharge in Washington means an average customer using 1,000 kilowatt-hours per month would pay an additional \$16.26. The Spokane-based, investor-owned utility asked Idaho regulators to approve a 14.7 percent surcharge, or an additional \$7.55 per month.

The company blamed low power conditions that forced it to buy more electricity from the wholesale market, as well as new federal caps that lower the price it gets for sales of its surplus power.

The two-year surcharge would generate \$87.4 million in additional annual revenues in Washington, and \$17.4 million in

Idaho, Avista officials said.

With the filings, Avista becomes one of the last major Northwest utilities to seek large rate increases in response to high wholesale electricity prices in the region.

The utility contends it has been hurt by price caps and new generating plants that have dropped prices for a megawatt to less than half of what they were in May.

The higher rates would become effective Sept. 15 and expire at the end of 2003.

Avista warned in documents mailed Tuesday to regulators in Olympia and Boise that failure to authorize the surcharges would jeopardize financing for the new Coyote Springs II generating plant.

Without the surcharge, the company said it might have to pay much more for credit, potentially pushing electricity rates still higher.

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nesses that guaranteed cooperation would the districts get the grant. Such entities as police and county sheriff's agencies, recreation departments, senior citizens' centers, 4-H, gymnastics and dancing instructors and The Imagination Station toy store, among others, pledged involvement.

Nelson and Osman were notified in late June by U.S. Rep. Butch Otter that they had snagged a grant. But initial information was sketchy.

"No one even knew for sure how much the grant was at first," Nelson said.

But the two traveled to Washington, D.C., last week and learned the two districts will share \$400,000 a year for three years. They also attended training seminars preparing them on how to apply the funds.

"This has happened so fast, we haven't had time to put it together," Osman said.

Last year the Gooding School District was awarded a 21st century grant that encourages the school to become a community

center, giving it almost \$1 million a year for three years.

This year the district has opened up the school from 3 to 5 p.m. for mentoring and tutoring programs, extended library hours into the evening, afforded swimming lessons and football for the younger children, built a softball diamond, upgraded safety equipment at the community swimming pool, refurbished tennis courts and constructed a community fitness trail, said District Clerk Kathy Thompson. That's in addition to establishing a summer weight training program, collaborating with the College of Southern Idaho in holding College for Kids in Gooding and hiring an elementary school nurse.

The ultimate goal of the 21st century grant is that at the end of three years, communities receiving the grants are to have the new programs running independently.

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Sentence

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Fairbanks in the meth lab bust was stronger than it was against Larry Fairbanks, Sweesy said.

"Larry's fingerprints weren't found on the equipment," Sweesy said. "Juree's and David's were."

Wood tried on Wednesday to get 5th District Judge John Melanson to keep Larry Fairbanks' bond amount at \$10,000, rather than raising it to \$50,000 as requested by Sweesy.

Sweesy also asked Melanson to require Fairbanks to submit to a monthly random drug test.

"Given the substance of this

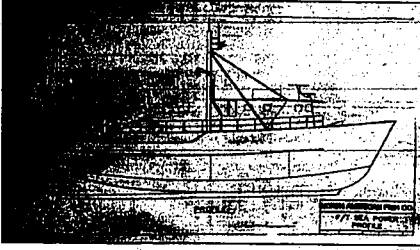
plea agreement and the number of charges being dismissed, I believe getting an increased bond is not appropriate," Melanson said, adding that Fairbanks would also have to submit to random drug tests.

Fairbanks, if he doesn't bond out of jail in time, will be allowed to attend his grandfather's funeral today in Twin Falls.

A sentencing date for Larry Fairbanks was not scheduled as of Wednesday evening.

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Investigators find fishing vessel, lose search device



The profile of the ill-fated Arctic Rose is seen in this survey drawing used to determine the cause of the sinking of the fishing vessel which sank in the Bering Sea April 2, killing all 15 crewmen.

ANCHORAGE, Alaska (AP)—Coast-Guard investigators searching for the missing Arctic Rose got a brief view of the vessel Wednesday before the remotely operated vehicle transmitting pictures was lost at the bottom of the Bering Sea, alongside the Arctic Rose.

The cable controlling the camera-equipped vehicle got tangled in lines drifting from the sinker ship. The cable snapped and the \$100,000 ROV was lost in 450 feet of water, said Richard Hansen, owner of Maritime Consultants, the Puyallup, Wash.-based shipwreck hunting company that owned the remotely operated vehicle.

"It's just incredibly disappointing," Hansen said. "We have very little other than we know it's the Arctic Rose and we saw a few

things. We were only able to do a small percentage of what our mission was. Very disappointing."

The Arctic Rose sank suddenly in the Bering Sea April 2, killing all 15 men on board. It was the worst fishing disaster in Alaska waters in nearly two decades.

The Coast Guard team investigating the sinking had hoped to get a look at the 92-foot commercial fishing and processing vessel in order to learn why it sank.

The remote vehicle worked successfully for about an hour, giving three members of the Coast Guard panel eerie images of the Arctic Rose, which was sitting upright on the ocean floor. The name of the vessel, painted in white, was visible on the blue hull. The pilothouse was also visible, its windows dark.

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Affidavit: Teen drowned in tub after being severely punished

PHOENIX (AP) - A 14-year-old boy sent to a boot camp for troubled youths drowned in a motel bathtub, vomiting and after being forced to stand in the sun when he said he wanted to go home, according to a court record released Wednesday.

Authorities are investigating the July 1 death of Anthony Barnes, who was attending a boot camp run by the America's Buffalo Soldiers Re-enactors Association outside Phoenix.

The document released to The Associated Press was an affidavit the sheriff's office submitted for a search warrant of camp founder Charles Long it's home and property. Neither Long nor any others associated with the camp have been charged with any crime related to Anthony's death.

The results of an autopsy have not been released, but the affidavit cited preliminary results showing Anthony died from drowning. He also was dehydrated, the

document said.

The Medical Examiner's Office would not comment on the information in the affidavit because the case is pending, spokeswoman Gayle Reed said.

Maricopa County Sheriff Joe Arpaio said detectives are continuing to investigate. "I'm not going to accuse anybody," he said.

According to the affidavit, campers told supervisors that supervisors began beating them two days after the five-week

camp started June 25. They said they were whipped, kicked, stomped on and forced to put mud in their mouths.

On July 1, campers were allowed to say they wanted to go home. Anthony and others who said yes were made to stand in the sun as punishment for being "quitters," the affidavit said. Temperatures reached 114 that day.

Anthony began hallucinating and refused to drink water, the document said. When he became nonresponsive, camp

supervisors took him to a motel and left him in the tub with the shower running.

They returned to find Anthony with his face in the water. The affidavit said supervisors called Long and were told to bring Anthony back to the camp because Long thought the child was faking.

When he was returned to the camp, he wasn't breathing. Camp supervisors then called 911, but Anthony never regained consciousness and was pronounced dead later that night.

Boise company employee remains missing after fire

DELAWARE CITY, Del. (AP) - Emergency crews made slow progress Wednesday in containing a sulfuric acid spill at an oil refinery, a task they had to finish before beginning the search for a missing worker.

Eight other people were injured in the fire and chemicals spill Tuesday afternoon at Motiva Enterprise's Delaware City Refinery.

Once the acid spill is neutralized, hazardous materials teams will start looking for the missing man-an-employee-of-maintenance contractor Washington Group International.

"There's a good chance we won't even gain access to the site today," Motiva spokesman Shawn Frederick said Wednesday. "Apparently, it's pretty challenging to neutralize the site."

Brent Brandon, a spokesman at Washington Group's head-

quarters in Boise, Idaho, said the missing worker is a welder who was doing routine maintenance on a steel tank.

Brandon said he did not know whether the worker, a Pennsylvania resident, was actually working when the fire broke out.

"Our top priority is finding the individual, and secondly providing for his family," he said.

Washington Group deployed a safety team from Cleveland to investigate the accident. In April, the company, which has more than 200 employees at Motiva, surpassed 2 million man hours at the refinery without a lost-time incident, Brandon said.

"We take the matter very seriously," he said. The injured were treated at Christiana Care in Newark for respiratory ailments. Six were released Tuesday night, but two others - John Beaver, 40, and

Steven Spera, 44, both of New Castle - remained hospitalized in fair condition Wednesday.

Three of the injured were Washington Group employees.

The fire broke out about 1:20 p.m. Tuesday at the north end of the refinery, near a storage tank holding 2,000 gallons of spent sulfuric acid. The fire was extinguished in about 40 minutes, but some of the acid spilled, releasing a cloud of toxic gas in the immediate vicinity.

Air quality tests showed no immediate threat to the public, and New Castle County officials used a reverse 911 system to advise several thousand residents of Delaware City and North St. Georges not to panic or evacuate. Police routed traffic away from the scene, about two miles west of Delaware City and 10 miles south of Wilmington.

An unknown quantity of acid and chemicals used to fight the

fire flowed over a protective dike around the storage tank and spilled into the Delaware River.

The state Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control and U.S. Coast Guard worked to contain the spill.

In April, the state filed criminal charges against Motiva, accusing the company of allowing several thousand gallons of sodium hydroxide to leak into a tributary of Red Lion Creek on two occasions.

In March, Motiva agreed to pay more than \$120 million for air pollution violations dating back to 1995. The company agreed to spend \$116 million for new pollution controls and pay more than \$4 million in fines.

Motiva Enterprises LLC is an alliance of Shell, Texaco and Saudi Aramco.

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Firefighters bring two Utah blazes under control

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) - Firefighters made significant progress Wednesday on two fires that had been blown out of control by erratic winds, burning a total of 46,000 acres.

Firefighters expected to begin wrapping up Thursday at a blaze accidentally started by National Guard soldiers at Camp Williams, said state fire spokesman Jim Springer.

That fire in southern Salt Lake County had threatened about 50 nearby homes and burned 12,000 acres before firefighters got it under control. By Wednesday afternoon, it was at least 50 percent contained.

"They had a good day yesterday, were able to secure the flanks," Springer said.

Meanwhile, crews were also making headway on a blaze that burned 34,000 acres near the

Golden Spike National Historic Site, about 35 miles northwest of Salt Lake City. The Fort Ranch fire was 70 percent contained by Wednesday afternoon.

That fire had burned trails, a parking lot and a historic railroad grade but no major structures were lost. A report issued Tuesday estimated the cost of fighting the Fort Ranch fire at \$89,000. The Camp Williams blaze, called the Beef Hollow fire, cost an estimated \$275,000.

Lt. Col. Craig V. Morgan, spokesman for the Utah National Guard, said that fire began when soldiers were disposing of pyrotechnic devices on Monday.

The work was in a cleared area that was designated for disposal, but dry conditions

and high winds quickly ignited the nearby grass. Guard officials will review procedures to make sure this doesn't happen in the future.

Elsewhere, two small fires were still burning in the West Desert near Simpson Springs and Dugway Proving Ground.

Another blaze called the Sandy fire in Box Elder County north of Promontory burned about 1,200 acres. And a fourth fire scorched 8,000 acres 35 miles northwest of Delta.

LAMPHOUSE THEATRE advertisement for 'about Adam' running last day 7:00-9:15.

Susan Marzee of the Bureau of Land Management warned that while the winds died down, the fire situation remained extremely dangerous.

"We are holding our breath, as everybody is," she said.

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MONEY

Microsoft asked court to rehear bundling issue

SEATTLE (AP) - Microsoft Corp. on Wednesday asked a federal appeals court to grant a rehearing on whether the company illegally bundled code for Web browsing software with that of its dominant Windows desktop operating system.

Microsoft argues that the Justice Department's witnesses, in its antitrust case, did not back up its assertion that Microsoft used the same software to do different things in order to further its operating system monopoly.

A detailed analysis of the factual record discloses that the district court's finding that Microsoft engaged in unjustified "combing" of software code is clearly erroneous," the company wrote.

"The Court's ruling with regard to 'combing' of software code is important because it might be used to suggest that computer manufacturers should be given the option of removing the software code in Windows 98 (if any) that is specific to Web browsing."

Microsoft spokesman Vivek Walmu said the petition was "a good-faith attempt to seek clarification," and should not be read as an unwillingness to settle the landmark antitrust case out of court.

Three weeks ago, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia ruled that Microsoft had operated as an illegal monopoly and harmed consumers. But the court reversed the trial judge's order breaking up the company.

Landlords offer incentives to fill office space in Salt Lake City

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) - Landlords throughout the Salt Lake Valley are struggling to fill their office buildings.

In a report, the commercial brokerage firm CB Richard Ellis said the percentage of unoccupied office space throughout the Salt Lake City metropolitan area has increased to 15.3 percent, up from 11.7 percent in the first quarter.

"That's a big jump," said Paul Skene of the brokerage company. Potential tenants are being courted with the offer of months of free rent on leases of five years or more as well as other concessions such as reduced rates and improvement allowances, he said.

"Tenants have not seen an environment like this for seven years," Skene said.

Additional, net absorption of office space - the amount of

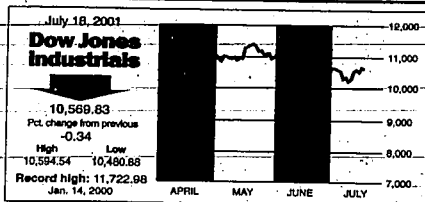
newly occupied space minus the amount of space vacated - was negative 231,800 square feet in the first six months of the year, the brokerage said.

That compares with positive absorption of 754,000 square feet of space in 1999 and more than 1 million square feet of space last year, the brokerage said.

"This is the first time in more than 10 years that absorption has been negative, year-to-date, in the downtown and suburban areas," said Scott Wilmarth of CB Richard Ellis.

Over the past year, numerous companies operating in the Salt Lake Valley have merged or grown smaller, lowering the demand for office space, said Bill Martin of Salt Lake City commercial brokerage Colliers

Commerce CRG.



Greenspan's remarks leave investors unsure

NEW YORK (AP) - Frustrated by signs that an economic rebound will take longer to materialize, investors sold stocks lower Wednesday, backtracking from the optimistic advance Wall Street enjoyed just a day earlier.

Congressional testimony by Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan added to the malaise. The stock market has been alternating between rallies and retrenchment in recent sessions

as investors have been relieved when companies beat lowered earnings expectations and then upset when firms say business is unlikely to improve for a while.

"The market is so tentative that this summer we are seeing most players put loose change to work rather than big bills. They are not making major commitments," said Alan Ackerman, executive vice president of Fehstock & Co.

Ford Motor Co. records loss

DEARBORN, Mich. - Ford Motor Co. on Wednesday announced it lost \$752 million in the second quarter, including the costs of replacing 13 million Firestone tires, but it still beat Wall Street expectations.

The loss for the world's second biggest automaker amounted to 41 cents a share for the April-June period in contrast to a loss of \$577 million, or 47 cents a share, a year ago.

Ford said it lost \$1.14 billion on its North American operations in the quarter, compared with a profit of \$1.84 billion for the

same period a year ago. The company's U.S. market share for the year is 23.2 percent, up 1.7 percent from a year ago, but has been rising again, reaching 23.8 percent, said chief financial officer Henry Wallace.

He said increasing competition from Asian automakers was a major factor in Ford's lowered market share.

Wallace predicted that new products, stabilized prices and declining gas prices would contribute to a stronger performance for Ford during the next six months.

Tourism

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Falls chamber business: Today, the chamber's Business Plus II job-creation campaign will elect a replacement for former Chairman Lee Wagner. Just said.

Wagner, longtime general manager of KMYT-TV, left town this week to lead CBS affiliates in Fargo and Grand Forks, N.D.

His replacement at the helm of Business Plus II will be someone chosen by the committee leading the local economic-development campaign.

When the Idaho Legislature's Interim Committee on Electronic Commerce meets in Boise Aug. 17, the Twin Falls chamber has been invited to have its say on telecommunication, Just said.

"We just think the entire state will be vying so hard to get every Idaho citizen has adequate access to the Internet and the ability to transfer data and voice in the manner that best suits their need - in other words, broadband communication," he said.

Twin Falls chamber representatives will also tell the interim committee that the Legislature should form standing technology committees in both houses. Just added.

The chamber is reminding member businesses about a few upcoming dates: a Business After Hours social gathering to be held from 5:30 to 8 p.m. Wednesday in conjunction with Historic Old Towne's "Twin Falls Tonight" outdoor summer concert. The 2001 Small Business Trade Fair to be held Sept. 27 on the lawn

at the Twin Falls Convention Center and hors d'oeuvres supplied by chamber member restaurants. And the July 27 nomination deadline for the chamber's business landscaping contests.

With a few more days to pull the merchandise for the chamber's 8th annual Hot August Night picnic and auction Aug. 16. An annual auction and raffle

book - outlining the donated goods to be offered in the Chamber of Commerce is preparing to host a couple of Idaho leaders as it celebrates the opening of a call center in downtown Jerome.

Tele-Servicing Innovations Inc. - an Idaho Falls telemarketing company that also does business in Burley - opened a Second Magic Valley operation recently in a former Jerome grocery and hardware store. The Jerome chamber will honor the new local employer with a grand opening and ribbon-cutting at 11 a.m. Aug. 1, at 223 W. Main St.

City President and Chief Executive Officer - Jeff Neswanger, Jerome community leaders, Idaho Department of Commerce representatives and Second BSWT Idaho - the Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory contractor that gave TSI \$150,000 toward its infrastructure costs in Jerome - are expected to attend the grand opening.

City District Mayor Thomme plans to attend at the chamber's Aug. 1 event if nothing arises to prevent him, his office said Wednesday.

Following at noon that day, the Jerome chamber plans a community luncheon at El Sombrero Restaurant with Commerce Department Director Gary Mahn. Buffet lunch costs \$8 per person, and the chamber is asking for reservations, call 324-2711.

The Aug. 1 date replaces a previously announced date, the chamber said.

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NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

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Large table listing NASDAQ National Market stocks with columns: Name, Div, Last, Chg. Lists a wide variety of companies including Amazon, eBay, and others.

MARKETS

Albertson's

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Albertson's said it would offer a voluntary separation program to administrative and managerial personnel with 20 or more years of continuous service...

Under the names Albertson's, Amana, Kwik, Food, Stores, Seagulls, Super, Saver and Max.
Albertson's said it expects to take a charge of about \$385 million before taxes...

Ertharin Cousin, Albertson's senior vice president for public relations and government affairs, said the exact number of jobs that will be eliminated had not been determined.

In addition to the personnel cuts and closure of stores identified as underperforming, Lynch said division offices would be consolidated and Albertson's would dispose of some surplus property.

Albertson's has about 235,000 employees, of which about 40,000 are in its commercial and administrative categories targeted by Wednesday's announced cuts. That could mean the elimination of up to 1,600 jobs.

Johnston said Albertson's "growth momentum" should continue despite the store closures. "We are becoming increasingly confident that over the next year we will achieve our expense reduction goal of \$250 million," he said.

Shares of Kraft rose 4 cents, to \$31.49, in the New York Stock Exchange, slightly above its IPO price of \$31. Philip Morris Cos. said roughly 16 percent of Kraft in mid-June, raising \$6.7 billion to pay down debts incurred from its 2001 leveraged buyout.

Kraft officials made a point of emphasizing volume growth after sales data released by market-research firm Information Resources Inc. last week pointed to weak consumption trends for the company. The report led analysts to question whether Kraft would meet its annual volume growth targets of 3 to 4 percent.

Kraft

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Revenue increased 24.6 percent, to \$6.9 billion from \$6.97 billion.

because of declines in coffee commodity costs but sales of the beverage.

"We are pleased with our results," said chief financial officer Jim Dolive. "They put us just where we intended to be."

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"The volumes were very solid for a food company, so that was good news," said Erika Long, an analyst at J.P. Morgan in New York City, in a letter that went out on Monday.

Pro forma earnings rose 11.6 percent to \$1.01 billion, or 56 cents a share, from \$909 million, or 52 cents a share, a year earlier. Revenue was flat at \$17 billion.

CLOSING FUTURES

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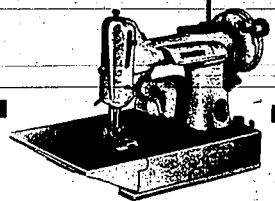
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Section D

The simple pleasures of fishing

We had the whole flotilla out for a day trip. Gilah and Whitney and Meaghan and Nate and Sarah and Grant.

We were midway into the three-day Sunday school canoe trip out of Sawbill Lake. All of the kids were 10 or 11 or 12. The wind was blowing us around a little bit, but we had no particular place to go anyway.

We were paddling through a set of narrows between an island and the mainland when Grant, who was trolling a Rapala, thought maybe he was hung up.

I turned the canoe around so he could work out the snag, and the closer we got to it, the more lively the rod tip got.

A walleye. It wasn't a monster by any means. Thirteen inches, tops. I dug out the stringer and decided we'd put the walleye on a leash in case we found some more.

We did. Lots more. I had brought along some leeches, so we broke them out. We were short of leech containers, but I put a few in my cup and passed it over to Kathy Nelson, the pastor of our church, who was in another canoe.

We passed out chartreuse jigs, and the kids started baiting up.

Well, the adults did most of the baiting, but the action got so furious at some points that people who had never touched leeches before were putting them on hooks.

Sombody upstream must have known these Sunday Schoolers could use some walleyes. It was midday, and the sun was beating down. Not your classic walleye weather. But the wind was blowing into a narrows, and the fish must have been stacked up in there.

We paddled upwind and tried to control-drift downwind. We banged into each other once in a while. Gilah and Meaghan, in a canoe by themselves, regularly got blown to shore.

It was sort of controlled chaos. Nelson and I weren't fishing. It was all we could do to paddle, bait hooks and tie on fresh jigs after snags.

But every time a canoe made a pass over the hotspot, someone got a bite. Whitney, fishing in the bow of Nelson's canoe, set the hook on another 13-inch and cranked it up. She lifted it out of the water and tried to swing it over the canoe. When that didn't seem to be working, Nelson stood up in the canoe and reached out over the water to nab the walleye.

I was impressed. I mean, I had three or four fish on the stringer when the kids got hungry for lunch. It was hard to leave fishing that good, but we paddled to the island and had lunch.

When we swam in when we returned to the walleye hole, we found that the walleyes were just as eager to bite as they had been before lunch.

Everyone with a rod hooked walleyes, although not quite everyone landed one. We caught and released a couple of northern pike, too.

I think Whitney caught the last walleye. She set the hook hard and began screaming. Whitney is a vocal child. For some reason, she thought she wouldn't be able to get the fish in, although it was the same size as all the others.

"I can't get it! I can't get it! I can't get it!" she wailed.

Whitney was still shrieking those words as she reeled the walleye right up to the tip of her rod. The walleye was eyeball-to-eyeball with the rod tip, and she remained on the hook. She swung it back to Nelson as if the rod were a self-unloading boom on an ore boat. Nelson removed the walleye, which made nine, and we swung it up.

That night we had a fine border-country dinner: a mess of pan-fried walleyes and three boxes of macaroni and cheese. Mac and cheese has never tasted better.

Sam Cook is an outdoors writer with the Duluth (Minn.) News Tribune.



True to the old cliché, beavers are busy creatures.

The dam builders

story and photographs by Stu Murrell



Due to their masterful construction, beaver dams hold water long into the summer and fall.

Beavers are nature's master wetland architects

By Stu Murrell
Times-News correspondent

The beaver is nature's watermaster, helping to slow spring run-off and allowing for a steady release of water throughout the summer and fall. Idaho is short of water this year, so beavers are playing a vital role in stabilizing the flow of mountain streams.

Many southern Idaho ranchers recognize this and some have helped re-introduce beavers into areas grazed by their cattle. That's a major change from years past, when beavers were trapped and their dams intentionally destroyed. Back then, ranchers felt the areas flooded by beaver dams reduced the amount of grazing land. But studies have shown that removal of beaver dams lowers the local water table, which means lush meadows generally dry out and die off. Further, by slowing the rush of spring run-off, beaver dams prevent mountain streams from cutting deep, ragged ravines.

Beavers are prolific animals, so there

are enough to live trap a few and move them to areas with plenty of woody food and low water tables. Many ranchers offered to accept beavers on their land and beaver populations have rebounded across the state.

The beaver relocation program has brought year-round water back to many mountain meadows. The upshot is better fishing for anglers, better hunting for hunters, and better living conditions for a wide variety of animals.

A check of beaver habitat on Nick Pung's ranch east of Carey shows heavy

use by the animals. Another study on Summit Creek in central Idaho found that beaver ponds supported three times more songbirds than an adjacent riparian area with no beaver ponds. The accumulated silt captured behind a beaver dam forms a meadow with unusually rich soil. These choice areas are preferred sites for deer to hide their fawns and browse amid the lush vegetation. Beavers are nature's master wetland architects, but they'll eat themselves out



Neither the Bureau of Reclamation, nor the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers can build a dam as cheaply as a beaver.

of house and home. In most cases, they have to move when the willows, aspen and other woody species are picked clean within 200 yards of their dam.

It's worth noting that not all beavers build dams. On big rivers - such as the Snake - don't even try; instead, they are content to build a home by burrowing into a bank. If the stream is small and the terrain is gentle, they prefer to build a dam. Too many beavers in the wrong place can pose a problem because they multiply rapidly and, ultimately, require additional

range. A big beaver can weigh 70 pounds or more, which means it needs a lot of woody food to eat. To stem the onslaught, some landowners protect their trees by placing wire fencing around the trunks.

Yes, beavers can cause problems - but they solve far more problems than they create. By storing water near the headwaters of mountain streams, they boost local water tables which, in turn, creates lush habitat for a wide variety of plants and animals. For these reasons, they occupy a vital niche in nature.

Despite drought, Rogue River isn't too low to float



A couple takes an inflatable raft down the middle Rogue River outside Grants Pass, Ore., recently.

By Beth Quinn
The Oregonian

GRANTS PASS, Ore. - A spring full of doom and gloom news stories about the current drought has left some people with serious misconceptions about the forecast for fun in Southern Oregon's summer whitewater season.

Just ask rafting outfitter Ferron Mayfield, owner of Merlin-based Ferron's Fun Trips: "At a boat ramp last week a youngster says, 'Well, how long you think you'll be able to run the

river?' And I think he's talking about being an old geezer, so I say, 'I'm feeling all right - another 10 years at least.' And he says, 'Oh, no, man. It's drying up. The river's drying up!'"

The driest winter since 1977 has left this year's runoff in the Rogue River basin at 53 percent of normal for this time of year. But between the water that flows year-round from the river's headwater springs in Crater Lake National Park and the billions of gallons already stored behind the dam in Lost Creek Lake,

the Army Corps of Engineers plans to send at least 1,200 cubic feet per second down the river in July and boost the flow to 1,800 cfs in August. "It's low. It's different and low, but it's not going to dry up," Mayfield says. "We had this 10-year wet period and everybody got used to the river being 2,000 cfs all summer long. But if you go further back to the last 10-year drought period, 1,200 cfs was a regular sort of thing and not that extreme and low."

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OUTDOORS

Idaho waterfall gets new attention

ASHTON, Idaho (AP) — Lona Rash used to think Upper Mesa Falls was special because her family owned it.

Now, the remote but spectacular waterfall — the last free-flowing major falls in the Columbia River system — is on the edge of becoming a major Idaho tourist attraction.

The historic Big Falls Inn, newly restored as a visitors center overlooking the falls, was reopened and dedicated this month, culminating nearly a decade of construction aimed at making one of Idaho's natural wonders safer and more accessible.

The work includes a \$14 million resurfacing of the Mesa Falls Scenic Byway, a \$350,000 renovation of the inn and the addition of interpretive displays, railings, walkways and boardwalks.

"One of the new boardwalks literally positions you at the top of the falls," said Keith Hobbs, manager of nearby Harriman State Park. "It's a spectacular view of a somewhat undiscovered treasure."

"The most impressive thing about Upper Mesa Falls is that it's tucked away and not very well known," Hobbs said. "You wind your way through lodgepole pine and aspen, drive down a hill and suddenly this tremendous waterfall opens up with this incredible volume of water and roar of sounds. You think, 'How can this be here, this massive waterfall hidden away in the middle of nowhere?'"

"It's one of Idaho's true gems. But if you put a picture of it on the state highway map, people would be puzzled about where it was and whether it was even in Idaho. They'd wonder where that huge waterfall was and why they'd never seen it before."



Upper Mesa Falls near Ashton, seen recently, is poised to take its place more visibly amid Idaho's spectacular outdoor treasures. A decade of construction will come to an end when the historic Big Falls Inn is reopened and rededicated as a visitors center.

Carl Wilgus, tourism director for the Idaho Department of Commerce, says the 114-foot falls could soon be on the state highway map.

"We've never promoted Upper

Mesa Falls because it was the kind of place where you hung on for dear life to keep from falling," he said. "Now that it has more developed facilities, we'll be featuring it in future ads. It

will be a strong candidate for the cover of our official state travel guide and Idaho highway maps. It's without question one of Idaho's most striking sights."

For Rash, the dedication ceremony completed a circle. Her grandfather, Thomas Elliott, once owned the falls.

"The falls were where we vacationed when I was a child," the 66-year-old Boise woman said. "I grew up thinking that the most special thing about them was that they were ours."

Elliott and his partners in the Snake River Power and Light Co. purchased the falls; then known as Big Falls, in 1904. Elliott wanted to develop the site, on the Henry's Fork of the Snake River, for hydropower.

"His idea was that he could harness the falls to supply electricity to run the trains that went to West Yellowstone," Rash said. "The trains then were using coal-fired steam engines that started a lot of fires."

Montana Power Co. bought the property in 1936. A series of power companies spent half a century trying to develop the falls, unsuccessfully.

The inn alternately served as a stage stop, dance hall, saloon, general store, restaurant, power company retreat and Boy Scout camp. The U.S. Forest Service acquired the site in a land exchange in 1996.

"I'm glad it was never developed," Rash said. "It would have destroyed the falls, and they're too beautiful for that. Now everyone will be able to enjoy them, and the new improvements will make them safer for visitors."

The Mesa Falls are co-managed by the Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation and the U.S. Forest Service as part of the 14,000-acre Mesa Falls Recreation Area.



Kimberly resident Derek Rider, right, is all smiles after shooting his first deer. Derek and his grandfather, Richard Williams, scoured the country north of Gooding for two days before he tipped over this 3-year-old doe. Looking on proudly is Derek's younger brother, Brandon Rider.

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Rogue

Continued from D1
The Rogue River is a central attraction for Grants Pass \$200,000-plus tourism program, which targets statewide conventions of up to 300 attendees and aims to draw visitors from a region that begins in Sacramento, Calif., and extends through Washington state.

gests business is running about the same as last year. Hardest hit by the lower flows has been Hellgate Jetboat Excursions, which last month suspended the 74-mile whitewater trip that represents 15 percent of its annual business. Three other 36-mile jet-boat trips are still offered but, to lighten the boats for safety reasons, they carry fewer passengers.

the Rogue River in the current issue of the Oregon chapter of the American Automobile Association's magazine VIA will get the word out regionally. And outfitters such as Mayfield who double as guides during the fishing season already are looking at the autumn silver lining of great fishing that often follows a summer of low flows: "There is that tendency that the fish have less places to hide, less places to go."

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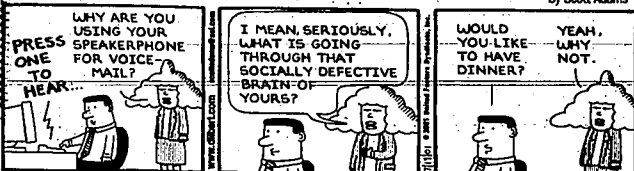
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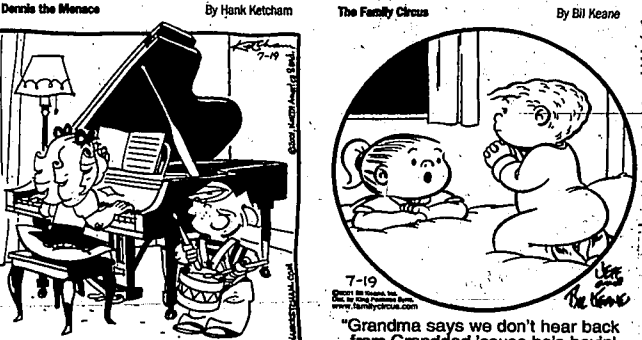


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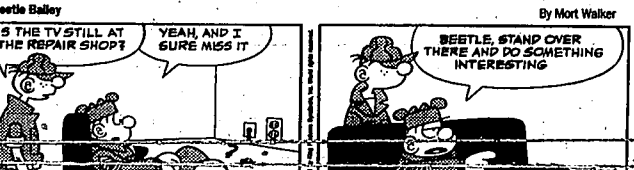
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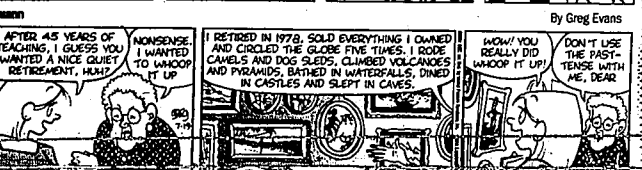
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FISHING FOR THE BIG ONE



A sports angler waits for a bite while fishing from a boat recently about 12 miles off the coast near Westport, Wash. Experts are predicting the best salmon season in a decade because of the increased number of hatchery-bred coho returning to the Columbia River this year, fueling hopes in fishing-dependent coastal communities like Westport that the lean years are behind them.

Program lets city kids get their first taste of outdoors, and they like it

Knight Ridder News Service

LEASBURG, Mo.—Danielle Jackson stood next to the tent where she had just spent the night and not far from the canoe that would be her transportation for the day and marveled at the change in her life.

Just a day earlier, the inner-city girl from St. Louis was a stranger to outdoor recreation. But that was changing quickly, thanks to a program sponsored by the Missouri Botanical Gardens.

"I was a little nervous about this," said Jackson, 16. "I had never paddled a canoe and I had never slept in a tent out in the open. I didn't really know what to expect."

"But I wanted to be open to new experiences."

Jackson certainly found "new experiences" on the first leg of a four-day, 30-mile float-trip last week on the Meramec River. On Tuesday, she learned too far in her canoe and tipped it over. When she came up for air, she knew she had received her baptism in the outdoors.

Then there were the bugs. Insects buzzed around her head, didn't go away as she and friends set up their tents.

Still, by Wednesday morning, as she stood in a makeshift village of tents on a gravel bar at the Ozark Outdoors campground, she was happy to be in the outdoors.

"My arms got a little tired, paddling for eight miles like that," she said. "But I had fun once I got the hang of it."

Turning city kids into outdoors enthusiasts—that's what the Eco-Act program is all about.

The program is now in its 20th year, brings high school students in the St. Louis area from all backgrounds together to learn about the outdoors.

The kids, who have to interview for one of the openings on the annual trip, start by doing research work on the environment in the city. Then they get a chance to put their homework to use when they spend part of a

week in the outdoors.

Accompanied by leaders and teachers, they live outside on their extended float trip. On phones, no showers, no toilets, no amenities.

"To some, that amounts to culture shock. But as Jackson found, roughing it isn't always as bad as it sounds.

"It's a great opportunity for them to grow as people; to go beyond their normal boundaries," said Jacki Schuette, a St. Louis teacher who is one of the leaders. "We live in the outdoors for several days, and for some of these kids, that's quite an adjustment."

"But by the end of the week, you can tell that most of them really have taken to it."

The trip isn't all fun and

games. Along the way, the students learn to read topographical maps, do water samples, study aquatic life and explore caves.

For the eight St. Louis-area high schools involved, the outing is the culmination of a class taken during the school year. Next fall, they will help educate elementary-school students about the outdoors and the environment.

"At first, I didn't want to come," said Sarita Melendez, 16, who lives in Oakville, Mo. "The bugs, the animals, sleeping on the rocks—that wasn't for me."

"But I'm finding out I had a lot of wrong ideas. I'd do this again if I was with a group like this."

Winning words from a legend of the outdoors reincarnated

MIDWAY, Utah (AP)—The old forest ranger wore a green wool suit with suspenders. A journal, a cane, a map and a half-dozen books surrounded him.

Legendary naturalist Aldo Leopold, reincarnated by actor Richard Bodner of Las Vegas, N.M., had some things to tell a gathering of several hundred wildlife biologists representing agencies from 16 states and four Canadian provinces.

Ideas such as:
• The ultimate standard of forest management should be the health of the forest. Like medicine, the first rule of management is do no harm.

It is dangerous and wrong to think we must choose between economic prosperity and the environment.

Procedures should never take precedence over the principles they are meant to preserve.

Most of Bodner's words came from Leopold's classic books. The Iowa-born naturalist, considered by many as the father of conservation, wrote Game Management in 1933. Two others, A Sand County Almanac and Round River were published after he died in 1948.

Leopold worked in the new field of ecology for the U.S. Forest Service in New Mexico from 1909 to 1927. He became a professor of wildlife management at the University of Wisconsin in 1933.

Bodner has been playing Leopold for six years. He prepared for Sunday night's talk to the Western Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies by sleeping in a tent at Wasatch Mountain State Park.

"I listen to the natural world and take inspiration by sharing what ideas it teaches," said Bodner, who did not read A Sand County Almanac from cover to cover, but instead skipped among different passages, reading many of them time and again. His daughter, an expert on jumping spiders, introduced him to the book.

What he learned was that things are not always simple. But they can be.

"The good life begins with the simple pleasure of listening," Leopold once wrote, adding in another passage that "the ability

support the integrity of the whole that gives rise to those pieces."

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to enjoy natural beauty does not seem to be associated with formal education. What we call wisdom must begin with the ability to listen and observe nature."

And the venerable naturalist had this to say about preserving as many forms of life as possible, a philosophy put into law by the 1973 Endangered Species Act:

"The first rule of intelligent tinkering must be to save the pieces. It is not enough to just save the pieces, but to save and

Asked if Leopold's words were relevant to a 2001 audience, Utah Division of Wildlife Resources director John Kimball thought for a moment.

"You can hear what you want to hear," Kimball said of Leopold's writings. "Aldo Leopold's greatest concern was: 'What do you want your land to look like?' There are people still struggling with that. But regardless of what you want the land to look like, you will be a part of it. People are part of the system."

Bodner, as Leopold, offered this bit of wisdom to biologists struggling to preserve wildlife in the exploding western United States:

"The most ignorant are those who think they have already figured out everything that is important. There is nothing more useful than learning to ask questions."

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South Fremont principal withdraws his resignation

ST. ANTHONY - South Fremont High School Principal Mike Sessions has reversed his decision to resign, giving angry patrons a chance to continue circulating petitions on the recall of trustees who placed him on probation.

Former teacher says board illegally fired him

LEWISTON - A former high school science teacher has filed a lawsuit accusing the Cullis School Board of violating Idaho's open meeting law in eliminating his position.

Boise cabbies can wear Bermuda shorts, jeans

BOISE - The City Council will allow taxi drivers to wear Bermuda shorts and clean jeans, and has started the process of raising cab fares by 5 cents.

Six die in crash blamed on speeding, drinking

AUBURN, Wash. - Twin brothers and four other young people died when a compact car piled into a support pillar near the Super Mall of the Great Northwest, a crash police blamed on excessive speed and drinking.

Utah dad fails to show up after being sentenced for neglect

The Associated Press

SALT LAKE CITY - A man who was supposed to begin a jail sentence Wednesday for the death of his young son committed suicide in the same mountains where the boy disappeared, police said.

Paul Wayment's body was discovered Wednesday afternoon on a ridge near a small pond, said Summit County Sheriff's Detective Robert Berry. A medical examiner was on the way, but Berry said preliminary reports indicate he shot himself in the head with his hunting rifle.

Wayment, 38, was sentenced Tuesday to serve 30 days in jail for the death of his 28-month-old son, Gage. The order from 3rd District Judge Robert K. Hilder was a surprise, because prosecutors had recommended against jail time as a condition of Wayment's no contest plea to negligent homicide.

Hilder gave Wayment time to report to jail but after a brief consultation with his attorney, Wayment pledged to turn himself in to the Summit County Jail at 10 a.m. Wednesday.

Wayment assured them that he would be back before dark and they shouldn't worry, Berry said. But shortly before 10 a.m., Wayment's attorney, Glen Cook, called the sheriff's office to see if his client had arrived and said he was concerned. Cook was in court on a separate matter Wednesday and did not return immediately.

At around 11:30 a.m., deputies spotted Wayment's pickup truck parked on private hunting land in the Chalk Creek area above Covalbie, about 35 miles from Salt Lake City, according to detective Robert Berry.



Valerie Burke, Paul Wayment's sister, left, and his mother, back left, walk with Wayment after his sentencing Tuesday in connection with the death of Wayment's 28-month-old son, Gage in Park City, Utah.

That's the same spot Wayment left Gage in his truck, with scratches on his face and the feet on his pajamas worn through.

Berry said Wayment, who was still dressed in his court clothes but left his tie in the cab of his truck, apparently walked around a small pond and out to a low rise. "From there he could look out at all the country where the search went on for his son," Berry said. A pair of binoculars and his hunting rifle were found at his side.

In court Tuesday, Wayment seemed subdued as he read a short statement before the judge, saying he loved his only child "with all my heart and soul."

"In one brief and monumental minute Gage slept in the truck, I made the biggest mistake of my life ... If I could change



Valerie Burke and Paul Wayment's mother wipe tears during Wayment's sentencing. Burke said she would give up my life in a second," Wayment said.

Although there was initially suspicion around the boy's disappearance - including allegations from Wayment's ex-wife that he was kidnapped in a custody battle - police ruled out any intentional harm on Wayment's part.

Deputies later testified that Wayment was so upset when the boy disappeared that they were worried for his safety.

EPA says Coeur d'Alene beaches are free of lead, safe for recreation

The Associated Press

COEUR D'ALENE - Two years after releasing a study indicating Lake Coeur d'Alene beaches are safe for people to use, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has put it in writing.

"We want to make the clear distinction that while recreation along the Coeur d'Alene River, these risks are not associated with beaches around the lake," Charles Findley, acting regional administrator, wrote in a letter to Kootenai County and area mayors.

The letter also states there is no evidence that residential and commercial areas of Coeur d'Alene, Post Falls and Harrison are contaminated from mining.

These areas have not been part of the agency's Superfund investigation, nor will they be part of its cleanup program in the Silver Valley mining district, Findley said.

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However, based on the testing, neither of these beaches requires immediate action, Findley said. Beaches along the lake are safe for people to use.

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Sound expert says Idaho generator will bother neighbors a mile away

The Associated Press

MIDDLETON - A sound expert says opponents to a proposed natural gas-fired generator have valid concerns about the noise it could generate.

The Garnet Energy plant would emit enough sound to bother those trying to sleep in homes less than a mile away, Ernie Harper of Industrial Safety Consulting Service told 60 residents Tuesday.

Harper was hired by one of the members of Citizens for Responsible Land Use, the group fighting the plant southwest of Middleton.

Its developer Ida-West Energy Co. said it will have sound-dampening fans, and that even uncontrolled, the noise would be tolerable in the closest homes.

Ida-West claims the sound would be lower than 50 decibels at the Gabica subdivision, where homes are less than a mile away.

"That's fairly substantial," Harper said, adding sounds at a continuous level of 45 decibels are enough to impede sleep.

From information the corporate affiliate of Idaho Power Co. has released,

Harper estimated the noise could reach 82 decibels. Typical background noise in the area ranges up to 44 decibels, according to readings he took last week.

"These are extraordinarily quiet areas," he said.

Other rural areas have readings of about 30 decibels, while conversation takes place at about 60 decibels.

Ida-West has said it would reduce noise by building silencers, enclosures and sound-absorbing materials into the plant.

A Middleton real estate agent who recently attended an investor-sponsored tour of similar plants in Rhode Island and Massachusetts said Tuesday that noise was a non-issue.

Dee Bowen said he detected no plant-generated quarter-mile away.

The Idaho Department of Environmental Quality, the state agency that will issue permits, said the plant will not harm air quality, which the citizens group disputes.

Member Jonna Weber also announced Idaho Department of Commerce officials said they have denied the city of Middleton's request for a grant to pay for extending water and sewer lines to the power plant area.

"Defenders reimburses for the loss of the animal, but it doesn't address the loss of time, prevention measures and extra stress," Esp said. "All these factors affect the families on a human level."

The group has hired Suzanne Miller's Lolo firm, Dunrovin, to conduct the study. Miller said they want to learn whether compensation programs are satisfying the public, promote more tolerance toward predators.

The group is expected to reconvene in September to review study objectives. Miller said she expects to complete the work in the next 12 to 14 months.

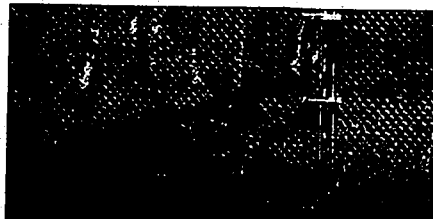
Survey will focus on compensation for losses

The Associated Press

LIVINGSTON, Mont. - A survey over the next year will try to gauge the effectiveness of programs that compensate farmers and ranchers when predators kill their livestock.

A meeting in Missoula last week brought ranchers, wildlife managers, environmentalists and legislators together to help design the study, which will focus on programs in Montana, Wyoming and Idaho. It is sponsored by the Defenders of Wildlife and grants from the Turner Foundation.

Predator compensation programs pay landowners for the value of livestock lost. Wyoming



A yearling male wolf circles his enclosure last month on Ted Turner's Flying D Ranch, south of Bozeman, Mont., and Idaho have state-run programs, while Montana relies on

the Defenders of Wildlife, particularly for wolf and grizzly bear kills.

Hank Fischer, who runs the Defenders' Missoula office, said many people have assumed compensation programs make the public more tolerant toward predators, thus making conservation more achievable. But that has never been proven, he said.

Fischer also said he wants to compare the effectiveness of government and private programs.

Rep. John Esp, R-Big Timber, said it is important - the researchers get comments from the agricultural community on living with predators, particularly wolves.

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Federal research report supports stem cell study on all fronts

WASHINGTON (AP) — Supporters of research using embryonic stem cells are pointing to two new endorsements as a surge President Bush to allow federal funds for the work.

A federal health research report released Wednesday said scientists should be free to pursue the avenues of research, including that involving human embryos.

Also, Sen. Bill Frist, R-Tenn., the only physician in the Senate and a close ally of the president, announced his support for federal funding of the practice.

"I conclude that embryonic and adult stem cell research should be federally funded within a carefully regulated, fully transparent framework," Frist said. Noting he felt compelled to support research that could save lives.

"I strongly believe that we have measured the question carefully, and that it is time to move on," said Sen. Tom Harkin, D-Iowa, whose Senate panel oversees the health spending and held the hearing where the report and Frist's opinion were made public.

The 200-plus page scientific report from the National Institutes of Health does not make a specific recommendation "one way or the other, on federal funding but endorses on research using embryonic stem cells.

"The NIH report is clear on this important point: Embryonic and adult stem cells are different and both present immense research opportunities for potential therapies," Harkin said at the hearing.

Harkin added he will push for legislation allowing the stem cell funding if Bush doesn't approve it.

"During the next several years, it will be important to compare embryonic stem cells and adult stem cells in terms of their ability to proliferate, differentiate, survive and function after transplant, and avoid immune rejection," said the report.

Bush is weighing whether to allow federal funding of embryonic stem cell research, which is opposed by some because isolating the cells requires the death of a human embryo.

Scientists believe they can learn to direct the development of

embryonic stem cells to grow mature cells or tissues that could be used to treat disease. Some estimates put the number of people with more than 100 million patients with such disorders as Alzheimer's disease, Parkinson's disease, diabetes and spinal cord injuries.

Opponents of the research believe embryos should not be killed, even for the treatment of disease. Instead, they favor research using the adult stem cells, which are taken from mature organs and then manipulated in the lab.

The federal researchers said embryonic stem cells can develop into all types of cells and tissue, a flexibility that may be lacking in so-called "adult" stem cells taken from mature tissue. However, the report concludes, "the answers clearly lie in conducting more research."

Frist offered a 10-point compromise that he said would allow stem cell research to progress "in a manner respectful of both the moral significance of human embryos and the potential of stem cell research to improve health."

School pesticide control hits snag

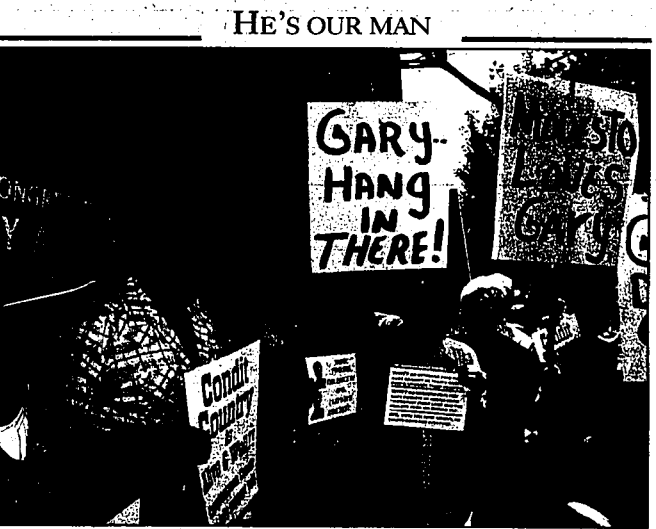
WASHINGTON (AP) — An effort to enact the first federal restrictions on pesticides in public schools has run into last-minute opposition led by members of the House Agriculture Committee.

Rep. Robert Goodlatte, R-Va., said the proposed rules have not been reviewed by appropriate federal agencies and would impose unfunded federal mandates on school districts.

"We're going to fight this thing tooth and nail," said Goodlatte, chairman of the House Agriculture oversight subcommittee, which held a hearing Wednesday featuring critics of the pesticide restrictions.

That led Jay Feldman, executive director of the National Coalition Against the Misuse of Pesticides, to say the framework he helped draft is now in jeopardy.

The General Accounting Office reported last year that it could find no credible statistics on how much pesticide is used in the nation's public schools, how often students are exposed to dangerous chemicals or what the health effects are.



HE'S OUR MAN

Congressman Gary Condit supporters rally Wednesday outside of Condit's office in Modesto, Calif. The Chandra Levy case has drawn national attention because of the link to Condit, who has admitted to having an affair with Levy. Washington authorities intensified their search this week, sending scores of officers and cadets into Washington parks to look for any signs of the missing woman.

Probe of Cheney's energy committee gains momentum

WASHINGTON (AP) — The investigative arm of Congress demanded Wednesday that Vice President Dick Cheney identify all the industry leaders who helped formulate the Bush administration's energy policy. Refusal could lead to a court fight.

The White House, which is reviewing the request, said it would ask the General Accounting Office to resolve the issue.

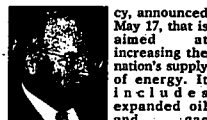
The GAO letter follows repeated refusals by the vice president's office to provide names and titles of participants who met with the energy task force chaired by Cheney.

Under the law, the GAO could sue if the Bush administration fails to supply the data within 20 days.

This is the first demand letter ever issued by the GAO to the vice president of the United States, said Democratic Reps. John Dingell and Henry Waxman, who directed the agency to review the task force's work nearly three months ago.

The vice president's lawyer has told the GAO there were nine meetings of the task force and that the agency would meet with many people to gather information.

The result was an energy pol-



Dick Cheney

cy, announced May 17, that is aimed at increasing the nation's supply of energy. It includes expanded oil and gas drilling on public land and a rejuvenated nuclear power system.

White House spokeswoman Anne Womack said the letter is under review and "we will continue to work with the GAO to resolve this issue."

The vice president's office "has continued on its course of secrecy and obfuscation," Dingell said in a statement.

"The White House should simply try telling the truth, and stop hiding information that Congress and the public have a right to see," said Waxman.

The White House's position is that the GAO is entitled to information on the task force's costs, but that the congressional watchdog agency doesn't have authority to ask for lists of those with whom the task force met.

Waxman is also pressing for a Justice Department investigation of Karl Rove over the Bush political strategist's energy-related meetings.

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Thursday, July 19, 2001

THE ACES ON BRIDGE

Bobby Wolff

"Riches rather enlarge than satisfy appetites."
— Thomas Fuller

Sometimes, possession of a stray spot card in an opponent's suit allows one to develop an extra trick in the suit. But it's not always a gift. One must remain alert to distinguish between a gift and a trap.

West leads the spade four to East's king, giving South a tempting invitation. Should he take East's king and later concede the jack, promoting dummy's spade 10 to a winner?

Before he decides, he must ask himself, "What will I discard on dummy's 10?" Given today's South cards, a discard in either minor will gain nothing. This brings up another question: "Do I want East on lead, or West?"

If South impulsively wins the first trick, the game goes down. After South draws trumps and takes a losing club finesse, East leads a spade to West's queen, and the obvious diamond shift nets one down.

To guard against a damaging diamond lead by West, South must refuse to win the first trick. East can do no better than continue spades, and South wins his ace. After drawing trumps, South can take the club finesse with confidence. He knows it will lose (East's opening), but he also knows that dummy's diamond king is safe from attack: South loses only three tricks and scores his game and rubber.

Sometimes two tricks are worth less than one.

NORTH 7-10 A
 ♠ 10 6 2
 ♥ A 10 5
 ♦ K 9
 ♣ A J 10 8 7

WEST ♠ Q 7 4
 ♥ 8 6 2
 ♦ 8 4 3
 ♣ 6 4 3

EAST ♠ K 9 8 5 3
 ♥ 4 3
 ♦ A Q J 7
 ♣ K 5

SOUTH ♠ A J
 ♥ K Q J 9 7
 ♦ 10 5 2
 ♣ Q 9 2

Vulnerable: Both
 Dealer: East

The bidding:
 East South West North
 1 ♠ 2 ♥ Pass 4 ♥
 All pass

Opening lead: Spade four

BID WITH THE ACES 7-10 B

South holds:
 ♠ K 9 8 5 3
 ♥ 4 3
 ♦ A Q J 7
 ♣ K 5

North South
 1 ♠ 1 ♠
 2 ♥ 2 ♥
 3 ♣ 2 ♣

ANSWER: Four clubs. If this doesn't move partner, nothing will. If he passes, it may well be your maximum spot.

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