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First lady has words for parents

Educate them to educate children, she says on Idaho trip for education summit

The Associated Press

BOISE - Educate the parents to educate the children, first lady Laura Bush told education experts Monday.

"Moms, dads, grandparents - all those who care for a young child at some point during the day - need to know what they can do to enhance children's language skills and prepare them for success in school," Mrs. Bush said. She said more than 500 education and other professionals are attending the summit.

Several programs are being developed to combat knowledge gaps in the

nation's youth, and the first lady has been pushing an effort to give parents the tools they need to make the home a learning environment.

"Some parents and caregivers may not realize how important it is to make time for language and literacy-building activities," Mrs. Bush said. "They may think that it is the job of the preschools and early childhood centers or that television is a good substitute."

But she said children's television programs cannot replace early learning

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First lady Laura Bush speaks Monday during the Early Learning Summit in Boise. Mrs. Bush was invited to the summit by Idaho first lady Patricia Kempthorne.

Officials nab 'dirty bomb' suspect

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON - The government on Monday announced the arrest of an American accused of plotting with al-Qaida terrorists to detonate a "dirty bomb" to spread radioactive material, possibly targeting Washington.

Authorities said the alleged scheme, involving a former gang member from Chicago who was raised Catholic but converted to Islam, went only as far as the planning stages. Undersecretary of State John Bolton indicated the man was carrying plans for the attack when he was picked up in Chicago.

Jose Padilla, 31, also known as Abdullah al-Muhajir, was arrested on May 8 as he flew from Pakistan via Zurich, Switzerland, to O'Hare International Airport.



Officials said the CIA and FBI had helped foil the alleged plot, and FBI agents were waiting for Padilla as his plane arrived at the gate. Authorities said they believed he had returned to conduct reconnaissance for al-Qaida.

President Bush said, "We have a man detained who is a threat to the country and that thanks to the vigilance of our intelligence gathering and law enforcement, he is now off the streets, where he should be."

A government source, speaking on condition of anonymity, said Padilla and at least two others who may have been involved in the alleged plot were detained in Pakistan on immigration violations before May 8. But Padilla was allowed to board his international flight and tricked into believing he had escaped - with U.S. agents sitting on the plane quietly watching his every move.

A "dirty bomb" - traditional explosives combined with radioactive material - would not result in a nuclear explosion, but a powerful device could release small amounts of radioactive material over dozens of city blocks. Experts believe the most devastating effect would be the panic caused and the difficulty sending rescue workers into the contaminated area. For that reason, it has been called an ideal terrorist weapon.

In an unusual legal twist, the Justice Department handed the Brooklyn-born Padilla to the Pentagon for indefinite imprisonment as an "enemy combatant."

Government lawyers cited a 1942 Supreme Court ruling permitting such a transfer. Padilla

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Moon shadow

Crowd gazes at eclipse

By Mark Heinz
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - If you missed it, you'll have to wait 10 years.

A partial solar eclipse of the sort that took place late Monday usually occurs somewhere in Idaho every two or three years, said Chris Anderson of the College of Southern Idaho's Herrett Center.

But, as cosmic mechanics would have it, the next partial eclipse over Idaho won't be for another decade - and a total eclipse isn't due here until 2017, he said.

"It's just the luck of geometry."

Monday's eclipse, which at its peak obscured 43 percent of the sun - drew a considerable crowd to the Herrett Center's front lawn, where the staff had set up numerous telescopes outfitted with special filters to make it possible to safely view the sun through them.

Forrest Ray, a member of the Magic Valley Astronomical



Photo by BRUCE ANDERSON/STAFF PHOTO

Right, Mechell Cross and her son, Drake, 6, use special glasses to view an eclipse of the sun at the Herrett Center on Monday. The partial eclipse is the last one that will be visible from Idaho for the next 10 years.

Above, at the peak of the eclipse, just over 40 percent of the sun was obscured by the moon.

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T.F. will review stance on area of impact

By Julie Pence
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - City Attorney Fritz Wondrich told the City Council on Monday it is time to take another look at the city's area of impact.

Not only should the council reconsider the boundaries, but

members should also take a look at the direction of city growth, he said.

"Really, it's been almost 20 years since we've done this," he said.

Wondrich also said upon Mayor Lance Clow's suggestion, he is sending the Twin Falls area-of-impact ordinance to the attorney who represents the Idaho

Association of Cities.

"At issue is how much influence Twin Falls County should have in final decisions over the various cities' areas of impact."

Some surrounding counties have taken steps since an Idaho Supreme Court decision last year that many say give the county the final word on what happens in impact areas. The decision is

based upon the idea that residents in areas of impact have no elected representatives other than their county commissioners.

Wondrich said the city of Twin Falls and Twin Falls County didn't fall under the Supreme Court decision because in 1979 there was a 5th District Court

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Learning to see beyond the burns

While face is gone, victim's soul remains

EDITOR'S NOTE - The burns suffered by Jason Schechterle cost him his face, and more. They tested his doctors' skill and his family's love. This is the last part of a three-part serial.

By Pauline Arrilaga
The Associated Press

PHOENIX - Without hesitating, Jason Schechterle raised his hands to his face. Through a slit in his scabbed left eye, he could see for the first time the damage.

On his left hand, his first two fingers were amputated at the knuckles. His thumb was completely gone, and his ring finger was permanently bent at the tip. On his right hand, every finger but his thumb was dislocated and stuck at a 90-degree angle. Both hands were covered with bulbous growths.

Jason broke down again. He was disgusted, ashamed and petrified of what his life had become. He had been a police officer only 14 months. Would he be able to hold a gun with these paws?

Could he still be a cop? And what about all the other things he loved? Could he golf with his dad? Play catch with his son?

"How can you even hold my hand?" he asked his wife.

"I love your hands," Suzie Schechterle said, kissing them.

Jason tried to examine his face, but with his right eye sewn shut, his left barely open and his corneas scarred, he couldn't see much.

The face would have to wait.

Jason was sent home Aug. 17, nearly five months after the accident. Suzie fed him, bathed him, brushed his teeth, put him to bed - even changed his bandages.

He felt like a duld, and he cried constantly.

Then one day Suzie insisted he feed himself. "I know you can do it," she said. He was furious, but he did it. A few days later, she suggested he try the bathroom alone. He was furious, but he did that, too.

By confronting his limitations, he started to deal with them. He got tennis shoes with zippers and began wearing workout pants without drawstrings or buttons. As he progressed, the crying

THE FACELESS MAN



Last of three-part series

THE STORY SO FAR - Phoenix police officer Jason Schechterle, who suffered disfiguring burns in a car crash, received skin grafts and other surgery on his face, head and hands. His eyes, their lids sewn shut for months as he recovered. He has just begun to see again.

And what about his face? The doctors had discussed reconstruction: more

stopped. His days were consumed with therapy, doctors' appointments and more surgeries. Doctors went forward with the amputation of Jason's left index finger to replace his thumb. They put his right hand in a temporary cast to try to straighten his dislocated fingers. The eye doctor told him corneal transplants were likely because of the scarring. His eyesight slowly improved to where he could read a newspaper if he held it close, and he bought a big-screen TV.



Suzie and Jason Schechterle are pictured at their Avondale, Ariz., home.

Rumsfeld disputes Iraqi claims

KUWAIT (AP) - Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld on Monday dismissed claims by the Iraqi government that it has no nuclear, chemical or biological weapons and is making no effort to acquire them.

"They are lying," he told a news conference at Kuwait's international airport before flying to Bahrain.

The Iraqi Foreign Ministry in Baghdad issued a statement Sunday asserting the government of Saddam Hussein has neither made nor possessed weapons of mass destruction in more than a decade.

"Iraq has said on many occasions that it is not concerned with entering the mass destruction weapons club... We left it in 1991," the official statement said.

Rumsfeld said the Iraqi claim cannot be trusted.

"It is false, not true, inaccurate and typical," the defense secretary said, adding that Iraq remains a destabilizing factor in the region.

"They have had an active program to develop nuclear weapons," Rumsfeld said. "It's also clear they



Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld, seen talking to U.S. soldiers and media on board the USS Carney at Mina Salman in Manama, Bahrain, said Monday that he doubts Iraq's claims that they are not trying to develop weapons of mass destruction.

are actively developing biological weapons" and used chemical weapons against their own Kurdish population in the 1980s.

Vice President Dick Cheney cited that same threat in making the case for a pro-active U.S. stance against terrorism. President Bush

plans to formalize the "strike-first" policy when he presents his first national security strategy to Congress later this year.

U.S. officials are especially concerned by "any possible linkup" between Saddam's government and terrorist networks, Cheney

said, given Saddam's propensity for using chemical weapons. A policy of containment is not effective when "unbalanced dictators" are willing to secretly supply terrorist groups with such weapons.

"He used them in his war against Iran, and he's used them against his own people," Cheney said in a speech to the International Democrat Union, a group of mostly conservative officials from several countries. "We have a responsibility to answer this growing peril... Deliverable weapons of mass destruction in the hands of terrorists would expose the civilized world to the worst of all possible horrors, and we will not allow it."

Rumsfeld met Monday with senior Kuwaiti government officials, including Defense Minister Sheikh Jabir al-Mubarak. He said they discussed Iraq's violations of the United Nations resolutions that Baghdad agreed to live up to as a condition of ending the 1991 Persian Gulf War. He said they discussed Iraq's violations of the global war on terrorism but not potential military actions against Iraq.

Bush plans new 'strike first' military policy

WASHINGTON (AP) - President Bush, in the first national security strategy he submits to Congress, will formalize his new "strike first" military policy against terrorists and rogue states that possess chemical, biological or nuclear weapons.

White House press secretary Ari Fleischer said Monday that the document, required annually, will be ready for release to Congress and the public by early fall. It is to pull together other foreign relations and national security policies that Bush has articulated since Sept. 11, including new political and economic-reform demands on countries that receive U.S. aid.

"It's part of a charge that the National Security Council has to come up with a broad statement of strategy and policy," Fleischer said.

Vice President Dick Cheney said Monday old doctrines of security will not always apply in this new century.

"During the Cold War we were able to manage the threats with arms control agreements and a policy of deterrence," Cheney said in a speech to the Democrat Union Conference, a coalition of conservative, Christian Democratic and right center political parties.

"We have enemies with nothing to defend," Cheney said. "A group like al-Qaeda cannot be deterred or placated or reasoned with at a conference table. For that reason, this struggle will not end with a treaty or accommoda-

tion of terrorists."

Cheney said the struggle will end with the "complete and utter destruction" of terrorist networks.

He said "grave threats are accumulating" against the United States. "Inaction will only bring them closer. We will not wait until it is too late."

John Gotti dies behind bars at 61

NEW YORK (AP) - John Gotti, who once was considered the most powerful organized crime figure in America only to be toppled by secret FBI tapes and a turncoat mobster's testimony, died at a prison hospital Monday. He was 61.



John Gotti was called "The Teflon Don."

The U.S. Medical Center for Federal Prisoners in Springfield, Mo., announced the death of the former Mafia boss. Gotti had suffered from throat cancer and had been moved to the prison hospital from the maximum-security federal prison in Marion, Ill.

Once known as the "Dapper Don" for his fine double-breasted suits and confident bearing, and as the "Teflon Don" after a series of acquittals, Gotti was sentenced to life in 1992 for racketeering and six killings. His victims included "Big Paul" Castellano, whom he succeeded as boss of New York's Gambino crime family in 1985.

Gotti reigned for six years as the nation's most high-profile mobster, passing himself off as a painting supply salesman while strutting about in \$2,000 Brioni suits and sneering at law enforcers who kept trying to put him behind bars. Some crime chroniclers called him the most important gangster since Al Capone, a comparison Gotti did not discourage.

When Gotti finally was convicted by a federal jury in Brooklyn, James Fox, the FBI agent in charge in New York, declared: "The Teflon is gone. The don is covered with Velcro."

In the end, Gotti's leadership of the Gambinos led to the loss of power and money for the crime family, because his high profile attracted so much attention from prosecutors. His undoing was Salvatore "Sammy Bull" Gravano, his onetime closest confidant and underboss who turned government witness.

When Gotti moved to take over the Gambinos, they were the biggest and most powerful of the city's five Mafia families, with 300-plus "made" members, 2,000

"associates" and fingers in every pie, including the garment district, garbage hauling, construction, extortion and loan sharking.

He took charge by murdering Castellano, who had angered Gotti and others with, among other things, his ban on drug trafficking. By some accounts, Gotti feared Castellano was plotting to eliminate him, so he carried out a pre-emptive strike.

Gotti and Gravano watched from half a block away as a hit squad in matching raincoats ambushed Castellano and his driver outside a Manhattan steakhouse on Dec. 16, 1985. They then cruised brazenly past the scene to make sure the pair were dead.

Gotti's seizure of power made him a national celebrity. He appeared on the cover of Time magazine and was glorified as a gangster the law couldn't bring down.

Already in 1984, he had walked free when he was charged with attacking a motorist over a minor traffic dispute. The alleged victim refused to identify him in court, inspiring a tabloid headline, "I FORGOTTI." In 1987, Gotti beat a federal rap in Brooklyn by bribing a juror, and in 1990, after an apparent payoff helped win his acquittal in the attempted murder of a union official.

SUV hits tractor-trailer

MESQUITE, Texas (AP) - A sport utility vehicle smashed into a flatbed tractor-trailer parked on the shoulder of an interstate Monday, killing five people and injuring three, authorities said.

All of the victims were inside the SUV, which appeared to have hit the trailer while traveling at a high speed about 8 a.m., said fire department spokesman Mark Noble.

Mark Ball, a spokesman for the Texas Department of Transportation, said there was no construction in the area, about 20 miles east of Dallas, and that judging from aerial photos, the tractor-trailer was well off the highway right of way.

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Missing woman survives for two weeks in woods

BREMERTON, Wash. (AP) - A 68-year-old woman with a mild case of dementia apparently survived nearly two weeks in the woods alone by nibbling on candy.

Vernita Frazier was listed in good condition Monday at Harrison Memorial Hospital in Bremerton, where she was treated for hyperthermia, cuts and scrapes.

Police said Frazier endured temperatures as low as 37 degrees in a blue dress, brownish-green vest, black stockings and black shoes.

"This is amazing," said Kitsap County Sheriff's Sgt. Cameron Mandeville. "I think it's the closest thing to a miracle we've seen in a while, because she's actually in fairly good condition, considering how long she's been gone."

Frazier "apparently left home with some candy in her purse, and she'd been eating a little of it every day," hospital spokeswoman Patti Hart said. "She had some left over."

Frazier vanished May 28 after going for a walk near the home of her son, Vincent Hill, in Silverdale, north of Bremerton and about 15 miles west of Seattle.

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Gunman kills two monks, self Supreme Court rejects gun appeals

CONCEPTION, Mo. (AP) — A man wielding two rifles opened fire in the hallways of a Roman Catholic abbey Monday, killing two monks and wounding two others before committing suicide in a chapel, authorities said.

Investigators said they were trying to establish a motive for the shootings at the Conception Abbey, a Benedictine monastery and seminary. A spokeswoman for the Kansas City-St. Joseph Diocese said it was not known if the shootings were related to the sex scandal in which priests around the country have been accused of molesting youngsters.

"We have no idea who this person is," said Rebecca Summers, diocese spokeswoman. "There appears to be no explanation as to why this happened."

The gunman was identified by the slayer as 71-year-old Lloyd Robert Jefferson of Kearney, about 15 miles northeast of Kansas City. The man apparently opened fire at random in the halls around the business offices of the monastery, said the Rev. Gregory Polan, abbot of the abbey. Monks barred themselves in their rooms when they realized they were hearing gunfire.

Two monks were killed and two other monks were seriously wounded. Authorities later found the suspect with a gunshot wound to the head, slumped over in a



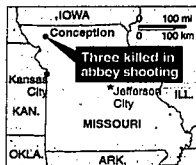
Abbot Gregory Polan, left, and an unidentified monk console each other Monday outside the Conception Abbey in Conception, Mo., Monday.

pev in a chapel on the monastery grounds. Two weapons, an AK-47 and a sawed-off .22-caliber rifle, were the body.

The victims were identified as the Rev. Philip Schuster, 85, and Brother Damian Larson, 64. Schuster was a greeter at the monastery's front door; Larson worked as a groundskeeper. Polan said both had been at the Abbey for more than 30 years.

The Rev. Kenneth Reichert, 68, an assistant to the abbot, was shot

in the stomach and was in surgery. The Rev. Norbert Schappler, 73, was listed in stable condition; it wasn't immediately clear how he was wounded. Schappler oversees the dining room and works as director at the printing house. Sheriff Ben Espey said officers had been sent to the gunman's home about 70 miles south of the Abbey to look for clues. But as of Monday afternoon, no evidence was released. Polan said he was shown the



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man driver's license but did not recognize him as an employee or as anyone with a connection to the abbey.

"There's a lot of shock and sadness," Polan said. "These were two monks whose lives have been lived here in a generous, gracious spirit."

The Conception Abbey is on a 30-acre setting about 90 miles north of Kansas City. No students or faculty were on campus because the seminary had ended its academic year in mid-May. The complex also has a large publishing house, which turns out religious greeting cards, calendars and books.

The seminary college is the biggest priestly training center in the Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph. It lists a staff of 19 priests, eight brothers, one sister and six lay professors and has about 100 students.

Supreme Court rejects gun appeals

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Supreme Court said Monday it will not hear two cases that would have tested the Bush administration's newly articulated position that the Constitution protects an individual's right to own guns.

Without comment, the court turned down two men convicted of violating federal gun laws. The men had argued that the laws are unconstitutional because the Second Amendment gives Americans the right to "keep and bear arms."

The cases marked the first time that the Bush administration had told the Supreme Court that it has reversed a decades-old policy on the Second Amendment. Until now, the government has said the amendment protects a collective, not an individual, right to gun ownership.

The distinction is important, because gun laws necessarily restrict individual rights. The administration also said its new position does not undermine federal gun laws, because the Second Amendment right is still subject to "reasonable restrictions."

Using that rationale, the administration urged the high court not to accept the appeals of Timothy Joe Emerson and John Lee Honey.

Both were properly charged under laws that administration considers reasonable limitation of the gun right, Solicitor General Theodore Olson said.

"The Second Amendment reads, 'A well-regulated militia, being necessary to the security of a free state, the right of the people to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed.'"

The Supreme Court interpreted that in 1859 as a protection of militia rights, not of individual ones. Decades of Justice Department policy rested on that interpretation, which preceded most federal laws regulating what may own what type of gun.

"The current position of the United States ... is that the Second Amendment more broadly protects the rights of individuals, including persons who are not members of any militia or engaged in active military service or training, to possess and bear their own firearms," Olson wrote in footnotes attached to his dissent in the Emerson and Honey cases.

That right, however, is "subject to reasonable restrictions, designed to prevent possession by unfit persons or to restrict the possession of types of firearms that are particularly suited to criminal misuse," Olson wrote last month.

Judge orders murder weapon destroyed

CORPUS CHRISTI, Texas (AP) — The weapon used to kill Tejano singing star Selena was destroyed on Monday under a judge's order, despite protests from historians who said the revolver was a priceless piece of Mexican-American history.

The .38-caliber Taurus revolver was run through a shredding saw and scheduled to be thrown into the Corpus Christi Bay. Selena, 23, was killed by the gun seven years ago, just as she was on the verge of crossing over to the English-language market.

"The destruction of the weapon was demanded by some who said it should be kept for posterity. 'You have literally the smoking gun ... the weapon that killed the symbol of Tejano pride,' said Manuel Pena, an ethnomusicologist at Fresno State University

who has written several books about Mexican and Mexican-American music. "How often do historians wish they had evidence of things that happened 100 years ago?"

Selena's father, Abraham Quintanilla, and her sister, Suzette, watched as the gun was put through a saw system several times to break it up. Quintanilla then shook the hands of District Judge Jose Longoria, who cleared the way for the weapon to be destroyed.

Long thought missing, the gun was found last month in the Harris County home of the court reporter at the 1995 murder trial. The reporter, Sandra Oballo, said she found it in a box of office materials.

Yolanda Saldivar, who had been president of the singer's fan

club, was convicted of murder and is serving a life sentence.

Last week, Longoria ordered the gun's destruction, saying, "It's time to finally bring closure to such tragedy."

Quintanilla said he wanted the gun destroyed.

"Why would you want to keep an instrument that was used to kill a loved one?" he said. "I just wonder if some of those people that don't want the gun destroyed, I wonder if they would feel the same way if their child was killed with this gun."

Selena Quintanilla Perez rose to stardom and won a Grammy during the boom of Tejano music in the early 1990s. She was working on her first English language album before she was killed; it was released posthumously in 1996 and debuted at No. 1.

Police arrest woman in ex-husband's death

SPOKANE (AP) — A divorced father returning his two girls to their mother after a weekend visit was shot and killed and police arrested his ex-wife. Police arrested Alvinita J. Stuart at the scene and booked her into the Spokane County Jail for investigation of second-degree murder.

An autopsy was being performed Monday on the dead man. Police did not reveal his identity. The girls, 10 and 13, had gone into their mother's home Sunday evening when the shooting occurred in the street outside, spokesman Dick Costam said. They were taken into protective custody.

Neighbors said the woman worked as a waitress at a South Hill golf course. She had been divorced for about nine or 10 years.

High court rules against employee in disabilities case

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Supreme Court ruled Monday that the Americans with Disabilities Act does not entitle people to jobs that might jeopardize their health.

The court rejected arguments from a man who argued he should be able to decide for himself whether to take the risk of working in an oil refinery, where chemicals might aggravate his liver ailment.

The court, in the 9-0 ruling, again limited the 1990 ADA and said Mario Echazabal could not win back his job at a Chevron plant in El Segundo, Calif.

The justices reversed a lower court ruling in favor of Echazabal

and sent the case back for further review.

Writing for the court, Justice David H. Souter said the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission struck the right balance between protections for workers and employers when it wrote regulations that applied in Echazabal's case.

"The EEOC was certainly acting within the reasonable zone when it saw a difference between rejecting workplace paternalism and ignoring specific and documented risks to the employee himself, even if the employee would take his chances for the sake of getting a job," the court said.

Court says sex offenders must admit crimes

WASHINGTON (AP) — States may withhold television and other privileges from convicted sex offenders who won't admit their wrongdoing to counselors, a divided Supreme Court ruled Monday.

The 5-4 ruling gives states the go-ahead to copy Kansas' aggressive prison rehabilitation program.

Sex offenders who won't cooperate are put in maximum security, with restrictions on everything from visitors to gym privileges.

Justice Anthony M. Kennedy, writing for the majority, called the Kansas effort a "sensible approach to reducing the serious danger that repeat offenders pose to many innocent persons, most often children."

The dissenting justices said Kansas was trampling inmates' Fifth Amendment rights against self-incrimination.

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Jason Schechterle, with step-daughter Kiley Hiett, 8, and son Zane, 3, read in their Avondale, Ariz., home earlier this year. Both children read to their dad now since a near-fatal auto accident in 2001 left him with poor vision.

Faceless

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 surgeries, many options. All of that he couldn't address until he finally saw it for himself.

It happened one October morning. Jason got out of bed and went into the bathroom as usual, only on this day his eyesight seemed better.

Seeing his outline in the bathroom mirror, he moved closer, then leaned in until his face almost touched the glass.

Feeling his way as he stared, he took it all in. The right ear was completely gone. The left had a bit of lobe left. The nose looked like a shaven stump. His bald head, which Jason had worried would look like an egg, seemed that instead.

He was looking at a stranger, at someone whose entire face had simply been erased. He was a curiosity, even to himself.

"Whoa," he thought. "Look at that."

There were no tears, not like the time he saw his hands.

For months, Jason had lived with the knowledge that he was deformed. He had tried for so long to imagine what the burns had done that when he finally saw his face it wasn't as bad as the pictures he'd conjured.

Nevertheless, he longed for his old self.

What kind of burden was it for Suzie to be married to someone who looked like this? He pondered that sometimes, but knew she'd have left long ago if she didn't really want to be there.

Mostly, he worried for the children. Would other kids tease them because their daddy didn't look normal? Would they themselves ever come to embrace the new Jason?

Kiley, Jason's 7-year-old step-daughter, had grown used to his injuries, although she still shied away from hugs. For Zane, his son, acceptance was harder to come by.

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 The day before Thanksgiving, the local TV news featured a story about Jason. An old photograph of him filled the screen.

Zane, now 3, walked in just then. He stopped in his tracks, transfixed by the face.

"Hey!" he exclaimed. "That's my Daddy!"

No more than a foot away, Jason watched quietly from his favorite chair.

"Who am I?" he asked his son. Zane turned to the voice. It was familiar, but he wasn't sure who this man was. He remained quiet.

"Am I your Daddy?" Jason asked. Zane examined him some more, but his mind couldn't sort things out. Finally, he decided.

"That's my Daddy," he said. "That's my Daddy." And he turned back to the TV.

Jason's heart sank. He'd been home three months, and he still wasn't Daddy.

If his own son viewed him as a stranger, how would the rest of the world react?

In December, for the first time, he ventured out - to a police banquet to accept an award. He worried his old colleagues would recoil. As it turned out, they not only told him how happy they were to see him, they hugged him, touched him. Jason's confidence grew.

Not long afterward, Suzie took him to a movie. He started doing television interviews and was asked to carry the Olympic torch through Phoenix.

Everywhere he went, strangers would walk up and shake his deformed hand.

"I prayed for you," they'd say. "You're an inspiration." Jason began to feel a deep change in himself.

Psychologists will tell you the face is your identity. The face is

your personality. The face is you. To overcome an injury so disfiguring in a society obsessed with appearance, victims must come to believe it is they who matter, not their face. Their soul becomes their identity.

Jason was shaped by his roles as husband and father and police officer. After the fire, he had to determine how he fit into those roles as a changed Jason.

He discovered, gradually, that he could go out with his wife - and, yes, hold her hand - even if some people stared.

Perhaps he couldn't be a cop on the streets, but he could talk to students and other cops about his ordeal. That mattered, too. "I know what a lot of people think," he says. "They look at my face and think, 'Oh, I couldn't live like that.' I probably wouldn't have wanted to be saved that night either had I been awake and conscious."

"But now," he says, "I can still have my life, just like I had it before. I can still laugh. I can still talk. Those firefighters and doctors did me a huge favor. They gave me a chance to be something. And I'm still very proud of who I am."

The fire stole his face, but Jason Schechterle's soul is intact.

On the day after New Year's, Suzie was taking ornaments off the Christmas tree, while Kiley and Zane played with the decorations. Jason was in his favorite chair.

Suddenly, Zane spotted their tree topper - an angel with a photo inside, showing Jason in his police uniform. The same photograph he had seen on the news only a month before.

He picked up the picture and walked over to Jason.

"Hey, Daddy," Zane said. "This is you."

Jason glanced at the photo, then back at the boy he once resembled.

"Yeah," he replied. "That is me."

And as his son went back to play, the man with no face sat back in his chair and smiled.

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EPILOGUE

Jason Schechterle plans to return to the police department, most likely in the public information office, this summer.

The cab driver who hit Jason had suffered an epileptic seizure. He had been involved in four prior seizure-related accidents and shouldn't have been driving, according to testimony at his trial.

He was sentenced to 12 years in prison after being convicted of aggravated assault for injuring Jason and passenger Lawrence Tracy, who suffered broken ribs.

Jason's recovery continues. He can take a shirt off over his head, shower alone, hold a 44-ounce drink. He can even play catch with Zane, after teaching his remade hands to hold onto a ball.

He's met with specialists and plans to replace his nose and ears with prosthetics, but he doesn't want to undergo years of facial reconstruction. He'd rather focus on his hands and his eyes - on function, rather than appearance.

"Don't get me wrong," he says. "I miss my face. But while my appearance matters, it helps that I have a beautiful wife who looks at me like she used to, is affectionate to me like she used to be."

"If she doesn't care, why should I?"
 One day in March, almost a year after the accident, Suzie called Jason on the cell phone on his way to therapy. She had some news.

The test was positive. Their baby is due in November.

Government investigates fiery crashes of police cars

PHOENIX (AP) - At least 10 law enforcement officers have been killed over the past two decades after their Ford Crown Victoria police cruisers were hit from behind and burst into flames. The federal government is investigating whether a defect could be to blame.

The accidents are similar to one that left Phoenix police officer Jason Schechterle severely disfigured with fourth-degree burns to his head, face and neck. Schechterle was responding to a call March 26, 2001, when his 1996 Crown Victoria Police Interceptor was struck by a cab traveling in excess of 100 mph. The police car's fuel tank was punctured, causing an explosion.

Two other Arizona law officers are among those who have been killed in such accidents. In May, Ford Motor Co. settled lawsuits filed by the officers' families. Terms of the settlements were not disclosed.

Meanwhile, the Arizona attorney general's office has urged the government to recall the vehicles until they are repaired.

At issue is whether the location of the fuel tank behind the rear axle makes it more susceptible to puncture. Law enforcement agencies and

plaintiffs' attorneys allege that in high-speed rear collisions, the fuel tank is rammed into the axle and surrounding components, causing the tank to rupture and spark.

Last October, Ford advised its dealers to replace a bolt and grind down a protruding tab on Crown Victoria models dating back to 1992 to reduce the potential for fuel tank punctures.

In the wake of that advisory and complaints from law enforcement agencies, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration launched a probe in November to determine whether the Crown Victoria's fuel tank is vulnerable to rupture during high-speed rear collisions.

Ford maintains the vehicles are sound.

"The fuel tank design is a safe one," said Ford spokeswoman Kathleen Vokes, who blamed the accidents not on a defect but on the circumstances involved. "Any vehicle that gets rammed while it is sitting on the side of a highway at more than 70 mph has the potential to suffer some damage. I don't think there's any vehicle on the road that can withstand that kind of impact."

Former Afghan king won't play role in new government

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) - The former Afghan king renounced any role in the new government Monday - a move aimed at defusing a crisis that forced a one-day delay in the opening of the grand council to select new leaders for this war-torn nation.

Some of the 1,550 delegates to the council, or loya jirga, were shocked by the decision of 87-year-old Mohammad Zahir Shah, who ruled for 40 years. The step apparently was aimed at pacifying the ethnic Tajik clique that took power through a U.N.-brokered agreement last year after the U.S. bombing campaign toppled the Taliban.

Ethnic Tajik leaders of the former northern alliance strongly oppose any role for the former king. Diplomats said the Tajik concern that Zahir Shah might stand for election as head of state forced the loya jirga to be postponed until Tuesday.

"I have no intention of restoring the monarchy and I am not a candidate for any position in the loya jirga," Zahir Shah said in a statement read by an aide at his Kabul home.

Zahir Shah also supported current interim leader Hamid Karzai for president during the 18-month transitional period.

The king's decision leaves Karzai with only one declared opponent - Burhanuddin Rabbani, an ethnic Tajik who ruled between 1992 and 1996. The new president's government will write a constitution and oversee preparations for nationwide elections.

There was no immediate reaction to Zahir Shah's announcement by northern alliance figures. However, some ethnic Pashtun delegates who wanted him to play a greater role, in running Afghanistan threatened to boycott the loya jirga.

Many Pashtuns complain of discrimination by northern alliance figures because Pashtuns formed the overwhelming majority of the Taliban.

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Detroit grapples with child homicides

DETROIT (AP) — Regina Trammell loved to sing rhythm and blues and gospel tunes with her 10-year-old son DeAntoine while driving him to school. But the radio is silent now.

DeAntoine became the 12th child age 16 or younger to be slain in Detroit so far this year — the ninth by gunfire. A man fired two shots through a wall into his bedroom June 3, hitting him in the back.

"When I sing certain songs I just think about him," Trammell said. "My other children sing with me, but it won't be like him."

This string of slayings this year runs counter to the trend in Detroit over the past decade and so.

Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick has called on community leaders to find solutions to the violence. "I won't sleep until we find a way to curb some of the violence in the city," he said.

So far this year, Detroit has a child homicide rate of 4.3 per 100,000 children 16 and under, surpassing that of several other big cities.

Los Angeles, a city nearly four times as large as Detroit, has had 25 children killed this year and a rate of 2.7 per 100,000. Philadelphia has a rate of 1.4, Chicago 1.5, San Diego 1.1 and Dallas 0.7.

At such a rate, should we be bracing for a long and perhaps deadly summer? asks Cardinal Adam Maida of the city's Roman Catholic diocese. "I pray not."

The number of child homicide victims in Detroit last year was not immediately available. But in all of 2000, there were 16 child slayings, compared with 36 in 1994 and 60 in 1987, according to statistics compiled for the Justice Department by James Alan Fox, a criminal justice professor at Northeastern University in Boston.

"It might be a case of Chicken Little," Fox said. "The sky is not falling. It may be just a little worse."

Overall, Detroit has had 171



Jennifer, left, and Chartralla Trammell try to cope with the death of their brother, DeAntoine, 10, June 4, in Detroit. DeAntoine became the 12th child age 16 or younger to be slain in Detroit so far this year, the ninth by gunfire.

Child homicide

Detroit has the highest homicide rate. But Los Angeles has the highest total number — 25 since January.

Homicide rate per 100,000 children in 2002

- 4.3 Detroit
- 2.7 Los Angeles
- 1.5 Chicago
- 1.4 Philadelphia
- 1.1 San Diego
- 0.8 Phoenix
- 0.7 Dallas

SOURCE: Associated Press AP when two men fired more than a dozen bullets from an assault rifle

Study: You might live to be 100 if your sibling does

WASHINGTON (AP) — Want to live to be 100? Your best chance is to have a brother or sister who also lives to be that old, according to a study.

Researchers analyzed the family health histories of 444 centenarians — people who live to be 100 or more — and found their 2,092 siblings had a high likelihood also of living to be very, very old.

"The quite striking finding was that from age 20 on, it appears that the brothers and sisters of centenarians had half of the mortality risk at any given age compared to the general population," said Dr. Thomas T. Perls, a specialist in aging at the Boston Medical Center and the Boston University Medical School.

into her home. Prosecutors said the man arrested in her slaying had been feuding with another man who hung around Brianna's house.

Down the street from where Brianna died, Angeline Reid, 33, said she no longer feels safe watching television or playing games with her three children. Shortly after Brianna's death, Reid switched her room to the front of the house and put her children in a back bedroom.

"If anything happens, I would prefer it to happen to me as opposed to one of my kids," she said. "It's really sad to be fearful in my own home."

The mayor has formed a task force to look into programs that are working to reduce crime in other cities. The task force is expected to deliver an action plan later this week.

Research: Law on campaign finance will benefit liberals

WASHINGTON — The megadonors and the largest recipients of the kind of "soft money" that will remain unregulated by the new campaign finance law are overwhelmingly liberal and Democratic, according to a survey by Public Citizen.

The findings suggest that the groups associated with the Democratic Party and liberal causes are likely to be the short-term beneficiaries of the new law that prohibits the parties themselves and members of Congress from raising soft money — unregulated, unlimited contributions from unions, corporations and individuals.

These "527 committees," named for a section of the IRS code, are already major players in the use of soft money, and their role is expected to expand dramatically as Nov. 6, the date the new campaign finance law takes effect, approaches.

Since July 1, 2000, when 527 committees were first required

to file reports, the top 100 groups believed to be most active in federal politics have taken in a total of \$129 million, according to Public Citizen. This was just over a quarter of what all six national Democratic and Republican committees raised in soft money during the 1999-2000 presidential cycle.

Public Citizen found that the top "non-political 527s," which will be able to continue operation after the campaign law takes effect, are the AFSCME Special Account, which is associated with the American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees and which has raised \$16.5 million since June 1, 2000; Pro-Choice Vote, an abortion rights group funded entirely by Jane Fonda, which raised \$12.7 million; Planned Parenthood Votes, an abortion rights group that raised \$7.2 million; and EMILY's List, which backs the election of Democratic women who support abortion rights and which raised \$9.2 million.

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Cardinal places ads to reassure Catholics

The Washington Post

LOS ANGELES — At the urging of his new public relations firm, Los Angeles Cardinal Roger Mahony bought full-page advertisements in three newspapers to quell alarm about sexual misconduct by clergy in the nation's largest archdiocese.

"Sexual abuse by priests has shaken the faith of everyone in our community, Catholic and non-Catholic alike," Mahony wrote.

"Our policy exceeds that which will be considered when Bishops from across the country meet in Dallas next week, and I will urge my colleagues at that time to adopt a national policy on sexual abuse as comprehensive as the one in place here: Zero tolerance — past, present, and future."

The ads cost the archdiocese about \$50,000 and appeared Thursday in the Los Angeles Times, the Los Angeles Daily

News and the Spanish-language publication La Opinion. In the ads, Mahony announced the formation of a new oversight board and promised background checks and fingerprinting for priests new to the archdiocese — including transfers.

Mary Grant, the regional director for the Southern California chapter of Survivors Network for Those Abused by Priests, said Mahony was promising "too little, too late."

Last month, Mahony apologized for reassigning a priest who continued abusing minors for more than a decade after confessing to the cardinal about his past sexual misconduct.

"He would do a great service to the church by resigning," Grant said. "One coverup of sexual abuse of a child is one too many."

The archdiocese has given 30 names to authorities for investigation, a spokesman said.

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Secretary playing detective gets an eyeful

DEAR ABBY: I am the executive secretary for the president of a large national company. My office overlooks the entrance to the building, so I see everyone who enters or leaves. A few months ago, while standing at my window talking to a male staff member, I saw a woman I'll call "Lois" leave the building, get into a car and leave with the driver. I commented to the staffer, "Isn't that nice? There's Lois leaving for lunch with her husband." The man replied, "That's not her husband; that's her latest boyfriend."

Abby, I have seen Lois leave and return in that car at least twice a week for months. I assumed it was her husband because she has kissed this man goodbye right outside my office window on many occasions.

The staffer then told me about the affair he'd had with Lois that nearly ended his marriage - and I believe it because a few days ago I spotted her leaving with the man again and followed them. I now



DEAR ABBY: VanBuren regret it because I was appalled at what I saw when they parked in a remote area. She began undressing in the car!

Most people think Lois is a loving wife and mother. She is liked by her manager and co-workers. Should I go to human resources and report this? What if they don't believe me? How will this reflect on me? I see her in-laws in church every Sunday and at church functions. Should I just sit back and not mention the immorality?

My heart tells me to act one way; my head tells me it could affect my job in the long term. Please advise, but don't reveal my name or location.

-BETWIXT AND BETWEEN

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DEAR B AND B: Listen to your head. Lois is doing her job and has the respect of her supervisor and co-workers. For you to have followed her on her lunch hour was a mistake. You are not the local representative of the ministry of virtue and vice. If you report this woman's marital infidelity, you will earn the reputation of company busybody.

Sooner or later, Lois' affair will come to light. However, her private life is none of your business - and if you are wise, you will not make it so. If you feel morally obligated, the person you should talk to is Lois.

You letter brought to mind another one that appeared in the column years ago:

DEAR ABBY: We work in a large office. Our office manager will call him "Marvin" - is a middle-aged family man. The boss's secretary, "Sissy," is a shapely

young divorcee. Since Sissy came to work here, she and Marvin have been spending a lot of time together in the file room with the door locked. What they do in there is their business, but we're tired of covering for them when the boss comes looking for Sissy. What do you suggest?

-THE OFFICE GANG

DEAR GANG: Next time the boss comes looking for Sissy, will you look in the file room under "Marvin."

DEAR ABBY: I am going to a fund-raising party held in a park in San Francisco. The invitation says the dress is "casual chic." Do you have any idea what that means?

-LOST IN S.E.

DEAR LOST: Unless the theme is Middle Eastern, the word means dress should be "dressy if casual."

Male murderers outnumber females 17 to 3

"How grateful I am to the gods," say the Chinese, "that I was not born before ten." Indeed, And there are those who say it about bowing, bridge and bourbon. One school of philosophical thought contends every expression of gratitude is a sort of healthy prayer.

Lot of cowboys in Venezuela ride barefooted - but with spurs.

During the normal mating ritual of right whales, the female, even as the recipient, tends to be in complete control. She's on the surface. She can breathe. The male is underwater. He holds his breath.

If those haulers of wet cement find they're running late, they can slow down the hardening of the truckload's mix by putting sugar in it, but they have to know exactly how much. So says one such.

Antifreeze tastes sweet. Some dogs lap it up. It kills them.

Spanish explorers along the



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Gulf Coast saw big reptiles all over the place. You can hear in your ear how their "El Lagarto" - meaning "the lizard" - wound up as our "alligator."

Doctors say all opiates reduce the sex drive.

Q: How come Britain's House of Commons won't let in any monarch?

A: Three centuries ago King Charles I raided the place and arrested five members. That did it. No monarchs allowed.

Among people who kill people nationwide, the men outnumber the women 17 to 3.

To most, the soprano is not "the

fat lady," but the "diva." That's Italian for goddess.

Q: When in human history did dogs start to pal around with people?

A: Before human history. Cave paintings show dogs with humans.

The Australian crawl, the stroke that speeded up swimmers worldwide, originated on the island of Tonga. You know about Tonga. That's where the fatter you are, the better looking you're thought to be.

Scholars who study abnormal fears document new phobias. Certain people, they've discovered, get panicky in health clubs. Others, they say, can't stand to look at digital watches.

If your name is Edward, sir, you have at least that much in common with Robert E. Lee.

Skiers who wear the most expensive costumes out there tend to have more accidents than the less well dressed. Checkers-uppers in the Netherlands have proved that statistically, but they don't know why. They also found that skiers who drink have fewer skiing accidents than non-drinkers. More relaxed maybe. Or maybe they don't get out on the slopes as much.

Any reason why the "alpha" shouldn't be tossed out of the alphabet? It's the only letter you don't need to write out the number of all 50 states. It's not on the phone dial. But then "z" isn't on the phone dial either. Can't throw that out. How would you spell zebra?

'Token of love' awaits Pisces

IF JUNE 11TH IS YOUR BIRTHDAY ... you are intuitive, a natural teacher and a psychologist. You are fascinated by the occult, including astrology. Many of your friends are authoritarians, which suits you just fine. Cancer, Capricorn and Aquarius natives play major roles in your life, could have these letters in names: B, K, T. During August, you will be involved in search for "ideal" living quarters. Social popularity featured in September.

ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 19): Your feet are on solid ground, the grass is not greener across the way! Solidify position, accept challenges; you will win. Leo, Scorpio figure prominently.

TAURUS (Apr. 20-May 20): Keep plans flexible, directions first; subject to change. Member of opposite sex confesses, "I can hardly keep my hands off you!" Gemini is involved.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Decorate, hang pictures on walls of home. Domestic adjustment could include where you live, marital status. Music plays; dance to your own tune; Romance will not be a stranger.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Overcome tendency to brood. Transform moods into action. Define terms, find ways of speeding production. You will be regarded as a "mystery figure." Pisces plays dramatic role.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Your secret is safe! Information received tonight clears you and elevates prestige. Pressure on you will be up to it. Romantic liaison lends spice. Capricorn helps you

keep balance.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Suddenly, luck changes in your favor. This could be the beginning of a winning streak. You might want a contest that takes you to foreign nation. Highlight idealism, romance and future.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): You are going in right direction; create a business for yourself. Don't wait for others; imprint style. You'll attract romance and marriage. Be aware, and act accordingly.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Emphasis on where you are going in connection with partnership, marriage. Remember. You do not have to win every argument or debate! Make intelligent concession. Capricorn involved.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Diversity, emphasize versatility and be willing to ask questions. You will be interviewed, challenged regarding cycles and trends in connection with fashion. Gemini represented.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Be positive concerning rights and permissions. Added research is necessary if material is to be accepted. Extra work and time will prove worth it. Scorpio plays role.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): You gain ultimate victory as result of written word. Flirtation becomes serious; protect self at close quarters. Don't give up something of value for temporary pleasure.

PISCES (Feb. 19-Mar. 20): Responsibility of domestic life is featured. Where you live, marital status dominate. You receive gift that is "token of love." Accept it as such, and be happy within.

Paul McCartney's getting hitched today. See page C-6.

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Thumbs up for wireless gadgets

By Chris Cobbs
The Orlando Sentinel

William Whitson is a 21st century digital cowboy. Instead of a six-shooter, he wears an electronic gizmo in a plastic holster on his belt. Instead of an index finger, he relies on a thumb. Both of them, actually. The Fort Orange, Fla., assistant city manager packs a wireless communicator that relies on thumb typing for composing e-mail. "I can whip out a full-page memo pretty quick," says Whitson, who at first dreaded learning how to use the RIM BlackBerry. But he quickly developed a knack for using only his thumbs to compose and reply to electronic messages. Now he can't imagine getting through a busy day of meetings without his thumb-guided gadget. "All thumbs" is no longer a synonym for klutzy, but rather a necessary skill for using the new-

gen keyboards that help people communicate through cell phones and personal digital assistants. As users peek out text messages and e-mails, they use the edges of their thumbs instead of their fingertips to strike keys the size of baby aspirin. Many who rely on "texting," or short messages, make every letter count. Example: "How u?" "Clermont sales rep Ted Bevalacqua uses his cell phone to send wireless messages to clients - and to stay in touch with girlfriend Elizabeth Garcia. Using his thumbs, he types, "Thanks for making me smile." She replies with "Xo xo," meaning hugs and kisses. The BlackBerry, mastered by Whitson, was introduced several years ago and launched the thumb revolution for e-mail and short messages, wireless industry analysts say. The keys on standard computer keyboards are square, but the BlackBerry's designers made the

keys oval, a thumb-friendly shape that also allowed for speed and typing comfort. Recently a lighted keyboard was added to assist users typing in poorly lighted areas. And researchers are looking for ways to make thumb input even faster and more comfortable, says Mark Guilbert, RIM vice president of brand management. Before the BlackBerry and its tiny keyboard, users of handheld gadgets relied on handwriting recognition, penning a form of digital shorthand called Graffiti with a plastic stylus. The concept was that users would enter a specially designed alphabet instead of their own scribbling to ensure accurate input. However, many users never became proficient enough with the stylus to compose Graffiti text - and were quick to embrace typing with the edges of the thumb. As businesspeople developed prowess with their thumbs to respond to wireless messages, oth-

ers began using thumbs to tap on cell phone keyboards. In recent months, vendors have created add-on thumb boards for both Palm and Microsoft Windows Pocket PC devices. Industry studies attest to the new power of the thumb. Text messaging has increased nearly 500 percent in the past year, says Lisa Jo Wilson-Knight, executive vice president of marketing for AT&T's mobile multimedia services. "I think we're just on the cusp of greater growth," she says. "Text messaging has been very popular in Europe for several years, and there's a generation of thumb users in Japan." AT&T experts have observed how thumb typists sometimes experiment with using just one thumb while holding a phone or PDA in the other hand. But experience teaches that the better method is to form a cradle with the hands and use both thumbs for typing.

Upgrade Outlook Express to fix bug

By James Coates
Chicago Tribune

Q. I am running Windows 98. My computer came with it and Outlook Express installed for e-mail but I can no longer access this program. Anytime I try to enter it, I get an error message that reads, "You have performed an illegal operation." I have contacted both my cable Internet provider and Hewlett-Packard for help. Each one blames the other for the problem, while I am stuck using a free e-mail site off the Web.

I was advised not to delete the Outlook Express program and install a new version because it would crash my Windows.

Amy Farcas

A. My Outlook Express has a "preview pane" for e-mail located at the bottom of the inbox screen. I have never used the preview pane and kept it scrolled as far to the bottom of the page as possible. I have an up-to-date version of Norton Antivirus software, which has been catching a lot of infected e-mail attachments lately. Is the use of the preview pane unduly exposing me to the viruses?

Since you have a high-speed cable connection this won't take more than a few minutes of download time, but if that sounds too daunting, you will find a prompt on that Web page that will let you order a free (you pay shipping) CD version of the software.

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Lee Beall@bellsouth.net

A. Your question is one that makes this wizened old giver of computer advice wince. L.B. That's because I already can hear the howls of protest from many of my peers when I tell you that the preview pane feature in Microsoft Outlook and Outlook Express is one of the most powerful tools any computer user owns and that one would be foolish to give it up out of fear generated by past virus attacks.

The preview pane displays the text of each e-mail message in a window below the list of subject lines for all of the mail in one's inbox. You can scroll quickly through the subject headings and glance the gist of each note in just a couple of seconds.

Busy people already bombarded with junk e-mail scattered among with serious stuff find in this feature a way to keep from becoming overwhelmed by the sheer volume of incoming missives. However, in the past, virus writers were able to exploit weaknesses in Microsoft's software, particularly a module called ActiveX, to trigger substantial problems simply by opening messages using the preview pane. You certainly heard the right stuff on that count.

In response, Microsoft and other companies all but busted a collective gut patching Web software that permitted these attacks and patching Outlook Express as well as parts of Windows itself. It has been a long while since any successful attacks have been made using preview pane launches, and I can only hope that all of the vulnerabilities have been patched.

I, for one, couldn't imagine trying to deal with e-mail without this crucial tool. So I'd advise you to join me with crossed fingers and keep the preview pane open.

Coincidence of conspiracy? Fold a twenty and decide

Knight Ridder News Service

KANSAS CITY, Mo. - It started as a stupid party trick. Someone showed Warren Dodd how a new \$20 bill can be folded origami-style to "reveal" a picture of the World Trade Center in flames. Oh, and there's the Pentagon abacus on the flip side of the folded bill. That's weird, thought Dodd, owner of a Web hosting business in Melbourne, Fla. He showed the trick to a couple of buddies, then decided to share the secret on a Web page - www.allbreward.net - he designed in 15 minutes. "And it just took off," he said. "I really thought that no more than a few dozen people would see it."

Wrong. Dodd has turned this little bit of paper-folding into an internet phenom the last few days. On the first day, 35,000 people visited the page. In the first 10 days, more than 1 million visitors had checked it out. Now, after nearly 2 million hits and people forwarding the directions via e-mail, Dodd has received feedback from Israel to China.

Some of the hundreds of e-mail messages have not been kind, with people accusing him of capitalizing on Sept. 11. Dodd said he was forced to post ads on the page to cover his costs when it became so popular. He apologizes to anyone angered by the page. "This is absolutely ridiculous!" one person wrote. "Someone has too much @5% time on their hands! Get a life! Next you'll be designing us the directions to the \$20 bill's manufacturing plant."

Indeed, this little bit of paper-folding has churned Sept. 11 conspiracy talk into overdrive. One e-mail suggested that this was the way the terrorists communicated their orders. Another folded a \$50 bill to show one of the towers collapsing and the \$100 bill to depict both towers destroyed.

One poor soul had no luck with his folding. Oh wait, his money was Canadian.

"People are leaving 'X-Files' types of messages, some saying 'I see signs from God,'" said Dodd, owner of All Breward Web Sites, a one-man operation.

Never ever implied that it was anything other than an amazing coincidence.

And he's right. The \$20 bill was redesigned long before the tragedies of last September. The bill debuted Sept. 24, 1998.

"This was a new one," Claudia Dickens said of the bill. She's a spokeswoman for the U.S. Department of the Treasury Bureau of Engraving and Printing in Washington, D.C.

Other than safety features that make paper money harder to forge, "we don't have a reason to put things in currency," Dickens said.

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VIRTUAL EDUCATION



Students study at Virtual University in Santa Ana de Atlencillo in April in Hidalgo, Mexico. The Hidalgo Institute for High School and University Education, using a satellite link as a substitute for non-existent phone lines, converted a room in the town's only high school into a branch of the Virtual University.

Hoax posing as virus strikes again

By Phillip Robinson
Knight Ridder News Service

A friend emailed my parents to apologize for sending them a virus, and the email included instructions on eliminating the problem.

As soon as I looked into this "virus" I learned that many people have been hit: not by a virus but by a hoax. According to hoax-busters CAC.com: "The jdbgmgr hoax is almost the same as the sunfux hoax in that it tells you to delete a program that was installed with Windows. jdbgmgr.exe is the Java Debugger Manager and does have an icon that looks like a Freddy Bear. It is not, normally, a virus. As with all executables, it is not impossible to have a copy of jdbgmgr.exe that is infected by a virus but that virus will be detected by your antivirus software."

There's a lot more detail, but the summary is: this isn't a virus and there's no reason to delete the jdbgmgr file, but, luckily, there's little damage if you do because this file (found on most Windows PCs naturally) is rarely called for. To prevent the real damage that a virus hoax can cause, follow these steps:

1. Never delete anything just because an email tells you to.
2. Always research any warning email before taking it seriously. Just type some of the details - such as the filenames - into

- Google and you'll soon see information from sites such as Hoaxbusters and the anti-virus software makers.
3. Never open attachments that come with emails unless you know just exactly what those attachments are. (Don't trust them just because they come from someone you know: most viruses do this.)
4. Get and run an anti-virus program (there's even a good free one for Windows - virus central - at grisoft.com).
5. Keep your vital information backed up (in case a virus does hit).
6. Turn off "macros" in your Outlook and Office.
7. Move away from Outlook, Internet Explorer, and Microsoft Office to software that isn't so virus-friendly, like Mozilla and OpenOffice (which are also free, a nice bonus).

A preference for Google

Not only is Google the best - or one of the best, even to critics - search sites online, it is also one of the most fun.

For example, check out Google's Language Tools (just to the right of the main search line at Google.com). Click there, scroll down, and you'll see a long list of alternate languages (to English) for your searches. I guess I never more than glanced at this list, because my daughter Jamaica - far more observant than I - had to call my attention

to a language called "Elmer Fudd." Click on this and you'll be back at the main Google search page, though with some translated differences. Instead of "Preferences" you'll be offered "Pwefewences", and "Search" becomes "Seawch." At the bottom, just to the right of "Shih! Be vevy, vevy quiet! I am hunting wabbit! Uh-hah-hah-hah" is a quick click to return to standard English.

Fudd-ese has cracked up everyone I've shown, and is a great example of how easy it would be for companies to lighten up on their net, to offer some fun and flexibility along with all of their commerce and productivity.

Dipping back into "Wanguage Toons" I see that the "Pig Latin" choice transforms this to "anguagelay oolstay" (I speak and read Pig Latin, but very slowly) and "Klingleon" turns out "Hol SelHaw" (I'll take their word for it). In "Facker" it's "L4.625.25.625GU4G3 700L5" (some sort of Hexadecimal mapping, I guess). But can anyone help me understand what "Berk, Berk, Berk" is as a language? And why that turns "Language Tools into "Languoega-a Tuuls"?

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EDITORIAL

Police played it cool to end local standoff

Law enforcement agencies in Twin Falls proved once again last week that patience is often more effective than pressing the issue.

By keeping their poise during a seven-hour standoff, local police authorities turned a dangerous situation into a success story. No one was hurt or killed.

Thursday's standoff with 26-year-old Tommy Fite was the third such situation to be successfully resolved by the Twin Falls Police Department in the past year and a half.

Twin Falls authorities went the extra mile by cordoning off downtown streets and calling more personnel to the scene to surround Fite. Police say he had threatened authorities with an explosive device when approached in his motel room.

Some may think police went overboard by sealing off three blocks and calling at least 50 officers to the scene — just to arrest one suspect. But when a situation includes the possibility of explosives being used in a heavy traffic area, the authorities have only one chance to get it right.

And once again they did. Twin Falls Police Department officials deserve praise for taking the patient approach rather than acting like storm troopers. That approach continues to pay off by avoiding injuries or fatalities.

Our view: Local law enforcement agencies successfully used patience over firepower to end last week's standoff.

What do you think?

We welcome viewpoints from our readers on this and other issues.

There are times when immediate action by officers is definitely warranted, when a hostage's life is in imminent danger. But this wasn't one of those situations. And, as Magic Valley residents painfully learned from an Eden fire that almost a year and a half ago, needlessly rushing an armed suspect can turn deadly indeed.

Last week, Twin Falls officers once again recognized that time was on their side. Various agencies worked together to make an uneventful arrest.

Officers protected the public, the suspect and themselves by not going in with a Rambo mentality.

It's reassuring to know safety is the defining standard for local police when lives are on the line.

Soccer's persistence is futile

The United States is a net exporter of sports. We deliver basketball (big success), baseball (big in a couple of regions) and football (a novelty item at best) to the world. We imported hockey and what weird Japanese thing on the Food Channel where cooks compete to concoct the best dish; the translation isn't always clear, but I think the losers are executed.

Now we are in the midst of a huge propaganda campaign on the part of the multinational sports media machinery to create the illusion that Americans care — or might someday care — about soccer.

"Resistance is futile," Steve Ruskin writes in Sports Illustrated. "So surrender."

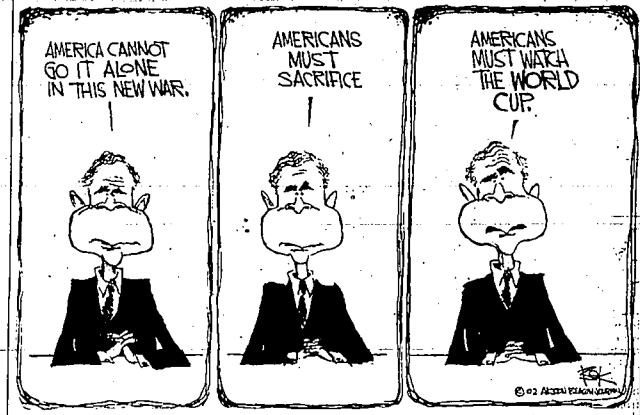
Dream on, fella.

If you can contain your excitement about the World Cup for a few moments, you may recall that we've been subjected to this periodic campaign since the 1970s, when the Brazilian soccer star Pele was shipped to these shores to ignite our passion for the athletic drudgery that causes much of the rest of the globe to overthrow governments, tear apart concrete stadiums and impale themselves on the wire fences deemed necessary to pen them in.

Americans have repeatedly and wisely rejected Osama bin Laden's favorite game as a spectator sport, yet the soccer establishment won't stop whining for a change of heart.

During four years I spent in Germany, a bona fide soccer country, I covered the game and the fan riots that mark both victory and defeat (either outcome is an excuse for car burnings and rending of garments).

That soccer inspires deep emotion cannot be denied. But there turns out to be little tie between that passion and the deep analytical scrutiny that is commonplace in American sports. European sportscasters seemed stunned by the second-guessing



so common in U.S. sports coverage. They cannot fathom such sweet phenomena as fantasy-baseball leagues, football tailgate parties or our celebration of the purity of schoolyard basketball.

Which is not to say our sports are gentle. We like 'em plenty rough, too. But our sports do not celebrate facility as soccer does. Our sports include action on a fairly regular basis. And our sports reward rigorous study.

Professional soccer has failed to build an audience here for 40 years.

Major League Soccer, suffering huge losses, contracted from 12 to 10 teams this year. One rich man props up six of those teams. In its first season last year, the women's pro league lost four times the money it expected to. Attendance is way down this season. TV ratings, microscopic.

Yet broadcasters still dream of converting kiddie players into adult fans. Don't hold your breath. Soccer appeals to little

kids and their parents because it's easy and safe; kids run around for an hour and go eat cookies. It's the perfect game for a generation of parents who've never met a safety device they didn't immediately declare a necessity. No one gets hit by a pitched ball, pops a knee on a bad pivot or breaks a bone in a tackle.

The tension and excitement in kiddie soccer comes on the sidelines, where the real spectator sport is parent misbehavior. Parent behavior has gotten so bad that the National Capital Soccer League has a soccer court, which holds weekly hearings — complete with affidavits, testimony and a three-judge panel — to adjudicate on-field disputes.

The league's Rules and Discipline chairman, Ray Greenberg, wouldn't let me attend the court. But records show a cavalcade of abusive language from parents and coaches, players who refuse to leave the field, even assaults.

The league fines teams for "inappropriate spectator behavior," banishing rowdy coaches and parents to a zone 100 yards from the field.

At one game, an assistant coach cursed at the referee, "threatened him and wanted to meet him in the parking lot after the game," the hearing report said. The coach, convicted of "referee abuse," was suspended for the season.

I give daily thanks that my daughter fled the soccer fields at an early age, declaring the sport mind-numbingly boring. My son refused even the first kick, calling the game "pointless."

It's splendid to see ex-pats head to bars in the dead of night to cheer on their home squads. But don't expect many U.S. natives to join in. In these multicultural, globalized times, we're clinging to the last socially acceptable arena of jingoism — sports.

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LETTERS

Dairymen should spend their money cleaning up

We all know that methane gas, hydrochloric acid and ammonia poison the air we breathe. It especially damages babies, children and older adults.

It is too bad the dairymen can't afford the modern equipment to eliminate the messes. They let the stink, flies and dust destroy their neighbors' lives. It has been going on for years. It must stop!

Why can't the dairymen's association save the money it spends on propaganda telling us how wonderful they are, the money it spends on high-salaried lawyers to sue our county government or coerce anyone who tries to file a lawsuit to close down one of these disease-laden manure piles, the money it pays lobbyists to influence the state government and the money it gives politicians and buy the necessary equipment to clean up these horrible cesspools?

Clean up or shut down!
NERLE STODDARD
Twin Falls

Community ignores need for a new animal shelter

The swimmers get their swimming pool, the skateboarders get their skate park, the soccer players get new soccer fields and the seniors are getting their new senior citizens building. All of these special interest projects are great assets to this community, and the people involved worked extremely hard to see them to fruition. However, there

is another special need this community continues to sweep under the proverbial rug.

The handful of people that I have had the honor of getting to know over the past year that are involved with this project are giving their hearts and souls to this cause. They are the People for Pets volunteers that are working very hard to get a new animal shelter built.

Some say we don't need a new shelter or one as large as the proposed new one is, but they are wrong. The current building is in need of many repairs and is simply too small. Unfortunately, what this says is that there are too many irresponsible pet owners in this community that either do not have their pets spayed or neutered and unwanted puppies and kittens are born and/or they abandon them.

The new shelter will provide for future growth, and unless city leaders can guarantee the unwanted pet population is going to decrease, historical numbers show it will continue to increase. These animals didn't ask to be homeless, and it is the responsibility of this community to provide a decent place for them to stay.

Right now, there are several fund-raising activities going on for the "Build the Shelter" project, including the second annual yard sale in City Park on June 22. People for Pets recently received a very generous donation from a private family foundation outside of this community. This foundation has also said that it will match dollar-for-dol-

lar all donations received between May 24 and July 31, 2002, up to \$10,000.

For all of you that have already given, some very generously, thank you!

One last thing — I'd like someone in the Business Improvement District and/or on the City Council or whoever is responsible to explain to me, in a letter to the editor so the public has the information also, what the cost of renaming the streets is going to be, including labor, and, more importantly, where the money will come from.

DENISE SMITH
Twin Falls

Thief should bring back stolen angel statue

Shame on you!

Who stole my Mother's Day gift? It was a 9-inch white chubby angel statue with wings and kneeling, holding a prayer book in its lap.

The statue was sitting on our top front step next to the door of our home. Someone took it last week. We found it missing Saturday morning when we opened the door to pick up *The Times-News*.

Whoever you are, I hope you have a headache, a stomachache and are miserable until you return the statue. When you look at my angel, you should kneel and ask God to forgive you and bring it back home. You will feel better immediately.

Too bad you steal decorations.
DONNA RENDLA
Twin Falls

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Mallard Fillmore



Give all Americans the right to choose

Just as the Supreme Court prepares to rule on the constitutionality of school vouchers, President Bush has set aside in his budget proposals \$50 million for trial school choice programs. Bush has called for giving parents "expanded school choice options, including the option of a private school."

It's the civil rights issue of our time! he might have added.

Bush refers to "expanding" school choice with good reason. For decades Americans have had school choice — private and they've got the money to pick their place of residence. And for decades the education gap between blacks and whites has remained intact, rights movement, public school education reforms. Nor — and here is the civil rights issue — is this gap likely to close if most whites have residential choice and most blacks do not.

Blacks are the losers in this arrangement. Holding less equity and facing discrimination in the housing market, blacks choose from a limited set of housing options. As a consequence, their children attend the worst public schools. The results are clear. Despite the efforts of the civil rights movement, public schools today remain just as segregated as they were in the 1950s.

Since blacks have the least amount of choice among public schools, they benefit the most when choice is expanded. In multi-year evaluations of private voucher programs in New York City, Washington and Dayton, Ohio, we and our colleagues found that black students, when

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given the choice of a private school, scored significantly higher on standardized tests than comparable students remaining in public school.

These test score gains were accomplished at religious and other private schools that had little more than half the funds available to their public school counterparts. Nevertheless, parents reported much higher levels of school satisfaction. Private school parents were more likely to report that their children were in smaller schools, smaller classes, and an educational/friendly environment. Their children had more homework and the schools were more likely to communicate with the family. Nor were the private schools any more segregated than the public ones.

So what should Congress do with the Bush administration proposal? Assuming the Supreme Court finds vouchers constitutional, Congress should put bipartisan bickering aside and launch a demonstration program that can fully explore the potential of choice programs. Demonstration programs should be initiated in one or more cities where black students are concentrated in sizable numbers and private schools are not being fully utilized.

Congress should make sure voucher programs receive monies comparable to what public schools receive. In this way, founders of new schools, both secular and religious, will be motivated to participate in the demonstration and bring new ideas and new energy into urban education. All the schools should be held accountable for results within a reasonable period of time.

In short, it's time to take the American commitment to equal educational opportunity seriously. Precisely because blacks suffer most in today's real estate-driven system of school choice, they stand to benefit the most from school vouchers.

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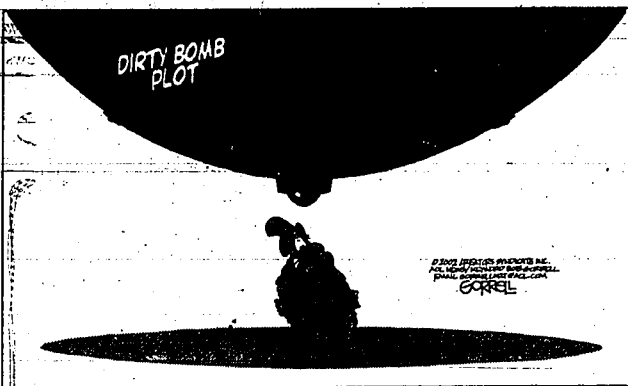
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OPINION



Missionaries answer inspired call

Islamic guerrillas in the Philippines appear to have profited Martin Burnham and his wife, Gracia. The missionaries were kidnapped more than a year ago because they were Christians and Americans. They were held hostage because the captors hoped to win political concessions from the Philippine government that would ultimately lead to their goal of establishing a Muslim state.

Burnham, 42, died Friday (June 7) in a shootout between government troops and the Muslim separatists. Gracia, 43, was wounded but is reported out of danger following surgery in a military hospital. Four of the kidnapers, who are part of the Abu Sayayf group, were killed. Since they began their movement, the rebels have kidnapped 18 other people, including 17 Filipinos and a resident of Corona, Calif., Guillermo Saboro, whom the guerrillas beheaded in June, 2001 according to U.S. and Filipino officials.

Philippine President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo told President Bush in a phone call that her government would hold the rebels accountable for Burnham's death. The Burnhams, like thousands of other missionaries around the world and millions since the time of Christ, gave up the comforts of home and careers that could earn them money and prestige and committed their lives to helping the less fortunate and sharing what Christians call the "good news" of salvation through Jesus Christ and the promise of a home in Heaven.

In a significant way, the Burnhams and the many others who similarly labor, are counter-cultural. They exchange the illusion of immediate gratification for something they regard as of greater value. Their rewards are not denied, although some are



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delayed and paid in a different "currency"; missionaries see the people to whom they minister transformed and given a hope that transcends their circumstances.

Missionaries may not have fancy homes, expensive clothes, flashy cars and the prestige sought and obtained by others, but neither do they have the burden of maintaining an expensive lifestyle. In fact, some who observe missionaries like the Burnhams come to realize that even though they gain the world's riches, they have nothing if they fail to tend to the care and feeding of their souls. That's the point John Grisham makes in his novel "The Testament," in which a hard-charging Washington lawyer confronts a missionary in the Amazon jungle and is transformed by the power of her example and witness to him. She needs none of what he has. He needs, but cannot buy, what she possesses.

Missionary work has always been dangerous. Whether they confront disease, discouragement or loneliness, the work is forever challenging. Now, in an age in which terrorists might see unarmed, defenseless missionaries as inviting targets, the danger is greater. Church history teaches that persecution, including the death of missionaries, always produces new converts. Some American Christians think they are being persecuted when a newspaper editorial criticizes what they're doing in the political arena. Perhaps they should change places with missionaries

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like the Burnhams and experience what real persecution looks and feels like.

The Burnhams worked in the Philippines under the auspices of New Tribes Mission. A June 7 news bulletin on the NTM On-line Web site (<http://www.ntm.org/connect/blast.shtml>) announced Martin's death this way: "Martin with the Lord." For such people, death is the ultimate freedom.

NTM Web pages also include the words of the One the Burnhams followed, even to the Philippine jungles and, for Martin, to death, including: "He that loves his life shall lose it and he that hates his life in this world shall keep it unto life eternal. If any man serve me, let him follow me; and where I am, there shall also my servant be; if any man serve me, him will my Father honor." - Jesus Christ.

In addition to his wife, Martin Burnham is survived by three children, Jeff, 15, Mandy, 12 and Zach, 11. They could not have had better role models of selflessness, sacrifice and service, although they also have Martin's parents, who served God in the Philippines for more than 32 years.

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Even the media avoids critics

NORAH VINCENT

Is criticism traitorous? In the workplace it usually is. If you had-mouth your employer within earshot of the head honcho or the office snitch, you'll probably face the consequences. It's one of Dilbert's laws.

But somehow we think it should be different with news people because, after all, they make a living poking their pens and lenses into other people's infelicities and then trumpeting the results for all to hear and see. Surely they can take some of the voyeuristic pederasty they dispense?

Think again. No one bleats more loudly than a critic who has been critiqued, a reporter who has been reported, especially by one of his own. So it goes in the U.S. media, where biting the feeding hand of the Fourth Estate seems to be the order of the day and has claimed some famous casualties lately.

First, there was Bernard Goldberg's 2001 book "Bias." Years before he published it, in 1996 to be exact, Goldberg wrote an op-ed for the Wall Street Journal on the subject of liberal bias in the news, using his colleague, CBS News, as Exhibit A. No surprise, soon thereafter he was sidelined and later retired from CBS. What he described in the book as shunning by his colleagues after he wrote the op-ed was the motivating force, no doubt, behind his decision to expand his criticism into a best-selling book.

Another apparent traitor, Web pundit Andrew Sullivan, met a similar fate at the hands of the

New York Times Sunday magazine, for which he had been a regular contributor since 1998. As readers of Andrewsullivan.com know, he makes a habit of deconstructing the New York Times' liberal slant, which, he says, has crept in recent years from the editorial page to the front page. Purported news stories are now infected with the artfully jaundiced verbiage of the Old Gray Lady's steely orthodoxes. For example, the Times routinely labels conservatives as such yet rarely identifies political liberals.

Sullivan, who had written for the magazine about subjects ranging from the effects of testosterone to the war against militant Islam, says he was banned because his presence in the Times, he is told, makes Times Executive Editor Howell Raines uncomfortable. Sullivan considers it retribution for the sharpness of his broadsides against the Times in general, and in particular, op-ed columnist Paul Krugman, who he repeatedly slammed.

Now comes William McGowan's "Coloring the News," a book that claims to expose "an invisible liberal consensus" in some major broadcast and print news outlets. As columnist Nat Hentoff reported May 15 in the Village Voice, "McGowan's (book) has received generally favorable reviews, even such papers as the Washington Post and the Los Angeles Times, which are sharply criticized in his

book. But the influential New York Times Book Review has so far ignored McGowan's indictment of much of the press."

Why? Hentoff cites an interview in the San Francisco Chronicle in which New York Times Book Review Editor Charles "Chip" McGru had said the following: "I think there's a question, and I don't know the answer is this newspaper the best place to discuss a book that is so critical of this newspaper?"

Hentoff duly notes: "The Washington Post and the Los Angeles Times had no difficulty answering that question."

And that is the issue at hand. Shouldn't the media be open to criticism from their own? Exposing biases and blind spots, including—or perhaps especially those that appear in their own pages is what a free press is all about. If journalists cannot be honest with themselves, then what authority do they have to question the truth-telling of anyone else? Why should we trust their reports if we suspect them of biases they refuse to acknowledge?

It is an inauspicious time for the First Amendment when media outlets put themselves above meaningful reproach and beyond professional censure. But as long as Hentoff, Sullivan, Goldberg and McGowan can keep writing and keep getting published, we're on the road to recovery.

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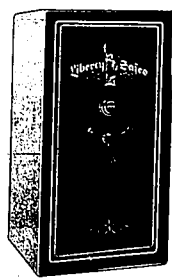
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WEST Early fires stretch resources

DENVER (AP) - It seems more like August than June to firefighters from Hawaii to Alaska to Colorado. It is stretching available resources to the breaking point.

"This is crazy. This is June and we have an August-type fire season. And in August we don't have these strong winds," said Dave Steinke of the U.S. Forest Service.

"It will be getting tighter if we don't get a break from the weather."

The Forest Service closed the Pike National Forest to all uses Monday after a raging fire began marching toward Denver. But that alone won't eliminate the fire risk.

"Even if forests are closed we still have dry lightning. With conditions this dry they will start many fires," said Steinke.

With so many fires burning so early, staffing is a problem as many firefighters are students. "We still have crews being trained. Some have just come out of school."

Then there are so many fires. Steinke reels off the list with a resigned air, frequently stopping in mid-sentence to list fires that have just come to mind.

"Colorado has eight, southern California has four, two in New Mexico - one of which has 97 firefighters. You can say 1,000 because there must be at least three more people hanging around - 42 crews, 22 engines and 11 helicopters. On the New Mexico fires they are protecting gas wells, historic structures and the town of Ute Park. There are three fires in Utah and one in Arizona."

"There are five in northern California. There are 176 firefighters at the Hawaii Volcanoes National Park fighting fires caused by lava flows. There are three big fires in Alaska."

He said the season is already busier than all of last year "and we have yet to have fire season in the Northwest. Once that area dries out things will get even tighter."

Missing teen's father takes polygraph test

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) - The father of a 14-year-old girl reportedly kidnapped at gunpoint from her bedroom has been given a polygraph test, police said Monday.

"Ed did submit to a polygraph yesterday and that's being reviewed by the FBI," said Salt Lake City Police Capt. Scott Atkinson.

"It's not uncommon" for police to give polygraph tests to parents, or to do several interviews, said Salt Lake City Police detective Jay Rhodes.

Police won't say why they asked Smart to take a polygraph test. He is the only family member to be given the test, but others may be tested later, Atkinson said.

"It's just one of the tools we've been using to further the investigation," Atkinson said.

Tom Smart, Elizabeth Smart's uncle, on Monday asked for 40 or 50 all-terrain vehicle owners to gather Monday afternoon west at an exit off Interstate 80 west of Salt Lake City to help search the desert.

He said there was no specific information that prompted the plan to search in the area. Horse posses also were being organized, he said.

"We take nothing for granted in this and we want to search every inch of this state and beyond," he said. "We'll try to have a plan of attack for as many days as we need to go."

Six days into the search, police are no closer to finding the teen and say they are baffled by the case that is quickly growing cold. Monday morning, Atkinson said they had no advances in the investigation and 100 detectives continue to sift through the thousands of tips being called in to the police.

The volunteer search through the city and mountain foothills also is tapering off. On the first day of the search, 1,200 people volunteered to find Elizabeth. By Monday morning that number had dwindled to 400.

Police are still overwhelmed by the community support. Volunteers were lying in from the east coast and police were getting calls from Germany and Italy.

Fire threatens Denver suburbs

DENVER (AP) - A wind-driven wildfire closed in fast on Denver on Monday, and authorities said up to 40,000 people might have to be evacuated from their homes along the southwestern edge of the metropolitan area.

The 61,000-acre fire roared to within 10 miles of residential neighborhoods, spreading toward Denver at about a mile an hour. Firefighters were pulled off the lines in front of the fire because it was too dangerous.

"They just cannot see the front of this fire because of the smoke," said U.S. Forest Service spokeswoman Barb Masinton.

Nearly 500 homes and several campgrounds about 50 miles southwest of Denver were evacuated on Sunday.

Masinton told The Associated Press that an additional 40,000 residents had been ordered evacuated. But U.S. Forest Service spokeswoman Susan Haywood, who is Masinton's boss, later said Masinton misspoke. She said that it was possible 40,000 would have to be evacuated, but that such order had been issued.

"It was our lifelong dream to live up here," said one of those evacuated, Carol Simone, whose home is about 30 miles south of

Denver. "It isn't about the house, it's the woods and the environment. If that's destroyed I'm going back to Florida."

The fire was started by an illegal campfire Saturday in the Pike National Forest 55 miles southwest of Denver and had doubled in size since Sunday. Campfires have been banned in national forests and most counties because of severe drought.

Nearly 300 firefighters were on the lines and more crews were ordered into place. Four bombers and four helicopters dropped fire retardant and water.

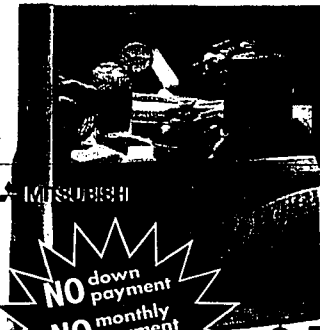


A slurry bomber drops a load of fire retardant while fighting a wildfire near Glenwood Springs, Colo., Monday.

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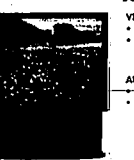


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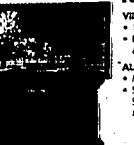
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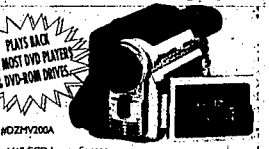
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Bank seeks zoning change Open house will focus on road

By Dixie Thomas Reale Times-News correspondent

JEROME - First Federal Savings Bank wants a large electronic sign at its future bank to be built at 1515 S. Lincoln St. on the southwest corner of 100 South Road and South Lincoln. The proposed sign is to be 18 feet, 10 inches high and 10 feet, 5 inches in width. A public hearing was held May 13 on a request for a special use permit to allow First Federal to install the three-line electronic message center within a free-standing sign structure. At that public hearing, Alan Horner, president of First Federal Bank in Twin Falls, said the message centers First Federal Banks have around Magic Valley are a part of a public service and most of the information on the signs denotes public events and announcements.

A letter from Pat Hamilton, vice president of operations for Farmers National Bank of Buhl said the large sign would "change the quaint reserved

Rezoning proposal

- What: Public hearing before the Jerome City Planning and Zoning Commission.
• When: Tonight at 7.
• Where: Jerome, City Council chambers, 100 E. Ave. A.
• Why: The public is encouraged to attend and give testimony on a rezoning application by First Federal Savings Bank, 1515 S. Lincoln St.

entrance to Jerome." The land where First Federal is building is zoned as neighborhood services. The maximum sign size allowed in a neighborhood services zone is 32 square feet and can't be over 6 feet in height. Because the size of the proposed sign exceeds the maximum allowed in a neighborhood services zone, the city staff recommended First Federal apply for a zoning change.

In order to have a sign of that size, First Federal needs to be zoned light manufacturing.

First Federal filed application for the rezone on May 15. In First Federal's zoning request Horner states, "First Federal believes it is in everyone's interest to accommodate signage in excess of that permitted in the neighborhood services district. First Federal has utilized similar signage in other locations and believes that a denial of this request would negatively impact the bank's presence in the community and further, would not provide a convenient and visible signage opportunity for community events."

In other business tonight, the Planning and Zoning Commission will take public comment on a special use permit application by Mark Yearly to place horses or cows on the property at 216 10th Ave. E. And the commission will consider renewing a special use permit granted to Dennis and Tressie Gross to keep two horses on property at 212 12th Ave. E. Gross was originally granted a two-year permit to keep two horses in July 2000.

By Tim Murphy Times-News correspondent

HAILEY - Wood River Valley residents who regularly drive Idaho Highway 75 have their own individual reactions to a road which has become the center of controversy and the subject of intense study.

"Now they can match their ideas of Highway 75's problems against those of professional engineers. An open house will be held from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Wednesday at the old Blaine County Courthouse. The open house will

include an exhibit of aerial photographs and other documents developed during 18 months of study of the road's problems.

The exhibit is designed to create public comment. Thereafter, the Idaho Transportation Department and the Federal Highway Administration, which have been thoroughly studying the road, will begin developing potential solutions.

Officials who can answer questions about the displays will host Wednesday's open house, but no formal presentation is planned. The Sun Valley and Ketchum

areas are booming with growth at the northern end of the corridor, and Hailey and Bellevue are also burgeoning. As a result, Highway 75 has been under strains to handle traffic volume as well as access to adjoining residential developments.

With more and more workers commuting - and more and more heavy service and supply trucks using Highway 75 - a bridge at East Fork midway between the major cities has been widened. A major alteration in the traffic turnoff at East Fork has also been built.

Suit contends burning endangers thousands

COEUR D'ALENE (AP) - A lawsuit was filed Monday against the state of Idaho and 79 grass farmers, contending the burning of fields endangers the health of thousands of people.

The state court lawsuit calls for an immediate end to the burning of fields after harvest. It also calls for the creation of a medical monitoring and education program.

"While we intend to present mountains of evidence and expert testimony, all you need to do is take a deep breath during one of these field burns to realize the impact," said lawyer Steve Berman of Seattle, who filed the lawsuit. "It is literally shortening people's lives with every breath they take."

The lawsuit represents individuals with chronic bronchitis, heart disease or a medically diagnosed inflammatory airway disease such as asthma or chronic

branchitis. Plaintiffs live in Kootenai, Bonner and Benewah counties in Idaho and Spokane County in Washington, plus some other areas.

The lawsuit alleges that Idaho's burn policy, which allows grass-seed farmers to burn more than 20,000 acres every year, lags far behind other states, including Washington, which have heavily regulated the practice.

Burning is used to remove grass stalk residue after harvesting and to stimulate future growth. Grass farmers in Washington use other farming practices to remove grass stalk residue while keeping the air free of pollutants.

Berman said the case cites Alex H., a 10-year-old girl suffering from cystic fibrosis, who cannot tolerate even a minimal level of smoke pollution. The girl's mother takes six weeks unpaid

vacation to protect her daughter from the smoke pollution during the August and September burning season.

"Alex's mom does everything she can, including packing up and moving the entire family," Berman said. "Unfortunately, the smoke has already done damage, shortening (the girl's) already abbreviated 'life expectancy.'"

Other plaintiffs say they may be locked inside their homes for several days, closing up windows and doors to find relief from grass-burning smoke. Others leave the area.

The lawsuit filed the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality received more than 1700 complaints during August and September of 2001.

Last year, grass-burning farmers released more than 785 tons of microscopic pollutants into the air, the complaint said.

Idaho Falls nuke manager will head to NASA

IDAHO FALLS (AP) - The man who played an integral role in eastern Idaho's nuclear power projects for two decades is taking over as the chief engineer for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

"It's going to be a lot of work, but I am excited about what the job is going to entail," Theron Bradley said. For the past 20 years, Bradley has served as director of Naval

Nuclear Propulsion as a field representative and manager in charge of nuclear operations in Idaho Falls.

Before coming to eastern Idaho, the 55-year-old Oregon native worked in Washington, D.C., as a Navy engineer instrumental in designing the nuclear propulsion plant for Nimitz-class aircraft carriers and the advanced reactor for Los Angeles-class submarines.

In the new job he begins July 1, Bradley will have responsibilities at a dozen NASA sites that perform activities ranging from designing spacecraft to dealing with engineering standards and practices.

"It's important to have someone who can provide an independent technical review of our programs and projects," NASA Administrator Sean O'Keefe said.

DEATH NOTICES

James Henry Fritz BUHL - James Henry Fritz, 75, of Buhl died Monday, June 10, 2002, at his home. Funeral services pending and will be announced by Farmer Funeral Chapel, Buhl.

Melvin Harold 'Pete' Willis LAS VEGAS, Nev. - Melvin Harold 'Pete' Willis, 61, of Las Vegas, Nev., and formerly of Glenns Ferry died Saturday, June 8, 2002, at his home. Arrangements are pending and will be announced.

Edythe 'Jennie' Blackwell BUHL - Edythe 'Jennie' Blackwell, 91, of Buhl died Sunday, June 9, 2002, at Bridgeview Estates in Twin Falls. Funeral arrangements are pending and will be announced by Farmer Funeral Chapel, Buhl.

Bernice H. Davidson TWIN FALLS - Bernice H. Davidson, 98, of Twin Falls died Saturday, June 8, 2002, at Bridgeview Estates. Funeral arrangements are pending and will be announced by White Mortuary.

Lois Strauss BUHL - Lois Strauss of Buhl died Monday, June 10, 2002, at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls. Services are pending and will be announced.

SERVICES

Don Dewey Coyers of Silver City, New Mexico, and formerly of the Magic Valley area, graveside service at 11 a.m. Monday at the Hagerman Cemetery; friends may call from 9:30-10:30 a.m. Monday at the Hove-Robertson Funeral Chapel and then gather at the cemetery.

Wednesday at the Rupert LDS 31 W. Broadway, G St. viewing from 6-8 p.m. Tuesday at Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel, 710 Sixth St., and one hour before the service Wednesday at the church; burial will follow at the Basin Cemetery in Oakley.

Don E. Whitney of Buhl, potluck gathering Tuesday at the Blanco-Whitney residence, 4417 Clear Lakes Rd. Buhl.

Alton Dix 'Scratch' Patterson of Carey, service at 1 p.m. Thursday at the LDS Church in Carey; viewing at 11:30 a.m. Thursday at the LDS Church; burial at the Carey Cemetery (Wood River Chapel, Hailey).

Bobbi Joe Pace Fortler of Rupert, service at 11 a.m.

OBITUARIES

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and Brett & Shannon Morris and his five children. He was preceded in death by his parents, and his younger brother, Wynston and Elizabeth Marlow Cranney. She attended schools in Oakley graduating from Oakley High School. She attended the Albion State Normal College. Kathryn married William H. Mayes on March 26, 1937, in Rupert. He preceded her in death in 1970. She taught school in Oakley for many years. She attended Idaho State University where she received her Bachelor of Arts degree in education. In 1968, the family moved to Ely, Nevada, where she taught elementary school in Ruth, Nevada, for many years. She also taught at White Pine High School and was named Nevada Teacher of the Year. On March 12, 1976, Kathryn married Dr. Howard Leslie Stubbfield and moved to Toiyah, Nevada, where she also taught school. Mr. Stubbfield preceded her in death in 1978. She moved back to Oakley to take care of her parents. She taught school in Cassia County until she retired. She moved back to Ely, Nevada for a few years and then to Newport, Oregon, for a few years. Kathryn was an active member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. She enjoyed reading, handicraft, and crossword puzzles. Survivors include four daughters, Linda (John) Hamlin of Newport, Oregon, Ruth (Frank) Sperry of Grand Junction, Colorado, Margaret (John) Knight of Ely, Nevada, and Jennifer (Kenneth) Pope of Ely, Nevada, a son, William (Marie) Mayes of Pocatello; three granddaughters, Lisa of Idaho, Ruth Drury of Providence, Utah, and Diane Herndon of Salt Lake City, Utah; a brother-in-law, Max Williams of Bend, Oregon; nineteen grand-grandchildren; and sixteen great-grandchildren.

GRANTS PASS, ORE.

St. Catherine's Alzheimer's Center in Coos Bay, Oregon. She was born July 8, 1918, in Oakley, the daughter of Martin Wynston and Elizabeth Marlow Cranney. She attended schools in Oakley graduating from Oakley High School. She attended the Albion State Normal College. Kathryn married William H. Mayes on March 26, 1937, in Rupert. He preceded her in death in 1970. She taught school in Oakley for many years. She attended Idaho State University where she received her Bachelor of Arts degree in education. In 1968, the family moved to Ely, Nevada, where she taught elementary school in Ruth, Nevada, for many years. She also taught at White Pine High School and was named Nevada Teacher of the Year. On March 12, 1976, Kathryn married Dr. Howard Leslie Stubbfield and moved to Toiyah, Nevada, where she also taught school. Mr. Stubbfield preceded her in death in 1978. She moved back to Oakley to take care of her parents. She taught school in Cassia County until she retired. She moved back to Ely, Nevada for a few years and then to Newport, Oregon, for a few years. Kathryn was an active member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. She enjoyed reading, handicraft, and crossword puzzles. Survivors include four daughters, Linda (John) Hamlin of Newport, Oregon, Ruth (Frank) Sperry of Grand Junction, Colorado, Margaret (John) Knight of Ely, Nevada, and Jennifer (Kenneth) Pope of Ely, Nevada, a son, William (Marie) Mayes of Pocatello; three granddaughters, Lisa of Idaho, Ruth Drury of Providence, Utah, and Diane Herndon of Salt Lake City, Utah; a brother-in-law, Max Williams of Bend, Oregon; nineteen grand-grandchildren; and sixteen great-grandchildren.

Tony Crider

Tony Crider, child of God, went to be with his heavenly father on June 4, 2002. He was born June 26, 1960, in Colorado and raised in Buhl. Leaving behind a loving family, Valerie Knab, Ricky, Tyler and Tiffany Crider of Stockton, Calif., his parents, Philip and Barbara Crider of Buhl, two brothers, Matthew and George Crider, Twin Falls and one sister, Susan Ann Keen of France. Services will be held in Grants Pass, Ore., where he was buried in church and played the piano. He was loved and blessed by all who knew him.

OAKLEY

Kathlyn Cranney Mayes Stubbfield, 83 year old Coos Bay, Oregon, and former Oakley resident, died Friday, June 6, 2002, at

Police arrest dead boy's parents on unrelated charges

SPOKANE, Wash. (AP) - On the day 4-year-old Alexander Wallace was arrested, his parents were arrested - accused of operating a methamphetamine lab. Booked into jail, they missed the memorial service for their son.

It was drug use by Roger Wallace and April Hughes that caused them to lose custody of Alexander earlier this year. The child's two court-appointed caregivers have been charged in his May 29 beating death.

Wallace and Hughes "were cooking meth in their home just hours before their own child's death," Police Chief Roger Bragdon alleged.

Police entered a Spokane home about 8 a.m. Monday and discovered the meth lab. Among the four people arrested were Wallace, 38, and Hughes, 32. All were booked for investigation of making meth.

Shirley Lynne Anderson, 38, the slain boy's aunt, has been charged with homicide by abuse and remains in custody.

Her companion, Luani K. Lehman, 41, has been charged with second-degree murder and is also in jail.

Lehman and Anderson obtained custody of Wallace and his 5-year-old brother, Nathaniel, after filing a petition contending the boy's biological parents were drug addicts who could not care for the children.

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Idaho tax collections fall short

BOISE (AP) — Personal income tax collections continued to lag behind this year's projections, falling another \$37 million short of the target in May, according to preliminary estimates of legislative budget analysts.

The economic implications of the shortfall in May — the eighth month in the last 10 that tax receipts have fallen short of targets — were unclear because nearly \$12 million in income tax refunds that should have been paid in May were not paid until June. Shifting that expense may have artificially inflated last month's financial picture.

The Kempthorne administration had no immediate comment on the new revenue figures.

Budget Director Brian

Whidlock was in New York meeting with financial analysts on the annual sale of the state's Tax Anticipation Note. That is essentially a loan against future tax collections to provide the state cash during the early months of the budget year before tax receipts catch up to expenditures.

With May's preliminary estimate, Idaho's economic erosion over the past year has siphoned more than \$165 million from the revenue lawmakers expected when they wrote the current budget and approved a record tax cut nearly 18 months ago.

Lawmakers adopted Gov. Dirk Kempthorne's contingency for dealing with the red ink last winter, and the state Board of

Examiners will put a key part of that plan in effect late this month when it meets to cancel \$80 million in building projects. Revenue from the state's budget reserve and tobacco settlement payments already have been diverted.

But the increasing red ink only compounds the financial problems the state faces in the new budget year that begins July 1. This past year's economic weakness will leave the new budget with more than \$110 million in red ink heading into the November general election. Analysts say there is some leeway to mop up that red ink without further cuts or raising taxes, but a number of lawmakers believe that would only delay a permanent solution and make enacting one harder.

Without some fundamental change in the state's fiscal picture, the problem only worsens in the 2003-2004 budget year. The shortfall could exceed \$150 million.

Initial indications in May were that paycheck withholding, a reflection of the economy's underlying job strength, continued to fall short of the mark. Corporate tax collections, typically volatile, were off less than \$1 million.

Sales tax receipts, a key indicator of consumer confidence, were essentially on target for the month, but their growth over last year's collections remained at an anemic 1.8 percent.

State agency defends spending on new logo

BOISE (AP) — The Department of Health and Welfare is defending the \$450,000 in federal welfare grant money it spent two years ago on what amounts to a trademark for its programs.

The cash is only a fraction of the more than \$14 million in excess federal money the state received for making such a dramatic reduction in its welfare caseload, and spokesman Bill Walker said the money financed increased services for those trying to move off the welfare rolls.

The logo, four people under a rooftop, began appearing on department material last fall as part of what Walker said was the agency's so-called outreach campaign to get information about various programs to more people and tie those programs together.

"One way to make that more effective was to clearly identify those programs to the Department of Health and Welfare," Walker said, and the trademark helps do that.

While the rest of the federal money was spent on school community resource officers, work training, Head Start, a statewide child immunization registry and

child care. An increase in the monthly cash grant to welfare recipients, now one of the lowest in the nation, was rejected by lawmakers.

Lawmakers also directed the department to stop its so-called outreach on the Children's Health Insurance Program because the campaign was attracting too many poor children and driving the bill for helping them sky high.

The department is now trying to cope with the escalating cost of health care for the poor under the Medicaid program. It won legislative approval last winter to institute a number of cost cutting proposals, but the plan has only been partially implemented and the needed savings have not materialized.

Officials are "putting together another round of cost-cutting measures — this time for review and implementation after the November general election. But analysts say politically difficult decisions will have to be made for the second attempt to be successful and without them, the bill could rise as much as \$20 million more by next winter.



Arizona desert claims 14 illegal immigrants

PHOENIX (AP) — U.S. Border Patrol agents have found the bodies of 14 illegal immigrants in the sprawling Sonoran desert since Thursday, capping one of the deadliest weekends in recent memory for that part of the border.

Most of the deaths have come one at a time in widely separate areas, Border Patrol spokesman Ryan Scudder said Monday.

Officials also scrambled to rescue more than 100 other dehydrated immigrants struggling to cross the harsh desert.

Temperatures in the area reached triple digits over the weekend, and the illegal immigrants were crossing a barren desert during a severe drought. But officials said conditions were no worse than a typical summer weekend.

"We believe this is an aberration," Scudder said. "I've never seen this many crossers die in a weekend."

Agents began getting reports Thursday night of scattered groups of immigrants trying to cross the desert, he said. Many of the dead were found to the south and west of Tucson, which is about 65 miles north of the border.

Victims included a 22-year-old mother who crossed the border with her husband, a 2-year-old son, and a 16-year-old boy who died on the Tohono O'odham Reservation west of Tucson,



Reyes Paez Martinez sits with his son, Alexander Paez Rodriguez, 2, Saturday at a motel, in Tucson, Ariz. The father and son crossed over the border Friday, with Martinez's wife, Norma Rodriguez Amado, who perished on the trek. Since Thursday, U.S. Border Agents have found 14 illegal immigrants dead in the sprawling Sonoran desert, capping one of the deadliest weekends in recent memory for that part of the border.

where at least nine have died.

Corpses have yet to perform autopsies, but based on initial investigations, Scudder said officials believe most probably died from heat exposure and dehydration.

"I would suspect these deaths are an unfortunate coincidence," said Mark Kirkorian, executive director of the Center for Immigration Studies, a Washington, D.C. think tank.

"The bigger question is why does this happen at all."

Report: Idaho leads the U.S. in online farmers

BILLINGS, Mont. (AP) — Idaho ranks first, Oregon second and Montana third in the nation for the percentage of farmers with Internet access who regularly use computers in their operations, a new report finds.

The report from the Washington-based Progressive Policy Institute praised those high rankings, but it noted that Montana ranks 37th overall in adapting to what it calls the "New Economy," one with more emphasis on technology, investment and entrepreneurship.

Oregon ranks 11th overall and Idaho 20th.

Montana continued to rank low for its progress in areas such as information technology and high-tech jobs, the report concluded.

Montana farmers, though, appear on the cutting edge of technology.

Only Idaho at 5 percent and Oregon at 4.6 percent ranked higher in the percentage of farmers who have Internet access and use computers for business.

Montana posted 4.5 percent in

that category.

"My thinking is, the more remote an area, the more sense it makes," said Marilyn Wentz, communications director for the Rocky Mountain Farmers Union. "Many farmers, say in their 40s, have degrees related to agriculture. I think there's a fairly high level of education among producers."

Duane Griffith, an extension farm management specialist at Montana State University, said computers are vital to producers at a time when many operate on narrow — and tightening — margins.

"There's no room for error in terms of making marketing and production mistakes. They all figure in to the bottom line," he said. "Accumulated small mistakes, when you're already working on such slim margins, could, over time, mean your operation."

Over 15,000 farms and ranches in the state — about 57 percent — had Internet access in 2001, the Montana Agricultural Statistics Service says. That compared with just 38 percent in 1999.

Storm dumps 4 feet of snow in western Montana

GREAT FALLS, Mont. (AP) — A heavy storm dumped as much as 4 feet of snow in some areas of mountainous northwestern Montana, leaving hundreds of residents without power Monday and stranding some tourists to Glacier National Park.

Emergency officials in Browning, on the Blackfoot Indian Reservation just east of Glacier, turned a school gymnasium into a shelter for rural residents who lost electricity and heat.

"The power is still out in a lot of areas, there are no phones up in the western edge of the county," said Gary Racine, sheriff of Glacier County, which encompasses much of the reservation. "It's a bad situation at the moment."

George Heavy Runner, a spokesman for the Blackfoot tribe, said Monday there were "very serious" concerns about flooding once the heavy snow begins to melt.

"We're watching the dams on the reservation closely," he said. "We know the smaller tribu-

ties and creeks are filling up. It's still snowing in a lot of areas, so we can only assume that it's going to get worse."

JEROME COUNTY AUCTION

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Paw prints

Mural dresses up Jerome animal shelter

By Diane Thomas Reale
Times-News correspondent

JEROME — A new sign points the way to the Jerome animal shelter.

The sign sits on a rise just across the bridge on Ironwood Drive North at the shelter.

Lorna Irwin, 4-H club leader, and members of the On Our Way 4-H Club painted the 10-foot by 3-1/2-foot mural, and presented it to the city council in April.

Irwin designed the picture and sketched the outline onto the canvas. Club members painted the mural and signed the back with a paw print and names.

The city of Jerome supplied sheet metal and the labor for constructing the sign so the 4-H club could paint the mural and then installed it at the permanent location. The club created the large

plywood and a metal frame for the sign.

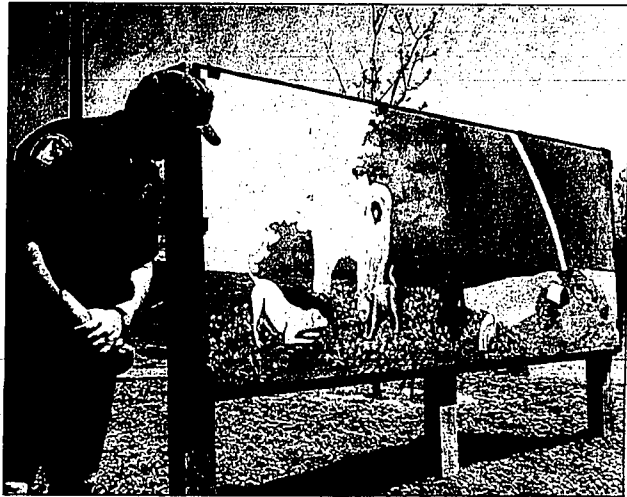
Bob Culver also received a certificate of appreciation for the many hours he gave to the shelter on weekends and after hours.

Karen Kramer, a Pet Pals member, said city crews also moved a 12-foot by 20-foot building from the old rifle range to the shelter last fall. The building was renovated and metal siding installed after the weather warmed. The building will be used for storage for the shelter. The Pet Pals also is considering expanding the shelter to house cats.

Marg Dubois, a member of Pet Pals, also presented plaques of appreciation to Irwin and the club. The pet advocacy group recognized others with plaques: D and B Supply and Valley Co op for the donation of canine vaccines to the shelter, and to Loren Williams and Gene Schmidt of C and L Electric, which donated

Jerome Animal Control officer Gordon Linsinger admires the new mural at the Jerome Animal Shelter. The mural was designed and painted by Lorna Irwin's 4-H club.

DIANE THOMAS REALE/The Times-News



STORK REPORT

Magic Valley Regional Medical Center

Macee May Merrell, daughter of Sheri Lynette and Matthew Gordon Merrell of Twin Falls, was born Tuesday, June 4, 2002.

St. Benedict's Family Medical Center

Kelly Elizabeth McDonough, daughter of Thomas and Rebekah McDonough of Jerome, was born Sunday, June 2, 2002.

Cassia Regional Medical Center

Nathaniel Edward Randall, son of Nathan and Kathy Randall of Burley, was born Thursday, May 30, 2002.

Jasmin Noemi Tellez, daughter of Rigoberto and Claudia Tellez of Burley, was born Thursday, May 30, 2002.

Bridger Kip Gules, son of Kip and Jenna Gules of Burley, was born Thursday, May 30, 2002.

Emanuel Alejandro Reyes, son of Monica L. Lopez Jimenez and Julio Reyes Rodriguez of Burley, was born Thursday, May 30,

To announce a birth Send a copy of the birth certificate to: Melissa Morgan The Times-News P.O. Box 548 Twin Falls, ID 83303 Or fax to: 734-5538 Deadline: noon Tuesday for Sunday's paper; noon Friday for Tuesday's paper. More information? Call Melissa at 735-3278

2002.

Omar Sanchez, son of Jose Sanchez and Gladys Glenn of Heyburn, was born Friday, May 31, 2002.

Tyler Hills Johnson, son of Eric and Tori Johnson of Rupert, was born Friday, May 31, 2002.

Dominik Dre Moreno, son of Jamie Granillo and John Moreno of Burley, was born Sunday, June 2, 2002.

Vashati Justus Silva, daughter of Felix and Jennifer Silva of Rupert, was born Sunday, June 2, 2002.

Carrie Baker, daughter of David and Mindy Baker of Burley, was born Tuesday, June

4, 2002.

Nuria Alayna Dellett, daughter of Jamie and Daniel Dellett of Rupert was born Tuesday, June 4, 2002.

St. Luke's Wood River Medical Center

Miguel Joaquin Villacana, son of Joaquin and Leticia Villacana of Hailey, was born Wednesday, May 29, 2002.

Lila Miriam Sluder, daughter of Donald and Ellen Sluder of Bellevue, was born Thursday, May 30, 2002.

Guadalupe Baena, daughter of Marcelino and Carolina Baena of Ketchum, was born Thursday, May 30, 2002.

Brynlea Raelaean Holland, daughter of Brandy and Amber Holland of Shoshone, was born Thursday, May 30, 2002.

Anneliese Rae Hyde, daughter of Benjamin and Michele Hyde of Hailey, was born Friday, May 31, 2002.

Josie Ann Saleen, daughter of Travis and Tami Saleen of Bellevue, was born Sunday, June 2, 2002.

Time to go to 4-H camp

RUPERT — "Space Cowboys" is the theme for this summer's 4-H Youth Camp June 24-27. The camp is for non-members, as well as 4-H members from Minidoka, Cassia and Lincoln counties.

Participants will attend a star party, and build an airplane, as well as roast marshmallows, swim, hike, dance and more. The camp is located 20 miles north of Sun Valley. Buses will be provided to transport young people to and from the camp. Children must be a third- to eighth-grader to attend. Trained teen and adult staff members will stay in the cabins with the children.

Registration materials and scholarship applications are available by contacting the Minidoka, Cassia or Lincoln County Extension offices. Cost is \$110 for 4-H members and \$115 for non-members.

Registration is due by Friday. Late registration between June 15-24 will cost an extra \$10. Space is limited, and registrations will be taken on a first come basis.



Counselor Addie Maxfield has fun with her cabin of 'happy campers' from last year's 4-H Youth Camp.

SNAKES, PUPPETS, FUN

Buhl library summer program kicks into gear

BUHL — The Buhl Public Library at 215 Broadway Ave. N. will launch its summer reading program from 10-11 a.m. Wednesday at the library for children ages preschool through the fifth grade.

The program will continue each Wednesday through July 3. Each week, the children will be challenged to "Join the Winner's Circle" and read books on the weekly theme. They also will have the opportunity to enter a drawing for books and other prizes.

This Wednesday, Diana Harbst from Buhl, who is also known as "the snake lady" will show children how to identify and properly handle snakes, spiders, turtles and other creepy crawlies. Harbst brought her first snake home when she was 9 years old. Her mother gave

Want more information?

Call the Buhl Public Library at 543-6506 about the reading program.

her the book, "The Golden Field Guide" and asked her to identify the snake.

Growing up as an "Air Force kid," she said she had the opportunity to live in Iran and Japan where she continued to learn about the different species of reptiles.

Harbst was a volunteer at the San Antonio Zoo, giving lectures on how to handle reptiles and other creatures. She worked with dogs on the Lackland and Medina Air Force bases in Texas. Most recently, she was employed

by the Global Training Academy in Somerset, Texas, where she worked with dogs being trained to sniff out guns, drugs, mines and bombs.

She is now involved in helping family and starting a herpetological society in Twin Falls, as well as collecting local species.

The program for June 19 will feature stories and music by Boise storyteller Joy Steiner. Puppets will be the theme on June 26 and July 3. Lilibeth Goodwin and Marybeth Welch will present a puppet show and the children will make puppets.

"We are offering a variety of programs to encourage the children to read nonfiction, as well as fiction books. Summer reading can help children maintain valuable reading skills during their vacation time," said Children's Director Louise Nofziger.

LEARNING SAFETY



BY TAYLOR/The Times-News

Chase Orr learns to ride a bike, while Julie Merkle, teaching assistant, directs at the South Central District Health Department-sponsored Kimberly Bike Safety Rodeo. More than 400 children participated and learned bike safety. There also were bike inspections, and several children had their bike seats, tires and reflector repaired.

Twin Falls students head Down Under

By Heather Abel
Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS — Two area teens will spend part of their summer down under.

Twin Falls High School junior Krystal Packer and Kimberly High School sophomore Curt Lindley will spend the month of July in Australia as student ambassadors for the Idaho

People to People program.

The students were nominated by an anonymous person to go on the trip. Packer and Lindley will learn about the government of Australia, as well as meet government officials and other students their age, and stay with host families.

The whole purpose is to learn about how the United States government works and learn about theirs, Packer says.

The students will have more work before they go on the trip. They will have to raise their own money for some of the expenses. The student ambassadors do receive high school and college credits for participating.

"I'm really looking forward to the home stay to see how other families work," Lindley adds.

The student ambassadors will get feedback from each other,

Packer says.

"It's building people skills, and working in groups," she says. The trip will prepare her for college.

"It's going to be fun," Packer says. "Just to do something in a big group and learn from it."

Lindley agrees.

"I'm really looking forward to seeing a new culture," he says. "I just really want to travel. It really is about 'people to people.' It's really just trying to cement bonds."

Twin Falls High School junior Krystal Packer will head to Australia in July for a learning program.

HEATHER ABEL/The Times-News



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Notes on the economy

Magic Valley report

Who needs help?

Apparently, more businesses than a year ago. Local employers in May placed more newspaper ads looking for workers than they did a year earlier.

Last month, employers in The Times-News classified advertising section bought 1,998 employment ads. That's 17 percent more than the 1,707 such ads placed in May 2001. It also tops the 1,482 of May 2000 and the 1,184 of May 1999.

So year-to-date 2002's employment ads are running 32 percent above the total placed in the first five months of 2001. At this time last year, that ad total was up just 5 percent from year-to-date 2000.

Source: The Times-News' classifieds sales manager Deby Johnson

BRIEFLY IN MONEY

PUC seeks comments on energy prices

TWIN FALLS - Intermountain Gas customers have until June 26 to submit comments on the company's application to decrease customer rates by an average of 24 percent to reflect the lower prices Intermountain Gas has been paying to wholesalers since its inception of a year ago.

The \$52.5 million revenue drop also reflects the fact that all previous costs that were deferred during the recent period of unusually high energy prices have now been recovered, the Idaho Public Utilities Commission said.

However, Intermountain Gas is also proposing to over-collect about \$8.2 million from customers over the next year in anticipation of natural gas prices rising. The company says the over-collection can avoid or lessen a price increase next year.

Without that over-collection, the PUC said, Intermountain Gas customers would experience a rate decrease of 28.7 percent rather than the proposed 24 percent.

The commission is specifically seeking comment on whether Intermountain Gas should be allowed to over-collect \$8.2 million this year to mitigate a potential rate increase next year.

To comment via e-mail, access the commission's site at www.puc.state.id.us and click on "Comments & Questions." Fill in case number INT-G-02-3 and enter comments.

Comments can also be mailed to P.O. Box 83720, Boise, ID 83720-0074 or faxed to 334-3762.

Hailey firm and Costa Rican utility sign deal

HAILEY - POWER Engineers Inc., a Hailey-based provider of engineering services for electric transmission and distribution systems, said it has a contract to assist Instituto Costarricense de Electricidad, Costa Rica's state-owned electric utility, with an extensive, multiyear transmission system upgrade.

The contract is expected to span up to eight years and involve roughly 1,000 miles of transmission lines, the Hailey firm said. The scope includes services for the planning, design, construction, maintenance and operation of the country's electric and telecommunications systems.

ICE projects electricity demand in Costa Rica will increase by 5.7 percent annually through 2020, POWER Engineers said. The country has embarked on a plan of investment in power generation and transmission capacity.

A key component of the contract will be a technology transfer program in which POWER Engineers will develop design, maintenance and operations systems for the utility and train ICE staff in their use.

"This program will enhance ICE's self-sufficiency in managing its system in the future," said Peter Catchpole, a senior transmission line engineer for POWER who has conducted training programs for several utilities. "The new systems and higher-level training will enable operation of a larger transmission system, without adding resources."

Compiled from staff reports

Jerome ingredient plant expands

By Virginia S. Hutchins
Times-News writer

JEROME - A specialty dairy processor near the center of Jerome buys cheese from Magic Valley cheese plants and others around the Northwest.

What happens next doesn't look much like cheese.

Ee-da-how Specialties in Jerome grinds it and melts it, adds other ingredients and spray dries the mixture into a powder.

The result might be ingredients for Idaho spud potatoes' au gratin or scalloped potatoes, for example. Or for snack makers in

Asia, the Middle East, Pennsylvania, Michigan and California. Or perhaps for Minnesota and Ohio food processors producing frozen pastas with cream sauces or cheese sauces.

"The business has grown fairly steadily in recent years," said Michael Gilmartin, president of Ee-da-how's owner, Spokane, Wash.-based Commercial Creamery Co.

Snack seasonings are the strongest segment.

"The cheese powder for snacks is going quite strong right now," he said.

Gilmartin said the privately

owned firm's revenue doubled in the past three years. Expansions at the Jerome plant - Commercial Creamery's primary production facility - this year and in 2003 will help Ee-da-how pump out more of its specialty dairy ingredients.

"We won't be able to double production, but it will be a tremendous increase," he said.

The company's Spokane plant is mainly for administration and research.

Initial construction in Jerome will add 30,000 square feet of warehousing for raw materials and finished products this year. That will bring the Jerome facility

to more than 130,000 square feet in several buildings, Commercial Creamery said. The company next year plans to add new manufacturing areas and equipment.

A local cooperative started the plant on South Birch Street about 90 years ago, Gilmartin said. His family bought the Ee-da-how property from the co-op in 1977. Two main buildings remain.

The Commercial Creamery is rebuilding a warehouse on property directly to the north, which it bought from Hancey Seed Co., Gilmartin said. The dairy processor gutted the warehouse and is turning it into food-grade storage.

That project is nearly finished.

Also on the former Hancey Seed distribution-center property, Commercial Creamery is erecting a new warehouse, which could be completed in August. Together, the two projects will provide the new 30,000 square feet and free up existing space to resulfite the plant layout and improve production flow at Ee-da-how.

This year's investment is over \$1 million for construction, Gilmartin said.

Commercial Creamery plans to build about another 20,000 square

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Lawsuits challenge Web's basic structure

The Associated Press

Nicolai Lassen considers linking such a fundamental element of the World Wide Web that he sees nothing wrong with creating a service around linking to news articles at more than 3,000 other sites.

Danish publishers, however, equate such linking with stealing - and have gone to court to stop it.

The case, scheduled for hearings in Copenhagen later this month, is among the latest to challenge the Web's basic premise of encouraging the free flow of information through linking.

Requiring permission before linking could jeopardize online journals, search engines and other sites that link - which is to say, just about every site on the Internet.

If the Web's creators hadn't made linking "they would have called it the World Wide Straight Line," said Avi Adelman, a Web site operator involved in a dispute over linking to The Dallas Morning News.

Most of the court cases and legal threats have been over a form of hypertext-connecting called deep-linking, by which you simply connect users to a specific page rather than a site's home page.

Such disputes reflect "a frustration certain people have with a loss of control" once they post in chief, said Michael Geist, law professor at the University of Ottawa.

Lassen's Newsbooster service tries to make news stories easier to find by presenting links to items with keywords of a user's choosing. It's much like a search engine, except Newsbooster charges a subscription fee and lets users choose to automatically receive links by e-mail.

"From the home page down to the actual story you want to read can be a very, very long way," said Lassen, Newsbooster's editor-in-chief. "By using a technology such as Newsbooster, you save a lot of time."

The Danish Newspaper Publishers' Association believes Newsbooster should either shut down or negotiate payments.

"We consider it unfair to base your business upon the works of others," said Ebbe Dal, the group's managing director.

But that opinion of deep-linking always stirred.

Dal thinks it OK for a newspaper to offer a deep link or two accompanying an article, or for



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Belo Corp. likewise prohibits deep-linking to its sites, including the Morning News. But one of its newspapers, the Providence Journal, maintains an online journal that deep links to other sites.

Belo spokesman Scott Baradell was quoted by several news organizations as saying the company isn't against all deep-linking. But he would not offer specifics on why it objects to deep links to Morning News articles on Adelman's non-subscription site, which covers local Dallas affairs. Contacted by The Associated Press, Baradell said he would have no additional comment.

Reasons for opposing linking vary.

In a federal lawsuit, Homestore.com Inc. complains that Bargain Network, by deep linking to Homestore's real estate listings, interferes with its opportunities to sell advertising.

Others, like the Council of Better Business Bureaus, worry that a link - deep or otherwise - can imply endorsement, even if it reaches nothing more than a page with tips.

The organization has persuaded thousands of sites to remove links to its Web page, citing trademark claims.

But to Web purists, a link is no more than a footnote or a page reference. To ban deep-linking, they say, is to prohibit newspaper readers from going straight to the sports pages because they

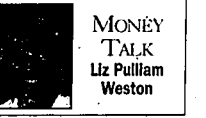
might miss advertising in the front section.

Beside, linking is a way for sites to boost traffic.

"Historically at least, there has been a tradition that if you put something up on the World Wide Web, it would be a public resource," said Matt Cutts, a software engineer at Google. He said Google removes links when asked, though few sites request it as much as want to be found.

Early U.S. court decisions have sided with deep-linking. Exceptions are in cases of framing, where a site tries to make information from other sites appear as its own, and ones involving links to tools that circumvent anti-piracy measures built into commercial software.

Stock of bankrupt firms isn't worth anything



(which often turns into a Chapter 7 liquidation). Even when a company successfully reorganizes, its liabilities are usually much larger than its assets, leaving nothing left over for shareholders.

Yet consistently after a bankruptcy filing, you'll see millions of the company's shares change hands as small investors insist, against all reason, that their stock will have to be worth something at day's end.

This happens even when companies signal to investors, or tell them outright, that their shares are worthless. Such was the case with EToys, the failed Internet retailer that all but sent telegrams to their investors

telling them their shares were now toilet paper. Yet for weeks afterward, posters on Internet message boards insisted they would get something for their shares, as the EToys name had some value. They were right in one sense: EToys sold its name and other assets to KB Toys Inc., but the proceeds went to EToys' creditors, and investors didn't see a dime.

Q: With so much talk about Social Security going broke, we need to make sure that contributions are made by all employees and employers.

So why are tips allowed to go unreported? I'd guess 90 percent of tip income is never declared, and the recipients avoid the 7.65 percent Social Security tax as well as income taxes. By banning tips, businesses would be forced to pay their workers a living wage and report that wage to the appropriate tax agencies.

Let's start educating consumers about this unfair practice, which we tolerate because

of social pressure. I hear waiters say, "I've been stiffed," so frequently that I'd like to give these freeloaders a piece of my taxpaying mind.

As so says the man who obviously never toted a tray in his life.

Listen, buddy, if you don't want to tip your server, don't eat out, or stick to fast-food restaurants. Tipping is customary and expected in this country, and those who stiff waiters - no matter what their rationale - are just plain cheap.

The Internal Revenue Service has cracked down on restaurants that allow their employees to hide tip income. Of course, it's always possible to hide some cash, but the percentage of unreported tips is hardly 90 percent.

It might be nice if the United States adopted European custom, where the service charge is included in the meal. But we haven't, and you're not going to win anyone to your cause by con-

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Idaho, R.I. led boom's last year

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON - At the end of America's longest economic boom, Rhode Island and Idaho led all states in economic growth while Alaska and Louisiana, whose recession started, were dead last, the government reported Monday.

The Commerce Department report on gross state product showed the 10-year economic boom was showing prosperity from coast to coast in 2000 but there were pockets of weakness, reflecting hard times in the oil and gas industry and manufacturing.

Residents of Rhode Island enjoyed the fastest growth with a gain of 10.7 percent in gross state product in 2000 compared to 1999. Idaho was not far behind with an increase of 8.3 percent, followed by an 8.1 percent rise in economic output in neighboring Oregon.

Idaho's agriculture, construction and finance sectors were naturally lagging behind the growth pace nationally. But manufacturing, primarily in the high-technology sector, more than compensated. The increase over 1999 was 22.3 percent, the third highest nationally behind New Mexico and Oregon.

From 1993 to 2000, Idaho's gross state product was up 57 percent. Only New Hampshire, Oregon and Arizona saw stronger growth in the 1990s.

A more current assessment from the Progressive Policy Institute, a Washington, D.C.

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Blockbuster, independents face off in trial

Knight Ridder News Service

DALLAS - Movie studio agreements that allowed more of Blockbuster Inc.'s customers to "go home happy," as its 1998 ad campaign promised, are being challenged in a San Antonio court.

The Dallas-based movie-rental chain will defend its revenue-sharing agreements, which stacked more new releases along the back walls of its 3,800 stores nationwide, in a jury trial scheduled to begin Wednesday in U.S. District Court for the Western District of Texas. The chain's stores include one in Twin Falls.

The trial will feature testimony from Sumner Redstone, chairman of Blockbuster's largest shareholder, Viacom Inc., and John Antonio, Blockbuster's chairman and chief executive, who is credited with scoring a Blockbuster turnaround since he joined the company in 1997.

Three independent video stores in San Antonio, Sacramento, Calif., and Syracuse, N.Y., charge in the suit that Blockbuster's revenue-sharing agreements negotiated with

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tinuing to stiff servers who depend on tip income to support themselves and their families.

If you want to increase the chances you'll get the right meal, and your tip, on a credit card. At least that way you're leaving a paper trail the IRS can follow.

Approximately two months ago I filed my federal income tax return with the expectation of obtaining a \$2,850 refund, but so far I haven't received a check. Is there a telephone number I can call to check on its status?

A: Sure. Just call the main IRS hotline at (800) 829-1040. The recorded prompts will guide you through the process. If you filed

Bloom

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think tank, found Idaho moving up three spots on the New Economy Index since 1999 but still ranking only 20th. The study

also indicated the impact of the erosion in Idaho's economy over the past 18 months. The state moved from 46th to 15th in the percentage of professional and technical people in its labor force at over 27 percent, and held its own on high-tech jobs at over 5 percent of the labor force. It was ranked first in online agriculture.

But Idaho dropped from ninth to 26th in the percentage of population online at 56 percent. And the share of the work force employed by companies with 20 percent-plus growth the past four years dropped from over 15 percent in 1999 to 12 percent this year.

At the other end of the spectrum for gross state product, Alaska, Louisiana and

using a 1040, 1040A or 1040-EZ form, you also can check the status of your refund on the IRS' Web site at www.irs.gov.

The IRS changed a lot of its mailing addresses this year, but many people sent their returns to the old addresses, leading to lots of delays. Which, once again, is an argument for electronic filing, because the IRS confirms confirmation within 48 hours that your return has landed in the right place and been accepted.

Questions can be sent to Pulliam Weston at asktw@westononline.com or mailed to her in care of Money Talk, Business Section, Los Angeles Times, 202 W. First St., Los Angeles, CA 90012.

Expand

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feet next year on the former Haney Seed property to boost processing capacity.

"We're excited. Whenever a business like Eed-da-ho expands, the city of Jerome is really excited," City Administrator Travis Rothweiler said Monday.

He said City Hall tries to help existing employers add to their job numbers. In this case, the city's contribution was simple. The City Council in April approved the vacation of the alley that ran through the middle of Eed-da-ho's operation. The business agreed to pay for relocating a sewer line.

A Jerome company's expansion is as noteworthy as the arrival of a new employer, Rothweiler said, because it means the market that we have now is thriving."

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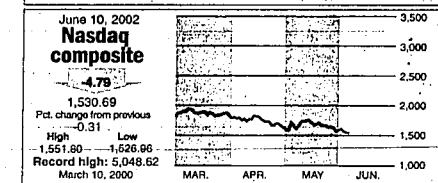
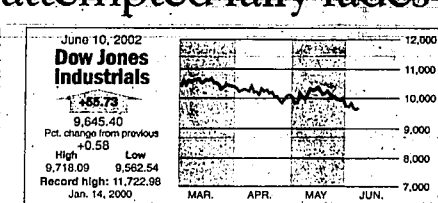
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Stocks have been falling for several weeks, but investors have not rushed in to take advantage of the declines. Analysts say a mix of lackluster earnings prospects, fears of more terror attacks and ongoing accounting scandals have made stocks appear more risky - and therefore less attractive - to many investors.

That sentiment was intensified by Attorney General John Ashcroft's announcement Monday that a U.S. citizen had been arrested for allegedly conspiring with al-Qaida to build and explode a radioactive "dirty" bomb. Although the arrest suggested the attack had been thwarted and the government's anti-terrorism measures might be working, the news was still a reminder of how many potential wildcards the market faces.

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Table of closing futures prices for various commodities including oil, grain, and metals. Columns include commodity name, price, and change.

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Microsoft, states differ on resolution of antitrust case

WASHINGTON (AP) — Microsoft and nine states suing the company gave a federal judge competing views Monday of how their four-year antitrust case should be resolved, the last step before both sides give closing arguments.

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Large table listing various mutual funds with columns for fund name, price, and change.

WORLD

India lets Pakistan resume flights

NEW DELHI, India (AP) — In a step back from the brink of India said Monday it would allow aircraft from nuclear-armed rival Pakistan to resume flights over Indian air space — but there was still no word on sending an Indian envoy back to Islamabad.

Pakistan quickly welcomed a "step in the desired direction," and urged India to withdraw its military "back to peacetime positions."

India's announcement fell well short of the expectations for conciliatory gestures it might offer to defuse the crisis. Western diplomats have hinted more will likely follow.

New Delhi imposed the air space restrictions following a deadly attack on the Indian Parliament on Dec. 13. It relaxed them Monday after acknowledging cross-border incursions by Muslim militants had been reduced.

"There is some fall in infiltration, but difficult to say if it is a definite trend," foreign ministry spokeswoman Nirupama Rao said.

India-made no mention of any dialogue with Pakistan — which Pakistan's president, Gen. Pervez Musharraf, has sought throughout the six-month standoff.

Indian Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee has insisted on seeing an end to cross-border terrorism by Muslim militants who want the disputed province of Kashmir to be independent or merged with Islamic Pakistan before the two sides can talk peace.

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Indian paramilitary force soldiers drink water out of a tap at a refugee camp in Bishnah, near Jammu, India, Monday.

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New Delhi said nothing Monday about sending an ambassador back to Islamabad, and it did not indicate it would redisplay five warships from the Arabian Sea, near Pakistan, back to the Bay of Bengal — the other side of the subcontinent.

In London, however, British Foreign Secretary Jack Straw told the House of Commons that India's navy was moving warships back to port now that both sides had taken the "first steps in the right direction."

An Indian navy spokesman, Cmdr. Rahul Gupta, said the five warships, which had been dispatched closer to Pakistan, were not being sent back to India's eastern waters.

Straw said he also understood India was naming a new ambassador to Pakistan. Indian officials declined to confirm the appointment.

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Pakistani Foreign Minister Abdul Sattar said India should continue "on the path of logic" and "withdraw the offensive army and air force formations from Pakistan's borders, and take them back to peacetime locations."

Sattar spoke in Abu Dhabi, where he was traveling with Musharraf, according to Pakistan's state-run news agency.

Rao declined to say what India might do next, but added the government will keep watch for any terrorists sneaking onto its territory from Pakistan's side.

"The assessment will continue — it's not that we have stopped our assessments," she said.

Musharraf told the leadership in New Delhi via a U.S. envoy last week that the infiltration of Indian territory by Muslim militants would not be tolerated.

The American diplomat, Deputy-Secretary of State Richard Armitage, said after visiting both capitals he believed India would send some diplomats back to Islamabad and might make a conciliatory military gesture.

India reopened its air space to Pakistan just before Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld is to travel to New Delhi and Islamabad in the latest diplomatic initiative to end the war threat.



Former Beatle Sir Paul McCartney kisses his fiancée Heather Mills as they pose for photographers Monday outside Castle Leslie, in Glasgow, County Monaghan, Ireland, ahead of their marriage Tuesday.

McCartney, Mills greet fans before wedding

GLASLOUGH, Ireland (AP) — Paul McCartney kissed his fiancée, Heather Mills, and handed her a red rose Monday to the cheers of hundreds of fans gathered outside the remote 17th century castle where they are set to wed.

The couple, who plan to marry today at Castle Leslie in County Monaghan, stood at the heavily guarded estate gates as cameras flashed and journalists from

around the world jostled for a position.

"As you know there is going to be a wedding tomorrow, but it is a secret," joked McCartney.

"Ten people at the wedding you have heard of and the rest will be family and friends," the former Beatle said, but did not confirm press reports that former President Clinton, Ringo Starr and Eric Clapton were on the guest list.

Bush says Israel has a right to defense

WASHINGTON (AP) — With Israeli troops surrounding Yasser Arafat's compound, President Bush said Monday that Israel has a right to defend itself and suggested conditions are not ripe for a Mideast peace conference.

Concluding his sixth meeting with Bush, Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon said of Arafat "we don't see yet a partner" in peace talks.

The two leaders met in the Oval Office as Israeli tanks and troops surrounded Arafat's compound in Ramallah. Sharon came to the meeting seeking assurances that Bush doesn't move too fast toward a peace process and not demand a deadline for Palestinian statehood.

On both points, he got what he wanted for now.

Bush renewed his call for dramatic reforms of the Palestinian Authority, saying the changes are needed before any progress can be made toward peace. He suggested a Mideast peace conference will not be conducted soon.

"The conditions aren't even there yet. That's because no one has confidence in the emerging Palestinian government. So first things first: which institutions are necessary to give the Palestinian people hope and to give the Israelis the confidence that the



President Bush and Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon, left, listen to questions after their meeting in the Oval Office Monday in Washington.

emerging government will be someone with whom they can deal," Bush said.

Sitting at Bush's side, the prime minister reiterated his view that there must be a cessation of violence before negotiations can be fruitful. He said of Arafat: "At present time, we don't see yet a partner."

Bush was almost as dismissive, suggesting the United States is

eager to find other Palestinian leaders more willing to change.

"I am disappointed that he has not led in such a way that the Palestinian people have hope and confidence," the president said.

The session is likely the last high-profile consultation meeting Bush will conduct before unveiling his own plans to jump start the embattled peace process. Earlier, the White House

defended Israel's latest assault on the Palestinian Authority headquarters in the West Bank.

"Our understanding is that the Israeli operation is limited in duration and it is to go after specific terrorists. And given that understanding, the United States has said before that Israel has a right to defend itself," White House press secretary Ari Fleischer told reporters as the two leaders prepared to meet for the sixth time in the Oval Office.

"The United States will be closely monitoring what Israel is doing and the United States again reminds Israel about the importance of remembering the repercussions of whatever action Israel takes today impacting the broader goals of achieving peace tomorrow," Fleischer added.

Sharon will meet with congressional leaders Tuesday. He is determined to leave his imprint on exiting U.S. plans for Mideast peace expected to be announced in a few weeks. The prime minister is counseling a gradual approach in which substantive talks do not begin until the Palestinians halt attacks on Israelis, where the pace of negotiations is linked to continued calm and the most intractable disputes between the two sides are put on the back burner.

Zimbabwe bus crash kills 36

HARARE, Zimbabwe — A bus carrying mostly student teachers collided with a grain truck and burst into flames, killing at least 36 people, state radio reported Monday.

Most of the victims burnt to death when gasoline ignited and gutted the vehicles. Bags of corn flew from the truck into the bus, trapping passengers inside and fueling the blaze, rescuers said.

Twenty-six survivors managed to break out of the rear window of the bus. Several were seriously injured.

Japan plays down comments suggesting nuclear shift

TOYO — Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi sought to assure Parliament on Monday that, despite reports hinting otherwise, Japan does not plan to change its policy banning possession, construction or transport of nuclear weapons on its soil.

Koizumi has repeatedly tried to quell the controversy over Chief Cabinet Secretary Yasuo Fukuda's recent remark that Japan is not legally prohibited from having nuclear arms — an assertion interpreted by some as a shift in Japan's long-standing anti-nuclear policy.

World in brief

"Our nation has been aggressively pursuing a diplomacy to promote nuclear nonproliferation and end nuclear tests," Koizumi said. "We are working hard to create a world where nuclear weapons don't exist."

Mexico's president signs freedom of information law

MEXICO CITY — President Vicente Fox signed Mexico's first freedom of information law Monday, exposing the government and its records to greater public scrutiny.

The law requires all branches of government to provide copies of public documents — from government employees' salaries to details about public programs and government contracts — within 20 days of any citizen's request.

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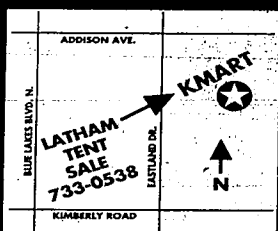
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“What they need, and what basketball needs is for them to have a rival that they can measure themselves against. That’s what we had with Boston.”

Burley’s Harr moves to T.F. hoops

By Scott Thompson
Times-News writer

BURLEY – Burley boys basketball/baseball coach Matt Harr ended months of speculation when the 1985 Twin Falls graduate made it official Monday and announced that he was coming home to take over the Bruins’ boys hoops program.

“It’s nice to be going home,” Harr said. “But then (Burley) has become home. There’s not too many people who can call two places home.”

Harr started in Burley as an assistant in both basketball and baseball after attending Briar Cliff University in Sioux City, Iowa, and playing two years of professional baseball in the San Francisco Giant organization. He got his first head job in 1994 as the Bobcats’ baseball coach and led Burley to a state title in his first year. He got a final bookend state title at Burley a couple weeks ago with an 8-3 victory over Mountain Home in the Class 4A title game, capping a stellar year for Burley and Harr.

Harr also led the Bobcats to the title game in basketball this year but the Bobcats fell to the powerhouse Century team 60-44. Harr took over the basketball program in the 1996-97 school year and compiled a record of 89-79 in six seasons.

“You have to understand Matt to understand the success of his teams,” Burley principal Doug Bailey said. “He didn’t have all the talent in the world but he went on to play in college and professional baseball. He likes to compete in whatever he does. I think that’s what he brought to his teams.”

Allen is looking forward to that at Twin Falls. “Matt has been very successful at Burley,” Allen said. “He has a

good rapport with kids and is obviously the kind of coach we want leading our young men.”

With the success of Harr’s teams this past year combined with his Bruin connections and a rising dissatisfaction with the Twin Falls athletic program in general and the boys basketball program in particular, there has been wide-spread, months-long speculation that Harr was coming to Twin Falls.

Please see HARR, Page D2

Hasek, Wings stifle Carolina

Detroit moves closer to title with 3-0 win

The Associated Press

RALEIGH, N.C. – Dominik Hasek is one victory away from no longer being the best goaltender in NHL history without a Stanley Cup championship.

Hasek, acquired for the sole purpose of leading the NHL’s oldest and most talented team to a championship, put on a spectacular show for his record sixth shutout of the playoffs to lead the Detroit Red Wings to a 3-0 victory over the Carolina Hurricanes in Game 4 of the Stanley Cup finals Monday night.



Detroit’s Brett Hull celebrates with teammate Boyd Devereaux after scoring the first goal against Carolina during the second period in game 4 of the Stanley Cup finals in Raleigh, N.C., Monday. Detroit won 3-0 and leads the series 3-1.

The Red Wings opened a 3-1 lead in the best-of-seven series and can win their third Stanley Cup in six years by winning Game 5 on home ice Thursday night at Joe Louis Arena where they last won the cup in 1997. They won in 1998 by finishing a four-game sweep in Washington.

For the second straight game, the Red Wings’ biggest goals came from Brett Hull and Igor Larionov, the scenery-stealing stars who combined for all three scores in Detroit’s momentum-shifting, three-overtime 3-2 victory in Game 3 on Saturday night.

“We’ve been slow starting in some of the series. It usually takes us a couple of games to get going,” said Brendan Shanahan, who got only his second goal in 11 games to finish the scoring. “But it seems as if the series goes on, individually and collectively, we seem to get stronger and stronger.”

Hull, 37, got the game’s first goal with a shot off the post in the second period. Larionov – at 41 the oldest player in the NHL – won the third-longest game in finals history in the third overtime Saturday and made it 2-0 in Game 4 by scoring early in the third period – his third goal in two games.

“The break we got was scoring the first goal,” Red Wings coach Scotty Bowman said. “The first goal in a game like this is big. But we’ve been in this position before (one game away from winning the cup), and we’ve got to stay away from all the hoopla.”

“I feel we have enough experienced guys who have been in this position and can help the ones who haven’t been in this position.”

Of course, maybe Hull owes Hasek a Cup, and is paying him back with his two big goals. Hull’s Dallas Stars denied Hasek’s Buffalo Sabres the cup by winning the finals in 1999 on Hull’s disputed goal in the third overtime of Game 6 in Buffalo.

The way Hasek was playing, though, one goal would have been enough. Arguably the best goalie in NHL history without a Stanley Cup ring, the 37-year-old Hasek did it all in his best game of the finals, often wandering far from the net to stop shots and begin up-ice rushes while making 17 saves in his first shutout of the series.

Hasek even started the rush that led to Hull’s goal by leaving the net to make an up-the-ice feed. He also extended his scores less streak in the series to 127 minutes, 13 seconds, one that began in the third period of Game 3.

Lakers struggle to keep focused

The Associated Press

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. – Phil Jackson accidentally referred to team owner Jerry Buss as Jerry Krause on Monday, an indication of how easy it is for the Los Angeles Lakers to let their minds wander.

With a 3-0 lead over the New Jersey Nets in the best-of-seven NBA Finals, the Lakers need to have their heads on straight for only 48 more minutes to win their third consecutive title.

In the meantime, they can ponder the bigger questions: How will history rate them, and what should they call themselves? The Zen Dynasty?

What inscription should they put on their championship rings, and how can they possibly do better than last year’s choice of “Blings-bling”?

What retro jersey should Kobe wear to the championship parade? “I’ve been in this situation before, and it’s very difficult to keep a team focused,” Jackson said. “They forget about the fact they have to win.”

Game 4 is Wednesday night, and both teams decided not to practice Monday on a warm, summer-like day. If form holds, both teams will begin their summer vacations for real on Thursday.

All it will take is one more victory by the Lakers.

“It’s hard to say you can come back from 3-0, but you really can’t think about the 3-0 deficit. You can only think about Game 4,” Nets guard Jason Kidd said. “It would be nice to get one on the board.”

There wasn’t a lot of bold talk coming from the Nets, who are well aware that no NBA team has come back from a 3-0 deficit to win a playoff series. Not in the second round, the conference finals or the final.

New Jersey’s best chance has already come and gone, and it seems nothing can prevent the Nets from taking their rightful place alongside the NBA’s War Emblem and the French-World Cup team.

TRIVIA

QUESTION: What do USC baseball Coach Mike Gillespie, San Diego Charger receiver Curtis Conway, Cy Young Award winner Mike Scott, and Beach Boys’ legend Brian Wilson have in common?
...answer below

TODAY’S SCHEDULE

American Legion baseball
Buhl at Twin Falls A (2), at Grain Field, 3:30 p.m.
Bear Lake at Burley (2), 3 p.m.

Golf

IGA State Best Ball, at Jackpot GC, TBA

IN BRIEF

CSI cowboys place in CNFR first round

CASPER, Wyo. – Two College of Southern Idaho cowboys placed during the opening round of the College National Finals Rodeo Monday in Casper, Wyo.

First round results – D3

Stetson scored a first-round barrel race win with a 73.2 score, and a 75.5 score in the barrel race. Defending National Intercollegiate All-Around Champion Cody Demers took fourth in the saddle bronc with a score of 75.5 points, trailing first- and second-place riders. Demers also won the saddle bronc and was the reserve champ in barrel race last summer.

Jerome Car Show is set for Aug. 17

JEROME – The Joe Mamas Fourth Annual Jerome Car Show will be held from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 17 at the Jerome Wal-Mart parking lot with a \$500 purse for best-of-show at stake. Admission is free. Registration is 7 to 9 a.m. All entrants receive free dash plaques.

Idaho’s largest car show will feature a simultaneous firing of Australia’s fastest Nitro Funny Car and Idahoan Mitch McDowell’s new top-fuel dragster at noon. The show also features five-time NHRA World Champion Alcohol Dragster driver Rick Santos and a range of vehicles from antiques to NASCAR trucks and cars.

The awards will be given out at 1:30 a.m. Free ice cream and dairy drinks will be available along with a \$1 hot dog and Coca-Cola lunch. More expensive fare from The Twin Falls Outback Steakhouse also will be available. The Jerome Chamber of Commerce will hold a pancake breakfast from 8 to 10 a.m.

The event is sponsored by the Jerome Wal-Mart, Swire Coca-Cola, D.L. Evans Bank, Outback Steakhouse of Twin Falls, United Dairyman of Idaho, Magic Valley Hospital, John Barkers and Joe Traug. For more information, call Skauag at (208) 324-8959.

TRIVIA ANSWER: All have graduated of Hawthorne (C) High School.

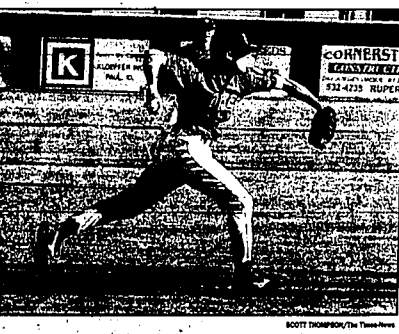
‘Pokes break out against Spartans

By Scott Thompson
Times-News writer

RUPERT – Twin Falls Cowboys Luke Hawkins and Brett Miller broke out of mini-slumps in a big way Monday as they helped the Cowboys to a run-rule shortened 12-2 victory over the Minico Spartans at Warburton Field.

Hawkins slammed a three-run double into left-center field as part of the Cowboys’ five-run third inning that broke the game open. He later added a two-run home run in the fifth inning as the left fielder went 2-for-3 with the plate with three runs scored and five RBIs.

“That really got everybody going,” Hawkins said. “It set the tempo, and put a smile on everyone’s face.”



Twin Falls third baseman Luke Asher charged a sharply hit ball and made the throw in time to get Minico Spartan Kyle Copeland in the second inning Monday.

Miller and Hawkins is hitting in the ninth spot. “We’ve been getting a lot from the middle of our order, but with Miller and Hawkins going that solidifies our lineup on both ends.”

Hawkins said battling ninth in the order has helped him because Please see COWBOYS, Page D2

FOR LOVE OF HIS SISTER

Utah’s Ostertag will give sibling his kidney

The Associated Press

SALT LAKE CITY – Utah Jazz center Greg Ostertag doesn’t want anyone to see him as a hero, though later this month he will give one of his kidneys to his ailing diabetic sister.

“I’m not trying to be a hero,” Ostertag said Monday. “I’m just trying to be a brother.”

Ostertag’s sister, 26-year-old Amy Hall, has had Type 1 diabetes since she was 7 and began having kidney problems in 1999. Her kidneys failed in March, but tests showed Ostertag was a perfect match as a donor. The operation is scheduled June 27 at Baylor University Medical Center in Dallas, where Hall lives. The 29-year-old

Ostertag played high school basketball in the Dallas area before his college career at Kansas.

“He has never thought twice about it, never looked back, never said, ‘I shouldn’t be doing this because it could mess up my career,’” Hall told the Dallas Morning News this month.

The 7-foot-2 Ostertag, often criticized by fans and writers around the NBA who question his competitiveness. That happens even in Salt Lake City because of his \$36 million contract and maddeningly inconsistent play.

The operation comes two months after Ostertag played well in Utah’s first-round playoff loss to Sacramento. Please see OSTERTAG, Page D2



Greg Ostertag

SPORTS

Burley sweeps T.F. in Legion twin bill

By Joe Paisley Times-News writer
TWIN FALLS--Burley's hitters did plenty of damage...

Spencer's slam leads Yankees past Arizona

NEW YORK (AP) -- Shane Spencer hit a two-run grand slam in the eighth inning...

Buddy Groom (2-1) relieved in the eighth to stem a San Diego rally...

Major League Baseball

Table with columns for Team, W, L, Pct, GB, L10, Str, Home, Away, Int. Includes sections for American League East, Central, West, National League East, Central, West.

Red Sox 7, Rockies 3

BOSTON -- Derek Lowe became the AL's first 10-game winner as Boston snapped its longest losing streak...

Blue Jays 6, Giants 5

TORONTO -- Raul Mondesi hit a two-run homer as Toronto won its fifth straight...

Jerome improves to 5-0

JEROME -- The Tigers turned in a solid performance defensively to win its conference game against Pocatello...

Local sports

Wood River sweeps pair
HAILEY -- Wood River made it six wins in a row with a sweep of the Idaho Falls A club Monday...

Tigers 6, Expos 4

DETROIT -- Robert Fick homered twice and drove in five runs to help Detroit end a six-game losing streak...

Dodgers 10, Devil Rays 5

PETERSBURG, Fla. -- Marquis Grissom and Shawn Green homered as Los Angeles beat Tampa Bay...

Harr

Continued from D1
And that was before Bruin coach Dan Vogt resigned under fire last month...

Orleans 8, Padres 6

BALTIMORE -- Melvin Mora hit a tiebreaking, two-run homer in the eighth inning...

Rangers 8, Reds 2

ARLINGTON, Texas -- Ismael Valdes (4-5) took a shutout in the ninth inning as Texas broke a three-game losing streak...

Monday's Interleague Games

Atlanta at Cincinnati 7:30 p.m. Baltimore at San Diego 6 p.m. Boston at Toronto 7 p.m.

Tuesday's Interleague Games

Colorado at Boston (Ampex 4-5) 5:05 p.m. Montreal (Yostis 2-2) at Detroit (Redman 2-6) 5:05 p.m.

NATIONAL LEAGUE Monday's Game

Houston 4, Chicago Cubs 2

Tuesday's Game

Chicago Cubs (Benn 1-0) at Houston (C. Hernandez 5-2) 6:05 p.m.

Cowboys

Continued from D1
he sees mainly fallbacks. "That's all I hit today," Hawkins said...

Ostertag

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SPORTS

Williams sisters rule women's tennis

PARIS (AP) — Venus Williams was so pumped after losing the French Open final to younger sister Serena that she grabbed the mother's camera to take photos of the trophy presentation. ... Costa was so unaccustomed to winning any tournament, much less a major, that he sprawled awkwardly on the court after the last point of his championship match with Roland Garros, when he didn't get up immediately. ... The French Open only confirmed what's seemed apparent for some time: Women's tennis is different from men's tennis in two very different degrees of depth right now.

Costa's 6-1, 6-0, 4-6, 6-3 victory Sunday over fellow Spaniard Juan Carlos Ferrero means that for the first time in the Open era there have been four straight first-time major winners, following Goran Ivanisevic at Wimbledon, Lleyton Hewitt at the U.S. Open and Thomas Johansson at the Australian Open. ... In contrast, a woman named Williams has won six of the last 11 Grand Slam titles, while Jennifer Capriati had three championships in that span, which dates to Serena's victory at the 1999 U.S. Open. ... And consider this: Two of the last three Grand Slam finals have had one Williams on each side of the net. Serena beat Big Sis 7-5, 6-3 Saturday in Paris; Venus topped Little Sis in September in New York. ... As long as they retain their standings at Nos. 1 (Venus) and 2 (Serena), they'll be placed on opposite sides of the draw at tournaments, including Wimbledon. ... Which means there could very well be more Sister Slams in the future, and more days, such as Saturday, on which the Williamses' who's No. 1 in the world is No. 2 in her own home. ... Capriati, who lost to Serena in the semifinals, acknowledged that "you've got to give them credit"

for reaching 1-2 in the rankings — but then raised questions about whether Venus Williams' ascent has been helped by the sisters not always playing in the same events and by injuries to Martina Hingis and Lindsay Davenport. ... "It's just kind of funny the way it's worked out sometimes. You know: One (Williams) plays, one doesn't. I don't know. You would think maybe it was just a little more planning behind that," Capriati said. "But, I mean, if you really want your daughters to be 1 and 2, I guess you would kind of do that. But mostly it's just because not everyone is in the game."



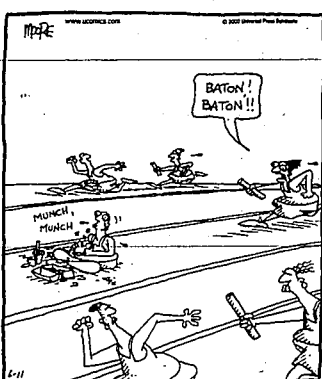
U.S. soccer player Clint Mathis celebrates after he scored during the South Korea versus USA soccer match at the Daegu World Cup Stadium in Daegu, South Korea, Monday.

SCORES AND STATS

BASEBALL

Table with 2 columns: Major League Boxes, TREAS & CLOSERS. Lists various baseball games and their results.

IN THE BLEACHERS



WHAT'S ON T.V.

- Baseball: Atlanta at Minnesota, TBS, 6 p.m.; St. Louis at Seattle, ESPN, 7 p.m. Soccer: World Cup, Cameroon vs. Germany, ESPN, 5:25 a.m.; World Cup, Saudi Arabia vs. Ireland, ESPN2, 6:25 a.m. Early Wednesday: World Cup, Sweden vs. Argentina, ESPN, 12:25 a.m.; World Cup, Nigeria vs. England, ESPN2, 12:25 a.m.; World Cup, South Africa vs. Spain, ESPN, 8:25 a.m.; World Cup, Paraguay vs. Slovenia, ESPN2, 8:25 a.m. Boxing: Lightweights, Angel Manfredy vs. Antonio Ramirez, ESPN2, 8 p.m.

Table with 2 columns: ROKIES 3, COLGADO. Lists minor league baseball games and results.

Table with 2 columns: COLLEGE WORLD SERIES, RODEO. Lists college baseball games and rodeo events.

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U.S., South Korea battle to 1-1 draw

DAEGU, South Korea (AP) — With a sea of red against them, the United States escaped with a 1-1 tie against World Cup co-host South Korea on Monday and moved within a point of advancing to the second round. ... Clint Mathis scored a 24th-minute goal in his return to the lineup, and Brad Friedel made several brilliant saves, including a stop on a penalty kick. ... Belgium had gone ahead four minutes earlier when captain Wilfried Mouton fired home his second goal of the tournament. ... After a header down by Branko Strupar came to the front of the net, Wilmotis sent it home with his right foot. ... Belgium now must beat Russia in its last group match on Friday. Tunisia could advance if it beats Japan by two goals in its first-round finale. ... Portugal 4, Poland 0. JEONJU, South Korea — Pauleta scored the second hat trick of this year's World Cup as Portugal stayed alive in the tournament by eliminating Poland. ... Pauleta put in a low shot on the 14th minute, beating Poland goalkeeper Jerzy Dudek. The keeper got a touch on the ball, but couldn't keep it out of the net after Joao Pinto provided the cross. ... The second goal came in the 65th as Luis Figo, the FIFA player of the year, sent in a pass for the sliding Pauleta. ... The forward made it three in the 77th, beating Poland defender Tomasz Walko and shooting the ball off Dudek's foot. He nearly did more after in the 75th, but after beating Dudek he shot into the side of the net. ... Rui Costa made it 4-0 in the 87th. He should have added a fifth in the 90th, but his soft shot was stopped on the line.

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Tunisia 4, Belgium 1. QUA, Japan — Tunisia placed a dent in Belgium's World Cup hopes, holding it to a tie as Raouf Bouzeiane's 17th-minute free kick negated Marc Wilmotis' opening goal. ... Bouzeiane curled in a free kick from 22 yards with a sweet left-footed effort that flew over the wall and evaded the dive of Belgium goalkeeper Geert De Vlieghe before hitting the left corner of the net.

SPORTS IN BRIEF

Sinclair-Hoss golf tournament is June 22 JACKPOT, Nev. Registration is being accepted for the 17th annual Sinclair-Hoss Memorial Golf Tournament on June 22-23 at 8:30 a.m. at the Jackpot Municipal Golf Course. Sponsorships range from \$150-\$600 or individual golfers can enter at \$100 per person, which includes cart fees, awards and lunch. Party guests need only pay \$25 per person. The tournament benefits the Magic Valley Regional Medical Center Foundation's Heart Fund. To enter or for more information, call 734-7248 or e-mail: barbam@mvnvc.org.

For its annual setter/hitter volleyball camps this summer, there will be two camps and campers are invited to attend one or both. The first session will be June 24-26 in the CSI gymnasium with the second session running June 27-29. Enrollment is limited to the first 100 applicants. Costs per session run in three levels. The first has no meals or dorm room and is \$95. The second provides lunch but no room for \$115 and for those needing a dorm room for three nights lodging and meals, the cost is \$175. The camp is open to all girls in grades 7-9. Among the assistants helping head coach Ben Stroud is Chinese national team setter Jing Ding as well as Coeur d'Alene High coach and former CSI assistant Bret Taylor and Tony Tippinow, the current head coach at Florida A&M. To register or for more information, call 734-5583 or 733-9554, Ext. 2485.

Gardner will be featured at KHS wrestling camp KIMBERLY Olympic wrestling champion Rulon Gardner will be the featured guest of the Kimberly High School wrestling camp July 15-17. The camp is open to all wrestlers of junior high or high school age. The camp costs \$100 per person and runs from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. Registration forms will be available at all area high schools. For more information, call Troy Palmer at 423-4586. Rulon Gardner, the 2000 Olympic gold medalist in Greco-Roman wrestling, is still recovering from frostbite and lost his right middle toe after being stranded overnight when his snowmobile bogged down Feb. 14. After wandering around for 17 hours in temperatures that dipped to 25 below zero, he was found with a body temperature of 88 and his feet frozen.

Two die in Moscow rioting after World Cup match MOSCOW — Authorities banned the broadcast of former World Cup games in public squares, while the Russian prime minister warned that riots that left two dead could cost the nation its chance to hold the 2008 European soccer championships. Russian Prime Minister Mikhail Kasynov, in St. Petersburg for a summit of Baltic Sea countries, called those who carried out the violence "hooligans." "If such actions repeat in the future, it will call in question Russia's right to contest for the holding of the European football championship in 2008," Kasynov said. The IAR-Tass news agency reported. Russian politicians criticized the Moscow police for failing to ensure security during Sunday's match.

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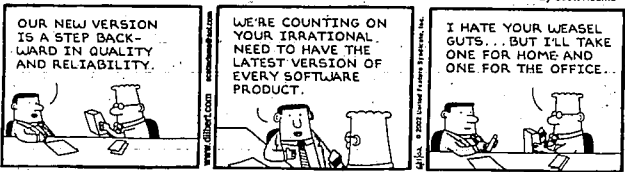
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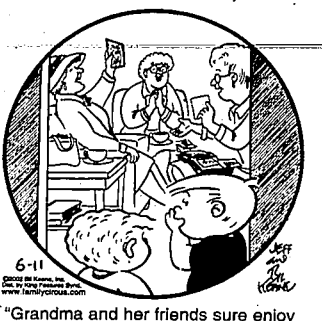
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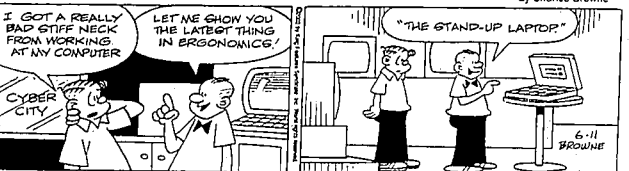
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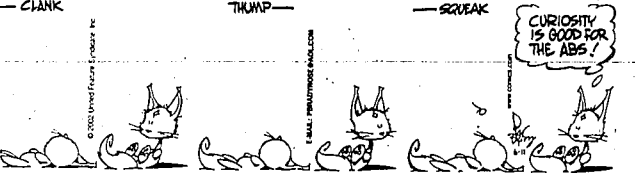
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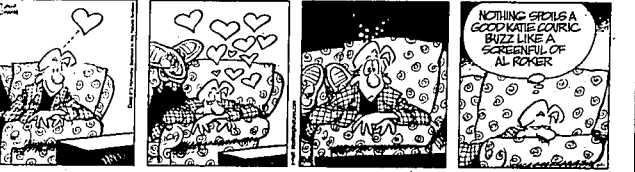
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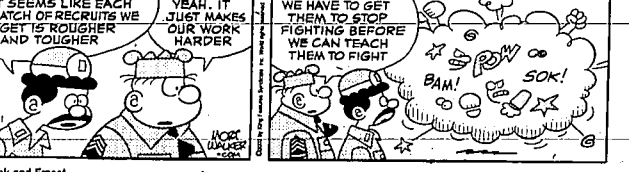
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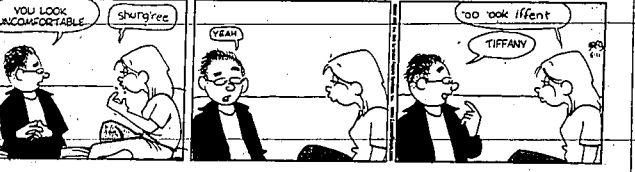
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