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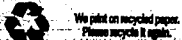
Age is no defense against sudden and catastrophic heart disease, as the late, 33-year-old St. Louis Cardinals pitcher Darryl Kile showed us.

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Airports will see more security

Government will place officers at ticket counters

The Associated Press
WASHINGTON — The new government agency responsible for airline security said Saturday it will place armed law enforcement officers — uniformed and plainclothes — at ticket counters and other public areas of airports.
The Transportation Security Administration made the announcement in response to the

shooting at Los Angeles International Airport two days earlier, when three people, including the gunman, were killed. An armed El Al security guard shot the attacker, who authorities say was an Egyptian named Hesham Mohamed Hadady.
"This incident, even if isolated and regardless of motive, emphasizes that we cannot be complacent about any of the security

measures that we put in place at our airports and at the other modes of transportation," the TSA said in a statement.
"Had this event occurred at another airline counter without armed security guards, the situation unfortunately would have been worse," the agency said.
It was not clear how many officers will be involved in the new deployment nor whether there would necessarily be a guard at

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each ticket counter at all times.
The undercover investigators, who have transferred to the new security agency from the Federal Aviation Administration, will look for suspicious individuals and intervene when necessary, the TSA said.
The head of an airline passengers' advocacy group welcomed the TSA's actions Saturday.
"We would certainly support

more law enforcement officials in all parts of the airport, but we would expect there would be a tremendous amount of coordination with the multiple police forces that are going to be functioning in this environment," said David Stempler, president of the Air Travelers Association.
The TSA took over responsibility for screening passengers from the airlines in February, and faces a Nov. 19 congressional deadline for replacing checkpoint screeners with federal employees.

MAKING A CLEANER RIVER

Canal company helps reduce sediment flowing into the Snake

By Jennifer Sandmann
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — A 21-year-old photograph pictures muddy water from an irrigation drain pouring into the Snake River just upstream from the Perrine Bridge.
The runoff is hard to spot in a picture taken in the same place last year — the result of improvements in irrigation practices over the past 20 years.

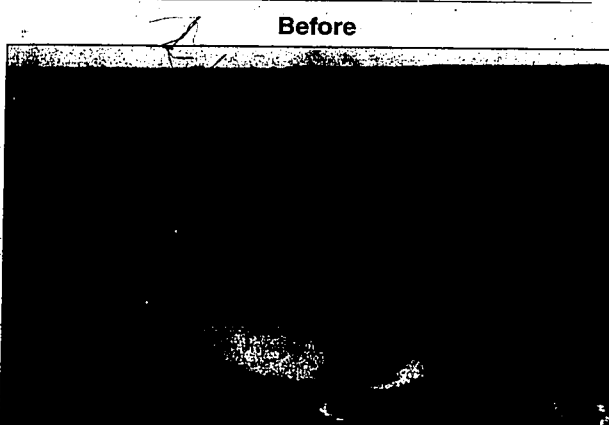
Water quality in irrigation returns remained a vast improvement this spring over historical runoff levels, but it wasn't as favorable as last year. The canal company is beating the drum of constant vigilance.
"We don't want to take a step backward," said Brian Olmstead, field supervisor for the Twin Falls Canal Co.
Just two years from now, farmers must be within the standard they agreed to meet in 2000. It emerged from the momentum of water quality improvement efforts taken on by the canal company beginning in 1990 and a decade before that of efforts initiated by conservation districts.

In the 1981 photograph, Olmstead estimates, more than 1,000 milligrams of sediment per liter of irrigation runoff is pouring into the Snake River. A year ago in May, the East Perrine Coulee carried 52 milligrams per liter. Farmers had met their standard. But in May of this year, the drain delivered 66 milligrams per liter into the river as the irrigation season began.

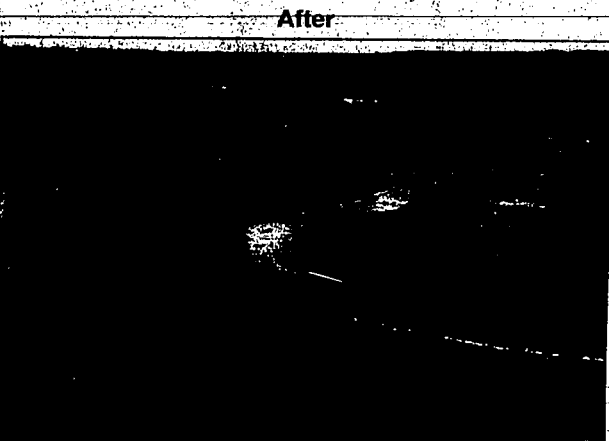
"It deserves and requires constant attention," said Vince Alberdi, the canal company's general manager.
Farmers got in a hurry early on, because spring weather delayed planting by about two weeks. The canal company sent out a "water quality alert" to remind farmers to use careful irrigation management, particularly in time for the second round of bean irrigation beginning now.

The company estimates about 80 percent of farmers are making an effort to manage their tailwater. The 20 percent who were sending muddy water downstream were told they could expect a follow-up letter — with pictures — to remind them of their

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This 1981 photograph shows muddy irrigation runoff pouring into the Snake River from the East Perrine Coulee just upstream of the Perrine Bridge.



After more than 20 years of water quality improvement efforts, Twin Falls irrigators have dramatically reduced the amount of sediment in irrigation runoff. The canal company says it still has work to do to meet water quality standards required by 2004 and that it wants to further reduce sediment levels to benefit river aesthetics.

Assailants gun down Afghan VP

Knight Ridder News Service

KABUL, Afghanistan — Two assassins gunned down an Afghan vice president Saturday as he was being driven away from his heavily guarded office, striking a blow against President Hamid Karzai's effort to steer his war-torn nation into a new era of peace and democracy.

The murder of Haji Abdul Qadir, one of three vice presidents under Karzai, occurred just hours after a senior U.S. command admitted for the first time that U.S. bombs apparently killed innocent civilians in southern Afghanistan last Monday in an incident that had strained relations between Washington and Kabul.



Haji Abdul Qadir

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The attack on Qadir came about 12:30 p.m. when two gunmen stepped from behind bushes outside the Ministry of Public Works in downtown Kabul and riddled Qadir's Toyota Land Cruiser with more than 30 rounds of fire from assault rifles. The car skidded 50 yards and crashed into a stone wall as both Qadir and his driver were killed. The gunman escaped in a white car.

All 10 security guards at the ministry were detained for questioning because they were close to the gunman but did not return fire or attempt to capture them, according to Dia Mubammad Jurat, director of internal security at the Interior Ministry. Checkpoints were set up throughout Kabul to capture the suspects.

Qadir, a tall man with a trim white beard, was one of three vice presidents chosen at last month's "loya jirga," or grand assembly of regional Afghan leaders, who convened to plot a course toward stable democratic rule after 23 years of war. He was one of the few ethnic Pashtuns among leaders of the Northern Alliance, which overthrew the fundamentalist-Islam Taliban regime last year.

Hundreds flee threat of Texas floods

Dam still leaks water

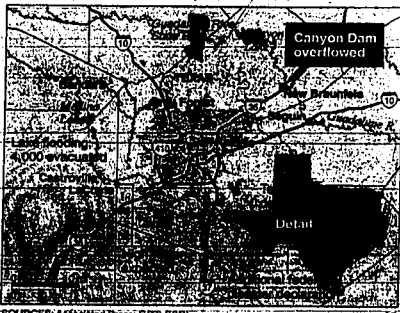
The Associated Press

MICO, Texas — Hundreds of people fled their homes in West Texas towns Saturday as a storm dumped more than a foot of rain on an area that rarely sees more than

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2-foot-a-year rain. The rain tapered off in flood-weary Central Texas, where water surrounded homes in 25 counties.

With thunderstorms and locally heavy rain remaining in the forecast through the middle of this week, it was unclear when the thousands of evacuees around the state would be allowed to return home.

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Source: Associated Press, GDT, ESR

Iraq may unleash terror weapons if U.S. attacks

By John Hendren
Los Angeles Times

WASHINGTON — Pentagon strategists crafting a plan for a potential invasion of Iraq are contending with a problem they did not face during the 1991 Persian Gulf War: Iraqi President Saddam Hussein has little to lose this time by unleashing weapons of mass destruction.

During Operation Desert Storm, Hussein refrained from using chemical and biological weapons against U.S. soldiers, apparently reasoning that his regime could survive if he acceded to the American-led coalition's demands and ended an Iraqi invasion into Kuwait.

Today, with Hussein's elimination the central reason cited by the Bush administration for considering an invasion of his country, military analysts say the Iraqi leader has little to deter him from using the very weapons that war planners want to destroy.

"We've talked ourselves, in many ways, into a war with Iraq because (its) possession of weapons of mass destruction is unacceptable, when it's almost certain that that very war is going to lead to the use of weapons of mass destruction," said Ivo Daalder, a military analyst at the Brookings Institution.

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NATION

U.S. acknowledges civilian deaths during attack

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) — Seeking to avoid a rift with Afghan allies, the U.S. commander in Afghanistan acknowledged Saturday that civilians had been killed in a U.S. airstrike this week and promised to find ways to avoid such mistakes in future.

The statement by Lt. Gen. Dan McNeill was made at a joint press conference with Afghan Foreign Minister Dr. Abdullah in response to Afghan allegations that 48 people were killed and 137 wounded in an air raid Monday in Uruzgan province. The dead included 25 members of an extended family celebrating a wedding in the village of Kakarak, Afghans said.

"Subsequent to the operation, we determined there were civilian casualties," McNeill said. "We will initiate a more formal investigation to determine what caused these civilian deaths and what we can do to make sure they do not happen again."

For his part, Dr. Abdullah reaffirmed that the Afghan government, which owes its existence to



Afghan Foreign Minister Dr. Abdullah, left, and Lt. Gen. Dan McNeill, commander of U.S. troops in Afghanistan, talk about the investigation Saturday in Kabul.

American support, fully backs Taliban and al-Qaida remnants of U.S.-led operations against more than six months of the

hardline Islamic militia's rule collapsed.

"The question is not whether to continue the operations against al-Qaida or not," Dr. Abdullah said. "We should find out ways and means in order to prevent tragedies like losses of civilians as collateral damage in this campaign."

U.S. investigators who visited the bombing site expressed doubts about some of the Afghan claims. American officers said privately that the amount of blood appeared inconsistent with the numbers reported killed and that they could not account for all the wounded.

The spokesman for the investigators, Maj. Gary Tallman, said they saw only five graves, none from the wedding party despite repeated requests. However, The Associated Press was taken to the grave site by a family member, who pointed out 25 graves which appeared freshly dug.

U.S. officials also insisted they saw anti-aircraft fire coming from the area, including the compound where the partygoers died.

However, they could find no trace of an anti-aircraft gun.

The incident threatens to strain relations between the Afghans and the U.S. military at a critical juncture in the search for leading fugitives, including Osama bin Laden and Taliban leader Mullah Mohammed Omar. U.S. officials refused to say what U.S. forces in the area were looking for, but Mullah Omar had been rumored to have been hiding in Uruzgan, among other places.

McNeill said he accepted the Afghan figures for now and repeatedly pledged to make all efforts to minimize civilian casualties.

In Kennebunkport, Maine, President George W. Bush said he wanted the Afghan people to know that "anyone innocent life is lost, we're sad. Our country values life, all life and we'll find out what the facts are."

McNeill said that if innocent civilians died, "it was an accident" and assured the Afghans that "we would not attack our allies."

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Guidelines suggest treatment can be delayed

CHICAGO (AP) — New treatment guidelines suggest symptom-free HIV patients can wait longer than previously recommended to begin taking AIDS drugs.

"The threshold for initiation of therapy has shifted to a later time in the course of HIV disease" because of increased awareness of the effectiveness of AIDS drugs and their toxic side effects, an International AIDS Society-USA panel concluded.

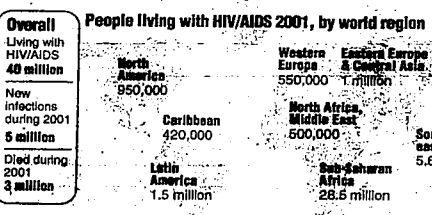
In the mid-1990s, when a new class of drugs helped transform HIV into a manageable chronic disease for many patients, doctors often started treatment immediately in people who were newly infected.

Guidelines have since eased amid mounting evidence that it's safe to wait.

The new guidelines appear in the July 10 issue of the Journal of the American Medical Association but were released early to coincide with the International AIDS Conference in Barcelona, Spain.

AIDS epidemic

An estimated 40 million people are now living with HIV/AIDS.



Source: UNAIDS. Graphic: Elizabeth Nielsen © 2002 KRT

The panel recommends starting drug treatment when levels of disease-fighting CD4 white blood cells drop to between 200 and 350 per cubic millimeter. The group two years ago suggested treatment with CD4 levels of about 350. A U.S. Health and

Human Services group of experts issued similar guidelines in January 2001. The drugs may be beneficial in some patients with higher counts, but the risks in such patients generally outweigh the benefits, the guidelines say.

Patients generally must take three or more drugs at a time, in combinations that must be switched often to combat drug resistance. The drugs also can have serious side effects, like increased cholesterol levels and disturbing body-fat changes.

Noted director Frankenheimer dies

LOS ANGELES (AP) — John Frankenheimer, director of such Hollywood classics as "The Manchurian Candidate," and "Birdman of Alcatraz," died Saturday. He was 72.



John Frankenheimer

It was followed two years later by another highly regarded political thriller, "Seven Days in May," which starred Burt Lancaster as a general planning a coup. Other films included "Seconds," "Black Sunday" and "The Train."

A native New Yorker, Frankenheimer got his first taste of directing movies while in the Air Force stationed in Burbank. He worked on some documentaries, and in 1953 walked into the CBS office in New York and convinced network officials to give him a chance as an assistant director.

Frankenheimer moved from weather and news programming to television shows. His early credits included 42 episodes of the "Playhouse '90" anthology series and his success with political thrillers followed. As producer Frank Mancuso Jr. once put it, "He made the template" for such movies.

In the 1970s, Frankenheimer

ran into some personal difficulties, including a drinking problem, which followed the assassination of close friend Robert F. Kennedy. Kennedy was staying at Frankenheimer's house, and Frankenheimer drove him to the Ambassador Hotel the night he was killed in 1968. Frankenheimer lost his touch, making such clunkers as "Dead Bang" and "Year of the Gun." Job offers dried up in the '80s and he had to work to re-establish himself.

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NATION

Report says directors ignored Enron warnings

WASHINGTON (AP) - Enron's board closed its eyes to evidence the company was heading for financial disaster, and claims by former directors that they were kept in the dark are untrue, a Senate report concludes.

Subcommittee recommendations

- In the wake of the Enron scandal, the Senate Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations recommends:
- Stop accounting practices and transactions that put the company at high risk of not complying with generally accepted accounting principles and resulting in misleading and inaccurate financial statements.
- Ban conflict-of-interest arrangements that allow company transactions with a business owned or operated by senior company personnel.

Airport gunman was almost deported in '96



Hesham Mohamed Hadayet

LOS ANGELES (AP) - The government had started deportation proceedings in 1996 against the Egyptian immigrant who gunned down two people at Los Angeles International Airport. But the following year, he gained U.S. residency because of his wife, officials said Saturday.



SOURCES: Associated Press; Los Angeles World Airports; FAA; ESRI

Violence at the threshold

Thursday's fatal shooting at the Israeli airline El Al ticket counter at Los Angeles International Airport happened outside of the security checkpoints where passengers and baggage are screened.

motives," Garcia said. "What is clear, Garcia said, is that Hadayet walked into the airport intending to kill. He was armed with a .45-caliber semiautomatic Glock pistol, a 9-mm handgun and a .6-inch knife.
The FBI searched the family's apartment and took a computer, books, binders and other materials, but released no details Saturday, or what they contained. Autopsies of the suspect were expedited to be released late Saturday.
Abdul Zahav, a man who said he worked for Hadayet until he was fired two years ago, said Hadayet once told him he hated all Israelis. "He kept all his anger inside him," Zahav said.

Directors of the Houston-based energy-trading company failed to use "more than a dozen red flags" that should have caused the Enron board to ask hard questions, examine Enron policies and consider changing course," the report says.

Lawyers for the company and the former directors disputed the findings.
Senate investigators said the board failed to protect company shareholders and contributed to the collapse of Enron, which in December became the biggest company bankruptcy in U.S. history.

the U.S. economy. The latest is WorldCom, which inflated its financial results by improperly accounting for nearly \$4 billion in expenses.
Enron directors were aware of high-risk accounting practices, inappropriate conflict-of-interest transactions and extensive undisclosed off-the-books activity, the report says.
The report also says Enron's executives compromised the independence of some board members with consulting payments.

"I only wish the Congress would apply the same standards to their own conduct," Bennett said. He said the report was "grossly unfair" and that it "leaps to unfounded conclusions."
"We would expect nothing less in this frame that is taking place in Capitol Hill," he said.
Neil Eggleston, a Washington attorney representing Enron's former directors, said the board was "misled by Enron management and outside auditors about non-suspect transactions."

Ex-cop raps anti-terrorism measures

CHATHAM, N.Y. (AP) - Frank Serpico, the whistle-blowing ex-New York City cop, criticized the government's anti-terrorism measures in a July 4 reading of the Declaration of Independence.
"It is my opinion that never before have we, as a nation, stood in greater danger of losing our individual liberties as we are today," Serpico said.
"Yet, the people of this great nation are being punished because of the transgressions of our leaders and their consorts."
Despite attacks from the media, Serpico continued with his statement before moving on to the text of the historic document.

Restaurants resist offering nutritional info

Los Angeles Times
The fast-food industry's highly profitable practice of serving bigger portions has become a lightning rod for criticism by nutritionists and health advocacy groups who blame "portion distortion" for the alarming of America, a trend with unhealthy consequences.
Among other things, these critics are calling for legislation requiring restaurants to disclose calorie levels on menus, and are particularly critical of chains' growing practice of "super-sizing" meals. They cite research showing that consumers who are served more tend to eat more.
The industry, however, says bigger portions should not be blamed for Americans' growing girth, saying consumers are not being forced to overeat.

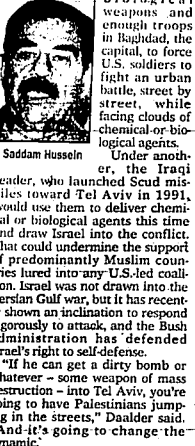
say. In 2000, direct and indirect costs related to fatness amounted to \$117 billion, according to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.
"Super-sizing is contributing to the current epidemic of obesity in this country," said Barbara Rolls, a professor of nutrition at Pennsylvania State University.
"The more you give people, the more they'll eat."
To help curb consumers' appetite for tasty-but-gut-busting fast food, the Center for Science in the Public Interest in recent months has been pressuring federal and state lawmakers to pass legislation that would require chains to publish the calorie counts for a sedentary woman and more than 70 percent of the 2,200 quota for a man who exercises little.

their meals for a bit more money.
The American Institute for Cancer Research, a major charity that focuses on the link between diet and cancer, urges people to ask for half or smaller portions, even if it's not cost effective. Also, it recommends, desserts should be shared.
From a calorie standpoint, consumers who eat at fast-food restaurants often are getting a lot. A McDonald's Corp. super-size Extra Value Meal of a Quarter Pounder with cheese, 42-ounce regular Coke and large fries has 1,550 calories, according to the institute. That's nearly all of the Agriculture Department's recommended daily allotment of 1,600 calories for a sedentary woman and more than 70 percent of the 2,200 quota for a man who exercises little.

Iraq

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That reality has forced military planners to emphasize preemptive strikes against suspected chemical and biological weapons production sites and unprecedented protection for American soldiers.
The plan to invade Iraq, dubbed the Operation Enduring Freedom, reached Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld's desk. Under the plan, special operations soldiers and airstrikes would destroy chemical and biological weapons sites and the weapons there could be used against an invading American force. The preemptive strikes in the contingency plan, which was drafted by the U.S. Central Command and outlined in The Los Angeles Times on June 23 by columnist William M. Arkin, would likely occur before an invasion by as many as 250,000 troops.
Yet even vigorous strikes are unlikely to eliminate Iraq's suspected arsenal of taboo weapons, particularly mobile production facilities and Scud missile launchers that are hard to track, military analysts said.
Some Scud troops from such weapons, Pentagon officials are said to be stockpiling defensive material, including chemical weapons suits, vaccination drugs and medical evacuation equipment.
The primary objective would be removing Hussein from power, and therein lies the danger, said Loren Thompson, a military analyst with the Virginia-based Lexington Institute think tank.
"The way we've gone about preparing for this operation has communicated very effectively to Saddam that he has nothing to lose by doing something crazy," he said.

chemical or biological weapons on it.
In any war blueprint, Pentagon strategists are keeping in mind an old military aphorism: No plan survives contact with the enemy. With that in mind, military planners must contemplate several nightmarish scenarios.



Saddam Hussein

Under one, special operations assaults and airstrikes leave Hussein with some chemical or biological weapons and equipment in Baghdad, the capital, to force U.S. soldiers to fight an urban battle, street by street, while facing clouds of chemical or biological agents.
Under another, the Iraqi leader, who launched Scud missiles toward Tel Aviv in 1991, would use them to deliver chemical or biological agents this time and draw Iraq into the conflict. That could undermine the support of predominantly Muslim countries led into any U.S.-led coalition. Iraq was not drawn into the Persian Gulf war, but it has recently shown an inclination to respond vigorously to attack, and the Bush administration has defended Iraq's right to self-defense.

Stolen truck contains toxins

MEDLEY, Fla. (AP) - A truck trailer loaded with almost a ton of hazardous cleaning chemicals was stolen from a fenced lot and was still missing Saturday, police said.
Authorities issued a nationwide alert warning officers of potential health risks if they locate the trailer. The concentrated cleaning solvents are highly caustic and toxic substances, said police Detective Jennifer Stetson.
The trailer and attached cab were stolen from a fenced loading lot and the lock on a gate had been cut, police said. The cab was later found off Florida Highway 16, south of Miami.

Weight Loss Puzzle Doctors

ATLANTA, GA - Doctors were surprised when two separate studies found that patients receiving the formula called Bio-Rex 3000 lost more than twice as much weight as those in a control group on the same fat-reduced diet. Neither group had any exercise.
The amount of food they ate or to increase their exercise levels. An article published in the American Journal of Clinical Nutrition says that you don't have to decrease the amount of food you eat to lose weight, provided that you limit the fat.

According to a spokesperson for HealthGulf Corporation, the exclusive North American distributor of Bio-Rex 3000, the company is considering additional studies in order to get federal approval to make pharmaceutical claims. Currently, weight loss gains for the Bio-Rex 3000 supplement are limited. However, with the requisite approval, the company could say that Bio-Rex 3000 decreases weight gain, increases metabolism and interferes with the body's ability to produce excess fat.

That leaves U.S. forces facing a dramatically altered conflict.
If we go after Iraq, it is a different kind of war, you can't just imagine," said William E. Ruppel, a retired U.S. Army colonel and military analyst at the Center for Strategic and International Studies. "Saddam wouldn't go down without using his ace in the hole, which is a Scud missile with

SEARS

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Dems look at corporate corruption as political capital

By Janet Hook
Los Angeles Times

WASHINGTON - To hear national Democratic leaders tell it, just a few weeks ago, this year's congressional elections were mainly about preserving Social Security, expanding Medicare and ending GOP mismanagement of the federal budget. But now, with the latest cascade of business scandals, they are humming a different tune.

At the urging of party leaders, Democrats around the country spent last week's congressional recess back home trying to cast the election as a choice between friends and foes of corporate corruption and greed.

In Mississippi, a House Democrat lambasted his GOP opponent for refusing to return donations from WorldCom, whose accounting shenanigans reignited the issue of corporate wrongdoing.

In other cases, Democrats focused on broader questions of corporate accountability. In New Hampshire, a Democrat attacked the House Republican incumbent for opposing legislation that might have prevented a local company from leading U.S. taxes. In South Dakota, a Democratic senator departed from his previous emphasis on local issues to unveil a broad proposal to crack down on irresponsible corporate executives.

And Democratic officials have recommended that party candidates everywhere spotlight the voting records of Republicans on corporate reform measures.

"After months of groping without success for a campaign theme of national resonance, the Democratic leaders clearly are hoping that the snowballing revelations about corporate scandals will tilt the campaign play-

ing field in their direction. "The Enrons and WorldComs have contributed significantly to an important shift in the national political environment, not just by putting voters in a more populist mood generally but also by

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- Carl Forti, spokesman for the National Republican Congressional Committee

helping to tie together issues like retirement security, jobs and a shaky economy in a way that benefits Democrats," said Jim Jordan, executive director of the Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee.

Republicans are skeptical, saying this is just the latest in a series of efforts by Democrats to find a "silver bullet" issue that would nationalize the 2002 campaign.

"First it was energy, then the economy, then airport security and Social Security," said Carl Forti, spokesman for the

National Republican Congressional Committee in a memo to Republican candidates. "Having failed to gain political mileage on these issues, Democrats have now staked their hopes for winning this November on corporate accountability."

Independent analysts say the Democrats might have some trouble gaining traction on the issue unless it is coupled with serious instability in the economy. That's in part because Democrats themselves have accepted corporate donations and been swept up in scandals involving companies such as Global Crossing, the troubled telecommunications company.

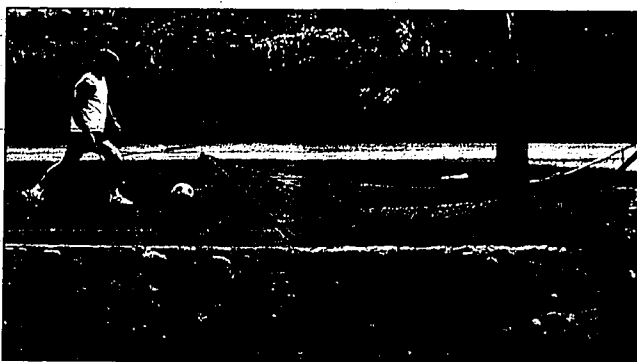
"Most voters still see all politicians in the same light: They are all raising special interest money, all friends with the big fat cats," said Amy Walter, an analyst for the nonpartisan Cook Political Report.

But Democrats remain confident they can score political gains by depicting Republicans as reluctant to respond to corporate abuses - and link that message to the stereotype of the GOP as the party of big business.

"If being for big corporations is not the first thing people think about the Republican Party, it is at least the second thing," said Geoff Garin, a Democratic pollster. "It is part of the Republican brand identity."

And despite their public bravado, Republicans are reacting defensively. Forti's memo was a "Candidate Alert" sent just before the July 4th recess to arm Republicans with arguments about what legislation the House passed to strengthen pensions and corporate accounting.

"The GOP takes a back seat to no one on this issue," the memo said with emphasis.



President Bush kicks a soccer ball while playing with his Scottish terrier, Barney, at Walker's Point on Saturday in Kennebunkport, Maine. Bush is celebrating his 56th birthday with family at his parents' summer home on the Maine coast.

Family time highlights Bush birthday

KENNEBUNKPORT, Maine (AP) - In a baseball cap labeling him "The Boss," President Bush greeted his 56th birthday on Saturday with a crack-of-dawn round of golf - and a common gripe against aging.

"Feeling a little older, if you know what I mean," Bush said as he teed off with his father at a golf course near the family's shingled compound on the Atlantic.

The 78-year-old former President George Bush, who hit from a tee a bit closer to the hole, said he had no "words of wisdom" for his son, only a warning: "No laughing about the ladies' tee."

The president propped his foot on the cart dashboard as he sped across the course in just over two hours. He appeared to be in high spirits on the second day of a three-day holiday weekend with his extended family - his parents, first lady Laura Bush, their twin daughters, his brother and assorted nieces, nephews and in-laws.

Asked about the embroidery on his black cap, Bush took it off and looked at it. "El jefe, that's French," he joked. (Jefe is actually Spanish for boss or chief.)

It was so early in the morning, he said he had not thought of anything he wanted for his birthday. "First of all, I'm glad my mother and wife remembered," Bush said.

By the 18th hole, he had come up with a more serious answer: "Hanging out with my family, which is a wonderful gift unto itself."

The president, his father, brother-in-law Bobby Koch and a local golf pro took just two hours and 10 minutes to play 18 holes. The dugout-style chatter came from the former president, who approvingly appraised one powerful stroke with: "How does the equipment stand? Way up there! A little to the left. Whoa, golly!"

The family planned a birthday party for the president Saturday night - "maybe a surprise party," he said with a grin.

With his weekly radio address, recorded in Washington before he left for Maine on Friday, Bush sought to extend the patriotic spirit of the Fourth of July.

"More than ever in the lifetimes of most Americans, our flag stands for a true united country. We've been united in our grief and we are united in our resolve to protect our people and defeat the enemies of freedom," he said.

The Democratic Party gave its Saturday radio broadcast to its gubernatorial candidate in Pennsylvania, former Philadelphia Mayor Ed Rendell, who urged Americans celebrating at home should not forget about those protecting freedom overseas.

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Congress braces for spending clashes

WASHINGTON (AP) - A campaign season of House-Senate spending clashes over counterterrorism, schools and other programs is approaching, but it is unclear if the one event sure to grab headlines will occur: a veto by President Bush.

Bush seems to be itching for his first veto. The confrontation would help polish his credentials as a fiscal conservative after presiding over the return of budget deficits and signing an expensive farm bill.

But he can't kill legislation until lawmakers send it to him. That would require the Republican-led House to approve bills he opposes. A vote like that could sour some of the GOP's conservative voters, just before an election that could cost the party its control of the House.

"The only way the president can veto something is if we pass something that's labeled veto," Speaker Dennis Hastert, R-Ill., said in an interview. "We don't intend to bring something that's fiscally irresponsible to the House floor."

With Democrats controlling the Senate, both parties will have plenty of chances to underscore their budget differences in the run-up to the November election. A anti-terrorism package Bush passed in May is one of the 13 bills covering agencies' spending for the coming fiscal year are possible battlefields.

Congress-Bush priorities differ for 2003

Plans by the Republican-led House and Democratic-run Senate for the 13 spending bills for the federal fiscal year that begins Oct. 1, and how they compare to this year's totals and President Bush's request. Shown for each bill are totals for fiscal 2002, Bush's request for 2003, and the House and Senate 2003 proposals.

In billions	2002	Bush	House	Senate
Agriculture	\$16.6	\$17.1	\$17.6	\$18
Commerce, Justice, State	41.1	40.7	40.3	43.5
Defense	320.6	356.6	354.4	355.1
Energy and water projects	25.2	25.1	26	26.3
Foreign operations	15.4	16.1	16.4	16.3
Interior	18.2	19	19.7	19.3
Labor, Health, Human Services				
Education	126.3	129.0	129.0	134.3
Legislative branch	3.2	3.2	3.2	3.4
Military construction	10.6	9.5	10.1	10.6
Transportation	16.9	19.9	19.4	21.1
Treasury, postal service	18.4	18	18.6	18.5
Veterans, Housing, environment and science	92.3	92.5	91.8	92.9
Reserve funds (mostly defense)	0	11	11	10.3
Totals	706	759.1	759.1	770.3
In millions				
District of Columbia	\$608	\$379	\$517	\$517

SOURCES: House and Senate Appropriations Committees AP

As work proceeds on those measures, Bush will be under pressure to spend more than he wants. There are new, growing needs such as the costs of battling Western brushfires, and lawmakers of both parties will demand election-season largesse they can take home to their districts.

Even so, many conservatives say a veto is the best way to control spending and signal to Republican voters their party stands for fiscal prudence. Senate Minority Leader Trent Lott, R-Miss., said last week he will ask House leaders to stage votes on spending measures Bush dislikes.

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Diocese responds to abuse claims

CLEVELAND (AP) — All the years that Terry Flanagan and Barbara Afflen have worked for the Roman Catholic diocese didn't prepare them for the temporary jobs they accepted in April. Running a diocesan office that responds to people claiming to have been sexually abused by priests.

"We were all raised believing these things couldn't happen," Flanagan said recently. "I think we are all kind of growing up and realizing they could," they did, and it needs to change."

The Cleveland Diocese has been hit particularly hard by the national scandal of sexual abuse by priests in the church. Fifteen priests have been placed on administrative leave and one committed suicide following abuse accusations.

In a gesture of repentance on the Thursday before Easter, Bishop Anthony Pilla re-nacted Christ's washing of the apostles' feet by washing the feet of a woman molested as a child.

Two weeks later, Flanagan and Afflen were asked to set up the office to respond to allegations of abuse. They have since fielded about 300 calls and conducted e-mail messages, along with talking to people walking in off the street.

The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, in its meeting last month in Dallas, asked all dioceses to reach out in similar ways to victims of sexual abuse by priests and to have mechanisms in place to offer support and respond quickly to allegations.

Flanagan has worked for the Cleveland Diocese since 1975, most recently as director of parish-based services, such as outreach to youth, refugees and the disabled — for Catholic Charities. Afflen has worked for Catholic Charities since 1985 and is assistant director of family center services, which provides aid to families throughout northeast Ohio.

The new office was meant as a temporary assignment, Afflen said with a sad smile. "Terry and I cleared our calendars for a week. That was two and a half months ago," she said.

Flanagan described the job as "trape, directing callers to the right people in the diocese or help, support or to lodge a com-



Barbara Afflen, left, and Terry Flanagan stand outside the offices of the Catholic Diocese of Cleveland June 27 in Cleveland. Afflen and Flanagan have worked for the Roman Catholic diocese for years. But neither was quite prepared for the temporary jobs they accepted in April: running the new diocesan office for responding to claims of sexual abuse by priests.

plaint or comment.

"The intention as it was formed was that the diocese would have a way of centralizing all of the inquiries that would be coming in," he said. "We get the information to those who will take it from there," including referring claims to the diocese' legal office for investigation.

Most important is an apology, Flanagan said. "First and foremost, I have learned to say, on behalf of the church, that I am very sorry for what these people have experienced. And for some, they've never heard that before," Flanagan said.

"We try to let them know that they are being heard," Afflen

said.

For Afflen, the experience has produced a dramatic shift in her views.

"Before I started this office, I would have thought a good deal of this was misconstrued and misreported," she said. "Since then, I have met personally with several victims and talked to a lot more, and I have moved from one end of the continuum to the other."

The diocese has appointed a commission to recommend new policies and procedures for handling abuse allegations, and part of that will be developing permanent procedures to replace Flanagan and Afflen, who will return to their old jobs.

Man sues former bishop alleging abuse

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A former Roman Catholic bishop who was forced to resign in a 1999 sex scandal is being sued by a man who claims the bishop abused him for nearly two decades.

The lawsuit filed Friday alleges the unidentified plaintiff was first molested when he was a sixth grade altar boy at St. Matthias Church in Huntington.

At 17, the plaintiff alleges, the Rev. G. Patrick Ziemann began paying him for sexual acts, and Ziemann continued the relationship after being named spiritual director of the now-closed Queen of Angels Seminary in the San Fernando Valley in 1985.

The suit claims the relationship with Ziemann, 60, who now lives in an Arizona monastery, went on until Ziemann was named auxiliary bishop of Los Angeles in 1987, the Los Angeles Times reported Saturday.

Ziemann was named bishop of Santa Rosa in 1992. The lawsuit claims the archdiocese of Los Angeles and San Francisco recommended he be appointed bishop "in part as a reward for his agreement to engage with them in a conspiracy to conceal sexual abuse," within the church.

Ziemann stepped down as bishop in 1999 after a priest filed a sexual abuse lawsuit.

A spokesman for the Los Angeles Archdiocese, Tod Tamberg, said the church hadn't seen the lawsuit and could not comment.

Ziemann's lawyer, Chris Arndt, an Avondale attorney, said he could not be reached for comment until Monday, an operator at his message service said Saturday.

Woman raised black finds out birth parents are white

Knight Ridder News Service

FOREST CITY, N.C. — Linda Fay McCord was raised in the 1950s as a black child by adoptive black parents. She rode in the bus with the bus, she drank from "colored" water fountains.

When classmates taunted her as "high yellow" because of her light skin and hazel eyes, McCord yelled back: I'm black. Years later, when a co-worker at her new job confided he was glad the boss hadn't hired a "colored girl," McCord told him: I'm black.

No, you're not. The last time she ever corrected anybody was four years ago, when a stranger telephoned, claiming to be her niece. McCord confronted her: You can't be my niece, she remembers saying. You sound like you're a white girl.

I am white, the caller said. And so are you. Oh, my God. The caller mailed McCord a copy of a faded birth certificate from Surry County, northwest of Winston-Salem.

Linda Fay Alderman, it said in typed letters. Date of birth: Toast, N.C. Place of birth: 18 November 1946. Color or race: White.

"I don't even know who I am," McCord now says. "I'm caught in the middle of something. My mind says I'm black. Then I look at my skin, and it says I'm white. I've come to the conclusion that color is just a state of mind."

McCord is 55, a big-boned woman, 5-foot-7, with freckles dotting high cheekbones and curly hair turned gray. She talks with pride about raising six children as a single mom without welfare.

She's been married 6.5 years to Mac McCord, a black man and retired engineer who says the first time he met McCord he wondered if his friend had set him up with a white woman.

McCord always felt her adoptive parents disliked her because of her light skin. She has a twin sister, Brenda Kay, who has darker skin and seemed to fit in better. McCord says when freckles

popped out on her face at age 9, her adoptive mother whipped her and tried to scrub them off with a Brillo pad.

She was 12 when she and Brenda found out they were adopted. She says her mother told them that their real parents gave them away.

But their biological mother, for years, tried to locate her twins.

She called for them on her deathbed in 1987. After she died, her granddaughter, Jocelyn Dolani, began looking for the twins. She set out to find two white women. After months of digging, she turned up two black women.

When McCord answered the phone, it was as if Dolani was hearing her dead grandmother speak again. She had the same tone of voice, the same infectious laugh.

McCord didn't believe what Dolani told her. But when Dolani described Brenda's crooked toe, McCord knew it was true. How else would this stranger know about Brenda's big toe?

What was my mother's name? she remembers asking. Betty. My father's? Clyde.

She hesitated before she asked the next question. She had dreamed of meeting her parents for so long. She wanted the answer to the question to be "yes" so badly, she was afraid to ask it.

Are they alive? No. "All my life, working in the mills, working in the nursing home, people would say, 'Linda, you don't look black.' I cussed them out. I told them, 'I'm not white.' Now I have to go back and apologize." She laughs her mother's infectious laugh. "I just started eating chitlins now. I find out I've got a taste for the wrong food." She laughs again. "All those years I rode in the back of the bus. They didn't know they had a poor white woman sitting back there with the black women. I've been impersonating a Negro for 47 years."

Son of firefighter killed in Sept. 11 fulfills father's West Point dream

WEST POINT, N.Y. (AP) — Kevin Dowdell worked hard to get his son into West Point. He coached Patrick through the application process, talked up VIPs and called his congressman every day.

Days after a personal visit to the congressman's office, Patrick's firefighter father died, on Sept. 11, in the World Trade Center.

Inspired by the memory of his father, 19-year-old Patrick pushed forward with his West Point application. This week, Patrick finished his journey to the U.S. Military Academy, arriving at West Point wearing a T-shirt bearing his father's fire company logo and a steel bracelet with his father's name and "WTC 9-11."

Kevin Dowdell, left, and Patrick Dowdell, right, pose for their mom, Rose Ellen Dowdell, Monday at the United States Military Academy at West Point, N.Y., before Patrick became a new cadet.



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"He could even imagine his father's voice reminding him to keep up the good behavior. When my dad was alive, he did everything he could to help me get in," Patrick said. "He would help me with the paperwork. He would talk to the guys that might be able to help."

Patrick is tall and lit with short, dark hair. His mother says he looks and acts just like his father, a lieutenant in the New York City fire department. Neither one could still.

Patrick and his younger brother, James, would take walks with their father near the bay by their home in Breezy Point, Queens. They marched together in the County Tyrone band; Patrick played bagpipes and James was snare drum while their father thumped a bass drum with each left step.

Bagpipes first brought Patrick to West Point. He was playing at a celebration there in 1997 when he thought of becoming a cadet. He asked his father: Can I really do this? The answer was yes. Patrick tried to get into West

Point right out of high school, but was put on a waiting list. He went to Iona College in New Rochelle, N.Y., last fall with plans to try again.

His father kept helping. "He was a talker, my husband," said Rose Ellen Dowdell. "He talked to a lot of different people. ... He had all these people for Patrick to speak to."

Rep. Anthony Weiner said his office received daily calls from Lt. Dowdell about Patrick's application. Father and son visited Weiner's office on the second weekend of September.

The pair drove back up to Iona that Sunday, Sept. 9. Patrick got out, kissed his dad on the cheek, told him he loved him and said goodbye.

Two days later, Lt. Dowdell and Rescue 4 were racing across the Brooklyn Bridge to the burning towers. No one knows exactly how the firefighter's final moments played out.

Patrick said his father was likely by the command center in the South Tower when it collapsed, but his remains were never found. He was 46.

Patrick did not let grief sidetrack him. "It was tough," Patrick said. "I did think about that a lot. But I also tried to put myself in the position: What would he be doing? Would he want me to be sitting home, sitting around not doing anything, letting this whole West Point thing squeeze by?"

Without his father to push him, Patrick pushed himself. "I was him and me. I was saying, 'Pat, You have to do this.'" Some days, he would make five phone calls before heading to classes. A Christmas party for Trade Center families was a chance to seek nominating letters from former Fire Commissioner Thomas Von Essen and other department brass.

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Lawmakers target meth epidemic in Pacific Northwest

WASHINGTON (AP) — Five Pacific Northwest residents will graduate this month, but they will not be wearing caps and gowns.

The five — four "meth moms" and a father — are all recovering methamphetamine addicts, and their July 16 graduation will occur in a Tacoma, Wash., courtroom, where a judge will pronounce their completion of a yearlong treatment program.

"They hope to go on and lead productive lives now that they've finished the program — one of many funded by the federal government to help meth users kick a habit that counselors say is harder to shake than heroin."

"These people are not felons," said Terree Schmidt-Whelan, executive director of the Pierce County Alliance, which runs the treatment program. "They're in here to try to help them get their kids back and work toward getting a job."

Graduation by itself does not guarantee custody of the addicts' children, who were taken from them because they were deemed incapable of providing adequate care. But it greatly increases chances for the program's 84 participants, Schmidt-Whelan said.

The \$422,000 program is part of the Washington State Methamphetamine Initiative, a consortium of social service, law enforcement and community organizations that has received \$4 million in federal money to address a problem that has reached epidemic proportions.

California, Washington and Oregon are ranked among the five worst states in the country in terms of methamphetamine use and production, according to the Drug Enforcement Administration.

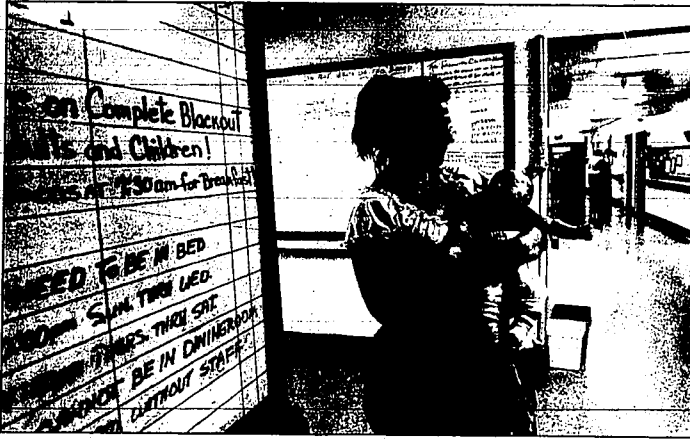
A meth epidemic has crept up from the Mexican border into the Pacific Northwest, following the Interstate 5 corridor.

More than 1,800 meth labs were seized in California last year, including 235 high-quantity "superlabs." California seizures were second only to Missouri, and the number of superlabs seized in California far exceeded any other state.

The numbers are nearly as grim for Washington and Oregon. Nearly 1,500 meth labs were seized in Washington last year, third-highest in the nation — and 84 labs were seized in Oregon, fifth-highest in the country.

In Washington, three King County deputies were injured in a shootout as they were serving a warrant on a Maple Valley house, believed to be a meth lab.

The meth problem is so severe that last year, two dozen lawmakers, including Rep. Brian Baird, D-Wash., formed



Sheila Funke holds her 5-week-old daughter, Haylie Dawn Gault, in the hallway of the Willamette Family Treatment Center in Eugene, Ore., Tuesday. Funke is undergoing a 90-day to six-month treatment program for women addicted to methamphetamines. Below, Alysia Anderson works on group therapy homework assignment with Dawn Souley, right, Tuesday at the center. The two are also involved in the program for women addicted to methamphetamines.

the bipartisan Congressional Caucus to Fight and Control Methamphetamine. The group now numbers 88 of the 435 House members.

Meth, also known as speed or crank, "is really the biggest drug problem we face," said Baird, who co-chairs the meth caucus.

For as little as \$10, a meth user can get a more euphoric high than cocaine and one that lasts a long time — from one to three days, said Baird, a clinical psychologist who treated meth addicts before being elected to Congress in 1998.

While the drug is imported into the region from Mexico and other countries, it is also widely "cooked" in the Pacific Northwest in vans, motels and increasingly, forests. Ingredients are extracted from over-the-counter items such as the



cold medicine pseudoephedrine, and recipes are widely available on the Internet.

To combat meth, officials have devised a three-pronged approach that includes law enforcement, treatment

and prevention. Funding for the Washington state meth initiative, for instance, was doubled from \$2 million in 2000 to \$4 million for the current fiscal year.

In Oregon, Rep. Darlene Hooley recently helped win approval of a \$580,000 federal grant to fight meth in Marion County. Hooley, a Democrat, helped arrange a helicopter tour of Oregon this spring by DEA head Asa Hutchinson and White House "drug czar" John Walters.

The flight over a busted meth lab near Corvallis showed how difficult it is for police to stop meth production, Hooley said.

"When you look at it from the air, it looks like it's just another house. That's what makes it so scary," she said.

Oregon's high-intensity drug traffick-

Meth wars

The top 10 states for meth lab seizures last year

1. Missouri	2,207
2. California	1,847
3. Washington	1,477
4. Kansas	819
5. Oregon	584
6. Oklahoma	580
7. Iowa	562
8. Texas	550
9. Indiana	499
10. Tennessee	461

Source: Drug Enforcement Administration

ing program, or HIDTA — which focuses on meth, heroin and other drugs — received \$2.5 million in federal money last year, but Hooley and other lawmakers say more resources are needed.

"People who use methamphetamine become paranoid, delusional and sometimes violent," Hooley said.

Charles Karl, executive director of the Oregon HIDTA program, requested a \$1.5 million increase for the fiscal year that begins Oct. 1, to allow the state to expand the three-county drug-trafficking area.

The Oregon HIDTA only got an increase of \$250,000, which Karl said is too small to fund expansion.

"It's frustrating," he said.

In Washington, officials have requested about \$630,000 to expand the seven-county HIDTA area.

No decision has been made, but Baird said there's "a high probability" it will occur.

The meth caucus was instrumental in increasing overall funding for the HIDTA program by \$20 million, so it makes sense to use that money where caucus members believe it is needed, Baird said.

Dave Rodriguez, director of the Northwest HIDTA program, based in Seattle, said any expansion must be approved by the White House drug office. A decision is not expected until at least late July.

Even without expansion, the existing HIDTA program, which stretches from the northern border to Olympia and Yakima, Wash., targets more than half the state, Rodriguez said.

But Baird said more needs to be done: "We spend a billion dollars fighting cocaine in Colombia, but here we have a drug being produced in our own backyard, and we're not spending nearly enough as we should," he said.

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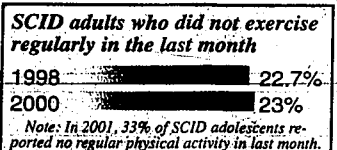
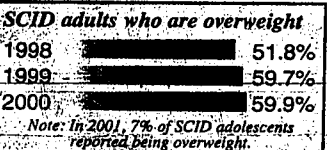
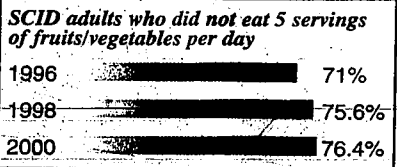
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Tony Hanna, executive vice president of the Bethlehem Economic Development Corp., stands in front of a 'ghost sign,' June 21 in Bethlehem, Pa., which advertises a former Bethlehem furniture store.

Group attempts to preserve 'ghost signs'

BETHLEHEM, Pa. (AP) — They hover on the sides of downtown brick buildings, the faded advertisements for products no longer on the market and for stores long shuttered.

Painted decades ago to hawk everything from flour to cigars or to point the way to hardware stores, these "ghost signs" continue to tell the history of America before superhighways and megamalls.

Now, with many of such signs around the nation at risk of vanishing as cities renew their skylines, some communities are working to keep them a part of urban landscapes.

"They're a part of our history," said Bethlehem Mayor Donald T. Cunningham Jr. "It may seem like a minor aesthetic issue, but it's part of a broader initiative of improving quality of life and giving people a sense of pride in their community."

Cunningham calls the ghost signs in Bethlehem "hidden treasures" — from a black-and-white ad for the Boyd Theatre with clunky print resembling a film noir's opening credits, to a colorful sign for the defunct Goodman's Furniture store that declares, "Sleeping on a Sealy is Like Sleeping on a Cloud."

When the ghost signs were new, the colors often were screamingly vivid, and the lead-based paint helped them hold fast against age and weather. But the years are finally taking their toll.

Efforts to battle the ravages of time are under way from Roanoke, Va., where businessman Frank Ewald restored a 1903 Pepsi Cola sign on the side of his photography shop, to Fort Collins, Colo., where a preservation group is seeking funding to reanimate a fading Coca Cola sign.

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Mister Softee driver faces breach-of-peace charges

HARTFORD, Conn. (AP) — The driver of a Mister Softee truck is facing assault and breach-of-peace charges for allegedly attacking a frequent critic of the music coming from the truck's loudspeakers, police said.

Luis Amaro, 51, is accused of charging out of his truck Saturday and swinging a bat at Wilbur Troutman.

"Mister Softee tried to kill me!" Troutman, 64, said Tuesday as he recovered from arm bruises and a graze to the head. Amaro could not be reached for comment. But Felix Rios, who

Bethlehem, a city of 73,000 in eastern Pennsylvania, is beginning an effort to catalog its many ghost signs. Officials will then decide which ones to restore, said Tony Hanna, executive vice president of the Bethlehem Economic Development Corp.

But the very concept of restoration has created "a big divide in preservation circles," said Michael J. Auer, a National Park Service historian.

"No one knows how to keep a ghost sign from fading, so we're faced with a dilemma: Do you let them fade to oblivion or repaint them?" he said. "Some people believe painting them — even if it's done well, and in some cases it's not — destroys the very ghostliness that makes the sign what it is."

The smartly designed typography and hand-painting techniques used on many old signs capture the imagination in a way today's plastic sheet-covered billboards cannot,

said Tod Swornstedt, president of the American Sign Museum in Cincinnati.

"People appreciate the old techniques, the hand-rendered as opposed to the computer-cut," Swornstedt said. "Maybe it's a reaction to the impersonal age we live in."

William W. Masters, a Scranton painter and member of the sign-painter trade organization called the Letterheads, wants to keep tradition alive but warns against being too precious about the old signs.

"The guys who painted them had fine art training, but the signs were just advertisements," he said. The huge and color-soaked ads may even have been considered eyesores back when they were new, he said.

Troutman, 64, has been following the Mister Softee trucks throughout his neighborhood, taking pictures and recording the music from the trucks in a campaign to get them banned from city streets, Rios said.

"I'm not saying what our driver did was right or wrong because I wasn't there. But I know this driver, and I know he wouldn't lose his temper without a good reason," Rios said.

Bride-to-be defends her pickup, pulls gun on interloper

MOUNT VERNON, Mo. (AP) — Florists were hanging wisteria at Charlotte Ann Neely-White's home for her wedding when a stranger drove up, claimed there was a bomb in his car, and made the mistake of demanding her beloved pickup.

Neely-White had her fiance get her pistol, and while she fought with the man, the gun went off, wounding the man in the chest.

A few hours later, Neely-White got married as scheduled. "It was a long day," the former public school principal said Friday.

"This lady was as calm as a cucumber. She can withstand anything. I admire her guts," said flower arranger Linda Cassidy. "I don't think I'd want to make her upset."

Lawrence County Sheriff Doug Seneker said he had no doubt that Neely-White acted in self defense.

Witnesses said the confrontation started about three hours before Neely-White's Fourth of July wedding.

The stranger "went rushing by and then he slammed on his brakes, and then he came into the yard, and he said 'Somebody

call 911 quick, there's a bomb in my car,'" Cassidy said. "He was scared and excited, and just kind of wired."

Then he demanded that Neely-White give him her pickup. She refused.

"Have you ever had anything you really love? Well, I love that truck," said Neely-White, 55.

She said the man threatened to set off the bomb if she didn't give him her truck. "I said, 'No sir, you go ahead and set the

bomb off. My house needs work anyway,'" Cassidy said.

Neely-White said the man attacked her with a riding whip, so she yelled for her fiance, who had gone inside to call police, to grab her 22-caliber pistol.

"I probably mowed my fiance over," Neely-White said. As a former principal, it was in her nature to take control, she said.

Seneker said Neely-White and the assailant struggled for the gun, and it went off, hitting the

man once in the chest. He managed to grab the gun from her, break a window in Neely-White's pickup with a piece of firewood and open the door. With the gun pointed at her, Neely-White backed off.

Police later arrested Jorge Luis Caccagna, 30, after he allegedly abandoned the pickup. He was charged Friday, while hospitalized with a chest wound, with first-degree assault and other counts.

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bove, this 1994 photograph by Gabriel Orozco titled Ball on Water (Palota en zsin) is part of the 'Moving Pictures' exhibition at the Guggenheim Museum in New York from June 28 to Jan. 12, 2003. The exhibition shows approximately 150 works by 55 contemporary artists working in photography, film and video. Below, this 1984 photograph by Robert Mapplethorpe of Ken Moody and Robert Sherman is also part of the exhibition.



State doesn't want racial word on license plate

VALRICO, Fla. (AP) — A couple wanted to express pride in their Italian heritage with the license plate "2 Dagos," but were told to return the plate to the state because some people feel it is an ethnic slur.

But Phil and Fran Lascola said they are fighting the request, saying they don't consider the term insulting.

"How in the world could they say that is obscene?" said Phil Lascola. "We're Italians, we're not slamming anybody."

Florida issued the license plate 18 months ago for the couple's BMW, but reconsidered its decision when it received a recent complaint.

The state says it has the right to withdraw or refuse to issue tags that are vulgar or objectionable.

Controversial plates have included "Atheist," "Murtin," "H-S" (meaning hate) and variations of the "F" word. After a fight, the Gainesville man with the "Atheist" tag was allowed to keep it.

A Save the Manatee specialty tag that read "EAT UMM" was taken away from a Tallahassee driver.

Phil Lascola said he received a letter Saturday from the state telling the couple to return their plate. The couple is considering hiring an attorney to handle the dispute.

David Bowie commands British media attention

LONDON (AP) — Veteran rock star David Bowie said he would never live in Britain again because the news media are so obsessed with celebrities.

The 55-year-old singer, who has lived in the United States for a decade, said he and his family could have no private life if he came back to his native country.

"The privacy inconvenience of having a camera lens stuck in either my face or my wife and kids' face every morning, I think would certainly be a deterrent to me wanting to come back to live here on a permanent basis," he told the British Broadcasting Corp. on Friday.

"Even being here a couple of years, I realize, this is a really different place," he said. "It's astounding how media-driven London is."

Bowie, who is promoting his new album "Heathen," also had mixed words for much of the news that enjoys popularity in Britain. He said he knew about Australian pop diva Kylie Minogue "and chart-topping Irish singer Robbie Williams."

"You can't get away from that when you hit the shores, so I know about the cruise ship entertainment aspect of British pop," he said.



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Police nab another gang rape suspect

MULTAN, Pakistan (AP) — A suspect in the gang rape of an 18-year-old girl as part of a tribal punishment was arrested Saturday after surrendering to a local newspaper, police said.

Faiz Bakht Mastoi was the second man arrested in connection with the June 22 rape in the past two days. Police are searching for two other suspects.

Bakht Mastoi went to the office of a local newspaper in Multan, a regional center in Punjab province, and identified himself as one of those wanted in the case. "I'm surrendering at the newspaper office because I'm afraid that police may kill me in a fake encounter," Bakht Mastoi told reporters.

Police have been under pressure to capture the rapists after Pakistan's Supreme Court accused local officials of negligence for failing to arrest them immediately after the crime.

Police said the woman was raped by four men after a tribal council in Meerwala village ordered that her family be pun-

ished after her 11-year-old brother was seen walking unchaperoned with a girl from a different tribe.

Police say the tribal verdict was illegal. But Pakistan has a tradition of tribal justice in which crimes or affronts to dignity are punished outside the framework of Pakistani law.

The rape has outraged rights groups, which have demanded an end to punishments by tribal councils. The Pakistan government has given the family \$8,000 as compensation and says a school will be built in Meerwala and named for the victim.

The alleged rapists were well known in the village, and several of their relatives have been detained by police to pressure them to surrender to police.

Police said the suspects fled the village after the rape was reported to avoid arrest. The first man arrested was discovered Friday at a friend's farm in southwestern Baluchistan province.

The victim's mother, Allah Bachui, said on Saturday that the



Pakistanis protest a gang rape Saturday in Karachi, Pakistan. The banner reads "Culprits of gang-rape should be punished."

family had been threatened by relatives of the alleged rapists for reporting the crime.

Pakistan's Supreme Court has

ordered police and local officials to give it updates on the investigation. After criticizing police at a hearing on Friday, the chief jus-

tice ordered investigators to return to court July 11 to give a progress report, court officials said.

Palestinians challenge Arafat, three die in Gaza

JERUSALEM (AP) — A large group of Palestinian security officers on Saturday rejected Yasser Arafat's choice for a new West Bank security chief in the latest challenge to the authority of the Palestinian leader.

Meanwhile, three Palestinians were killed in two separate shootings in the Gaza Strip, including a woman and her 2-year-old daughter who were hit while riding in a taxi. Palestinians claimed Israeli troops were responsible for all three deaths. But Israel's army said its soldiers did not fire anywhere in the area of either shooting.

In the Gaza shootings, Randa Hindi and her 2-year-old daughter, Noor, were killed by machine gun fire from an Israeli tank while traveling in a taxi in central Gaza, according to Dr. Ahmed Rabeh, spokesman for al-Aqsa hospital in Deir Balah.

A passenger in the taxi, Jamal Ismail, 29, said the car came under fire just after passing the Netzarim junction near a Jewish settlement that is heavily guarded by the army. Hindi screamed, and the driver sped away. The other passengers included two more of Hindi's children, but no one else was hurt.

"When I looked back, I saw a very horrible scene I can never forget. The woman and her baby were in a pool of blood," Ismail said.

But the army denied that there was any Israeli firing in the area. Arafat has been under Israeli and American pressure to restructure his overlapping security forces and direct them to stop terror attacks against Israel. This past week, Arafat dismissed three senior security leaders, including Jibril Rajoub, head of Preventive Security in the West Bank.

Arafat appointed the governor of Jenin, Zuhair al-Manasra, to replace Rajoub.

But almost 200 security officers gathered Saturday to object to the appointment of al-Manasra and demand that Rajoub be given another high-ranking political or security post.

Islamic clerics protest government regulation of their schools

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan (AP) — Islamic clerics, representing thousands of religious schools in Pakistan, threatened Saturday to launch nationwide demonstrations to protest new laws that would regulate their finances, the enrollment of overseas students and prevent the teaching of Islamic extremism.

After attending a meeting with top government officials to discuss the new rules, the heads of religious schools gave the government two weeks to withdraw the new regulations or face the protests.

In a statement issued after the meeting, Ittehad-Tanzeem, an alliance of organizations representing most of some 8,000 religious schools, said it would organize street demonstrations if the new regulations were not abandoned.

"We neither give training in militancy to anyone nor collect donations in the name of jihad (holy war)," the statement said. "Our sole aim is to prepare



Islamic scholars.

Religious Affairs Minister Ghazi Mahmood Ahmed, right, talks to Ghulam Mohammed Sialvi, head of religious schools examination, after a meeting of with religious clerics in Islamabad, Pakistan, Saturday.

neighboring Afghanistan.

Pakistan's military government announced new laws which would have madrassas register with the government, introduce subjects like math, science, English and other skills in their syllabus, seek government permission before admitting foreign students and to dis-

close their funding sources. Government officials have also said extremism would not be taught in the schools but have not explained how they define the term.

Clerics who defy the new ordinance face penalties of up to 2 years in prison.

The plan has outraged many religious leaders, who say government interference in the madrassas is illegal and against the spirit of Islam.

Madrassas operate with no state supervision and in many schools learning focuses more on rote memorization of Arabic religious texts than social sciences and other subjects.

Religious Affairs Minister Ghazi Mahmood Ahmed hosted Saturday's meeting and conceded afterward that no agreement had been reached. He said another meeting would be held within two weeks.

An official who attended the

meeting said, on condition of anonymity, that the clerics were told that the government would not back down on the regulations.

Sajid Mir, the head of an organization which represents hundreds of madrassas, said clerics would never let the government direct what is taught in madrassas.

The regulations dovetail with a slate of anti-terrorism policies pushed in recent months by President Pervez Musharraf, the United States' main ally in anti-terrorism efforts in this region.

Musharraf has promised both the United States and his rival, India, that he will act to prevent militants from sowing chaos in disputed Kashmir to the east, Afghanistan to the west and in Pakistan itself.

Musharraf says his moves against militants are for the good of Pakistan. Conservative Islamic groups say he has sold out to the West to keep power.

Musharraf keeps former leaders from returning

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan (AP) — Pakistan's military ruler Gen. Pervez Musharraf decreed Saturday that any former prime minister who held the post for two terms was ineligible to hold it again.

The move appears aimed at shutting out two former prime ministers — Benazir Bhutto and Nawaz Sharif — from October elections aimed at returning Pakistan to democracy. Musharraf seized power three years ago, toppling Sharif in a bloodless coup.

Under the order, the same term restriction will apply to the office of chief minister, or governor, in Pakistan's four provinces, and to anyone who has held a combination of both offices.

The ban applies whether the terms were completed or not. Bhutto, who went in to exile about three years after she was dismissed during her second term in 1996 amid corruption allegations, has said she plans to return to Pakistan before the October elections. Followers of Sharif, who was convicted in 2000 of plotting to kill Musharraf and was exiled to Saudi Arabia, said he also plans to return to campaign.

Both could be arrested on arrival in Pakistan. Musharraf has promised to

hold legislative elections in October. He will remain president for a five-year term, having won a referendum in which voters agreed to have him remain in power after the legislative elections.

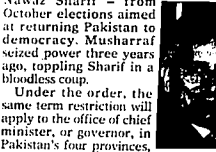
Last week, Musharraf unveiled proposed constitutional amendments that would also allow him to fire the entire Cabinet and dismiss Parliament. The amendments would allow him to name a successor to anyone he fires.

They would also shorten some elected terms, lower the voting age, require political candidates to hold a university degree and bar people convicted of crimes from holding office.

Musharraf said the changes are meant to "unify power" and ensure a stable democracy. The government has said the parliament elected in October will have the power to change the amended constitution.

Ahmed Ahsan, a senior official of Bhutto's Pakistan People's Party, said Musharraf's order was made in bad faith and "intended to target Benazir Bhutto and Nawaz Sharif."

The order says the change was "imperative for the achievement of the objective of reconstruction of the institutions of state for establishing genuine and sustainable democracy."



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Police rescue 13 babies, arrest suspected baby smugglers

KUALA LUMPUR, Malaysia (AP) — Malaysian police have rescued 13 babies and arrested seven suspected members of a baby smuggling racket, a newspaper reported Saturday.

The Berita Harian newspaper quoted Mohd Yusoff Jaafar, police chief of Sarawak state on Borneo island, as saying the group had been selling babies in the past six years for between \$1,000 and \$4,700.

He said the group had about 30 members with links to a neighboring country, which he declined to name. Borneo island is divided

between Sarawak, the Indonesian province of Kalimantan and the sultanate of Brunei.

Mohd Yusoff was not immediately available for comment Saturday.

The report quoted him as saying that police made the arrests and rescued the babies in the state's capital city, Kuching, and in the coastal town of Sibau, about 250 miles east of Kuching. He did not give the age of the children, the day of the arrests or other details.

The babies have been placed under the care of a government welfare agency.

Former U.S. President Jimmy Carter launches peace mission in Venezuela

CARACAS, Venezuela (AP) — Former President Carter headed to Venezuela Saturday for talks to avoid violence between President Hugo Chavez's supporters and opponents who remain skeptical about Carter's chances of success.

"It is my hope that the Venezuelan government and opposition groups will pursue constructive talks to settle immediate pressing differences," Carter said in a statement

released by the Carter Center on Saturday.

Chavez invited Carter, hoping the former U.S. leader could convince business, labor, news media and civic leaders to rejoin government-sponsored reconciliation talks that began after a brief April coup.

Some opposition leaders called it a ploy to buy time for Chavez, who has ignored appeals by the Organization of American States to help resolve Venezuela's crisis.

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Botched raids arouse suspicions

Some think efforts to catch war crime suspect aren't serious

PALE, Bosnia-Herzegovina (AP) - With repeated raids by NATO peacekeepers failing to catch most-wanted war crimes suspect Radovan Karadzic, some Bosnians are getting frustrated and suspicious of the peacekeepers' intentions.

Karadzic, 57, the Bosnian Serb's wartime president, has eluded authorities since 1995, when the U.N. war crimes tribunal in The Hague, Netherlands, indicted him on charges of war crimes and the genocide of Muslims during Bosnia's 1992-1995 war.

In February, black-masked NATO troops toting assault rifles descended on a remote eastern village, setting off explosives, lifting carpets and checking behind a church altar in a failed search for Karadzic.

Last week, peacekeepers raided an abandoned Karadzic family home in this small town near Sarajevo. They found evidence indicating Karadzic was involved in illegal smuggling, but appeared not to unearth anything bringing them closer to an arrest.

Some observers wonder whether efforts to catch him are as serious as they could be.

"All that has happened so far to arrest Karadzic has just been a game by the international community," said Djuro Kozar, an independent military analyst in Sarajevo. "If they really want to make the arrest it can be done - this is a very small country."

The failure to arrest Karadzic, Kozar said, has fueled speculation that he made a deal with international authorities in 1996 that allowed him to remain free if he stayed underground.

"If he were arrested it would expose a lot of relationships Karadzic has with other international high-ranking leaders," Kozar said Friday.

Mark Wheeler, an analyst with the International Crisis Group, a nonprofit research group based in Brussels, Belgium, said a deal was struck to allow the 1996 elections in Bosnia to pro-



Bosnian Serb, Novka Komnenko, 38, sells a book about Bosnian Serb wartime leader Radovan Karadzic in Sarajevo's suburb of Lukavica on Friday. Karadzic, the most wanted war crimes suspect, is hailed as a hero by many Bosnian Serbs, despite having been indicted by the International War Crimes Tribunal in The Hague, Netherlands, for genocide and other atrocities allegedly committed during the country's 1992-95 war. Karadzic has eluded authorities for seven years.

ceed smoothly. Maj. Scott Lundy, a spokesman for the 18,000-strong NATO-led force, rejected the suggestion the force's efforts to arrest Karadzic weren't sincere.

"That's just not the case," he said. "We spend part of every day working to bring war criminals to justice."

The force has detained 25 war crimes suspects in the six years it has been active in Bosnia.

A high-ranking international military official said the difficulties stemmed from Karadzic's large network of supporters, who are known to monitor radio frequencies of the NATO force.

Observers view an arrest of Karadzic as crucial because it would help Bosnians focus on their future instead of their painful past. The war killed about 200,000 people and destroyed Bosnia's economy.

The peace agreement, signed in Dayton, Ohio, divided Bosnia into two linked parts, the Bosnian Serb republic and a Muslim-Croat federation. It also provided for the deployment of a NATO-led peacekeeping force and created an international office to rule the country.

The United States is sponsoring a \$5 million reward for information leading to Karadzic's arrest. The offer has been advertised on posters dropped by helicopters from the NATO-led stabilization force.

But in Pale, the Karadzic family's hometown, the fugitive is adored and worshipped.

"We love Karadzic and he is our hero!" said Brana Petronjevic, 56, who sells cigarettes at the Pale market. "I'm fed up with the international community. I wish they'd all leave."

Along winding roads in the Serb half of Bosnia, Karadzic supporters sell posters and calendars with his portrait. A psychiatrist and poet, is believed to be hiding in forested mountains near the border with the Yugoslav republic of Montenegro.

Bosnian Serbs dismiss the U.S.-sponsored reward of \$5 million - an astronomical sum in Bosnia, where the average monthly salary is \$200.

Weather interrupts efforts to recover plane

UEBERLINGEN, Germany (AP) - German officials said most of the wreckage had been recovered Saturday as investigators tried to piece together clues about the collision of two jetliners at 35,000 feet over the German-Swiss border.

"The main work today was to remove the wreckage from the crash site," said Joerg Schoeneberg, the lead investigator for the German aviation agency. "We are happy to say that this is practically done."

Attention has focused on Swiss air controllers and whether they gave the pilot of the Russian Tu-154 passenger airliner sufficient warning to descend before crossing the path of a Boeing 757 cargo jet late Monday. All 71 people on board both planes died.

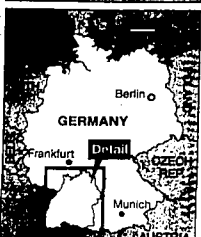
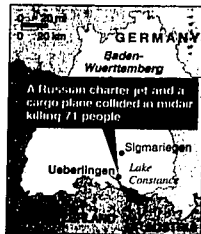
The Bashkirian Airlines jet and DHL cargo aircraft were in airspace directed by air traffic controllers in Zurich, Switzerland, at the time. Swiss officials have opened a criminal investigation into possible negligent homicide. The victims included 45 children from the eastern Russian region of Bashkortostan who were on their way to a summer vacation in Spain.

Alain Rossier, head of the Swiss air traffic controllers, Skyguide, said on Swiss radio Saturday that the entire incident would be studied second by second. He said three issues had to be addressed: the reactions of the controllers, the pilots and the planes' systems.

"Only then will we be able to say whether it is only a disaster for us or whether it is also a disaster for others," Rossier said. German investigators say the Russian plane did not begin to descend until a second warning only 30 seconds before the collision - well below the 90-second minimum for such a maneuver as required by the controllers' regulations. The first warning was not issued until just 44 seconds before the crash.

Investigators hope the airplane pieces being collected in a hangar at the Friedrichshafen airport can shed some more light on the incident.

Muddy ground Saturday hampered efforts to truck away several large pieces of the planes that



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are scattered outside Ueberlingen on the German side of Lake Constance.

"The heavy equipment cannot operate," said Wolfgang Hoffmann, spokesman for Friedrichshafen police. Nonetheless, several dozen recovery workers labored with a crane to pick up a large piece of the Bashkirian Airlines jet from a large, scorched patch in a wet grain field.

Work on moving a large fuselage section from the DHL Boeing 757 was halted because of the bad weather.

Investigators also hope to recover the last two missing bodies. Twenty-one victims have been identified so far.

Meanwhile, operators of Zurich Airport said Skyguide had reduced its aircraft control capacity by 20 percent since Saturday because of the stress on staff caused by the accident.

U.S. OKs extension of Bosnia mission

UNITED NATIONS (AP) - The United States backed down from its threat to end the U.N. peacekeeping mission in Bosnia and gave it a reprieve until July 15 after diplomats failed twice to get immunity for American peacekeepers from the new war crimes tribunal.

U.S. Ambassador John Negroponte said it has been "an uphill fight" to get the Security Council to support the U.S. demand, but some members saw movement in the U.S. position and wanted to continue discussions - so Washington agreed.

The delay, which was approved unanimously late Wednesday, gives the 15-member council time to resolve the dispute over the international Criminal Court that sets the United States at odds with its allies and much of the world.

The United States vetoed a resolution Sunday extending the Bosnian mission because it didn't grant immunity to American peacekeepers, but agreed to a 12-hour extension until midnight Wednesday. Negroponte had vowed not to extend the mission without winning an exemption for U.S. peacekeepers.

After agreeing to the delay, Negroponte said, "We do have to find some kind of resolution to this problem in due course. Otherwise, we are going to be confronting it in a number of different situations."

The United States is demanding immunity for U.S. participants in U.N. peacekeeping operations from prosecution by the International Criminal Court, saying it fears Americans could be subject to frivolous and politically motivated charges.

There are 15 U.N. peacekeeping operations from East Timor and the Middle East to Cyprus and Congo. There is pressure to find a solution because in addition to Bosnia, peacekeeping mandates in Lebanon, Georgia and the Western Sahara expire this month.

Britain's U.N. Ambassador Jeremy Greenstock, the current council president, said the Bosnia mandate "will be brought back to the council in the course of next week."

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EDITORIAL

Prepare to combat forest fires in the SNF

Perhaps you've seen the movie that depicted a one-time historic weather occurrence called, "The Perfect Storm." Idahoans may be looking at conditions that could ignite "The Perfect Inferno."

Yet the number of access roads into the forest is insufficient. Add it up and the central Idaho landscape is a tinderbox. You can't do much to stop drought, mountain pine beetle infestations, or lightning fires. But much can be done to thin overgrown and diseased-infested areas, and more can be done to build roads in inaccessible areas.

Idaho's Sawtooth National Forest may be the next swath of forest land to go up in flames. If it happens, the blaze could be a bigger disaster than what our Western neighbors are enduring right now.

In a meeting with *The Times-News* editorial board, new

Sawtooth National Forest Supervisor Ruth Monahan said her first impression of her new district was the hazardous conditions in the Sawtooth National Forest. She described the conditions as frightening. A growing number of homes and cabins in the Stanley Basin would be smacked in the middle of the flames.

Just what fire factors could spell disaster there?

- Drought conditions the past three years have dried Idaho's Sawtooth National Forest considerably.

- The epidemic of mountain pine beetles has infested thousands of lodgepole pine acres in the area, making those trees the first ones that would blaze up in a fire. One fire specialist said a beetle-killed pine can explode into towering flames within 30 seconds.

- Despite the growing volume of dead or diseased trees, logging remains heavily restricted in these areas, creating more fuel ladders for the most destructive fires.

- The number of homes, cabins and recreation areas has increased in the Sawtooth National Forest, as has tourism in the Sawtooth National Recreation Area.

Our view: Environmental roadblocks must be removed to manage the Sawtooth National Forest against possible wildfires.

What do you think? We welcome viewpoints from our readers on this and other issues.

with vegetation measures that including thinning and timber salvages. The Forest Service is currently working to remove infested trees in 3,500 acres of the Sawtooth forest. But Monahan said resistance from environmentalists has prevented the agency from doing much more.

Environmentalists should back off. Officials such as Monahan know how to manage, preserve and protect national forests, and they should be allowed to do so.

Arizona Gov. Jane Hull clearly argued her case in the aftermath of that state's fires. Hull blasted environmentalists who have blocked forest thinning and logging sales.

"The policies that are coming from the East Coast, that are coming from the environmentalists, that say we don't need to log, we don't need to thin our forests, are absolutely ridiculous," she said. "Nobody on the East Coast knows how to manage these fires, and I for one have had it."

Residents in Arizona and Colorado have had it as well, and Idaho may be next. It's time to heed Monahan's caution and thin out the hazardous growth in our national forests.



Voucher debate will continue

Four years ago, in a discussion with then-Sen. Dan Coats of Indiana, a thought occurred that has stayed with me ever since - an idea which I reported and underlined by the recent Supreme Court decision upholding the constitutionality of the Cleveland school voucher program.

Coats was an early advocate of what President Bush calls "faith-based initiatives," the increased use of religious institutions to deliver social services. He was also, like most other Republicans, a strong believer in returning responsibilities to local government, shifting power from Washington.

So, in effect, one door has been opened to Cleveland parents - the parochial school option - but another, the suburban public school, remains closed. The Cleveland rule - no crossing city lines - also applies to the other long-established "school choice" venture in Milwaukee. One of the adjustments Coats and I discussed has been made; the other is nowhere in sight.

That old conversion acquires fresh relevance in the light of the Supreme Court decision. The court broadened the options for Cleveland residents, many of them minorities and poor, by saying it is constitutional for them to use small tax-supported stipends for tuition at parochial schools. As an escape mechanism from what Chief Justice William Rehnquist, writing for the 5-4 majority, accurately characterized as "among the worst-performing public schools in the nation," the ruling was welcomed by many Cleveland parents.

What we do know is that vouchers are politically anathema in the suburbs. When Tom Ridge was governor of Pennsylvania, his push for a statewide voucher program was defeated by resistance from Philadelphia suburban Republican legislators. You can view their opposition either as a statement that their constituents love their good public schools and want no money diverted from them into vouchers. Or, more cynically, you can say, they don't want those Philadelphia kids coming into their neighborhoods.

But I could not help recalling what George Voinovich, then governor of Ohio and now its junior senator, had told me about his fight to get the voucher program through the Ohio Legislature. Originally, he had proposed a statewide program but "it went over like a lead balloon."

A passage in Justice Clarence Thomas' concurring opinion seems to suggest that he accepts the second view: "The failure to provide education to poor urban children perpetuates a vicious cycle of poverty, dependence, criminality and alienation that continues for the remainder of their lives."

As the Supreme Court noted without comment, "none of the public schools in districts adjacent to Cleveland have elected

to participate."

DAVID S. BRODER

David Broder is a columnist for the *Washington Post*.

Private sector should manage NASA missions

How did America's human space flight program get stuck going around in circles in low Earth orbit? Thirty years ago, humans stopped going to the moon. Despite a subsequent program of improvement in technology and experience, there is little serious thought of going back to the moon, not to speak of going to Mars.

MARK R. WHITTINGTON

The space station was supposed to be a world-class laboratory and orbiting center for lunar and interplanetary spacecraft. Instead, 18 years and tens of billions of dollars since it was proposed, the current incarnation of the space station has become a money pit as officials of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration struggle to find a way to make use of it.

With such a record, who can believe that the federal government has any idea of lunar bases or expeditions to Mars? NASA would just mess those up too, the reasoning goes. Indeed, the conventional wisdom seems to be that NASA has been trying to solve problems closer to home before even thinking of going beyond.

Pursuing such a course would be a prescription for stagnation, not only for human space flight, because even more people would lose interest in space adventures.

NASA should hand over human space flight operations to the private sector as quickly as possible. In breaking the Gordian knot, NASA could transform itself from a bureaucratic operations agency to a cutting-edge outfit performing the research, development and testing that it was known for in the past.

NASA should commercialize the space shuttle fleet - lock, stock and astronaut. The government has run a national space line for far too long, along with its government inefficiencies. Next, NASA should throw open all regular launch services, including the resupply and development of the International Space Station, to private industry.

Then NASA should redirect its space launch initiative away from building a replacement for the shuttle and toward technology development to private industry. Finally, NASA and the partners in the International Space Station should privatize the orbiting facility. A private operator would be encouraged to enter into commercial agreements to maintain and enhance the space station's capabilities.

Whereas mismanagement by NASA has threatened to freeze construction of the space station at a crawling pace, a private firm might be able to find creative ways to expand that number back to seven. NASA and its station partners could become a family rather than operators. A private, low-Earth-orbit infrastructure would go further toward proving the usefulness of humans in space - not by staying the course, hoping something will change by itself.

A return-to-the-moon effort would not necessarily be an Apollo-sized operation. Studies conducted at the Johnson Space Center and at the Lunar and Planetary Institute suggest that a five-year, \$2.5 billion effort using off-the-shelf or soon-to-be-developed technology could be mounted. Even at double the estimated cost, the price of a return to the moon would be only a billion dollars a year-half of what it takes to maintain the space station.

It's time to begin the American odyssey on the moon and the rusty plains and valleys of Mars. The future requires that we dare no less.

Mark Whittington is a space policy analyst and author of "Children of Apollo."

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College people should take note of meningitis article

To Steve Crump: I would like to thank you personally for the July 1 article on meningitis. I hope that a lot of people read it, especially fellow college students.

I had spinal meningitis about two years ago in the beginning of the fall semester here at the College of Southern Idaho. The weird thing was that I was not in the dorms. I was in an apartment with three other girls. It started out, it seemed, as a huge migraine. I didn't know what it was so I just took it really easy and tried to eat, which I couldn't because I wasn't hungry. I slept most of the day and then the vomiting started to happen. My mother came from Sun Valley to rush me to the local hospital and I was then diagnosed with viral meningitis. I had swelling of the fluid around my spinal area and also around the brain. If I wasn't taken care of, I believe I could have been very ill and could not have been here today.

I hope that college people soon realize that if they do not take care of themselves as well as they should, that they could do damage to themselves. I am still recovering from it, but bet-

ter than before; sometimes if I lie on my stomach too fast, the back of my neck has the ache as it did when the meningitis affected me. Thank goodness that you can only get it once in your college life.

Again, thank you for the article and if any of this information seems good to print, all or even part in the letter, you have my permission. In fact, I would like it if you could so others would know more.

CRYSTAL PRESTWICH
Wendell

God is everywhere you look in America

This nation was started by people that wanted to be able to believe in their own god; to be able to pray silently or not pray at all.

LETTERS

The third verse simply states, "And this be my motto, In God is our trust!" "America the Beautiful," also sung in schools, written by Katherine Lee Bates, 1859-1928, used the words "god" four times in the third verse. Wonderfully put, it states, "May God thy gold refine, till all success be nobleness. And every gain divine." God has been our success and our nobleness.

"My Country 'Tis of Thee," Samuel F. Smith, 1808-1895 - "Sweet land of liberty," "let freedom ring," and "protect by they might, great God our king" are three great phrases. Now tell me that this nation was not born by God's great grace.

MELINDA SORENSEN
Dietrich

New fire station will lower insurance rate

Thank you, Buhl District Fire Chief Mark Grimes and district commissioners. About a year ago, area residents voted in concern of providing better fire and medical response services to the areas of Salmon Falls Creek subdivisions, Lower River Road area and the west end of their response area. We now have a new fire station located on

Highway 30 at the top of Banbury Grade.

This will not only provide quicker response for fire, medical and accident emergencies but should also lower the homeowners' fire insurance rate. They listened to our concerns, and this government agency responded, recognizing the need for a new fire station in this area. Also, thanks to the volunteer firefighters from the Buhl Fire Station and the new "Station 2" for their dedication to "protect and serve" those who live and pass through their response area.

Other government agencies should take note of how these public officials and employees have responded to concerned taxpayers. The new fire station will have an open house on July 10. Food and refreshments and a dedication ceremony will be held from 2 to 9:30 p.m. The location is 19266 Highway 30, at the

of Banbury Grade. The dedication is at approximately 7 p.m.
STEVE MCLEMORE
Buhl

Writer's prayers are with the Ziglich family

It is during a time like this that it is difficult to know how to express deepest sympathy to a family who has lost a very special son, brother, grandchild. In a just expression goes out to the very special Ziglich family.

We feel that heaven now is an even better place in it is blessed with the spirit of Zach's charm, wit, kindness and, above all, his smile.

We will miss you, Zach, and our love, thoughts and prayers are extended to Milke, Angie, Kris and the entire family.
CLAYTON AND NANCY
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OPINION

3-cent postage raise is harmless

Somewhere, someone just paid \$40 to have their dog groomed. Plenty of others just paid \$50 for their cell phone bill. Or \$60. And didn't even blink.

Which raises a question. It's about the post office.

In a world where we blithely accept \$29 DVDs, \$45 baseball tickets and \$80 sneakers, why is there such outrage at paying 37 cents for a stamp?

You've probably read that the price of mailing a letter has gone up from 34 cents to 37.

People seem to be shocked. They see it as highway robbery. American Online is running a poll asking if consumers will rebel by sending less mail.

I'd like to respond by saying something scandalous:

Yes, it strikes me that even at 37 cents, mailing a letter remains one of the best deals in America.

Quick, name me something else that sells for 37 cents or under.

No, not a cup of coffee. That's a buck-fifteen, unless you get your usual latte, macchiato or frappuccino at Starbucks, at which point it's more like \$3 or \$4.

Not candy bars, either. It's been years since you could buy a good one for 37 cents or under.

MARK PATINKIN

Newspapers cost more than 37 cents.

Even water costs more.

In other words, we'll pay \$2 for a bottle of what you can get free from any faucet, but three more cents for a stamp is unacceptable.

Plenty of people routinely leave three cents behind on a counter because they don't want to lug around the change, but let the government ask them for those same pennies, and it's a disgrace.

I know it's not fashionable to defend, of all things, the post office. Most call it a typical badly run bureaucracy with employees that are on the verge of, well, going postal.

In truth, during decades of getting letters, I don't recall any mailman or mail lady missing a day. OK, perhaps during blizzards that shut down the city, but that's it. Show me another service that's been as reliable for as long. And these people do it while each carrying 64 pounds of Sharper Image catalogs per house per day.

I'll admit last winter was mild, but give them a break, there was anthrax going around.

In an age when doctors no longer make house calls, and cable guys make you wait from 9 to noon for their arrival, it's also a rare personal touch to still get mail through your door six days a week.

Think about what you get for your 37 cents - letters sent thousands of miles, usually in a few days. Often, they'll go across town in only a day - for about a 30th of what FedEx would charge.

In an age when doctors no longer make house calls, and cable guys make you wait from 9 to noon for their arrival, it's also a rare personal touch to still get mail through your door six days a week.

I've never understood those who say the post office is unreliable. I think this is based on stories once every year or two about a lost letter being found in a corner of a post office and delivered

25 years later. But normally, well, name me another country where you would feel as confident mailing a letter as the United States?

This doesn't mean I'll stop making fun of the post office. It's often a tempting target. For example, I've never liked their system of issuing new stamps with just a letter on them instead of the price. This has led me to have many old "letter" stamps in a drawer, with no idea what each is worth. Can't they wait a few weeks until the new ones are ready?

And there always seems to be a long line when you go to the post office because only one or two workers are helping customers. The government should hire a junior drugstore cashier to teach postal workers to lean into the microphone and ask for extra help at the front counters.

But I still say 37 cents is a deal. If you disagree, let's meet over a \$2 bottled water and a \$4 frappuccino after getting our dogs groomed for \$40, and we'll debate the high cost of a stamp.

Mark Patinkin is a columnist for the Providence Journal.

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Five major wildfires continued to burn Saturday in Utah as crews struggled to contain the blazes...

flooding in areas where wildfires burned off vegetation that had been protecting thousands of acres of soil...

sions, rain falling on hillsides where intense fires stripped the soil bare of living organisms...

There was still no estimate on when it would be fully contained. More than 400 people were assigned to firefighting efforts...

and fire officials had spent more than \$2 million. The 2,154-acre Springville fire was .50 percent contained...

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DEATH NOTICES

Dorothy Watson PAUL - Dorothy Watson, 87, of Paul, died Saturday, July 6, 2002, at Cassia Regional Medical Center...

Mildred L. Hegg TWIN FALLS - Mildred L. Hegg, 71, of Twin Falls, died Saturday, July 6, 2002, at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls...

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

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BOISE
Aldenford, 5D, oldest son of David Ray Sr. and Cecilia Roessler. He married Rose Marie Gordon Oct. 26, 1968, in Ft. Worth, TX...

David (BUFF) joined the Boise Police Dept. Dec. 22, 1975, while attending BSU where he received his Bachelor's Degree in Criminology with a minor in History...

graduated from San Diego State High School in 1964. David married Julie Ann Sarrett on February 26, 1966, in Hailey. They have one son, James Deon Wells David, James and Julie owned camping with the Boy Scouts and often spent their weekends this way.

Rose Marie (Gordon) Roessler
Our beloved mother Rose Marie (Gordon) Roessler died on Tuesday, July 2, 2002, in a car accident on the way to work. David's reunion for the Vietnam Helicopter Pilots Assoc. in Las Vegas, NV. She was predeceased by her father John W. Gordon...

David (BUFF) joined the Boise Police Dept. Dec. 22, 1975, while attending BSU where he received his Bachelor's Degree in Criminology with a minor in History. He worked as a Sergeant on March 20, 1974. David said the best thing about working for the Dept was the officers. They were the best.

He loved outdoor activities such as fishing, hunting and snowmobiling, but most of all he liked camping with his family and friends. He also had a great interest in antiques and Native American artifacts. He spent many hours in the desert looking for evidence and their existence. David also had a great passion for cooking and gardening.

HAILEY
Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Tuesday, July 9, at the Holy Apostles Catholic Church in Meridian, corner of Meridian Road and Chindren. Friends may call Monday from 6-8 p.m. at the Relyea Funeral Chapel in Boise. Burial will follow at the Meridian Cemetery in Meridian. For information on donations, please call Relyea Funeral Chapel at 344-4441.

BURLEY
Jeffrey Bruce Cole
Jeffrey Bruce Cole, 43, of Burley, died Thursday, July 4, 2002, at the Veterans Administration Medical Center in Boise. He was born September 4, 1958, in Franklin, Georgia. He is survived by his parents, Jacob and Edith Cole of Burley; his siblings, Lawrence (Linda) Cole...

He is survived by his wife, Julie Wells and their son James, his parents, Phyllis and Glen Wells, sister, Dobra Hall and husband Bob, all of whom live in Hailey, brother, Daniel Wells and wife Holly of Los Angeles, California, nephews Jeffrey West, Carter Wells, and niece, Marisa Zamora. Funeral services will be held Monday, July 8th, 2002, at 12 noon at the Hailey National Guard Armory. Contributions in David's memory should be made to: PRO-JECT GARDEN, Substance Abuse and Addiction Services, 317 South River Street, Hailey, ID 83333. Cremation preceded the services under the Wood River Chapel of Hailey.

Colorado firefighters prepare to replant

DENVER (AP) - Fire crews are anxious to begin replanting a carpet of green shrubs and grasses where a 138,000-acre fire seared the wooded slopes southwest of Denver and where rain now threatens to wipe out roadways and homes.

The plan, submitted to the U.S. Forest Service in Washington, D.C., Friday, needs federal approval since it exceeds the \$300,000 spending limit under which federal Burned Area Emergency Rehabilitation teams work. "We're moving really fast," Forest Service spokesman Randy Wilkerson said.

On hillsides where intense fires stripped the soil bare of living organisms, heavy rain rolls right off the ground as if it were asphalt. City water department crews plan to begin work Monday installing bales of straw to act as dams and prevent runoff.

About 125 miles northwest of the Hayman fire area, near Glenwood Springs, firefighters have been taking similar measures to prevent flooding where wildfires burned more than 12,200 acres. Near Durango, wet weather helped crews gain ground on a fire that burned 73,145 acres.

The Hayman fire, the largest wildfire in state history, was fully contained Tuesday after destroying 133 homes and a business. A Forest Service worker was charged with starting it on June 8. She has pleaded innocent to the charges. Even as hotspots still smolder, a 25-member team of scientists and biologists gathered over the past three weeks to walk through the ash-covered forest and, aided by satellite imagery, to assess and plot areas of high and moderate burn.

The maps have been used to devise treatments aimed at preventing flooding and erosion that could damage roadways, property and the watershed that serves a majority of Denver's 1.1 million water users. "Most of these treatments are designed to be in place before the first major damage-producing storm," Wilkerson said. "There's a lot of land to treat and a short amount of time to do it."

On Thursday and Friday, flood warnings forced firefighters off the lines. Rain washed fire debris onto a highway and wiped out some access roads near Cheesman Reservoir - a key to Denver's water supply.

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Ketchum Arts Festival keeps growing, featuring more artists

By Karen Bosack
Times-News correspondent

KETCHUM - The city's streets will be turned into an art gallery Friday through Sunday as local artists host the third annual Ketchum Arts Festival.

Sixty-one Blaine County artists and crafts people will exhibit their work as musicians and storytellers provide entertainment. The festival - the biggest since its inception, according to organizer Kelly O'Neill - will be held on Fourth Avenue between

Atkinson's Market and the Community Library.

New participants this year include Chris Thornton of Fairweather Antler Works, who makes chandeliers and lamps from naturally shed, locally gathered antlers. Also Michelle Black, a sculptor who will be exhibiting bracelets with magnetic clasps. And John Beehler, a wood worker who specializes in heirloom-quality wooden plat-

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- Christina Healy, jewelry artist

ters and hand-turned Australian Burl wood bowls.

Many of the artists will donate pieces of their work to be raffled off to raise money for the non-profit Ketchum Arts Festival Foundation.

"The idea is to help support artists from as far south as Carey north to Ketchum throughout the year," said jewelry artist Christina Healy. "It isn't easy for local artists to make a go of it sometimes, even though they may have exceptional talent."

"Plus I think the idea of giving a percentage off their profits to local charities is a good example for them to get in the habit of."

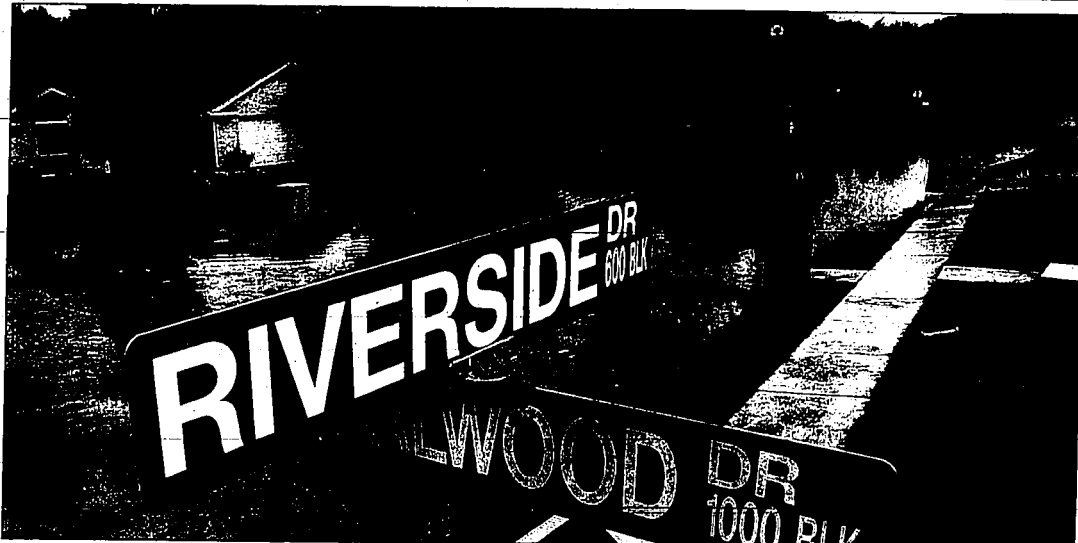
Hart Gibson will play improvisational acoustic guitar at 1 p.m. Friday, while Fletcher Brook and Jim Paisley do the same at 6 p.m.

Jazz and classical acoustic guitar player David Santisteven will perform at noon Saturday, followed by Mark Eisenger and Tim East playing original folk music from the South Pole and beyond at 1:15 p.m. Straight Up

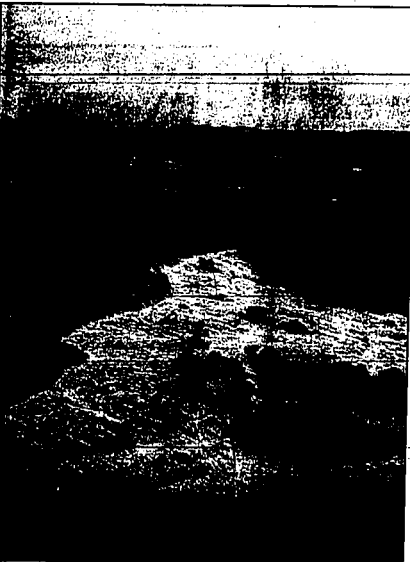
will play rock and roll at 2:30, and 812 Band will play eclectic hoohaw at 4 p.m.

On Sunday, the Ketchum World Beat Street Band will shatter the Sunday morning peace-with-rhythmic-world-beat percussion at 11 a.m. Pocket Change will play country and bluegrass at noon; the Boulder Brothers will perform Irish folk, bluegrass and gospel at 2 p.m.; and Johnny Buffalo and the Dreamboats will play original river songs and tell campfire tales at 3:30 p.m.

GUADALUPE RIVER FLOODS TEXAS HILL COUNTRY



Floodwaters from the Guadalupe River flood homes Saturday in New Braunfels, Texas. Deadly floodwaters have ravaged the Texas Hill Country forcing thousands to evacuate their homes.



Water from Canyon Lake, north of New Braunfels, Texas, flows over the spillway which feeds into the Guadalupe River on Saturday. Officials estimated the flow over the spillway at 50,000 cubic feet per second. The Guadalupe's normal flow rate is around 300 cubic feet per second. Water pouring out of the man-made lake into the swollen Guadalupe has caused widespread flooding in New Braunfels.



Above, Joan Wisamiller, 67, pauses to look out the window as the waters continue to rise in her flooded home Saturday in Seguin, Texas.



Below, Tim Verburg, right, and his uncle, Terry Verburg, help move a neighbors furniture out of his flooded home near the Guadalupe River Saturday in Braunfels, Texas.

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Woman fights off would-be abductor

IDAHO FALLS (AP) - Idaho Falls Police are trying to find a man who abducted a 24-year-old woman from her car Thursday following the fireworks display on the greenbelt.

St. Jared Furhman said the attack happened just before midnight near Capital and Broadway.

The woman told officers the man came up to her as she was getting out of her car. He pulled both sides of her shirt, choking her, according to the police report.

The man jammed something

into the woman's back and told her to be quiet as he forced her down an alley to his cream-colored pickup truck, according to the report.

Police say the man tried to force the woman into his truck, but she managed to kick him in the groin and head and run away.

The woman told officers she had never met the man before.

Detectives started working on the case Friday morning and were trying to find witnesses, Furhman said.

County to start new public defender's office

SANDPOINT (AP) - Bonner County has grown enough that it now needs its own public defender department, county commissioners have decided.

With the cost of contracting out public defender services steadily increasing, the commission opted this past week to establish its own office of defense attorneys for defendants who qualify for court-appointed counsel.

The county's contract with four local attorneys - costs about \$310,000 a year. All four lawyers have private practices to augment

their public defender work.

The county-run public defender's office, unanimously approved by county commissioners this past week, will cost \$345,000 the first year, including the costs to set up the office, and between \$285,000 and \$300,000 the second year, said Deputy Prosecuting Attorney John Topp, who represents the county in civil matters.

"Every board for the last probably six or eight years has looked at it," Topp said. Because the public defender has fewer duties than a county prosecuting attorney, the

pay will be set at 85 percent of the pay rate of the prosecuting attorney. The resolution calls for an initial salary rate of \$50,962 for the public defender.

Also employed in the office will be a chief deputy public defender, a deputy public defender, two legal secretaries and a legal clerk.

"Money-wise, it's actually cheaper after the first year," said Commissioner Jerry Clemons. "We thought maybe it was time. We thought maybe we'd get a little more service and save a little money."



California's oldest prison turns 150.

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Bicycle inspections promote safety

By Sharf Chaney
Times-News writer

RUPERT - About 20 children dotted Minidoka Memorial Hospital's front lawn Wednesday, decorating their bikes with glitter garland and red, white and blue banners.

More were in line for the free safety inspections and bike helmets.

Harley Morris, 9, said her inspection showed a flat front tire, but she would air it up. She was busy intertwining yellow streamers in the spokes of her tires.

Children who participated in the bike inspection were encouraged to ride in Rupert's parade last week with their new helmets and decorated bikes, hospital administrator Carl Hanson said. But before they got to the decorating part, children had their bikes inspected and registered.

Vic Watson with the Minidoka County Sheriff's Office was helping check out each bike, looking to see if brakes worked and if bikes had reflectors.

"It's a good opportunity for law enforcement to have positive interaction with the community," Watson said.

Tammy Hanks, who works in community relations at the hospital, said the event is successful because so many ages are involved. Children of all ages bring bicycles to be inspected and many adults, including hospital employees, help them decorate their bikes.

"If we can save one head injury, we have done more than we set out to do," Hanks said.

Hanks commended both the Rupert Police Department and Minidoka County Sheriff's Office for helping.

Hanks was helping Kay, 6, and Jordyn Walton, 8, decorate their bikes with garland and streamers. They all want something to fly behind them when they ride, Hanks said.

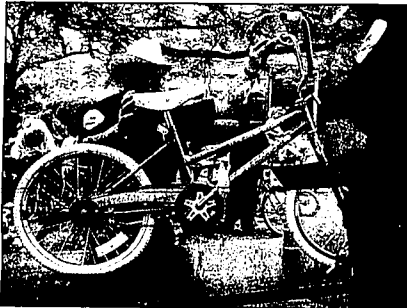
Across the lawn, a boy put the finishing touches on his bicycle. His mom was more than impressed: "I don't think you need anything else. It looks great."

Hanson expected 100 children to participate in this year's program. This was the second year for the bicycle program.

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Above, Trevor Phillips, 2, tries on his new bike helmet. Minidoka Memorial Hospital gave away helmets and local law enforcement officials conducted bicycle inspections Wednesday. Left, Minidoka County sheriff's deputies inspect a bicycle at Minidoka Memorial Hospital Wednesday. Police officers looked at brakes, reflectors, tires and chains.

Nampa wreck kills three, injures three more

BOISE (AP) - Three people are dead and three others are in critical condition after a two-car accident in Canyon County on Saturday afternoon.

Nineteen-year-old Shawn Douthit, of Greenleaf, was driving south on Indiana Street when he failed to stop at a stop sign, according to Idaho State Police.

His car collided with a sedan driven by Nampa resident Ross Lauterbach, who was headed west on Orchard Street.

Douthit, 55-year-old Lauterbach and Lauterbach's passenger, 56-year-old Joyce Lauterbach, died at the scene. Both Lauterbachs were wearing safety belts.

Three passengers in the 1978 Ford Mustang driven by Douthit were taken by Life Flight to St. Alphonsus Regional Medical Center. Jessica Hardin, age 13, Dorothy Broughton, age 14, and Deszree Sneed, age 16, are listed in critical condition. None of the people in the Mustang was wearing a safety belt.

Idaho State Police are investigating the crash.

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animal units - can expand as long as the setbacks are not reduced from the existing setbacks at the time of the application.

Smaller operations need to be at least a mile away from the Snake River and Salmon Falls canyon rims and a mile away from existing operations. They have to be at least 1/4 mile away from streams and 300 feet away from property lines.

John Nunes, who has applied for a permit for a 600-animal-unit heifer feeding operation to be located next to his dairy in Buhl, wants county planners to grant him a variance on three of those setbacks.

He'd like to place his heifer operation 3,200 feet from the Salmon Falls Canyon Rim, three-eighths of a mile from an existing operation and 150 feet from a property line.

A public hearing on the variance will be held Thursday. If the Planning and Zoning Commission approves the variance, the application will go to the planning and zoning administrator for approval. But if planning commissioners say no, Nunes will have to go back to the drawing board.

"If he doesn't get approval, he'll have to modify his plan," Crafton said.

The only other application that planners have received is from Chet Brackett, who wants a permit for a 999-animal-unit beef cattle feedlot south of Twin Falls off Blue Lakes Boulevard.

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between an AFO and a dwelling and extension of CAFOs north of the AFO line.

Members of the group have agreed expansion of primarily confined or primarily pastured AFOs with more than 1,000 animal units should be allowed north of the county's designated AFO line - which generally follows the High Line Canal.

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Students will use ex-Aryan compound as field classroom

HAYDEN LAKE (AP) - Once a haven for hatred, the former Aryan Nations compound will be bustling with college students this fall.

Biology, botany and geology students from North Idaho College will use the 20-acre site as a field classroom when the fall semester begins in late August, college officials said Friday.

The property is ideal for studying northern Idaho plants and animals, water and land conservation and other environmental concerns.

It also has varied geological formations, said Jerry R. Gee, North Idaho College vice president for instruction.

Rayelle Anderson, executive director of the North Idaho College Foundation, said more than 100 students will use the campus formerly owned by white supremacist Richard Butler.

Philanthropist Greg Carr acquired the land after Butler

lost it to bankruptcy. Carr donated the land to the foundation last January.

"It really is an honor for the foundation to have an opportunity to be the steward of this land," Anderson said.

The political science department has also asked to use the study the property for historical and political purposes, he said.

Besides the educational opportunities, the foundation will allow a neighbor of the former Butler property to graze his stock during the months classes aren't in session in exchange for keeping watch on the property, Anderson said.

"We are so glad to make sure we're a good neighbor, one that people can be proud of," she said. "Our students need learning laboratories and we don't have a lot of property offsite. So any time we can have a natural setting where productive research and training can occur, it's another benefit for North Idaho College students."

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ers' market is, says vendor Theresa Stroberg, who sells organically grown herbs, vegetables, fruit and flowers.

"People don't like to try new things in Twin Falls," she said. "By nature they're very conservative, but in Ketchum, once they catch on, they buy it."

Stroberg has made growing and selling her healthy, home-grown produce full-time work. She hits most of the local weekly farmers' markets, including those in Gooding, Buhl, Wendell and Rupert.

The markets in the smaller cities actually attract more customers, Tanguy said. He speculated the reason is that Twin Falls is moving toward a frenetic mall-and-fast-food economy that doesn't encourage farmers' markets.

"We don't get much community support here in Twin Falls," he said. Still, "We have a good, hard-core clientele."

Sobo said he has a strong customer base he sees every week. They come to buy the batter

cookies, yeasty Bosnian braided bread and delicate spinach-and-cheese rolls that he and wife Barhrija have baked the night before.

After they finish up their shifts at local factories on Fridays, they spend most of the night keeping sharp the skills they developed as professional bakers in their former country.

The Sobos' dream is to save enough money from the Saturday sales to eventually open their own Bosnian bakery in Twin Falls.

"I do not like borrow money," Sobo said, shyly apologizing for his broken English.

Sobo has been selling at the Saturday market as long as he has been in the United States. He said he doesn't know when he'll have enough money to start up a full-time bakery. But one thing Sobo does know: He can almost always count on selling out at the Twin Falls farmers' market.

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San Quentin, California's oldest prison, turns 150

SAN QUENTIN, Calif. (AP) — John Whearty was 22 when San Quentin State Prison officials gave him a .38-caliber revolver, a 12-gauge shotgun and a crash course in being a prison guard. The officer I relieved was kind enough to stay half an hour to train me when I relieved the third watch," says Whearty, 78, with a wry smile.

These days, correctional officers go to a 16-week academy, a four-hour orientation, and a two-year apprenticeship followed by on-the-job training.

San Quentin marked 150 years as a state prison Saturday. Whearty, still on the job and now a sergeant, has been there for 56 of them.

"There were good days and bad days," he says. "I guess most of them were good or I wouldn't have stayed."

San Quentin began as a prison barge in the bay in 1852 — the nascent state of California got its first prisoners before its first prison. As the barge became too crowded, the convicts were put to work building a facility on shore.

The prison was privately run at first, but in 1864, inmates revolted against conditions and attacked the warden out of the gate with knives to his neck only to be defeated by a group of farmers.

Punishments in those early years included the "dungeon," a dank, airless hole, and a straitjacket of sorts in which men were suspended from the ceiling for hours.

The first state execution, by hanging, was held at San Quentin in 1839. The condemned walked up 13 steps, one for each of the jurors and one for the judge, and the hangman had to judge the length of the rope correctly. The hanging was noted as "very successful" if the inmate's neck broke the first time he was dropped.

The prison initially held men and women but a separate women's prison was opened in 1948 after a number of scandals and pregnancies.

San Quentin continued to be an embarrassment throughout



AP Photo



Above, San Quentin prison, seen here in June, in San Quentin, Calif., began as a prison barge in 1852, after it got too crowded, convicts started building a facility ashore. In the early years, the prison was privately run, with conditions ranging from harsh to flat-out corrupt.

Left, Sgt. John Whearty, 78, holds up his first prison identification card from 1948 at San Quentin prison June 26. Whearty was a young man of 22 when he first took up his post in a San Quentin State Prison guard tower. Prison officials gave him a .38 revolver, a 12-gauge shotgun and a crash course in corrections.

the 1930s. In 1935, four inmates took over the warden's house, injuring him and briefly escaping. Shortly afterward, it was discovered that inmates were making counterfeit money with the prison's photoengraving machine.

By 1937, with the advent of the gas chamber, San Quentin had become the official site of all state executions. Today, with

more than 600 condemned inmates, it is home of the nation's largest death row.

Major reforms began at San Quentin with arrival of Clinton Duffy as warden in 1940. He put an end to beatings and the "dungeon." He improved the food and initiated the "San Quentin on the Air" radio show with its tongue-in-cheek theme song "Time On My Hands."

Whether San Quentin should continue as a prison has been debated for years.

Some critics believe its prisoners should be moved to new facilities and the prime San Francisco Bay waterfront property used more constructively, but their proposals haven't gone very far. State prison officials are still looking at building additional prison-related facilities on

Killer of mother-in-law gets 25 to life

BOISE (AP) — James Lee Morrison will spend at least the next 25 years in prison for shooting his mother-in-law to death and raping his wife.

On the morning of May 16, 2001, Morrison, 26, shot Cathie Austin, 47, in her west Boise home in front of his toddler son and then raped his then-estranged wife several times.

The convicted killer sat with his head hanging down for most of the hearing on Friday. He tearfully told Austin's family and his former wife that he was sorry.

"I would like to apologize to my wife for beating her and raping her and making her watch her mother die," he said, choking on the words. "I apologize to (Austin's) family. My background is no excuse."

Testifying for the defense, psychologist Cynthia Brownsmith said Morrison suffered from post traumatic stress disorder because he was abused and neglected by his mother, an alcoholic who once tried to drown him in a back-yard swimming pool by holding his head underwater until a neighbor saw what was happening.

As he imposed the sentence, 4th District Judge Joel Horton said Morrison's background of abuse and neglect as a child may have been at the root of his crimes, but society must be protected from his anger and he needed to be held accountable.

"I don't think I can use words to sum up the brutality of your crime," Horton said.

Morrison pleaded guilty to the murder and rape charges in October 2001. In exchange for the guilty pleas, prosecutors agreed not to seek the death penalty and dropped charges of first-degree kidnapping and domestic violence in the presence of a child.

During testimony before the sentencing, Austin's husband and siblings said how much they missed her.

"I always imagined my wife and I would have many more years together," Ron Austin, Cathie's husband, testified. "She was a good wife, a good mother, good counsel, and she always supported me."

Hunter reclamation effort backfires

NAMPA (AP) — An effort by the Department of Fish and Game to lure previously licensed hunters and anglers back to Idaho's fields and streams has backfired for the agency.

The department recently sent letters to about 23,000 people who had bought Idaho licenses in past years but do not currently hold one. The letter was packaged with a \$10 gift certificate to Bass Pro Shops, a national outdoor outfitter based in Springfield, Mo.

It was intended to be a positive placement for sportsman, said Michael Brown, license vendor coordinator for the department. But many seem to have taken offense to the offer, in part because the gift certificate was for an out-of-state business.

"It was a real negative reaction by the public," Brown said, adding that the department is not likely to repeat the offer.

Robert M. Miller, Bradford of Nampa was one former Idaho resident who reacted negatively after receiving the offer.

"If the Idaho Department of Fish and Game is going to send out gift certificates, shouldn't the gift certificates at least be for a store located in Idaho?" Bradford asked in a June e-mail to Gov. D. Kempthorne.

Brown said Bass Pro Shops has provided toll-free phone ordering for Idaho hunting and fishing licenses for several years. The company does not get paid out of state offers but earns a profit from service fees on license sales. These fees run \$3.50 plus 3 percent of the cost of the sale.

In a letter to Bradford, Fish and Game Director Steve Hunter and Chief of Staff Steve Pro also said the gift certificates and for the licenses they came in.

Hunter said the campaign was an effort to increase license sales and to save money on the increases or reductions of operations. Other states have had great success with similar efforts, he said.

Bradford, who has not bought hunting or fishing licenses in Idaho for several years in protest of the increases, said the letter and gift certificate are examples of what he feels is inappropriate as the highest level of Fish and Game.

Utah city's proposal for statue stirs controversy

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — John D. Lee may have been one of the founders of the southern Utah city of Washington, but many are saying he doesn't deserve to be among memorial statues at a new city park.

Washington city officials are considering lopping off the top of a larger-than-life statue of Mormon pioneer and replacing it with the torso of a more benign founding father.

Or, the recently cast 7-foot-tall bronze statue of Lee instead may be erected at Lee's Ferry, the Colorado River outpost in Arizona where Lee, the only man convicted in the infamous Mountain Meadows Massacre, was banished in 1870. He was executed by firing squad in 1877 not far from Washington.

Washington Mayor Terrill Clove said he is worried about negative impressions people may get from the erection of the Lee statue.

"The LDS Church has spent a lot of time and effort to soothe the feelings about Mountain Meadows and the city is not going to do anything that may be viewed as rubbing salt in the wound," said Clove. "It is not that John D. Lee did not do several good things here, but the one bad thing he did is so horrible, it may overshadow everything else."

Clove declined to specify what sort of complaints or threats have been conveyed to the city about the Lee statue, which "90 percent of the people who live here don't even know about yet," he said.

"We were just delighted to hear they planned on putting up this statue to John D. Lee to honor him as one of the great colonizers of the West," said Lee's great grandson Leroy Lee of the John D. Lee Family Organization.

Clove has met with sculptor Jerry Anderson of nearby Leeds to discuss the fate of the finished bronze likeness of Lee that now stands in Anderson's studio.

One idea was to sever the statue at the waistline, then sell or donate but to the Lee family and graft a new bust of an as-yet-undetermined local pioneer onto the Lee statue's legs.

Planners of the statutory display selected four pioneers — Lee, Samuel Adair, Robert Covton and Peter Nelson — and commissioned Anderson to create bronze likenesses of each man at a price of \$34,000 per statue.

"The mayor asked us to give him some names and there is no denying one of the most prominent people in the beginning of this town was John D. Lee," said Harold Cahoon of the Washington City Historical Society.

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Malda Hanchey is the proud mother of 16 children - 5 boys and 11 girls. Fourteen of her children, plus almost 100 grand- and great-grandchildren were present for the occasion. Hanchey, with her late husband Bill, moved to the Twin Falls area from Hoboken, Georgia in 1947. She has remained in the area since.

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Employers get first-hand look at military life

BOISE (AP) — Sitting under a camouflage net in the middle of the Idaho desert and shoveling plastic spoonfuls of such culinary delights as beef ravioli and frankfurters in your mess tin is a military MRE (meal-ready-to-eat), while "networking" with a group of dusty soldiers armed with M-16s, wouldn't be most people's idea of the perfect business lunch.

But then again, most business people don't arrive at a business lunch aboard an Idaho Army National Guard Black Hawk helicopter that zipped across the desert floor a mere 30 to 50 feet above the sagebrush, sending the occasional deer scurrying, and quickening the heartbeats of its non-military passengers.

Thirty employers from Canyon, Ada and Elmore counties recently dropped in via Blackhawk, braving the dust and sun of the Idaho desert, to spend the day with the 145th Support Battalion of the Idaho Army National Guard.

The mission of the employers brave enough to make the trip was to see what their employees are doing when called away to military duty.

For the employers, the inside look at military life gave them a new appreciation for their employees and an understanding of why they need the time off.

"It's good to see how it's done," said Pat Cochran, manager of the Mountain Home Wal-Mart, after a morning of crawling into foxholes, handling an M-16 rifle and trying on the latest in combat gear. "Sept. 11 was an eye-opener, and these people can't do their jobs if they don't have the training."

The inside look is part of the Guard's annual Boss Lift event designed to better educate employers about what the role of the Guard is and how their employees play a vital part.

Each year, Guard members are called away from their friends, family and employers to complete two or more weeks of active duty training.

Sometimes the role of the Guard goes well beyond its typical one-weekend-a-month and two-weeks-in-the-summer schedule.

In June, another 100 Army National Guard members with the 118th Aviation Battalion, which flies AH-64 Apache attack helicopters, were ordered to six months of active duty in Bosnia, starting this October.

The latest deployment brings the total amount of Guard members called to active duty to about 300 in the last year.

Many of those deployments lasted six months or more as Guard members completed missions in Idaho and beyond.

The National Guard is a vital part of the nation's defense, a defense that is made up primarily of part-time soldiers and men who juggle their military duties with full-time civilian jobs.

In Idaho, there are about 4,000 Army and Air National Guard members. About 90 percent of the Army guard members are traditional part-time soldiers, while 61 percent of the Air Guard members are part-time.

Because there are so many part-time members, the success of the Guard is dependent on the willingness of bosses to give their employees the leeway to complete their military duties.

"The obvious reason for bringing employers out here is for them to see that their employees are really working hard," said Lt. Col. Monte Stoppello, battalion commander of the 145th Support Battalion.

Stoppello said there's a misconception among many employers that their employees are getting a free vacation when they get time off for military training, but he insists it's far from being a ruckus.

"The mission of the 145th Support Battalion is to provide everything from food, bullets and parts to the combat soldiers in the 116th Cavalry Brigade, which has heavy armor units, a field artillery unit, a military intelligence unit and an mechanized infantry unit. The 116th has units in Idaho, Montana and Oregon."



Pat Cochran, right, manager of the Mountain Home Wal-Mart, and Todd Berry, owner of Mountain Home Rod Mix, get off an Idaho Army National Guard Black Hawk helicopter as about 30 area employers were treated to a round-trip flight as part of Operation Boss Lift on June 19 in Mountain Home. Below, Stc. Bryan Barker, left, of Bravo Co., watches Cochran put on his kevlar helmet. The employers braved the dust and sun of the Idaho desert to spend the day with the 145th Support Battalion of the Idaho Army National Guard.



The battalion also has a medical unit that can set up a field hospital to treat troops wounded in battle.

During annual training each summer, the battalion simulates what it would be like to set up a support system for the brigade during time of war.

The battalion's training started one recent weekend in the desert near Mountain Home Air Force Base. Within four hours, in 90-plus-degree heat, the battalion set up a complete city to support the brigade.

The battalion also had to set up defensive positions to protect the support area in the event of an enemy attack.

During the training, war-time scenarios are kept in place. There are night attacks from enemy forces and supply scenarios that must be worked out. During training, troops are lucky to get several hours of sleep a night.

Stoppello said he still marvels at how well the battalion operates and is able to complete its training mission, a mission that wouldn't be possible without the support of employers.

"If we couldn't have employer support, we would not be able to complete the mission, that's the bottom line," he said. Unlike the decades following World War II when almost everyone had some military training, many of today's employers have little or no experience with the armed forces. Events like the Boss Lift try to expose employers to the military life as much as possible.

The employers on this year's Boss Lift had the chance to spend time in the field with their employees and get a taste of the military life. Things like air-conditioned offices and company break rooms were non-existent.

The only way to get away from the heat of the desert sun was to find what little shade there was under a camouflage net or in the shadow of a five-ton truck.

But there was no escaping the fine desert dust that covered everything in its path.

The one highlight was a lunch of the aforementioned MRE, meals that have a shelf life longer than the tenure of many employees and a calorie count that would make Richard Simmons cringe.

The meals in a tan plastic pouch are the soldiers' main source of food in the field, and surprisingly aren't nearly as disliked as one would believe — thanks in part to the small bottle of Tabasco sauce included in each pouch.

In fact, as the soldiers were quick to point out, it was possible to sometimes get the perfect meal, which had just the right mix of extras like M&Ms or pounce cake.

And like the grade school cafeterias of our youth, there was no shortage of bartering among soldiers to get that perfect meal.

Dining aside, there was also plenty of time for employers to crawl into foxholes, handle M-16s and machine guns and try on some of the Army's stylish camouflage gear, including the hefty Kevlar helmet.

And few of the bosses will forget the flight aboard the Blackhawk helicopter, the Army's main workhorse that delivers combat troops into battle and helps evacuate the wounded.

"This is a lot of fun," said Karin Tamblin, a Meridian school teacher as she enjoyed her MRE lunch with Wayne Joyner, who is her classroom assistant in civilian life.

Joyner, a specialist in Bravo Company, 145th Support Battalion, proudly introduced Tamblin, his "boss," to his fellow section members.

Joyner, who has been in the military for more than 10 years, was excited at the chance to show Tamblin what he does.

His section has a full complement of soldiers who keep track of parts and make sure they're delivered when and where they're needed.

Joyner said the support he receives from Tamblin is invaluable, because he loves both his careers as a soldier and as a paraprofessional helping teach emotionally disturbed children.

"This is my niche," Joyner said, adding that some of his first experiences with children were helping spread anti-drug information to children while a member of the Army National Guard in Washington D.C.

Tamblin said the military experiences Joyner brings to the classroom have really helped him work with the children.

Joyner agrees, noting that handling stressful situations in the military is commonplace, and he's able to use those skills to handle the stress in his job.

The Army has also taught him how to relate to other people.

"In war time you can't be fighting against each other instead of the enemy," Joyner said.

For Tamblin, the day spent with Joyner was a chance to see he world that he talked about so much.

"We're very close-knit," Tamblin said of her relationship with Joyner, adding that she now knows what Joyner would go through if called to active duty.

Chief Warrant Officer Michelle Clipson, who leads Joyner's section, wishes every one of her troop's employees could take part in Boss Lift.

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In Idaho, Guard officials say, there's a high level of acceptance of the laws and support for employees who are in the Guard.

"Even before Sept. 11, employers at least here in Idaho, have been strong supporters of the National Guard," said Lt. Col. Tim Marsano, Idaho National Guard's public affairs officer. "But after Sept. 11, the awareness of the public at large has increased about our role."

Son gets five years for helping dad in murder

COEUR D'ALENE (AP) — The 18-year-old son of a confessed murderer will spend a maximum of five years in prison for his involvement in the murder of a teenage girl.

After weeks of deliberation, District Judge Charles Hosack accepted Cody Merritt's guilty plea on Friday to the crime of accessory to a felony.

The defendant's father, David C. Merritt, 49, previously admitted to raping and killing 14-year-old Carissa Benway two years ago during a camping trip at the remote Honesdale campground near the Little North Fork of the Coeur d'Alene River. He will be sentenced on Aug. 8.

Cody Merritt helped cover up the crime and hide the evidence, including the victim's decapitated body.

At the time, Cody Merritt was living with his father in a Post Falls mobile home yard after Benway's murder, he moved to Washington state.

The judge said he was troubled with the plea offer, because it appeared the younger Merritt was involved in the actual conduct of his father's crime.

"But not for the father-son aspect, anyone would have charged you with aiding and abetting a crime," Hosack said.

Under the plea agreement, Hosack accepted the prosecutor's recommendation to sentence Cody Merritt to five years in prison with the possibility of parole after three years.

Benway's mother, Bonnie Hallander, said she was resigned to the plea agreement. Taking the stand Friday, she told Cody Merritt she can never forgive him.

"You put a hole in my heart that can never be healed," she said.

Defense attorney Gary Amendola said Cody has been hurt and traumatized by what happened and will have to live with it for the rest of his life.

"I'm not sure how anyone would have reacted, especially given the relationship between him and his father," Amendola said. "It wasn't your regular father-son thing. A psychologist could write a book about it."

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Some state governors will be missing summer Idaho conference

BOISE (AP) — Up against flagging economies, drowning state budgets and homeland security jitters, 20 of the nation's governors will skip the National Governor's Association conference in Idaho this week.

Governors from the biggest states are staying away — New York's George Pataki, California's Gray Davis, Florida's Jeb Bush and Texas' Rick Perry. And some of Idaho's closest neighbors, Nevada's Kenny Guinn and Oregon's John Kitzhaber, also will not attend.

Jesse Ventura, the lame duck governor and former professional wrestler from Minnesota, is taking a pass. A spokeswoman from Ventura's office said the Minnesota Legislature's budget cutting included the cash for the association membership.

Nineteen Republican and 11 Democratic state governors are scheduled to arrive in Boise for the four-day conference starting Saturday. It will cover topics from economic development and anti-terrorism measures to prescription drug costs and air quality.

Scheduled speakers include former U.S. House Speaker Newt Gingrich, Cisco Corp. President John Chambers and Micron Technology Inc. Chairman Steve Appleton.

Some increased security is expected. But federal officials have not declared the conference a "National Special Security Event" which would bring strict anti-terrorism measures.

Last August, 37 governors attended the summer conference in Providence, R.I. "The National Governor's Association is very pleased with the turnout," said Christine LaPaille, spokeswoman for the Washington D.C.-based organization. The fact that 2002 is an



Idaho Gov. Dirk Kempthorne, shown here Monday at the Statehouse, made it clear to the host committee that this year's National Governor's Association conference must meet its \$2 million budget.

election year and many governors are campaigning are likely reasons for fewer governors attending, she said.

The association holds two conferences a year; a winter meet-

ing in Washington, D.C., and a summer meeting in a host state. Idaho last hosted the summer conference in 1986.

After the Providence conference, Rhode Island taxpayers

Who's attending the conference

Here is a list of states planning to send its chief executives to the National Governor's Association summer meeting in Boise, followed by a list of those that will not come.

State governors planning to attend: Alabama, Alaska, Arkansas, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, Idaho, Indiana, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Massachusetts, Michigan, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South

Dakota, Tennessee, Utah, Vermont, Virginia, West Virginia, Washington, Wisconsin, Wyoming.

Territorial governors planning to attend: Guam, Northern Mariana Islands, U.S. Virgin Islands.

State governors not planning to attend: Arizona, California, Florida, Georgia, Hawaii, Illinois, Iowa, Maine, Maryland, Minnesota, Nebraska, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Oregon, South Carolina, Texas.

were left with a \$558,000 tab for the leasing of a convention center and hotel rooms.

Idaho Gov. Dirk Kempthorne has made it clear to the host committee that this year's conference must meet its \$2 million budget, Kempthorne spokesman Mark Snider said.

"We're on track," Snider said. "I don't expect you'll see a rerun of what you've seen in Providence."

LaPaille said the Boise conference will draw about 500 people, including governor's staffs and families. Three downtown Boise

hotels have been booked solid. As General Motors Corp. has done in past years, it will donate the use of 75 Suburbans during the conference.

One SUV will be assigned to each governor and the rest will be divided up through a transportation coordinator, Snider said.

Buses will also carry visitors between hotels and venues.

"One of the things that the folks coming to the meeting are going to notice is how well the transportation works," Snider said.

Other guest perks will include outdoor entertainment at the Idaho Shakespeare Theater, an ice show and the Snake River Stampede Rodeo.

While more than half the nation's governors will be sampling Idaho hospitality, many states they come from will be grappling with hard financial times.

In Tennessee, 22,000 nonessential state employees have been staying home from work until leaders can agree how to plug an \$800 million budget shortfall.

Gov. Don Sundquist's conference attendance will depend on whether the Tennessee Legislature can fix the fiscal mess, spokesman Sean Williams said.

Sundquist goes out of his way to ensure that Tennessee taxpayers do not pay for him to attend meetings such as the National Governor's Conference, Williams said.

"Usually when he goes, it's not at state expense," Williams said. "He has friends, people who offer him rides to those kinds of events."

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Utah dedicates museum to ski pioneer Engen

PARK CITY, Utah (AP) — Alf Engen's approach to his sport was really quite simple. He wanted people to experience the sheer pleasure of skiing and to enjoy the beauty of the Wasatch Mountains.

That philosophy is enshrined in the Alf Engen Museum, part of the \$10 million Joe Quinney Winter Sports Center, which was dedicated Friday. The museum opened quietly in the late evening.

To his son Alan, a museum named in Engen's honor should ensure that generations to come can grasp that sense of enjoyment while gaining a richer understanding of the ski pioneers who laid the foundations for Utah's 2002 Olympics and the state's ski industry.

"Dad was never one to boast, but if he were here to see this, he'd smile and say, 'Job well done,'" Alan Engen said.

Alan Engen first approached the idea of building a museum in recognition of his father's contributions to American skiing 13 years ago.

Originally, the idea was to build a small A-frame building near Alta, Utah, where Alf Engen skied and operated the Alf Engen Ski School.

Joe Quinney joined forces with Alf Engen in the 1930s to make Alta one of the world's renowned ski areas.

Alf Engen taught skiing for more than 60 years, was a national ski champion many times, helped design and build more than 30 ski resorts, and helped pioneer both ski equipment and skiing techniques.

The three-story sports center stands between the Olympic bobsled/rope-track and a series of ski jumps features interactive displays that provide a feel for the speed of maneuvering a downhill race course and the geometry of going airborne from a 420-meter jump.

It also contains memorabilia from the 2002 Winter Games, including 60 pictures by a dozen photographers given behind-the-scenes access to athletes by the Salt Lake Organizing Committee.

The photos will be part of The File Within, a coffee-table art book SLOC will release in the fall.

The Indian spiritual adviser Clifford Duncan, who presided at the Olympic flame, from Greece and performed in the Opening Ceremony with representatives of the state's other four tribes, blessed the building.

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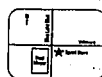
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Reservoir draining reveals stolen cars

OGDEN, Utah (AP) — As water levels dropped, the first of what officials say may be many cars languishing in a watery Pineview Reservoir grave has emerged.

The 1992 Toyota 4-Runner was discovered Friday by a fisherman in the area who thought the back-end of the vehicle was a sandbar as it showed from under about 15 feet of water. It was reported stolen Tuesday.

The reservoir will be lowered

by at least 50 percent through the summer to permit necessary seismic work on its dam.

Weber County Sheriff Brad Slater said the reservoir has been a haven for stolen cars and those dumped in insurance scams. As the water levels drop, he said, other cars may be found. He said there are 25- to 30-year-old cars at the bottom of the reservoir.

Ray Sparks, owner of the Star Route Garage in Huntsville, said

while the Toyota is the first car this year, his garage pulled eight cars from Pineview last year.

Weber Fire District and troopers from the Utah Highway Patrol assisted in the effort to recover the Toyota from the water, and investigations are pending.

The owners of the vehicle were out of town on vacation and had not been notified yet of the discovery.

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—Jerry Pierson of Interlachen, Fla., who owns a goat that dresses Duke Earhardt fans because it has a distinctive white ‘3’ on its right side

TODAY’S SCHEDULE

American Legion baseball
Twin Falls A at Boise Gems tournament, at Borah HS
Cowboy Classic, at Frontier and Bralin fields

TRIVIA QUESTION:

Ted Williams hit 521 home runs. What was his single-season high?

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Kimberly Legion hosts 3-on-3 hoops tourney

KIMBERLY — The Kimberly American Legion best ball program will hold its annual 3-on-3 basketball tournament starting with registration at 9 a.m. on July 13 at City Park. Play begins immediately after the Good Neighbor Day Parade.

The cost is \$12.50 per player with all teams consisting of four players. There will be four age brackets for males and females. Every entrant gets a T-shirt while awards go to the first-place team.

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Lat free throws help West win BCI state title

BOISE — Boise High's Brennan Erickson hit four free throws in the final minute to lead the West girls' basketball team to the state Basketball Congress International title in a 41-38 championship win over the South on Saturday in the Boise High School gym.

"They pulled it out," said South head coach Joe Shepard. "The girls played well."

Eric Hovey was Shepard's assistant coach.

Amanda Hovey of Twin Falls led the South scoring with nine points, followed by Mindy Malone of Valley with seven and Bellinda Turley of Twin Falls with six. Jennifer Pond of Jerome's Mallory Meservy added three, as did Melissa Hawkins of Twin Falls. Bonnie Freestone of Hansen, Vanessa West of Jerome and Twin Falls' Shay Tusow all scored two points. Other South team members were Dani Kippes of Bull, Eliza Hope of Jerome and Sarah Hubbsmith of Shoshone.

Ten players and two alternates were chosen from the two teams to represent Idaho at the national BCI tournament in Dallas, July 26 through Aug. 1. They were: Michelle Hessing and Rebekah Sales, both of Capital High, Amanda Monteith of Boise High, Borah's Mallory Redenmacher and Deana Orchard, Erickson, Meservy, Pond, West and Hovey. Freestone and Boise's Cassandra Ritter are the alternates.

Compiled from staff reports

TRIVIA ANSWER:
A league-leading 43 in 1949.

Cowboys come up short of title game

Nampa, Idaho Falls will battle for championship

By Scott Thompson
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — The Twin Falls Cowboys went 1-for-2 Saturday at Frontier Field, needing to hold the Las Vegas Panthers to no more than four runs and win to advance to the championship game of the Cowboy Classic.

The Cowboys (2-2 in the tournament) and pitcher Jake Asher managed the first part but gave up two runs in the seventh inning to fall 4-2 as they again struggled at the plate, collecting just two hits in the wood-bat contest.

Panther pitcher Brandon Kintzler (2-2) kept the Cowboys off balance with a fastball that routinely stayed near 90 mph and occasionally crept to as fast as 92.

"I saw early on when I threw my fastball

Saturday's scores

Caldwell 9, Trayton 5
Nampa 10, Green Mountain 4
Idaho Falls 7, Las Vegas Hawks 6
Hermiston 2, Brighton 1
Lehtridge 10, Las Vegas Panthers 0
Las Vegas Panthers 4, Twin Falls 2

Cowboy Classic

Today's games
At Frontier Field, CSI
Las Vegas Panthers vs. Hermiston, 8:30 a.m.
Lehtridge vs. Las Vegas Hawks, third-place, 11 a.m.
Nampa vs. Idaho Falls, championship, 1:30 p.m.
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Trayton vs. Green Mountain, 8:30 a.m.
Twin Falls vs. Brighton, 11 a.m.
Twin Falls vs. Caldwell, 1:30 p.m.

that they couldn't keep up with it — even though it wasn't really going yet," Kintzler said. "So, I decided to stop trying to hit the corners so much and just threw it down the middle to see if they could hit it."

For the most part, the Cowboys couldn't. "You have to give (Kintzler) a lot of credit," Cowboy coach Matt Rasmussen said. "He threw a real nice ball game."
Littleton did single in the fifth for Twin Falls' first hit of the game. He then scored

when Panther second baseman John Evans didn't cleanly field Chris Maxfield's grounder.

That put the Cowboys up 2-1, since Luke Hawkins came around to score on a double steal in the fourth when both he and Andy Coats drew walks.

Vegas third baseman Peter Yaskin scored in the second to put the Panthers up 1-0 when he got aboard on an error by Littleton and catcher Chris

Cassell drove him home.
Littleton's error wasn't the last miscue for the Cowboys, nor was it the most costly as the Panthers rallied for three runs in the final two innings to take the victory thanks to Twin Falls mistakes.

In the sixth inning, Josh Conley singled home Jordan Salazar with a single to center field, but Cowboy Carl Blackwood's throw to the plate would have been on time had first baseman Chris Maxwell not cut it.

And then Asher misplayed a sacrifice bunt in the seventh to give the Panthers an extra out, which they turned into two runs when Cassell scored on a wild pitch and Anthony Rodriguez came home on a single by Salazar.

"That's something that we usually do well — bunt defense," Rasmussen said.

But Rasmussen was maybe more upset at the Cowboys' approach at the plate. Littleton took a called third strike to end
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Serena's power prevails



Serena Williams hits a return to her sister, Venus, during Serena's 7-6 (7-4), 6-3 win to claim the Wimbledon singles championship Saturday.

An artist with a bat

Ted Williams' passion never left

By Steve Wilstein
The Associated Press

Sitting in a wheelchair in a Boston hotel suite, his booming voice filled with his undiminished passion for baseball, Ted Williams asked for a pen and a piece of paper to illustrate a point about pitching.

He leaned close to the page and drew a crude sketch of a mound and home plate with dotted lines between them, explaining that pitchers were getting better angles on batters by throwing from the left or right side of the mound. It was a technique he first saw used by Early Wynn in the late 1950s.

"They're all doing it now," Williams said. "Nobody's ever written that."

I still have that sketch, as cherished as if it were drawn by Picasso.

It was the day before the All-Star game three years ago, one of the last times anyone would interview Williams, who died Friday. He was 89 then, recovering from two strokes and a broken hip, and his famously sharp eyesight had started to fail.

Yet that voice and the larger-than-life presence he carried led left people around him in awe. In one corner of the room actor Kevin Costner watched as if he were a little kid, waiting to meet the baseball great.

Costner had to wait a long time. Williams was talking about hitting, and nothing, except maybe fishing, got Williams going so ardently.

The is was another souvenir on my office wall, a hauntingly beautiful black and white photograph of Williams as a bat-thin rookie alongside second baseman Bobby Doerr, who became his lifelong friend and fellow Hall of Famer.

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Venus loses Wimbledon crown to younger sister

The Associated Press

WIMBLEDON, England — First the No. 1 ranking, then the Wimbledon title — Venus Williams has now relinquished both to younger sister Serena.

The balance of power in the Williams family has shifted, and Venus may have trouble regaining the upper hand.

"It's not fun losing, no matter who you lose to," Venus said after Saturday's 7-6 (4), 6-3 defeat in the women's final. "It's not something that I'm going to get used to or try to adjust to because I'm not one for losing often."

The 22-year-old Venus had won 20 straight matches at Wimbledon and was one win

'It's not fun losing, no matter who you lose to. It's not something that I'm going to get used to or try to adjust to because I'm not one for losing often.'

— Venus Williams

away from becoming the first woman to capture three consecutive titles since Steffi Graf in 1991-93.

But she was thoroughly outplayed by 20-year-old Serena, who dictated the points and had Venus — usually the aggressor — running from side to side and playing defensive shots to keep the ball in play.

It's a shock seeing Venus being pushed around the court. Only one person in the world could do that — her sister.

"She just had a better shot," Venus said. "I think I played well, high percentage tennis. She just was pressing and hitting a lot of forceful shots."
Venus beat Serena in the U.S. Open final last September. But

All's not well at All-Star game

Labor, steroid issues-tamish baseball fun

The Associated Press

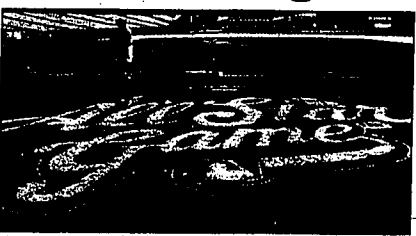
MILWAUKEE — Whether the leaky roof at Miller Park is open or closed, the forecast for this Bud Bowl is the same: cloudy, real cloudy.

Because, as baseball partners in commissioner Bud Selig's backyard for Tuesday night's All-Star game, all is not well.

Will fans be buzzing about seeing Barry Bonds and Sammy Sosa in the same NL outfield after patching up their spring-training feud?

Forget it. Instead, listen to Sosa and Bonds — and the whole sport, for that matter — caught up in the swirl over steroids. Didn't help that TV ads promoting the game portrayed them as puffed-up, crazed cartoon figures.

Will A-Rod ask Jason Giambi



Milwaukee Brewers groundskeeper Kirk Peterson puts a rope around the 2002 All-Star game logo at Miller Park in Milwaukee Saturday.

MLB capsules — C2, mourning Ted Williams — C4, spotlight on Ichiro Suzuki — C5

attract a lot of attention at Monday's home-run derby? — Nope. That day's big event comes nearby in suburban Chicago, where the executive board of the players' union meets

and may set a strike deadline. — This should be a time the fans could come out and see the best in the world, said AL manager Joe Torre of the New York

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Ted Williams' family squabbles; no funeral services are planned

The Associated Press

CRYSTAL RIVER, Fla. — No funeral services are planned for Ted Williams, his attorney said Saturday, as a dispute arose over the plans for the remains of the baseball great.

Williams died Friday in a hospital near his home in west-central Florida. He was 83.

"Ted Williams was a private person in life, and in death he wished to remain private," Eric Abel, Williams' attorney, said in a statement. "He did not wish to have any funeral or funeral services."

Boston Red Sox officials said Saturday they have tentatively scheduled a memorial celebration on July 22 at Fenway Park, Williams' home field for 19 seasons.
On Saturday, Williams' estranged daughter accused her half brother, John Henry Williams, of planning to cryogenically freeze their father's body and preserve his DNA, perhaps to sell in the future.

Barbara Joyce Williams Ferrell, in a story first reported by the Boston

Globe and the Boston Herald, said John Henry first brought up cryogenics after Williams' open-heart surgery in 1991.

"He said the way they're going with medical science and DNA, we could freeze it, he could become we can freeze his head," Ferrell said. "He said, we could sell the DNA."

"I told him (Dad's) against cryogenics. It is very immoral. I said I was against it and I would stand against it."

John Henry Williams did not immediately return a phone message Saturday.

Abel refused to confirm or deny any talk of cryogenics. He called the idea of selling DNA or cloning an "absurd proposition."

The Williams family members are in a period of great grieving," Abel said. "It is unfortunate that Barbara Joyce Ferrell has taken this moment to grab headlines."

Abel asked, at the request of the Williams' family, that instead of flowers, donations be made to The Jimmy Fund, a Boston-based charity, or the Ted Williams Museum in Hammonton.

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SPORTS

Bonds breaks out against Big Unit

Homer helps. Giants knock off Diamondbacks

PHOENIX (AP) — Barry Bonds ended a 10-game drought with his first home run off Randy Johnson and the San Francisco Giants beat the Arizona Diamondbacks 3-2 Saturday...

Dodgers 4, Cardinals 2, 11 Innings

ST. LOUIS — Jeff Rebutel drove in a run with a sacrifice fly in the 11th inning as Los Angeles defeated St. Louis...

Cubs 7, Braves 3

ATLANTA — Carlos Zambrano pitched five innings of two-hit ball and Moses Alonzo hit two homers as Chicago beat Atlanta in Bruce Kimm's first game as Chicago's interim manager...

Marlins 5, Mets 2

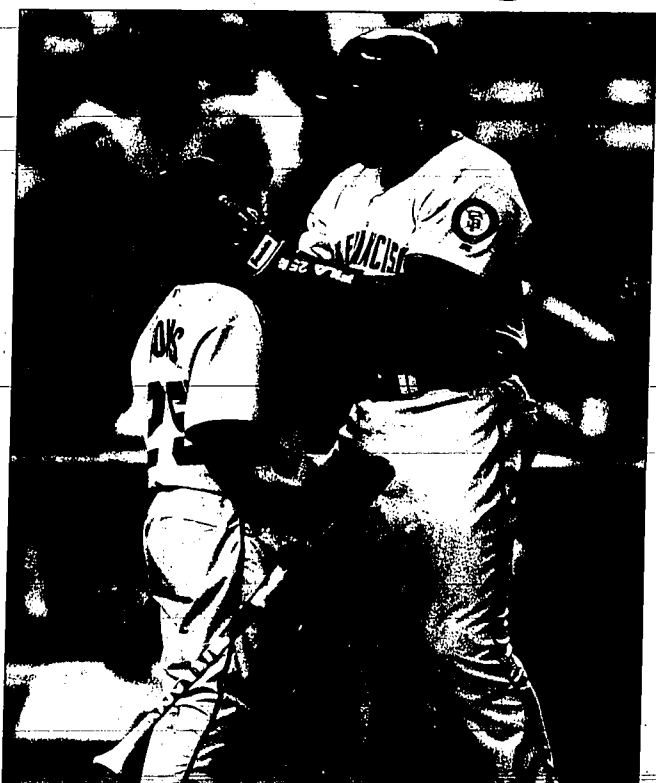
MIAMI — Michael Tejera won his fourth consecutive start as Florida beat New York...

Reds 6, Brewers 4

CINCINNATI — Jason LaRue drove in four runs with a base-loaded double and an RBI single as Cincinnati defeated Milwaukee...

Expos 5, Phillies 3

PHILADELPHIA — Brad Wilkerson homered for the second straight game, and Fernando Tatis and Andres Galarraga also hit home runs to lift Montreal...



San Francisco Giants slugger Barry Bonds, right, embraces his son, Nikolai, as he crosses home plate after hitting a solo home run off Arizona pitcher Randy Johnson in the sixth inning Saturday in Phoenix. The Giants won, 3-2.

over Philadelphia. The Expos, winners of three straight and four of five, have outscored their opponents 20-9 during a 12-game road trip...

feet beyond the concrete wall alongside the Allegheny River, which runs parallel to the grandstands. American League Blue Jays 8, Yankees 3

White Sox beat the Cleveland Indians. After Jason Phillips (0-1) walked Magglio Ordonez and hit Paul Konerko with a pitch...

Rocks 3, Padres 2

DENVER — Todd Zelle got his 1,000th RBI and John Thomson won for the first time in eight starts as Colorado edged San Diego...

Red Sox 8, Tigers 0

BOSTON — Pedro Martinez won his fourth start in a row as the Boston Red Sox beat the Detroit Tigers...

Orioles 7, Rangers 5

ARLINGTON, Texas — Melvin Mora hit a tiebreaking, two-run triple in the 11th inning and the Baltimore Orioles ended Texas' four-game winning streak with a 7-5 victory Saturday night...

Astros 10, Pirates 2

PITTSBURGH — Daryle Ward hit the first homer to travel into the river beyond PNC Park's right-field wall on the fly, a grand slam that was one of three Houston homers in a 10-2 rout of Pittsburgh...

White Sox 7, Indians 3

CHICAGO — Jeff Liefer, starting in place of struggling Frank Thomas, hit a three-run homer and All-Star Mark Buehrle got his 12th win Saturday as the Chicago...

Sting 78, Rockers 67

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Allison Feaster scored a career-high 24 points and made a team-record six 3-pointers as Charlotte beat Cleveland...

Comets 61, Shock 40

HOUSTON — Tina Thompson scored 19 points to lead Houston over Detroit for its ninth straight win...

Fever 50, Mystics 45

INDIANAPOLIS — Tamika Catchings made five 3-pointers and finished with 18 points as Indiana beat Washington...

Indians 3, Yankees 2

CLEVELAND — Jason Giambi hit a home run and Cliff Lee pitched six innings of one-run ball to lead the Cleveland Indians to a 3-2 victory over the New York Yankees Saturday night...

Major League Baseball

Table with columns for League (All Times MDT, AMERICAN LEAGUE, NATIONAL LEAGUE), Division (East, Central, West), and Team. Rows include New York, Boston, Baltimore, Toronto, Tampa Bay, Minnesota, Chicago, Kansas, Cleveland, Kansas City, Detroit, Seattle, Anaheim, Tampa Bay, Texas, Atlanta, Montreal, Florida, New York, Philadelphia, St. Louis, Houston, Pittsburgh, Chicago, Milwaukee, Los Angeles, Arizona, San Francisco, Colorado, San Diego, Boston, Toronto, Baltimore, Tampa Bay, Detroit, Toronto, Philadelphia, Kansas City, Minnesota, St. Louis, Houston, Montreal, Philadelphia, Colorado, San Diego.

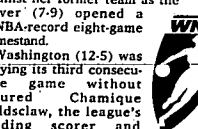
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This date in baseball

The Associated Press July 7 1923 — Lefty O'Doul, pitching for the Boston Red Sox, allowed 13 runs in the sixth inning to the Cleveland Indians, who won 7-3. In 1928, he was to return to the majors as a great hitting outfielder...

Classic

Continued from C1 the sixth inning with Coats on third base after getting the Cowboys' second hit of the game. "We took a lot of strike strikes," he said. "We're just looking for someone to bail us out at the plate instead of competing." With the loss, the Cowboys plummeted to fourth in their pool and will play Brighton, Colo., at 11 a.m. and the Caldwell at 1:30 p.m. Both games will be at Bruin Field at Twin Falls High School. "They're disappointed," Rasmussen said. "Any time you put on tournament, it's a lot of work out in the hot sun and you want to play in the championship." But Rasmussen said the Cowboys will try to shake off their offensive doldrums after getting just 11 hits in the first four games. "We're just going to try to relax and have fun and swing the bats," he said. With the Vegas victory, the Panthers will play Hermiston at Frontier Field at 8:30 a.m., while Nampa took the Pool A championship and will face Idaho Falls in the final at 1:30 p.m. at Frontier Field.



Washington (12-5) was playing its third consecutive game without injured Chamique Holdclaw, the league's leading scorer and rebounder, and the Mystics shot a season-low 34 percent from the field. Indiana was even worse — at 32 percent — but McCray put the game out of reach with two free throws for a 49-45 lead with 26.9 seconds remaining. Stacey Dales-Schuman led the Mystics with 13 points.

Merlakis Jones scored 17 points and Ann Wauters 16 for the Rockers (6-10), who lost their fourth straight game despite shooting 52 percent.

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SPORTS

SCORES AND STATS

WHAT'S ON T.V.

- Football: Arena Football, Orlando at Tampa Bay, 7 p.m.
Bicycle racing: Tour de France, Stage 1 Outdoor Live, 7:30 a.m.
Tennis: Wimbledon, men's championship NBC, 7 p.m.
Auto Racing: Formula 1, British GP NBC, 8:30 a.m.
Bicycle racing: Dwyer Stakes, Bashford Manor Stakes ESPN2, 2:30 p.m.
Baseball: Indians at White Sox, WGN noon
Tennis: Twists at Menners ESPN2, 2:30 p.m.
PGA, Western Open, final round ABC, 1 p.m.
U.S. Women's Open, final round NBC, 1 p.m.

BASEBALL

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Waltrip gets win to save

Last victory was tarnished by death of Dale Earnhardt. DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. (AP) - Finally, a win for Michael Waltrip to save...

Rookie Scheckter takes pole for Ameristar 200

KANSAS CITY, Kan. - Rookie Tomas Scheckter won the pole Saturday for the Ameristar 200, shattering the Kansas Speedway record...

Montoya edges Barrichello, Schumacher for pole

SILVERSTONE, England (AP) - Juan Pablo Montoya claimed his fourth straight pole in qualifying Saturday for the British Grand Prix...

Class A Twin Falls Cowboys split in Boise

BOISE - The Class A Twin Falls Cowboys split on their final day at the Boise Gems Tournament on Saturday...

Tennis: Wimbledon

Wimbledon: The weekend's highlight offensively was Alex Hiji hitting two triples for four RBIs...

Hagerman plans softball tourney for Aug. 3-4

HAGERMAN - The first annual Snake River Grill Softball Tournament will be held Aug. 3-4 with upper and lower men's D divisions...

NIC reassigned athletic director after 23 years

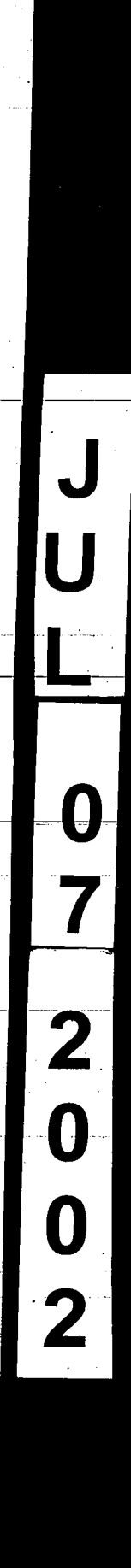
COLEUR ALÉNE - North Idaho College Athletic Director Jim Headley was reassigned after 23 years in the community college's sports program...

Mighty Ducks acquire Szykora in trade with Devils

ANAHEIM, Calif. - Petr Szykora, a 20-goal scorer the last four seasons, was among four players acquired by the Anaheim Mighty Ducks on Saturday night...

Student Services' Vice President Bruce Gifford was

Compiled from staff and wire reports.



Ichiro's star continues to rise in America

Numbers and popularity only increase for M's star

SEATTLE (AP) - He still sits stoically on the bench, he still does his intriguing ritual of deep knee bends before he comes to the plate and he still looks like he's running to first base before he hits the ball.

Ichiro Suzuki, premier leadoff batter for the Seattle Mariners, remains the feared hitter who was the American League MVP and AL Rookie of the Year in his first season away from Japan.

He just might be even better than he was last season. "When I'm mentioned as a candidate to hit .400, I'm very honored and pleased that somebody makes that comment," Suzuki said. "Realistically, it's hard to imagine that number in my mind."

Suzuki, 28, wasn't hitting .400 this week, but he was leading the majors by midweek with a .366 batting average and 121 hits.

Last year, he won the AL batting title with a .350 average and had 242 hits, the most in the big leagues since 1930.

Suzuki was the top vote-getter in balloting for Tuesday's All-Star game, with 2.5 million votes - more than 800,000 more than No. 2 vote-getter Alfonso Soriano and 400,000 more than No. 1 in NL, Sammy Sosa.

"He's one of those guys who has been blessed by God," new teammate Ruben Sierra said. "He can do everything."

Major league pitchers learned a lot in their first year against Suzuki, who helped the Mariners tie the major league record with 116 victories last season.

In his 80 games, they walked him an AL-leading 17 times, the ultimate gesture of respect for a leadoff hitter with 10 career home runs with the Mariners.

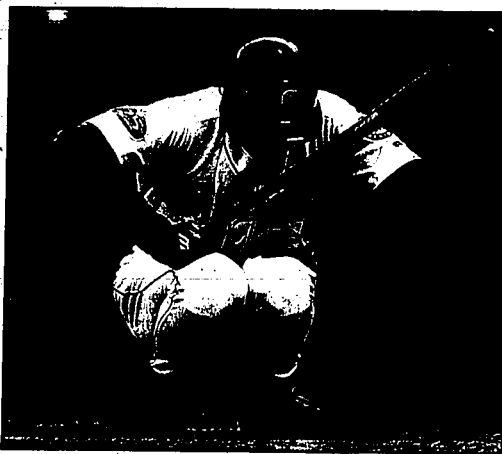
"I don't know what's in the opposing pitchers' minds," Suzuki said in an interview through a translator. "You'll have to ask them what they're thinking."

Seattle manager Lou Piniella can't believe what he's seeing: A leadoff hitter leading the league in intentional walks.

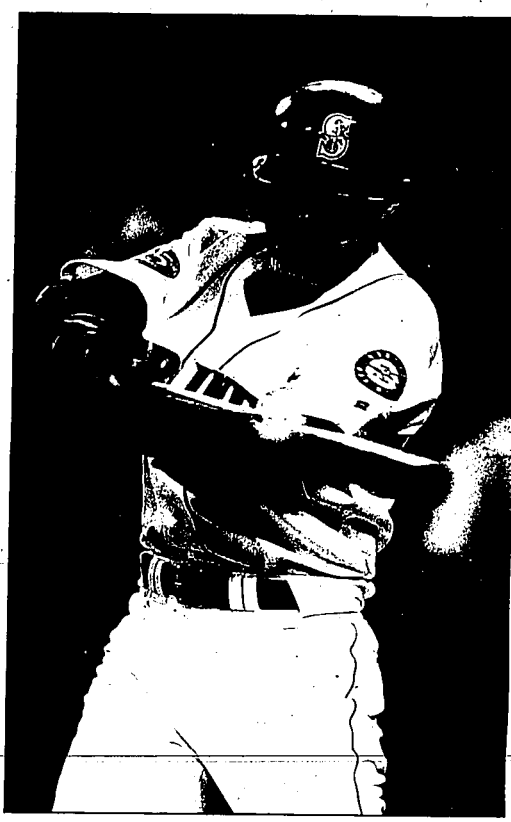
"It's unheard of really," he said. "But he understands."

"You look at his batting average with runners in scoring position and right away it's four fingers," Piniella said.

Sierra first heard of Suzuki in 1994 when he was with the Oakland Athletics



Seattle's Ichiro Suzuki does his ritual deep knee bend before an at-bat Tuesday in Seattle. Suzuki has become one of baseball's premier leadoff hitters and one of the game's most popular players.



The Seattle Mariners' Ichiro Suzuki hits a single Tuesday in Seattle.

'He's probably the most popular guy on the team. The players love him. He kids around with all the guys.'

- Gerald Perry, Mariners hitting coach

"Pitchers respect him," Sierra said. "He's the guy who's real dangerous, he's too dangerous. He hits gappers. When he gets men on base, that's when he really hits the ball hard all over the place."

Despite the language, Ichiro Suzuki has become immensely popular with his teammates.

"He's probably the most popular guy on the team," Mariners hitting coach Gerald Perry said. "The players love him. He kids around with all the guys."

Extra year helps athletes prepare

Some question fairness of athletes repeating a year in prep school

By Tarik El-Bashir
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON - Eric Hayes blew past the player guarding him, reeled in the ball with one hand, dribbled between two Beady defenders and scored an acrobatic reverse layup, much to the delight of the sparse crowd at a recent summer league basketball game. It wasn't a play you would expect from a boy who just finished middle school, but Hayes is not a typical rising freshman.

Thanks to an extra year of eighth grade, Hayes is a little bigger, a little taller, a little better at basketball than most boys who will enter high school next fall. The 6-foot, 165-pound 15-year-old repeated eighth grade for that advantage - not because of academic failings, but because his father, Potomac (Va.) High School boys' basketball coach Kendall Hayes, felt his son's athletic fortunes would improve if he had another year to develop physically.

"It's an edge that more and more male high school athletes have acquired, local and national high school coaches and administrators say. The end result is bigger, faster and stronger athletes in high school - and, some say, a less level playing field."

See athletes repeating grades for both athletic and academic reasons, said Dan Parsi, the athletic director and coach at Georgetown Prep in suburban Rockville, Md. "As it gets harder and harder to get into your top choice for college, people are realizing that extra year can make a difference on a lot of levels."

Girls are rarely held back for athletic reasons, because more girls are physically mature than boys when they enter high school. The practice is more common - and on the rise -

among boys at private schools, area administrators and coaches say, but it happens in public schools, too.

Private school leagues are less likely to set a maximum age limit and some allow fifth-year seniors to compete; private schools also are more likely to allow a student who is passing to repeat a grade.

The Hayes family saw the difference between public and private school rules a year ago. Kendall Hayes applied to have Eric transfer from Saunders Middle School in Prince William County, Va., to another public middle school, Rippon, for second year of eighth grade, but he was rebuffed by county school officials. "But Chris Chapel, a small, kindergarten-through-eighth-grade private school in Woodbridge, Va., took him in."

"I hit my growth spurt while I was in high school and continued to grow into college," said Kendall Hayes, who is 6-foot-6. "I wanted to give Eric another year of physical development. ... I haven't heard any negative comments yet, but I know some people are going to have something to say about it. ... In my father and I know what's best for my son. So far, it's worked out exactly as we wanted it to. People who know basketball understand why we did this."

"At Landon School in Bethesda, Md., which has students from grades 3 through 12, longtime lacrosse coach Rob Bordley said it's common for athletes to repeat a pre-high school year when they arrive. Bordley said the students do it because Landon's academic demands are greater than schools from which they transferred.

"It's fair to say that the majority of Landon graduates (who played lacrosse) are 18 or 19," Bordley said. "Imagine that at

Virginia athlete makes extra year in high school pay off

By Tarik El-Bashir
The Washington Post

Academics were the primary reason St. Stephen's/St. Agnes All-Met pitcher Andrew Wells repeated the 10th grade after transferring from a public school in Alexandria, Va., he and his parents said. Although Wells had a B-plus average at the public school, he said he wanted an extra year to adjust to the demanding curriculum at St. Stephen's.

The prospect of playing more high school baseball - Wells got an extra year to play at a school that schedules about 10 more games per season than public high schools - made the choice somewhat easier, he said.

"I did it for a lot of reasons," Wells said. "I caught a lot of flack from my public school friends. One of my good friends said, 'I can't believe you want to go to high school for five years.'"

other schools (the average age of a graduating athlete) is closer to 17.

Said Robinson boys' lacrosse coach Tom Tufts, whose Rams have played Landon in recent seasons: "We are not naive. We know that when we face a private school that it's not a level playing field, because they have the capability of holding a kid back in junior high, which allows him another year of growth and playing the game."

Baseball player Donnie Presley just completed his second consecutive junior year at Notre Dame. "Donnie was kind of young for his class, so we thought we'd let him catch up," his father, Don Presley, said. "Besides, we thought he could use an extra year of high school to let himself mature. It means he'll be 18 next year, not 17. It's allowed under the rules, so we figured why not? ... Hopefully, it will help him get a scholarship or get drafted."

No matter the reason given, opposing coaches and other critics sense an ulterior motive.

"The huge many parents will say they are holding back the child for academic or social

But in hindsight, it was the best thing for me, academically and athletically."

Last month, Wells, a 6-3, hard-throwing left-hander, helped the Saints to a share of the Interstate Athletic Conference title, only a few weeks shy of his 16th birthday. Then, last month, Wells, who has accepted a scholarship to attend Virginia Tech, was selected in 33rd round of the Major League amateur draft by the Montreal Expos.

"We don't feel that it was unfair, because he was competing in the IAC and against other private schools, where a lot of kids are doing this," said Wells' father, Mike, a teacher and former longtime high school baseball coach. "It definitely helped him as a whole person. Last year, I'm not sure if he would have been able to deal with the pressure of pitching a college, much less (deciding) what to do after being drafted."

reasons," said Rick Wolff of the Center for Sports Parents. "But when their child is also a standout pitcher or quarterback, that makes me suspicious of their genuine motivations. For obvious reasons, many parents won't be candid when asked what they are really trying to accomplish."

Said Ronald Kamm, a sports psychiatrist based in Oakhurst, N.J., who specializes in sports issues relating to youths: "It's really not ethical to hold back a kid strictly for athletic purposes. In a way it's cheating, and the kid knows that, too. ... And if that kid doesn't end up with a Division I scholarship, he may regret the decision in the future."

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Greene rebounds with win at Gaz de France

SAINT-DENIS, France (AP) - The tongue is back.

Maurice Greene, bouncing, buoyant and as confident as ever, roared back from two uncharacteristic defeats to win the 100 meters Friday at a chilly, rain-soaked Gaz de France meet in Paris.

His 9.99 seconds was far off his world record of 9.79 and shy of this year's seasonal best.

Greene, who likes to pace restlessly behind the starting blocks before a race, sticking out his tongue and rocking back and forth, had complained of jet lag and fatigue after his losses at Oslo and Sheffield last week.

Fellow American Bernard Williams took second with 10.03 and third-placed Britain's Mark Lewis-Francis set a personal best of 10.04. Tim Montgomery, one of three sprinters to share the season's best of 9.94, was fourth.

Dwain Chambers, who beat Greene at Oslo and Sheffield, pulled out of the meet in the Paris suburb of Saint-Denis - home to next year's World Championships.

The cold, rainy night didn't stop Marion Jones from running the world's fastest time this season in the women's 100 meters. She won in 10.89 seconds. Olympic bronze medalist Tynia Lawrence finished second in 11.04 and Jones' American team-

mate Chryste Gaines was third in 11.06.

Gail Devers, a two-time 100-meter Olympic hurdles champion, ran 12.56, off the seasonal best of 12.40 she set Tuesday in Lausanne. But it was enough to keep her in the running for a share of the Golden League jackpot of 50 kilograms of gold, worth about \$500,000.

Only athletes who win their events in all seven Golden League meets qualify for a share of the bounty. Only 12 events count for the jackpot.

In the men's 400-meter hurdles, world champion Felix Sanchez set the year's fastest time for his second straight Golden League victory. The Dominican ran 47.91.

Olympic champion Anier Garcia won the men's 110-meter hurdles. The Cuban crossed the line in 13.14 - much slower than the blistering 13.03 he ran in Lausanne. Terrence Trammell was second and Yoel Hernandez third.

Gabriela Szabo set a seasonal best in the women's 3,000, clocking 8:31.88. It was her second Golden League win of the season, after her victory in the 5,000 in Oslo. World record holder Hicham El Guerrouj had an easy victory in the 1,500 meters, setting another seasonal best in 3:25.96.

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Armstrong storms out of gate

Three-time champ. wins prologue of Tour de France

LUXEMBOURG (AP) - Lance Armstrong needed just over four miles to take the lead in the Tour de France. Armstrong started his bid for a fourth straight Tour title by winning Saturday's 4.34-mile prologue and gaining the leader's yellow jersey.

The 30-year-old Texan completed the individual time trial in 9 minutes, 8 seconds, nearly two seconds ahead of Laurent Jalabert of France.

Raimondas Rumšas of Lithuania was third, 3 seconds behind Armstrong.



Armstrong wears the overall leader's yellow jersey after winning the prologue Saturday.

Armstrong, of the U.S. Postal Service team, rode during a break in rain that had threatened to make the course slick.

"The weather was so-so, but I saw that the sun was coming out just before I started," Armstrong said in an interview on France-2 Television. As reigning champion, Armstrong was the last rider to start.

Shortly before he rode down the starting ramp, Armstrong began his warmup with his wife, Kristin, and his three children in the practice area - the first time his family has been at his side for the Tour start.

"It's a great motivator to be in the warmup with the twins and Luke," he said. The Texan has twin daughters.

Asked whether he would be defending his yellow jersey in the next few stages, Armstrong said, "I think probably not. We'll wait for the team time trial (on Wednesday)."

Thousands of cycling fans looked on and cheered as riders raced through the streets of Luxembourg.

Three-time Tour de France winner Lance Armstrong, leader of the U.S. Postal Service team, speeds down the ramp as he departs for the prologue of the Tour de France, a 7-kilometer (4.35 miles) individual time trial in Luxembourg, Saturday. Armstrong beat Frenchman Laurent Jalabert to win the prologue.



Sorenstam closes in at Open

HUTCHINSON, Kan. (AP) - Prairie Dunes might have met its match in Annika Sorenstam, who had another 1-under 69 on Saturday in the U.S. Women's Open. Now all she has to do is finish off a shrinking list of contenders.

Already a winner in half of her 12 events this year, Sorenstam put herself in perfect position to win her second major of the year by building a two-stroke lead over Jill McGill and the scrambling Juli Inkster.

Sorenstam hit every fairway, missed only three greens and seized control with a rare birdie on No. 16, hitting her approach into 12 feet on the brick-hard green.

"If I can continue what I'm doing, I'll be happy," Sorenstam said.

At the end of a sweltering afternoon on the prairie - so hot that Sorenstam broke out an umbrella to shield herself from the sun - the super Swede was the only one under par at 208.

Inkster hit only eight greens but saved par seven times to give herself a good chance at becoming the oldest U.S. Women's Open champion. Fay Crocker was 40 years, 11 months when she won in 1955.

The 42-year-old Inkster dropped a shot on the final hole by driving into the left rough, coming up well short of the green in more rough and missing a 10-footer. She had a 71.

"I'm going to have to play better," Inkster said. "I played well with what I had. Annika is not going to make any mistakes. But do I think I have a chance? I do."

Sorenstam, the only player who has shot par or better all three days at Prairie Dunes, will be paired in the final group with McGill, the tall blonde who has never won on the LPGA Tour and is best known for turning down an offer to pose nude for Playboy magazine.

Shani Waugh of Australia also stayed in the picture, thanks to a 30-foot eagle putt on No. 7 and a solid play along the back nine until a bogey on 18 dropped her to a 71. She was at 1-over 211 and will play with Inkster.

The biggest meltdown belonged to Laura Diaz, who started the third round tied for the lead at 1-under with Sorenstam and Inkster. She bogeyed four out of five holes in the middle of her round and plummeted to a 77.

Morgan ties Senior Tour record, moves within two

LASALLE, Ontario - Walter Morgan tied the Senior PGA Tour record with an 11-under 60 Saturday - just missing birdie putts on the final two holes - and moved within two shots of co-leaders Tom Jenkins and Morris Hatalsky after two rounds of the Canada Senior Open.

Morgan, 61, had 12 birdies in bettering the Essex Golf and Country Club record of 63 tied by Jenkins in Friday's opening round of the \$1.6 million event sponsored by AT&T.

He matched Iso Oaki's senior tour record of 10-under 60 in the second round of the 1997 Emerald Coast Classic and had two chances to match golf's

magic score - 59. Morgan left an 8-foot birdie putt on the lip at No. 17 and then barely missed a 13-footer for birdie on the final hole.

Three players have shot a 59 on the PGA Tour - Al Geiberger, Chip Beck and David Duval - while Annika Sorenstam is the lone player to do it on the LPGA Tour.

Jenkins and Hatalsky were both at 11-under 131, one stroke in front of Bruce Lietzke, who had a 62 Saturday, and two in front of Morgan and Bruce Summerhays, who had a second-round 65 on the 6,703-yard course.

Campbell birdies 18th for one-stroke lead in Ireland

STRAFFAN, Ireland - Michael Campbell birdied the last hole to take a one-stroke lead over Padraig Harrington and Paul Lawrie after three rounds of the European Open at The K Club on Saturday.

Campbell birdied the par-5 18th to give him a 2-under-par 70 for a 7-under total of 209.

Lawrie and Harrington both carded 69s for 210, Harrington making eagle at the last after a 203-yard 7-iron shot to six feet from the pin.

Barry Lane of England shot 71 for 211 while Colin Montgomerie rebounded from Friday's 3-over 75 to shoot a 68.

Montgomerie finished tied for fifth with Sweden's Joakim Haegeman, who shot a 71.

Ian Woosnam and Fred Funk both had 67s for 214 and a share of 8th place, one behind Paul Casey of England, who shot 69.

Allenby takes lead going into final day of Western

LEMONT, Ill. - With the leaderboard all knotted up, Robert Allenby made the biggest move of the day.

Allenby followed an eagle on the par-5 15th with a birdie, shooting a 7-under 65 and taking a two-stroke lead in the third round of the Western Open on Saturday.

"I'm looking forward to tomorrow," said Allenby, the 2000 champion, who was at 15-under 201 after 54 holes. "I'm feeling pretty comfortable and confident with the way I'm playing."

Neal Lancaster, who hasn't won since 1994, was at 203 after a 5-under 67. Jerry Kelly and Bob Estes were at 204, and Davis Love III and second-round leader John Cook were another stroke back.

"I had a lot of opportunities to make birdie," Lancaster said. "I left three, four, five out there. But you've got to be happy when you make eight."

The leaderboard was locked up tight for most of the afternoon, with nobody making a significant move. Stuart Appleby got to 13-under on the 11th hole, then slipped back to the pack with a double-bogey two holes later.

At one point in the round, about 20 players were within four strokes of the lead.

Finally, Allenby broke the logjam. "I've got myself in a good position," Allenby said. "Hopefully I can capitalize on it tomorrow."

Especially if everyone else plays like they did Saturday.

With a chance to make a big move, the leaders went down one by one. Cook, who hit almost every shot where he wanted Friday, was in trouble more often than not.

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BRIEFLY IN MONEY

Sonic will take part in growth conference

TWIN FALLS - The management of Oklahoma City-based Sonic Corp. - a restaurant chain with a franchised location in Twin Falls - will participate in the CIBC World Markets Second Annual Consumer Growth Conference on Tuesday and Wednesday in Boston.

Sonic's investor presentation at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday will be available to investors via a live audio webcast. A link to the simulcast can be found at the investor section of the company's Web site, www.sonicdrivein.com, and the event will be available for replay for 30 days using that link.

In the presentation, management will focus on the company's expected performance for the final months of fiscal 2002, which ends Aug. 31, and the outlook for 2003.

"We believe Sonic remains well positioned to deliver solid earnings growth in the final quarter of this fiscal year and during the coming year as well," said Clifford Euston, Sonic's chairman and chief executive.

He predicted an increase in per-share earnings of at least 20 percent for the current year, followed by another increase of 18 to 20 percent in fiscal 2003.

Jerome Chamber will hold monthly luncheon

JEROME - The Jerome Chamber of Commerce will hold its monthly luncheon at noon Wednesday at the Golden Dragon Restaurant, 120 W. Main.

Jan Rogers, executive director of Southern Idaho Economic Development Organization; Bob Richards, the Jerome chamber's economic development specialist; and economist Greg Rogers of the Idaho Department of Labor will be the speakers. They will talk about current economic development projects; the Heyburn Simplot plant closure and its effects; and employment statistics for the valley.

For information, call the chamber at 324-2711.

Accountancy Act changes ad rules for accountants

TWIN FALLS - Changes to the Idaho Accountancy Act that became effective July 1 affect how accounting practitioners can advertise their services, the Idaho Association of Public Accountants said.

In addition, legislative changes also clarify accounting responsibilities for both licensed and nonlicensed accounting practitioners in Idaho.

The legislation was sponsored jointly by the IAPA and the Idaho Society of Certified Public Accountants earlier this year. The legislation is essentially the Uniform Accountancy Act, a product of the National Society of Certified Public Accountants and marketed through the National Association of State Boards of Accountancy, IAPA said.

Following are five of the primary changes, according to IAPA.

- Practitioners now can use the word "accountant," "auditor" or "accounting" whether they are licensed or unlicensed. Accounting practitioners cannot, however, imply they are licensed as a certified public accountant, licensed public accountant or enrolled agent if they are not.

- Licensees may accept a commission or referral fee if the licensee or the licensee firm does not perform an attest or compilation service for the same client.

- The act stipulates who can perform attest or compilation services. Those services continue to fall under the same regulations for licensees. Licensees or nonlicensees who do not issue reports may issue financial statements without reports only if the financial statements include disclaimer language.

- The act creates accounting firm registration and peer review. That change removes practice unit registration and quality review requirements. It's a change to conform to the Uniform Accountancy Act.

- The act provides for mutual equivalence. The new portion of the act affects only certified public accountants who exercise certain privileges while practicing in a state other than Idaho.

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Weather delays travel



Marcel Warner, a clerk at Shilo Inn in Twin Falls, checks Pat Warner out of her room at the hotel.

Tourist season starts late for most local hotels, but looks promising

By David Burgess
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - Local hotel managers have several concerns in common as the summer tourist season begins, such as water levels, the economy and the aftermath of the September terrorist attacks. But expectations for a pretty normal summer seem predominant.

Kent Just, Twin Falls chamber executive, said hotels and motels "will be full five, if not six, nights a week all summer."

On Memorial Day weekend, rooms in this market were already full, he said.

"We started out down 10 percent from last year, which was off 5 to 10 percent from the previous year, Just said. "We think that was weather related. Folks were not traveling."

Most hotel managers characterized the summer tourism season as important, but not a make-it-or-break-it time. Celeste Becia, consumer marketing specialist for Idaho Department of Commerce, said there have been some occupancy rate declines in the state, but it has not been nearly as tough as in the Seattle and Portland markets.

Becia said occupancy in the first quarter of 2002 was down



from the same period the previous year by 9 percent in the Boise area and by 2 percent elsewhere in Idaho.

Twin Falls Shilo Inn's general manager, Florine Harris, said that 2002 is starting off better in occupancy and room sales.

"We get lots of return customers," she said. "Each year we see a little increase in occupancy."

The Twin Falls hotel is not one of the properties put up for sale recently by the chain's owner, Harris said.

"We are doing well here."

Low water

Another tight water year is a concern both for its general effect on southern Idaho's agriculture-based economy and for the fact that it leaves just a trickle going over Shoshone Falls - Twin Falls' largest attraction.

If the water is low, tourists get back in their cars, said Kellee

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Summer forecast

Several representatives of Twin Falls hotels commented on the summer tourist season.

Q Better
Gas prices may not go down, but "Americans don't stay home," said Florine Harris, manager of Shilo Inn (128 rooms). "I think we are going to do better this summer than last."

If there are wildfires in the region again this summer, firefighters will flood hotels. "Last year we were all overwhelmed by firefighters coming in from all over the United States and Canada," Harris said.

Q Indicators mixed
Kellie Traugber, sales manager at WestCoast Twin Falls Hotel (112 rooms), said the backbone of the hotel's business is the business traveler, not the summer tourist. But she did comment that tourism indicators are not clear. Water is low, but there is likely to be more travel by car.

One of the bad side effects of the terrorism is that it keeps people out of the air, she said. But that favors the short trip. "Maybe people get to know their own area more," Traugber said.

Q About the same
Viggi Sletten, general manager at Armetel Inn Hotel (118 rooms), said the hotel was up a little over last year

In occupancy rate, even though the tourist count was down, according to the chamber of commerce. Sletten predicts this summer will be good, with more people dining, and expects to do about the same as last year. Class reunions, family reunions and Magic Valley Speedway bring in room sales in summer, he said.

Q Really good
Summer is the busiest time of year at Holiday Inn Express (59 rooms) and Comfort Inn (52), both owned by Summit Group Inc. "I was really busy in April, and May was phenomenal. In the range of 90-95 percent full, said Ailsa Sobo, who runs both hotels. "So, it looks good. It's going to be a really good summer."

Q Busy as ever
Wendy Garcia, general manager of Super 8 Motel (94 rooms), said school graduations provided a boost to business in May. "We're seeing CSI students or checking out the school also add to business, she said. She said she expects the summer to be as busy as it always has been. "It's already picking up a lot."

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Class will train locals to boost area tourism

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS - Tourism is the fastest growing industry in the world and the third largest revenue generator in Idaho, said Betty Giffin, Hospitality Management program coordinator at College of Southern Idaho.

Some students in CSI's hospitality program participated in recent "Train the Trainer" sessions that are intended to boost tourism.

The first sessions of "Train the Trainer" were successful, and the CSI Small Business Development Center is preparing for new training beginning July 16, Giffin said. The sessions teach people from across southern Idaho how to promote quality visitor, tourism and business services in their communities.

The training is presented by South Central Idaho Tourism and Recreation Development Association, in partnership with College of Southern Idaho's Small Business Development Center, hospitality program, community education and culinary arts programs, and the Twin Falls area chamber.

The training is a spin-off of the original "Idaho's Tourism and Recreation" curriculum written by Dawnette Blakeslee to train attendees in excellent customer service skills, as well as inform them of natural, cultural and recreational assets throughout this region.

For information call Sherry Rust at the Small Business Development Center at 733-9544, Ext. 2455, or 1-800-680-1274, Ext. 2455.

Gate receipts dwindle



Viewing areas wait for tourists, but there is little water to see

By Loraine Cayton
Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS - A drought, for the second year in a row, affects not only farmers. Tourism in Magic Valley suffers as well. "Denise Boyer, Twin Falls Parks and Recreation director, said the water volume going over Shoshone Falls this year is about the same as last year. "Very little water is going over the falls," Boyer said.

For the three years before 2002, Shoshone Falls gate



viewers see what there is of Shoshone Falls from a recently renovated viewpoint. Above left, a sign posted at the toll booth entry to Shoshone Falls notifies visitors of what to expect - low water.



receipts - at \$3 per car - averaged about \$28,000 for June.

Last year, June brought in under \$20,000, he said. The month of July normally brings in an average of \$36,000, but last year, July brought in just under \$20,000. And it is looking like 2002 will be about the same. "This year is a no-water year," he said.

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Reunions are hot

Springs bring in summer visitors

By Cindy Snyder
Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS - When it comes to pulling off a successful family reunion, the key elements are fairly simple: a pleasant area for family members to visit and something for the kids to do.

Few destination spots in Idaho meet those two divergent needs as well as the hot springs resorts of southern Idaho. From about June 20 through the Aug. 10, family reunions account for a fair amount of the camping business at the hot springs.

"Family reunions are not our main business," explained Zippy Deul, owner of Banbury Hot Springs for the last 25 years, "but we have a lot of family reunions each year."

Familiarity is one aspect that draws families. Banbury Hot Springs, located west of Buhl, opened in 1920. Lots and lots of people have been here since then. "She said. Most family reunions arrive on Friday or Saturday and stay for two nights. Some camp and swim, others just sit and visit. They're mostly interested in visiting with each other," Deul



said. That's the same pattern Cheryl Herman has observed at Nat Soo Pah Hot Springs. Most family reunions at the Hollister-area resort spend most of their time swimming and sitting around one of the five pavilions visiting.

The pavilions are already booked with family reunions from July through mid-August. Herman said most families have a local connection to the resort, even if no family members are living in Twin Falls County.

"I just talked to a gal from Arkansas who graduated from high school here and was organizing a family reunion," she said.

At Banbury Hot Springs, Deul also does most of the family reunion business over the phone or by mail. Most reunions, however, have a family member living somewhere in the area from Boise to Pocatello. Over the quarter-century that Deul has been in the resort busi-

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Chad Verberkmoos fuels up the Reader Helicopter Tours aircraft after a 30-minute ride.

Helicopter gives visitors, locals a bird's-eye view

By Loretta Burkhardt
Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS - For about the price of a nice steak dinner, visitors to the area can have an aerial view of what makes the valley magic.

Now in its second season, Reader Helicopter Tours offers tour plans designed to give tourists a broader view of the Snake River Canyon, the famous Shoshone Falls and other sites. The helicopter rides give travelers one more reason to stay in town a little longer.

But according to Line Pilot Chad Verberkmoos, interest in an overhead view is not confined to tourists.

On the contrary. Last year's numbers reveal that almost 70 percent of the business generated by the new venture came from local residents. As part of Reader Flying Service Inc., tours were available each week - Thursday through Sunday - from 11 a.m. until 7 p.m. And in its first business season with a four-passenger Bell JetRanger 206B3 craft, the company averaged about two revenue-hours per day. The company offers a variety



of tour packages beginning with the 6-minute ride for \$25 per person - with a three-person minimum.

Reader has set up where travelers are likely to notice. Flights depart from the helicopter site located north of Perrine Bridge at the corner of Highway 93 and the Golf Course Road.

But will a rise in fuel prices have an effect on the price of aerial tours in the near future?

"Unless fuel prices skyrocket we'll leave our prices the way they are," Verberkmoos said. "Nothing compares to an aerial view," said Steve West, the pilot of last year's tours, who has taken a different position with Reader this season.

How did the idea of flights get off the ground? When the company began the tours it was only exploring the idea - to see if there would be a demand for this type of market.

Big air

Local air attractions that could appeal to summer visitors include:

Hot-air balloon rides
One way to view the valley is from a hot-air balloon. For information, call Logan Tusow at 734-2652.

Helicopter tours
Reader Helicopter Tours offers a range of tour packages that can also be customized. For tour package prices, call 733-5920.

As a tourist-related business in Idaho, the future for aerial observations is looking good, said Greg Rogers, local labor economist for south-central Idaho.

"Tourism has become more domestic since 9-11, and people are staying closer to home. "And the (canyon tours) are so spectacular and the price is very reasonable," Rogers said.

But in a situation where passengers use headphones to communicate, is noise a negative factor?

"Noise doesn't seem to be a big deal," said Verberkmoos, "we've never had a complaint."

Professor: Trends point to greater Idaho tourism

By David Burgess
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - A University of Idaho professor believes elements in the summer travel picture are in Idaho's favor.

"We could have a bumper summer, an outstanding summer," said Bill McLaughlin, professor in the department of Resource Recreation and Tourism.

First of all, the national trend is down for travel outside the country, he said. Americans are staying closer to home since the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11.

"What we are likely to see is more motor vehicle travel. That could favor Idaho," he said. Other travel trends are in

Idaho's favor.

"Ecotourism" is a growing segment of the travel industry. The West with its natural scenic attractions and its parks should benefit from ecotourism and in-country travel, he said.

Another category of tourist is looking for "cultural travel," McLaughlin said. These tourists are drawn to cultural attractions such as the historic Old West, American Indians, the Oregon Trail and the hot topic of the Lewis and Clark expedition, which can all be found in Idaho. A vacation providing this sort of cultural stimulation could also be attractive to people wanting to stay in the United States this summer.

Also, the Olympic Winter

Games held in Utah in February could have an echo effect this summer.

"Normally after a big event like that you have some revisiting going on," he said. "That could impact travel regions in the southern part of the state."

On the downside, there is a drought in the West. But McLaughlin played that down.

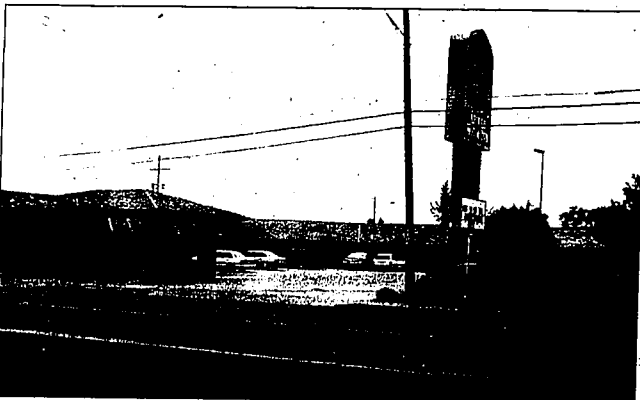
"Drought is not likely to be a big player," he said, except for water activities like kayaking.

"The other thing to factor in is money available to travel," McLaughlin said.

People might be paying off bills and be feeling insecure over the terrorism threat, or economic threats.

"We'll have to wait to see how it plays out," he said.

On the sunset side of town



The Best Western Apollo Motor Inn is holding its own on Addison Avenue West, which is still an entry point to Twin Falls for travelers on U.S. Highways 93 and 30.

Motels still fill up during summer

By Cindy Snyder
Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS - Treating the customer right is the best way to draw travelers off the road and into a motel.

"We try to treat our guests the way we would want to be treated," said Sally Fillmore, front desk manager for the Best Western Apollo Inn. "We work hard to keep our regulars."

After 28 years in the motel business on the west end of Twin Falls, Fillmore has seen many changes. At one time, Twin Falls was home to three Best Western franchises, now the Apollo Motor Inn is the only one left.

Fillmore sees economic pressures from both rising gas prices and the fallout from the events of last September as impacting the motel business on the west end of Twin Falls more than location.

Higher gas prices were keeping tourists, who are the backbone of the motel business during the travel months, closer to home even before the terrorist attacks last fall.

"She is hopeful that tourists will hit the road again this year. "In the peak summer time we fill every night. We've always done that," she added.

Many of the motel's summer



guests are tourists from California traveling on U.S. Highway 93 on their way to Yellowstone National Park. Sunbirds also use the motel for a resting place as they travel south or return north.

But corporate accounts are also important, especially during the non-tourist season. When Fillmore first started in the motel business, the corporate rate was \$8 a night; it is nearly six times that today. In the area where the front desk is now located used to be a large round table with a pot of coffee. Business travelers used to pull up a chair and trade stories with the owner at the time.

Coffee and donuts have grown into a continental breakfast. A shelf full of toiletries and other personal items plus a basket of snacks near the front desk gives weary travelers a chance to stock up on items without having to go out to fillmore.

But Fillmore is quick to point out that the motel's location, sandwiched in between two convenience stores as well as the Addison West and Rock Creek restaurants, is a plus for guests.

In addition to a billboard near Highway 55 east of Twin Falls and offering discounts through

AAA and AARP (formerly known as the American Association of Retired Persons), the Apollo Inn relies on the Best Western name to attract guests. The motel is inspected twice a year to ensure it meets standards for the national chain so that visitors can expect to find a certain quality of lodging.

In the last year, the Apollo Inn has upgraded its rooms by adding irons, ironing boards and coffee makers.

While the Apollo Inn can take advantage of a recognized name to attract guests, other motels on the west end of Twin Falls rely on their amenities. Edith Schmidt, who has owned the Dunes Motel since 1977, offers guests a large swimming pool and satellite TV.

But she said business has suffered as hotels built both on the north end of Twin Falls and in Jackpot, Nev., attract travelers.

"Most of them stop in Jackpot," she said, "the temptation is too great."

She would like the state highway department to allow a sign on Interstate 84 that points out that motels are available on the west end of town. Fillmore would also like that, but has been told motels like the Apollo Inn and the Dunes are too far off the I-84 to be included on a sign.

"We're holding our own here," Schmidt said of the motels on West Addison. "We are competitive with the motels on the north end. We try to please everyone."

Family manufacturing business evolves with practical know-how

NEZPERCE (AP) - Farmers are known for their ingenuity.

Almost daily, farmers create or adapt widgets to fit their needs. Few look beyond the immediate need and move to patent or sell their ideas. But a few take an idea and run with it.

For Arlie Hill, manufacturing farm equipment accessories started with a personal need. The evolution was merely a calculated accident.

In the early 1960s, Hill was farming in the Nezperce area and needed a better way to move his harrow down the road. He built a hydraulic transport cart and soon was making them for his neighbors.

"My dad was always a talented designer," said Lenny Hill, Arlie's son and one of four owners of HillCo, the business Arlie created.

Through the 1970s, Arlie ran Hill's industries, did commercial spraying and farming. Lenny, his wife, Chris, his sister, Charlene Keitt, and her husband, Carroll, bought the business, now called HillCo, from Arlie in 1982.

The company now sells \$2 million in sales last year, selling equipment that converts level-land farm combines into hillside, leveling machines.

"It's a niche market," Lenny said; that deals with less than 2 percent of the farm industry. It's mostly in the Northwest but they also have customers in the Midwest and the Appalachians. They have even exported to South Africa.

Twenty years ago, machinery companies built leveling equipment for hillside combines on the assembly line. But as the cost of production has gone up, the equipment has gotten bigger, profit in building the leveling equipment dropped.

Outside contractors took on the task, selling the operation kit for \$65,000 to \$75,000.

HillCo, which had been manufacturing fan kit accessories and

For Arlie Hill, manufacturing farm equipment accessories started with a personal need. The evolution was merely a calculated accident.

other farm equipment add-ons, saw a market and in 1992 developed a bolt-on leveling system for a fraction of the cost.

Selling for \$23,000 to \$28,000 and requiring no drilling, cutting or altering of the combine, HillCo fell into the niche. It now produces all the leveling attachments for Case-New Holland, Massey Ferguson, Cleenger and Caterpillar as well as a portion of John Deere.

Being a world-class manufacturer in a town of 350 has both its benefits and its pitfalls, Lenny Hill said. But most of all it means the business has to be self-sufficient.

HillCo does all its own design work, prototyping, assembly and shipping, as well as bookkeeping, marketing and Web site production.

"It produces all its own technical manuals and does all its own tech support. Of the 14 employees, half are in manufacturing and the others are in the support divisions.

Building a reputation and being dependable are the keys to successful manufacturing, Lenny Hill said.

HillCo's longest standing relationship with Case-New Holland has led to having a spot just off the end of the assembly line. An independent contractor, trained by HillCo, installs the leveling equipment before the machine leaves the plant.

More often, though, HillCo sells to dealers who have a used machine that needs to be con-

verted.

"It used to be those were entirely different products," he said of the level-land and hillside combines. Now a level-land machine can easily be converted, making a machine more versatile in the market.

How did HillCo corner the market? The key is to get good at providing a product, Lenny said.

"Our company isn't one that likes to go out and build another widget."

When they ventured into the leveling equipment business they hit it hard, getting big enough fast enough to keep others from developing in the market.

In the nearly 20 years since, the company has evolved within the same blue aluminum building Arlie built in the '60s.

In those early years, plans were drawn in chalk on the cement floor.

"The joke was to not step on the drafts," Hill said.

Now, three-dimensional drafting is done on computers in a cramped office in a loft above the manufacturing shop.

Although HillCo has hired engineers in the past, that isn't the norm. The design team is made up of people with farm backgrounds.

"Usually what we have is people with more practical experience," he said.

From the practical design team to the manufacturing floor, everything in HillCo is based on simplicity and ease.

"Specialties were built to hold the pieces of the leveling equipment together for welding. By rotating the equipment in the jig, all the welds can be done on a flat surface, not overhead or other risky positions.

Testing and design is continuous. It's been a focus for the last four years, Hill said.

"If you are not steadily designing products, it's not very long before you are out of things to build."

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Japan business proves good for Martha — so far

TOKYO (AP) — Martha Stewart may have found the perfect place to market her goods, her style and herself in Japan, a nation where pristine decorating is a devotion for a huge middle class and traditional womanly virtues are still an unabashed norm.

Even her ties to the ImClone insider trading scandal, which have battered her image and her company's share prices in the United States, have been largely ignored in Japan.

Chikako Honda, who owns Martha Stewart Everyday brand plates and watches Stewart's cooking show on Japanese cable TV, was quick to brush off the questions of whether Stewart was acting on inside information when she sold ImClone shares in December. Stewart has said the sale was lawful.



Shopper Chikako Honda shops at the Martha Stewart store in Tokyo in June. Honda, who owns Martha Stewart Everyday brand plates and watches Stewart's cooking show on Japanese cable TV, was quick to brush off the investigation over whether the decorating maven had inside information when she sold ImClone shares in December. "The scandal is irrelevant," said Honda, a 38-year-old housewife.

"The scandal is irrelevant," said Honda, a 38-year-old housewife. "I love her sensibilities and tastes. She has her own world, and I wish I could create that for myself, too."

Selling since last fall at supermarkets run by major retailer Seiyu, as well as at a "specialty store" devoted to Martha Stewart goods in downtown Tokyo, products carrying her name raked in \$30 million in sales in just the first half-year.

Seiyu is expecting \$133 million in sales this fiscal year and is planning to open another specialty store in Tokyo this fall.

The true potential remains unclear: The vast majority of Japanese have never heard of Stewart, and the appeal of Martha wares remains limited to an elite few who have larger homes, according to Yasuyuki Sasaki, retail analyst at Credit Suisse First Boston in Tokyo.

Most Japanese homes are tiny, offering not much space for housewares.

"So what if you have a fancy chair stand in your room to put your shoes on in the Japanese kitchen?" Sasaki said. "It's going to be an uphill business."

Also, marketing around a charismatic figure is relatively rare in Japanese culture that favors conformity and harmony over stardom.

Athletes like major league outfielder Ichiro are a growing exception, even in Japan, but they generally target youngsters and fall short of the massive marketing appeal of their American counterparts such as Michael Jordan.

Japan's closest Stewart equivalent is Harumi Kurihara, who has her own restaurants in five Japanese cities and sells a line of cups and plates under her brand.

But Kurihara has attracted only a niche following and her business is a fraction of Stewart's massive media empire.

Still, Japanese culture would seem a natural match for

Stewart.

Her persona and values often end up the subject of parody in the West partly because of the resentment they conjure among women with less domesticated interests.

In Japan, where a radish must be chiseled into a delicate flower in gourmet recipes, Stewart's obsession with stylish food fits easily. Here, even her most elaborate recipes seem simply practical.

The role of housewife is key in this male-dominated culture that once taught women to walk 10 paces behind their husbands.

Although half of Japanese women now hold jobs, nearly 40 percent are part-time workers.

A recent government survey found that about 40 percent of Japanese women believe they should quit their jobs until the children grow up.

"For Japanese, Martha Stewart comes off a bit like Princess Diana," said Seiyu general manager Tomoko Matsuoka. "I think Japanese people like foreign women like that."

About 1,500 types of Martha Stewart products — bed sheets, cushions, gardening tools, candles and kitchenware, even chopsticks — are now selling in Japan.

Only one in 10 products is the same as those sold in the United States. The rest are made under license by Seiyu, manufactured mostly by Asian manufacturers outside Japan but designed for Japan's smaller people and homes. Seiyu is not disclosing the licensing fee but says the business is profitable.

One attraction of Stewart's products is their affordability. A towel costs the equivalent of \$3.20 while a goblet goes for \$5.70 — both bargains by Japan's notoriously pricey standards.

Another draw is the multiple shades of color rare in Japanese offerings, according to Seiyu.

Masumi Yagi, a 43-year-old graphic designer, was happy to find a Martha "frying pan" for \$50 in her favorite mint-green shade.

"There's nothing foreign about this. It's simple. It's tasteful," she said.

Boomer wanderlust, airline concerns push RV growth

NEW YORK (AP) — For years, Lou Holtmann meant to take a vacation with his children and grandchildren, but the scheduling "never worked out." After Sept. 11, he decided it was time, and so he bought five recreational vehicles for road trips this summer.

"We just wanted to stay closer as a family," said Holtmann, 56, of St. Louis. "There's 20 of us all together, so to fly to a particular spot, stay at a hotel and rent cars would cost significantly higher. And certainly, there were major airline delays that we wanted avoid."

Companies report a surge in RV sales and rentals this year, boosted mostly by adventure-seeking baby boomers unwilling to deal with airline hassles and still skittish about traveling abroad.

In big demand: high-end RVs loaded up with satellite dishes, washer-dryers, movable walls called slideouts and home offices with Internet access, allowing boomers to travel at will without losing the comforts of home.

"Boomers have consistently shown they like to do things on their own terms. It's about control," said Ron Geraci, features editor for My Generation, AARP's magazine for baby boomers. "And frankly, post 9/11, you have less control over your travel than you did before."

"Boomers understand that having an RV allows them to travel and really retain an element of control to a greater degree," he said.

For the first five months of 2002, RV sales have jumped more than 20 percent compared to the same period last year, according to the Recreation Vehicle Industry Association. The group attributed the rise to lower interest rates and greater interest in domestic road travel after Sept. 11, particularly in the Northeast.

Most RV sales nationwide are to boomers, who represent the fastest growing segment of the RV market. Currently, 6.9 million — or about one in 12 — vehicle-owning households has an RV, with the median age of owners at

49, according to RVIA.

That's quite a shift from 15 to 20 years ago, when seniors over age 60 dominated the RV landscape in cramped campers with makeshift furnishings.

Now, RVs run the gamut from folding camping trailers priced at \$3,500 to fully loaded RVs about 40 feet long — complete with master bedrooms and bath, closed-circuit TVs, slideouts for additional space and other gadgetry — costing \$1 million.

"Boomers are very big on nostalgia," said John Ablet, spokesman for Fleetwood Enterprises, one of the nation's largest RV manufacturers. "They can remember the earlier days when growing up and camping... But baby boomers expect the RV to be of better quality and have the amenities and appliances they have at home."

Winnipeg Industries Inc., a leader in the mid-range RV market, plans to expand manufacturing capacity by 30 percent this year after record sales of \$174 million in the first quarter, up from \$164 million a year earlier.

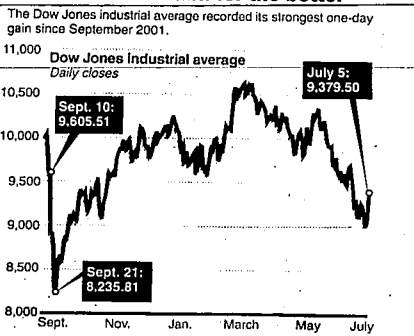
Fleetwood saw wholesale shipments increase 25 percent among its high-end vehicles in the first quarter, while Coburg, Ore.-based Monaco Coach Co. reported a 17 percent jump.

RV rents, meanwhile, have jumped 30 percent this year, helped by strong business during the Memorial Day weekend, said Bob Caldwell, spokesman for Mesa, Ariz.-based Cruise America, the nation's largest RV rental company.

"Our bread-and-butter renters are the 45-to-54 year-old boomer types," he said. "A lot of folks just aren't taking the long flying vacations to never-never land or down under."

The converts include George Meireles, 44, a Millington, N.J., luxury-home builder. He initially resisted getting an RV, worried that it might be too confining and Spartan for his taste. Finally relenting after Sept. 11, Meireles purchased an RV with leather interior, satellite dish, microwave and a washer-dryer.

The Dow takes a turn for the better



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marks the beginning of the worst four months for the tech-laden Nasdaq.

While the prospects are dimming for a second-half recovery on Wall Street, some are holding out a bit of hope — albeit not in the coming weeks.

"We hope as we enter the fourth quarter, we will stabilize and be able to advance," said Steven Goldman, chief market strategist, Weeden & Co. in Greenwich, Conn.

The indexes ended the week on a mixed note.

For the week, the Dow rose 136.24, or 1.5 percent, after surging 324.53 to 9,379.50 Friday. The Nasdaq had a weekly loss of 14.85, or 1.0 percent, despite advancing 68.19, or nearly 5 percent, to 1,448.36 on Friday.

For the week, the S&P 500 slipped 0.8, or nearly 0.1 percent. On Friday, the index rose 35.04 to 989.03. The Russell 2000 index suffered a weekly loss of 21.73, or 4.7 percent, despite rising 11.45 to 446.92 on Friday.

The Wilshire Associates Equity Index, which represents the combined market value of all New York Stock Exchange, American Stock Exchange and Nasdaq issues, ended the week at \$9.31 trillion, off \$70.60 billion from the previous week. A year ago, the index was \$11.317 trillion.

Albertson's mulls market for Chicago Hispanics

ALBERTSON'S (AP) — The culprits in Wall Street's steep losses over the past seven weeks are clearly identified, concerns about earnings and doubts about the reliability of corporate accounting, fears of more terrorism. What investors are still trying to name are the factors that might lead stocks higher.

Lower prices following weeks of heavy selling have certainly triggered rallies, most recently on Friday when the Dow Jones industrial surged 325 points. It was the blue chips' best daily point gain since Sept. 24 when the blue chips rose 368 points, beginning to recover from a precipitous drop following the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

Despite Friday's rally, the market's three major indexes have not enjoyed a winning week since May 17.

"Rallies haven't been durable. Traders have been in and out," said Alan Ackerman, executive vice president of Fahnstock & Co.

Unfortunately, there are no easy answers for a market struggling to pull together a lasting advance and seemingly still headed for a third straight year of declines. Investors certainly won't like one popular theory about what the market really needs, which is time.

"Sometimes it takes time. At some point, investors will realize that the economy is improving and that the earnings outlook is

Wall Street will spend summer seeking catalyst for long-term advance

improving, and that should buoy their confidence," said John C. Forelli, portfolio manager for Independence Investment LLC in Boston.

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Good reading

The Associated Press

Even business barons need time away from charts and spreadsheets, and with summer approaching, many executives and managers might be looking for something good to read.

So JPMorgan Private Bank, the private banking and brokerage business of J.P. Morgan Chase & Co., has some ideas. Culled from the suggestions of the group's more than 3,500 workers, the firm says these books ought to be on every business person's reading list:

The books include:

- "Good to Great," by business thinker Jim Collins
- "The 7 Habits of Highly Effective People," by Stephen Covey
- "The Weather Channel: The Improbable Rise of a Media Phenomenon," by Frank Barten, with Jeffrey Crank

These trends are too compelling for supermarkets to ignore, Johnston said. "We're following this very closely."

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Las Vegas remains choice destination for road trippers

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Las Vegas remains the destination of choice for road trips on the West Coast, although many travelers are making pit stops at state parks along the way, a summer survey by Yahoo! Travel showed.

Coastal road trips are the most preferred for those living in the East, according to the survey.

In addition to Las Vegas, frequently visited road-trip hot spots include Yellowstone National Park, Hilton Head, Cape Cod, Disney World and New York City. Vacationers are not only gearing up for the long fourth of July weekend. Fifty-six percent of respondents said they're planning on taking a road trip two or more times this year.

"From Route 66 to National Lampoon Vacation—the road trip has always been a part of American culture," said Kamie Getteln, general manager of Yahoo! Travel.

More than 95 percent of those surveyed are using Web sites for vacation ideas and to map out their trips.

Nearly eight in 10 drivers are traveling more than 150 miles from home, about a four-hour drive. Thirty percent are going to visit friends or relatives and 17 percent are headed for the beach.

Average daily auto traffic on all highways to Las Vegas has increased 12.1 percent through April of this year, and is up 11.7 percent on Interstate 15 at the Nevada-California border, the Las Vegas Convention and Visitors Authority reported in its latest statistical summary.

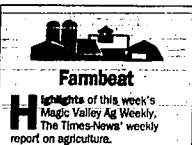
"That's helped compensate for a 7.9 percent decline in airline passengers.

The authority focused its marketing efforts on the driven and short-haul markets—after September's terrorist attacks, but has expanded its summer advertising campaign to more of a national reach.

"It's still a focus for us and always will be because the drive-in markets represent some major markets," Rob Powers, the authority's spokesman, said.

Heavier weights are squashing prices from producer to packer
Beef market is nothing to celebrate

By Carol Ryan Dumas
Ag Weekly editor



TWIN FALLS - July - Idaho Beef Month - might be a time to celebrate the state's beef industry, but there just isn't much to celebrate.

"It's sinking under its own weight," said Wilson Gray, referring to the current beef market. Wholesale carcass prices in the April-through-June quarter have been steadily dropping by \$2 per hundredweight every month for a composite of a 12 to 13 percent drop from the same quarter a year ago, said Gray, an extension agricultural economist with the University of Idaho in Twin Falls.

Those prices are sitting at \$115 cwt. compared to \$129 cwt. in the same quarter in 2001.

The reason, Gray said, is "we've got large supplies, primarily due to heavy slaughterweight."

Dressed weight has been increasing this spring and summer and is up 3 percent over a year ago, he said.

U.S. beef production in May was 2.34 billion pounds, 2 percent above May 2001 and a new record high for May, according to the U.S. Department of Agriculture's National Agricultural Statistics Service.

Carcass weights have been increasing steadily over the past four or five years, and are now up 38 lbs. over a year ago, according to Gray. The average steer rate in May was 797 lbs.; June's average was 812 lbs., he said.

"There's some seasonality to it but consistently, it's been 15 to 20 lbs. heavier every month over the same time last year," he said. "That's an awful lot of extra beef."

Idaho's land management director shows his cards

JEROME - Mike Ferguson is a man who believes in improving relationships. No, he is not a counselor but he does know the

importance of communication and teamwork.

Ferguson is Idaho's interim director of the Bureau of Land Management, and he believes a positive relationship between his agency and the public is the key to successful land management.

Ferguson is quick to point out that he is really the state's No. 2 man (associate director), awaiting the appointment of a new state BLM director. But he takes his job seriously and is focused on making a smooth transition of duties to the state director when that person is appointed.

"I plan to make the transition as easy as possible," Ferguson said. "I want to get working relationships with the public as friendly and solid as possible when the new director steps in to take over."

Directorship comes to Hagerman man

TWIN FALLS - Ron Hardy has another hat to wear starting this month.

Hardy, who serves as director of the University of Idaho's Fish Culture Experiment Station in Hagerman, was named director of the Aquaculture Research Institute July 1. He had served as associate director since the mid-1990s.

The Aquaculture Research Institute was founded in the fall of 1989 to provide a link between research and extension activities for the aquaculture industry. Ernest Brannon was wooed from the University of Washington to develop the program.

"I've had great people to work



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with and exciting programs," said the recently retired Brannon.

From the beginning, the Aquaculture Research Institute has focused on both commercial aquaculture problems such as reducing phosphorus levels in fish waste and in conservation issues such as habitat restoration.

Expected bean acreage skyrockets this year

BOISE - A thriving bean mar-

ket has led to a whopping 30 percent increase in dry bean acreage across the country this year, according to the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Acreage Report released June 28.

"High prices for the 2001 crop have encouraged growers to plant more acres this year after last year's reduced crop," according to the USDA's Agricultural Marketing Service.

U.S. dry bean growers planted 1.86 million acres, up 30 percent from last year and 6 percent

above 2000. Eleven states have increased acreage, six have reduced acreage - mostly due to drought - and one state held steady. Acres to be harvested are at 1.75 million, 40 percent above last year and 9 percent above 2000.

Here in Idaho, bean growth was slowed by cool temperatures, but planted acreage is up 13 percent from last year.

Planting expectations in the Gem State are now 85,000 acres, with 83 thousand acres harvested, much higher than the original estimate of 70,000 acres planted, which would have been the smallest acreage since 1924.

And it's in spite of cattle numbers that have been dropping every year since 1996, according to Gray.

Market conditions come together for area crops

TWIN FALLS - A run up in market prices late last week was due more to crop condition reports than acreage reports.

Despite the release of the USDA's acreage report last Friday, which showed farmers across the nation planted more corn, soybeans and wheat than they had planned to plant this spring, grain markets surged ahead.

At the Chicago Board of Trade, the December corn contract shot up 16-1/2 cents to \$2.20-1/2 cents; while July wheat contracts jumped 15-3/4 cents to \$3.06 and soybeans led the sizzling pace with a hike of 41-1/2 cents to \$5.36-1/2.

Paul Patterson, an extension grain economist for the University of Idaho in Idaho Falls, said the rallies were not unexpected. Each of the major grain markets has some weather worries of its own and when those weather worries were combined with acreage reports that showed only slight increases in planted acreage, traders started computing yield.

"This year they've been predicting acreage would be down," Patterson said. "The markets didn't get excited until the traders plugged in yields with the lower acreages."

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Smaller Dairies Add Diversity to Idaho's Dairy Industry

In Idaho, not every dairy is a "big" dairy. The bulk of Idaho's dairy producers keep their herd sizes small - small being below 500 cows. It's a preference that the majority of Idaho dairy farmers opt for, a choice that along with the larger herd dairies helps keep Idaho's dairy industry diverse and thriving.

Take for example Steve and Stacey Ballard. "When I look at the snapshot of my life, don't see a larger dairy," Stacey explains. "What I see is our small family dairy." The Ballards don't have any lofty goals of building up their herd sizes. This is the husband and wife team's eighth year as an Idaho dairy producer with a farm just northeast of Gooding.

Their Jersey herd size over the past couple of years hasn't deviated much above 100 milking cows. "This is definitely a personal choice," Steve says. "We enjoy working with the animals. But we don't want to have to manage a lot of cows or people. There's nothing wrong with wanting to have a larger dairy. Staying small is our choice - it's not for everyone."

Steve and Stacey don't believe staying small will limit their operation's possibilities. On the contrary, the smaller facility may allow the operators to pursue other industry related business ventures. The Ballards are hoping to branch out in the next couple of years by processing some of their own milk.

For Zane and Sheryl Chisham, their 25 head dairy is just the right size. The Chishams, who live on a 120 acre farm outside of Wendell, have been milking for the past



Steve and Stacey Ballard's Jersey dairy in Gooding, Idaho.


25 years. The largest they ever allowed their herd to grow to was 29. For Zane, staying small means that he does all the work. To many that philosophy may seem like a lot of responsibility, but for Zane it's really about more freedom. "By staying small, I'm in charge and I do all the work because I care about the quality of life for my cows and the quality of milk they produce," Zane says. "I just don't trust anyone else around my animals. I know what mycows need to stay healthy, happy and productive. I like being the one who cares for my cows on a day to day basis." Zane also agrees with the Ballards that there's nothing wrong with owning a larger dairy. It's just not the path he chose to walk.

As Idaho's dairy industry continues to prop up much of the state's economy, it's the smaller dairies that continue to lead the pack. According to the latest Idaho State Department of Agriculture's agriculture

"... 651 of the state's dairy farms that have herd sizes below 500 make up 78 percent of Idaho's dairy industry."

statistic, there are 813 producers making up Idaho's dairy industry. Of those 813 producers, 498 have dairies with one to 200 cows and 153 dairies have between 200 and 500 animals. That means that the 651 of the

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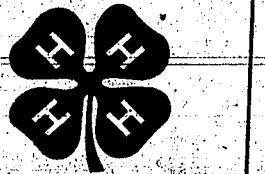
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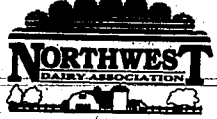
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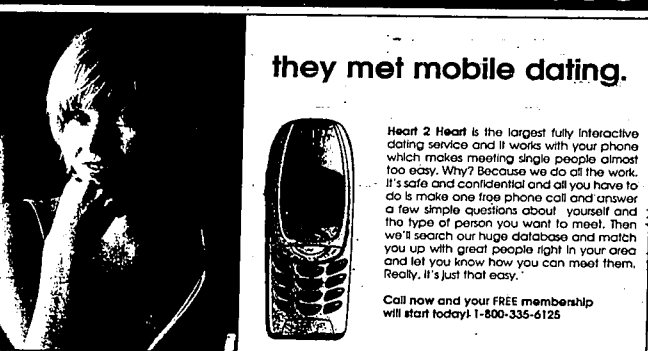
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Meanwhile, back at Motel Hell

It was a brand-name motel, in sunny California, on the first leg of a journey to watch my son play Legion ball. My husband, our daughter and I checked into the motel at 9 p.m., after an 11-hour drive.

"The heater doesn't work," our daughter announced, "and the light won't turn on." Those words marked the start of a night.

First, we paid a visit to the lobby clerk, who referred us to the maintenance man.

"I'm Joe," the fellow began. "We have rooms, but they aren't here - and I have children." The night had just gotten longer.

Soon, Joe was moving us from room to room, in a vain search for one where everything worked. For some inexplicable reason, he also kept smiling and telling, "I have children."

In one room, the toilet was running. In another, the ceiling smelled like smoke. A third room actually had a working heater - with a chirping cricket trapped inside.

We finally settled on a room where a faucet was running. "Just close the bathroom door," Joe advised. "I have lots more rooms, but they all have broken heaters." Then, as he turned to leave, he mumbled some familiar words.

"He has children," my husband said.

A few years ago, after vacationing in several towns that weren't big enough to have motels and that shouldn't have been allowed to have one, I compiled a list of ways to know you should have planned your trip better. Stuff like, "You check in at your motel and the clerk asks, 'How many hours will you be staying?'" Or, "The motel pool has a sign that says 'swim at your own risk' but there's a guy going around telling everyone he's the lifeguard."

Now I can add one more: Never book a room at a motel that employs a maintenance man who has children.

Actually though, strange things were happening before we even met Motel Joe. Back outside of Nevada, for example, we concluded that our map, fresh off the Internet, had been compiled by a computer guru who loves scenic bypasses. Thanks to his efforts, we saw lots of the Sierra Nevadas, and the interstate highways. Then, just beyond the mountains where the radio signals revived, we were greeted by an AM announcer with a booming voice.

"TALK RADIO!" he said. "It's 4:06 in the afternoon. Subject: Psychological nudity."

I looked over at my husband, and we spoke in unison: "We're in California."

Soon, the talk show host was taking phone calls.

"How do you feel about the redwoods?" one caller asked, but I never heard anyone answer her. "I want to talk about combat robots," another caller insisted. "Is that two liberals arguing over how much to tip a waiter?" someone else responded.

"At our check-point near a state line, we were stopped by some kind of inspector. Our license plate was a dead giveaway, I guess.

"Let's see, you live in Idaho," the man in the uniform said. "Do you have any fresh fruit, live plants or wild animals?" at least he didn't ask us if we had a bag of potatoes in the glove compartment.

In fact, he welcomed us to California - where, at a restaurant with a giant salad bar, we waited behind a woman telling the hostess about "a lady sitting out in the car who once had a 'splitting-salad experience' with me in a restaurant like this."

I know California isn't the only place where strange things happen, and most of the people we met there seemed exceedingly friendly and normal. But what I got home, I did have a nightmare about getting lost in the mountains and ending up back at this mechanically-challenged motel. Where the faucet is, no doubt, still running.

Denise Turner is assistant features editor at The Times-News.

Gratuities with grace

Tipping a food server is an art - not science

By Steve Crump Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - Here's a tip for you: Leave one.

Because if you don't, you're not only a skater, you're alone.

"I'll bet there are only two or three of my customers a year who don't leave a tip," said Jodi Fife, a waitress at the Rock Creek Restaurant for 8 1/2 years. "The amount of tips varies, but they almost always leave one."

Good thing. Gratuities are the difference between a job and a living wage for many folks in the southern Idaho food service industry, says Greg Rogers, analyst for the Twin Falls office of the Idaho Department of Labor.

"Under the law, the base wage is \$3.35 (an hour for food servers)," he said. "And the average hourly earning for a waiter or waitress, according to our survey, is \$5.85 an hour."

Many do better, of course, but a tip is a curious thing. Is it, after all, a reward for service, or an entitlement?

"Experienced waiters and waitresses learn to be philosophical about tips," said Stan Thomas, who runs the Rock Creek and the Buffalo Cafe. "Tips tend to even out."

There's mathematical evidence for that. According to Michael Lynn, an associate professor at Cornell University's School of Hotel Administration, the size of the check determines the amount of money left on the table 70 percent of the time. It's more than twice as powerful as all other factors combined, he told the Baltimore Sun.

Fact is, studies have shown that a sunny day has as much influence on the size of the tip as the quality of the service. So if you had a long wait for your food and your waitress forgot to bring you the clean fork you requested, chances are very good that you're going to leave her 15 percent anyway.

"(Tipping) is anxiety-provoking," Lynn told the Sun. "We care about what people think, and our tipping impacts their opinion of us."

So what merits more?

"Being attentive," said Fife, 38. "Knowing your customers. People who come back all the time are good tipppers." So, typically, are alcohol-drinkers and folks who pay their checks with credit cards, she says.

"But it's hard to generalize from the way people act toward you," Fife said. "Some people who you don't think are going to leave a good tip do. Some people who are very nice don't."

Still, most everyone connected with the food service industry locally and nationally believes tipping is a convention so well ingrained that stifling a waitress or a waiter is considered a punitive gesture - downright rude.

"I think the few customers who don't tip just forget to do it," Fife said.

There are some folks, like etiquette expert Peggy Post of the Emily Post Institute, who believe you should downsize the tip if you're unhappy with the service.

"If the service is really bad or the person unpleasant, speak to the manager," Post said. "If you're really unhappy, it's really awful to leave nothing."

Many food service workers who never get tipped, of course, and most of them



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work in fast-food restaurants where a gratuity is an exception. In sit-down restaurants, tips are often shared with workers who never meet the public - busboys and dishwashers, for example. But if you accept a tip, you'd better be prepared to account for it. Since the mid-'90s, the Internal Revenue Service has clamped down on unreported tip income, involving employees in the process. Tip reporting increased from \$8.5 billion in 1994 to \$14.3 billion in 2000. Employees must now report to their bosses how much they received in cash at the end of each day. The IRS expects the percentage to be in line with the tips they received on credit-card charges, and

the amount reported by the collective waiter staff must be at least 8 percent of the restaurant's total receipts, or the difference is allocated to the servers collectively (and taxes paid on it).

Over the years, there's been a certain "creep" in the rate of tipping. In the '40s and '50s, 10 percent to 15 percent of the check was standard. In the '60s, 15 percent. It's now inching toward 20 percent. "My experience is that if people think they've gotten good service, they're not afraid to leave you a good tip," Fife said. Especially on Fridays.

"Friday night is a good tipping night here," she said. "Saturday isn't as much. I think a lot of people who don't usually eat out go out on Saturdays. It's kind of amateur night."

The Baltimore Sun also contributed to this report

Well 'Hello, Dolly!' in Twin Falls

Tuesday through Saturday

To do for families

The Junior Musical Playhouse will present Ernest Lehman and Jerry Herman's "Hello, Dolly!" 7:30 p.m. nightly, Roper Auditorium, Twin Falls. Tickets, which are \$6, are available at Everybody's Business and Kurt's Hallmark and Pharmacy in Twin Falls, at Arlene's Flowers in Jerome and at Steve Kern and Spradling Texaco in Buhl, or from any cast member.

KIMBERLY - Kimberly will celebrate Good Neighbor Day next weekend. Highlights include a parade at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, a baby-crawling contest at 12:30 p.m. in the park, and a pie-eating, like races and other fun to follow.

Friday and Saturday

TWIN FALLS - Storyteller Steven Henegar will spend two

days in Twin Falls and Buhl conducting storytelling sessions and clinics. On Friday, he'll do a clinic at the Boys and Girls Club of the Magic Valley in Twin Falls at 10 a.m. and a second clinic at the Eighth Street Center in Buhl at 1:30 p.m. At 7 p.m. Friday, the Castleford Men's Club and the Buhl School Foundation will sponsor a storytelling performance, "Likely Stories," at Balanced Rock Park near Castleford. On Saturday, Henegar will conduct six storytelling sessions at the Twin Falls Public Library as part of Kids Art in the Park.

City Park, for kids in preschool through the sixth grade. For further information, call 737-2787.

Saturday

DECLO - Declo Day will be held in and around City Park. Highlights will include the annual Lion's Club Barbecue, scheduled for 1 p.m., and the parade that precedes it, beginning at 10:30 a.m.

July 21-Aug. 3

TWIN FALLS - The College of Southern Idaho Community Education Center is still taking registrations for the CSII/SLX Summer Dance Workshop for students age ten and over.

The workshop will be held on the CSI campus, and will provide intensive training to students in ballet, jazz, tap, and modern techniques, plus musical theater, choreogra-

phy, and other related areas taught by a guest faculty from around the United States. In addition, students will participate after-hours activities such as swimming, a canyon excursion, and a dance-down.

Well-chaperoned dormitory housing on campus and college credit available. Tuition, with or without board, ranges from \$100 to \$635.

Pick up a registration form at the CSI Community Education Center on the second floor of the Taylor Administration Building or call the Community Education Center at 733-9554, Ext. 2288.

Every week To Do for Families brings family oriented events an hour closer to you. Get an announcement in the calendar, send it to Features Department, The Times-News, P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls 83303. Deadline is noon on Wednesday.

Deadline nears for T-N cowboy poetry contest

The Times-News

Entry deadline is July 15 for the third installment in The Times-News' reader-participation writing contest.

This round is cowboy poetry; the only rules are that it must be western-themed and include reference to a horse, a heart-break or pickup truck.

One-hundred twenty-five words is the limit, no exceptions. We'll publish the winning poem and some of the best of the rest in the Family Life section on July 21.

And remember that it's a family newspaper, please, make your verse printable. And, no, it doesn't have to rhyme.

Youngsters are welcome to participate. Send your entries Happy Trails, The Times-News, P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls 83303, fax them to (208) 734-5538, or e-mail them to crump@magicalvalley.com.

The winner will receive a copy of humor Baxter Black's book, "A Cowboy of Cowboy Poetry."

JULY 2002

Podiatrists Dr. Craig Holman, right center, and Dr. Randy Wraastad, right, receive the Diabetes Alliance of Idaho Award of Recognition from Susie Beem. South Central District Health diabetes coordinator, left center, and Mimi Hartman, diabetes control program manager (left).

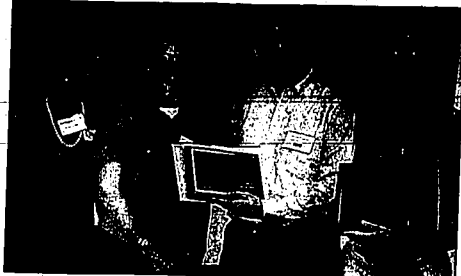


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Docs receive diabetes award

TWIN FALLS - Local podiatrists Dr. Craig Holman and Dr. Randy Wraastad have received the Diabetes Alliance of Idaho Award of Recognition for their outstanding contribution toward promoting the importance of diabetic foot exams in Idaho.

They received the award at the semi-annual Diabetes Alliance of Idaho meeting in Boise on May 3. The alliance works to improve access to quality health care,

increase awareness and support through education, and reduce diabetes-related complications for those living with diabetes in Idaho, the South Central District Health Department reported.

Holman and Wraastad have been involved with the Magic Valley Diabetes Coalition for the past two years, volunteering many hours to do various activities. In the past year, they have trained

numerous health-care professionals to properly conduct a diabetic foot exam. A training CD also has been created for those who have been trained.

The podiatrists have been involved in several free diabetes foot exam clinics offered to the public last fall and this spring.

For more information about the Magic Valley Diabetes Coalition, call Susie Beem at 734-5900, Ext. 246.

Teen participates in national forum

Washington, D.C. - Tany Perkins of Murtaugh was accepted to participate in the National Youth Leadership Forum on Medicine, taking place today through July 16 in Washington, D.C.



Tany Perkins

The forum is a career-development program for high school students who demonstrate academic excellence, leadership potential and an interest in medicine. Perkins will join approximately 350 other high school students from around the country, including Idaho.

She will be introduced to a variety of concepts in public health, medical ethics, research and general practice, including visits to medical facilities and clinics. Perkins also will hear from and have the opportunity to interact with leaders within the medical field.

Perkins, the daughter of Doug

and Tany Perkins, also is an All-American Scholar, and a United States National Award winner for her honor roll, leadership and service, speech and drama and student council. Perkins is listed on the highest honor roll at Murtaugh High School and the National Honor Roll, and received the President's Award for Educational Achievement. She attended all-conference volleyball and basketball.

Her grandparents are Glen and Sadie Breeding, and Midge and Jim Perkins, all of Murtaugh.

Student wins Junior Duck stamp contest

BURLEY - Burley High School student Frank Joseph Freller has won the 2002 Idaho Federal Junior Duck Stamp Contest.

Frank Joseph's acrylic and prism painting titled, "Winter Refuge" showing a pair of Harlequin Ducks placed first out of the 405 contest entries. Young artists from 21 schools and five home schools participated in the contest. Judges came from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Ducks Unlimited, Idaho Power, Idaho

Fish and Game, as well as, local artists.

The winning artwork will be featured in the National Federal Junior Duck Stamp Contest. The first place winner in the national contest, one of their parents and their art teacher will receive a free trip to Washington, D.C. First place also receives a \$2,500 scholarship.

On the state level, over 100 ribbons are awarded and all students entering receive a certificate of participation.



Frank Joseph Freller's award-winning duck stamp picture.

Society welcomes new member, officers

FAIRFIELD - The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International Theta Chapter welcomed a new member to its ranks, and new officers.

The group met May 25 at the home of Danell Wolf in Fairfield. Where new member Linda Hill of Fairfield, was initiated. The society promotes and supports women educators. The Theta chapter includes nonreside educators.

President Sandra Calkins of Richfield ended her biennium. During her tenure, Theta Chapter

received five Alpha Nu State awards: Order of the Rose for five new members, Membership Achievement award for a 22 percent increase, Outstanding Legislative Awareness and Educating Members on Legislative Issues, Chapter of Distinction and Alpha Nu Woman Legislative Award for honorary member, Wendy Jaquet.

New officers installed were: Dorothy Morris of Buhl, president; Cindy Canine of Gooding, first vice president; Melba Fisher of Jerome,

second vice president; Phyllis Rickert of Jerome, treasurer; and Kathie Boian of Shoshone, secretary.

Danell Wolf also was in charge of the observance of Founders Day. She gave a presentation with graphs, depicting each of the 12 founders. She prepared short histories and framed pictures of each, which were posted throughout the room.

Wolf also served lunch. The closing event was a tour around to see the acres of Cornus Lillies.

CSI courses include interior design, Inca medicine

HALLEY - The College of Southern Idaho Blaine Center offers zero-credit classes ranging from interior design to tree care.

For more information, call 788-2033.

Demystify Shopping for your home - Learn to work with or without an interior designer when selecting products for your interior environment. This class will include handouts of product information and vocabulary. The course hosts will show the latest products, and explain construction, appropriate applications, installation and more. Students are welcome to bring interior design challenges for discussion. The fee is \$45. The class meets from 6:30-9 p.m. July 9-16 at site to be announced.

Photoshop II - The class will review basics covered in Photoshop I and continue on to additional information using tools and filters. Prerequisites are Photoshop or instructor's permission. The fee is \$80. The course meets from 6:30-9 p.m. July 10, July 15 and July 17 at the Fox Building.

Energy Medicine of the Incas - Students will learn healing practices that have been employed by Shamans for 10,000 years, and presented in a scientific and practical system for energy healing. The fee is \$45. The course meets from 6:30-9:30 p.m. July 10 at a Ketchum location to be announced.

TLC: Trees Love Care - Understanding and keeping trees healthy will be discussed, along

with information on planting, pruning, watering and fertilizing, and how to tell a tree's age. The class will end with a walking tour through one of Halley's oldest neighborhoods. Certified arborist Bill Josey and Debbie Cook are the instructors. The course is free, and meets 7-9 p.m. July 10 at the old Blaine Courthouse.

Styles of Learning I - A series of classes for students and/or parents looking for ways to improve their ability to learn. The following concepts will be discussed: different styles of learning, and how to increase the amount of information they can learn, retention of learned information and making learning a fun and enjoyable experience. The fee is \$25. The course meets from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. July 11 at the Fox Building.

Students earn Congressional Award

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Idaho Sen. Larry Craig, who serves as a board member for the Congressional Award Program, honored Idaho young people for their successful completion of this program, which fosters leadership and community involvement.

Craig presented the awards during a June 26 ceremony in Washington and hosted a reception for winners and their families at his Senate office.

A total of 19 Idahoans were awarded gold medals. Among the honorees were Sue Ha, Kevin Jussel and Leah Meeks, all from Twin Falls High School, with Wiley Dabbs as their advisor.

Ha's voluntary public service goals included teaching Tai Kwon Do to children and adults. For personal development, she improved

her piano skills and earned a black belt and red stripe in taekwon do for physical fitness. Her expedition was a camping excursion in the wilderness.

Jussel improved his baseball skills for his personal development goals and explored the Boise, Fayette and Nez Perce National Forests for his expedition. For voluntary public service, he volunteered at the Magic Valley Regional Medical Center, and assisted with flag football at the challenge. Craig's office said, "He helped him improve his football skills, and start on the sophomore football team at his high school."

Meeks contributed volunteer efforts to numerous organizations, including the Magic Valley Safe House, Idaho Winter Special Olympics and Camp Rainbow Gold

for cancer survivors. She also spearheaded the High School Financial Planning Program. Through her Congressional Award experience, Meeks said she adhered to her belief that "the time spent in community and volunteer service is the rent we pay for the space we use."

The Congressional Award has no minimum grade-point average requirements, and accommodates young people with special needs or disabilities who are willing to take the challenge, Craig's office said.

Congress created the program in 1979 and annually awards bronze, silver and gold medals to students ages 13 to 23 who voluntarily set and accomplish high goals in public service, personal development, physical fitness and expedition/exploration.

FOCUS ON PEOPLE

Area students make dean's list at EWU

Area students have made the dean's list at Eastern Washington University in Cheney, Wa.

A student must carry at least 12 credits and achieve a 3.5 or better grade point average to make the list. Students are: Brenda Kenison of Hagerman and Stacy Warburton of Rupert.

community, inducted 41 seniors for membership this year.

The chapter recognizes UI seniors who have at least a 3.0 GPA or are in the upper 35 percent of their class, and demonstrate a commitment to leadership and service.

Members for 2001/02 are:

- BUHL - Stephen Hart
- MOUNTAIN HOME - Dennis Baughman and Matthew McLaughlin
- PAUL - Jeremy Vaughn
- TWIN FALLS - Karl Higbee

To be eligible, a student must earn a 3.75 grade-point average. The students are:

- Buhl, Jessie Lassen
- Gooding, Samantha Storey
- Hagerman, Ryan Urte
- Ketchum, Alexander
- McLaughlin
- Kimbury, Erin Baldwin and Riqui Heinemann
- Mountain Home, John Reinschmidt
- Murtaugh, Sarah Helwich and Lindsey Ward
- Rupert, Colleen Fox and Johnathon McGill
- Twin Falls, Ben Harris, Michelle Huzar, Emilia Kuzarevich, Andrea Lindberg, Rebecca Stroebel and Zach Thompson

UI Mortar Board inducts 41 seniors for scholastics

The University of Idaho chapter of Mortar Board Inc., a national honor society that recognizes the qualities of superior scholastics, outstanding leadership and dedicated service to the university

Albertson College names dean's list students

Albertson College of Idaho has announced its dean's list for the spring semester.

Stork Report

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; and noon Friday for Tuesday's paper. For more information? Call Melissa at 735-3278

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Center offers free clinic for drama, speech students

BUHL - The Eighth Street Center announced the following upcoming presentations:

A clinic on fitting together text, voice, gesture and movement will be held at 2 p.m. Friday at the Eighth Street Center, 200 N. Eighth Ave. in Buhl.

The workshop will use traditional stories and improvisational games in discussion and small group work. The class is recommended for speech and drama students from middle school through college, as well as teachers, librarians and others who use story telling in their work. The event is free, and made possible by a Community Bridges Grant from

the Idaho Commission on the Arts and the Buhl School Foundation.

Storyteller Steven Henegar will perform "Truth and Lies" at 7 p.m. Friday at the amphitheater at Balanced Rock Park in Castleford.

His work includes original stories, personal experiences and family tales and traditional songs. The event is free, and made possible in part by funding from the Castleford Men's Club and the Buhl School Foundation.

For more information, call the Eighth Street Center at 543-2888.

Birthdays celebration includes camping

GLENN'S FERRY - William L. "Bill" Claiborn will celebrate his 80th birthday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday at Three Island

State Park in Glenns Ferry.

Family and friends will camp in trailers and motor homes for the entire weekend. Several more campsites are reserved for additional campers.

To get to the camp, leave Interstate 84 at the east Glenns Ferry exit, go south toward the town, proceed west through town, turn south at the Carmela Vineyards sign and follow the signs toward the vineyards and the park. The Claiborn family is located on the lower level of 2. A canopy is reserved for the party.

The family requests stories or memories instead of gifts. For more information, call Bill and Sondra Claiborn at 734-4614.

Twin Falls man celebrates 80th birthday Thursday

THURSDAY - Clark Beaudett of Twin Falls will celebrate his 80th birthday with an open house from 5-9 p.m. Thursday at 187 Sunrise N. Apartment B in Twin Falls.

The event is hosted by his family. Friends

and family are invited.

Declo cheerleaders lead mini-cheer camp

DECLO - The Declo High School cheerleaders will sponsor a mini-cheer camp from 10:11-30 a.m. July 11-12 at Declo High School.

This will be for girls from pre-school through sixth grade. Cost is \$10. Forms can be picked up at Jake's Over the Top or The Country Store in Declo.

For more information, call Pam Young at 673-6252.

People for Pets Humane Society meets Thursday

TWIN FALLS - The People for Pets Humane Society of Magic Valley will meet Thursday at the

KMVT Community Room

On the agenda will be the matching fund donation for the building fund for a new animal shelter, and upcoming events and information.

For more information, call 736-2299.

Halley Garden Tour 2002 tickets now on sale

HALLEY - The Halley Garden Tour 2002 will be held from 9-4 p.m. July 20.

The event is sponsored by Friends of the Halley Public Library.

Tickets are \$15 if purchased in advance at the Halley Public Library or \$16 the day of the tour. Walking and biking are encouraged. No dogs are allowed.

