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Good morning

Today's forecast:
Mostly cloudy with a slight chance of rain. Highs 50 to 55. Lows around 40, with a good chance of rain. **Page A2**

Magic Valley

Predator control

Government hunters killed 14 coyotes, one black bear and one mountain lion in the Sawtooth National Forest last year. **Page C1**

City sues ag giant

Kimberly will tackle the second largest feed-manufacturing company in the nation in courts over odors, city officials say. **Page C1**

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Twin Falls rolls on

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On the rebound

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Greed is king

Columnist Marcus Prater asserts the only true team color in pro sports these days is green. **Page D1**

Brides

Rip roarin' weddings ...

Folks everywhere are getting married cowboy style these days. The special brides section of *The Times-News* is filled with tips for planning all kinds of nuptial country hoodwinks. There are also stories about other types of weddings — and stories about everything you need to know to plan one. **See Section E**



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A park at Auger Falls?

The loose coalition that defeated the Auger Falls project should take on a bigger project, today's editorial says. **Page A8**

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For the defense

An advocate for the accused fights for his job

By Liz Wright
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — As former murder defendant Donnell "Bud" Stradley tells it, Public Defender Mike Wood was a lifesaver.

Stradley stood trial in 1992 for the death of 2-year-old Amanda Hostetler, the child of Stradley's ex-girlfriend. Had jurors convicted him, the English would have driven him to suicide, Stradley maintains. But with Wood's help, Stradley went free.

"Because I stood strong, he fought as hard as he could for me," Stradley said. "I felt Mike was a superhero."

Wood, who represents people who cannot afford to hire their own lawyers, is used to rescuing those who are alone against the odds.

But these days, Wood faces a different kind of rescue mission — trying to save his own job.

Two months ago, Twin Falls County commissioners opened Wood's contract and invited other attorneys to apply for the position. Ten lawyers including Wood have sent resumes. Commissioners say they will decide by March 31 whether to keep him on.

Wood's decision surprised Wood and others. His vigorous courtroom fights have earned him a statewide reputation for being one of the best in his field.

"He is clearly in the upper element of those that we see," said Chas. F. McDewitt, chief justice of Idaho's Supreme Court.

"I would say he is in the top five or six," said Ada County Public Defender Alan Trimming.

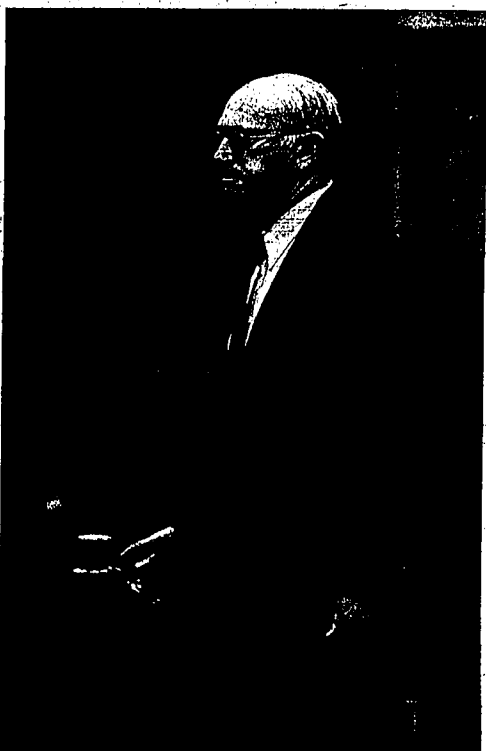
Twin Falls County officials say they don't aim to fire Wood but simply want to treat the public defender like any other department head. Wood's current contract requires commissioners to give him six months' notice before firing him. Under the new terms, the public defender could be fired anytime for no stated reason.

As a healthy process to review what we have got," Commissioner Dennis Maughan said.

By the very nature of his work, Wood inspires mixed emotions. When he does his job well, he is as popular as a tax collector.

Wood has defended five people charged with murder in the past decade. None were convicted on the original charges. Two cases were dismissed, two were reduced to lesser charges and one was acquitted, according to Wood's resume.

Felony jury trials have also brought success. Of the 17 cases that Wood remembers arguing before jurors, the majority of defendants went free. Seven cases resulted in acquittals, and two were dismissed.



Twin Falls County Public Defender Mike Wood is highly regarded throughout Idaho as a skilled defense attorney. But the Twin Falls County commissioners have invited other attorneys to apply for the position.

Wood's resume says, "I was always right when he told you what you did wrong."

Wood's demeanor doesn't escape criticism. Twin Falls County Prosecutor G. Richard Bevan, whom Wood repeatedly accused of misconduct during recent grand jury proceedings, conceded he sometimes finds it hard to keep his personal feelings at a distance.

The misconduct accusations against Bevan were knocked down by judges. But there have been other times when Wood and his office have used tactics that

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Report: Error led to death

Knight-Ridder News Service

TUZLA AIR BASE, Bosnia-Herzegovina — Donald Allen Dugan, the first U.S. soldier to be killed in Bosnia, died because he disobeyed Army rules and tried to defuse a deadly land mine on his own.

The report, stemming from an investigation into Dugan's Feb. 3 death, was released Saturday at the U.S. military's Bosnian headquarters.

The report apparently settles weeks of conflicting news stories and Army statements about the death of the decorated, 18-year Army veteran.

Early Army news releases said that Sgt. First Class Dugan had died from a mine explosion but that he had neither stepped on a mine nor activated its trip wire. NATO sources said later that Dugan died when he picked up a piece of unexploded ammunition.



Dugan

The new investigation report says, though, that Dugan was attempting to disarm a mine near his platoon's check-point position in northern Bosnia. He died instantly when the mine exploded in his face.

An Army spokesman said Saturday that Dugan also apparently risked the life of another soldier under his command by having the man accompany him into what was known to be a minefield.

The report says the sequence of events began when Dugan and the unnamed soldier left their 12-man U.S. Army checkpoint near Gradacac and walked about 200 yards down the road.

In violation of Army rules, they entered one of the hundreds of marked minefields, that have been identified by Bosnia's warring factions. Again in violation of the rules, Dugan began searching for mines in the field with a mine probe pole.

The report says that Dugan and the other soldier found an aboveground "pineapple" fragmentation mine — so called because of its pineapple-like serrations — and that Dugan severed the trip wire that could have set off the mine. It was stepped on.

Both soldiers went behind a building in the area, the investigation found, but Dugan returned alone to the pineapple mine, making motions for Bosnian civilians in the area to move away.

At that point, says the Army report: "Dugan knelt over the mine and we believe attempts to defuse it with a multipurpose hand tool. The resulting explosion kills him instantly."

The death of Dugan, 38, of Belle Center, Ohio, initially prompted Republicans in Congress to demand the removal of U.S. forces in Bosnia, which make up about one-third of a 60,000-member NATO peace force. But those voices were quieted after Dugan's actions came into question.

Now, Army officials say, his death will stand as a lesson, to be incorporated into the continuing training for U.S. soldiers in Bosnia, who are constantly taught that "force protection" is their top priority.

What Dugan should have done when he saw the mine, an Army spokesman, Col. Robert Gaylord, said, was note its location and then report it to others. In Bosnia, it is the responsibility of warning Muslim, Serb and Croat armies to remove the thousands, or perhaps millions, of mines they planted during the Bosnian war. In some cases, U.S. forces remove mines by detonating them at a distance, but only when the mines are near soldiers' living and work areas.

Gaylord said that Dugan, who had received nine awards and decorations, was "a dedicated soldier who gave his life for his country." He said the mine incident was "a single instance of a lapse of judgment."

Kasparov whips Deep Blue

The Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — World chess champion Garry Kasparov won his final game over a supercomputer Saturday, sealing a victory in the historic six-game match pitting man against machine.

Kasparov forced IBM's Deep Blue to concede after 43 moves in 3 hours, 46 minutes.

Needing only a draw, the 32-year-old Russian nonetheless attacked from the first move, seeming determined to trounce a computer that can calculate more than 200 million moves a second.

The computer had defeated Kasparov in the first game Feb. 10, but Kasparov won the second and fifth games and earned draws in the third and fourth.

Yasser Seirawan, a commentator and international grandmaster, marveled at Deep Blue's unprecedented chess skill, despite its loss. "I was stunned by its depth of analysis and how quickly it could move. It was understating — you want to say, 'Can't you even show a bead of sweat?'"

Seirawan estimated that the computer would rank among the 50 best players in the world.

After Saturday's win, Kasparov promised a rematch, saying it was "crucial to the world of chess."

It became clear after his first few furious moves that the grandmaster wasn't playing it safe.

"They are going at a wicked pace," said commentator and grandmaster Maurice Ashley. "And when Kasparov takes that watch off — look out. He's on the hunt."



Garry Kasparov ponders a move Saturday in Philadelphia.

Commuter train was speeding before deadly crash



Harpers Ferry, W.Va., Job Corps center members console each other Saturday over the loss of their colleagues.

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — The engineer of a Maryland commuter train that dived into an oncoming Amtrak train Friday night broke rules by traveling 63 mph as he approached a stoplight and then threw the emergency brakes too late to stop before the fiery crash that killed 11 people, National Transportation Safety Board officials said last night.

The violent collision during a snowy evening rush hour, ripped open the lead passenger car on the MARC train and ignited a fireball, killing three MARC crew members and eight young people headed to the Washington area from a Job Corps campus in West Virginia.

The impact ruptured a 1,500-gallon diesel tank on the lead Amtrak locomotive, sparking an intense fire that swept through the passenger car at the head of the MARC train.

Collision claims Job Corps trainees

The Associated Press

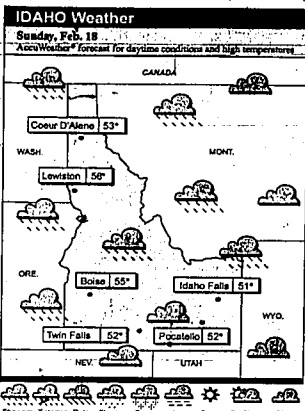
SILVER SPRING, Md. — They were mostly poor urban youths, struggling against poverty or trouble and learning, living and building on hilly farmland where the Potomac River breaks through the Blue Ridge Mountains.

Their journey to straighter lives ended in the tangled, fiery wreckage of a commuter train, where eight members of the Job Corps center near Harpers Ferry, W. Va., were among 11 passengers unaccounted for and presumed dead.

"We all spend so much time talking about bad kids," Mary Silva, acting national director of the Job Corps, said Saturday. "Please see TRAIN/A2"

notify the families of the people missing and believe dead in what rescue workers described as a frightening inferno only a few blocks from downtown Silver Spring, Md.

Weather



Idaho forecasts

Magic Valley
Today mostly cloudy. A slight chance of rain. Highs from near 50 to 55. West winds 10 to 20 mph. Tonight and Monday cloudy. A good chance of rain. Lows 35 to 40. Highs 50 to 55.

Extended regional forecast

Tuesday a good chance of valley rain and mountain snow. Lows 25 to 35. Highs 35 to 45.
Wednesday and Thursday a good chance of snow. Cooler with lows in the upper teens and 20s highs in the 30s.

Wood River Valley

Today mostly cloudy. Widely scattered showers. Highs in the upper 40s. Tonight cloudy. A chance of snow. Lows in the mid-20s. Monday cloudy. A chance of rain. Highs in the mid-40s.

Treasure Valley

Today mostly cloudy. Widely scattered showers. Highs in the mid-50s. Southeast winds 5 to 15 mph. Tonight and Monday cloudy. A good chance of rain. Lows around 40. Highs 60 to 65.

Northern Nevada

Today mostly cloudy with a chance of showers. Snow level 6,500-7,500 feet. Highs mainly lower 50s to lower 60s but locally near 40 in the northeast. Tonight chance of showers. Snow level 6,500-7,500 feet. Lows lower 30s to mid-40s. Monday cloudy with a good chance of showers. Highs mostly lower 50s to lower 60s except locally in the 40s northeast.

Northern Utah

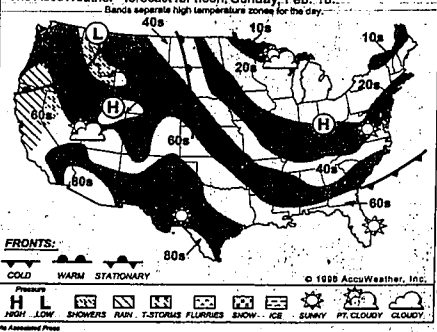
Today and tonight mostly cloudy with a slight chance of light rain showers. Highs near 30. Lows mid-30s. Monday mostly cloudy breezy and mild. Chance of showers. Highs lower to mid-50s. Chance of rain less than 20 percent tonight 20 percent today and tonight and 30 percent Monday.

Idaho weather summary

A low pressure area off the coast of Washington and Vancouver Island, B.C., was spinning bands of clouds across the Northwest and into Idaho.

The band of clouds that brought precipitation to Idaho Friday night extended to the east. Another band of clouds and precipitation was moving on shore in Washington and Oregon in the afternoon. At 3 p.m., the skies across the state ranged from mostly sunny to cloudy. Rain was reported in every section of the state Saturday afternoon. Precipitation amounts included a trace at Boise, Mountain Home, Lowell, Grangeville, Twin Falls and Sun Valley, .13 of an inch at Lewiston and .03 of an inch at Mullain.

NATIONAL Weather



National temperatures

City	Max	Min	Pop
Albuquerque	49	22	277
Atlanta	48	24	22
Boston	32	24	22
Chicago	65	28	22
Dallas	65	28	22
Denver	65	22	22
Des Moines	31	23	22
Detroit	38	21	22
Honolulu	73	61	22
Houston	69	33	22
Indianapolis	51	22	22
Kansas City	43	28	22
Las Vegas	61	52	22
Los Angeles	69	59	22
Memphis	56	25	22
Miami Beach	68	39	22
Milwaukee	38	22	22
Minneapolis	22	15	22
New Orleans	57	28	22
New York	32	21	22
Oklahoma City	64	29	22
Omaha	35	23	22
Phoenix	61	53	22
Pittsburgh	28	9	22
Portland, Me.	28	24	10
Portland, Ore.	52	45	35
Reno	59	34	04
St. Louis	44	24	04
San Antonio	61	32	04
Salt Lake City	49	24	08
San Francisco	59	47	08
Seattle	55	47	45
Spokane	43	33	25
Washington	66	69	25

Almanac

Idaho	Max	Min	Pop	Yesterday	56	32	03
Boise	58	37	08	Last year	54	32	03
Burley	m	m	m	Normal	43	23	03
Fairfield	m	m	m				
Gooding	m	m	m				
Hagerman	m	m	m				
Idaho Falls	46	26	1	Month to date:	.37		
Jerome	45	30	03	Normal mo. to date:	.51		
Lewiston	m	m	25	Water year to date:	8.79		
Malad	37	25	03	Normal year to date:	4.63		
Malta	59	29	03				
McCall	m	19	03				
Pocatello	54	29	11	Humidity at 7 p.m.: 86 pct			
Salmon	40	25	03	Barometer at 7 p.m.: 29.93 F			
Stanley	m	m	m				
Sun Valley	m	m	m				

Skywatch

Sunset today 6:10 p.m.
Sunrise tomorrow 7:34 a.m.
Lunar phase: New, Feb. 18; first quarter, Feb. 25; full, March 5; last quarter, March 12.
Visible planets: Morning, Jupiter.
Evening: Saturn, Venus, Mercury.

Temperature extremes

Idaho: High: 59 degrees at Malta. Low: 15 degrees at Soda Springs. Nation: High: 91 degrees at Thermal, Calif. Low: 9 below at Hallock and International Falls, Minn.

For up-to-the-minute weather information
Tune to the National Weather Service radio, band at VHF-FM 162.4 or 162.55 MHz or call 423-4423. The Internet address for Idaho Transportation Department road reports is: <http://www.state.id.us/itd/itdmpg.htm>

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Snowstorm winds down over East; South chills out

The Associated Press
A storm that dumped more than a foot of snow across the Northeast tapered off Saturday, while cold air in the storm's wake dropped temperatures to record lows in the South. Light snow fell in parts of eastern New England on Saturday, with an additional 6 inches expected in Maine. Flurries were scattered elsewhere around the Northeast, accompanied by gusty wind.
Light snow also fell in the upper Ohio Valley but accumulations amounted to less than two inches.
On Friday, New York City picked up 10 inches of snow to bring its seasonal total to 61 inches, just 2 inches shy of its record. Philadelphia's 7 inches pushed its total to 56 inches, topping the record of 55 set in the winter of 1988-89. Records also were set at Washington's Dulles Airport, Hartford, Conn., and Trenton, N.J.
Behind the storm, cold air pushed into the South, dropping temperatures to record morning lows. In Florida, Key West cooled to a record 49 and West Palm Beach had a record low of 35.
Mobile, Ala., dipped to a record low of 20, and New Orleans had a record 28.
In the West, rain fell across the Pacific Northwest and east of the Cascades. As much as an inch of rain fell along the coast.
Saturday's temperatures around the Lower 48 states ranged from a low of 13 below zero at Hallock, Minn., to an early afternoon reading of 91 at Thermal, Calif.

Train

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Corps, said Saturday. "These are kids who wanted to be good."
Many of the more than 100 youths who remained at the center assembled in a gym with their supervisors Saturday, seeking answers and consolation. "They live together, they train together, they socialize together here," said center director Claude Thomas. "To suffer a loss like this has a tremendous emotional impact upon them."
Were it not for the long weekend, the youths in the crash likely would have stayed at the Job Corps quarters where more than 120 people aged 16 to 24 have been enrolled for about seven months of academic studies and training in carpentry, painting, bricklaying, nursing and more.
But officials said 17 were aboard the Maryland commuter train en route to Washington on Friday evening when it was crushed in a collision with Amtrak's Chicago-bound Capitol Limited.
Nearby houses rumbled from the explosion; fire and smoke rose above the suburban tree line, witnesses said.
The Labor Department, which oversees the Job Corps, said five young men and three young women aged 16 to 23 were missing. Victims included a 17-year-old girl from Elmhurst, N.Y., a 16-year-old youth from Philadelphia and two young men, 17 and 18, from Baltimore. The rest were from the Washington area.
No names were released.
Of the surviving Job Corps trainees, one was still in hospital, three were treated and released, five got out safely from the wreck and one — initially presumed missing — had got out at an earlier stop, officials said.

Wood

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seemed based more on personal attack than on legal argument, Bevan said.
"It makes coming to work some days pretty tough," Bevan said.
Even Stradley recalled that during his trial, the personality sparks flew so furiously between Wood and then-Prosecutor K. Ellen Baxter that, "for a while, I kind of felt like a pawn in a chess game."
But Stradley said he knew Wood was his wholehearted advocate when Wood was fined for not producing certain papers and chastised by the judge for seeming disrespectful.
Last year, Wood himself faced a drunken driving charge. His defense was in character. He argued that he had simply been obstinate with law officers who pulled him over last fall — not drunk. Wood was acquitted.
Some people call Wood a blessing in disguise for the court system. They credit his aggressive tactics with forcing prosecutors and police to improve procedures and present tighter cases.
"He has made it a lot tougher to get cases, but basically it is up to the quality of our reports," said Capt. Bob Hodge of the Twin Falls Police Department. "He has also created a lot of headaches in demanding cer-

tain documents which we don't think are needed but are just a way of throwing rocks into the roadway."
"It means it costs more overtime for us to go to court," Hodge said. "But it has really made our officers sit up and take notice, making sure of the quality of our reports and how we testify during cases."
The Stradley case, a high-profile, emotional turnaround in court and in public opinion, was a highlight of Wood's career. Swayed by faulty evidence and by testimony about Stradley's gentle character, jurors set Stradley free. In a separate case, Stradley's ex-girlfriend, Jodie Hostetter, was sent to prison for three years for injuring her child.
Lately, Wood has been less of a courtroom presence and more of a boss, handling administrative tasks and maintaining his staff of five deputies, three secretaries and an investigator.
Wood said he grew up a "military brat." His mother and stepfather moved the family around Germany, California and Colorado. His 10 years in Twin Falls County is the longest Wood has ever lived in one place.
"I think that always being the new kid in school has made me sympathetic for the underdog and the outsider," Wood said.

Wood attended the University of Colorado from 1963 to 1970, majoring in philosophy, engineering and political science and then attending law school. He joined a legal aid program through Volunteers In Service To America in 1972. He later worked for a water law firm in Boulder, Colo., as a referee in juvenile courts and as a public defender in Colorado Springs.
These days, he lives in Buhl with his wife and twin 9-year-old daughters. Though a private practice might earn him for more than his approximately \$50,000-a-year county salary, he cites "paternal reasons" for wanting to keep his job.
His views on the role of public defense are passionate. Wood said he is adamant that he must stay in his job to defend citizens' rights against the politically powerful.
"There is a much higher belief in jail right now," Wood said. "The saddest thing is your clients are going to be injured much more by the criminal justice system than they were 20 years ago."
"One of the most exhilarating parts of the job is you can sit down next to someone who didn't have a chance, and protect and save them," Wood said.
"If I lose this job, I would lose those personal motives," he said.

Alexander profited from public office, records show

Los Angeles Times
WASHINGTON — Shortly after Lamar Alexander was named University of Tennessee president in 1988, he planned to have the school put up guests for events and football weekends at the nearby Blackberry Farm Inn.
But school administrators, citing conflict-of-interest concerns, cautioned Alexander against using the \$200-per-night lodge as long as he remained a part-owner. Alexander assured them he had disposed of his interest in the property, and proceeded to steer \$64,626 in university business to the hotel.
Alexander left the school in 1991 to become U.S. education secretary, and only then did university officials learn that his interest in Blackberry Farm had been transferred to his wife, according to a state comptroller's audit.
Today, Alexander campaigns for the GOP presidential nomination clad in his signature red-and-black flannel shirts, cultivating the image of a Mr. Everyman who would shake up Washington. Yet records show that Alexander has himself benefited from being part of the political establishment, taking advantage of connections built over more than a decade of public service to become a multimillionaire.
Alexander (AP) — The Idaho Department of Transportation reported rain across much of the state on Saturday.
Road Conditions:
U.S. 95 — Plummer-Canadian border, wet, rain; Riggins-Whitebird Hill, wet, rain; Grangeville-Winchester, wet, rain; Winchester-Lewiston, open 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Lewiston-Moscow, wet, rain; Weiser-New Meadows, wet, rain; Marsing-Oregon line, dry, Interstate 90 — Fourth of July Canyon, wet, rain; Lookout Pass, wet, rain.
U.S. 12 — Lewiston-Lowell, wet, rain; Lowell-Lolo Pass, icy spots, rain.
Interstate 84 — Oregon line-Mountain Home, dry; Mountain Home-Utah line, dry, wet, rain.
Idaho 55 — Horseshoe Bend-New Meadows, dry, wet, rain.
Idaho 21 — Boise-Lowman, wet, rain; Lowman-Banner Summit, CLOSED.
U.S. 20 — Mountain Home-Fairfield, wet, rain; Fairfield-Carey, dry, wet, rain; Arco-Montana line, dry.
U.S. 26 — Idaho Falls-Wyoming line, dry; Blackfoot-Arco, dry.
Idaho 51 — Wet.
U.S. 93 — Nevada line-Arco, dry, wet, rain; Fairfield-Leto, dry, wet, rain; Galena Summit, icy spots, light rain snow.
Interstate 86 — Dry.
Interstate 15 — Utah line-Pocatello, dry; Malad Pass, dry; Pocatello-Dubois, dry; Montida Pass, dry.
U.S. 30 — McCammon-Wyoming line, dry.
Idaho 28 — Dry.

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Idaho lotteries
BOISE (AP) — Winning numbers drawn Saturday in the Powerball game are: 1-7-15-35-44. Powerball 44 (one, seven, fifteen, thirty-five, forty-four, Powerball forty-four). Estimated jackpot: \$5 million!
BOISE (AP) — Winning numbers drawn Saturday in the 67-West Lotto game are: 7-8-10-22-29-33 (seven, eight, ten, twenty-two, twenty-nine, thirty-three). Estimated jackpot: \$797,000
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Terror on the tracks

Riders recall horror of fatal crash, generosity of rescuers afterward



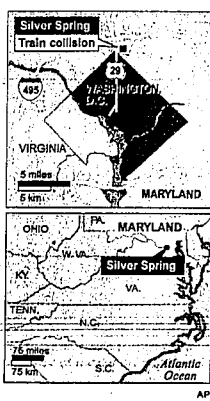
An Amtrak passenger train headed for Chicago from Washington, D.C., left, moving from the top of the photo, and a commuter train headed for Washington, moving from the other direction, collided Friday in Silver Spring, Md.

The Washington Post
 WASHINGTON — They left Union Station at dusk, rolling north and west toward the heartland of America, sitting snug behind the big picture windows of the Amtrak train as the snow sifted down.
 Minutes later, Amtrak's Capitol Limited, scheduled to run through the night to Chicago, collided with another train in Silver Spring, Md., plunging the 175 aboard into a scene combining sheer terror and quirky inconvenience, followed by an outpouring of human concern and compassion from residents of the surrounding area.

One woman remembered being trapped in darkness and afraid for her life. Another recalled the difficulty of keeping her footing on the butter-strewn floor of the dining car. A third was "to hold" a tearful reunion hours later with her daughter, who had heard about the wreck on the radio and rushed to find her.
 Those killed in the crash apparently were all aboard the second train, on a commuter run into Washington.
 As many of the Amtrak passengers recalled it, the anguish of the night arrived without warning, introduced by a loud bang followed by smoke and flame, shouts, screams and dread.

"I felt certain we were going to die," said Amtrak passenger Lisa Thompson, 25.
 Thompson and her son Jamaal, 6, were on their way to Chicago to meet her husband, an Amtrak bartender.
 "It happened so quickly," she said. "It happened so fast."
 Thompson's car — in the middle of the train, as she recalled it — plunged into darkness. She and Jamaal could hear "a lot of screaming," she said. The two were trapped there for a time, she said, while "people were panicking."
 After the jolt of the crash, Nelson Kerr, 32, who was traveling home to Grand Forks, N.D., after a family wedding here "came clean out of my seat," he said.
 His 2-year-old child "went flying." But somehow, "everybody was okay," Kerr said.

The Amtrak passengers were going to visit family in Detroit, was handing his ticket to the conductor.
 Then, Mardit said, there was a jolt, strong enough to knock the conductor to the floor, injuring his head. Mardit began bawling around, and in moments, he said the two-way radios carried by the crew were alive with what sounded like hysteria.
 In the dining car, everyone hit the floor, recalled Heather Cane. Then, she said, "the chef and waitresses put us back on the chairs and calmed us down."
 The cutlery remained on the floor, recalled Barb Ross of Muskegon, Mich., who was returning home from Florida. Ross passed through the diner on the way out of the train. "You had to be careful not to slip," she said. "There were pats of butter all over the place."
 In the nearby Park Sutton condominium apartments, Mary Pensky "heard a terrible crash."
 "It was just like a bomb explo-



going about the rituals of train travel when the two trains met. Lawyer James Cane of Peoria, Ill., was in the dining car with his wife and 10-year-old daughter, Barry Mardit, a newcomer to Washington ori, his

ed," she said. She ran to her window overlooking the tracks and saw one rail car burning, "and then a second started to burn, and a third one."
 Prompted by the sounds and sight, many neighbors left the building to see how they could help. A stream of injured was brought to the Park Sutton to be given first aid.
 In a highly unusual procedure that illustrated the degree to which the neighbors acted as rescuers, firefighters walked the 13 floors of the building Friday night, knocking on every door to check for people injured in the crash. One of the injured was found on the 10th floor.
 Dazed, bleeding and in shock, people injured in the crash had been taken in by residents of the Park Sutton. Carrying coats and blankets and anything possibly useful for warmth or treatment that they could find, they had descended onto the area around the crash site.

Poll: Most Americans want to limit immigration

WASHINGTON (AP) — Nearly eight of every 10 Americans believe immigration rates should be dramatically scaled back — and fully one-fifth want a halt to all immigration, legal or not, a new poll suggests.
 The Roper poll, commissioned by a small non-profit group that advocates a substantially decreased U.S. population, comes as Congress is poised to tackle bills seeking to thwart illegal immigration and make a dent in legal entries.
 Seventy-nine percent of those polled for Negative Population Growth Inc. said the United States should allow 600,000 or fewer immigrants entry annually. Of that number, 70 percent favor immigration rates of 300,000 or less annually; 54 percent endorsing rates of 100,000 or less. Only 2 percent favored increasing immigration rates.

illegal immigration numbers can't be pinpointed with accuracy, at least 300,000 people are believed to enter unlawfully each year.
 The poll's findings were questioned by the National Immigration Forum, which is fighting efforts in Congress to reduce legal immigration.
 Lumping legal and illegal immigration into one category and asking respondents to specify a permissible number skews the outcome, said Immigration Forum executive director Frank Sharry.

"This is clearly a mandate that people want low numbers of immigration," said NPG's Washington director, Sharon McGee Stein, who provided the poll to The Associated Press in advance of its Monday release.
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Nation

Independent voters hold primary's fate in their hands

Los Angeles Times

HUDSON, N.H. — Richard Dauber does not live in the quaint New Hampshire where fifth generation New Englanders chat around cracker barrels, nor is his neighborhood surrounded by the poverty associated with closed textile mills.

His part of this small town near the Massachusetts border is a pleasant swath of modern suburbia, a neighborhood of contemporary split-level tract homes where boats are parked against a backdrop of pine woods.

Dauber, who moved here from Long Island, N.Y., in 1992, is an electrical engineer, a political independent, and undecided as Tuesday's Republican presidential primary nears. He is just the sort of voter expected to determine political fortunes here — particularly those of publishing magnate Steve Forbes and former Tennessee Gov. Lamar Alexander.

"These are the voters who are looking around for a dance card," and Alexander and Forbes are the two most assiduously courting them, said pollster Neal Rhodes of the Wire Group.

For a while, it looked as if Forbes had gained an early lock on independent voters here. Some polls even showed his strength with that group pushing him to neck-and-neck status with Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole. But since Forbes' disappointing showing in the Iowa caucuses last week — in which he finished a distant fourth while Alexander rallied for a third-place finish — his poll numbers have dropped. And it appears Alexander is the one grabbing most of those votes.

Still, there are plenty of voters such



Chris Bell, an independent voter who works at a wig shop at the Pheasant Lane Mall in Nashua, N.H., says she's having a tough time deciding whom to vote for in Tuesday's presidential primary.

as Dauber who remain undecided and could either further boost Alexander or recharge Forbes' lagging campaign.

Dauber, 33 and married, is registered as "undecided," which means he can pick a Democrat, Republican or Libertarian ballot Tuesday. As a result, he and other independent-minded voters, who make up as much as 27 percent of the electorate, are in demand.

They are a relatively young, affluent and well-educated group, clustered in the southern and eastern parts of the state, not far from Boston.

"Historically I've considered myself Republican," Dauber said. "But I'm a little scared this time. Most of the can-

didates are too conservative for me." Comments like that probably set off vote-detecting radar at the Alexander

New Hampshire 96

VOTERS

- Population 1.1 million
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30% Independent

32% Democrat

38% Republican

Buchanan aide under siege - C8

and Forbes campaign offices, say political analysts such as Pete Snyder of Luntz Research.

To emerge from the shadows of the two candidates currently vying for the top spot in the primary — Dole and commentator Patrick J. Buchanan, "Alexander and Forbes are going to have to pick up some of the moderates," Snyder said.

To complicate the matter, said

Rhodes, these independent voters tend to ponder their choices right up to election day.

Ten days before the primary, Dauber's ruminations went like this: "Buchanan and Dole, I think they're extremely right — too conservative for me. Buchanan is talking about 'the right to life,' and I think the government ought to stay out of it. Mr. Forbes — he's a little more toward the middle. But a lot of questions remain to be answered."

A mile or so away, independent Mark Krawczyk had already settled into his political view. As he stood in the doorway of the family's upscale townhouse, he said, "From everything I've seen, I like the flat tax," the cornerstone of Forbes' campaign.

A 32-year-old stockbroker, Krawczyk is probably as typical a Forbes supporter as they come. The father of three young children, Krawczyk moved to New Hampshire from Massachusetts eight years ago, in part, he says, to get away from that state's higher taxes.

He and his wife were both Democrats at one time, but switched to declared in 1992 because of their strong support for the independent presidential candidacy of Ross Perot.

On tour, Clinton calls for campaign finance reform

ROCHESTER, N.H. (AP) — President Clinton played New Hampshire like a snowy checkerboard Saturday, and called on Republicans to join with him to rid national politics of "big money" and attack ads.

"We have got to make democracy work for America," Clinton said as he addressed more than 3,000 citizens of southeastern New Hampshire gathered in a sweltering community auditorium.

Outside, the snow was falling heavily and Clinton's schedule was set back by more than two hours. But inside, he was met by a swirl of waving red, white and blue pom-poms. And with a few Arkansans coaching from the sidelines, they greeted him with the "soo-ic" cheer of the University of Arkansas Razorbacks.

Clinton ripped through his stump speech and called on New Hampshire voters to give him the support he won from them four years ago.

Clinton opened a five-city romp through New Hampshire's primary politics, calling for fundamental change in the ground rules of campaign financing.

The president said that should include giving candidates free television time to make their case to the voters and discouraging attack ads and the influence of big money.

"Let's put politics aside, work

together and get this done," Clinton said in his weekly radio address, taped for broadcast today.

"It's no secret that even here in New Hampshire, with its proud tradition of town meetings and studied debate over the issues, people want all of us in politics to clean up our act," the president said.

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Forensic convention meal features a little O.J.

The Associated Press

They'll do the usual convention routine with name tags and cocktail parties, and maybe catch a country music show. Then they'll attend seminars such as the "bite-mark breakfast" and talk a lot about rotting corpses, flying blood, drug overdoses and O.J. Simpson.

Especially Simpson. Thousands of forensic scientists, from coroners to handwriting analysts, gather this week in Nashville,

Tenn., for their first convention since the Simpson trial placed them on the other end of the microscope.

Members of the American Academy of Forensic Sciences face a potentially

perilous future in the post-Simpson world, in which wannabe Dream Team lawyers defend a client by

'The hallway conversations should be very interesting.'

— Rockne Harmon, California prosecutor

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attacking science—and the scientists.

The convention theme is "Through the Looking Glass — Forensic Sciences Under Scrutiny."

Pitluck, a judge in Illinois and president of the academy.

So now, besides discussing bite marks, blood spatters and such technical fare as the "effectiveness of the cyanoacrylate ester fuming wand," the scientists will learn how to hone their courtroom and public relations skills.

"The hallway conversations should be very interesting," said Rockne Harmon, a California prosecutor who handled DNA evidence in the Simpson trial.

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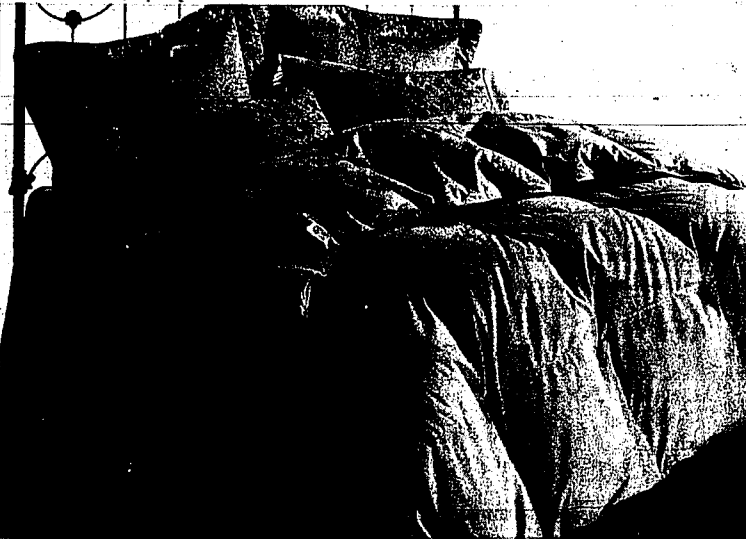
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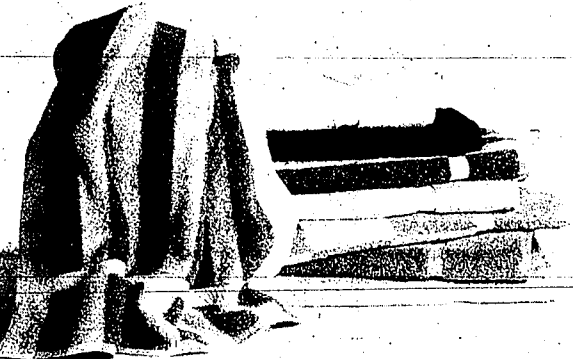
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World



A relative of one of the victims of the tunnel collapse in northern Japan attends a service to identify those who died in last Saturday's accident.

Relief, grief fill village

FURUBIRA, Japan (AP) — The last of 20 bodies crushed in a collapsed tunnel was pulled out late Saturday, bringing sad relief to this close-knit fishing village after a week of painful waiting.

Rescuers worked into the night in the seaside tunnel, 550 miles north of Tokyo, struggling to remove body parts still wedged in the boulders.

There were no survivors from the Feb. 10 cave-in, when a boulder the size of a skyscraper slipped from a mountainside and crashed into the tunnel, trapping 19 aboard a bus and a man in a car.

Rescuers began bringing out the bodies from the bus Saturday afternoon. By early Sunday, all had been identified and returned to their families. Digging will continue Sunday to make sure there were no other victims.

Holding their heads in their hands, sobbing family members were led through heavy snow to a makeshift morgue at a fisheries research center.

A few blocks away, people gathered in the living room of Takako Watanabe, 43, an innkeeper who lost friends in the cave-in, to watch news reports on television.

"This week has been so full of tears," she said. "Nobody is happy about it, but it is a relief to have it over. Fate seems to be playing itself out."

Police said all 20 had been crushed to death but stopped short of saying whether all had died instantly. Fears had run high that survivors would not have withstood the freezing temperatures as the rescue effort dragged on.

China warned not to attack Taiwan

TAIPEI, Taiwan (AP) — A U.S. senator warned China Saturday against invading Taiwan, saying Congress was ready to respond with "appropriate actions."

Alaska Republican Frank Murkowski would not say what the actions may be. But he said Chinese leaders would be making "a great mistake" if they believed that attacking Taiwan would pay off.

Tensions flared over the summer when China staged war games and tested missiles near Taiwan in response to Taiwanese

President Lee Teng-hui's visit to the United States.

Police, meanwhile, have seized 30 grenades and 30 handguns and rifles in what they said was the largest seizure of arms smuggled from China.

Four Taiwanese men were arrested Friday at sea off Keelung, southern Taiwan, where the weapons were seized from their fishing boats, police said Saturday.

Intelligence agents learned of the plot by monitoring radio conversations of the Taiwanese and Chinese smugglers.

Police also arrested another Taiwanese man, Chang Shan-chin, who confessed to paying \$218,000 for the arms, they said.

The Independence Evening Post said the cache, including Chinese-made AK47 rifles and 5,000 rounds of ammunition, are weapons used by the Chinese military rather than those usually smuggled by Taiwanese gangsters.

The newspaper quoted police as saying they suspect the weapons were intended to disrupt the March 23 presidential election.

China is reported to be again

preparing large-scale war games on its southern coast facing Taiwan, a move analysts believe is aimed at dissuading Taiwanese from backing Lee in the election.

But such Chinese intimidation could backfire, rallying Taiwanese behind Lee and driving Taiwanese investors away from China, Murkowski said at a news conference during a two-day visit.

"You have many friends in the Congress," he said, "and we will be compelled to take appropriate actions."

Fire at Taipei hotel kills 17

TAIPEI, Taiwan (AP) — Seventeen guests and employees trapped in their small rooms burned to death early Saturday in a central Taiwan hotel condemned last year as a fire hazard.

Guests were found burned beyond recognition in their rooms at the five-story Hawaii Sauna House in Taichung, which had been charged with fire code violations, police and city officials said.

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World



Canada's Prime Minister Jean Chretien grabs demonstrator Bill Clennett by the neck during a National Flag Day celebration in Hull, Quebec, Thursday. Chretien scuffled briefly with the demonstrator, then pushed him into the hands of a police officer.

Opinions split over leader's scuffle

TORONTO (AP) — Stateman or street fighter? Across Canada, Prime Minister Jean Chretien's manhandling of a peppy protester has enlivened talk shows and split public opinion almost down the middle.

An incident that Chretien's loyalists see as a welcome show of assertiveness is painted by critics as a dangerous loss of control. In Quebec City, a bastion of anti-Chretien sentiment, radio-show host Robert Cillet branded the prime minister "Mad Dog Chretien" and about two-thirds of his show's 1,575 callers said Chretien should resign.

By Saturday, two days after the confrontation, most Canadians had seen the instant replay over and over on TV news. It showed Chretien, almost sinister-looking in dark glasses, striding through a crowd at a Flag Day ceremony in Hull, Quebec.

Suddenly, he reaches out toward a protester, grabs the man by the throat and pushes him toward a police officer. The protester, William Clennett, is wrestled to the ground, while Chretien strides on.

Clennett was among several dozen demonstrators trying to disrupt the Flag Day rally with a protest against cuts in unemployment benefits. He says he is considering whether to take legal action against Chretien.

Chretien is unpopular in much of Quebec because of his strong opposition to the separatist movement in the French-speaking province. Andre Arthur, host of a province-wide radio program, suggested on the air that Chretien was medically unfit to be prime minister, while a labor leader, Clement Godbout, accused Chretien of "sagging."

Elsewhere in Canada, opinion was divided, but with a stronger dose of support for Chretien.

Many commentators and talk-show callers expressed sympathy, noting Chretien had reason to be edgy ever since a prowler armed with a pocketknife broke into the prime minister's residence in Ottawa in November, confronting Chretien's wife at her bedroom door.

Lawrence Martin, author of a recent biography of Chretien, said the public wanted the prime minister to take a tougher stance in the aftermath of the separatist "near-victory in last October's independence referendum in Quebec.

"Canadian people are looking for more assertive leadership," Martin said. "They want somebody to start knocking heads."

The Vancouver Province, in a pro-Chretien editorial, noted that the prime minister was a friend of Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, "assassinated only a few months ago in a similar mob scene because of poor security."

Gabon campaign attempts to thwart Ebola virus

GENEVA (AP) — Health officials are hoping a massive public information campaign in the west African nation of Gabon will head off an epidemic of the lethal Ebola virus, the World Health Organization said Saturday.

From radio broadcasts to vans with loudspeakers, "everything is being used to make sure people take the necessary precautions," said Valery Abramov, spokesman for the U.N. health agency.

But he said rumors that officials had sealed off the north of the

country were untrue. "We hope they will not take any action to seal off any part of the country," he said.

Previous experience has shown such action causes panic and is unnecessary, he said.

Preliminary tests at the Pasteur Institute in Paris make it "highly likely" that 10 people who died of hemorrhagic fever in a remote village in northern Gabon had Ebola, WHO said.

The highly contagious fever causes massive internal and exter-

nal bleeding and is spread through bodily fluids. It kills up to 80 percent of those it infects.

Nine others are infected with the same disease, and four more with fevers are under surveillance. All the patients are from the village of Mayibout, 90 miles from the nearest hospital in Makokou.

They are thought to have

become infected after butchering and eating a dead chimpanzee that had found in the forest. Chimpanzees are known to have contracted the disease in the past.

Full confirmation of the disease is expected within days.

The disease killed 245 people in Zaire last year before international medical teams halted the epidemic.

Quake spawns tidal waves

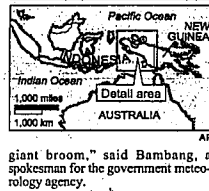
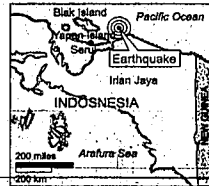
JAKARTA, Indonesia (AP) — Tidal waves whipped up by a mighty earthquake came crashing down on the coastal villages of New Guinea and its surrounding islands Saturday, sweeping hundreds of homes out to sea like a "giant broom." At least 10 people were killed and the death toll was expected to rise.

One town alone lost 600 homes. Some waves towered an estimated 21 feet high, authorities said. The quake registered at least a magnitude 7, by some accounts as high as 8.

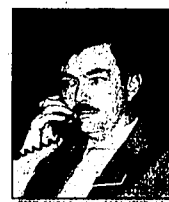
The quake hit at 2:59 p.m. Saturday. It was centered under the ocean floor 68 miles east of Bali island, off New Guinea's northern coast, the Indonesian government said.

The area, at the eastern end of the vast Indonesian archipelago, is about 2,000 miles northeast of Jakarta, the Indonesian capital.

No injuries or deaths were immediately reported on the main island of New Guinea. But waves up to 13 feet high swept the northwest coast "like a



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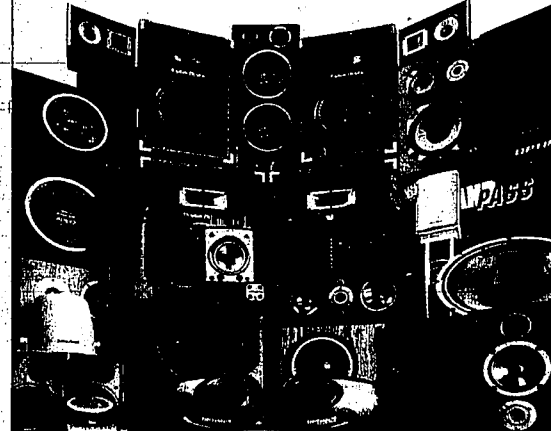
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IRA claims 2nd bomb

LONDON (AP) — The Irish Republican Army claimed responsibility Saturday for planting a small bomb in London on Thursday.

Police found the bomb in Charing Cross Road before it could explode. The claim of responsibility came in a telephone call to the British Broadcasting Corp.

The IRA called off its 17-month cease-fire on Feb. 9, and killed two men that night by setting off a large bomb in the Docklands area of east London.

Police raided more than 20 locations in London Friday, making several arrests in connection with the two bombings. The commander of Scotland Yard's anti-terrorist branch, John Grieve, did not specify how many people were arrested or what charges they may face.

Grieve said rewards of up to 1 million pounds — the equivalent of \$1.54 million — were being offered for information leading to conviction of the bombers.

Chechens clash with troops

GROZNY, Russia (AP) — Chechen separatists fired mortars at Russian troops around a rebel stronghold, wounding seven servicemen and damaging two armored vehicles.

The Chechens attacked overnight Friday and early Saturday in the northeastern Chechen village of Novogrozny, where rebel commanders have been using as their

headquarters in recent weeks.

Russian forces returned fire from armored personnel carriers, the Interfax news agency said. There was no word of rebel casualties.

Russian troops surrounded Novogrozny about a week ago and the situation has remained tense. Six troops died Thursday when rebels fired on a Russian outpost near the village.

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Opinion

Editorial

Auger Falls foes should consider land purchase

Money talks, but sometimes public opinion roars.

It thundered last week, when the state Land Board squashed a Utah developer's dream of parking one more hydroelectric project on the Snake River near Twin Falls. Opponents of the Auger Falls project crowded (accurately) that the decision slammed the lid on long-standing perceptions of the Snake as a "working river."

Those perceptions have been changing for years, and by now nearly everyone says the overworked waterway deserves a rest. But saying and doing are different things. Last week's decision was a moment of truth. It required the five elected officials on the Land Board (four of whom are Republicans) to value environment and aesthetics over development and public use.

The board cited the local public interest in making its unanimous ruling. So the conservationists, recreationists, homeowners and others who had opposed the project were doubly jubilant.

Before the euphoria fades, we'd like to make a suggestion: The loosely formed coalition that won Auger Falls a reprieve from development should start thinking about the area's long-term future. Could key property around Auger Falls be bought and dedicated to public use?

There are philosophical as well as practical reasons for this idea. Steve Harmsen, the project's developer, is beaten but not banished. He is talking

about a court appeal. He's also talking about selling the land.

Though Harmsen is dropping his alternate idea of building 450 homes in place of the hydro project, some future owner may have other ideas — ideas equally displeasing to the river's defenders.

Bluntly stated, private property owners have a right to use their property. Though public policy often limits that use (you can't, for example, dump toxic waste in your backyard), property owners can't be forced to keep land idle for public benefit. The solution: Buy key riverside property for a park or preserve.

The Auger Falls opponents included some well-heeled local residents as well as prominent conservation groups. Among them, they may have enough clout to pull together a conservation trust that could buy property in the Auger Falls area.

A sizeable fraction of the land along that stretch of river is already held by the federal Bureau of Land Management and the state. Securing some remaining pieces for public use might be a big task, but it's certainly worth studying.

The vocal opposition to the Auger Falls project demonstrated the strength of public sentiment for preserving and rehabilitating the Middle Snake.

The question now is, can the public sentiment that stopped an unwanted project be harnessed to assure the area a more desirable future?

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Willis may have little effect on politics

Can a Hollywood actor have a major influence on Idaho politics? Judging from the telephone calls to the governor's office after actor Bruce Willis urged removing Gov. Phil Batt because of his nuclear waste deal, probably not.

"Tell him to go back to California, that would be a good place for him," said one caller, who didn't leave his name. Willis, who lives with his wife, actress Demi Moore, and their three children in the Wood River Valley, held an unusual Statehouse news conference a week ago.

He urged his media audience to reject Batt's deal trading another 1,133 waste shipments being dumped in eastern Idaho for promises most waste will be removed over the next 40 years. The actor, who described himself as a Republican, was flanked by Democratic candidates Walt Minnick and Dan Williams and state Sen. Clint Stennett of Ketchum.

"We want zero nuclear waste in the state of Idaho," Willis said. "If you can't provide us with a state that is nuclear waste-free, then we will get a new governor and we will get a new Legislature."

During eight years in Hailey, the Willis has purchased several businesses and talked about opening a night club in Boise. But this is the first time he has spoken up about Idaho politics.

Idaho politics Quane Kenyon

But he's taking on a big project if he hopes to get rid of Batt, who swamped a popular Democrat by 34,760 votes in the last election.

And the Legislature? Hey, Bruce, the Idaho Legislature is the most Republican in the nation. The Democrats are outnumbered 5-1, levels that haven't been seen in Idaho since the 1920s.

The nuclear waste agreement? There's no sign that there will be a statewide revolt over it. Batt, 13-plus months into his first term, has spent a huge amount of time traveling the state defending the deal.

And the governor believes that the more people know about the agreement, the better they understand and accept it.

Odds are, Batt is more popular in Idaho than Bruce Willis. The actor better be prepared to get a large measure of grief for going after the governor.

One caller to Batt's office said he learned that Willis went to Mountain Home Air Force Base a couple of weeks ago for a ride in an Air Force F-16 jet. "I object to him us-

ing taxpayer money" for a personal ride, the caller said.

If he is so concerned about nuclear waste in the state of Idaho, what does he think Mountain Home Air Force Base does when it goes to war? Does he think those are concrete blocks under there?" the caller asked.

Movie types have had mixed results in Idaho politics. Hollywood legend Charlton Heston came to Idaho to help win the right-to-work battle in the mid-1980s. In fact, former right-to-work director Gary Glenn named his oldest child after Heston.

But actress Patty Duke, now a part-time Coeur d'Alene area resident, also came to the state about the same time to oppose the right-to-work law.

She was president of the Screen Actors Guild then and argued against the bill as a union official. But right-to-work became Idaho law anyway.

An eastern Idaho farmer-legislator swears it's true.

The lawmaker says he's received three telephone calls from other farmers telling him they can't afford to buy worker's compensation coverage for their employees. All three calls came from Hawaii, where the farmers were vacationing.

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Letters

Tax plans may make sense

On Feb. 4, there was an article in the Idaho Statesman about the various "flat tax" proposals of the Republican candidates. The article included worksheets so you could figure the tax you would pay using these plans and your 1995 income information.

I have just completed my 1995 Income Tax Return (the real one) and I also figured my tax using the "flat tax" plans. The results are surprising.

This is a real-world example for a middle-class family of four. Total income, almost all of it wages, is \$44,521. Itemized deductions (property and state income taxes, mortgage interest and charitable contributions) are \$11,400.

Under the current tax rates, my total federal tax bill is \$3,614. Using the Army plan, which all the rest of the plans are based upon, the bill is \$2,187, a savings of more than \$1,400.

The tax bill under the Buchanan version is \$1,705, saving more than \$1,900.

Gram's version costs me about \$1,058. And Forbes' "flat tax" plan would result in a tax of only \$1,400. That's a savings of \$2,214!

Note that under Forbes' plan there are no deductions at all except for your dependent children.

How much simpler can you get? I, for one, would welcome a simpler tax system that leaves me with more money to pay for the things my family needs, like college education for my kids and medical care.

I'm not yet convinced that the country can afford the Forbes plan (17 percent rate) and still balance the budget, but even if we start with Army's plan (20 percent rate), that would greatly ease the burden on my middle-class taxpayers, and maybe the wealthy would finally pay their fair share.

This could mean more money in your pocket, so you owe it to yourself to study

the candidates' plans, both Republican and Democrat (if any Democrats have a plan). RANDY PLANE Twin Falls

Teacher finds friendly science

Recently a friend and I found a small kitten whittled head caught in a trap. It took us at least an hour, through ice and snow, to get the kitten and trap to the fire station. It took the firemen who were on duty about five minutes to snip and peel off the trap.

I was so pleased with them. They were kind and efficient. And I knew that if any of my kindergartners were ever in need of help, there would be those same firemen-kind and efficient.

I've told my classes before that firemen and policemen have those jobs because they want to help.

I was delighted to tell the children that I was right.

TRIS WOODHEAD Twin Falls

Reader thanks good neighbor

We have been having a lot of letters on the Opinion page, as well we should, to keep up with things such as dairy cows, wildlife, our water and several other subjects.

I thought it would be good to add another subject, like good neighbors.

I live south of Curry Crossing and get my share of snow, but every time after the storm, which would block my lane, I would hear the motor of my neighbor's tractor.

And there he is to be the very best neighbor around to clear the snow from my lane. He has done this four times this year, and, Bob Barton, I want you to know how much that meant to me.

Thank you again, Bob Barton, my good neighbor.

ALVIN HINE Twin Falls

Letters

Darrington's remark untrue

Sen. Denton Darrington's statement regarding mandatory worker's compensation coverage for farmers in the Feb. 10 *Times-News* "that lawyers would have a heyday with worker's comp" couldn't be further from the truth.

Of the lawyers who handle worker's compensation cases, those who are dedicated and competent work harder and make far less money than they should, and they are the only thing that keeps the big and powerful insurance companies from bullying and underpaying injured workers in a large number of claims.

Mr. Darrington should do his homework before making reckless and irresponsible public statements. If this typifies the quality of his work in the Legislature, Idaho is in trouble.

STRATTON P. LAGGIS Ketchum

Mini-Cassia, let's look at airport

No, no, no, Mini-Cassia. Let's not bulldoze away our agricultural land for a new airport. Our potatoes and sugar beets are our basic livelihood. Let's keep it that way.

Maybe we can keep the Burley airport a little longer, running the chance that there will be no air crashes in our expanding residential areas.

A naive person might ask, "Do we really need a new airport?" He might ask how many people in the Mini-Cassia area regularly use the airport.

Before spending any money, let's lay all the cards on the table.

Let's try to do a better job in balancing the budget than they are doing in Washington.

ALVIN HOLMES Burley

Taxes should not pay for aliens

First, I want to make it clear that I do feel compassion for the "hundreds of war-weary refugees" who have come to the Magic Val-

ley. However, I feel that using our tax dollars for English classes, counseling, transportation and translation help, employment services, welfare, medical cards and Social Security for these people who have never contributed a single dollar in taxes is a travesty. Our Congress people want to cut our benefits while importing aliens to collect these same benefits.

We do not have 100 percent employment. Our schools and jails are overcrowded. Our highways are inadequate. Congress wants to cut our Social Security. As for medical cards, who gives these out, and where can I pick mine up at? How many millions of tax dollars have we given to aliens since 1981? How much crime have we imported? How much violence?

A few questions for Rep.-Black: Have you ever voted for this tax giveaway? Is working for this state-administered, federally funded program a conflict of interest? For my vote it is. How can you say you will cut taxes and spending and then accept tax money to do this job? A typical politician.

I've lived here for 43 years, and the biggest problem in this area is the influx of people. This is a desert. We don't have the water to be paying for people to come here. Look what has happened to California. Is any of the College of Southern Idaho's budget going for this program? If so, who approved this expenditure? I don't recall my such vote.

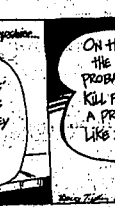
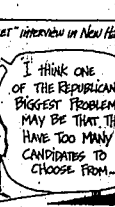
To summarize, if people want to immigrate, that's fine, but let's cut subsidizing it with tax dollars. I think it is a wonderful and generous thing for people to donate time and material for these refugees, but it shouldn't be a mandatory tax money giveaway.

DOUG SMITH Kimberly

I does happen in Idaho

I would like to comment on William Brock's comments in *The Times-News* on Feb. 4.

Doonesbury



By Gary Trudeau

Mallard Fillmore

By Bruce Tinsley

Profession of love of animals doesn't justify moral obtuseness

The combustible elements of religion and politics helped fuel Pat Buchanan's close second finish in the Iowa Republican caucuses. They are also propelling him to new heights of respectability in Tuesday's New Hampshire primary.

If Buchanan does well in New Hampshire, expect to see somber-faced theologians, spokespersons for the ACLU and politicians whose god is government showing up on television to lament this "threat" to the Constitution and our way of life. They will also warn that religion and politics don't mix — though the record of mixing irreligion with politics is nothing to cheer.

What they mean, of course, is that conservative religion and conservative politics don't mix.

Take the secretary of the interior, Bruce Babbitt, who has, as they say, gotten religion. According to Washington Post columnist Colman McCarthy, Babbitt has rediscovered the Catholic faith of his youth.

McCarthy writes approvingly, "Signs appear that the secretary of the interior is also growing in his religious convictions, a growth that increasingly brings together his public policy beliefs and private theological beliefs."

Now just a minute. I thought this co-mingling of public policy with faith — which the ACLU tolerates only if it's kept private — jeopardizes the spirit of pluralism, multiculturalism and the diversity gospel liberals have tried to spread.

And what form does Babbitt's joining of faith and public policy take? Is Babbitt about to break ranks with his bosses over abortion or gays in the military? Hardly. According to McCarthy, the secretary's rediscovered faith has led him to a deeper commitment to the Endangered Species Act.

Babbitt tried last year to add 239



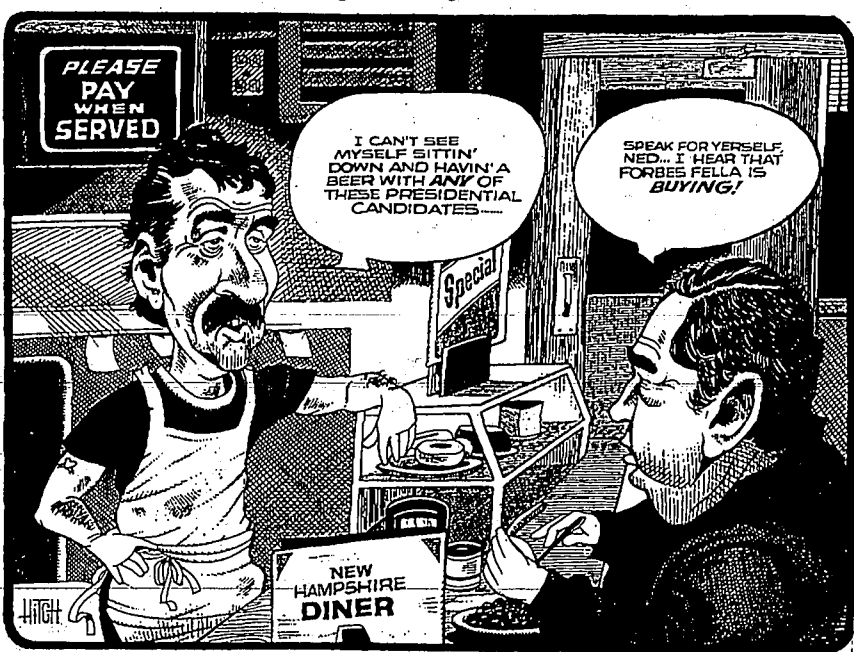
Cal Thomas

species to the endangered list of animals and plants (yes, plants, but not unborn children), but Congress refused. In a recent speech, Babbitt said, "Outside the church I always had a nagging instinct that the vast landscape was somehow sacred and holy and connected to me in a sense that my catechism ignored." "Left on his own," writes McCarthy, "or partly so if you believe that God's grace saves lost minds as well as lost souls, Babbitt had a conversion to a deeper, richer Catholicism." And how did this transformation occur? Did Babbitt have a vision? Did he have an audience with the pope? Not quite. McCarthy says Babbitt's transformation came courtesy of a Hopi Indian from northern Arizona: "One summer he taught the future governor some of the tribe's religious beliefs and rites."

By the end of that summer, Babbitt is quoted as saying, "I came to believe, deeply and irrevocably, that the land... and all the plants and animals in the natural world are together a direct reflection of divinity, that creation is a plume of divinity."

I love my cat, but she is not a reflection of divinity. In fact, Babbitt's theology comes close to animism, "the attribution of conscious life to nature or natural objects." It certainly is not mainstream Catholic or Christian doctrine.

But religion aside (which is where many liberals would like to keep it except for their trinity of Earth, trees and animals), if this were the Christian Coalition delivering a public policy edict using quotations from the Bible and



applying them to legislation, the howl from the self-anointed guardians of our freedoms would be deafening.

Clearly we should be good stewards of the earth, but if Babbitt

would consult a Gideon Bible the next time he's in a motel room, he would learn of the admonition to worship the Creator and not the things He created.

So many political and theologi-

cal liberals need a cause to substitute for their moral obtuseness on such issues as abortion and homosexual behavior. They've found it in the worship of animals and plants. Maybe Pat Buchanan

should take his cat on the campaign trail. He might win some additional votes.

Cal Thomas is a Los Angeles Times columnist.

Letters

Education, open mind key to wolves, public mix

After guiding in the Frank Church Wilderness for more than a decade, I have become accustomed to our simple Western way of living. I am an avid outdoorsman, and I enjoy photographing and hunting wild life.

When the idea of transplanting wolves in the Idaho primitive area first became known to local residents, two major fears struck me. First of all, I feared for the well-being of the elk, deer and sheep population. I have guided in Alaska for five years and have personally seen what wolves can do to caribou and Dall sheep herds. My concerns were that Idaho did not have the big herds to support a population of wolves like Alaska could. I am a member of the FNAWS foundation for North American Wild Sheep, and I questioned what a population of wolves could do to the delicate balance of Rocky Mountain big game sheep here in Idaho.

My second fear was that, if needed, federal Fish and Game and still can step in and close certain areas for wolves. As an outfitter in the heart of the area where the wolves were released, I was concerned that my guiding business could be closed for wolf protection. So far, neither instance has happened. After doing some research, my feeling is that this is not likely to happen.

My hope is to be able to co-exist with the wolves and be able to show outdoor enthusiasts what a group of dedicated people did to put wolves back into the Frank Church Wilderness Area of Idaho. All in all, I believe that education and an open mind on the parts of all individuals involved is the key to making this work for the good of the wolves and the public.

TRAVIS BULLOCK
Ketchum

At least Bennett cares about Idaho's future.

This letter is to request public support for Sen. Clint Bennett's attempt to open debate on the nuclear waste agreement. This agreement was developed, signed and implemented without public debate or legislative input.

This is an agreement that the residents of Idaho will have to live with the remainder of our lives, and "informational hearings" are a totally inadequate response to this major issue. To deliberately shut out the public on this issue is unconscionable and irresponsible. The public has a very definite interest in this matter and deserves to be heard. The people of Idaho deserve to have a plan for the removal of the aging waste at the Idaho National Engineering Laboratory and assurances of adequate funding until it can be removed.

Whatever the outcome of the hearings, it is a relief to know that at least one senator cares enough about the future of this beautiful state to fight the attempt to turn Idaho into a nuclear storage site for both national and international waste.

BRIAN ELLISON
Sun Valley

Bring the troops home to lower end deficit

If the politicians really want to end the deficit, bring the troops home from overseas and let the countries protect themselves. In most cases, they don't need the United States anyway.

Bring the troops home and put the same troops to protect our borders from illegal aliens from crossing.

This would save money by not hav-

ing the troops abroad and by not having illegal aliens on our social programs — fees to thousands of illegal aliens that we support to them and their families. With our borders protected, we can control the flow of aliens to the United States and save money at the same time.

BOB LEMIRE
Twin Falls

Is the bear initiative really an Idaho issue?

This letter is in response to Lynn Fritchman's Feb. 7 letter concerning what I would call "bear management" in place of "ethics."

Mr. Fritchman and the Idaho Coalition United for Bears would like to lead you to believe that the bear initiative is only about ethics involved in the hunting of bears in Idaho, rather than tell you that this issue is only the first "domino" they are trying to topple in a chain of hunting issues that the animal rights/anti-hunting groups would like to attack. To these people, bear hunting is only the tip of the iceberg in their attempt to stop all hunting.

Mr. Fritchman would also like you to believe that wildlife managers are but mere incompetents and that the resource would be better managed by emotions at the ballot box. However, those who have been trained in wildlife management need to manage Idaho's bears. It would be much the same if your sink clogged and you called a lawyer instead of a plumber. Another point is, why should Idaho follow other states concerning these issues? Idaho needs to be like Idaho and not like some other state. To those who think Idaho needs to change and be like another state, please feel free to move there.

Also, in Colorado, a similar bear initiative passed in 1992 and the Legislature insisted a two-strikes-you're-out rule for problem bears. Now Colorado's Fish and Game Department has asked the Legislature for \$100,000 to pay for increased bear deprecations. I ask, why should taxpayers pay for these costs when hunting could help keep bears from being a problem?

The last thing I would like to point out is that political action committees must report their finances to the state by Jan. 31 of each year. Their report must disclose the total amount of funds raised and list all contributors who donated \$50 or more. I-CUB reported about \$18,600 and of that amount, \$17,500 came from the Washington, D.C.-based Humane Society of the United States, an animal rights group not to be confused with the American Humane Society, which manages animal shelters. I ask you, the people of Idaho, is this bear initiative really an Idaho issue?

JOHN MCCLAIN
Wendell

Tell county about stacked comprehensive plan

Back in November of 1994, I attended a public hearing held by Twin Falls County officials, seeking citizens' input in order to develop a new comprehensive plan. I found myself in a completely packed room at the College of Southern Idaho, with most people there expressing concern over the number of large dairies moving into the county.

As a result of that public input and many hard hours by volunteer committees within the county, a draft of the comprehensive plan was put

together early in 1995. The county held more public meetings and accepted public comment on the drafted plan. Later in 1995, the new plan was adopted.

Many of the county's ordinances must now be readdressed to reflect the new plan. Having attended the meetings in 1994 and again in 1995, I, like many others, submitted written comment on the number of large dairies coming into the county and specifically asked to be kept informed of anything relating to the Livestock Containment Operation before a decision on changes to the ordinance took place.

I recently found out (and not through my county commissioners), a committee has been put together to work on changes to the LCO. I attended the second of four planned meetings to readdress the LCO for the county. Now I don't wish to discredit anyone on that committee, as I'm certain most have good intentions. However, it appears that a fair representation of the county does not exist. Out of 10 committee members, five are dairymen with three being quite large, three are tied to farming, one has ties to dairies, and one with no ties to any of the above.

Now I ask you, is this a fair representation of our county's population? The committee looks pretty lopsided to me.

Where are the cattlemen, and why is there only one rural resident who

doesn't farm or dairy on the committee?

So, all the concerned citizens that turned out for meetings in 1994 and 1995 had better be prepared, when the new LCO comes out, to see few if any changes. Think the deck is stacked like I do? Let your county commissioners hear from you!

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Albertine Mukakamanzi leaves Urusengero Catholic Church in Kibuye, Rwanda after identifying clothing once worn by her deceased brother-in-law.

Relatives inspect remnants for victims

KIBUYE, Rwanda (AP) — Albertine Mukakamanzi picked her way through rotting, blood-drenched clothing laid out in the churchyard, one of many people searching Saturday for traces of missing loved ones.

In piles with bracelets, a prosthetic leg and a Winnie-the-Pooh baby suit, she found her uncle's religious vestments: Father Senyenzi, the priest at Urusengero Roman Catholic church, was massacred along with perhaps 800 Tutsis when the extremist Hutu militia attacked the church in 1994.

Survivors said he was thrown from the three-story bell tower of his picturesque church that overlooks a sapphire lake.

"I was hiding when he was buried," said Mukakamanzi, who fled and hid after hearing the church massacre from her shelter in a nearby stadium.

U.N. investigators also worked near the church Saturday, collecting evidence from a mass grave

where about 500 bodies, mostly women and children, have been unearthed. They hope friends and relatives will recognize personal belongings and be able to identify the dead.

Victims' remains are piled inside the church where forensic scientists have spent three weeks collecting evidence for the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda. The international team has determined smaller graves scattered near the church contain remains of perhaps 200 to 300 more people.

Half a million people were massacred from April to July 1994 in Rwanda's ethnic violence. Most of the victims were members of the minority Tutsi ethnic group, but Hutus from the majority who opposed extremism and the government also were cut down.

In the aftermath, a Tutsi-controlled government came to power, and some 1.7 million Hutus fled, most to refugee camps in neighboring Zaire, Burundi and Tanzania.

Also in the camps are some of the people believed to have masterminded the killings, people the tribunal hopes to bring to justice later this year.

"The kind of evidence we are collecting will disallow this revisionist idea that there was no genocide, that it was a war," said Dr. William Haglund, a forensic scientist for the Boston-based Physicians for Human Rights and leader of the exhumation.

"If this was a war, then the infants were vicious infants. This wasn't a war."

Most of the dead were killed with blunt instruments or machetes and few appeared to have offered resistance, investigators said. Haglund said about 45 percent of the dead were under age 18 and most were women and girls.

The tribunal has indicted eight people for the killings in Kibuye, where Rwandan officials say 90 percent of the Tutsi population was exterminated. The Tanzania-based court is withholding their names until they are captured.

Serbs flee Sarajevo; NATO orders seizures

SARAJEVO, Bosnia-Herzegovina (AP) — Serbs began fleeing their districts of Sarajevo by the hundreds Saturday, an organized exodus that demonstrated how little faith they and their leaders place in Bosnia's fragile peace.

Women, children and elderly people — many weeping — boarded buses in the Serb suburb of Hadzici Saturday and headed for an uncertain future in a Serb-held town east of Sarajevo.

"Don't stay ... because the international community will not ensure the safety of Serb Sarajevo," the Serbs' self-designated foreign minister, Aleksa Buha, told his brethren on Bosnian Serb television.

Saturday's exodus of 800 families of Serb soldiers killed in the war was the first organized flight of Sarajevo's Serbs, who fear retribution from Muslim-led government men after their five city districts transfer to government authority next month.

The mass flight came as international mediators summoned Balkan leaders to Rome to underline the need for all sides to stick to the Bosnian peace accord.

But only one Bosnian Serb leader — the moderate prime minister Rajko Krsinic — was in Rome. Leaders like Buha made plain their real feelings about a peace forced on and negotiated for them by their erstwhile patron, Serbian President Slobodan Milosevic.

The summit convened hours after NATO ordered troops with assault helicopters and powerful grenades to confiscate or destroy tanks or artillery

that violate the peace accord.

U.S. troops in northern Bosnia took one anti-aircraft gun from the Serbs hours after the order was issued Friday, said Maj. Peter Bulloch, a NATO force spokesman. The Americans will carry out most of the operations because most weapons violating the accord are in areas they patrol.

The strong-arm tactics underscored international efforts to enforce peace. But the Hadzici exodus and the wounding of two women by snipers, fire that hit two buses traveling into government-held Sarajevo showed the deep mistrust left by 3 1/2 years of war.

Serb-held districts of Sarajevo must transfer to the Muslim-led government by March 19. Under a plan worked out by the international civilian administrator of the peace accord, Carl Bildt, the transfer will begin in some areas within a week.

The timetable for the transfer was presented to Serb leaders Friday, apparently triggering Saturday's exodus. The Bosnian Serbs' self-styled government formed an "operational staff" to oversee resettlement of Sarajevo Serbs to other parts of Serb-held Bosnia.

Panic fell over Hadzici late Friday. Many of those on Saturday's exodus carried only plastic bags of possessions. A five-story building was set on fire, and the area resembled a ghost town.

Residents said they could not stay with their enemies. But one man, who would not give his name, said he received orders to leave and didn't know what to expect.

Croats in central Bosnia protest sharing power with Muslims

VITEZ, Bosnia-Herzegovina (AP) — More than 1,000 ethnic Croats gathered in this central Bosnian city Saturday to protest plans for a joint Muslim-Croat regional government, creating a new obstacle in the Bosnian peace effort.

"We will not give up our land, even if it costs us our lives," said rally organizer Josip Markic, who lost his right thumb and forefinger during bitter Muslim-Croat fighting in Vitez in 1993.

"They are not only our former enemies, but our current enemies as well, constantly trying to do us harm," another speaker told some 1,200 people in the town's main square.

The Croats demonstrated as Western diplomats met in Rome with leaders of

Serbia, Bosnia and Croatia to end violations of the U.S.-brokered Dayton peace accord.

U.S. diplomats have said they will pressure Croatian President Franjo Tudjman to curb protests by ethnic Croats, particularly in the divided city of Mostar, where plans for sharing power with Muslims have sparked violence.

Many Croats worry that power-sharing will end the hefty profits made during the war by smuggling goods across the border to unoccupied Bosnia.

"Some of the people participating in the gathering are war profiteers, who don't want the tension to end," said Vitez military police chief, Maj. Marinko Palava. "I think they are the main organizers."

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Focus

A song for a friend



At a gathering in memory of his friend, guitarist Kevin Sanborn shares an intimate song for blues musician Neil Ricketts. Ricketts died in an automobile accident in January.

Local blues band member remembers friend, fellow musician killed in accident

By Julie M. McKinnon
Times-News writer

Kemper of Twin Falls. "He's my best friend, and I'll miss him every day."

TWIN FALLS — It was buckets of beer — not buckets of tears — that flowed at The Pound on Thursday night.

Blues musician Neil Ricketts, whose life ended one morning last month on an icy eastern Idaho highway, had wanted his friends to have a good time at the jam session held in his honor.

They all knew that. Yet, as his friends played music, smoked cigarettes, danced a few moves, or just looked on as other bands played, occasionally the tears weren't too far away.



BUDDY CHARLES HANNAH/THE TIMES-NEWS

Neil Ricketts

And, toward the end of the evening, everyone in the bar paid tribute to 29-year-old The Twin Falls guitarist with a minute of silence.

"I've never seen that happen in a bar before," Bush Pilots bass guitarist and vocalist Kevin Sanborn said. "The day that I heard he passed away, I wanted to do something ... so all the musicians who knew him will have to chance to say good-bye to him in our own way."

Ricketts was killed at about 11:30 a.m. Jan. 20 on U.S. Highway 91 near Blackfoot. His blues band, Delta 88, was playing in Pocatello that weekend, and he was on his way to see friends in Blackfoot.

On a morning that kept police in Bingham County busy pulling people out of snowy ditches and responding to weather-related accidents, Ricketts lost control of his car and went in front of a Ford Bronco. He died instantly.

"He'll be missed," said John

A few bands and some stray musicians played at the Thursday night event organized by the Bush Pilots, an event that also raised

\$500 for Ricketts' widow, Cory.

"There's nothing we can do for Neil anymore," said Bush Pilots drummer Russ Campeau. "We just wanted to show our appreciation for the period of time we got to know him by doing something for his wife."

Until about six years ago, Sanborn and Campeau played with Ricketts in a rock and jazz

band called The Locals. What made Ricketts' death even more shocking was that The Locals' keyboardist, Curtis Crumrine, was killed in a vehicle accident shortly after band split up, Sanborn said.

His friends remember Ricketts as a man who taught himself to play guitar as a teen and was one of the best around — and he wasn't arrogant about it.

He was easygoing yet trustworthy. He was the kind of person you could have a good time with no matter where you were.

Still, his friends didn't want to wallow in their loss through the whole session Thursday.

"We didn't want it to be a big sad thing," said Sanborn, who sang some of the songs he used to play with Ricketts.

"As it is, Neil is probably up wherever he is saying, 'You sappy goofballs.'"



Above, Mike Jenkins, left, and Kevin Sanborn raise their glasses, saluting the contributions of Neil Ricketts. At far left, a moment of dancing brings Sanborn, Jenkins and drummer Russ Campeau together. All three had been members of a band called 'The Locals,' with Ricketts and keyboardist, Curtis Crumrine, who also died in an automobile accident. Left, as another group begins a performance, Sanborn pauses next to vocalist Joy Trowbridge during the evening.

Photos by Mike Salsbury

TOM SWIFTIES
By Frances Burton

THE Sunday Crossword

Edited by Herb Ettenson

- ACROSS**
- 1 Ancient garment
 - 5 A Flintstone
 - 9 Playbill listing
 - 11 Homeless boy
 - 10 Milky gem
 - 10 Singer Faiana
 - 20 Famous source
 - 22 In reserve
 - 23 "I've inherited a fortune," he said —
 - 25 Steady gaze
 - 26 Ingratulating
 - 27 SCAM
 - 28 Marvin and Majors
 - 29 "The maid quit," he said —
 - 31 — avail (useless)
 - 32 Verge
 - 33 Tanna's Naatase
 - 35 Scampar
 - 37 Tied
 - 38 Axiel
 - 39 Handle roughly
 - 42 Flip up
 - 43 Social climbers
 - 46 Hurting
 - 47 Olive dishes
 - 48 Mexican dish
 - 49 Popeye's Olive
 - 50 — over a fence
 - 51 High mountain
 - 52 "My parties are wretched," he said —
 - 56 — down (muted)
 - 57 Electron accelerator
 - 60 Theater apparatus
 - 63 Fountain trees
 - 68 Climbing vines
 - 68 Trumpet sound
 - 64 Roll with a hoie
 - 65 Burn with liquid
 - 66 Fob off
 - 67 "This stuff is dry," he said —
 - 70 Anticipate
 - 71 "Medicine packages," he said —
 - 73 Vast expanse
 - 74 Medicine
 - 75 — Vegas
 - 78 Canteen
 - 79 paintings
 - 81 Fudky, briefly
 - 79 Troubles
 - 79 More exposed
 - 81 — St. Vincent
 - 81 Milay
 - 82 Makes deceptively attractive
 - 83 Cunning
 - 84 The best
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 - 89 Shopping mall
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 - 94 pitcher's no-no
 - 95 Stifle

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CSI offers essay-writing class Tuesdays

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS — The art and craft of personal essays will be the focus of a forthcoming continuing education class at the College of Southern Idaho.

Personal essays provide a means for anyone with good basic writing skills to share what it means to be alive. Class participants will learn about the various types of personal essays and find out how to submit essays for possible publication.

Julie Fanslow will lead the discussion in the course, that is set to start this month. She is a Twin Falls-based writer who has published essays in "The Wall Street Journal," "Chicago Tribune," "Pittsburgh Post-Gazette" and several other magazines and newspapers.

"Writing Personal Essays" will be held from 7 to 9 p.m. Tuesdays, Feb. 27 through March 12, in Shields 106. Cost is \$25.

Students should pre-register in the Taylor Building at CSI. For more information, call 733-9554, Ext. 2270.

Reading, networking session planned

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS — A reading and networking session is planned for 7 p.m. Wednesday at Barnes & Noble, located at the west end of the Magic Valley Mall.

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For more information, call Pat Marcantonio at 324-3391.

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- 14 Fragrant herb
- 15 Grain grinder
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- 17 A marshal of France
- 21 "He can't be trusted," she said —
- 24 Gully washer
- 30 Shade trees
- 31 Corn alias
- 32 Nonmetallic element
- 33 Bitter herb
- 35 Silly rock
- 36 "Let's visit the tombs," he said —
- 37 BLT word
- 38 Sherlock's creator
- 39 "My pencil is dull," he said —
- 40 Fr. city
- 41 Unwanted plant
- 42 Thick slice
- 43 Aegean island
- 45 Actor Nick
- 46 Fished
- 48 All in
- 50 Put on
- 53 NY village
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- 66 Start up
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- 88 Old Faithful, e.g.
- 87 More towering
- 88 Fall before
- 89 Put to the last
- 90 Mediterranean island
- 91 Put on cargo
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- 93 Alone
- 94 Baseball hit
- 95 Crazy notion
- 96 Alan or Robert
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- 98 Pupperle Bird
- 100 — relief
- 101 — Paulo

Hansen honor roll

The Times-News

HANSEN — Hansen School District has released the first semester honor roll for the junior and senior high schools. Listed below are students who have earned high grades.

SENIORS
4.0: Trenton Stanger and Jana Stenklyft.
3.0-4.0: Wes Aston, Brian Bennett, Lacy Brasher, Salvador Brizuela, Heather Coates, Dawn Collins, Cade Davis, Heidi Gibson, Saesha Haubrich, Armie Helman, Larry Hollfield, Dusty Lapp, Brandi Mori, Jami Schvaneveldt and Elena Trajkovska.

JUNIORS
4.0: Brandi Coffman and Brent Norris.
3.0-4.0: C.R. Call, Ben Crockett, Devin DeLeon, Carol Drury, Andrea Gibson, Holly Stanger, Ritali Switzer and De'Sha Wilson.

SOPHOMORES
4.0: Brinley Davis.
3.0-4.0: Chevy Bailey, Margi

Hollfield, Morgan Jokumson, Jeremy King, Danielle Lursen, Dana Medley, Jessy Mitchell, Jeanne Ratto and Devin Stimpson.

FRESHMEN
4.0: Megan Freestone and Daniel Norris.

3.0-4.0: Tyler Blokhman, Alan Clarke, Emily Crockett, Rebecca Degner, Patrick Dulin, Shasta Harrison, Jaime Herrera, Curtis Loveless, Lance Myers, Melissa Packham, Sharilyn Schvaneveldt, Colin Smith, and Jonathan

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3.0-4.0: Tyler Bailly, Aubrey Frazier, Chris Keller, Jose Maldonado, Michelle McCreary, Alesia Myers, Tony Rastador, Reeve Rhoads, Megan Richards, Amanda Stanger and Jecidiah Weber.

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MALL CINEMA

Senior calendar

Twin Falls Senior Citizens Center
616 Eastland Drive
All dinners at noon. Suggested donation is \$2.50 for seniors, \$3.50 for non-seniors under 60 and \$2.50 for children under 12.

Monday: Taco salad.
Tuesday: Chicken pot pie
Wednesday: Fish
Thursday: Cabbage rolls
Friday: Crab and spinach quiche
Activities:
Library, Pool Room, and Bargain Center with cards, games, color television and movies. Open weekdays from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Monday:
Quilting from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Exercise at 10 a.m.
Tuesday:
Blood pressure checks from 10:30 to 11:45 a.m.
Tax assistance from 9 a.m. to noon and again from 1 to 3 p.m. Call 734-5084 for appointment.

Wednesday:
Quilting from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Exercise at 10 a.m.
Board meeting at 1 p.m.
Line dancing at 3 p.m.

Thursday:
Pinocle at 1 p.m.
Tax assistance from 9 a.m. to noon and again from 1 to 3 p.m. Call 734-5084 for appointment.
Friday:
Quilting from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Exercise at 10 a.m.
Blood pressure checks from 10 a.m. to noon.
Ladies pool at 2 p.m.
Sunday, Feb. 25
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Ceramics at 1 p.m.
Trip to Jackpot. Bus leaves at 1 p.m.
Wednesday:

Blood pressure checks.
Thursday:
Crafts at 1 p.m.
Friday:
Pinocle at 1 p.m.

Golden Heritage Senior Center
2421 Overland, Burley
All dinners at noon. Suggested donation is \$2.
Monday: Country fried steak
Tuesday: Lasagna
Wednesday: Oven baked chicken
Thursday: Tuna rice bake
Friday: Spaghetti
Activities:
Monday:
Pool at 10 a.m.
Tax assistance from 1 to 3 p.m.
Tuesday:
Pool at 10 a.m.
Wednesday:
Ladies pool at 10 a.m.
Friday:
Pool at 10 a.m.

Minidoka County Senior Citizens Service Center
702 11th St., Rupert
All dinners at noon. Suggested donation is \$2. Bring own table service. Home-delivered meals Monday through Friday on request.
Monday: Natural pounded steak
Tuesday: Sweet and sour pork
Wednesday: Roast turkey and dressing
Thursday: Chicken fried steak and country gravy
Friday: Smorgasbord
Activities:
Gift Center Shop open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Daily: Quilting and Pool table from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Crafts after lunch.
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Monday:
Exercise at 10 a.m.
Tuesday:
Ceramics from 1 to 4 p.m.
Bridge at 1 p.m., with Lois Stephenson as chairman.
Wednesday:
Crafts after lunch.
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Ceramics from 1 to 4 p.m.

West End Senior Citizens Inc.
1010 Main St., Buhl
All meals at noon, Monday through Saturday, 1 p.m. on Sunday. Thrift shop

open every day from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Sunday: Barbecue chicken
Monday: Pancakes, toast, ham or sausage and scrambled eggs
Tuesday: Barbecue beef ribs
Wednesday: Barbecue beef ribs
Thursday: Tator to casserole
Friday: Tator tot casserole
Saturday: Sweet and sour pork
Activities:
Monday:
Exercise class at 10 a.m.
Cards at the center.
Special music featuring Alpen Spieler.
Tuesday:
Exercise at 10 a.m.
Wednesday:
Exercise class at 10 a.m.
Bus to Twin Falls every Wednesday for doctor appointments as needed.
Thursday:
Quilting and cards at the center.
Friday:
Exercise class at 10 a.m.
Saturday:
Exercise class at 10 a.m.

Gooding County Senior Citizens
308 Senior Ave.
All dinners at noon. Suggested donation is \$2 for seniors and \$4 for non-seniors.
Tuesday: Chili/faked potato
Wednesday: Baked chicken
Thursday: Roast beef
Activities:
Monday:
Center closed for meals.
Ladies' pinocle at 12:30 p.m.
Hand & Foot card game at 6 p.m.
Tuesday:
Pool at 9:30 a.m. and again at 1 p.m.
Knitting at 9:30 a.m.
Bridge at 6:30 p.m.
Men's pool at 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday:
Pool at 9:30 a.m. and again at 1 p.m.
Line dancing at 9:30 a.m.
55 & Alive program from 12:30 to 4:30 p.m.
Crafts at 12:45 p.m.


Jerome Senior Center
212 First Ave. E.
All dinners at noon. Suggested donation is \$2.
Monday: Sauerkraut and Wieners
Tuesday: Sweet and sour pork
Wednesday: Taco salad
Thursday: Roast turkey with dressing
Friday: Birthday dinner with ham
Activities:
Monday:
Aerobics at 11 a.m.
Tuesday:
Aerobics at 11 a.m. and again at 3 p.m.
Pinocle at 12:30 p.m.
Wednesday:
Pinocle at 7:30 p.m.

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Shuffleboard at 6 p.m.
Thursday:
Pool at 9:30 a.m.
Blood pressure checks at 11 a.m.
55 & Alive program from 12:30 to 4:30 p.m.
TOPS at 5 p.m.
Men's pool at 6:30 p.m.
Pinocle at 7 p.m.
Friday:
Bridge at 9 a.m.
Pool at 9 a.m.

Jerome Senior Center
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Monday: Sauerkraut and Wieners
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Activities:
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Aerobics at 11 a.m.
Tuesday:
Aerobics at 11 a.m. and again at 3 p.m.
Pinocle at 12:30 p.m.
Wednesday:
Pinocle at 7:30 p.m.

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Afternoon aerobics.
Thursday:
Aerobics at 9:30 a.m. and again at 3 p.m.
Friday:
Pinocle at 12:30 p.m.
Sunshine Singers will perform.

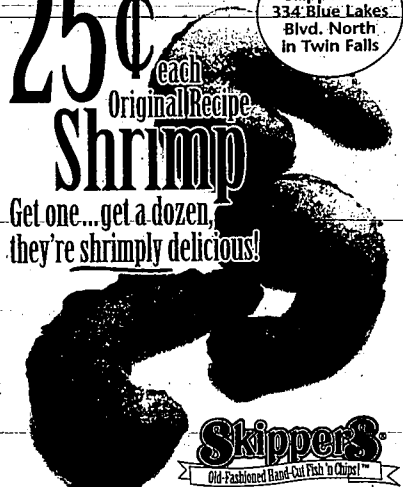
Silver & Gold Senior Center
203 Wilson, Eden
Dinner is served at noon. Suggested donation is \$1.75 for seniors and \$3.25 for non-seniors. Home delivered meals suggested donation is \$1.75. Center hours are 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday-Thursday and 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Friday.
Tuesday: Log cabin pie
Thursday: Chicken and noodles
Activities:
Monday:
Breakfast from 8 to 10 a.m.
Friday:
Breakfast from 8 to 10 a.m.

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140 E. Lake
All dinners at noon. Suggested donation is \$2.50 for seniors, \$4 for non-seniors and \$2.25 for children under 12. Breakfast prices posted in dining room.
Tuesday: Beefsteak breakfast a la carte, for breakfast and soup and sandwich for lunch
Wednesday: Barbecued chicken
Thursday: Taco pancake
Friday: Salmon stew

Activities:
Tuesday:
Quilting
Thursday:
College of Southern Idaho crazy quilt class from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.
Friday:
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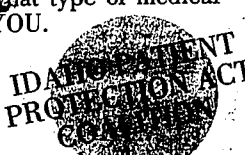
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Magic Valley

Cassia asks voters to select school plan

By John Thompson
Times-News writer

BURLEY—A financial consultant who helped devise the plan says Cassia County School District's bond issue proposal offers something for everyone, and its tax burden will be less significant now than it would be later if this bond issue fails.

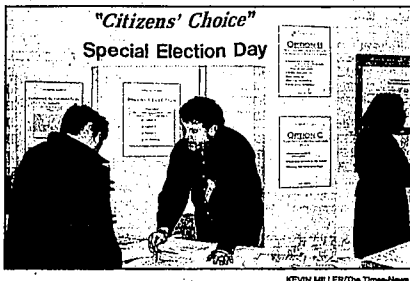
"The concept focuses people on solutions," said Thomas Pitcher, a financial consultant for Zions Bank in Salt Lake City. "I think Cassia County voters will pass a bond, but it will be interesting and exciting to see which option they choose. So far we have heard a lot of talk about each plan but no one is talking about doing nothing, and last year the talk was all either in favor or against."

He said now is the time to borrow, with interest rates at around 5 percent, they are as low as they have been in several years. The cost of inflation meant close to \$1 million between last year's and this year's bond proposals, he said.

"This plan is to separate people who have traditionally supported education, but for philosophical or financial reasons have voted no on bond elections," he said. "This way they can vote yes but keep their opinions. The district isn't trying to cram this down anybody's throat."

The school district unveiled its multiple choice plan at a press conference on Monday. Voters will vote on the polls on March 19. The first asks them to select one of four options.

Option A asks for about \$22 million to build new high schools in Burley, Declo and Grand. It also would build a regional technology center and make improvements to Raft River High School.



"Citizens' Choice" Special Election Day
At Saturday's Family-a-Fair in Burley High School, Leroy Funk explains the Cassia County School District's recently unveiled multiple-choice bond issue to Becky Simonson. Supporters of the bond set up a booth at the Parent Teacher Organization function to begin the publicity blitz before the March 19 election.

Option B, tagged the "no tax increase plan" asks the voters for \$15 million to renovate Burley High School, modify Declo High School, build additions to Raft River High School and Burley Junior High School and build a new school in Oakley.

Option C, the consolidation plan, calls for \$11.7 million to build a consolidated high school, close Oakley and Declo high schools and build the initial phases of a regional technology center.

Option D is to do nothing. The second ballot asks voters to if they are for or against allowing the district to authorize funding up to \$21.9 million. The funding authorization ballots will be counted first and if the bond is approved by the two-thirds margin the option ballots will be counted. Which ever of the three options gets the most votes wins.

"Other Idaho districts have spent many years holding bond elections to finally come up with a plan," said Pitcher. "This proposal allows the voters to settle in one day the direction the district will take over the next 20 years, and it saves time and money." But there has been some confusion over the "no tax increase plan," or option B, Pitcher said.

The way option B gets back to a zero property tax increase by 1998 is because of a plant facilities levy that does not expire until 1998. The plant facilities levy is paid off in two years so the two payments would cancel each other out, he said.

"Under option B there would be a little two year spike and then it will come back to 1995 levels," he said. "It may even get better if the market continues to grow because there will be more taxable value to assess it against."

Option C works the same way, returning to a zero increase by 1998, according to the district's figures.

Under option A, the monthly property tax increase on a \$100,000 home for the first two years would be about \$10, decreasing to about \$4 by 1998. A \$100,000 farm would be about \$16 per month until 1998, at which time it would decrease to about \$7 per month.

Option B would increase the property tax on a \$100,000 home by about \$7 per month until 1998 and on a \$100,000 farm it would go up about \$11 per month until 1998.

Most sheep ranchers use dogs to protect their flocks, prompting several of the Blaine County critics to ask why ADC kills predators for ranchers who don't have guard dogs.

"Laird Noh is costing the taxpayers a lot of money. He is an expensive permittee," on Sawtooth Forest grazing lands, said Ketchum attorney Debra Kronenberg.

"Guard dogs are not a cure-all. There are still a lot of problems with dogs," countered Craig Maycock, an ADC man from Pocatello.

In a telephone interview from Boise, Noh agreed that "dogs can be a very useful tool, but they are one

tool of many." Still, Noh said he's considering the use of dogs to protect his sheep in the future.

Noh said he doesn't have guard dogs because "we've had problems with cougars only twice in 70 years." One of the problems was last year when Noh's herders killed two mountain lions and ADC killed a third — and the other episode was two years earlier.

Noh's big loss took place after all three cats had been killed and the herder felt the crisis had passed; the big pile-up was caused by a fourth mountain lion in the Buckskin Ridge area of the South Hills.

supervisor Mike McMasters says his department is satisfied with the steps the company has taken to curtail the odor.

"Odors are highly subjective," McMasters said, adding that the issue falls under public nuisance ordinances, since there is no way to measure or monitor an odor.

"The nuisance issue is a difficult one to enforce," he said. Sorenson says a petition containing the signatures of more than 400 residents protesting the odor proves that the molasses operation is a public nuisance.

But the mayor doesn't expect the battle to be an easy one. "Given the limited economic resources of the city and the massive resources of P.M. Ag Products Inc., this battle will be a little like David and Goliath," Sorenson said.

Man injured in ski accident

The Times-News

ALBION—A man who hit a tree was injured during a skiing accident Saturday at Pomona Ski Area. Details of the accident were not available Saturday evening, but the man's daughter may have also been injured.

Cassia County Sheriff Billy Crayton said the man was transferred from Cassia Regional Medical Center in Burley to Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls. Both are believed to be from Twin Falls, he said.

Help

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farmworkers, but only in the narrowest of incidents — leaving workers on about 90 percent of the state's 13,520 farms without coverage.

"They're doing the most distasteful, strenuous work there is to be done in this state, and they're receiving little if any recognition for it," said Saul Ramos, director of the Utah Migrant Health Program. "They're buying gas, food, clothes here, they're contributing to our economy, yet they have no representation and little services for the taxes they have paid."

Workers compensation would have covered the costs of Tellez's medical and rehabilitation costs and up to \$14,000 a year for life because of his total disability.

But Idaho is among 14 states nationwide that specifically exempt farmworkers from coverage under workers compensation, though there is a bill to remove that exemption in the state Legislature this session.

If Tellez had been injured in Utah, he would not have been covered by workers compensation. Utah requires workers-compensation coverage only for those farms that employ more than five full-time laborers who work at least 13 consecutive weeks in a year. Tellez and his uncle were the only workers on the Malta farm where he was injured.

Most migrant farmworkers who flock to Utah work just a few weeks picking peaches, apples and cherries in the state's orchards and pulling onions, potatoes, mushrooms, and melons from the fields. Others get jobs herding sheep or cattle on farm and ranch lands. Most migrate from job to job and work several different seasons.

A national study estimates that nearly 18,000 migrant farmworkers and their dependents make their living in Utah. Regional studies, which don't count dependents, give lower numbers. In the peak summer months, they estimate that 33,000 work on Utah farms — with 11,500 being migrant or seasonal workers. During winter, the number of farmworkers totals about 22,500 — of which 7,000 are migrants. Whether the number, Utah's restrictive workers-compensation law "pretty much exempts them all," said Lane Summerhays, CEO of Workers Compensation Fund of Utah.

Police investigate bullet holes in hotel room

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS—City police were still investigating Saturday a bullet hole and blood splatter found on the wall of an Apollo Motor Inn Best Western room Friday morning.

It appears any wounds from the bullet were self-inflicted, said Twin Falls City

Police Patrolman Tom Fleming, claiming he could not yet say why police believe the gunshot probably was self-inflicted.

Police do have records on who stayed in the room Thursday night, he said. Fleming also said Saturday he still was contacting people about the incident.

"We don't know exactly who's involved," Fleming said.

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Death

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all pile-up deaths were classed as predator kills — even though the predator never touched most of the dead animals, Carpenter said.

One of incidents, on the forest's Fairfield Ranger District, killed about 84 sheep and lambs belonging to Bliggs-area rancher Peter Janss. The other, in the South Hills, killed 81 sheep and lambs belonging to state Sen. Laird Noh, R-Kimberly.

Both ranchers had shepherds in the area, but only Janss had guard dogs; Noh's operation was using a low propane cannon to frighten predators when the attack occurred.

Odor

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The city of Kimberly, he insists, doesn't have a legal leg to stand on.

"Nothing that is coming out of the stack is hazardous to anybody's health," he said. "It may be inconvenient. It may be offensive in different ways. But in terms of some real threat to their health — it just isn't there."

What P.M. Ag is doing "probably isn't illegal," Kimberly resident John Barrott said. "But it should be."

Barrott and his wife Chris operate an upholstery shop near the molasses plant, and live just a few blocks away. "It's interfering with our personal lives, as well as our business," Barrott said.

This isn't a matter of a few immediate neighbors being offended by the odor, says Sen. Laird Noh, R-Kimberly, whose help residents have enlisted.

There were times last summer when the stench invaded Noh's home, two miles north of Kimberly.

Since then, the company has installed what it calls "state of the art" technology, an elaborate scrubber-condenser unit designed to clean up the emissions coming from the cooker stack.

The level of odor control achieved by the unit "is as good as it gets," Noh said.

For Noh, and a few dozen of his rural neighbors, the odor has lost much of its punch, Noh said. But for hundreds of households inside the city limits of Kimberly, the odor continues to be a problem.

"Some residents have said that they feel like prisoners in their own homes," Sorenson explained in a written statement on file at City Hall.

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Magic Valley/Idaho

Sheriff denies gun in shop relevant to case

LEWISTON (AP) — Nez Perce County Sheriff Ron Keeper insists he and his officers did nothing wrong in never reporting a handgun found in the shop adjacent to where Ron and Luella Bingham were shot to death.

Attorneys Roy and Craig Mosman re-heavily on that gun as they argued Friday that Kenneth Arasmith should have his murder convictions overturned or get a new trial for last May's slayings.

"It's as strong of impeachment material as it gets," Craig Mosman told 2nd District Judge Ida Leggett.

Arasmith was convicted last fall in the first-degree murder of Ron Bingham and second-degree murder of his wife, Luella. He argued he shot in self-defense while he was confronting them over allegations they had sexually molested his teen-age daughter.

The jury was chosen from the Twin Falls area due to the amount of publicity about the case in the Lewiston area.

Arasmith testified at trial he believed both Bingham were reaching for guns as he approached with his own weapons.

The handgun found in the shop

belonged to the son of Capt. Scott Whitcomb, second-in-command at the sheriff's department. His son, Cliff Whitcomb, 24, worked at the shop.

Keeper said his officers should never have been in the shop in the first place without a search warrant because it was not part of the crime scene.

"I really don't think we had any right to be in that building at all," he said.

Nez Perce County Prosecutor Denise Rosen, however, argued the gun was not material to the case and would not have affected the jury's guilty verdicts.

"It doesn't look good," she admitted,

"but it doesn't mean bad faith and it doesn't (merit) a new trial."

Shop owner Tony Adams, who allegedly reported a gun was found there, took the stand Friday and recounted much of what the Mosmans have claimed he told them.

"At the time I was very upset to be back in jail and I wanted to get back at my probation officer," Adams said. "I felt I'd been dumped on, so I started talking about the gun to get things rolling, to get some people's attention."



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Wednesday: Hamburger on a bun.
Thursday: Waffles topped with cherries and ham slices.
Friday: Breaded chicken patty.

BLISS
Breakfast served everyday.
Lunch: Choice of mainline or salad bar available Monday through Thursday with potato bar every other day.
Tuesday: Veggie pizza.
Wednesday: Ham and potatoes.
Thursday: Chickenburger on a bun.
Friday: Burrito.

BUHL
Breakfast: Juice served everyday.
Tuesday: Cereal and toast.
Wednesday: Biscuits and gravy.
Thursday: Pancakes.
Friday: French toast and cinnamon toast.
Lunch: Tuesday: Sack lunch (cold-cut sandwich).
Wednesday: Cheesy yum-yums and veggie soup.
Thursday: Beef nachos with cheese and salsa.
Friday: Pepperoni pizza.

BURLEY JUNIOR HIGH
Breakfast: Juice and fruit served everyday.
Lunch: Choice of salad bar with sandwich or soup or sandwich bar every day.
Tuesday: Hamburger or burrito or cheeseburger.
Wednesday: Baked potato special with turkey gravy and ham and cheese.
Thursday: Pizza or cheese square.
Friday: Beef taco or corn dog.

CASSIA COUNTY ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS
Breakfast: Fruit or juice served everyday.
Tuesday: Waffles and cheese square.
Wednesday: Oatmeal and graham crackers.
Thursday: Peanut butter and jelly on toast.
Friday: Cereal breakfast bar and sausage patty.
Lunch: Tuesday: Hamburger on a bun.
Wednesday: Baked potato special.
Thursday: Pizza.
Friday: Beef taco.

CASTLEFORD
Breakfast: Tuesday: Pancakes.
Wednesday: Cook's choice.
Thursday: Pancakes.
Friday: French toast.
Lunch: Self-serve salad bar everyday.
Tuesday: Ribcuss sandwich.
Wednesday: Spaghetti and meat balls.
Thursday: Hotdog or polish sausage.
Friday: Grand nachos.

DIETRICH
Breakfast: Choice of juice, milk, hot chocolate, cereal, toast or muffin.
Lunch: Salad bar and variety of fruit choices, both chocolate milk and white milk offered daily.
Tuesday: Corn dog.
Wednesday: Roast beef and mashed potatoes with gravy.
Thursday: Chili.
Friday: Tacos.

FILER
Tuesday: Pizza.
Wednesday: Chicken patty.
Thursday: Burrito.
Friday: Chili.

GLENN'S FERRY
Tuesday: Taco salad.
Wednesday: Spaghetti.
Thursday: Chickenburger.
Friday: Chili.

GIBBONS ELEMENTARY (GOODING)
Breakfast served everyday.
Lunch: Salad bar or potato bar available on alternating days.
Tuesday: Turkey sandwich.
Wednesday: Vegetable soup and peanut butter and jelly sandwich.
Thursday: Spaghetti.
Friday: Hamburger on a bun.

FRANK MIDDLE SCHOOL (GOODING)
Breakfast served everyday.
Tuesday: Toasted cheese sandwich and chicken noodle soup.

Wednesday: Burrito.
Thursday: Oriental stir fry and rice.
Friday: Pig in blanket.

GOODING HIGH SCHOOL
Breakfast served everyday.
Lunch: Salad bar or main menu and potato bar or pizza available on alternating days.
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Tuesday: Dino nuggets.
Wednesday: Hamburger on a bun.
Thursday: Turkey gravy over mashed potatoes.
Friday: Ham and cheese on a bun.

HANSEN
Tuesday: Hamburger on a bun.
Wednesday: Sausage patty and French toast stick.
Thursday: Chicken fillet.
Friday: Taco salad.

IDAHO SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF AND BLIND
Breakfast: Choice of juice and fruit.
Tuesday: Corn flakes, pancakes and little smokies.
Wednesday: Cereal, sausage link and muffin.

Thursday: Oatmeal, ham and biscuit.
Friday: Hot rice with cinnamon, fried egg and toast.
Lunch: Salad bar everyday.
Tuesday: Pig-in-a-blanket.
Wednesday: Beef stew.
Thursday: Tuna salad on a homemade bun.
Friday: Hamburger on a bun.

DMANUEL LUTHERAN SCHOOL
Tuesday: Macaroni and cheese and ham.
Wednesday: Hoagie sandwich.
Thursday: Turkey and lettuce salad.
Friday: Italian sausage and cheese pizza.

JEROME ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS
Breakfast served everyday.
Lunch: Tuesday: Hot ham and cheese sandwich.
Wednesday: Soft-shell taco.
Thursday: French dip sandwich.
Friday: Chili and cracker.

JEROME MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOLS
Choice of salad bar, soup and sandwich bar, self-serve bar, mainline (limited), main-line or line of a la carte items. Hamburger and mainlines served with french fries and fresh fruit.
Tuesday: Hot ham and cheese sandwich.
Wednesday: Chili and cracker.
Thursday: French dip sandwich.
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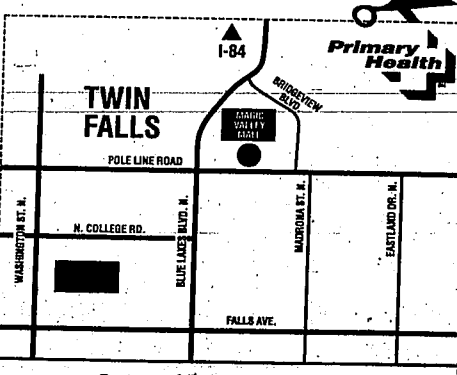
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Idaho

Tight revenues leave lawmakers, Batt juggling proposed projects

BOISE (AP) — Key lawmakers began seeing just how tight Idaho's tax revenues are as they began putting together the details of a 1997 state budget last week, and they found out how tenuous Gov. Phil Batt's spending blueprint really is.

At the same time, the disastrous flooding north of the Salmon River only heightened the caution even some of the moderate members of the Joint Finance Appropriations Committee have been laboring under.

With politics and pragmatism severely limiting their room to maneuver, budget writers generally followed the austere framework Batt laid out, although a large slice of \$1.1 billion to build up a pool of cash to plug holes and pay for pet projects.

They put off firing four people for parole and probation programs until halfway through the new budget year to save \$100,000 and eliminated 5 regional coordinators for the state's campaign against substance abuse to trim another \$240,000.

But moves like partial-year hiring only serve to make balancing future budgets even harder in slow economic times. It will cost another \$100,000 in the 1998 budget to pay those four new Correction



Department employee for a full year.

The same is true of some of the manipulations the governor made in his budget to stretch precious general tax revenues as far as possible. But he chose that approach intentionally, believing it was more important to the state and its property owners to finance a \$42 million property tax cut last year.

He proposed using millions of dollars from the Water Pollution Control Account, earmarked for subsidizing local sewer and water improvements, for a myriad of programs that in flusher years would have been picked up by general tax receipts.

The most notably was the million-dollar air quality program, and even cash-hungry budget writers drew the line there. They tapped the general treasury instead, fearing money in the water fund may come in handy coping with flood damage.

"Everybody looks at the water pollution control funds, particularly when we have a flood up north," House Appropriations Chairman Kathleen Garsney said. "If we left that fund with a little balance, it would be a nice place to go."

The governor and legislators are also questioning every cent they can imagine will be generated by the state endowments. But whether that much cash materializes for future budgets is anyone's guess and if it does not the choice is more general tax money or cuts in programs or services.

In fact, legislative analyst Dick Burns told the budget committee that shifting \$150,000 in veterans service expenses from general taxes to a dedicated fund is a one-year tactic because the cash will not be there again.

He said the same thing about Batt's decision to use \$100,000 from the Cancer Control Account to replace general tax money for some Health Division pay raises. The extra money from the tobacco tax will not be there next year, he said.

And Sen. Marguerite McLaughlin, the senior Democrat on the budget panel, questioned the wisdom of spending that money on salaries when cancer still affects so many Idahoans. The account finances cancer education programs and subsidizes mammography tests.

"I would think with more money they could expand their program to help people who need it," she said. Senate Finance Chairman Atwell Parry admits the situation is precarious although he believes there will be no serious problem in keeping the bottom line in the black.

Boise woman fights for transplant costs

BOISE (AP) — A Boise cancer patient is taking Ada County to court, hoping taxpayers will pay for her \$86,000 bone-marrow transplant. Sandra Shaffer could be one of the last people receiving transplant assistance.

She first asked the county for help May 22, according to the court papers. In June, she was turned down, although the documents do not say why. She is asking 4th District Court to set a 15-day deadline for county commissioners to decide her case, or set a hearing to discuss it. Idaho counties are the last

resort for indigents who cannot pay their medical bills. Last year in Ada County, residents paid \$4.3 million to cover medical and other bills of indigents. This week, state lawmakers will be asked to consider a measure intended to rein in the rising costs of those bills.

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Alleged victims pursue new case against doctor

REXBURG (AP) — A group of alleged victims of improper touching by a retired Rexburg doctor has asked the Madison County Commission to hire a new prosecutor and investigator to reopen the case.

During a closed-door session last week, eight alleged victims presented an emotional argument for reviewing evidence against Dr. Lavar Withers and reconsidering whether charges should be filed against him.

Withers has repeatedly denied all the allegations against him. He surrendered his license to practice medicine last year.

His alleged improprieties have been investigated by the Rexburg Police Department, special prosecutor Steve Clark of Rigby and the state attorney general's office.

On the advice of the attorney general's office, no charges were pursued.

"The AG's office told us we couldn't win this," Madison County Commission Chairman Jerry Jeppesen said.

Now the alleged victims, including a family that has threatened to file a civil lawsuit against the county-owned hospital where Withers practiced, want the county to consider reopening the case.

They want the county to hire Boise lawyer Michael Kane, who worked as the lead criminal investigator for the attorney general's office when Democrat Larry EchoHawk was state attorney general. He was succeeded by Republican Alan Lance.

Jeppesen said the move to hire Kane might be politically motivated.

"They seem to be going after Lance," the commissioner said. Lance's office has been criticized for foot-dragging in its investigation.

Arrest made in homicide case

COEUR D'ALENE (AP) — A 37-year-old Hayden man has been arrested in the slaying of a Missouri man whose body was found in a remote area, Kootenai County Sheriff Pierce Clegg says.

Frederick Donohoe was arrested Friday after being identified as the last person seen last Sunday with Daniel J. Bonin, Clegg said.

Investigators also found evidence in Donohoe's car that links him to the slaying, Clegg said. He did not claim a role.

Donohoe was booked into the county jail for investigation of murder and was being held without bail.

Bonin's body was found Monday in brush near a power line access road outside Hayden, authorities say. An initial autopsy was unable to determine the cause of death, and more tests were expected.

Bonin, 33, of Kansas City, Mo., had reportedly been visiting family

in the Hayden area over the weekend and was last seen when he left to go on a walk Sunday, authorities say.



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Ex-neo-Nazi moonlights as national park ranger

SPOKANE, Wash. (AP) — A former white supremacist leader is now a seasonal federal law officer, working for a government he once decried as a Zionist Occupied Government.

Justin F. Dwyer, the former Washington state leader of the Aryan Nations, is a seasonal park ranger, working six months a year for the National Park Service. As part of his job, he carries a gun and has the same arrest powers as an FBI agent.

He also befriended Randy Weaver, who became a federal fugitive in 1991 after failing to show up for trial on a firearms charge. Dwyer visited Weaver in his mountaintop cabin near Naples just days before a deadly 1992 shootout that left Weaver's wife and son and a federal marshal dead.

"I'm certainly as shocked as anybody that we have this guy working for us," Chris Address, chief ranger for the National Park Service, said Friday from his Washington, D.C., office.

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— Chris Address, chief ranger, National Park Service

Dwyer, 28, worked last season at Fort Spokane, where he made arrests and wrote misdemeanor tickets. The campground is at the confluence of the Spokane and Columbia rivers in Lincoln County.

"He's on our rolls, but is not working now," said Gerry Tuys, superintendent of the Coulee Dam National Recreation Area.

Dwyer's seasonal job is set to resume in April, but National Park Service officials are not expected to call him back to duty.

Dwyer has an unlimited number and could not be reached for comment Saturday. But in a statement issued Friday, he told the Spokesman-Review he's no longer involved with the Aryan Nations.

"I'm trying to put the past behind me and (a news story) will only be counterproductive in my new life," Dwyer said. "I am no longer involved (in Aryan Nations) and haven't been for several years."

Dwyer was a skinhead in the San Francisco Bay area before coming to the Aryan Nations near Hayden-Lake in the late 1980s.

In 1991, Dwyer recruited skinheads in Federal Way in Western Washington and staged a neo-Nazi rally on Whidbey Island for the late Bob Matthews, who led a band of violent neo-Nazis known as The Order.

was hired by Mark Arsenault, then acting district ranger at Fort Spokane.

Tuys, Arsenault's supervisor, said Arsenault followed agency guidelines in checking on Dwyer.

The Park Service is prohibited from asking job applicants about past affiliations with unions and political or religious organizations, Tuys said.

"If we'd known then what we know now about him, the National Park Service would have never hired this guy," Tuys said.

The National Park Service this week issued new guidelines changing the way it conducts background checks on seasonal officials.

The changes have nothing to do with Dwyer, Park Service officials said. "We are doing this, obviously, to see what we can do better in the way of background checks," Address said.

Dwyer drives a 1979 Chevy Blazer, painted in camouflage colors and bearing a bumper sticker that reads: "I love my country, but hate my government."

Dwyer lives near Cheney with his wife, the former Elizabeth

Coeur d'Alene flooding worse in '74

COEUR D'ALENE (AP) — About half as much water pulsed through the Coeur d'Alene River during the peak of this month's flooding as during the benchmark flood of 1974.

That comes as a surprise to many Kingdon and Cataldo residents who had 4 feet of water in their homes. They swore the flooding was as bad or worse than 22 years ago, and they are not necessarily wrong, say scientists who met last week in Coeur d'Alene.

"When you hear folks up there saying it was higher than the '74 flood, that may be so," said Paul Woods of the U.S. Geological Survey.

He said the depth of the water, known as "stage," is different from the flow, which is measured

Biologists monitor fish

LEWISTON (AP) — Biologists believe the big steelhead in the Clearwater River will still be there when the water clears from this month's flooding.

But the fish in Moose Creek Reservoir might be a different matter.

The Idaho Department of Fish and Game, which owns the reservoir, will lower its level until the dam can be inspected

by unstable stream banks and faster runoff.

The Clearwater River grew into a wild torrent of debris and mud Feb. 8 and 9 as flood waters scoured bare lowland streams from Lapwai Creek upriver to its South Fork at Kooskia.

The high water and debris is expected to present only a temporary obstacle to steelhead fishermen during the spring fishing season, however.

The measuring stick used to tell the height of the water at Cataldo could not be read during the flood, but the level apparently reached a record 53 feet.

Babbitt touts grazing reform advisory panels

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Interior Secretary Bruce Babbitt says that even though Congress may make his public lands grazing reforms obsolete, one main goal is very much alive: Western resource advisory councils.

Babbitt and Bureau of Land Management acting director Mike Dombeck were in Salt Lake City Friday to hear a progress report from Western resource advisory councils' leaders. The councils, a key part of Babbitt's reforms, are designed to bring diverse interests together to solve grazing problems locally.

The councils, which replace the old grazing advisory boards, are one of the more controversial ele-

ments of Babbitt's reforms. That's because they include more than just the livestock interests who made up the advisory boards. Hunters, environmentalists, miners, outdoor recreation enthusiasts, American Indian tribal representatives, scientists and wildlife biologists are on the councils as well.

Most of the councils now meeting are in the Intermountain-West. The members are working on grazing standards while being trained in the principles of range management.

Dombeck called the councils a decentralization of government, where local BLM officials will serve more as facilitators than decision makers.

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Maricopa sheriff calls out posse to help serve arrest warrants

PHOENIX (AP) — Maricopa County Sheriff Joe Arpaio called out his posse Saturday as members of the volunteer unit accompanied deputies kicking off an effort to target drug criminals sought on outstanding warrants.

Approximately 100 of the posse's 2,500 members participated in the effort that began Saturday afternoon, and a second shift was to report for duty in the evening, a sheriff's spokesman said.

Since taking office in 1993, Arpaio has enlarged the posse and called it out several times, including sending its members to shopping malls to patrol parking lots and along city streets to chase away prostitutes and graffiti vandals.

attention for his cutting off inmates from free coffee, ranchy cable television and sex magazines and for his establishment of a "tent city" to house the county's burgeoning jail population.

Teams of deputies and posse members were being sent to locations throughout the Phoenix area and elsewhere in the county to attempt to apprehend individuals named on outstanding criminal warrants.

No reports were immediately available Saturday afternoon on whether any of those sought had been arrested, but Arpaio said arrest figures wouldn't be the only gauge of success.

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Victims, give glimpse of clinic shooting

BOSTON (AP) — It was one of the days on which the Planned Parenthood of Greater Boston clinic performed abortions, so the usual half-dozen protesters were outside.

Receptionist Shannon Lowney sat at the front desk. Counselor Anjana Agrawal was in back with patients. In the waiting rooms, Laura Silva and Brian Murray waited with friends, and Antonio Hernandez sat with his wife.

John C. Salvi III went on trial last week for puncturing that tableau of the clinic's usual routine with his .22-caliber rifle fitted with a banana-shaped, large-capacity ammo clip.

He's charged with killing two receptionists and wounding five other people at Planned Parenthood and another clinic, Preterm Health Services.

In riveting testimony, prosecutors, victims and witnesses for the first time detailed Salvi's rampage through the clinics on Dec. 30, 1994.

Salvi's attorneys have acknowledged that their 23-year-old client was the shooter. They plan to present an insanity defense, while the prosecution is aiming for a first-degree murder conviction that could net Salvi a life term without possibility of parole.

Agrawal was standing near Lowney's desk as the receptionist pushed a buzzer to open the front doors.

In walked a young man with black, puffy hair, later identified as Salvi, who approached Lowney as she slid open the window separating her from



AP photo

Accused gunman John C. Salvi III, center, flanked by two court officers, lead into Norfolk Superior Court, in Dedham, Mass., Friday, Salvi, 23, of Hampton, N.H., is charged with murdering two receptionists and wounding five others in attacks on two abortion clinics on Dec. 30, 1994.

the patients. Salvi was dressed all in black.

In a hushed courtroom, Agrawal described what happened next.

Salvi made a "sudden movement, a downward movement, an upswing, and a rifle was pointed at the window. He pointed it directly at Shannon ... aimed and fired."

Lowney put her hands up, but two shots pierced her hands and neck, severing an artery, prosecutor John Kivlan said.

As Agrawal tried to escape into the rear section of the clinic, she said, "He then moved to the left and pointed the gun directly at me ... and I took two bullets in my right side."

Assistant clinic coordinator Mary Hummel was in a rear room and thought she heard firecrackers. Other nurses yelled: "Shannon's been shot! Bring the emergency cart!"

Hummel went into the hallway, saw Agrawal coming toward her and put out her arms to catch the wounded woman as she fell.

Hummel then saw Lowney back into the hallway with her hands at her neck. She called her name and Lowney turned toward her.

"She gestured to me with her hands open in a gesture that looked like frustration," Hummel said. "Shannon crumpled over. I couldn't see any wounds because she was bleeding so heavily. There was blood everywhere."

Lowney died within three to seven minutes.

Salvi then spun around and sprayed the waiting rooms with bullets.

Murray pushed Salvi to the floor when the shooting started.

"I remember a bullet whiz by me. It was right in front of me. I spun around and fell straight to the floor," Murray said.

He was shot in the left side. The bullet bounced off a rib and tore through his intestines, liver, stomach, spleen and pancreas before lodging near his right lung, where it remains.

While everyone else ducked, Hernandez walked toward Salvi. He was shot in the left arm, back and abdomen and suffered a collapsed lung.

The trial continues Tuesday.

Trial ends, but not tragedy, for actor Carroll O'Connor

LOS ANGELES (AP) — What Carroll O'Connor wanted, in lieu of his son's life, was justice. The actor campaigned for it, with police, and through the media, in tones angry and unrelenting.

Nearly a year after Hugh O'Connor's drug-related suicide, the father saw his son's pusher ordered to jail. O'Connor's tears still flow, but he says he has found satisfaction that Harry Perzigian, "that little rat," got what he deserved.

Satisfaction, but no comfort.

"Nothing will help," O'Connor said Friday, the day after Perzigian was sentenced to a year in jail. "Our lives have changed. My wife's and mine, and his widow. She will never get over this. She loved him terribly."

So did O'Connor. He fought for his son while he was alive, trying to help him break cocaine's hold and to snap the drug pipeline.

Warnings were left on Perzigian's answering machine: "My message to you is stop selling my son Hugh drugs, or I'm coming after you."

Carroll O'Connor hired a private detective to investigate him.

Then O'Connor went to police. It was a week before Hugh, 32, fatally shot himself at his Los Angeles area home.

"I came forward and said 'Here's this guy. I got his name from my son's wife, and this is his telephone number,'" O'Connor recounted. He shared the private eye's report that Perzigian, 40, had property, money, no apparent job and was known on the street as a pusher.

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Nation

Hopefuls launch last push

MANCHESTER, N.H. (AP) — Bob Dole voiced confidence Saturday that he was pulling away from Republican presidential rivals in New Hampshire but nonetheless launched an aggressive critique of Lamar Alexander's tax record. Publishing heir Steve Forbes opened the door to quitting the race if he fares poorly Tuesday.

As the Republicans sloshed through the snow, they had to share the spotlight with President Clinton, who was out campaigning again even though he faces no major primary opposition.

"If you vote for me I won't solve all the problems," Clinton told a boisterous rally in Keene. "I won't give you a miracle. But I will give you progress."

With time running short, the GOP contenders launched fresh attacks and counterattacks, not only on taxes but also over campaign tactics. But the fresh snow on the campaign trail also gave the candidates a scenic backdrop for some traditional hand-to-hand campaigning.

Dole and Indiana Sen. Dick Lugar, for example, strolled through a hunting and fishing exposition, shaking hands and posing for photographs with stuffed bears and other trophies.

Pat Buchanan, challenging Dole for the lead here, took an impromptu walk through Exeter, although he wasn't completely welcome. "I'm appalled that you are in my town — go away," one woman yelled at the conservative commentator, who complained all day that Dole's campaign was using phone banks to distort his views.

Dole, the Senate majority leader, rode shotgun in a snowplow through the streets of Salem — even paying a courtesy call on an old nemesis, former Gov. John Sununu, the architect of George Bush's successful campaign against Dole here in 1988.

While Sununu said he was staying neutral, Dole was noisier to pick up the endorsement of another old foe, Texas Sen. Phil Gramm, who dropped out of the GOP race Wednesday. Sources close to Gramm said an endorsement was likely, if not before New Hampshire votes Tuesday then next week when the campaign heads South.

Forbes, campaigning in Nashua, said he planned to be around then, but left the door open to folding his bid if he finished a poor fourth here.

"We'll have to see what the result is on Tuesday," Forbes said. But he quickly added, "and then we're going to take our message of growth and opportunity and giving power back to the people to other parts of the country. I think the New Hampshire people are starting to respond."

Dole, asked if he needed to win New Hampshire to keep his campaign alive, said, "I don't have to but I'd like to."

Voicing confidence, Dole said his polling showed him moving ahead of Buchanan and aides said Alexander had slipped a bit after moving up following his third-place showing Monday in Iowa. Several new public polls were consistent with that, although they showed a highly volatile climate.

Dole barely won Iowa, exposing him as a wobbly front-runner and forcing him to significantly increase his advertising budget for New Hampshire to the point where he actually outspent Forbes in the past two weeks.

Meanwhile, Buchanan and Alexander have spent much of the past week on the defensive. Buchanan has had to defend one of his campaign chairman against reports linking him to white supremacist and militia groups, and Alexander has faced scrutiny of several lucrative investments with politically connected friends while he was Tennessee governor.

Dole also has tried to blunt any Alexander surge here with the issue that doomed Dole's candidacy in 1988: taxes.

In its third new ad criticizing Alexander in as many days, the Dole campaign on Saturday pointed out that Alexander in 1983 proposed creating a state income tax. The ad also said that



Republican presidential hopeful Pat Buchanan, left, and his press secretary, Greg Mueller, listen to a recording of an alleged Dole for President campaign "push-poll" phone conversation from his hotel room in Manchester, N.H., Saturday.

while governor Alexander doubled state spending and raised taxes and fees more than 50 times. "Lamar Alexander: A tax and spend liberal who's not what he pretends to be."

And members of the Tennessee Conservative Union were at Alexander events handing out brochures criticizing "Liberal Lamar's Tax Record." The brochures said they were paid for by the Dole campaign.

Campaigning in Portsmouth along New Hampshire's seacoast, Alexander took issue with the ad. "We looked at a new tax system and I never recommended to Tennessee

an income tax," he said. But news accounts of his 1985 state of the state address show that Alexander did suggest a constitutional amendment creating a flat state income tax that would be revenue neutral and could not be raised without voter approval. "I've got to make a strong case to people on what they need to even think about supporting an income tax," Alexander said at the time.

Details aside, Alexander criticized Dole for airing negative ads. Dole rejected the label. "Those are facts," Dole said. "Those aren't negative ads."

Alexander, returning fire, said Dole had voted to raise taxes "time after time." With that record, Alexander said, "I cannot imagine Senator Dole giving me a sermon about taxes and spending."

In an interview, Buchanan said Dole campaign callers were distorting his views, an allegation Forbes made against Dole in the final days of the Iowa campaign.

"This is a tactic of desperation," Buchanan said.

Dole responded, "We're not engaging in any such tactics."

Report: Aide linked to anti-Semitic group

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Larry Pratt, who stepped aside as co-chairman of Pat Buchanan's presidential campaign over alleged links to racist groups, has connections to an anti-Semitic newsletter, a newspaper reported.

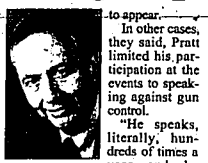
The Pittsburgh Post-Gazette also reported Saturday that Pratt has repeatedly taken part in events featuring political extremists.

The 53-year-old Pratt is a contributing editor to a newsletter published by United Sovereigns of America, a group based in Del City, Okla., the newspaper reported. The group sells extremist materials including the "Protocols of the Elders of Zion" and the handbook of the Posse Comitatus.

The "Protocols" is a czarist-era forgery that appears at first glance to be a plan for a world takeover by Jews. The far-right Posse Comitatus engaged federal marshals in armed conflict in the 1980s.

Pratt says he has no anti-Semitic or racist views, and Buchanan has defended him, saying he stands by his friends. Pratt also points out that he is a member of Jews for the Preservation of Firearms Ownership.

The newspaper enumerated several instances when Pratt attended events either sponsored or heavily attended by members of far-right groups. Pratt's aides said that in some cases he attended the events without knowing who else planned



Pratt to appear. In other cases, he said, Pratt limited his participation at the events to speaking against gun control.

"He speaks, literally, hundreds of times a year and he doesn't always know who he's going to speak with," said John Vallecio, a spokesman for Gun Owners of America. Pratt is executive director of the organization. The Post-Gazette said Pratt spoke at a 1992 rally in Estes Park, Colo., to protest the federal assault on a cabin occupied by white separatist Randy Weaver in Ruby Ridge, Idaho. Weaver's wife and son died in the assault. Pratt, who calls racism "completely wrong," has acknowledged attending the event, but said he hadn't been aware that hate groups were involved.

Other speakers at the rally included Louis Beam, former head of the Texas Ku Klux Klan, and Richard Butler, who founded the neo-Nazi Aryan Nations.

In 1993, the newspaper said, Pratt spoke at the "Jubilant Conference in Sacramento, Calif. Paul Hall Sr., publisher of the openly racist and anti-Semitic Jubilee magazine, sponsored the event."

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Limelight shines brightly on Alexander campaign

The Washington Post

MANCHESTER, N.H. — As he campaigned around the state this week pursued by an ever-growing press horde, Lamar Alexander marveled at the change.

"I walked for a year across New Hampshire and I almost never saw a television camera," he told a group of plaid-shirted fourth-graders from Bedford Memorial School the other day.

Now, they're everywhere — and, two days before the New Hampshire primary, the former Tennessee governor is exactly where he wanted to be: among the top three of the GOP presidential contenders.

For months, while Alexander struggled as an asterisk in the polls, joking that Kato Kaelin had better name his recognition; observers scoffed at his prediction that he would eventually emerge from the pack.

But Alexander ran the most traditional of campaigns here, lining up support in the state legislature, building a grass-roots network, and — donning his trademark plaid shirt — doggedly walking his way across the state.

In the meantime, Senate Majority Leader Robert J. Dole, R-Kan., has struggled to give voters a reason to back him; Texas Sen. Phil Gramm has been forced to drop out of the race; and magazine-publisher-Melcolm S. "Steve" Forbes Jr. may have peaked before the first actual votes were cast.

And, just as Alexander and his advisers envisioned it, the eve of the New Hampshire primary finds him battling with one other rival against Dole.

Only the name of the opponent has changed. The Alexander campaign had expected to be running against Gramm. Instead, the other chief threat to Dole is conservative commentator Patrick J. Buchanan. Tom Rath, Alexander's New Hampshire chairman, said questions about Buchanan's electability make that an even better outcome than predicted. "It really feels that the opportunity we worked three years to get is there now," Rath said, as a few hundred people braved a snowy February night to hear Alexander speak at a Londonderry church. "The race is where we always



AP photo

GOP presidential candidate Lamar Alexander speaks to reporters and guests at a pot-luck dinner at the home of Tom and Jane Merritt, in Hollis, N.H., Friday.

wanted it to be." Alexander's strong third-place showing at the Iowa caucuses Feb. 12 "hung a sign out that put us on the map. We're going to try to fight that sign up here."

On the stump, Alexander has expanded his anti-Washington rhetoric to dwell on the importance of family and community institutions in building values. To make the point that government policies can't replace values instilled by parents, Alexander likes to tell audiences that "my mother gave me my library card when I was 3

years old, not the president." And although it sometimes draws a quizzical response from his listeners, he scolds Congress for requiring states to expel students who bring weapons to schools.

Alexander's prescription for "less from Washington and more from ourselves" encompasses advocacy of things like "bigger Boy Scout troops." He adds: "What we need to do is go back to being a strong family, a nosy neighbor, to supporting the algebra teacher who keeps an eye on us."

Housing lobby battles flat-tax provision

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — As if there aren't enough political ads in New Hampshire already, voters there are hearing from the housing industry, too.

Builders, real-estate agents and others are gearing up to protect the mortgage-interest deduction from flat-tax reformers in this presidential election year. One industry advertisement running in New Hampshire puts eliminating the deduction fight up there with tornadoes and termites as "Famous American Homebreakers."

Such ads are an early taste of what voters across the country could hear if debate about tax reform heats up.

Malcolm S. "Steve" Forbes Jr. has made a flat tax that eliminates all deductions a central platform of his campaign. Other Republicans, while attacking the Forbes plan, have embraced modified versions of a flat tax that retains the mortgage deduction.

The deduction, which annually allows U.S. homeowners to save \$59 billion in taxes, is just one facet of the tax-change debate, but a highly emotional one.

With politicians, economists and all the usual experts at loggerheads, pity the average homeowner. Determining who will be better off requires knowing what various proposals will do, not only to the tax rates but also to interest rates and the national economy.

Philip Wiesner, a tax partner in the office of the accounting firm of KPMG Peat Marwick LLP here, said: "There has to be an impact, you know that. You're changing the underpinning of how the country has operated for 80 years. The impact can be good or bad or temporarily bad."

"What nobody can predict — and nobody can possibly predict it — is what will happen if they enact the flat tax today."

That isn't stopping people from trying.

Supporters of the deduction, who include real-estate agents, builders and lenders, say it fosters the important public goal of homeownership, and that without it, housing values and the economy will plummet. Those who wish to eliminate the deduction say it's unfair, that in a flat-tax world the economy will flourish and that their opponents are just another greedy special interest.

In tax-code terms, the mortgage-interest deduction has been around for a long time. When the income tax was first enacted in 1913, the deduction was included.

Backers say that by encouraging homeownership the deduction encourages other good things.

"Homeownership is truly one of those things that the American people aspire to," said Stephen D. Dresler, chief lobbyist for the National Association of Realtors. Homeowners are more likely to vote and to become active in their communities, he said. "There is a positive societal good."

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Underwater explorer connects to kids with high-tech tools

Fort Lauderdale Sun-Sentinel

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. — When international explorer Robert Ballard dives the reefs off Key Largo in April, nearly a half-million students from around the world will be watching.

Many will be able to ask questions of Ballard and his team of scientists — while they are underwater. Some may be able to push a button on a computer to maneuver one of Ballard's famous submersibles.

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generation and the oceans. How are we going to live in harmony with

'Robert Ballard is a pioneer, and he has reached out to the youngsters of the world, to show them that the scientific community is something to embrace and revel in.'

— Frank Brogan, education commissioner

the ocean and not destroy it? And how can we learn from Florida's interaction with the ocean?" said Ballard, renowned for locating the watery graves of the Titanic, Bismarck and Lusitania with a submersible robot named Jason.

"We'll take people on a journey of exploration, from the Everglades to Florida Bay to the reefs and into the ocean," he said.

To help beam the live broadcasts to schools worldwide, the Florida Department of Education is donat-

ing 17 days of free satellite time to the project.

"Robert Ballard is a pioneer, and he has reached out to the youngsters of the world, to show them that the scientific community is something to embrace and revel in," Education Commissioner Frank Brogan said on Thursday at a news conference with Ballard to announce the state's role in the project.

"One of the real issues of this project will be a look at Florida's sensitive and endangered ecosystems. And we'll be able to educate the adults about the crisis we're facing."

Ballard said he founded the JASON project in 1989 because of thousands of letters he received from students after he located the wreckage of the Titanic. The project, named after Greek mythological characters Jason and the Argonauts, annually focuses on an environmentally sensitive area. Last year it was Hawaii; next year it will be Iceland.

Miami attorneys hail message of acquittal

MIAMI (AP) — The acquittal of "Los Muchachos," two high-living pals accused of smuggling \$2.1 billion of cocaine, was a rejection of prosecutors' heavy reliance on plea deals and smugglers' testimony, a defense lawyer said.

Willie Falcon and Sal Magluta, who emigrated from Cuba as boys and were friends at Miami High School in the early 1970s, were acquitted by a jury late Friday on all 16 counts.

The men were accused of smuggling 75 tons of cocaine from 1978 to 1991, in what was described as one of the nation's biggest drug operations.

U.S. Attorney Kendall Coffey had described it as "one of the most significant drug cases brought to trial in this country in the last 10 years."

The trial was held under tight security after two government witnesses were killed and two were wounded since 1991. The govern-

ment has never been able to tie the defendants to the killings.

Falcon and Magluta earlier pleaded no-contest to charges of smuggling during the late 1970s, but they denied smuggling cocaine from the Colombian cartels throughout the 1980s.

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CHATTANOOGA, Tenn. (AP) — Gary Dockery, was "keenly aware of his surroundings," but was not trying to speak Saturday, a doctor said.

Dockery regained consciousness last week after 7½ years, then had to undergo life-saving lung surgery.

"His vital signs are good and he is currently receiving oxygen through a face mask as a breathing supplement," Dr. James Folkening said. "Mr. Dockery is also being given positive pressure breathing treatments to expand his left lung."

Dockery, 42, was taken to Parkridge Medical Center in Chattanooga on Sunday, dying of pneumonia. The family was given the choice of letting the pneumonia kill him or opting for life-saving surgery.

Former California leader dies

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. (AP) — Edmund G. "Pat" Brown, the Democratic governor who led California through an era of growth, beat Richard Nixon and lost to Ronald Reagan, has died. He was 90.

"More than any other individual, he built modern California," President Clinton said Saturday.



"Pat Brown died all the near-mortal," said Lt. Gov. Gray Davis, a Democrat. "Reagan — he's always been a larger-than-life figure. I put him in a different dimension."

The patriarch of California's dominant political family had been ill for some time and died at home of a heart attack Friday night, granddaughter Kathleen Kelly said. His wife, Bernice, was at his side.

Brown was the father of Jerry Brown, also a two-term governor and a three-time presidential candidate, and one-time state Treasurer Kathleen Brown, who ran unsuccessfully for governor in 1994.

Presiding over the golden days of the 1960s, Brown showed a booming state with millions in public spending projects. He served eight years, from 1959 to 1967, and during that time the state paved more than 1,000 miles of freeway, erected 11 public universities, and started the California-Water Project, a \$3 billion, 475-mile-long network of reservoirs, aqueducts and pumping plants.

In three campaigns for governor, Brown faced the three most formidable California Republicans of his era — including two who later became president.

In 1958, Brown defeated William Knowland, then the Republican leader of the U.S. Senate and an aspirant for the 1960 Republican presidential nomination.

In 1962, Brown won a second term by defeating Nixon, prompting the loser to blurt out reporters: "You won't have Nixon to kick around anymore." Nixon went on to win the presidency six years later. In 1966, Brown lost a bid for a third term to another future president, Reagan.

The state's population exploded under Brown's stewardship by 32 percent, to nearly 19 million people. That made California the country's most populous state.

Gov. Pete Wilson, a Republican, remembered Brown as "formidable" in his day.

"Pat Brown was an honest liberal — unlike many today who are at pains to disguise their true beliefs in Republican rhetoric," Wilson said.

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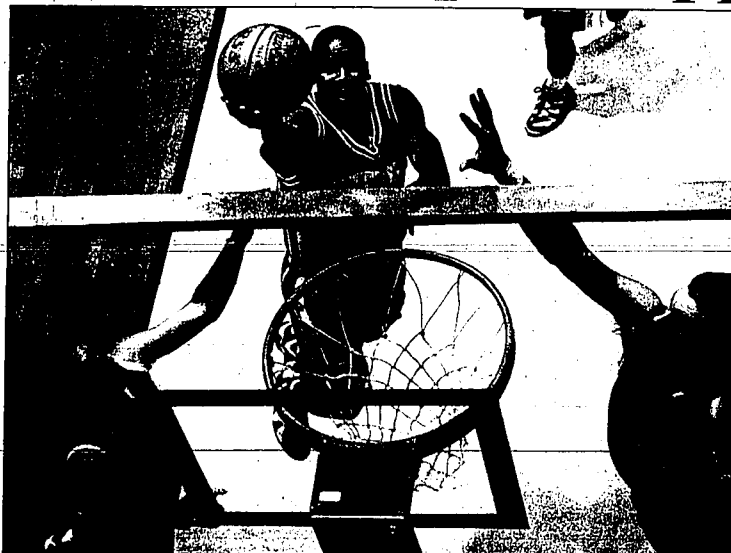
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Sports

CSI teams squash opponents



Spotting an open lane, CSI's George Brown splits the defense of Salt Lake City's Kelly Tuttle, left, and Scott Young and goes for a score during Saturday evening's game.

Men wrap up home schedule with 98-75 victory

By Larry Hovey Times-News writer



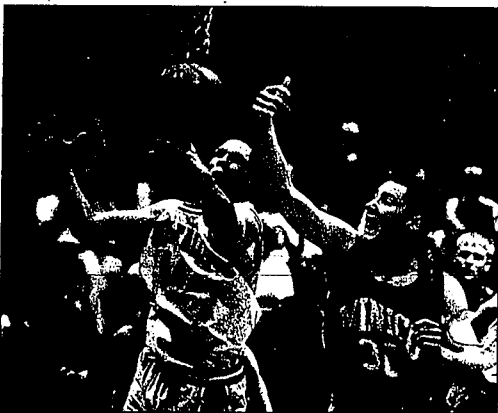
TWIN FALLS - Sophomore Gary Yoder ended a solid Coliseum of Southern Idaho career with a blistering three-point effort and Providence-bound Abdul Brown rang in with his best performance of the season Saturday night.

With three other players also in double scoring figures, those two paced the Golden Eagles to a 98-75 victory over Salt Lake Community College.

Treasure Valley in Ontario. Yoder scored 25 points, 19 of them in the first half, and hit six of eight 3-point attempts. His early explosion, abetted by George Brown, carried the Eagles to a 60-31 halftime edge.

Bruins keep state dreams alive

By Larry Hovey Times-News writer



TWIN FALLS - After playing Minico three times to a total of three points difference, Twin Falls basketball coach Dan Vogt was looking for a little help Saturday afternoon.

The game was the last chance to stay in the hunt for a state tournament berth. Not to worry. Juniors Craig Wuthrich and Eric Riggen answered the call with 22 points and Spartan-slayer Kylian Peterson ripped five straight free throws at the end of the third quarter.

Twin Falls' Kylian Peterson, left, and Ryan Robertson of Minico battle for ball possession in Saturday's emotional playoff rematch won by the Bruins.

The result gave Twin Falls a 71-66 win and advanced the Bruins to a Class A-1 Region III title showdown Tuesday night against Highland in Pocatello. The Bruins must beat Highland twice to claim the title and attend trip to state. If they lose, they will go against the No. 2 team from the Idaho Falls area in a one-game showdown next Saturday for a state spot.

Technical was added on the Minico bench. "I said a lot more after I got the T than what I said to get it," said Kerbs. Peterson hit all three common foul free throws and added both technical shots to open up a 56-48 lead.

PHOENIX - Randy Johnson, winner of the 1995 Cy Young Award, is thinking of joining the Arizona Diamondbacks when the expansion team begins play in 1998, a newspaper reported Saturday. Johnson's contract with the Seattle Mariners, whom he pitched into the AL playoffs last season, expires after the 1997 season.

hired Lindy Infante, who used to coach the Green Bay Packers. Marchbroda was the head man when the Colts were in Baltimore from 1975-79 and now takes over the nameless Baltimore team that left Cleveland.

It. Free agency has destroyed the concept of loyalty and created a coach's nightmare when it comes to building team chemistry and consistent success. Quick, name the active veteran players who you are absolutely certain have played their entire careers with one NFL team. I gave myself that same test and came up with only Miami quarterback Dan Marino and San Francisco receiver Jerry Rice. The rest of the loyal franchise players is long gone, and if you blink, the franchise may be gone too.

Eagle women crush Salt Lake, 62-39

By Larry Hovey Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - The College of Southern Idaho women had some trouble finding the ignition switch Saturday night but clicked along well enough to beat Salt Lake Community College 62-39.

The Eagles took the lead for keeps at 8-7 on a shot by Tracy Arossa and, despite playing and scoring fitfully, were never really threatened after freshman Casey Murdoch's rebounding and scoring spurt resulted in a 20-9 lead.

It was CSI's final home appearance of the regular season but Coach Joel Bate said "I hope we have just one more." That would be a bi-regional against the Arizona champion here March 12 for the right to go to nationals. The leading candidates there would be Yavapai or Central Arizona. But the Eagles would have to win the Region 18 title before that.

Although CSI put 12 players in the scoring column, Bate said "it was tough getting into the flow." Part of that problem he said was the last-second loss to Utah Valley Friday night. "Our girls took that pretty hard and I'm just happy they recovered as well as they did for tonight."

Shoshone captures Northside title in OT win over Carey

By John Derr Times-News writer

GOODING - Clayton Sandy hit two 3-pointers in the last 18 seconds of regulation to force an overtime period then canned a couple more in the extra period to give the Shoshone Indians a 59-47 victory over Carey and the A-4 Northside Sub-District championship.

The Indians will play Oakley on Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. for the District 4 title and a state tournament berth. Carey will battle Murtaugh at 6 p.m. With the loser out and the winner playing the Shoshone/Oakley loser on Thursday for another state berth. The loser of that game faces a Saturday playoff in Mountain Home against a Boise-area team.

Shoshone took the lead in the first quarter, hitting four 3-pointers from four different players for a 16-9 lead after eight minutes. Payne kept the Panthers close with five points.

T. J. Dilworth scored five points for Carey on a pair of drives as the half ended with Shoshone up, 23-18. The Indians heated up from outside again in the third with a pair from long range, but two 3-pointers from Buddy Peterson kept Carey within six entering the final period.

Carey tied the score at 33-33 with five minutes left.

Morning line

Sportsquote "I'm a washed-up boxer who hasn't fought for 15 years. Do you know what that makes me today? It makes me a contender."

actor Tony Danza

Twin Falls girl jumps to win at Simplot Games

POCATELLO - Twin Falls' Analee Carter beat some of the nation's best high school high jumpers to take first place at the Simplot Games Saturday.

Carter, competing for the Donnelly Sports Club that represented several Twin Falls High School athletes at the Games, cleared 5-foot, 5-inches. One other jumper cleared the same height, but Carter won on the basis of fewer attempts.

The Simplot Games, sponsored by the J.R. Simplot Company, is an annual event that bills itself as the premier high school track and field event in the nation and draws top young athletes from across the country.

Carter was the only Magic Valley competitor to win an event, although several local athletes from 14 area high schools competed. The Idaho high school track and field season begins next month.

Other local finishers included: Chase Monroe, Hailey, sixth in the 200-meter dash - 23.231 seconds. Winning time, 22.412.

Kira Seifert, Gooding, 67th in the girls' 3,200-meter, 14:04.21.

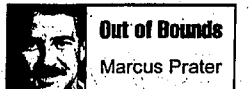
Timothy Dunne, Jerome, fifth, 800-meters, 1:59.1.

Complete results will appear in tomorrow's Times-News.

Randy Johnson considers pitching for Diamondbacks

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Loyal fans pay for greed of professional sports



For everyone tired of hearing about how professional sports have become nothing more than just one so-called business decision after another, I have a message for you: Get used to it.

Free agency has destroyed the concept of loyalty and created a coach's nightmare when it comes to building team chemistry and consistent success.

Over the next few weeks, dozens of franchise may be gone too.

Austria's Ortlieb grabs gold in downhill

SIERRA NEVADA, Spain (AP) — Austria's Patrick Ortlieb, built more like a football player than a skier, used size and strength to win the men's downhill Saturday in the World Alpine Skiing Championships.

Ortlieb won the 1992 Olympic downhill and his victory Saturday made the 28-year-old Austrian only the fifth man to win the downhill in skiing's two biggest events. The last was Bernhard Russi of Switzerland in the 1970 world championships and the 1972 Olympics.

The 220-pound Austrian used his bulk to full advantage on the long, relatively flat Veleta course where gliding is needed more than guile and technique.

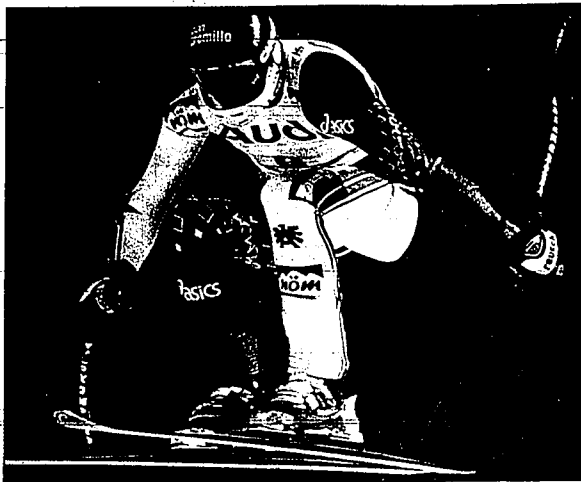
He finished in two minutes, 00.17 seconds, hitting a top speed of 80 mph. Italy's Kristian Ghedina was second in 2:00.44 and pre-race favorite Luc Alphard of France was third in 2:00.45.

"Sure, my weight is important on a course like this where gliding is so important," Ortlieb said. "But going into turns you must be athletic and be able to master your line."

Ortlieb prepared for the race the night before by devouring two large cheese fondues — Fondue Savoyarde. The cheese and white wine dish is traditional in the French Alps.

"I told the owner, if I win it's because I ate the fondue. If I lose it's because I ate the fondue," Ortlieb joked. Asked about his diet, he replied, "I have no diet. I eat whatever I want."

The top three finishers skied in the first 10 spots and took advantage of good early conditions that broke down rapidly under the clear, sunny skies. After the first 15, the times began to drop markedly and skiers crossing the line often showed their unhappiness with their slowing times.



Patrick Ortlieb of Austria speeds through the air on his way to winning the gold medal in the men's downhill at the World Alpine Ski Championships in Sierra Nevada, Spain.



Bob Kempainen, from Minnetonka, Minn., won the U.S. Men's Olympic Marathon Trial in Charlotte, N.C., with a time of 2:12:45 Saturday. With his finish Kempainen qualifies for the U.S. Olympic marathon team.

Kempainen wins Olympic berth

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) — Bob Kempainen never felt so sick in his life. Nor did he ever feel so exhilarated.

The gutsy Kempainen threw up five times during the closing miles, then once again after crossing the finish line in winning the U.S. men's Olympic marathon trials Saturday.

"I'm a little dehydrated," Kempainen said after completing the difficult 26-mile, 385-yard course in 2 hours, 12 minutes, 45 seconds and earning \$100,000 — the biggest first-place prize in marathon history. "I left some fluids on the course."

But I'm incredibly excited to be on the team — to get another crack at it."

Kempainen, a 29-year-old medical student at the University of Minnesota, finished third in the 1992 trials at Columbus, Ohio, then wound up 17th at the Barcelona Games.

Mark Coogan, whose wife, Gwyn, was fourth in last week's women's marathon trials, finished second in 2:13:05, and Keith Brantly, fourth in the 10,000-meter trials in 1988 and fourth in the 1992 marathon trials, took third in 2:13:22.

"This guy is the toughest human being on the face of the earth," Brantly said of Kempainen. "If what happened to him today would have happened to me, I would have quit and stopped running."

Although Kempainen has been the top-ranked U.S. marathoner each of the past two years and was a 1992 Olympian, this was his first victory in seven marathons.

He will graduate from medical school in the spring and will begin his residency in the fall, after competing in the Olympic Games at Atlanta.

He has been on a leave of absence from school since October, while concentrating on his preparation for the trials. On Feb. 26, he will begin his final seven weeks of schooling.

Kempainen took the lead for good shortly before the end of mile 23 when he passed Brantly. He widened the gap between miles 23 and 24, and broke away from his closest competitors between 24 and 25, opening a substantial lead of about 100 meters.

During that time, he also began feeling ill.

"At 22, I got a water bottle and didn't feel good," he said. "At 24, I felt queasy and didn't want anything. Then, I started getting upset in my tummy. ... I had to focus on staying relaxed, but I felt it coming again."

Kempainen said he never had experienced such stomach distress, except for his first marathon in 1991, when he became ill after finishing second at Twin Cities. He also was second at New York in 1993.

He is the fastest American marathoner ever, with a 2:08:47 finishing seventh at Boston in 1994.

Making the team and earning the \$40,000 second prize was very satisfying for Coogan, following his wife's just-miss performance last week at Columbia, S.C.



Atlanta 1996

Baseball spring training sees major talent shuffle

The Associated Press

Heathcliff Slocumb took one look around his new home and snatched up his face. He recognized some of the players in the Boston Red Sox clubhouse, sort of.

"Most of the guys you see in the league in passing," Slocumb said. "Not too many guys are going to stay with one team, so you've seen the other guys around."

Putting all the names and faces together with the new teams, though, isn't so simple this spring.

Some of it is easy. Roberto Alomar moved to Baltimore and Paul Mollitor is playing for his hometown Minnesota Twins.

Rickey Henderson signed with San Diego, Jack McDowell went to Cleveland and Andy Benes joined his two brothers in St. Louis. Dwight Gooden and Tim Lincecum are with the Yankees, Benito Santiago and Todd Zeile signed with Philadelphia.



Florida Marlins pitchers and catchers stretch using enlarged rubber bands during their first workout at the team's spring training compound in Viera, Fla., Saturday.

Duane Ward? What of Tim Wallach and Chuck Carr?

And the dealing isn't necessarily done yet — outfielders Deion Sanders, Darryl Strawberry and Kevin Mitchell are still available as free agents.

New Cincinnati manager Ray Knight knows his team has signed former Reds stars Eric Davis and Chris Sabo, but he's not sure what to expect.

Davis, 33, played sparingly for Detroit in 1994 and missed all of last season because of a neck problem, and Sabo has bounced around recently.

"I remember what Eric was," Knight said. "You tend to remember what they were and what they could do."

"When I mentioned Eric Davis' name, I kind of got real excited. And I looked at his last couple of years, and I couldn't find anything on him," he said.

OK, but how about former All-Star relievers Rob Dibble, Doug Jones and

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Seattle official plays down meeting

SEATTLE (AP) — Two key figures said it was unlikely that a potential Seattle Seahawks buyer would meet with owner Ken Behring this weekend.

The Seattle Post-Intelligencer, citing unnamed sources, reported Saturday that the two sides planned to meet in Palm Springs, Calif.

But Metropolitan King County Council member Peter von Reichbauer said Saturday in a telephone interview: "I don't anticipate a meeting this weekend in Palm Springs at all."

Behring's son told the newspaper he knew of no meeting.

Team president David Behring confirmed Friday his father was headed to his home in Palm Springs but said it was for a vacation.

"I don't know of him meeting anyone this weekend. This is just another rumor," the younger Behring said from his office in Northern California.

Ken Behring, who two weeks ago announced he was moving the team to Southern California, has repeatedly said the team is not for sale.

Von Reichbauer told the county's Kingdom Renovation Task Force on Friday he still talks to Behring every day about a sale plan. "He wouldn't do it (continue talking) if there were no reason," von Reichbauer said.

"I think that there are interested parties that want to get together in a quiet process of negotiations," he told The Associated Press on Saturday. "I don't think any private party wants to be negotiating in public about how they're going to be spending their private money."

The P-I said the potential buyer is widely reported to be Microsoft cofounder Paul Allen, who has had representatives examining the team's finances for several weeks.

Allen's spokeswoman, Susan Pierson, declined comment Friday on whether her boss was headed to Palm Springs or had recent talks with Behring.

Any new owner would demand that the county promise to fix up the Kingdome, the paper reported, quoting local sports boosters.

Since announcing that he was moving the state's NFL team to the Los Angeles area because the Kingdome was unsafe and no longer a first-class stadium, Behring has faced a barrage of lawsuits filed by state and local officials and citizens with the announced intention of forcing him to sell the team to a Seattle-area buyer.

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The Velly-Allred wedding party took a mile horseback ride to the ceremony site. At right, the cake featured cowboy hats and boots as well as rope looping together turquoise roses.



By Dixie Thomas Reale
Times-News correspondent

When Denise Velly met Van Allred for the first time on June 11, 1994, at Rock Creek Stables, it was love at first sight for both of them. After that day, they were rarely apart.

Allred was working in Ketchum at the time. The job ended a month after the couple met. The commute back and forth between his sweetheart and his job was getting too expensive for Allred, and the days were way too long.

Velly worked as office manager at Salmon River Canal Company in Hollister, and she wasn't in a position to do anything about the distance. But Allred owned his own company, Allred Excavation and Back Hoe Services. It was easy enough for him to bring his worksite back to Magic Valley.

Both Allred and Velly are Western folks — born and reared and living in Twin Falls County all their lives.

Both like to plan a Western wedding and own horses. They enjoyed many long, leisurely horseback rides during their courtship.

Velly had always dreamed of getting married on horseback. Both Velly and Allred had traditional wedding ceremonies in previous marriages. A horseback wedding was a logical step.

It rained the day before the wedding. But, as if ordered special for the occasion, June 24, 1995, dawned bright and clear. The guests gathered.

At the appointed hour, Van Allred and Denise Velly rode their horses about a mile up a gentle, sloping brush-covered hill to a sagebrush arch set up on McMullin Creek near lava outcropping in the South Hills. The two were accompanied on that ride by best man, Doug Brown, maid of honor, Meg Orten, and father of the groom, Ivan Allred.

The ringbearer, Brandon Allred, and flower girls, Kristen Bagnin, Tara Allred and Olivia Ragan, waited on that top of the hill, near the assembled guests. When the bridal party approached, the young folks walked down the aisle.

groom arrived, the music changed to "I Cross My Heart," by George Strait.

Allred and Velly were joined in holy matrimony by their friend and minister Craig Shepherd.

Since the bride's parents were both deceased, Velly's future father-in-law gave her away. Vows and rings were exchanged on horseback.

The bride was dressed in a lacy, white, high-necked, long-sleeved gown with a full flowing skirt. The hemline of the dress was shorter in the front, longer in back. This unevenness of hem allowed the bride to straddle her horse while looking graceful and elegant.

The bride wore white wedding boots and a Western hat with a tulle bow and veil attached. She carried a bouquet of Shasta daisies, pink roses and baby's breath. Even her horse blanket was special for the day. It was white bordered with pink and blue flowers.

The groom wore a black wool, frontier-style long frock jacket, pants and hat and a red, black and white geometric Indian-patterned vest. His boutonniere was a red rosebud with turquoise ribbon.

The colors and flowers worn by the bridal couple were picked up and reflected throughout the ceremony and decorations. The sage brush archway was interspersed with Shasta daisies, pink roses, and turquoise and white ribbons.

The bridesmaid, best man, and ringbearer wore red, turquoise, black and white geometric Indian-patterned cape collars.

After the wedding ceremony, the bride and groom joined their guests for an afternoon of festivities. A friend, Ken Gordier, barbecued a whole hog and a barrel of beef for the reception picnic dinner and party. A dance floor was provided, as were canopies, in case of bad weather.

The heart-shaped cake was decorated with little black boots, two little cowboy hats — one black and one white — and a brown rope looped around turquoise roses and around the sides of the tiers of the cake. The cake topper was a little cowboy and cowgirl bride and groom with a tiny rope lasso surrounding them and holding them together.

A friend, Lea Andreasson, made brown ceramic boot vases for the wild-flower centerpieces. Little straw cowboy hats sat on each table. The tablecloths were turquoise.

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The flower girls wore black pants and shirts with wide purple, red, turquoise and white geometric Indian-patterned cape collars.

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The Allreds exchanged wedding vows and rings on horseback during their ceremony in June.



A hog was barbecued for the picnic reception nearby. The children in the wedding wore Western shirts and black jeans. At left they are shown walking through a sagebrush arch decorated with flowers.



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Yahoo! It's a weddin'

The West's popularity means plenty of choices when planning a Western wedding



By Dixie Thomas Reale
Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS — So you want to have a Western wedding?
How Western do you want to go? You can have a traditional wedding indoors with just a little Western decorating and music, or you can go all the way to the desert or to the mountains and exchange vows on horseback.

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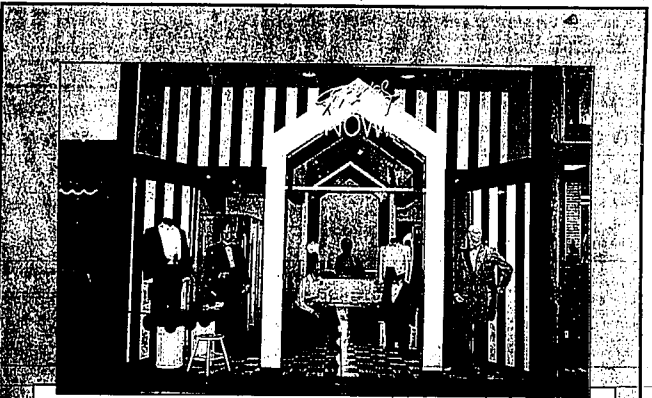
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Buying a ring engages lots of thought

The Washington Post

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And inevitably, lots of lucky ladies will have their beloved slip a glittering diamond on their left hand this Valentine's Day and pop that big question.

With all this emphasis on amour, the practical matter of finding the perfect engagement ring is often overlooked. Stereotypically, organizing weddings have long been the province of women, and the engagement process the domain of men. But locating that special touch of love is not always an easy task.

Although buying one ring might pale in comparison with planning an entire wedding, at least women can rely on scads of bridal magazines and tips from Mom to figure out the dos and don'ts. Men, on the other hand, usually don't sit down with Dad and have a man-to-man discussion about diamonds. There are no hard-and-fast rules when it comes to buying an engagement ring, and there are no Miss Manners or Martha Stewarts to help these mystified males.

In fact, it seems like the male approach to finding the perfect diamond is as distinctive as a diamond itself.

Look at Derek Daniels, a research assistant at George Mason University in Fairfax, Va., and soon-to-be groom. He is so confident in his assessment of his girlfriend's taste in jewelry, he bought her a 1/3-carat solitaire after only one visit to a jeweler in his hometown of Buffalo. He may not have consulted with his fiancée, Jennifer Gambino, on the style she preferred, but he did bring along his mother for the final purchase.

"I know the kind of person she is. Simple taste, nothing too glitzy or fancy," says Daniels, 25. "She was so surprised. I had never looked at rings with her before. I did the shopping all on my own."

Daniels didn't plunge into this situation completely clueless, however. "I did make sure she'd say yes," he confided.

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Before you buy the rock

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2. Know the 4C's — cut, color, clarity, carat-weight. They explain why diamonds that look identical can vary widely in value.
 - Cut. A well-cut diamond is better able to handle light and therefore has more brilliance and sparkle. The six most popular shapes are round, marquise, oval, pear, square and emerald.
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- Clarity. Most diamonds contain natural birthmarks called inclusions. The fewer the inclusions and blemishes, the more valuable the stone.
- Carat-weight. The carat is the unit weight for diamonds. One carat is divided into 100 "points," so a diamond with 75 points weighs .75 carats.
- 3. Be aware that gradations within each of the 4 C's make up an infinite number of combinations to determine a diamond's value.
- 4. The solitaire, or single-stone, ring is the best buy because almost all of the ring's value is in one diamond.
- 5. When buying other pieces of diamond jewelry, remember that the cost depends not only on the diamonds but also on the other materials and workmanship of the piece.

— From the gem society's Ten Tips for Buying a Diamond. For more information, call the American Gem Society, 800-341-8214.

Sarah Walters, vice president of Tiffany and Co.

"These days there is little surprise in getting an engagement ring," says Walters. "A large number of women shop to determine what they like. After they determine style and size, the intended man usually will make the final decision."

"The days are gone when guys walk in and say, 'That looks good, I'll take it.' They really shop around," says David Boone, vice president of Boone and Sons in Washington, D.C.

According to several local jewelers, Boone and Walters suggest girlfriends their engagement ring preferences point-blank. Instead, they turn into detectives.

"The main thing I hear from guys who come in without the girl is, 'We went to the mall and she sorta picked things she liked out of the window.' The guys try to do it on the sly," says Boone. "Women definitely know what they're doing, though."

For those first-time diamond buyers, Boone and Walters suggest a man find a jeweler he trusts and educate himself a little about diamonds before he actually purchases one.

If a man is determined to pick

out a ring without any helpful hints from his future bride, Boone suggests he put all his money in a single diamond.

The mounting cap always be changed later, so if you are unsure of what your lady likes, it's better to go with a classic, like a solitaire, he says.

Diamond rings can range in price from a few hundred dollars to tens of thousands. Many jewelers, like Walters, suggest that buyers use the "two-month salary" guideline to determine what they can afford. According to this standard, someone making \$20,000 per year would shell out roughly \$3,300 for a ring.

Boone, who says the average engagement ring in his store sells for between \$3,000 and \$4,000, is wary of this principle.

"I don't say not to use it," says Boone. "But God didn't make up this two-month guideline — it's not etched in stone. I say spend what you can afford."

Some guys may think they've bypassed this whole nerve-racking process if they luck into a family heirloom.

But David Koppelman, 25, says this is not always the case.

Koppelman, an Arlington, Va., elementary school teacher, had his

maternal grandmother's diamond ring redesigned before presenting it to Katie Dellinger in August.

"I went three or four times to the jeweler to get settings and to add diamonds," says Koppelman. "So I still had to make visits even though I had the central stone."

But Koppelman didn't mind the extra effort.

"It's a lifelong decision," he says.

"I wanted to make it as beautiful as possible."

Buying a diamond isn't just a romantic endeavor; it's a financial investment as well. And many men, like Tom Gorman, 25, try to carefully balance practicality and passion.

Gorman, who is currently completing payments for a one-carat oval diamond set in white-gold, did some pre-ring shopping with his fiancée, Tracey Turkington. But to keep a little romance alive, he says, "she doesn't know how much it cost, how much I'm paying or when she's getting it."

So why all the pretense? It's the 90s, right?

Doesn't a woman ever go into a store and simply buy the ring herself?

Rarely.

Call it archaic, but tradition seems to prevail in this area.

"In all my years of business, there are maybe three that I remember," says Boone of women buying their own engagement rings.

"And those marriages didn't last more than a year."

And if your marriage proposal is rejected, your ego may be wounded, but at least your checkbook won't be—many stores have a 30-day return policy for engagement rings.

Of course, for the truly skittish, there's always the rental route.

According to Eric Diaz, manager of a Rent-a-Center in Boston, the demand for rented engagement rings at his store is so great, he had to reorder the case twice in three months.

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"Sometimes you get people who come in and don't want their lady to know it's a rental," Diaz admits. "Some women say they don't want it if it's a rental, but others say if it's the only way to get one, it's okay with them."

Busy brides find 1-stop shopping

The Associated Press

Prospective brides who would just as soon skip the rigmarole of fitting, ordering — and waiting — might find something right off the rack at a David's Bridal store.

The chain, which says it is the country's first mass merchandiser of bridal apparel, keeps thousands of ready-to-wear gowns in stock and sells them at discount prices. The bride-to-be can choose her dress and carry it home the same day, eliminating deposit-delivery stress. On-site alterations are available.

The company points out that by using the chain's toll-free number, bridesmaids who live in other parts of the country can locate a store and the right dress selection for the party, without a lot of cross-country hassle.

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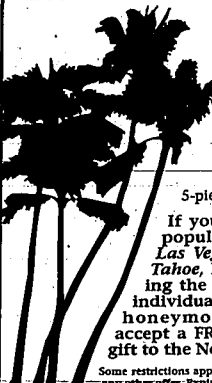
An interactive phone service that helps bridal planners cope with details has been launched in the New York City area.

WeddingFone — at (212) 395-WEDD — is available free, 24 hours a day, and can help planners access resources for wedding planning, products and services, according to co-founder, Pamela Nodoff. While the service does have product advertising and tie-ins, callers can choose the suppliers they want to reach, without being canvassed by others.

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Luxury easy to discovery in dinnerware

Bride's

Couples increasingly seek touches of luxury in their daily routines. They no longer consider lavishness as a status symbol, but a reward they deserve. This is especially evident at the dinner table.

- Mix and match. The lines between formal and informal blur as couples redefine the concept of luxury.
- Brands use fine techniques as every day ware (i.e. orange juice is served in fine crystal at breakfast on the patio; sterling silver serves up take-out food).
- Casual is in. Stylish, casual dinnerware is attractively priced to encourage newlyweds to be more spontaneous about tableware — mix patterns, add accessories.
- Dinnerware manufacturers branch out and place new emphasis on giftware by creating additional lines which include such items as vases, bowls, frames, clocks.
- Earth tones lighted up. Popular earth tone shades such as blues and greens have expanded to encompass yellows. Hand-painted leaves, flowers and other earthbound motifs are few symbols in the home.

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Pre-nuptial parties let fall a shower of theme ideas

Seattle Times

Once they were showers, now they're parties — and they call for hearty party foods to match. Bridal showers these days are frequently giving way to "pre-nuptial parties" for the bride and groom and guests of both genders.

What to serve? If you host one of these fetes during the upcoming wedding season, consider adding stick-to-the-ribs foods and perhaps beer and wine to your shopping list — a switch from the finger foods, light salads and cake served at traditional women-only showers.

To add to the fun and help you make menu choices, give your party a theme. The possibilities are endless. Here are some pre-nuptial shower themes with food and gift-giving suggestions:

- **Beach party.** Pack the portable Hibachi, tape player and some Beach Boys music for an afternoon of volleyball on the sand or waterskiing at a lake. This theme is especially good for hosts whose homes are too small to accommodate a crowd. Serve picnic and beach fare, such as The Twist and give sports, picnic or outdoorsy gifts.
- **Beverage and wine shower.** This is a great party for couples who already have kitchen and dining basics, but plan to entertain after the wedding. Party hosts could send invitations on a cocktail napkin and serve a range of wines with hors d'oeuvres or pop the cork on some varietals to complement a dessert buffet.

Gifts may help the couple stock their own wine cellar or bar. Guests could bring a favorite bottle of wine with a personal note describing why they



Copley News Service

Pre-nuptial parties can range from a formal tea gathering to a beach barbecue with sand volleyball.

enjoy this selection. Or ask guests to give a bottle of liquor, liqueur or mixer with their favorite recipe for a mixed alcoholic or non-alcoholic drink. Other gifts might include a champagne bucket, stemware, shot glasses, a wine-bot-

tle coaster or a set of coasters.

• **Electronic entertainment.** Customize invitations like theater tickets or admission stubs and encourage guests to bring gifts the couple can use for an evening of electronic entertain-

ment. The munchies for this could be movie-house fare — Milk Duds, Bon-Bons, hot-buttered popcorn and soda pop served in paper cups. Pack up posters of romantic box-office hits to decorate the room and play soundtracks from memorable films on the stereo. The bride- and bridegroom-to-be may open gifts featuring compact discs, videos and gift certificates to a movie theater, stage show or concert.

• **Gardening party.** An ideal theme for former apartment or condo dwellers who are moving into their first house. Send floral-pattern invitations and encourage guests to bring seeds, bulbs, starter plants or cuttings from their own yard. Serve recipes made with vegetables harvested from home gardens, fruit salads or desserts. Garden gloves, tools and planter boxes make appropriate gifts and can double as decorations, too.

• **Around the shower scene.** Test guests' gift-giving creativity with an Around the Clock, Around the House or Building a Life shower. All themes well-suited to bridal couples of a wide range of ages.

Men-inviting guests to an Around the Clock shower, assign each guest a different hour of the day. Guests are asked to bring gifts appropriate to that time. Bath towels may be handy at 7 a.m.; a telephone answering machine is appropriate for 1 p.m. when the couple is out of the house at work; and bed linens make sense for the guest assigned 11 p.m.

At an Around the House shower, guests are assigned different rooms of the house. Consider a tiki torch for the patio, deck or back yard or candlesticks

for the dining room. How about a first-aid kit for the workbench?

First-time homeowners may appreciate the Building a Life pre-nuptial party theme. Guests bring power tools, storage bins, garden essentials, brooms, mops and other hardware. Any of these themes can be integrated with a brunch, barbecue or dessert buffet for a casual get-together.

• **Portluck.** Hosts and hostesses can share the food preparation duties with their guests by tying a pre-nuptial party into an Educate-the-Couple-Portluck theme.

• **Mail invitations along with a blank 3-by-5-inch card.** Invite guests to bring their favorite appetizer, salad, entree or dessert — along with its recipe on the enclosed card. Hosts provide beverages

for all and a recipe box for the couple to store these cards.

Guests also may be invited to bring a dish or utensil used to prepare this recipe, or an exotic spice or flavoring to stock the couple's kitchen.

• **Books.** An appropriate theme for couples who seem to have everything is books. Bookmark-shaped cards may be used as invitations. Consider giving ornate or classic-styled bookends, a library lamp, books on audio tape, or one of your favorite titles. Coffee table books make suitable gifts for couples who entertain. New home owners may appreciate a reference selection for house fix-it projects.

Consider pairing this theme with an evening chocolate-dessert buffet and playing classical music on the stereo.

Salad, satay recipes can spice up a co-ed shower

Seattle Times

For a co-ed shower, try Sesame Shell Salad with Shrimp and Chicken and Beef Satays with Mustard and Peanut Dipping Sauces.

SESAME SHELL SALAD WITH SHRIMP

(12 servings)
SHRIMP:
 1½ pounds large shrimp, shelled
 Grated rind and juice of 2 oranges
 ¼ teaspoon salt
 2 tablespoons rice vinegar
SALAD:
 4 cups small shell pasta
 ½ cup soy sauce, or ¼ cup each regular and low-sodium soy sauce
 5 tablespoons rice vinegar
 2 tablespoons lime juice
 2 tablespoons orange juice
 2 tablespoons sesame oil
 2 teaspoons hot chili oil
 2 teaspoons sugar
 4 green onions, thinly sliced
 1 large red bell pepper, seeded and finely chopped
 2 tablespoons minced cilantro
 2 tablespoons sesame seeds
 1 Lime and orange wedges for garnish

1. To prepare the shrimp: With a small sharp knife, cut down the back of each shrimp and remove the black vein. Put shrimp into a bowl.
 2. Combine the orange rind and juice, salt and vinegar. Cover and marinate 2 hours in refrigeration.
 3. Remove the shrimp from the marinade, discard the marinade, and place shrimp on a broiling pan. Bake in a preheated 450-degree oven until pink and cooked through. Refrigerate. When cool, cover until ready to serve. (This can be done the morning of the party.)
 4. To prepare the salad: Bring a large pot of water to the boil, add the pasta and time according to package directions. Drain well. Transfer to a large bowl.
 5. While the pasta is cooking, stir together the soy sauce, vinegar, lime and orange juices, sesame and chili oils and sugar. Pour the dressing over the pasta and add the green onions and red bell pepper. Cover and refrigerate overnight. Stir occasionally.
 6. Remove the salad from refrigerator 1 hour before serving. Transfer to a large shallow bowl or serving platter. Just before serving, arrange the shrimp, lemon and orange wedges around the edge.

CHICKEN AND BEEF SATAYS (24 each)

1 cup tamar sauce or soy sauce, plus 1/3 cup water
 1 cup rice vinegar
 ½ cup light brown sugar
 2 tablespoons canola oil
 12 medium cloves garlic, smashed and peeled
 1 (4-inch) piece gingerroot, peeled and cut into ¼-inch dice
 2 strips orange peel, 3 inches long and ¼-inch wide
 1 teaspoon hot chili oil
 4 pounds boneless and skinless chicken breasts
 2 (2½-pound) flank steaks
 Bamboo skewers
 Peanut dipping sauce (recipe follows)
 Mustard sauce (recipe follows)
 1. In a saucepan combine the tamar-water mixture, rice vinegar, brown

sugar, oil, garlic, ginger, orange peel and chili oil. Bring to a boil, reduce the heat and simmer 3 minutes. Remove from the heat and cool.
 2. Cut the chicken lengthwise into thin strips. Put into a bowl with ½ cup of the marinade. Cover and refrigerate overnight, stir occasionally.
 3. Cut the flank steak across the grain into long thin strips and put into a bowl with 1 cup marinade. Cover and refrigerate overnight; stir occasionally. Refrigerate the remaining marinade for use as a basting liquid when the satays are being cooked.
 4. The next day, soak the bamboo skewers in water 30 minutes. Thread the chicken and beef separately onto the skewers. The skewers can be put onto trays, covered with plastic wrap and refrigerated several hours. Discard the marinade the meat has been sitting in.
 5. Cook the skewers over medium-hot coals about 5 minutes. Turn, baste and continue cooking 4-5 minutes, or

until done. Put onto platters and serve with bowls of the Peanut and Mustard Dipping Sauces.

MUSTARD DIPPING SAUCE (About 2/3 cup)

¼ cup Dijon mustard
 ¼ cup sesame oil
 2 tablespoons rice vinegar
 ¼ teaspoon sugar
 Stir together the mustard, sesame oil, vinegar and sugar. Cover and refrigerate up to a week.

From "The China Moon Cookbook" by Barbara Tropp.

PEANUT DIPPING SAUCE (About 3 cups)

½ cups dry-roasted unsalted peanuts
 4 slices (¼-inch thick) peeled fresh gingerroot
 2 medium cloves garlic, peeled and coarsely chopped
 4 teaspoons sugar
 ¼ teaspoon crushed red pepper flakes
 2 tablespoons soy sauce
 2 tablespoons rice vinegar
 ½ cup smooth peanut butter
 1½ cups warm water
 3 tablespoons fresh lime juice
 1. Combine the peanuts, ginger, garlic, sugar and pepper flakes in a food processor; process until finely ground.
 2. Add the soy sauce, vinegar, peanut butter, water and lime juice. Process until almost smooth; the sauce will have a little texture because of the peanuts. Transfer to a bowl, cover and refrigerate. (This can be done 3 days in advance of serving.) Bring to room temperature before serving.
 Note: The peanut sauce can also be served as a dip with crudités of chilled steamed broccoli and strips of red and yellow bell peppers.
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Books offer ideas on wedding, honeymoon

The Associated Press

For the bride and groom, the wedding is a mix of emotion and commotion. Books written for them reflect this:

• **Miss Manners** takes unerring aim at miscareen wedding practices in "Miss Manners on (Painfully Proper) Weddings" (Crown Publishers, \$14 hardcover), by Judith Martin. Among her targets are the idea of weddings as show business or as fund raisers for house down payments, extortionate bridal showers and "money" dances, registry cards tucked into invitations, and the narcissistic bride who wants to control everything because it's "her" day, which must be absolutely perfect.

"Anyway, no bride in her right mind, if nature could produce such a wondrous creature, would want her wedding to be The Happiest Day of My Life," the author observes. "This would mean that everything from then on, such as the marriage itself, would be downhill."

• **Lovers** pose that important question in all sorts of ways — and not surprisingly these days, on the Internet, on the job, and at special places. Cynthia Clumbeck

Muchnick has collected stories about proposals made through e-mail, disguised as a stock prospectus, and even during surgery in "Will You Marry Me?: The World's Most Romantic Proposals" (Macmillan \$6.95 hardcover).

— The "zing" doesn't have to go out of the marriage as time goes on, argue Joseph Lipari and Leonard Jobin, who suggest hundreds of ways to keep it going in "Isn't That Romantic" (Avery Books, \$9.95 paperback). There are ideas about special presentations on birthdays, anniversaries, holidays, and other personal milestones.

• **Mary Engelbreit's** distinctive artwork illustrates "Our Wedding Journal" (Andrews and McNeil, \$14.95 hardcover), an album that encourages the couple to record their thoughts and words as well as the milestone itself.

• **You've seen** (or perhaps even read) the books that explain in down-to-earth language how to run your computer. Here comes a wedding book in the same format: "The Complete Idiot's Guide to the Perfect Wedding" (Alpha Books, \$16.99 paperback) by Teddy Lenderman. Chapter titles such as

"Help! My Mother's Driving Me Nuts," and "Surviving the Big Event" typify the author's light-hearted approach to advice for planning the big day.

• **"Modern Bride Honeymoons and Weddings Away"** (John Wiley & Sons, \$14.95 paperback) by Gerry Bain, travel editor of Modern Bride magazine, focuses on organizing the honeymoon getaway as well as planning destination weddings. The author suggests romantic spots all over the country, the Caribbean, and abroad where the pair can marry and take the trip of a lifetime.

• **"Frommer's Caribbean Hideaways"** (Macmillan, \$15.95 paperback), by Ian Keown, offers a critique of the best and most romantic places to honeymoon on the islands. Included are hotels, spas, resorts, inns, and beachfront bungalows that cater to lovers of all kinds.

• **"Checklist for a Perfect Honeymoon"** (Doubleday, \$8.95 paperback), by Suzanne Rodriguez-Hunter, helps the couple choose the honeymoon tailored for them: Do they want to be pampered? To be left alone? Escape to a fabled city? To the beach? Have a trip keyed to fine food and wine,

to art, theater or music? Or experience an adventure? The author even suggests ways to make the decision if there is a difference of opinion between the pair about the options.

• **An updated edition of "Engagement & Wedding Rings"** (Gemstone Press, \$14.95 paperback), by Antoinette Martins with Antonio Bonanno and Jane Crystal, explains the history and traditions of this jewelry and tells how to choose, design, and buy it. Included is information about what to look for in diamonds and other precious or semi-precious stones, how to choose a setting, how to update heirlooms, how to find reputable jewelers, how to guard against ripoffs, and other advice to make the best choice within budget.

• **"An Ounce of Prevention"** (Rainbow Books, \$12.95 paperback), by Craig A. Tuttle, will help you preserve wedding photos, memorabilia, and papers with appropriate treatment, storage, and repair. The book covers photographs, documents, books, stamps, trading and greeting cards and other collectibles and explains how inks, papers and chemicals react to environment and age.

Preserve gown, flowers as keepsakes

The Associated Press

Preserving the wedding dress and bouquet can give the bride nostalgic pleasure in future years, especially if they are cared for right after the nuptials.

• **Tips about preserving them** are offered by Bride's magazine. The Wedding Dress. Get the gown to the dry cleaner as soon as possible — no longer than a month after wearing — so stains can be removed before they become permanent. Stains should be hand-treated, and those from sugar need special treatment, since regular dry-cleaning fluid cannot dissolve them.

• **Be sure to ask the dry cleaner** to clean the gown individually and to turn it inside out to protect beading and embroidery.

• **If the dry cleaner packs it,** choose an acid-free storage box with acid-free tissue paper. The window of the box should be acetate, not plastic.

• **And because the glue, rubber and metal parts in a headpiece** can brown the dress, have it stored separately.

• **Ask to see the dress before it's packed** and inspect it carefully. Check it yearly so stains that remove can be treated.

• **If you're packing it yourself,** employ padding in the bust or shoulders after dry cleaning, and wrap the dress in a clean white sheet or muslin.

• **The dress should be laid flat, not hung, in a dry area with an even temperature.** Avoid attics or basements, which can be too hot or damp.

• **The Bouquet.** Begin the drying process right away, before you leave for the honeymoon. Turn the bouquet upside down and hang it in a dark, dry place.

• **In two weeks it should be completely dry and ready to decorate** a wall or shelf.

• **If you prefer, cut fresh flowers** close to the base and place inside a large book for pressing; these can be used to decorate pages of a wedding album.



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Diamonds shine through history

The Associated Press

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The diamond has been prized as a betrothal symbol since at least the 15th century, when Archduke Maximilian of Austria presented his intended, Mary of Burgundy, with a ring set with a diamond.

Diamonds of that period were used in their natural crystal state — looking much like two pyramids joined base-to-base — notes Antoinette Martins in "Engagement and Wedding Rings" (Gemstone Press, \$14.95 paperback).

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Western bridalwear not blue jeans

By Dixie Thomas Reale
Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS - Western is the hottest new trend in wedding wear. But not all western ladies are cowgirls in blue jeans and boots. Western bridal fashions are every bit as elegant as traditional wedding dresses, and the variety is nearly endless.

Hart's Wedding Village has just introduced a new line of western bridal wear called Victorian Visions. These dresses are reminiscent of early pioneer or turn-of-the-century country ladies. They are very lace, embroidered, brocade - an echo a more romantic era.

At the Lonesome Cowboy, Sheri Arkoosh has a line of western wedding fashions called Lilia Smith. These dresses run the gamut from ivory-colored cotton wedding gowns with high necklines and long sleeves reminiscent of a pioneer school teacher to gowns with plunging necklines and off-the-shoulder sleeves that a dance hall girl might have worn. A white fringed leather Indian wedding dress looks ready for banding. There is also a blue denim fringed wedding suit with a light skirt.

JoAnn Johnson, of Ross' Western Wear in Jerome (where Lilia Smith wedding dresses are also sold), particularly likes the Lilia Smith lines and hemlines. Square skirts and princess-line dresses are coupled with handkerchief hemlines, straight hemlines or the higher-in-front, lower-in-back hemlines. The hem length can be long or short.

These dresses are lace, brocade, embroidered, beaded and sequined. Lilia Smith dresses have fringe with lace, fringe without lace, lace without fringe and lace capes for over the top of the dress. Many come with a wide belt and a silver buckle.

Petersen's Western Wear also carries western wedding apparel appropriate for both indoor weddings or on-horseback ceremonies.

Vicki Harney of the Wedding & Rental Shop advises brides to remember the back of the wedding dress. The guests see the back of the dress throughout most of the ceremony. You want the picture to be pretty from the back, as well as from the front.

Denise Allred, who was married on horseback last summer, advises the prospective bride who wants a horseback wedding to think in terms of riding the horse when choosing the wedding dress. The skirt has to be full enough for the bride to straddle the horse and still look graceful.

All Lilia Smith dresses have a hat, wedding purse, ring pillow and garter belt, coordinated if ordered at the same time.

The Lonesome Cowboy has western garters with little boots on them. Western bridal veils are high-crowned white wedding veils, white high-heeled lace-up boots, white high-heeled shoes or white cowboy boots.

The western wedding veils are often a lady's cowboy hat with a tulle or lace bow and veil, a lady adaptation of a cowboy hat with veil or a custom-made variation. Betty McEwen, of Hart's Wedding Village, likes to send her veils out to be custom made to the bride's specific order.

The bridesmaid dresses may be similar to the bride's wedding dress or completely different, but should relate to the bride's choice of dress in some way.

The man's cowboy tuxedo has the cowboy cut across the lapel, shoulders and back with tails. The pants are usually Levi's or Wrangler blue jeans. The man completes his look with cowboy boots, belt buckle and bola tie. The groom often gives the groomsmen belt buckles to wear for the ceremony.

McEwen cautions the bridegroom and all the groomsmen to buy their jeans at the same time to be sure to get



ANDY ARENZ/The Times-News

A couple at the Bridal Expo in Twin Falls show off a Western wedding complete with lariat bouquet. The Bridal Expo in January was sponsored by Wedding Helper and Modern Bride magazine.

as the cowboy. Johnson suggests the men wear the frontier-style long wool frock coat with vest, Levi's, belt buckle, bola tie and boots with the cowboy hat. She says she thinks the reason the western wedding is so popular locally is because it fits well with the Magic Valley lifestyle.

Arkoosh says the old frontier style is popular for the men - a frontier-style sports jacket, vest, jeans, boots and a dressy shirt with banded collar, or a ruffled shirt with a bow tie. Then, of course, there is the hat - and a cowboy's hat is as individual

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Western is 'in' theme for weddings

By Cathy Walworth
Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS — We celebrate to mark happy occasions. Weddings are happy occasions. So let's celebrate like we celebrate best.

Modern brides figure we might as well have a hoodown. Grab your partner and promenade down that aisle.

Western is where it's at in weddings this year.

"Western-style dresses, cake tops with little cowboys and cowgirls, horseshoe pen holders, western thank you notes with lassos and cowboy hats, western is popular," said Vicki Harney at the Wedding & Rental Shop in Twin Falls.

Picture the three-tiered cake with a horseshoe on top.

Set a few hay bales around, maybe bring in a covered wagon and the decorating is all rounded up.

Just the thing for summer weddings.

"Hats are changing to hats," said Betty McEwen at Hart's Wedding Village in Twin Falls. "Wear them with fringed western wedding dresses. Dress him in a new western tail with his own jeans, boots and belt buckle."

Allemande left and do-si-do. Bridesmaids are pretty all in a row in their full petticoats (think '40s and '50s), even if it is an art form to sit down in a 140-yard petticoat.

Their dresses are still being done in dusty rose, midnight blue and teal, said Harney.

Bright vests are the thing for men, McEwen said. Pastels are out, and black is the color to be seen in, both consultants said.

"Anybody can do black and white. Black jackets are teamed with Levi's for that western flavor."

Still like the fairly traditional



ANDY ARZENTHA/Times-News

Your theme can be reflected in every detail, right down to the bouquet and other accessories, like this display found at the January Bridal Expo in Twin Falls sponsored by Wedding Helper and Modern Bride magazine.

bride's dresses? Go for it, said McEwen. "There are lots of ankle-length traditional dresses this year without the trains," she said.

But don't bother with a stuffy hall, Harney suggests setting up a wedding in a nice barn or armory. It's popular and easy. And hire a good fiddler.

Other themes

Make your wedding an extraordinary and memorable one by adhering to one of these themes:

• Shift your Victorian wedding to the American West. The bride wears a simple but colorful muslin gown. Serve "friendship" or "stack" cake made up of layers baked by friends and secured together with applesauce or jam. Afterward — fiddle music and square dancing.

• Research other historical periods, such as the Roaring '20s or the wartime '40s.

• Up anchor with a nautical wedding. Have the wedding on a ship with everyone in yachting clothes. Feast on seafood at the reception.

• Let the wedding reflect hobbies, such as parachuting, running, scuba diving or hot air ballooning.

• Plan the wedding at the place where you met — at the beach, in a jet plane, in the lobby of the building where you both work.

• Be good sports. Hold your nuptials at a baseball park or football stadium. Serve hot dogs, peanuts, soda and beer.

• Go back to nature. Repeat your vows on your favorite hiking trail or birdwatching site.

• Remember your favorite places with a Caribbean or Hawaiian wedding. Have a luau, sip tropical drinks and relax to the music of steel drums.

• Reflect your ethnic heritage. Ask your parents or look at the library for information about Irish, German, Japanese or American Indian ceremonies.

—Copley News Service

Computers can keep bride right on line for trip down aisle

The Associated Press

Microsoft magnate Bill Gates says he once maintained a "virtual dating" relationship with a woman in another city via e-mail and cellular phone — so it's not surprising that computers are becoming a part of the wedding picture.

The powerful tools can keep track of wedding plans, carry messages to family and friends, aid in obtaining information from vendors, and sometimes even connect couples who want to complain, commiserate and ask one another for advice.

To take advantage of all these services, a computer has to be equipped with a modem and the user needs an e-mail address, either through work or through one of the on-line services such as America On-Line, Comuserve or Prodigy.

For Carolyn Pytte and her mother, Patricia Pytte — both hooked into the Internet — e-mail was a valuable adjunct to planning for Carolyn's wedding.

"It was more efficient than a telephone call, less intrusive and less expensive," says Patricia Pytte. "Each of us typed in ideas for the reception when we got an inspiration — things that wouldn't have been worth a telephone call."

For those who are plugged in, but not connected, there are software programs such as the "Wedding Workshop" and "I Do: The Ultimate Wedding Planner," which are among a number of high tech versions of old-fashioned wedding planning books.

Programs such as these keep track of many details, such as wedding guest lists, seating charts, expenses, gifts and the names and addresses of vendors being considered or already hired.

"These software programs are the most common uses of computers for weddings," according to Millie Bratten, editor of Bride's magazine. But they may be a form of technological overkill, a review of five current wedding planning programs in a recent issue of Bride's found none of them to be a significant advance on printed wedding planners. While those who prefer using computers to pencil and paper may well prefer them, at prices ranging from \$29.95 to \$49.95, they are more expensive than the planners that sell for \$20 or less.

Such a newsletter would be especially helpful when a lot of people are coming from out of town, says Bratten. The ones she has seen typically include information on places to stay, travel directions, wedding events and arrangements, and information on local sightseeing from time not devoted to wedding festivities.

"We find that readers are using computers as a tool for organizing and as a tool for communicating," Bratten adds. "Vendors, too, are beginning to

use the computer to advertise their services."

Recently Alan Fields was browsing one of the on-line wedding planning newsgroups that have mushroomed in the last year or so and found an entire catalog of bridesmaid's dresses issued by Watters & Watters of Dallas.

As co-author of the self-published book, "Bridal Bargains" (Windsor Park Press, Boulder, Colo., \$11.95 paperback), Fields has his own home page on the Internet, on which he posts updates, corrections, and letters from readers.

Fields sees the newsgroups, also referred to chat lines and bulletin boards, as the most innovative use of computers.

"The Internet newsgroups are an uncensored look at what's really on the minds of today's brides and grooms," Fields says.

While the opportunity to "chat" with other couples is a great idea, it is not always easy to make contact. Laura Goetzl, who lives in Boston and is planning a wedding in Acapulco, is hoping to use the Internet to brainstorm and exchange information with other brides and maybe pick up some recommendations for a local photographer, florist and caterer. So far, however, Goetzl has not found what she wants. Those "chatting" seem primarily to be vendors of goods and services.

"As someone with limited time, I am wary of opening up my e-mail address to unwanted advertising solicitations," says Goetzl. "You have to be careful because it is so easy to get

your name out over a huge range."

Still Goetzl is using e-mail to advantage.

"A friend of mine is e-mailing a friend of hers in Mexico City to get the name of a company that can supply handmade Mexican paper for wedding invitations," says the bride-to-be. "When she has the name, she will e-mail it to me. If the Internet didn't exist, I would have to telephone, which is more expensive and takes more time and effort."

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Personal touches make one-of-a-kind weddings memorable



The Associated Press

An almond paste "kransekake," or wreath cake, is traditional at wedding celebrations in Norway.

So a cake prepared by a godmother in Oslo added special savor to the summer garden wedding of Carolyn Pytte and Jim Castonguay in South Salem, N.Y.

Carolyn, whose father emigrated to the United States from Norway as a young man, incorporated a number of Norwegian traditions into her wedding to make it special for her family and their guests.

"We thought the Norwegian touches would add a touch of originality to the wedding," says Carolyn.

Her mother, Patricia, hung a wreath on the front door, as is customary in Norway. The family displayed the Norwegian flag next to the wreath to welcome their 120 guests. And Carolyn even had her long blonde hair styled in a traditional Norwegian twist.

After the wedding ceremony, photographer Signe Spiegel, who also comes from Norway, corralled all the guests for a group portrait. This, too, is a Norwegian tradition. The kransekake wouldn't have been possible without Liv Feder, Carolyn's godmother, who lives in Oslo. Feder made the two wreath cakes — each of which consisted of 20 graduated rings of pastry made from ground almonds, confectioners sugar and egg whites, in Norway. Then she carried them to the United States, each ring nestled one inside the other, in two cardboard boxes.

Personalized weddings hit it big

The Associated Press

Incorporating Norwegian touches and their favorite dance music in their wedding celebration places Carolyn Pytte and Jim Castonguay of South Salem, N.Y., among a growing number of couples who are opting for one-of-a-kind weddings.

There are many ways of personalizing a wedding, says Millie Bratten, executive editor of Bride's magazine. They range from adding ethnic customs and special music to creating a theme wedding.

Theme weddings are fun and memorable," says Bratten, "and they give guests something to talk about."

Some themes noted by the magazine recently include costume weddings, especially popular at Halloween and New Year's Eve, weddings with a nautical accent (navy blazers and white trousers for the groom and his attendants) and Victorian weddings held in a historic setting with the principals in vintage clothing.

One of the most unusual themes, says Bratten, was a wedding for a couple who were planning to raise cattle. The bride wore cowboy boots in black with white spots. The groom's cummerbund and the couple's guest book were covered with the same material. The cake was iced to resemble cowhide, and the cake-topper was in the shape of a cow's udder.

Feder assembled the cake at the bride's house on the morning of the wedding, piling one on top of the other like a child's version of a Christmas tree and decorating each with white icing. She brought along the traditional decorations of gold-colored nun-knives, shoes for good luck and cellophane-wrapped "crackers" with humorous sayings.

If this had been a rural area in Norway, where Carolyn's father, Erling, grew up, the wedding might well have started with a walk to a local church for the ceremony and included a meal at a single long table for all the guests.

Both were considered, but Carolyn and Jim opted instead for a ceremony on the

make every aspect of the wedding as personal as possible. Carolyn and her mother, who planned the wedding jointly, hired family friends to provide various services. The mother of a childhood friend designed dresses for both the bride and her mother. And the minister, David Otto of Katonah, N. Y., who is the father of another childhood friend, performed the ceremony.

After the wedding ceremony, with music selected by Jim's father, a professor of music, there was dinner and dancing.

The menu included lobster in puff paste and filet of beef, and in addition to the Norwegian wedding cakes, there was a flower-bedecked white cake with lemon and raspberry filling and whipped cream icing.

Dancing was to classic American popular music selected by Carolyn and Jim and spun by a disc jockey.

"We wanted everyone to dance," says Carolyn. "We played Hank Williams for the southern cousins and '50s rock-and-roll because my dad will dance to that. When my mother and father danced to 'Love Me Tender' by Elvis Presley, that was one of the most memorable moments."

Carolyn Pytte and Jim Castonguay exchange vows at their Norwegian-style wedding in South Salem, N.Y.

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Remarriage protocol not much different

Copy News Service

When wedding bells ring, it's time to go down the aisle in style - whether the marriage is your first, or dot.

Remarriage, according to those in the know about nuptials, raises a bouquet of questions concerning everything from protocol and parties to finances and families. Here are some answers:

- What type of a second wedding is appropriate?
- Whatever is right for you. A wedding is a celebration that should reflect the tastes and desires of the bride couple. You're entitled to have the kind of wedding that suits your age and lifestyle - whether it be a small ceremony and quiet dinner or the blowout bash you never had.
- Civil or non-sectarian ceremonies are popular for remarriages, including those held in private homes, a judge's chambers or at historic sites. But religious weddings are suitable as well - just check early with clergy since some religions have special requirements.
- What customs should be included or avoided?
- Include any matrimonial customs

with which you feel comfortable - bouquet toss, multiple honor attendants, engagement party or shower.

Since family and friends undoubtedly will want to purchase gifts for showers and the wedding, by all means register for gifts at your favorite store. Register to either augment present patterns or opt for entirely new patterns, setting aside first-marriage items for children from that union.

- Can the second-time bride wear white?
- Absolutely! The bride can wear whatever she chooses - long gown, short dress or elegant suit - in white, ivory or any color she selects.
- The second-time bride has just as much right to look like a bride as does a first-timer, down to the headpiece, train and garter belt, if she so chooses.
- The only garment etiquette reserves for first-time brides is a veil.
- How can children be made to feel included?
- Older children can escort the bride down the aisle or serve as honor attendants; younger ones can be ring-bearers or flower girls.
- To give children an even more prominent part in the ceremony, consider having them light a community

candle or share a drinking cup with the newlyweds - both symbols of unity.

If your child would find it comforting - and it would not distress your new mate - invite your ex-spouse or former in-laws to the wedding. To avoid awkward situations, plan seating and family photos carefully - and introduce the individuals to other guests as "Jimmy's grandfather" or "Jimmy's mother" rather than going into cumbersome explanations.

- Who pays for the wedding?
- Generally, the bride and groom share the costs for the wedding. However, if friends or family offer help, there's no reason not to accept.
- How do remarried newlyweds manage money after matrimony?
- Merging two financial lives into one can be more complex in second marriages. Generally, the older you are, the more you own. And one or both spouses may have the financial responsibility of children.
- Writing a prenuptial agreement - or at least discussing financial goals in detail with your intended - not only helps protect your interests but also ensures your assets from a first marriage will be passed along to the children from that union and not to your

new spouse.

Keeping separate checking accounts is one way to ensure that already well-developed - and potentially conflicting - spending habits don't adversely affect your mate.

Simply put your paycheck into your own account, and from that, allocate an agreed-upon portion into a joint account for paying household costs such as rent, utilities, food, savings, etc.

- How can we successfully merge family traditions?
- Although it may sound harsh, it's best to give up on most of the old traditions and forge new ones of your own - thereby avoiding comparisons to old spouses and former lives.
- If children are involved, you and your spouse will need to make decisions on how holidays will be spent; based on what's best for everyone involved - the two of you, your former spouses and, most importantly, the kids.
- It's best to present any ideas as a united front with your ex-spouse - for example, "Your dad and I have agreed to share the holidays. He'd like to spend Christmas Eve with you, and you'll spend Christmas Day with me."

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Vintage bridal accessories find new popularity

The Associated Press

Wedding traditions call for something old, something new, something borrowed and something blue. Now, as couples search for distinguishing touches to make their wedding personal, something old is increasingly valued.

Vintage bride's and bridesmaid's dresses, tuxedos, antique rings, accessories such as beaded bags and pearl chokers, and even old cake toppers are in demand.

These used items, once found at yard sales and second-hand shops, are now hot commodities in antique shops and at antique shows, dealers say.

Last summer, in what may be a first, an antique show geared to bridal couples was held at the Garden State Exhibit Center in Somerset, N.J. Several hundred brides attended, according to show organizer, Irene Stella of Haworth, N.J.



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Antique wedding pieces like rings, dresses and hats can add character to a wedding at little cost.

chances are good that her attendants and her groom will follow her lead. The mists of honor likely will select period party dresses in keeping with the bride's choice, and the groom will choose an old tuxedo, cutaway or tailcoat.

There is an economic advantage to vintage clothing," says Candy-Moyse. "An old tuxedo dating from the 1920s to the 1950s goes for \$95 to \$150. Many bridal dresses range from \$500 to \$800, and prices for bridesmaids' outfits range from \$200 to \$300."

Candy-Moyse also finds a ready market among brides for beaded purses and headpieces. But old veils, because of their fragility, are rarely available. Other items, such as lace runners, also appeal. Recently she

setting is prized for its workmanship and ornate embellishments of filigree work and inset diamond chips. So popular are the old settings that jewelers are reproducing them in new pieces, according to Moskowitz.

Those who crave just a touch of the old might be satisfied with a cake topper. Dolores Marinello of Rutherford, N.J., collects wedding cake toppers. She says that the petite decorative items - bride and groom dolls, lovebirds and bells are all traditional - have been made out of spun sugar, plaster of Paris, china and plastic.

Twenty years ago, when she began collecting these mementoes, hardly anyone else was buying them, recalls Marinello. She snapped up bargains at 25 cents apiece. Now it is a different story. Toppers under glass domes bring prices of \$25, \$50 and even \$100 from collectors and couples who want them to add personality to their wedding reception.

"When I got married in the 1950s, everybody wanted everything to be new," says Marinello, who recently exhibited some of her 200 wedding cake toppers dating from 1890 to the present at a historical house museum in Rutherford, N.J. "Now vintage items are fashionable and brides want them."

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Vintage bridal wear represents the most popular oldie but goodie for weddings.

"Sales have exploded in the last three years or so," says Carol Candy-Moyse, a dealer in Frederick, Md.

Candy-Moyse, who put on the fashion show at the Stella antiques show, says that the most favored bridal dress styles currently are simple dresses from the 1930s to 1950s - dresses that do not have too much trim or glitter.

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Short hair for your wedding? The idea may grow on you

The Associated Press

The bride-to-be who normally wears her hair short should keep it that way for the big day, advises a New York beauty specialist.

"Short or mid-length hair tends to be softer looking and easier to wear even on your wedding day, not to mention more versatile," says Vernon Keech, creative designer at the uptown Vidal Sassoon Salon in New York City.

For some reason, many prospective brides start growing their hair longer as soon as they are engaged, in the belief that long hair offers more styling options with the headpiece or veil. But long hair pulled up looks just like short hair, notes Keech.

"If you grow your hair out strictly for your wedding day and then cut it off right after the honeymoon, someday you're going to look back at the pictures and you won't really see what you looked like at the time—only on that one day," Keech said. "And, do you really want to fuss with your hair on your honeymoon, especially if you are not good with your hair?"

Short hair can be worn either very stylized and polished or loose and natural, Keech says. Bring your headpiece to your stylist a few months before the wedding so you can practice how you will handle it on the big day, he advises. If you're going to do your hair yourself on the wedding day, a stylist can give you a lesson on handling it, which you can



Copley News Service

Short hair can look very elegant with the proper hair piece and preparation.

practice as the date approaches.

The last cut should be about two weeks before the wedding and coloring about a week before.

Another advantage to short cuts

is that after the ceremony, you can remove the veil without upsetting a complicated hairstyle. Just run your fingers through your hair, and enjoy the party.

becoming soiled. If you decide to go with washing, it's best to use a commercial-size washer like those found at many coin-operated laundries (take along enough quarters to open a bank account. It can take up to six hours to wash and thoroughly dry a comforter).

We opt for dry cleaning, which also is not a deal. Expect to pay about \$30, Bechwar says.

Now, comforters also need airing from time to time. Bechwar suggests in the summer, preferably after a thunderstorm. But any time in the summer or warm weather will do.

The concept behind the thunderstorm airing is interesting. After a thunderstorm, there's ozone in the air, Bechwar says. Ozone naturally restores the lanolin in down clusters. Down also needs to breathe, so never store a comforter in a plastic bag or when it's damp.

If you'd like to know more about down, feathers and down comforters, give Lands' End a call at (800) 345-3696 and ask for the booklet "Everything You've Ever Wanted to Know about Down and Feathers." It's free.

New fashion guides offer 'I do' advice for couples

Knight-Ridder News Service

Is there a wedding in your future? If so, there are a couple of brochures that might be of interest.

For men, there's the "Groom's Style Guide" from Raffinati Formalwear.

The full-color, 16-page publication covers the latest trends in formal wear, including photos of the latest Raffinati and Oscar de la Renta designs for men; renting vs. buying a tuxedo; attire for the rest of the men in the wedding party and a handy checklist for tracking sizes and dates for the groom and his wedding party.

The "Groom's Style Guide" is free if you send a business-size, stamped, self-addressed envelope to Ogan/Dallal Associates, 1185 Avenue of the Americas, 20th floor, New York, N.Y. 10036.

For brides-to-be who want the dress of their dreams, the answer is often do-it-yourself.

If you aren't an accomplished seamstress, you can still have a gown custom-made by a dressmaker. Most major pattern companies have a selection of bridal gowns as well as dresses for bridesmaids, flower-girls and mothers of the bride and groom, ranging from formal to vintage looks.

For tips on creating a one-of-a-kind gown, send a \$1 check or money order, payable to the American Home Sewing & Craft Association, to Wedding Belles, The Sewing Fashion Council, P.O. Box 650, Madison Square Station, New York, N.Y. 10159-0650.

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Orange County Register

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If you want that comforter to last and look its best for years, though, there are some things that you should know.

These little bits and bits concerning comforter care are from Steve Bechwar, product manager for Coming Home, the bed and bath division of mail-order giant Lands' End, which just happens to sell down comforters by the truckload.

When properly cared for, says Bechwar, a down comforter should last as long as 20 years. The operative words here are "properly cared for."

The first line of defense is a washable comforter cover, which helps prevent body oils from getting into the down. Oil and down do not mix. Ever seen birds caught in an oil spill? Enough said.

Flumping your comforter regularly keeps the down evenly distributed. To make life just that much simpler, look for a comforter cover with ties inside each corner. The ties will hold your comforter in place, Bechwar says, so that when you fluff you're fluffing the comforter as well as the cover. Important point.

Comforter covers come in every sort of color, pattern and print to complement bedroom decor. If you want a particularly dreamy sleep, choose flannel. It's as soft as cotton candy and every bit as sweet.

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Guidelines can keep marital ties tight



Father Norbert Burns stresses conflict resolution and equality in his marriage classes at the University of Dayton in Ohio.

Nurturing, courting doesn't end after saying vows

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Though the first year of marriage is one of transition, it may not necessarily be the hardest, says a marital therapy specialist at The Catholic University of America.

"Most of the couples I see look back on the first year of marriage as ideal," says Thomas Wright, associate professor of psychology at the university. "It is a time when the rosy glow of courtship is still strong, when both partners revel in each other's company."

Later, it's easy to forget the need to nurture the relationship, he says. "Some people wrongly assume that after they are married there is no need to continue courting. This assumption leads to trouble."

Couples should continue to do things to show caring, like writing notes to each other and calling each other during the day, he advises. "Remember, people have their own ideas of how to be nurtured. What works for you may not work for your partner."

"Take the time to discover

The Associated Press

DAYTON, Ohio — "How many of you believe in equality?" Rev. Norbert Burns might ask his Christian Marriage class at the University of Dayton. Most of the participants will raise their hands.

"How many of you women want to have a full-time career and a family?" he asks as a follow-up. Most of the women raise their hands.

Then he asks the critical question: "How many of you men are willing to marry these women?" Only six hands go up.

Burns says equality, sex, and conflict resolution are typical subjects he encourages couples to discuss beforehand to prevent the marital ties from unraveling.

The 72-year-old marriage counselor and religion professor is about to retire this spring after 50 years of teaching, 40 years of counseling and 25 years as a talk-show host — offers these guidelines for prospective brides and grooms:

- Be sincere, and don't play games with each other.
- Identify who you are, your values, and your professional goals before you get married.
- Remember the first year of marriage is most important, because that's when behavior patterns are set.
- Don't get disillusioned when you have problems.
- Know that there are an art and a science to conflict resolution.
- Keep romance alive. Set aside at least one night a month to go on a date.
- Try to always keep humor in the relationship.
- Never fight at the dinner table or in bed.
- Try to do things to keep the relationship fresh.
- Stress the positive. Keep criticism to yourself.

Maureen Willits and her husband, Fred, took Burns' class in 1968, before they were married.

"There are certain philosophies from Father Burns that we still think about, like not letting the sun go down on an argument," she says.

There have been ups and downs, she says. "But one of the things that has helped us through is remembering the things that Burns stressed, like fair fighting, stepping away and taking a deep breath, and knowing that your married life must be centered in that person beside you, with God at the heart of it."

Identify who you are, your values, and your professional goals before you get married.

what makes your partner feel good."

Wright says that couples should recognize that conflict comes with courting and romance: "Every couple experiences it. It is how they handle and resolve it that is important. Couples who do not handle conflict well can learn to handle it through counseling."

The difficulties during the first year of marriage include those of adjusting to married life, especially learning to emotionally leave the family that each partner grew up with and make the marriage the

new primary family: "Eventually it comes down to choices in time between your family of origin and your husband or wife. It is important to put your marriage first. If you don't, you run into problems."

Parents of the couple may intellectually realize that the newlyweds need to focus on the marriage but still have a hard time emotionally accepting the changes, Wright says, observing that once a child has launched a new family through marriage, the old family must redefine itself.

Less romantic financial side of marriage needs just as much diligent planning

The Associated Press

MILWAUKEE — It doesn't come tied up with a bow, but one of the most important packages to consider at wedding time is the long-term financial one.

"It may not be as romantic as planning the ultimate reception and honeymoon, but the business side of marriage is something that soon-to-be-marrieds should not neglect," says Joan F. Kessler, a family law attorney with Foley & Lardner in Milwaukee.

"Agreement about how the marriage will be financially managed is especially important in two-career marriages and for those who have been married before because these people are likely to have accumulated assets, pensions, and houses, she points out. The couple should agree how they will manage their financial affairs not only in the marriage but in the event of divorce, death, or an inheritance.

"Open communication is the key. They should discuss what assets each partner brings into the marriage and how long-term and day-to-day economic matters will be handled," Kessler says.

These are some of the items to be considered, according to Kessler:

- Decide how you will file taxes. Kessler advises doing the arithmetic for filing jointly and separately to see which way offers the lowest tax bite. But be aware that each partner will be paying more than when they were single — the "marriage penalty."
- Agree about how you'll manage your accounts. Joint accounts are fine if both agree on saving, withdrawals, etc. Also decide if one partner will be handling bill-paying and track finances or if each person will

take some responsibility for paying certain bills.

- Negotiate agreement about priorities to be set on savings and money to be spent on non-essentials, or "fun" money. This is one area that's especially prone to disagreement among couples, Kessler says.
- Watch out for credit cards, she advises. Young couples living on a shoestring can find card offerings that arrive in the mail almost every day very alluring. Decide how many cards you will have and how you will use them.
- Make a will. It may seem premature, but it's important if there is any significant amount of money or assets involved, because a will can minimize the tax bite. It's doubly important if one or both partners have been married before, because obligations from a previous divorce judgment may have to be factored in.

Decide how you'll handle financial issues involving children in a second marriage. Among considerations are allowances, discipline, child support payments to and from former spouses, and household expenses. Kessler points out that stepparents legally have no obligation to pay bills or make guardianship decisions related to stepchildren.

Many of these issues can be ironed out in advance through prenuptial agreements, Kessler says.

"A prenuptial agreement helps ensure complete understanding between husband and wife as to how the finances and other issues will be handled. Establishing those parameters upfront can prevent major disagreements and misunderstandings later on," she says.

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The bride is the daughter of Robert and Ilene Bingham, sister of Jerome. Parents of the bridegroom are Eugene Cook and Dixie Cook, both of Jerome.

Heidi Lloyd, sister of the bride, served as the bride's matron of honor. Jeannie Bingham, sister of the bride, served as the bride's maid of honor. Bridesmaids included Carolyn Leavitt, friend of the bride, and Angela and Marjorie Bingham, sisters of the bride.

Collin Quincey, friend of the bridegroom, served as best man. Groomsmen included Jeff Clark, friend of the bridegroom, and Nathan and Scott Cook, brothers of the bridegroom. Treat Bingham, brother of the bride, served as usher.

Special guests included grandparents of the bride, Dean and Norine Bingham of Weston, Idaho, at the reception following the ceremony. Serving were Priscilla



Tyson and Valerie Cook

Malone and Jane Leavitt, friends of the bride, and Michelle, Malita and Sheri Bingham and Allison Linkenhoker, cousins of the bride. Flanist was Linda Clark and soloists were Jeff Clark and Angela Bingham. Inez White, sister of the bridegroom, attended the guest book. Gift attendants were Camille Bingham and Stephanie Cook, sisters of the bride.

The bride is attending Utah Valley State College in Orem, Utah. She is employed at the Store House in Provo, Utah.

The bridegroom is attending Brigham Young University in Provo. He is employed by BYU. The newlyweds reside in Provo.

Western wear wrangles way into white wedding

The Associated Press

It's the '90s, so a cowboy can put on his Stetson and his best boots, grab his gal, and step lively down the aisle. For the '90s look - give or take a century - the gal may be wearing boots and a cowboy hat herself. The boots will be white and the hat will have a tulle bow and veil attached.

Far-fetched? Maybe, but a fringed white lace wedding dress, white boots and a tulle-draped white Western hat were an instant success all over the country when shown in a Western-wear mail order catalog in the spring of 1995.

"We sold about 1,300 dresses, about five times what we would normally expect," says Fred Wojcik, president of Cheyenne Outfitters of Cheyenne, Wyo. (1-800-234-0432). Now, the company has issued a separate 12-page wedding collection catalog. There are six styles of wedding dress, ranging in price from \$100 to \$220. There is also clothing for the groom, bridesmaids, flower girls and ring bearers, and wedding accessories such as fringe-wrapped toasting glasses and a cowboy and cowgirl cake topper.

Wojcik says that Western themes for weddings seem especially popular for second weddings when, he theorizes, people want to do something out of the ordinary.

Another reason why a Western wedding might be popular? "It's very affordable, not only because the clothes are less expensive but also because the food and service can be informal and cost less," Wojcik says. "The wedding can even be held outdoors."

He ought to know. Wojcik married Debbie Nolen in June, 1995, in a Western-style outdoor wedding. She wore a Western dress, white-tulle cowboy hat and white wedding boots. He wore a frock coat and black jeans, a black hat and his best black lizard boots. The best man and maid of honor also wore Western gear.

The Western wedding fits into what bridal magazines refer to as costume and theme weddings. They're a growing trend, but not necessarily the major one. "To tell you the truth," says Rachel Leonard, fashion editor of Bride's,

"most brides want to look like the all-American girl. In the '90s, that tends to mean wearing a dress of relative simplicity, understated and with clean lines. The ball gown, the princess line and the sheath are the most important silhouettes."

Representative of that trend are dresses by Amsale Aberra, an Ethiopia-born American designer who prefers simple lines with fine fabrics and subtle detailing, such as a slender Alencon lace sheath with a silk chapel train or a full-skirted satin gown over a tulle underskirt accented with silk flowers.

'I want a bride to be able to look at her wedding photographs on her 20th wedding anniversary and see an elegant gown as beautiful as ever - not a trendy, fussy period piece.'

— designer Amsale Aberra

veil worn with a white dress.

Another fashionable direction is for body-revealing and body-baring dresses such as sheaths, halter tops, bare backs and dresses with cutouts at the shoulders or neckline.

Yet another bridal look is a sedate, high-necked dress with long sleeves. The style was popularized in the 1950s by brides such as Grace Kelly and Jackie Kennedy.

Those who crave a vintage look often go with lace, says Leonard. The dresses are new, but they have an heirloom look from the turn of the century or a little after. Vintage-style accessories such as ankle boots and strap buckle shoes are favorites with dresses such as these.

If the storybook wedding appeals, however, not to worry.

"There are lots of fantasies out there - medieval, Victorian, Western, southern belle or Cinderella princess are some of the most popular - and the manufacturers cater to them," Leonard says.

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Lee is a graduate of Soda Springs High School and a four-year graduate of the LDS Seminary.

Wayment attended Minico High School in Weston, Idaho, and the Idaho Army National Guard in Twin Falls.

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TWIN FALLS - Henry and Carolyn Orthel of Twin Falls, announce the engagement of their daughter, Sarah Christine, to Anthony Fitzgerald, son of the late Clement and Agnes Fitzgerald of Shoshone.

Orthel is a graduate of Twin Falls High School and Idaho State University. She is employed by the Gooding School District as a second-grade teacher.

Fitzgerald is a graduate of Marysville-Pilchuck High School in Marysville, Wash., and Arizona State University. He is employed by Sabala Realty in Twin Falls.

The wedding is planned for March

Taylor-Gross

JEROME - Robert and Nell Taylor of Jerome, announce the engagement of their daughter, Tressie Marie Taylor, to Dennis M. Gross, son of Robert and Ella Gross of Nampa.

Taylor is a graduate of Simi Valley High School in Simi Valley, Calif. She is employed at Vincent L. Williams D.M.D. in Twin Falls.

Gross is a graduate of Caldwell High School. He is employed by the city of Halley.

The wedding is planned for Saturday.



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Anthony Fitzgerald and Sarah Orthel

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Dennis Gross and Tressie Taylor

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Money

Tax changes related to business-travel expenses

Knight-Ridder News Service

Attention, business travelers! Just when you thought it was safe to throw away those little paper receipts you've been saving in case your taxes are audited, here comes a warning from your boss: Even if the IRS doesn't care about them as much as it used to, the company may.

In an effort to reduce the paperwork burden for government and business, the IRS decreased last year that, starting Oct. 1, business expenses of less than \$75 no longer require a receipt to be tax-deductible. Before, any expense of \$25 or more required a receipt.

For many companies, however, the change in regulations isn't expected to affect annual expense-accounting requirements. Consultants hired to help corporations reduce their travel-and-entertainment costs have advised clients for years to make employees keep all receipts, or at least those over a low threshold, such as \$10. Cash tips are about the only expense exempted by many employers. The recordkeeping isn't designed so much to keep employees from fudging on their ex-

pense accounts as it is to assure accurate records, the consultants say. Some accountants also question the wisdom of not keeping receipts. The IRS may continue to require you to produce receipts of where and when you incurred business-travel expenses, and the more documentation you have, the better off you should be, said Linda Guendelsberger, a CPA with Fishbein & Co., a Jenkintown, Pa., accounting firm.

"The whole issue is, if you're one of the ones lucky enough to have your taxes examined by the IRS, it may make the examination process a little easier," she said. "Maybe it's just my conservative nature as an accountant, but I always keep all my receipts."

For the most part, the new rule is one of the few new wrinkles in the tax code that someone who deducts travel expenses needs to worry about when filing a 1995 return. The only other important change was an increase in the standard mileage rate for operating your car. You can deduct 30 cents for every business mile traveled, compared with 29 cents for 1994.

In the meantime, if you haven't

checked in a few years on tax changes related to business-travel expenses, it's a good idea to talk to an accountant, buy a good tax guide, or read information supplied by the IRS. Here are some examples of changes that took effect in the last two years:

- Rules are tighter on deductions for a spouse, dependent or other person who travels with you. Once, the expenses for others who went along on a trip to a resort for a convention, for instance, were deductible. Now, the others have to be employees of the person taking the deduction, and they must be traveling for a specific business purpose.

- Deductions have been eliminated for most dues paid to private clubs, including an airline club in an airport where you're conducting business.
- You can deduct only 50 percent of the cost of business meals and entertainment, compared with 80 percent a few years ago. Stand by for updates in this area, however. Congress is looking at several proposals to raise the levels again as a way to boost the restaurant business, which says it was severely wounded by lowering the deductibility level.

Nanny rules, direct deposit change this year

Knight-Ridder News Service

Changes in the federal tax rules include:

- **Inflation adjustments:** To keep pace with inflation, amounts increased for tax brackets, standard deductions, exemptions and earned-income credits. Adjustments also raised the thresholds for filing a return, depreciation limits, the maximum contribution to a 401(k) retirement account, and the investment income a child can accrue without having to file Form 1041. On the other hand, the income subject to Social Security taxes also edged higher.
- **EZ rules:** More taxpayers will be able to file a 1040-EZ form. You now can report unemployment compensation on the form. And about 8 million taxpayers will be eligible to file their EZ forms over

a Touch-Tone phone.

- **Direct deposit:** This year you can ask the IRS to deposit your refund directly to your account. File Form 8888. Previously, direct deposit was available only if you filed electronically.

- **"Nanny tax" crackdown:** Taxpayers who hired household employees may be required to complete the new Schedule H and report and pay Social Security, Medicare and unemployment taxes on their personal 1040 form. The good news is the basic threshold was raised to \$1,000 in annual pay, up substantially from \$50 paid in a quarter.

- **Social Security numbers:** If you file a paper return, you must list ID numbers for all dependents you claim who were born before Nov. 1. You'll need an ID number for all dependents if you file electronically.

The IRS is stepping up its battle against fraudulent claims from last year.

- **Earned-income credit rules:** Many military personnel stationed overseas are eligible for the earned-income credit. Non-resident aliens are not.

- **Business receipts:** Starting Oct. 1, 1995, you must save receipts for certain business travel and entertainment expenses only when they exceed \$75. Previously, it was \$25.

- **Higher mileage rates:** The standard mileage rate for deducting business use of a car rose to 30 cents per mile, up from 29 cents.

- **Higher deduction:** Self-employed taxpayers who earned a net profit might be eligible to deduct 30 percent of their health-insurance premiums. The deduction was 25 percent last tax year.

What makes a head of household?

Knight-Ridder News Service

One of the more confusing questions many taxpayers face arises at the outset — particularly for young people just stepping out on their own, divorced parents and parents whose adult children "boomerang" home: Can I claim head-of-household status?

There are good reasons to look closely at whether you qualify, notably more-favorable tax brackets and higher standard deductions.

So, though your independence, sense of justice and even your checkbook seem to indicate you headed a household, don't assume you really qualify. There are too many details and exceptions to go into here, but to qualify you generally must:

- Have been unmarried on Dec. 31, 1995.
- Have contributed at least half of the cost of keeping up a home for the entire year.
- Have lived in that home at least six months of the year.
- And have used that home to house a relative (it's usually a dependent, but friends never count) for at least six months. One notable exception: if you paid more than half the cost of keeping a parent in a nursing home the entire year.

In particular, you'll need to be able to back up that you provided more than half the costs. You can include rent, mortgage interest, taxes, home insurance, home repairs, utilities and food. But you can't count such expenses as clothing, tuition, medical care, vacations, transportation or the rent you could have charged — or craved to charge — for a portion of your home.

Perhaps the biggest reason claims fail is that two people can't use the same person to qualify for head-of-household status.

"It's not the same as being able to take someone as a dependent," said Claudia Hill, who heads Tax Mom Tax Services Group in Cupertino, Calif. "Dependency is based on who provided the support for the person. Head of household is based on who provided the cost of the household."

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Tradewinds

RUPERT - Debbie Mancias has been promoted to assistant sales manager for Rolland Jones Potatoes Inc.

She was previously procurement secretary for six years. Her new duties include assisting in the sales of consumer, restaurant and institutional fresh potatoes and in the coordination of production scheduling. She lives near Rupert with her husband, Rudy, and their three children.

Marcia Page has been hired as procurement secretary at Rolland Jones Potatoes Inc. She previously worked for Magic Valley Foods, Inc. of Rupert for 15 years, the last five of which she was a lab technician. Her new duties include tracking the purchase, storage, shipping and utilization of fresh-grade potatoes used by Rolland Jones Potatoes, Magic Valley Foods and Magic West Inc. of Glenns Ferry. She lives near Paul with her husband, Jerry. They have two children.

Rolland Jones Potatoes is a leading fresh packer of Idaho Potatoes and is celebrating its 50th anniversary.

TWIN FALLS - IDI Magic Valley Technologies Corp. recently graduated from the College of Southern Idaho Small Business Incubator. Its new location is 308 Shoshone St. E., Suite 7. The telephone numbers are (208) 734-5663 or 1-800-804-5270; the e-mail address is idimagie@magiclink.com.

IDI provides worldwide experience to the Magic Valley with respect to programming in a MicroSoft Windows environment. Its flagship product is "Federal Money Retriever," which offers easy access to the most current information on federal funding programs. "Retriever" was rated by the American Library Association as being among the three best electronic publications in the United States for 1995. IDI was in the CSI business incubator for approximately 15 months.

RUPERT - Kathy Doman has been promoted to sales manager for Magic Valley Foods Inc. of Rupert and Magic West Inc. of Glenns Ferry.

She was previously sales coordinator for six years. Her new duties include responsibility for dehydrated and frozen potatoes sales and promotion and production scheduling. She also manages a network of brokers throughout the United States. She lives in Burley, has four grown children and has attended Albion College of Idaho in Caldwell and Idaho State University in Pocatello.

Les Pollard has been hired as sales coordinator for Magic Valley Foods Inc. of Rupert and Magic West Inc. of Glenns Ferry. Pollard was previously employed by Roper's in Burley. His duties include coordinating the shipping of dehydrated and frozen potato products and tracking of inventories at distribution centers. He lives in Burley with his wife, Virginia, and two children, and is a 1994 graduate of ISU.

Both Magic Valley Foods and Magic West produce dehydrated potato flakes for consumer pack (instant mashed potatoes) and for ingredients in snack foods such as Pringles, O'Boises, etc. In addition, Magic West produces individually quick frozen hashbrowns and other frozen potato products.

TWIN FALLS - Craig Allred has joined Obchain Insurance



Mancias Page Doman Pollard Hoag



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Inc. as manager of its benefits department. He was formerly with Prudential Insurance Co. and has more than 20 years of experience providing life, health, property and casualty insurance to clients throughout Idaho. He also has assisted clients with investments through pension plans, investment retirement accounts and mutual funds.

Allred holds the designation of Life Underwriter Training Council Fellow, awarded by the Life Underwriter Training Council to agents only after they have attended seminars on products, service and customer satisfaction and passed a rigorous series of tests. He is completing requirements to obtain a certified insurance counselor designation through the Society of Insurance Counselors.

TWIN FALLS - Tina Kraus has been promoted to news anchor/reporter for KMYT News. As news anchor, she co-anchors the News at 6 with Doug Maughan and the News at 10 with Ken Riskey Monday through Friday. She also will continue to gather and report local news stories. The announcement was made by KMYT General Manager Lee Wagner and News Director Doug Maughan.

Kraus was raised in Rupert and graduated from Minico High School in 1990. She graduated from Northwestern College in St. Paul, Minn., with a bachelor's degree in broadcasting and began her career in television journalism at KMYT in June 1994.

TWIN FALLS - Debbie Olpin is the new managing director for the Twin Falls, Burley and Wells, Nev., Burger King restaurants. She has been part of the Burger King management team since 1988. She and her husband, Wayne, and their four children, EMBERLE, Ashley, Misty and Kasey, are from Nephi, Utah. She is a member of the chamber of commerce and plans to become involved in other civic organizations.

Burger King extends thanks to Troy Buckenister for his service as managing partner of the Twin Falls, Burley and Wells, Nev., stores. His management of the two Magic Valley locations since HB Boys LC purchased the restaurants in 1989 has been exceptional.

TWIN FALLS - Julie Zampodri has been named branch sales manager for the Twin Falls office of Norwest Mortgage Inc. She has been in mortgage lending for nine years and with Norwest for the past three years. She will be originating

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BUHL - The Idaho Aquaculture Association has hired Dave Bruhn as its executive secretary. He has been secretary/treasurer since May 1993 and was previously with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Services fisheries program for 34 years, that last 20 of which were at the Hagerman National Fish Hatchery. He can be reached at P.O. Box 28, Buhl, ID 83316, or by phone/fax at 543-4898.

TWIN FALLS - Todd R. McQueen of Snake River Pool & Spa recently attended and successfully completed Watkins Manufacturing's product knowledge and basic selling course in Kansas City, Mo.

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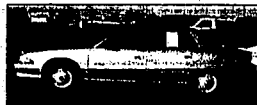
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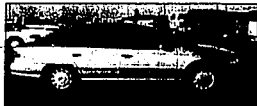
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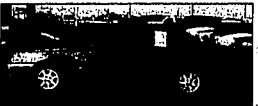
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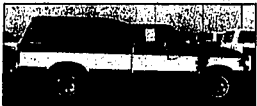
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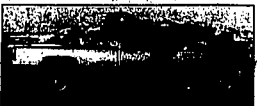
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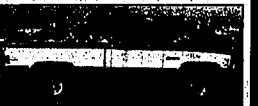
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INSIDE: Readers Respond To Carroll O'Connor's Challenge

Q Has Courtney Love left music to pursue a career as a movie star? —S.R., Grand Rapids, Mich.

A No. In the year and a half since the suicide of her husband, rock star Kurt Cobain, Courtney Love has continued to write music and sing for the rock group Hole. But she also has launched a career in Hollywood. Love, 31, recently finished her first film—"Feeling Minnesota," starring Keanu Reeves and due out in April. When Miles Forman saw an early cut of the film, the director was so impressed that he gave Love a screen test for his next picture, "The People vs. Larry Flynt," which stars Woody Harrelson as the porn publisher. "Courtney went Miles away," a source tells PARADE, "and he gave her the role of Flynt's wife who wastes away on drugs. To be convincing, Courtney had to do the same thing Sharon Stone did for 'Casino,' which is to lose a lot of weight." Presumably, Love's own drug experience also helped her to be convincing."



Courtney Love, looking unamusedly at the film *Feeling Minnesota*

Q Am I crazy, or has "Saturday Night Live" finally started getting better? —W.S., Boulder, Colo.

A You're not crazy. Much about this 21st season of "Saturday Night Live" seems sharper than last year, although it's still too early to say if the new director (Beth McCarthy, formerly of MTV), 12 new writers and six new cast members have accomplished a turnaround. "The show has been up and down so many times," Lorne Michaels, creator and executive producer of "SNL," tells PARADE. "The most recent transition has been the most difficult. It's hard for us to be shocking when cable TV can get away without any language or other restraints, and we're still very much part of a broadcast network. It's also hard when you're introducing that many new cast people to a TV audience, especially when we had people on-screen for as long as nine years. It takes time for viewers to make contact [with the new crew]. But it seems to be working." Incidentally, Michaels, 51, was born in Toronto—which may explain the number of cast members who've also come from Canada, among them Dan Aykroyd, Martin Short, Mike Myers and currently Norm MacDonald and Mark McKinney.

Walter Scott's Personality Parade



Reubens: Smiling (and working) again!

Q For a while after he was charged with indecent exposure in an adult movie theater, Peewee Herman was persona non grata in Hollywood. Now I hear he's making a comeback: How did he manage that? —A.W., New Haven, Conn.

A It's true Peewee was (real name: Paul Reubens), 43, had trouble finding work after pleading no contest in 1991 to charges of indecent exposure, but his pals in the entertainment industry stood by him. "Paul got a bum rap," says the satirist Fran Lebowitz, reflecting the consensus of opinion among showbiz types. "I was astonished by the public reaction to his arrest." The scriptist now has a recurring role on "Murphy Brown" and appears in the new film "Dunston Checks In," with Jason Alexander. He's also in "Matilda," a kids' film produced by Danny DeVito, due out this summer.

Q I know that New York Mafia don John Gotti is in prison. What are the conditions of his incarceration? —Bill M., Raritan, N.J.

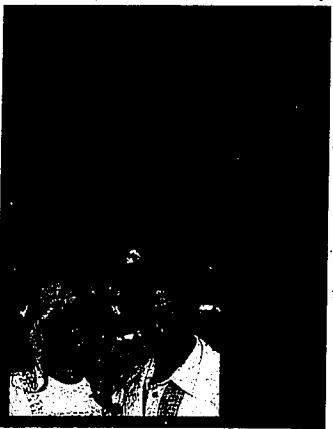
A John Gotti, 54, has been held at the maximum-security federal penitentiary in Marion, Ill., since 1992, when he was sentenced to life in prison without parole for racketeering and murder. Last month, it was reported that Gotti was held in "virtual solitary confinement" and battling to maintain control of the Gambino crime family, whose acting boss is his son, John Jr. PARADE has learned, however, that Gotti was only in "solitary" for his first two days, when he was under administrative detention. Since then, he has had his own cell in the general-population unit, which he leaves—in handcuffs—for 15 hours of recreation a week. Gotti also is allowed five "social visits" a month between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m.

Q My favorite actress is Christina Ricci, who appeared most recently in the movie "Now and Then." I understand that she is very close to Cher. Can you tell me how these two became such good friends? —Becky Zubek, Central City, Pa.



Christina: Cher sings her praises

A During the shooting of the 1990 movie "Mermaids," Christina Ricci, now 15, developed a strong bond with Winona Ryder, 24, who played her big sister, and Cher, 49, who starred as their tattooed mother. "Christina used to hang out with Cher and Winona, and they became like a family," a friend of Ricci's tells PARADE. "Cher is great with kids. She speaks very directly and honestly with them." A press agent for the young actress, who lives in Montclair, N.J., adds: "They speak often on the phone, and Cher even called a reporter who was writing an article on Christina to sing her praises." Ricci will next appear in a remake of the 1965 Haley Mills film "That Dam Cat!"



Heather Harlan and Tony Randall: So, what's 50 years?

Gotti: Still top dog!

Q I've noticed a sudden rash of celebrity love matches involving huge differences in age. Please give me a rundown on the names and ages of these May-December lovers. —R.K., Montgomery, Ala.

A Among the prominent matchups: Actor Tony Randall, 75, recently wed actress Heather Harlan, 25. Tony Bennett, 69, has been dating jazz manager Susm Cruz, 28. Woody Allen, 60, is still with Soon-Yi Previn, 25. Martial-arts film star Chuck Norris, 55, announced plans to marry Monica Hill, 25, an interior designer. And Jerry Seinfeld, 40, is again dating student Shoshanna Lonstein, 20.

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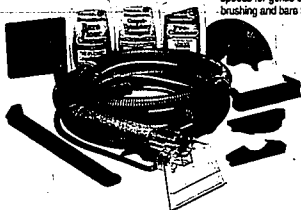
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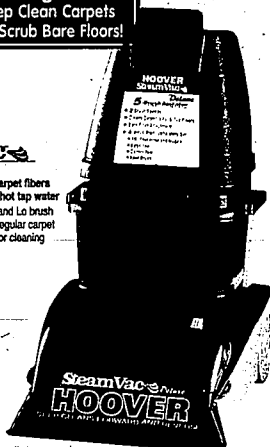
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BY BUD GREENSPAN

Bud Greenspan—award-winning sports historian, filmmaker and the author, most recently, of "100 Greatest Moments in Olympic History"—has been named to produce the official film of the 1996 Atlanta Games. We asked Greenspan, as a longtime observer of Olympic athletes and a chronicler of the Games, to share with us his thoughts about what turns a competitor into a champion.



"THE GERMAN STARTER CALLED out, 'Auf die platz'—on your mark," recalled Jesse Owens years later, as he relived the start of the 100 meters. It would be the first of the four gold medals he won at the 1936 Berlin Olympics. "The six of us in the final knelt down to our starting positions. A few seconds later, the starter shouted, 'Fertig'—get set. We waited for the gun shot that would send us off. This was it—a lifetime of training for just 10 seconds."

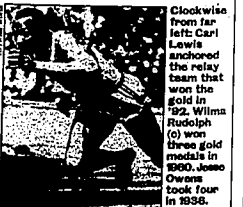
When the more than 10,000 athletes from almost 200 countries march into Atlanta's Olympic Stadium on the evening of July 19 during the opening ceremonies of the 1996 Games, it will be the culmination of a lifetime of training that for some will climax with the presentation of an Olympic gold medal. But only 615 men and women will fulfill that dream in Atlanta—to be known as Olympic champions.

Through the years, I've interviewed hundreds of gold medal-winners, try-

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Clockwise from far left: Carl Lewis anchored the relay team that won the gold in '92. Wilma Rudolph (o) won three gold medals in 1960. Jesse Owens took four in 1936.

ing to find a single thread as to what makes an Olympic champion. I found that for many there are reasons that go beyond wanting to be called "the best in the world."

"When I was a kid, I had a bad speech impediment," recalled Greg Louganis, who won the springboard and platform diving events at both the 1984 and 1988 Olympic Games. "It was frustrating because I would stand up in front of the classroom and make all these mistakes, and the kids would ridicule me. So I just shut up and wouldn't talk. And that's when I directed all my time and energy to what I could do physically. I could show people that I could dance

Evelyn Ashford, winner of four gold medals in three Olympics, took her final gold in the 4x100-meter relay at the 1992 Games when she was 35.



and tumble and I could dive."

Wilma Rudolph—who won three gold medals in track events (the 100 meters, 200 meters and 4x100-meter relay) at the 1960 Olympics and who died in 1994—could sympathize with Louganis. A victim of childhood diseases that caused her left leg to be almost paralyzed, Rudolph was forced to wear a special shoe fitted with a leg brace until she was 11. "My first goal was to get rid of that ugly shoe and walk and run like the other kids," Rudolph said. "Then I realized I had a continued



Greg Louganis swept his diving events at the '84 and '88 Games.

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talent. I wanted to be the best, but I never dreamed that when I was 20 I would be the best in the world."

Jeff Farrell was another competitor at the 1960 Games. America's finest swimmer, Farrell was taken to the hospital for an emergency appendectomy six days before the Olympic trials.

With the stitches still not removed and against doctors' orders, Farrell entered both the 100- and 200-meter trials. "I finished third in the 100 meters and missed making the team, since only the first two finishers were selected," recalled Farrell. "But then I learned that two relay teams would be selected from the first six finishers in the 200 meters."

Farrell made the relay teams and swam the anchor legs, leading the U.S.A. to two gold medals and two world records. "I wanted to win an Olympic gold medal, and nothing was going to stop me," Farrell said.

The U.S. discus-thrower Al Oerter is the only track and field athlete to win four successive gold medals in the same event, despite the fact that he was never the world record-holder and never the favorite to win. Even after winning at the 1956 Melbourne and 1960 Rome Olympics, he was given little chance at the 1964 Tokyo Games to defeat the world record-holder, Ludvík Daneš of Czechoslovakia, who had won 45 straight competitions.

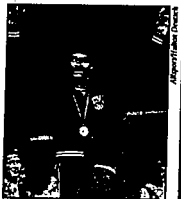
"It would be difficult to defeat Daneš even if I was in top physical condition," said Oerter recently. "But about a week before the competition, I tore cartilage in my rib cage. The pain was excruciating, and my doctors said there was no way I could compete. Given any other environment, I would have quit. But I remember clearly saying, 'These are the Olympic Games, and you DIE for them.' I really felt that. So, on the day of the competition, I decided I would make the supreme effort on just one throw and endure the pain. So, on my fifth attempt, my next to last throw, I let it all out. The pain was unbelievable. I did not see where the discus landed. I was doubled up for a few seconds and blacked out. Then I heard this tremendous roar, and it was announced that I had broken the Olympic record and was in first place. The throw held up for the sixth and final round, and I was Olympic champion."

Sometimes a coach makes a difference. To become a champion takes "talent, discipline, a very high work effort and a love for your sport," said Mary Lou Retton, the all-around women's gymnastics champion at the 1984 Los Angeles Olympics. "But that's only half of it. I wouldn't have become Olympic champion without the other 50 percent

my coach, Bela Karolyi, gave me. He was incredible, making me believe the unbelievable—that I could become Olympic champion."

"A lot of it is in the genes," said Carl Lewis, who has won eight gold medals in three Olympics and will be going for more in Atlanta when he'll be 35. "I couldn't have lasted this long without being blessed with my physical makeup. I want to be remembered as a person who felt there was no limitation to what the human body and human mind can do and be the inspiration to lead people to do things they never hoped to do."

"Pride and fear was mostly responsible for me winning seven gold medals at the 1972 Munich Games," recalled Mark Spitz 23 years later. "After the first five events I swam, I had won three individual medals and was part of two winning relay teams. The 100-meter freestyle was my sixth event, and I was dead



tired. My teammate, Jerry Heidenreich, had swum a faster time than me earlier in the week, and I was quite concerned that he could beat me. So I decided to forgo the 100-meter freestyle and save my energy for the 4x100-meter medley relay. I didn't want any losses, and I thought six gold medals would be plenty."

"You mean five gold medals," said his coach, Sherm Chavoor, when Spitz told him of his decision.

"What do you mean?" said a perplexed Spitz. "If you don't swim the 100 meters, you're out of the relay," said Chavoor. "If you don't swim, they'll call you 'chicken.' " That was enough for Spitz. He defeated Heidenreich in



Clockwise from top: The speed-skater Dan Jansen, after falling in two previous Olympics, gets the gold on his final try in the 1984 Winter Games. The discus-thrower Al Oerter began his Olympic career at the 1956 Games and remains the only track and field athlete to win four successive gold medals in the same event. The swimmer Mark Spitz brought home seven gold medals in 1972.

Whether it was physical talent, sheer determination, a personal tribute, the fear of failure, great coaching or personal pride that made the difference—these Olympic athletes simply refused to come in second. "I wanted to win an Olympic gold medal, and nothing was going to stop me," one champion said.

the 100 meters, then swam the relay for his seventh gold medal.

Aside from talent, pride, courage and the ability to endure, some Olympic champions had personal incentives that involved loved ones.

When Edwin Moses crossed the finish line as the winner of the 400-meter hurdles at the 1984 Olympics, he rushed to his wife and mother to embrace them. With tears streaming down his face, he was heard to say, "I won this for Dad... I won this for Dad," in tribute to his father,

who had died several months earlier.

For Dan Jansen, the 500-meter speed-skating event at the 1988 Olympics took on special significance because he had promised his sister, Jane, who was dying of leukemia, that he would win it for her. Just before his race, Jansen learned that Jane had died, but he could not fulfill his promise. He fell and failed to finish.

He was unsuccessful again in 1992 in Albertville, unable to win any medals. Then, in 1994 in Lillehammer, Norway, in the last race of his Olympic career, Jansen won the gold.

As he stood on the victory podium while the "The Star-Spangled Banner" was played, he looked upward and saluted. "Jane was so much a part of my life, and she was there in the beginning of my career," said Jansen. "So, when the anthem was just finishing, I saluted her. I knew she was watching." □

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What We Can Do About Drugs

Last July 16, PARADE published an article by the actor-Carroll O'Connor proposing that Americans begin a real dialogue on the problem of drugs. Four months earlier, O'Connor's son, Hugh, had taken his own life after a long battle with drug addiction. Among O'Connor's tough suggestions were selective arrests of drug dealers, using the military to help stop the influx of drugs, requiring everyone to carry a national tax identity card that would make it easier to arrest pushers, parental education and an immediate national discussion.

"Thousands of readers responded—with condolence cards, gifts, stories, and especially with thoughts and ideas. Many echoed Bob Stack of Connecticut, who wrote: "As one dad to another, know that I feel your pain. You are not alone!"

"I wanted to provoke some intelligent conversation," said O'Connor about the outpouring. "I did not imagine that the response would be so huge. To me, it means that many more Americans than I imagined are being touched—not assaulted—by this deadly drug attack." Indeed, parents sent photos of dead and drug-addicted children. Sisters wrote about brothers. Grandparents wrote about their fears for their grandchildren. Whether or not they had ever known a drug-user, nearly all who wrote felt passionately about the impact of drugs on our nation.

"Those who advocate legalization have not experienced and seen the horror of what they are suggesting."

—Marion Kotowski, Baltimore, Md.

The author—who lost his son to addiction—has some tough suggestions to stop drug abuse:

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Let's Get Real

BY CARROLL O'CONNOR



We spend billions to enforce drug laws that return small benefit. Hard drugs are strictly illegal yet easily obtainable. It's time to admit that our approach to the drug problem has failed.

"drugs are easily available everywhere." The woman asked not to be identified, being her daughter is now clean and recently started a new job. But until her daughter checked herself into a rehabilitation clinic, the mother recalled, "I died a thousand deaths, wondering when the police would knock on our door for me to claim her body from an auto accident or a drug mishap."

—Joseph Dent, Armonk, Conn.

For John Walters, a dentist in a Seattle suburb, that call did come. His son—after years of struggling with drug addiction—took his own life at age 34 last April. In another part of the country, Hazel Cavalier of Belle Rose, La., lost her 14-year-old granddaughter, who was stabbed 49 times by a robber on a beach.

But whether they are coping with the pain of loss or the battle to overcome addictions, parents and grandparents across America wrote of their deep frustration with "the system" and how our nation deals with illegal drug sales and drug use. Many complained that schools ignore drug-dealing in the hallways, that "child rights" laws prevent them from forcing children to attend rehabilitation programs and that police officers often are unable or even unwilling to become involved. The Gainesville couple were told the police needed a court order to shut down a crack house in their area. Joyce Diehdich of Newcastle, Wyo., was told that police would not investigate a suspected drug supplier without being given "hard evidence."

Indeed, Diehdich summed up many writers' thoughts: "Everywhere I sought help, there was a lack of any real answers from psychologists, apathy from police personnel and discouragement from legal advisers."

What should be done? Readers had many responses to Carroll O'Connor's ideas and to his challenge, covering everything from punishment and treatment to how society deals with drugs to the role of the family.

"Put everything on the table!" implored David Phillips of Chandler, Ariz. Many readers did. One of O'Connor's most controversial suggestions was a national

speech. This drug war is international and will continue. It is not a national issue. It is a global issue. It is a global issue. It is a global issue.

As an estimated 12.5 million Americans now use illegal drugs, according to the latest figures from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. Seventy-six percent are white, 14 percent are black and 8 percent are Hispanic. Seventy-four percent of adult users are employed. And while national drug use peaked in 1979, drug use today is on the rise, especially among the young. Last year, 48 percent of high school seniors surveyed said they'd tried an illegal drug. And 24 percent of these students had used an illegal drug in the previous month.

But as parents like the Gainesville couple can attest, statistics tell only part of the story. Many families are grieving, angry and desperate for answers. One Wyoming mother told how she slept on the floor outside her daughter's bedroom "to prevent her from going out to parties or on drug dates." But, she wrote,

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ID card, which would inform police whether persons detained for drug-pushing had filed a lawful tax return. Raymond Chaisson of Little River, S.C., wrote: "Any law-abiding person has nothing to fear from your [identity card] proposal and should support such an effort both to ease their tax burden and to put a stop to tax evasion and drug-dealing." But many—like Dick Valentine of Wheat Ridge, Colo., and Elaine Lane of San Diego—were deeply opposed. Some said the cards could easily be counterfeited. Others noted that ID cards were characteristic of police states. Such a measure "would be an insidious encroachment on personal liberty," wrote Valentine.

Readers also were split on using the military to combat drug-smuggling into the U.S. As for a policy of arrests aimed at alleged drug-dealers, many wanted tougher legal penalties—including the death penalty—for anyone involved in the drug trade. Hundreds of readers proposed a minimum prison term of five years for anyone convicted of selling drugs. A second conviction would be punishable by death. "Crime is a choice," wrote one reader. "If you choose to deal drugs, it's your decision." Readers also suggested sending drug-users and dealers to military-style boot camps.

Yet, despite a frequent desire for tough penalties, many readers said they had lost faith in the American criminal-justice system. "The justice system is a joke," was a typical comment. Kellie Harrison of Lakewood, Colo., pointed out that "a bar owner can be sued and lose his business for serving alcohol to an intoxicated person," while drug-dealers often are not arrested or punished. "My anger toward our system regarding drug-dealers is sometimes unbearable," wrote Harrison, a 37-year-old mother of three.

Some readers asked Carroll O'Connor to campaign to toughen the nation's laws. But hundreds of others wanted a complete change: to make drugs legal. While O'Connor did not advocate legalization, readers who did so had a variety of arguments. A writer who grew up during Prohibition and remembers gun battles over alcohol saw parallels between the crime and violence of that era and today's drug trade. He spoke for many readers when he wrote: "Money is the motivating factor in the drug business. Take the money out of this rotten business and see how long before it dies."

Readers suggested a variety of ways to handle legalized drugs, including dispensing them through pharmacies and doctors' offices or selling them in liquor stores. They also suggested taxing drug sales and using the money to support education and treatment *continued*

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grams. "Rather than a crime, suppose drug abuse is considered to be a medical problem and treated accordingly," proposed John Ferrit of Towanda, Pa.

While supporters of drug legalization often were passionate advocates, opponents had equally strong views: "Legalizing drugs will only make it worse. Our country was not founded on that kind of moral," wrote K. Walls, a former high school honor student and now a recovering crack addict in South Carolina. Tougher words came from Marlon Kotowski, a medical assistant and phlebologist in Baltimore who has seen patients "with all forms of drug abuse." She wrote that those who advocate legalization or decriminalizing drugs "have not experienced and seen the true horror of what they are suggesting." She also called for children to be educated about the physical destruction caused by repeated drug use.

Judith, a majority of readers who discussed drug education favored a tough, honest approach. Tim Gilzow, 34, of West Virginia—a recovering addict who used marijuana, cocaine and alcohol—wrote: "I had no reason to stop until I received an education as to what it was doing inside my body and my brain."

"Education has to include everyone," said Joseph Dent of Amston, Conn. He proposed TV shows that make "real visits" to emergency rooms, mental institutions, counseling sessions—and morgues—to show "the human pain and indignity, the thievery, prostitution, grief and anger, the side of drugs most people don't see." Other readers also wanted parents to be made aware of the signs of drug use. Some advocated mandatory drug-testing in schools. And Aaron, Wife of Salt Lake City advised: "Drug education needs to be a continuous family topic in the home."

Many readers also said that America needs to address the breakdown of the family and the lack of personal responsibility. "Tempting forces to destroy your children will always exist," said Deanna McManis of Anaheim, Calif., a supporter of Fresno, Calif. "It's time to stop looking outside the home and start looking from within for a change."

"We need to stress personal and parental responsibility," wrote Roberta Edgur of Hartsview, Pa. "Parents should be responsible for their youth, and children need to understand the consequences of their actions."

Peggy McAndrews of Kingwood, Tex., agreed that "personal responsibility must be taught" but asserted that

responsibility begins with the drug-user. She argued that parents should not be made to feel guilty. "Substance-abusers come from all kinds of parenting," she wrote. "The initial choice to take drugs lies with the user."

Some readers, however, blamed Hollywood and the mass media, creating a climate that promotes drug use. Entertainment must be turned around to stop glamorizing drug use and casual sex," wrote a woman from Wrightsville Beach, N.C. Candace Betendorff of River Falls, Wis., whose daughter's best friend died of a drug overdose in his mother's arms, also dispersed over the media, from newspapers to movies. "In the media, people with old-fashioned standards and values—who respect their elders, who are Christian, who don't fall into bed—are ridiculed and scorned."

"We need to begin talking," Betendorff added. "There is such shame attached to a loved one's drug abuse or chemical dependence. And yet, how many of us remain untouched by this problem today? It's time to get to the bottom of it."

Coping with drug use. Some parents, grandparents and recovering addicts offered advice for those struggling to overcome drugs. Dr. John Walters of Washington State—who lost his son and now provides substance-abuse counseling—emphasized family education. "Alanon and Naranon [programs for families of addicts] are every bit as important as Alcoholics Anonymous," he wrote. "The theory of 'tough love' is about as good as anything I can think of," wrote Ferne Willis, 81, a widow in Wichita, Kan., "letting them know we won't stand for their actions anymore."

Other readers suggested that rehabilitation programs need to be longer—up to 18 months, not the 28 days or less allowed by most courts. Some also noted that depression or chemical imbalances in the brain can lead to addiction and need to be diagnosed and treated early. Readers also cautioned that Americans need to rethink how, we treat all medications, not just illegal drugs. To some, like John Tololski Jr. of Chicago, even prescription drugs and over-the-counter medicine can send a message that taking a pill solves a problem. He advocated that the medical need for any drug be explained and the side effects of any drug explained.

But some of it's most powerful words on drug use came from recovering addicts themselves. Nearly all

"There is such shame attached to a loved one's drug abuse. Yet how many of us remain untouched? It's time for all of us to be involved."

—Candace Betendorff, River Falls, Wis.

What Government Leaders Say

With illegal drugs of great concern to many Americans, PARADE took the key issues raised by our readers to Washington. But while many readers were thoughtful five- to 30-page letters, many officials offered little beyond rhetoric. Four top Congressional House Speakers Newt Gingrich, Senate Minority Leader

advocates tougher federal and local laws. But Sen. Bob Graham of Florida, whose state has the highest per capita point for drug smugglers, is optimistic about the recent tightening of drug laws. "Those laws must be backed up and law-enforcement personnel supported by the public," he said. "We must do more," insisted Sen.



Tom Daschle, House Minority Leader Richard Gephardt and Senate Majority Whip Trent Lott—didn't even respond to the questions posed by PARADE. Nearly all the respondents strongly opposed legalization. "Legalization is a reckless and defeatist strategy that could result in an epidemic of substance abuse and addiction," said Attorney General Janet Reno. Sen. Phil Gramm of Texas, whose words "Legalizing drugs so that they are, in effect, freely available to wreck young lives is a repellent idea." And Donna Shalala, Secretary of Health and Human Services, added that legalization would send a message "that drugs are not harmful or wrong—something that is a significant detour from a dissonant voice came from Sen. Carol Moseley-Braun of Illinois, who lost a brother to drugs. "We should do everything we can to make sure that all but wholesale drug distribution and ensure that those convicted of such crimes actually serve their time," she said.

Finally, the justice system, responses varied. Janet Reno, who oversees enforcement of federal drug laws, personally favors special "drug courts" to keep criminals away from other drugs—plus more testing in the courts and supervised aftercare. Orrin Hatch of Utah, head of the Senate Judiciary Committee, said they had to make the choice to quit.

"I used to think that drugs were romantic and adventurous," wrote one woman from San Francisco who had spent 16 years using speed and alcohol. "I thought I could handle it." But I was so stupid and so wrong." Once, she said, she attempted suicide while on drugs. "I still remember my mother's face when she saw my wrists in the hospital," the woman continued, "but that wasn't enough to stop me." Only when she had lost her house and job and was faced

"We must send a clear message to all Americans: Drugs are illegal, dangerous, unhealthy and wrong," said Donna Shalala, Secretary of Health and Human Services.

Charles Grassley of Iowa, chairman of the Senate Caucus on International Narcotics Control, "with law enforcement, education and moral leadership at and beyond our borders—in our communities, the most important thing we can do is not to surrender to the idea that nothing is going to change."

Many stressed education. "We must send a clear message to all Americans: Drugs are illegal, dangerous, unhealthy and wrong," said Donna Shalala. Sen. Jesse Helms of North Carolina advocated local anti-drug programs like DARE to teach kids how to say "no" to drugs. Rep. Zach Wamp of Tennessee, who battled substance abuse 11 years ago, added: "Sadly, today substance abuse is now accepted as the norm. We must raise this issue high on the national priority list."

For American teens, drugs already are a priority. In fact, the problem they face—above violence, sex issues and getting into college.

Last fall, Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole estimated that the number of marijuana users among teenagers has nearly doubled since 1992: is yet another warning for America. We must renew our commitment to the war on drugs." But whether drugs become part of the election-year debate remains to be seen.

with being homeless did she begin to seek help. "I destroyed my parents with this," she said. "The thing people don't realize is that you don't control your addiction. It controls you—until you stop or you die." IN

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Lynn Minton Reports

Fresh Voices

"YOU DON'T KNOW WHAT LOVE IS," SHE SAID: A TEENAGER AND HER MOTHER CLASH

Not long ago, I received a letter from Jenny Soo Frederickson, 15, of Reedsport, Ore., about the strained relations between her and her mother after she got sneaking out at night to see her boyfriend. I talked with both Jenny and her mother about this. Here is what they each had to say:

Jenny: There was a guy my age who started coming over to the house. But mom would always chaperone us—I'm not allowed to date. So we'd play board games, and now and then we would hold hands if she wasn't looking.

But even when he stayed in me, we only could talk for 10 minutes. So we arranged for him to come over one night after my mom went to bed. We went to my neighbor's backyard, and we talked for a while and we hugged. Eventually, we walked over to his friend's house—he was spending the night there. I stayed till about 2 in the morning. All we did was watch the news, drink Dr Pepper and talk and laugh.

The whole time, I knew that it was wrong. But I blamed it all on my mom—if she had been just a little more lenient, maybe I wouldn't have felt the need to rebel.

The second time I snuck out, the friend and I started talking more. Eventually, I fell in love with him and broke up with the first guy. The friend, who is 20, seemed to be everything I wanted. And he was an absolutely great kisser. All we ever did was just kiss and hug. He kept grabbing my butt, but while we were kissing, which I told him not to do. But we never had sex.

When my mom finally caught me, she wouldn't believe we were not sleeping together. She gave me a big lecture about how I'd betrayed her trust and she'd never again in our lives trust me. That really hurt. And four times she called me a slut. And she told me that a foolish girl I was. That also made me mad, because he'd made me feel like a woman.

So I yelled back at her that he loved me and I loved him. And she said, "I just can't believe that you would fall for something like that," and "You don't know what love is." And she said, "Do you think that with a guy like him you could stay abstinent for very long?" He and I had discussed that thoroughly, and he had promised that we would not jump into the sack unless we were mar-



"If my mom had been a little more lenient, maybe I would not have felt the need to rebel."

ried. So she was tearing down every good thing about us.

She made me give up my house key. She said that people who aren't responsible don't deserve house keys. And she told me, "I'm taking away every single privilege you have." As far as I was concerned, I didn't have any privileges left.

Mrs. Frederickson: After I found Jenny had been sneaking out to meet a 20-year-old man, I asked her, "What are you doing about birth control?" And she said to me, "Mom, abstain."

And then I lost it. I totally lost it. I said, "You think you can be around a very experienced 20-year-old and not have anything organic?" I said, "How naive. How stupid." She really believed that she only had to say, "No," and nothing would happen.

I felt so violated, because I've tried very hard to help her see through the myths that young men use. I finally wrote her a letter where I poured out how disappointed I felt and how ashamed—and how scared I was.

Jenny doesn't understand that. She can't come at it from the standpoint of a mother who wants desperately for her daughter to be able to enter into a marriage relationship in a pure state. I tried to explain to her that when she enters into marriage, she is not just a product of herself, she is also a product of every experience she's had with every other male.

Jenny My mom and I were pretty close until I made this stupid mistake. I betrayed her trust, and now I have to regain it. Furthermore, the guy I loved told me a thousand times that he'd love me forever—and all the while, I later found out, he was two-timing me.

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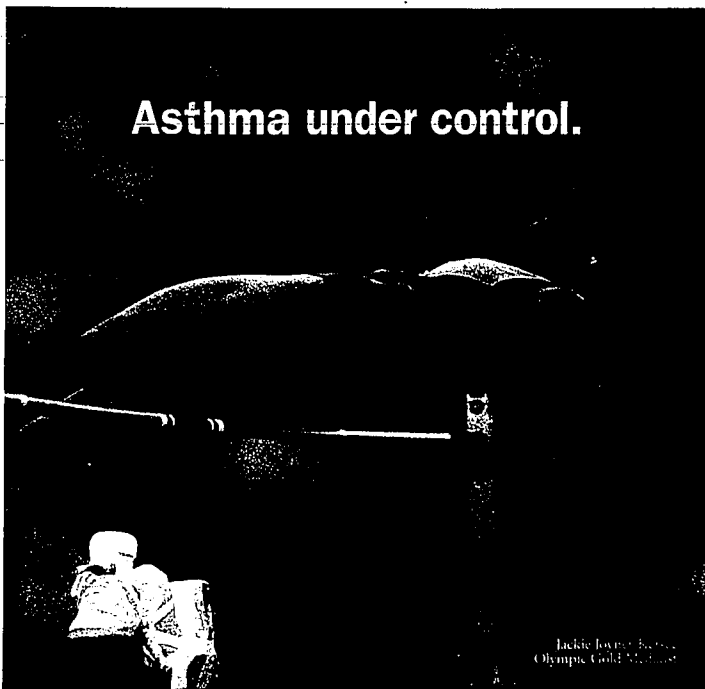
BOOKS

Dickensian Antidote

Richard McKenzie is an economist who has written 20 books and currently teaches at the University of California at Irvine. During the 1950s, at age 10, he was placed in an orphanage in North Carolina by alcoholic parents who were unable to rear him. In *The Home: A Memoir of Growing Up in an Orphanage* (Basic Books, \$23), Professor McKenzie recollects the bumpy passage of his own childhood and argues strongly that many of today's youngsters would be (as he was) better off in well-run, caring institutions than in the disruptive, neglectful or abusive families in which they're now trapped.

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antidote to the Dickensian portrayal of orphanages. Life in "The Home" was not all fun and games (although these were far from unknown); there were rules, restrictions and punishments. But there also was a sense of belonging and comradeship, stability and self-determination—as well as values and lessons to be learned along the way. One of the latter, gleaned from an old farmhand, is worth repeating: "There is some good in everyone. You just have to look harder in some cases than in others."



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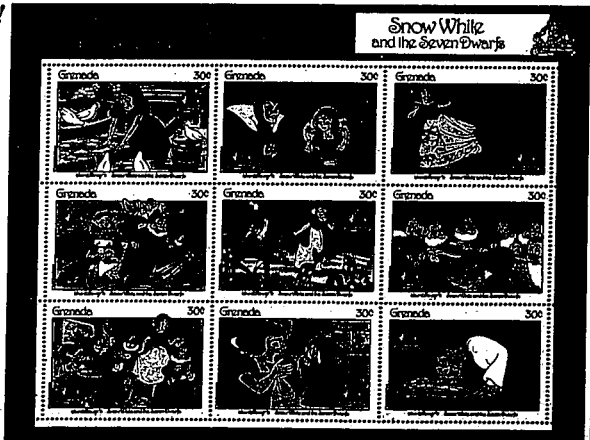
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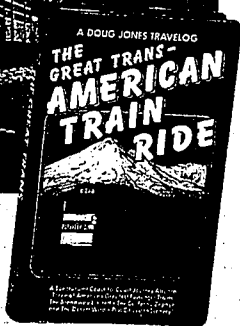
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A Whodunit With No Sex

They haven't made films like this in 30 years." Al Pacino said of *City Hall*, in which he plays New York's mayor. The film, which opened this weekend, is a whodunit with no sex, more dialogue than most new movies and violence that's usually offscreen. But the story is as fresh as today's headlines.

City Hall is about the lethal consequences of corruption. It's based on a story by Ken Lipper, a deputy mayor of New York under Ed Koch, whose administration was clouded in 1986 by charges of favoritism and conflicts of interest.

Harold Becker, the director, told me how "Pacino's performance skyrocketed" after 200 extras were brought into a church for a scene where the mayor delivers a eulogy for a child killed by a stray bullet.

"The fake audience and the real pastor began to respond vocally. They became the congregation." It wasn't in the script.

"Al always wanted to play a

fiery and charismatic populist leader like (the late Fiorello) La Guardia," added Becker, who also directed Pacino in *Sea of Love*. And he denied reports that the star stood on a stool behind

Al Pacino, as the mayor, with Danny Aiello (l), as a councilman, in *City Hall*



the mayor's lectern. "Al doesn't like lifts or anything like that," said Becker. "Height isn't a factor with Al." (Besides, at 5 feet 7, Pacino is still five inches taller than Mayor La Guardia, who served from 1934 to 1945.)



O' Blue Eyes Sports a Spiffy New Rug



Sinatra at 80, with his trademark—the line topper

For his televised 80th birthday celebration, Frank Sinatra wore a \$2500, top-of-the-line hairpiece—a gift from Joseph Paris, a New York hairdresser who has looked after O' Blue Eyes' pats for years.

Like 35 million other Americans, Sinatra has male-pattern baldness. He had hair transplants about 25 years ago, said Paris, who made his first hairpiece for Sinatra in 1980, to wear in the film *The First Deadly Sin*. Frank's new "rug" is made of a material like nylon, with each strand of synthetic hair sewn on individually.

"A man of 80 shouldn't have a massive amount of hair," said Paris, who noted that the colors of Sinatra's hairpiece were custom blended, with several shades of silver gray lighter for the hairline and temples, darkest for the back, and a combination on the sides. The singer wore so pleased, he had Paris flown to his Beverly Hills home to cut and style it for the TV special, shown in December. After the show, he ordered a second hairpiece. (It takes two months to make.) At home, said Paris, Sinatra relaxes without any headgear.

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Ask Marilyn

During a lunar eclipse, I noticed a cluster of stars above and to the right of the moon. When I focused directly on them, they seemed to fade. But when I focused on the moon, the stars were brighter and easier to distinguish in my peripheral vision. Can you explain this phenomenon?



Why do

We always

feel like

We can't

quite see a

meteor

shower?

—Janet Bauman, Palmer, Alaska

The human eye has two kinds of photosensitive cells, called cones and rods. In general, cones are used for seeing when it's light; rods are used when it's relatively dark. In the center of the eye, there are only cones; toward the periphery of the eye, rods occur in high density. So, when you looked directly at the stars, they disappeared because the cones couldn't "see" them. But when you looked directly at the moon nearby, the stars reappeared because the rods could see them. (Chickens have nearly all cones; they can hardly see at night. Rats have nearly all rods; they dislike bright daylight.)

This is also the reason people feel that they're seldom looking in quite the right place during a meteor shower. The shooting stars often seem to occur in our peripheral vision. And, as far as our visual perception is concerned, that's true!

Say I have a wallet that contains three \$2 bills and a \$20 bill (with equal likelihood), but I don't know which one. I add a \$2 bill. Later, I reach into my wallet (without looking) and remove a bill. It's a \$2 bill. There's one bill remaining in the wallet. What are the chances that it's a \$2 bill?

—Rosario S., Los Angeles, Calif.

Oddly, the chances are 2/3 that the bill remaining in the wallet is a \$2 bill. Here's why:

Before you removed the \$2 bill, there were two possible combinations of bills in the wallet:

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1) \$20 (the original bill) and \$2 (the added one); or 2) \$2 (the original bill) and \$2 (the added one).

Now you reach in and remove a bill, which turns out to be a \$2 bill. This could happen in three different ways, all of them equally likely: It could be the added \$2 bill in the first combination, in which case the original \$20 bill is left. Or it could be the added \$2 bill in the second combination, in which case the original \$2 bill is left. Or it could be the original \$2 bill in the second combination, in which case the added \$2 bill is left. So, in two cases out of three, the bill remaining in your wallet will be a \$2 bill.

Please help me. My co-workers think I'm crazy, and I don't know where else to turn for an answer. I say that limes are dyed green so that they are more easily distinguished from lemons in the supermarkets. What's the truth?

—Roberta Lee, Marquette Heights, Ill.

Both lemons and limes are green when they're immature. When ripe, lemons are yellow and limes are yellowish green. Both are harvested when they're immature. But because consumers prefer limes green, they are shipped immediately. And because consumers prefer lemons yellow, they're either held until they cure naturally (if there is less consumer demand) or treated with a curative gas to speed up the process (if there is more consumer demand). I've heard that oranges are occasionally dyed, and I'm sure that if shoppers ever really want plain apples or striped bananas, they'll turn up somehow or other!

Is anything in the world not affected by technology?

—Misty Harris, Camillus, N.Y.

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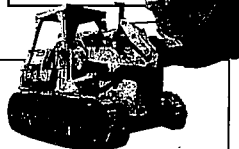
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BRADY

AS THE POLITICAL year heats up with crucial primaries in key states, so too do the Sunday-morning political talk shows, including the oldest of them all—NBC's *Meet the Press*. So I got together recently for lunch with Tim Russert, the affable upstate New Yorker who has been moderator of *Meet the Press* since 1991, to ask what they would be doing differently this time. It's Tim's second Presidential campaign as the show's host and the man who defines its style.

For one thing, Tim said, he had been reading more about the various White House hopefuls. "Last time we focused on what they said rather than who they were," he explained. "And we'll take the show on the road more. We did a *Meet the Press* with Clinton in the Oval Office. We'll be broadcasting from New Hampshire and other major primary sites."

The only trouble was that when we met, Russert was limping. An irate politician? Nope. "I got it playing football with my son, Luke [age 6]," he said, "and then I made it worse working out."

Russert then told me how last fall his beeper had gone off in the middle of his son's baseball game. "They know they shouldn't beep me unless it's important," he recalled. "This was a Saturday, and Luke was waiting to bat, so I didn't call back right away. What it was was that Prime Minister Rabin had been shot."

That's when a show like *Meet the Press* goes into crash mode and retools. The next morning, the show gave itself over to the assassination and its impact, delving into the video archives to come up with old footage of Rabin's earlier appearances on the show, before Russert's time. Before joining NBC News in 1984—not as a reporter but as a

Birth:

May 7, 1950,
in Buffalo, N.Y.

Personal:

Married to
Maureen Orth,
1983—two
children, Luke, 6.

Political Career:

Includes serving
as special
counsel and
then chief of
staff for Sen.
Daniel Patrick
Moynihan, 1977-
82; counselor
to New York
Gov. Mario
Cuomo, 1983-84.

Media Career:

Includes serving
as vice president
and assistant to
the president of
NBC News,
1984; supervisor
of live *Today*
show broadcasts
of Pope John
Paul II from
Rome, 1988;
vice president
of programming
for NBC News's
week-long
projects from
South America,
Australia and
China, 1988-87;
reporter at
six U.S.-Soviet
summits, 1986-
87; producer of
prime-time
news special
*A Day in the
Life of the White
House*, 1990;
moderator of
Meet the Press,
1991.

vice president—Tim served as counselor to New York Gov. Mario Cuomo. Earlier, he was chief of staff for New York's brainy Sen. Pat Moynihan. Pretty heady circles for a man who says, "I was the first one in my family to go to college," and whose dad held down two jobs to pay the bills: driving a garbage truck and delivering *The Buffalo News*.

Tim, now 45, got into the news side of NBC by arranging broadcasts for the *Today* show that called for tact and negotiating ability such as private Mass and greeting from the Pope and reports from Communist China. He also

covered six U.S.-Soviet summits along the way. He appeared on *Meet the Press* first as a panelist and, a year later, was named host.

Russert is usually polite—though, as a good interviewer must, he asks the probing follow-up question. "Was he ever rude to a guest?" "Yes," he said. "I totally lost it interviewing David Duke [the right-wing extremist who ran for governor of Louisiana], and I started chewing him out. The switchboard lit up, and even my father called to say, 'Good for you.' But I knew I'd lost it, and I shouldn't have, and I was ashamed of myself afterward." "I



Brady's Bits

A couple of years ago, Lawrence Spivack, the founder of *Meet the Press*, called and asked Tim if he could watch them do the show, which Spivack had been host of for so long. Tim said they'd be honored. Later, Spivack told Tim he personally owned copies of all the early shows, going back to the '50s, and he'd like *Meet the Press* to have them. Free. Didn't want a dime. They were still working out the details when Mr. Spivack died. "I got a call from his son, John," Russert said. "And he said, 'Now, about those tapes... and I thought, 'Oh, oh, here we go.' But John Spivack—my father agreed to give them to you, and that's just what we're going to do.'" Russert's wife, Maureen Orth, is a wonderful writer whose work appears in *Vanity Fair* magazine. Tim and Maureen and their son, Luke, live in a house with a lawn and a dog—we've got everything," he said. "Pretty good for a kid from Buffalo whose dad delivered newspapers and drove a garbage truck."

