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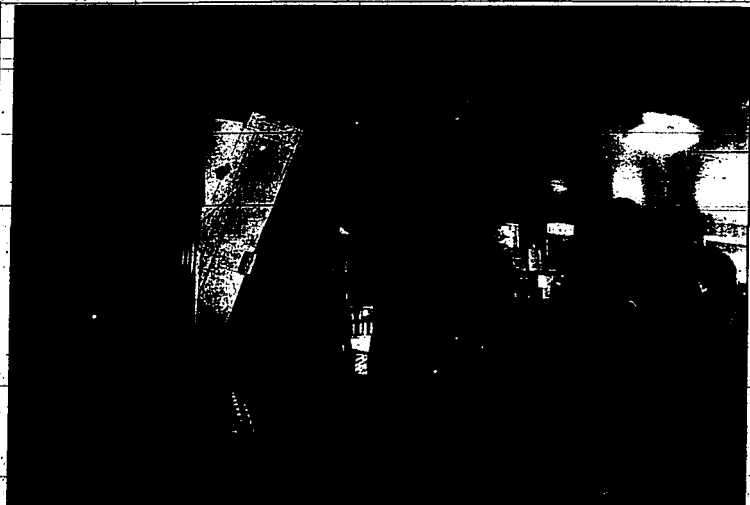
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Limiting the machines to bars just does not cut it.



Kevin Mahler says nearly all of the cigarette vending machines his company owns are in bars in the Twin Falls area.

Smokeout

Idaho measure would ban cigarette vending machines

By Liz Wright
Times-News writer

BOISE — The anti-smoking crusade has taken its toll on Kevin Mahler, a vending machine distributor in Twin Falls.

Gone are the golden days of tobacco, when Mahler's groved and fringed-filled more than 200 cigarette machines throughout the Magic Valley, splitting the profits with business owners who considered the dispenser a necessary fixture in restaurants, hotels and bars.

That was 10 years ago. Now he is down to 30 cigarette machines in bars and Nevada casinos. He is concentrating on other markets, targeting pool and dart leagues with chips and candy.

"Things that are still legal," Mahler notes with frustration.

The final embers of his cigarette venture could burn out this year.

A bill making its way through the Legislature would ban cigarette machines at all establishments, including bars, in an effort to stop children from becoming addicted to tobacco. Congress could consider a similar ban on vending machines.

Mahler, owner of Western Music and Vending, estimates he could lose \$600,000 over the next five years if the last of his cigarette machines are banned.

As states including Idaho await resolution of a lawsuit against the tobacco industry — seeking to recover money spent on health care, penalties and insurance costs — Congress might go after the industry at the retail level. And the Idaho Legislature might well get there first.

'We need to protect kids'

The state bill, written by the Idaho Parent Teachers Association, has scarcely drawn opposition even from tobacco interests. The measure, Senate Bill 1445, is scheduled for a hearing before the House State Affairs Committee at 8 a.m. Monday.

It has passed the Senate, 30-5. Cayla Egan, a spokeswoman for the Idaho PTA, said there are good reasons why a ban on cigarette machines should apply to bars and taverns, even though children are not allowed there.

Many cigarette machines stand right inside the doorways to bars, where bartenders cannot see children. This is especially true in restaurants with an adjoining lounge, Egan said.

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Police defend road closure for filming

Public notice could have caused traffic jam, they say

By Kristan Kennedy
Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS — Friday's closure of Shoshone Street for a "Breakfast of Champions" filming at the Depot Grill kept Twin Falls dispatchers hopping answering detour questions, but police defended their decision not to publicize the location or event through radio, television and newspaper.

They did, however, notify city departments and staff in case of emergency, said Twin Falls Capt. Joann Loveland, who said broadcasting to curious movie buffs would have been a disaster. She said the closure went smoothly.

Friday's detour caused no accidents or other disturbances, Loveland said. Dispatch was busy fielding questions and some complaints.

The intersection of Shoshone and Sixth Avenue South was closed from 3 a.m. Friday to 2 a.m. Saturday. Six police patrolled the closure. People were routed across the Victory Bridge.

Notices were not sent to the media. Police waived that requirement when "Breakfast" officials applied for the road closure several months ago.

Producer David Willis said keeping such announcements off radio, television and newspaper is necessary for security and crowd control. Announcing the location could increase crowds, create safety hazards, prolong detours for drivers and delay production.

Loveland, who has monitored traffic detours in Twin Falls for 18 years, said publicizing Friday's movie shoot would have been a bad move. Public announcement would have created extra traffic requiring extra police, which she said the police department doesn't have.

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Student test results spark political fight

The Associated Press

SALT LAKE CITY — President Clinton described test results showing American high school students lagging behind those of other industrial nations as a "wake-up call on education." But Republicans blamed the disappointing results on a "bureaucracy bureaucracy in Washington" that gobles up education funds.

"A remote Washington bureaucracy, proposing one-size fits all prescriptions, can't possibly know what's going on in your school district needs," Rep. Joseph Pitts, R-Pa., said.

Both the president — in a family skiing vacation — and the Republicans chose the same topic for their weekly Saturday radio sparring match; last week's release of international test results that showed American students underperforming those in most other

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Gingrich raises presidential speculation

House speaker 'pushes all the right buttons' on trip to Iowa

The Associated Press

DES MOINES, Iowa — The next Republican presidential nominee should offer a vision "that people can feel in their lives," said House Speaker Newt Gingrich.

In the state where the 2000 presidential campaign begins, Gingrich conceded he may well consider trying to fill that bill.

The Georgia Republican generated a lot of speculation during a barnstorming swing through Iowa, where voters caucus open the nominating season for a parade of potential candidates that's already heavy.

He raised a little money

— actually quite a lot — for a local congressman, adopted a lion at the zoo and signed autographs and was cheered by thousands at a statewide wrestling competition Friday night.

If that all sounds like a politician testing the political waters, that was precisely how it was being read. "He's pushing all the right buttons," conceded Keith Fortman, executive director of the Iowa Republican Party.

Publicly, Gingrich was modest, even as Atlanta-based political aides met privately with reporters and

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Speaker of the House Newt Gingrich holds a lioness from Mississippi during a fundraising Friday for a zoo in Des Moines, Iowa.

'Why? Why? Why?'

Families bury victims of Florida tornadoes

The Associated Press

APRORA, Fla. — Peggy Hall said Kevin Dexter planned to be together in marriage. Instead, they were united in death, buried side-by-side Saturday a week after they perished in a violent night of tornadoes.

More than 300 mourners came to the funeral for the couple and Mr. Hall's parents, Ed and Debra, who also were killed, when a twister demolished the family's mobile home near Monday morning.

Ms. Hall's 17-year-old daughter, Ashley Himes, the only survivor in the house, is hospitalized in stable condition with a ruptured spleen and bruised lung.

'Should we stay?' — A3

Another funeral service was held Saturday in nearby St. Cloud for 9-month-old Tyler David Bourke, who was snatched from his father's arms and dumped 300 feet from his mobile home.

He lay in a white casket rimmed with blue tape. The white Sycamore Street socks he wore had the words "Why? Why? Why?" printed on

Karen and Guy Bourke wept quietly for their son. "As I tried to close the (closed) door, the floor lifted up and there I see peering the wall and

slapped me against the ceiling. When I woke up a half hour later, Tyler was gone and my jaw was just hanging there covered with blood."

Mrs. Bourke's brother found Tyler's body under a pile of debris 14 hours later.

He lay in a white casket at the home long way out for the Hall family. The Rev. Robert Welch, pastor of Orlando Church of God of Prophecy, said that he stepped earlier in the day to show Ashley at the hospital. She told him her mother and grandpa parents had died and were in heaven. "She's handling this, perhaps I've heard that too," Welch said.

THE REGION

Comas Prairie

High: 32 Low: 5
Mostly cloudy today and tonight with a chance of snow. Mixed clouds, sunshine, snow Monday with highs in the upper 30s.

Treasure Valley

High: 41 Low: 31
Mostly sunny today with a chance of rain. Cloudy tonight with chance of snow. Mixed Monday with highs around 50°.

Sawtooth Mountains/Wood River Valley

High: 35 Low: 14
Mostly cloudy today and tonight with a chance of snow. Mixed clouds, sunshine, snow Monday with highs in the upper 30s.

Eastern Idaho

High: 38 Low: 16
Mostly cloudy today and tonight with a chance of snow. Mixed clouds, sunshine, snow Monday with highs in the lower 40s.

Northern Idaho

High: 40 Low: 29
Mostly cloudy today and tonight with a chance of snow. Mixed clouds, sunshine, snow Monday with highs near 40s.

Northern Utah

High: 38 Low: 27
Mostly cloudy today with chance of light snow. Mostly cloudy tonight and Monday with chance of light snow. Highs near 40.

Northern Nevada

High: 41 Low: 31
Mostly cloudy today and tonight with a chance of snow. Mixed clouds, sunshine, snow Monday with highs in the lower 40s.

MAGIC VALLEY FIVE-DAY FORECAST

Today	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
High: 43 Low: 28 Mostly cloudy with a chance of rain.	High: 45 Low: 30 Mixed sun, rain, clouds.	High: 40 Low: 28 Snow likely and windy.	High: 40 Low: 28 Mostly cloudy with chance of snow.	High: 40 Low: 28 Mostly cloudy with chance of snow.

IDAHO Weather

Boise 42°
Idaho Falls 31°
Lewiston 47°
Twin Falls 43°
Pocatello 30°

NATIONAL WEATHER

Forecast icons: Sun, Partly Sun, Clouds, Rain, Snow, Wind, Fog, Ice, etc.

YESTERDAY'S WEATHER

Location	High	Low	Precipitation
Twin Falls	41	16	0.00
Boise	43	27	0.00
Idaho Falls	32	16	0.03
Lewiston	47	27	0.00
Pocatello	32	19	0.00
Twin Falls	43	27	0.00

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Highway: 745-7278

SKYWATCH

Sunset today 6:28 p.m.
Sunrise tomorrow 7:12 a.m.
Lunar phase: New, Feb. 26; 1st quarter, March 5; Full, March 13; Last quarter, March 19.

ACROSS THE NATION

Midwest: Heavy rain...
South: A cold front...
East: A cold front...
West: Along the West Coast...

The Nation

City	Max	Min	Pop
Albuquerque	62	42	200,000
Atlanta	69	48	400,000
Boston	52	32	600,000
Chicago	32	12	3,000,000
Dallas	64	43	1,500,000
Denver	49	27	700,000
Des Moines	34	22	200,000
Detroit	56	32	1,100,000
Houston	62	42	2,000,000
Los Angeles	62	42	3,500,000
Memphis	57	36	600,000
Minneapolis	46	31	300,000
Miami	79	59	1,500,000
New York	58	43	18,000,000
Phoenix	54	34	1,000,000
Portland, Ore.	62	44	500,000
Portland, Me.	51	38	600,000
San Antonio	52	41	1,000,000
San Diego	56	39	1,000,000
San Francisco	56	50	800,000
Seattle	48	39	500,000
St. Louis	60	43	700,000
Washington	61	47	600,000

Fight

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industrial nations — mostly in Europe — in math and science.

"In a global economy that is increasingly powered by information and technology, this is a very sobering fact," Clinton said. "We need greater classes, better teaching, higher standards, more discipline, greater accountability."

The president urged a renewed effort to boost classroom performance and called on all American parents to join by participating in the first national "Read America Day" Monday by reading out loud to their children and grandchildren.

In a dueling radio message, Republicans blamed the test results on Clinton administration policies and a "hungry bureaucracy in Washington" that gobles up education funds.

"We need to turn back the authority and the dollars to the local level. We need to get dollars to the classroom," said Pitts.

Both men expressed disappointment over the results of the Third International Mathematics and Science Study.

It showed math scores of U.S. students were markedly lower than those of students in 14 other countries. In science scores, U.S. students were lower than students in 11 other countries.

"This week, America got a wake-up call on education," Clinton said in his broadcast.

"This concerns me greatly," Pitts said. "Even the brightest students in the United States scored lower than their counterparts in these other countries."

Pitts, chosen to deliver the GOP response in part because he's a former math and science teacher, said his party shared the president's goals of improving education. But he said that goal should be accomplished by handing more control of education to the local level.

"What we don't need is more bureaucracy and studies in Washington,"

Gingrich

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activists to get acquainted, pass out business cards and pledge to keep in touch.

"In saying that at some point, down the road, you can think about that," Gingrich said, "but for this year, I'm focused on being a speaker." That comment came in an interview on a statewide public affairs television program that's a staple for, well, political candidates.

Some were talking as if it were a done deal. "I think he'll be competitive," said Iowa GOP chairman Steve Grubbs. "There are only a handful of candidates who can go for the whole spectrum of Republicans, and he's one of them."

By some accounts, Gingrich has moved with painstaking care. He has a half-dozen staffers with close ties to him, and Grubbs himself often spoke with some aides about a job with Gingrich's political action committee, GOPAC.

The Birch, Grubbs recalled, was the model for an announcement to work for another presidential candidate. "It was a concern of theirs. They wanted somebody who was committed to the speaker," he said.

The speculation comes as a surprise in Congress are starting to talk about Gingrich's potential. It also comes in an election that may be improving for the GOP.

"I'd guess there are a number of people looking at leadership opportunities, and I think he will run for president, but we don't know that yet," said Rep. Bill McCollum, R-Ill.

"Just the speculation has caused people to think about what the future leadership situation will be," Senate Minority Leader Trent Lott, R-Miss., said.

And in Washington on Wednesday, as the speaker's future was being discussed, Rep. Bill Burton, R-W.V., announced his resignation. He said Gingrich has withdrawn the phenomenon.

GOP presidential hopefuls speak about Clinton allegations

HOUSTON, Miss. (AP) — Potential Republican presidential candidates directly attacked President Clinton's morality Saturday, accusing him of embarrassing the nation and withholding facts from the public.

Conservative radio talk show host Alan Keyes, speaking to the USM delegates at the Southern Republican Leadership conference, denounced that GOP leaders in Congress force Clinton to discuss what he called the moral issues of his administration.

"As we stand today with a president sitting in the Oval Office who is undermining the conscience of America by telling us that these things are inconsequential, we cannot be silent," Keyes said. "We must explain to the people of the nation what is at stake."

Keyes, who ran for president in 1996, said political polls and count-downs have apparently

kept Republicans from "speaking the truth to our people... kept us from providing the only kind of leadership that is worthwhile."

Former Tennessee Gov. Lamar Alexander, who also failed to get the GOP nomination in 1996, said he was troubled by polls showing Clinton's approval rating will high and by the number of Americans who seem to believe moral leadership does not matter.

"What has been happening in the Oval Office is embarrassing," Alexander said. "Bill Clinton is the wrong man to have in the White House as president of the United States."

Most speakers avoided mentioning Monica Lewinsky by name, and did not directly speak about allegations that Clinton had an affair with the former White House intern and lied about it.

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A Baby King hit player got a kick out of the dice on our scratch game **7-COME-11**, winning \$7,000. Her winning ticket was purchased at Hedges in Gardiner.

One lucky person from American Falls has won \$2,000 from the Feb. 27 **CRAZIER** 8's drawing. Please note that the \$2,000 prize and future drawings will not be released until the winner is notified by the Idaho Lottery.

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Twisters rip apart survivors' dreams

When life is like a box of chocolates

KISSIMMEE, Fla. (AP) — Each year, when Vermont's chilly winter and cold, dark nights settled in, Rita Rouleau would dream of long walks in the Florida sun. She got her wish 15 years ago when she moved to Kissimmee.

Like many central Florida residents who relocated here for the year-round sunshine and healthy economy, the 53-year-old widow is having second thoughts after a tornado ripped apart her home a week ago. She is planning to move to Virginia to be closer to her daughter.

"I was never sorry about choosing to live here until 1 o'clock Monday morning," Mrs. Rouleau said as she ate a sandwich provided by a Red Cross.

That's when a swarm of deadly tornadoes with 210-mph winds ripped through her neighborhood, shredding hundreds of homes into piles of splintered plywood and scattering sheets of aluminum siding like wind-blown leaves.

Mrs. Rouleau, 53, jumped into a bathtub with her 48-year-old sister, Linda Allen, and their two dogs — a Pekepo and a Pomoranian — as lightning lit up their home and the force of the tornado's winds made their heads feel like they would explode.

Ever prepared, Mrs. Rouleau had thrown blankets, dog collars and a purse full of cash into the tub the night before.

At Lakeside Estates, a middle-class enclave of young Hispanic families and retirees, Mrs. Rouleau's three-bedroom sunroom house — which she called "my little piece of heaven" for its sun room from which she watched birds frolic in a birdbath — has holes in the roof and walls, leaning at unintended angles.

Firefighters spray-painted the letter "R" in black on the front of the house, meaning it was condemned.



Rita Rouleau rethinks her reason for living in Florida as volunteer workers make the roof of her home at the Lakeside Estates community in Kissimmee Fla. Like many central Florida residents who relocated here for the year-round sunshine and healthy economy, the 53-year-old widow is having second thoughts after a tornado ripped apart her home a week ago.

Three-quarters of Florida's year-round residents come from other states to reside in a region where a new three-bedroom home goes for roughly \$75,000. Jeanine Bruno, 74, and her husband Paul, 62, moved to the

state, but turned against the room and stripped away plastic siding on their three-bedroom house.

"I feel I should go back to New York with my family," said Mrs. Rhany, who has six children and nine grandchildren living there.

By the month's end, she's a lot like the world's many "I love the sunshine and I love my good neighbor," she said.

Mrs. Rouleau has a neighbor, 41-year-old Angela Beverton, lived in the area for the jobs provided by the booming tourism industry. Kissimmee, 20 miles south of Orlando, has grown to attract 40,000 people a year, making the wave of expansion an Walt Disney World, Universal Studios and countless hotel construction.

Researcher moved from his family's farm in Forestburg, N.C., to work as a chef at a hotel in the area.

He escaped the tornado with their lives but little else.

"It took me five years to buy this house and I lost everything in 10 minutes," Resner said.

He and his family plan to stay in the area.

Zeynep Sevil, seven months pregnant with twins, moved with her husband, Anderson, from Florida in 1999 to work at Walt Disney World.

She always dreamed of owning a home and moved into one four years ago with their 3-year-old son, Jiles.

"My husband said we had to buy a house," she said.

The tornado blew away the rear sun room. She spent much of the last week salvaging Allen's two cars and trucks and his plastic tarpaulin from a yard three doors down the street.

Monday

Susan Krupski Fisher may have a concrete sweet tooth, but she never really believed the saying that life is like a box of chocolates.

That was before the Southold, N.Y., resident opened the box of Godiva chocolates that changed her life — and earned her a possible \$150,000.

The \$20.50 box of Fisher's chocolates was given to her on Feb. 9 as a gift for saying she had won a \$150,000, 34-carat, diamond necklace.

The necklace was once owned by Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis. The giveaway was part of a promotion by Godiva. They promotion sponsored by Godiva.

But Fisher's lucky day had a price: a \$45,000 tax bill on the necklace she and her husband would have had to pay next year. So they've decided to sell the gem — which Fisher said looks like a "great lollipop" — and pocket the money for a college fund for their two children.

"I was absolutely incredulous when I opened that box. I couldn't believe it," said Fisher.

medical secretary who wears a simple gold wedding band and prefers plain jewelry. "But this is way out of our league. It's much too glamorous for me. I would never wear it."

The necklace was auctioned for \$150,000 in April 1996 at Sotheby's and given away by Godiva as part of its "Chocolate and Diamonds" promotion to an unknown customer who would buy a box of Valentine's Day chocolate costing at least \$20.

After buying the box of 17 assorted chocolates, Fisher drove home, found the winning ticket and "thought I was having a dream. I was so shocked I couldn't eat the chocolates for two days."

After discussing the news for several days, Fisher and her husband, Donald, a radio-visual technician at Southold High School, decided the tax bill would be too steep.

"But this is a major financial break for us. What a windfall. We might take a trip out to the Grand Canyon," said Fisher, who plans to auction or sell the necklace but has not worked out the details.

Pan Am seeks better bailout

MIAMI (AP) — Pan Am rejected a \$15 billion bailout offer Saturday, saying it would run charter and seek other funds to raise enough money to resume commercial flights.

The airline ran out of cash and canceled its weekend flights Thursday, claiming \$50 million in assets and \$147 million in debts.

Rothschild Recovery Fund, a New York investment group specializing in bankruptcy restructurings, made a bid for Friday that would have included \$10 million to put the planes back in the air and \$5 million for future operating expenses.

But Pan Am did not want to jump on the first offer or simply to get planes back in the air quickly, said John Kopyak, the company's attorney.

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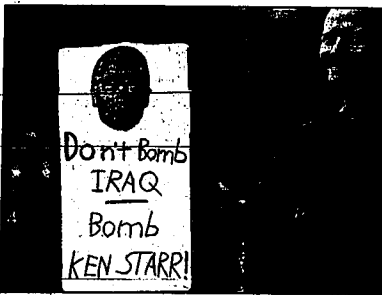
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Behind calm air, Clinton hides rage over Starr



Mark Watson of Palo Alto, Calif., stands beside his picket during an anti Iraq rally Saturday in San Francisco. As this man shows, some Americans are upset with Ken Starr, who is investigating President Clinton.

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — The apoll, President Clinton has said, is to show up for work each morning and focus on the job. And so in the midst of the worst crisis of his career, he goes about his business with an air of quill calm — giving possible war one moment, touring disaster sites the next, even stopping to sit on a toilet this weekend with the family.

But behind closed doors, in emotional moments of candor with confidants, Clinton is in a "profound rage" these days about the investigation into his relationship with Monica S. Lewinsky, according to associates.

As unprecedented as he appears in public settings, they said, the president personally seethes that independent counsel Kenneth W. Starr is "a way-bill guy" and "dangerous."

After years of being scrutinized on so many fronts, from his Arkansas business deals to the

death of the friend Vincent Foster in a plane crash, Clinton has concluded that Starr is engaged in a moral crusade. The prosecutor and his staff, the president says, are guilty of "personalized vendettas."

Starr is "supposedly" calling, with strange working for Paula Jones in his general harassment lawsuit, said people who have spoken with Clinton. There is "not one friend," he says, of victimization.

It is "not necessarily rational," said Clinton.

"There's a great deal of anger," said one Clinton friend who has spoken with him on the topic. "But it's not about Starr. It's about the justice system."

That Clinton is so personally fixated on Starr may be predictable, but it is a side of him few have known. In the public life, Starr has been seen from much of his

U.S. racial divisions intensify, report says

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Thirty years after a presidential commission declared "our nation is moving toward two societies, one black, one white — separate and unequal," that dire warning has become reality, according to a report to be released Sunday.

"The Kerner Commission's prophecy has come to pass," states the report from the Milton S. Eisenhower Foundation, a group founded to continue the work of the commission, which was appointed by President Johnson to probe the causes of riotous in urban America in the 1960s.

The new report notes that substantial racial

progress has occurred in the three decades since the Kerner Commission released its groundbreaking report. The black middle class has grown to unprecedented levels, black business has expanded and the number of black elected officials continues to increase. But even with those gains, inequalities with troubling racial dimensions are becoming more deeply rooted in American society, the report concludes.

"The rich are getting richer, the poor are getting poorer and minorities are suffering disproportionately," said the report, co-authored by former president Lyndon B. Curtis and former Democratic senator Fred R. Harris. The report lists an array of racial and

economic statistics to back its bleak conclusions. While the American economy booms, most adults in many inner cities do not work in a typical week. The top 1 percent of Americans have more wealth than the bottom 99 percent, the report says. The United States is first in the world among industrialized nations when it comes to wage inequality.

In addition, 40 percent of minority children attend urban schools, whereas more than half of the suburbs are poor and fail to reach even "basic" achievement levels. With 1.5 million prisoners, the United States incarcerates more people than any nation in the world, and one in three young African American men are in prison, on parole or probation.

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Report: Poverty, racial divisions endure in U.S.

Los Angeles Times

WASHINGTON — The twin troubles of poverty and racial division continue to go hand in hand, creating a nation that is deeply divided economically and socially, according to a report by an urban policy group released Sunday in conjunction with the 30th anniversary of the landmark Kerner Commission report. That commission, which issued its findings at the height of civil rights unrest in 1968, stated the United States was "moving toward two societies: one black and one white — separate and unequal."

The new report by the Milton S. Eisenhower Foundation suggests that the prediction has become entrenched in the nation's inner cities, creating an

ever deepening cycle of crime, lack of education, unemployment and hopelessness.

As a remedy, the foundation, a liberal-leaning urban policy group funded by government and private donations, called on the nation to use this time of plenty for many Americans to redirect resources toward programs that have shown success at educating disadvantaged children, keeping them in school and out of trouble and helping their parents gain the education they need to hold jobs.

The report points to a plethora of such programs that use a combination of government, foundation and private resources to help the very poor gain a foothold in the world of work. It recommends an investment of \$56 billion by the government to replicate these efforts.

Smoke

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Because the bill tightens restrictions in convenience stores and other places where children try to get cigarettes, they would go to drinking establishments in a last ditch effort to buy smokes, Espin said.

"Limiting the machines to bars just does not cut it," Espin said.

Only bars and taverns can have cigarette machines. But there are no teeth to enforce the law, and police don't have time to visit every establishment to ensure children can't get to the machines, Espin said.

The bill would require every store, bar and business wanting to sell tobacco to obtain a permit and face at least two annual sting operations by police who would have a minor try to buy cigarettes. Anyone caught selling to minors could lose their permit.

The bill also would restrict access to tobacco in stores. Stores would require clerks to remove cigarette displays and put cigarettes behind the counter or encase them in clear plastic displays so children cannot shoplift tobacco.

On the assessor's side is a range of statistics, including a 1994 U.S. surgeon-general's report saying 90 percent of new smokers are minors.

"Congress could consider banning cigarette machines nationwide, but the Idaho PTA wants something on state law books now, arguing that local law enforcement is better able to crack down on scofflaws.

"It's a significant problem, and we need to protect kids," Espin said.

Surprisingly, the tobacco industry isn't arguing that point.

Sen. John Sandy, R-Hagerman, assistant majority leader, recalls tobacco lobbyists in his office arguing feverishly last year over several aspects of a similar pro-

posal. This year, he has had no visits from tobacco lobbyists.

"We've talked about it a little in the Senate, and the perception is that because of what's going on in other states, tobacco has realized the genie is out of the bottle so to speak," Sandy said. "To fight it, only going to increase the difficulties."

But tobacco lobbyists say they advocate efforts to stamp out cigarette sales to youth. Any perception that tobacco is making the Legislature is probably untrue.

"We're a huge American business so certainly we have clout, as far as that goes," said Skip Smyser, a former Idaho legislator who has represented the Phillip Morris cigarette manufacturer. "But I think we're very judicious in how we use that clout."

Fearing the sting

Mahler argues that as long as bar employees do their job keeping out underage drinkers, children cannot get to his cigarette machines.

Four years ago, Mahler pulled 40 cigarette machines, destroying some and storing the rest, in an effort to assuage critics who said such machines were children.

Mahler is also one of 500 vending distributors nationally who are part of a lawsuit that alleges the Federal Food and Drug Administration sent threatening letters to thousands of establishments that caused them to ditch their cigarette machines.

"The case, which argues the FDA's actions represent a property 'taking' under the U.S. Constitution, demands about \$1 billion in compensation to cigarette machine owners for the tossed-out machines. The case was filed Dec. 15, and no discussions have begun with the federal government.

Mahler said an Idaho ban probably would force him to lay off an

employee, and businesses are doing everything they can to meet the demands of a public increasingly soured on smoking.

"It just seems to me it's one more thing government is telling you that you can't do," Mahler said.

Many stores, in response to the anti-smoking movement, already have strict policies on cigarette sales. The Maverik Country Store chain, for example, asks every one for age identification, regardless of how old they appear.

"Most of our customers here are regular customers, so we've already carded them 50 times. Other than that we card every body," said Lynn Watkins, a clerk at Maverik Country Store in Twin Falls.

The Jobbyists' view aside, retailers such as Dan Beard see the bill as one more burden on their ability to make money. They question whether the restrictions would work or merely create a brisk black market.

Beard, who recently purchased a Twin Falls convenience store, said he would have to buy and install new display racks. He opposes the stings because he could be unfairly punished if a

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Roads

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"People don't understand that this movie would have drawn people like magnets," Loveland said. "We've been with the department for 18 years, I've never seen people so abuzz about anything like this film. They're curious and they want to go see it."

She said even normal accidents, which close roads, such as accidents and parades, make for crowd-control problems — especially when they are announced.

She said people hear news on the radio about an accident and drive to the scene, jumping over fences and driving around signs to get a closer peek.

"If everybody knew that was the movie thing going on yesterday, you would have had massive crowds to the scene," she said Saturday. "Believe me, on a Friday night, people would have come from Buhl, Elko, all those communities."

While closing roads isn't uncommon in Twin Falls, a Hollywood film production is. There will be at least one other road closure during the course of the production.

Loveland said others had requested waiving announcement of closures.

"Two years ago, a public notice waiver was granted for a truck full of radioactive waste traveling through town to the Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory.

"Sometimes attracting attention to the event makes things much worse. That would have been the case with this movie," Loveland said.

"While many drivers were inconvenienced, Old Towne did business as usual Friday — except for the Depot Grill and a convenience store, both compensated by the production."

Budapest distributor Mitch Watkins said his Southern Idaho Distributing trucks drove delivery routes smoothly, despite the closures. He said several trucks delivered Friday to customers near and around Old Towne, including grocery stores, restaurants, bars and convenience stores. He said his drivers had no complaints.

"It didn't bother us," Watkins said.

Maverik Country Store was closed from 3 p.m. Friday to 6 a.m. Saturday. Owners had a contract with "Breakfast" production management for the closure. Sales clerk Lynn Watkins said Saturday a few customers commented about Friday's detour.

"Some said it was a pain," she said. "But more people said it was no big deal. Actually, most people are pretty excited."

Ken Schmidt, owner of La Casita Mexican Restaurant, said his customers came despite a more grueling detour — a 1.7-mile one — to his restaurant.

"We've got real loyal customers. Our numbers were exactly the same as last Friday," Schmidt said. "People were talking about the detour, but more about the movie. I think they all took the road thing in stride."

The Depot Grill closed during the filming, but people there Saturday said the whole event was positive and had people buzzing Saturday morning.

"It was great for Old Towne," said Depot Grill Manager Don Olson. "What kind of free publicity like this can you get?"

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Utah ski resorts have less snow on the slopes, thanks to El Niño, and ticket sales have declined.

Lift sales go downhill

Less moisture means fewer skiers on Utah slopes

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — El Niño doesn't ski. Fact is, El Niño's a golfer.

Which explains why El Niño has helped produce two months of below-average snowfall and a third disappointing year for ticket sales for much of Utah's ski industry.

Brighton? Down. Deer Valley? Down 8 percent. Alta, Solitude, Beaver Mountain? All down. "We're not looking at closing the doors," said Deer Valley vice president and general manager Bob Wheaton. "We were certainly hoping to see bigger numbers than we are seeing, but it's not doom and gloom."

The declining numbers are felt beyond the slopes. The Utah ski industry generates \$200 million a year in goods and services from out-of-state skiers and another \$10 million to \$12 million from residents.

"It affects a lot more people than just the ski industry," said David DeSeelhorst, vice president of Solitude, which is off about 7 percent from last year.

Some resorts are rebounding with heavy snowfall in January and the wettest February on record. But although the season is barely at its halfway point, destination travel reservations are anemic and most say the chances for meaningful improvement are remote.

"It really hasn't felt like winter in the Salt Lake Valley," said Utah Ski Association director Mark Menlove. "While we've got great snow in the mountains, it's rained in Salt Lake. The easy assumption to make is if there's no snow in the valley, it's the same in the mountains. And when the snow hit, it hit hard, forcing closure of the roads up Big and Little Cottonwood canyons and increasing avalanche danger."

"We're completely at the whim of Mother Nature," said Charlie Lamsche, marketing director at Park City Mountain Resort, where ticket sales are down slightly from last year's record season. "We can put forth our best marketing efforts and those will still be tempered by Mother Nature."

"It really hasn't felt like winter in the Salt Lake Valley."

— Mark Menlove, Utah Ski Association

Bill Alder, meteorologist in charge of the National Weather Service office in Salt Lake, said erratic snowfall is to be expected. "The resorts want 100 inches on Thanksgiving, but that's just not in the cards. That's part of life," Alder said.

The lackluster early season numbers also show that Utah is falling back in line with national trends. Growth in the industry has been stagnant for more than a decade.

In 1985-86 there were 51.9 million skier visits nationwide. By 1996-97, that number had risen by only 600,000, according to the National Ski Areas Association. Stacy Gardner, spokeswoman for the NSAA in Lakewood, Colo., said resorts are experiencing a lag as baby boomers turn

golf, leaving the slopes to Generation X, a demographic with about 33 million fewer people.

Utah and the Rocky Mountain region had managed to buck that trend, experiencing moderate growth of 3 percent a year on average.

But since 1995, when Salt Lake won hosting rights to the 2002 Winter Olympics, Utah skiing has struggled.

In 1994-95, a record snow year, there were 3.1 million skier days. That fell 5 percent the next year to 2.9 million and rebounded only slightly to 3.0 million in 1996-97.

"I don't think we'll even make it back to where we were last season," Menlove said. "We did have high expectations for this season, in part because of the snow year we had last year ... and this being an Olympic year, there's more attention on winter sports and we hoped that would translate into better ticket sales."

Leigh Breidenbach, assistant director of the ski industry program at the University of Maine in Farmington, says there are reasons other than weather Utah's industry has struggled. "Some of [Utah's] traditional market has been from California. Well, California's busy sliding," she said, referring to torrential rainstorms that have devastated parts of that state.

Social trends have also hurt the industry, Breidenbach said. "We are a leisure industry and the average American has less leisure time," she said.

"People are taking fewer week-long, two-week-long vacations because of pressures from their jobs."

Park City, used to celebrities, takes Clintons' visit in stride

PARK CITY, Utah (AP) — On a sunny, clear winter's day, rumored sightings of the First Family elicited little more than a shrug and smile in this popular northern Utah ski town.

On Saturday, it wasn't the strains of "Hail to the Chief" that echoed through the snow-laden canyons, but laughter and the swoosh of skis slicing through four feet of powder that had fallen in recent days.

Jennifer Hossack, one of Deer Valley's army of green snow-suited valets, said parking lot business was brisk — but she doubted the crowds were due to the Clintons' weekend stay here to celebrate Chelsea's 18th birthday.

"A lot of people are asking why it's so crowded," she said. "I think it's just a beautiful day."

Not that skiers weren't aware of the long-shot chance of spotting Hillary Clinton and Chelsea on the slopes. (President Bill Clinton was not skiing, but planned to relax and read.)

John and Sara Davy, from Pensacola, Fla., strolling along Park City's historic Main Street, said they had not seen a trace of the Clintons.

However, John Davy said a dozen passersby did mistake him for being with the Secret Service after noticing his baseball cap, emblazoned with the words

"White House Staff."

His wife gave him the cap a year ago.

Still, he took to his impromptu part, playing mum to the queries of the curious. "A lot of people came up asking me all sorts of questions," he said. "I just said, 'I can't tell you.'"

News that the Clintons were in the Clinton visit.

'Skiing is the sport for celebrities. You can get all covered up and not be spotted.'

— Randy Sanders, San Diego

Chelsea ski, they tend to blend into the crowds, largely unnoticed by others on the slopes, she said.

"It's quite an honor to have them here, but it's like they're not even here," Thompson said. Cindy Feicht, of Henryville, Ala., joked that she and her eight friends were mildly irritated when they heard about the Clinton visit.

"We're like, well, so there goes Park City again this year."

Last year, Feicht explained, there was a whitenoise and she wasn't able to ski some of the days of her vacation here.

Feicht said after her first run Saturday, she had not seen any Clintons, but she admitted: "I wasn't doing a lot of looking."

Diner's Choice restaurant Joel Smith had his own take on it all. "It's a comedy. The locals are used to seeing celebrities so this is just another thing."

"They were more in to it when the Chicago Bulls were in town (last June for the NBA Finals)."



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Couple bind, club, rape and kill church volunteer delivering food

PHOENIX (AP) — Elizabeth Calabrese was smiling when she left her home to deliver a basket of food to a hungry couple who called her church seeking help for their family. She never returned.

Mrs. Calabrese, 41, was tied up, clubbed, raped and killed by the very couple she came to help, police said. Her body was found hidden beneath cardboard boxes in the back yard of the home of John E. Sansing, 31, and Kara K. Sansing, 28.

Police say Mrs. Calabrese went to the home Tuesday evening after the Living Springs Assembly of God in Glendale got a call for emergency food from a man who identified himself as John Sansing.

Sgt. Mike Torres, a police spokesman, said none of the couple's four children, who are between the ages of 9 and 12, saw their mother help tie up Mrs. Calabrese. The children now are staying with an aunt.

Police believe robbery was the motive, but Torres would not elaborate. He said investigators did not know whether Mrs. Calabrese was deliberately lured to the house or whether she was robbed.

After the attack, Sansing fled to his sister's home and told her he was high on crack cocaine, police said.

The Sansings were arrested Thursday on suspicion of first-degree murder and kidnapping. John Sansing, a warehouse stocker with a long criminal history in Utah, also faces charges of sexual assault and aggravated assault.

A landlord and others who helped them said they were prone to seek aid from charitable organizations and that the children also often scavenged for handouts, including cigarette money for their father.

Emmett Ransom, the Sansings' attorney, did not return telephone calls.

Mrs. Calabrese's family and friends said the retired medical technician loved to carry out her religious beliefs by taking food



Elizabeth Truff Calabrese, shown with her children in this file photo, was brutally clubbed, raped, stabbed and slain in Phoenix, Ariz., as she was delivering a food basket to a Kara and John Sansing, who are charged in her death.



John Sansing



Kara Sansing

to people in need.

Kathy Specker, a fellow church volunteer, said volunteers are usually required to deliver food in pairs but that Mrs. Calabrese decided to make the trip alone because the family had children and she didn't want them to go hungry.

"The only reason she did it was for the kids," Specker said.

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Kevorkian speaks out against cops

DETROIT (AP) — Dr. Jack Kevorkian says police tried to interfere in the assisted suicide of a 21-year-old quadriplegic and mistreated the young man's family.

"It's time to clear the air," Kevorkian told Saturday's edition of The Oakland Press. "I admit I registered in the death of Roseanne Dawson. If there was a crime committed, charge me. If there isn't, don't bother me."

Dawson, the youngest person Kevorkian has assisted, died Thursday at his home. He had announced his intent a spinal sting paralyzed him from the neck down. Kevorkian said police arrested an aide at the apartment soon after the death.

"They knocked on the door, I said, 'You got a warrant?' They said no. 'Then don't come in,' he said."

Kevorkian said police entered the home shortly after Dawson's death. Dawson's mother, Brenda Garner, echoed Kevorkian's anger. "They acted like my child wasn't dead and I didn't just lose my child," she said.

Kevorkian said police confiscated medical equipment, pillow cases, a gas mask and even Mr. Garner's glasses. Ms. Garner said she had placed the glasses on a pillow while she held Dawson in her arms.

"I need my glasses for work," Ms. Garner said. "They said, 'We can't release them.' What could you find on those glasses but a mother's tears?"

Southfield police spokesman John Harris said the officers were only doing their job.

The death was ruled a homicide by the Oakland County Medical Examiner's office. However, charges are rarely pursued in such cases and county Prosecutor David Garocyra has said prosecuting Kevorkian is a waste of taxpayers' money under current law. Kevorkian has been acquitted in three trials.

U.S. lifts arms embargo on South Africa

WASHINGTON (AP) — The United States is ending its 35-year-old arms embargo on South Africa after American government arms experts concluded that the nation is complying with U.S. trade regulations.

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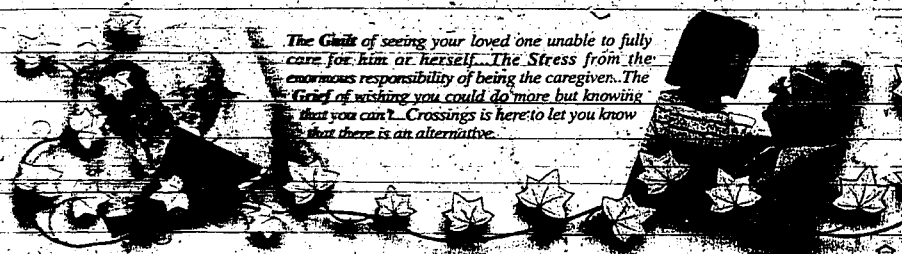
"The suspension of debarment opens the door for normalized defense trade between the U.S. and South Africa," said the announcement.

The embargo prevented the sale to South Africa any arms with U.S.-made components, no matter where the weapons were manufactured.

The arms experts reviewed the dealings of Armaments Corporation of South Africa (Armscor), Fuchs Electronics and Diesel and its divisions, including Keenan.

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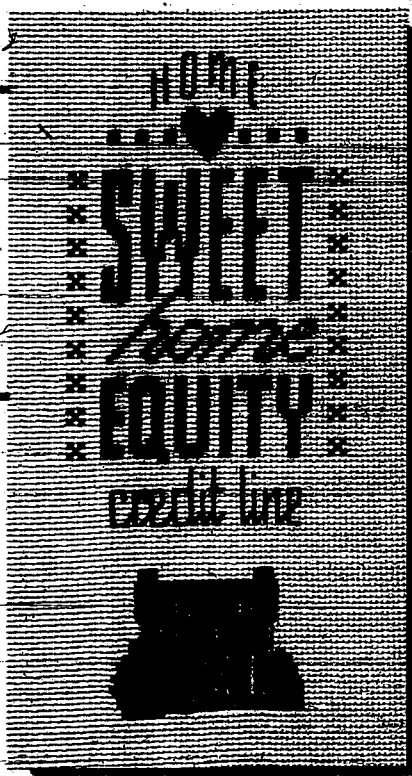
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WASHINGTON (AP) — If you're a poor man in the South, you might want to check that federal income tax return very carefully before sending it off to the Internal Revenue Service.

A study by the General Accounting Office found 47 percent of randomly audited taxpayers over the past three years live in 11 Southern states. And more than 85 percent of those audited had incomes below \$25,000.

The number of taxpayers selected at random for audits is small, compared with the total number of IRS audits. During the 1994-1996 tax years, for example, the GAO said only 2,921 of the 5.6 million returns audited were selected at random.

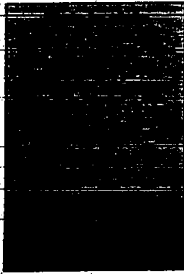
Random audits are restricted to groups the IRS has suspicions about, one of which comprises low-income working families who claim the earned income tax credit. To qualify for these credits, people with one child must earn less than \$25,760, with virtually no interest or other unearned income.

"The emphasis on attacking the poor is unconscionable," said Sen. Paul Coverdell, R-Ga., who requested the study.

But, House Speaker Newt Gingrich, R-Ga., and other prominent Republicans repeatedly have attacked the earned income tax program as a prime example of fraud and abuse in government. Last April, the Treasury Department reported that 26 percent of claims for the benefits — \$4.4 billion worth — went to unqualified recipients. Gingrich has even suggested abolishing inheritance taxes, the lost revenue received by tightening the earned income tax program.

Agency officials countered the 2,961 random audits weren't truly random. John M. Delany, the IRS acting chief compliance officer, said the agency targeted six groups for random audits from 1994 through 1996 because of suspected or known noncompliance with tax laws. The largest comprised taxpayers claiming the earned income tax credit, when the GAO said were singled out because of the repeated congressional criticisms that taxpayers

Audits and small businesses — D2



were abusing the credit. Other targeted groups were Ohio restaurants with alcoholic beverage licenses, restaurants where more than one taxpayer claimed the same dependent, self-employed Georgians claiming business losses and collecting the earned income tax credit as well, self-employed Mississippians who didn't pay a self-employment tax and sole proprietors in Illinois with questionable wholesale and retail filings.

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WORLD

India voting ends, leaving 75 dead

Voters may be deadlocked, exit polls hint

NEW DELHI, India (AP) — Voting on Saturday ended a staggered election for India's next government in all but a handful of remote districts, with exit polls suggesting stronger support for Hindu nationalists.

Seven people were killed in the state of Uttar Pradesh Saturday, bringing the death toll to at least 75 since elections began Feb. 16, but the day's violence was mild compared with other voting days.

Two exit polls indicated the major parties could be headed for another deadlock and more of the same tumultuous politics that forced India to vote three years ahead of schedule.

But the trend was unclear, with the two polls varying widely on how much support the Hindu nationalist Bharatiya Janata Party enjoyed.

A state-by-state exit poll broadcast on the government-run television showed the party making gains in almost every corner of the country, but falling short of the majority needed for a government. The pollsters used a private TV channel, said the BJP would make gains but do far worse than forecast in pre-election surveys.

Saturday's voting completed the election for all but six of the 543 contested seats in Parliament. Vote counting begins Monday, even before the final districts go to the polls.

More than 300 million of India's 600 million voters have cast ballots in the election, which was staggered over six days to give security forces time to move across a country where religious,



Kashmir separatists hold banners calling for independence and the boycott of the Indian general elections during the clashes in Srinagar, India, Saturday, as the fourth phase of voting in Indian general elections gets under way. Clashes erupted after separatists had called for a boycott of the elections in the predominantly Muslim region of northern India.

ethnic and caste difference often erupt into violence.

In the state of Kashmir, armed troops confronted Muslim separatists boycotting the polls Saturday, and reluctant citizens complained that soldiers forced them to vote against their will. Ten-year-old boys said they were taken to polling booths and compelled to cast ballots registered to other people.

In Kashmir's Baramulla district, one of the six districts yet to vote, gunmen ambushed activists from the National Conference party, which governs the state, killing two of them. Another two people were killed and 12 injured by a hand grenade in the town of Sopore, police said.

In Bihar, leftist militants detonated land mines that killed

three policemen patrolling booths where balloting was being repeated because of violence during an earlier round of voting, Press Trust of India reported.

Unlike previous election days, few clashes were reported between political rivals outside polling stations. But mutual accusations of vote-rigging flew among the parties.

At Bombay's Kandivali station, where four people were killed in a series of bombs Friday, a curious crowd gathered around the mangled rods and blood-spattered plastic chairs where one bomb went off.

The Congress Party, which governed India for 45 of its 50 years, was doing better than expected, the exit polls indicated. The party picked up momentum after

Sonia Gandhi, the reclusive widow of assassinated former prime minister Rajiv Gandhi, went on a campaign blitz with promises of a revitalized leadership for the scandal-ridden party.

The Bharatiya Janata Party has increased its strength in every election since 1984, when it won just two seats.

The poll broadcast by the private TV television gave the BJP 208 seats, the Congress Party 171 seats and the incumbent United Front coalition 140 seats.

The other poll suggested the Bharatiya Janata would win 244 seats, 59 more than in the 1996 election. It said Congress would win 140, a loss of 3 seats; the United Front would win 118, a drop of 53; and Independents would win the rest.

Diana's will due to be published soon

LONDON (AP) — Princess Diana's will bequeathing her multimillion-dollar estate is to be made public, and the curious will be able to buy a copy.

"It's not going to be a private document, as it could have been," said lawyer Murray Gowar, whose firm Lawrence Graham is handling the will and expects it to be published next week.

While royal wills can be sealed, Diana's lawyers did not request it.

Wills for most other people are open to public view and anyone can go to the record office and get a copy for a minimal charge.

Diana's family, recognizing the depth of public feeling about her Aug. 31 death in a Paris car crash, has been very responsive to people's desire for information.

Diana's estate has been estimated at \$34 million, most of which is the reported \$27 million divorce settlement from Prince Charles.

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Hungarians demonstrate against dam

BUDAPEST, Hungary (AP) — Saying a Slovak-Hungarian agreement for a Danube River dam spells environmental disaster, about 20,000 people demonstrated in front of Hungary's parliament Saturday.

Hungarian negotiators dropped their opposition to the cross-border project after a meeting with their Slovak counterparts Friday, essentially promising to build a dam on the Hungarian side as the two countries had originally planned in 1977.

The dam has been the focus of one of the fiercest rows in central Europe in the past two decades.

Hungary laid the foundations of the Nagymaros dam on the Danube bend north of Budapest, but demolished and removed them when Hungary pulled out of the project in 1992.

Janos Vargha, one of organizers of Saturday's rally, said he was encouraged by what he said was fast-growing support for the environmentalists' stance at home and abroad.

In addition to the environmental damage, "we have to face (construction costs of) \$2 billion or more without any profit in return," he said.

The communist governments of Hungary and what was then Czechoslovakia agreed in 1977 to build the dam to produce electricity for both countries and make the Danube River navigable year-round.

Environmentalists argued it would harm wildlife in Danube wetlands and contaminate drinking water reserves in Hungary. The dam project grew into a symbol of government heavy-handed-

ness and sparked mass popular resistance that eventually helped overturn communist rule in Hungary.

Hungary's first post-communist government abandoned the project. But Slovakia went ahead and diverted the river by building a dam on its side.

Environmental damage turned out to be less dramatic than predicted, and the drinking water quality along the river has not deteriorated, experts say.

The two countries took the matter to the World Court in The Hague, which gave them until March 25 to reach an agreement.

The Hungarian dam will be ready between 2004 and 2006, said the head of the Hungarian delegation, Janos Nemcsok. It will likely differ little from the 1977 plan.



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NATION

Memorial honors victims

COLUMBUS, Ga. (AP) — Kneeling on a grassy knoll on brisk winter morning, Deborah Jordan traced a name sandblasted into a brick — one of 50 set into a memorial walkway dedicated to murder victims — running her finger over each letter.

Come April, when 50 new bricks and names are added to the walkway, Mrs. Jordan and her husband, Kenneth Jr., will have one of their own, for slain 15-year-old son Kenneth Leroy Jordan III.

"There sure are a lot of them huh? Guess I'm not alone," Mrs. Jordan said as she read the names on the bricks. "You know, it's a symbol that they lived — and that they died. That's what I want for my baby, Kenneth."

Memorials to murder victims are being erected across the country, from a memorial garden in Sacramento, Calif., to a memorial walkway in Columbia, S.C., according to Diane Alexander, spokeswoman for the National Victim Center in Washington.

In Columbus, "murder walk" is for the living, a place along the Chatahoochee River where tree

limbs tangle in the breeze, a place for young and old to stroll, skate, run or bicycle.

The idea for the walkway came out of a planning meeting for National Victims Rights week two years ago between city officials and Bernice Johnson, a member of Columbus Victims of Crime and Leniency advocacy group.

One of the first bricks placed in the walkway bears the name of Mrs. Johnson's daughter, who was murdered in her home near Columbus. Ann Johnson Curry, 24, was nine months pregnant when she was killed in August 1985, along with her 4-year-old daughter and 19-month-old son.

"It's not something you get over. It becomes less painful — but it never really goes away. We wanted a place where people could get together and share their stories," Mrs. Johnson said.

The city of 179,000 people donated land for the memorial walkway. The bricks cost \$20 each.

Some of the bricks bear names of people killed in this west-central Georgia city over the past 20 years and others honor victims of murders elsewhere who had relatives and friends in Columbus.

In February 1996, Kenneth Leroy Jordan III was shot twice, his body pushed out of a car and into a ditch in Alabama, about 25 miles from Columbus.

Authorities said the shooting was gang-related, payback for disrespecting an older member of the gang. A 22-year-old man was convicted and sentenced to life in prison.

The Jordans, who have two daughters, have turned their son's room into a "quiet room," a place for peace in an often noisy house.

Kenneth is buried about two miles down the road. Mrs. Jordan visits the grave only occasionally because she can't stand to see her son's marker surrounded by so much death.

That's part of the reason she decided to add her son's name to "murder walk."

"I can go down there to the river and walk and talk to my son," she said.



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State's prison program helps inmates change

Knight-Ridder News Service

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. — One by one, the nine men shuffle forward. It is time to accept diplomas, right hands for handshakes.

Working down the reception line, they exchange hugs and congratulations and tissues to dab tears.

"Before I came here, I had feelings for nobody but myself," a teary Frank Evans said. "But you people taught me how to live..."

Aside from the tattooed arms and necks of several of the participants, this ceremony in the whitewashed infirmary at the Jefferson City Correctional Center looks like many graduations. But these nine graduates are different: One killed his wife. Evans sold drugs near a schoolyard. All are serving extensive sentences.

They're graduating from an intensive therapeutic community. It's a last chance for men who've already blown other last chances. It's a six-month program designed to get criminals to stop lying to themselves, to accept responsibility for their crimes and to break drug and alcohol addictions.

The goal is to get them to move on with life behind bars.

While such programs are fairly common in prisons nationwide, they're usually geared toward inmates nearing release dates.

Missouri officials think that only their program is aimed at hardened lifers and others a decade or more away from freedom.

So when an emotional Scott MacDonald, imprisoned on assault and drug convictions, announces to the gathering that, "I'm going to

go out from here and make things better," "out" means the prison yard. He's scheduled to remain in prison until 2006.

Some of his friends in the program will spend their entire lives behind bars.

The cliché is that, according to the inmates, there are no guilty men in prison, just wrongly convicted innocents.

Rapists blame their victims. Robbers their poverty. Murderers their drugs.

That doesn't happen in the therapeutic community.

"The center of this program is that people are responsible for their own behavior," explains associate superintendent Donald Cline, who developed the program. "It takes men accept and deal with that responsibility, they can't change. And this program teaches that change is good."

Or, more simply, in the words of program director Matt Miller, "Honesty is the core of what goes on here."

The program began three years ago this month, after a challenge from Dora Schiro, director of the Missouri Department of Corrections.

"Prison talk circles around, 'When I get out of prison I'm going to ...'" she explained. "Well, some of these people are never getting out. So what are they going to do for the next 20 years? Make as big a mess of their lives inside as they did outside?"

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WORLD

Russian party suffers identity crisis

MOSCOW (AP) — As it nears its 100th birthday, the Russian Communist Party is torn by an identity crisis that threatens to splinter its already weakened ranks.

The party whose pronouncements once carried the force of law seems uncertain about what role it wants to play in the new Russia.

Loyal opposition or radical rabble-rouser? Fajner of the government or enemy?

And with their ranks aging, the communists face tough decisions about how to appeal to a new generation that distrusts the Marxist past and is more interested in paychecks than politics.

In recent weeks, the Communist Party's leadership in the State Duma, the lower house of parliament, has made overtures to Boris Yeltsin about joining him in a coalition government — overtures that the president has rejected.

The proposals have caused cracks in the communists' vaunted party discipline. Some members are questioning whether the leadership is selling out. And some observers predict the cracks could lead the party to split in two.

"I think there is a real danger of such a split," said Nikolai Petrov, a political analyst with the Carnegie Endowment for Peace.

Perhaps it shouldn't seem surprising that the party of Lenin and Stalin is having a rough time adjusting to life in the wreckage of the Soviet Union and its one-party rule.

In the West, the Soviet collapse was widely seen as the death of communism and proof that Soviet-style state socialism didn't work. In Russia, the party was banned for a year after its hardliners attempted a



Russian Communist Party leader Gennady Zyuganov, center, flanked by his bodyguards and fellow communists, celebrates in Moscow to lay at the Lenin Tomb to mark the anniversary of Lenin's death.

coups against Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev in 1991.

Perhaps the real surprise is that the Communist Party is as much of a force in Russia as it is today. It remains the biggest party in the

Duma and still draws strong allegiance in many parts of the country, particularly in the southern "Red Belt" and among the elderly, who have fared worst under the new market economy.

Communist leader Gennady Zyuganov gave Yeltsin a warm in the 1995 presidential election and is thought to be positioning himself now for a run in the next election, in 2000.

Iraq says it can't take full advantage of oil-for-food

BAAGHD, Iraq (AP) — Iraq cannot take full advantage of the increase in the UN-approved oil-for-food program because its petroleum industry is in disrepair, Iraq's oil minister said Sunday.

U.S. Sen. Amer. Mohammed Rashid also said a news conference that the UN Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries calls an emergency meeting to deal with plummeting oil prices, Iraq "possibly will" attend.

Rashid said that the chief U.N. weapons inspector, Richard Butler, would be welcome on his next visit to Baghdad, expected early in March, to discuss the agreement worked out by U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan on inspections of presidential sites.

Still, he called at the United States, which had threatened a military strike against Iraq over the inspections issue.

"We assured the Americans of a hidden political agenda" and added, "They want to undermine the sovereignty of Iraq. ... They don't want an independent leadership in the area."

The U.S. Security Council approved Feb. 20 an increase in the oil-for-food program that will allow Iraq to sell \$2.5 billion of oil every six months to buy food, medicine and other necessities for its 25 million people. The current program allows sales of \$2

billion every six months.

But Rashid said that the country would be able to export just \$4 billion every six months — and this only after spare parts and special chemicals are provided for its ailing industry.

"We cannot export a quantity more than what amounts to \$4 billion in the six months because of the production limitations and because of the deterioration of oil prices in the market," Rashid said.

He put Iraq's current crude oil production capacity at 2.5 million barrels a day and said that with the investment of "a few hundred million dollars," this could be increased to 2.65 million in about three months. This, he said, would provide about 650,000 barrels daily for domestic consumption, leaving the balance of 2 million barrels a day for export.

"We have not had any revenue to compensate for the attrition of our oil fields," Rashid complained.

Denis Halliday, the U.N. humanitarian coordinator in Iraq, said that a U.N. team would be in Baghdad soon to assess the oil industry's need for spare parts.

Rashid estimated that it would take about a year to raise Iraq's production to its pre-Persian Gulf War level of 3.5 million barrels a day.

7 die in troubled Serbian province

PRISTINA, Yugoslavia (AP) — The worst single day of violence since the emergence of a clandestine ethnic Albanian militant group left seven people dead Saturday.

The victims included two Serb policemen and five Albanians, who were apparently killed in retaliation.

Two Serb policemen also were wounded when a car full of people ambushed while on patrol in Serbia's mostly ethnic Albanian

Israel accused of foot-dragging in bid to free spy

JERUSALEM (AP) — A lawyer for convicted spy Jonathan Pollard accused the Israeli government Saturday of dragging its feet in seeking the release of the man from a U.S. prison.

The comments were made after the government submitted a statement to Israel's Supreme Court on Friday describing its efforts to set up a committee to have Pollard, an American, sent to Israel.

Pollard's lawyer, Baruch Bendoric, dismissed the govern-

Iran accused of foot-dragging in bid to free spy

ment's statement as "an attempt to gain time, instead of taking the steps necessary to obtain my client's freedom."

The former U.S. naval analyst was arrested in 1985 for passing military secrets to Israel. He is serving a life sentence in a federal prison in Boston, N.C.

Pollard's lawyers have asked the Supreme Court to order the government to acknowledge that he was a spy and to make concessions to win his release.

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Notice is hereby given that the Urban Renewal Agency for the City of Twin Falls, Idaho (the "Agency") will hold a hearing on Monday, March 16, 1998, at the hour of 12 o'clock, Noon, in the Twin Falls City Hall Council Chambers, located at 321 Second Avenue East in Twin Falls, Idaho, as to whether to file its petition herein pursuant to the Idaho Judicial Confirmation Law, Idaho Code, Section 7-1301 et seq., requesting a judicial confirmation of the power of the Agency under the constitution and laws of Idaho to establish a "Revenue Allocation Area" and to issue its "Revenue Allocation Bonds" as provided under Title 50, Chapters 20 and 29, Idaho Code, as amended, and to approve and adopt a Bond Ordinance and other documents related thereto. Persons wishing to examine copies of these documents or requesting other information may contact the Executive Director of the Agency, Dave McAlindin, at 321 Second Avenue East, Twin Falls, Idaho, phone (208) 736-2240.

Diplomats push for peace in Angola

LUANDA, Angola (AP) — Diplomats overseeing Angola's stalled-1994-peace pact met Monday with the president and a former rebel leader to salvage the accord, after another deadline passed without its full implementation.

U.N. mediator Behrooz Sanday and other envoys have requested urgent meetings with Angolan President Jose Eduardo dos Santos and former rebel chief Jonas Savimbi, UN spokes-

Report says prison tested LSD on inmates

OTTAWA (AP) — Twenty-three inmates at a Canadian federal prison for women reportedly were given the hallucinogenic drug LSD as part of a psychology experiment in the early 1960s, a newspaper reported.

The study was conducted at the women's prison in Kingston, Ontario, with the knowledge of the prison superintendent and federal corrections officials, the Ottawa Citizen reported.

The newspaper said it obtained a report from Canada's correctional services department, completed in January, that described the tests as "a risky undertaking."

The report recommended that the Canadian government offer all the women used as unwitting guinea pigs a full apology and a settlement package, the newspaper said.

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WORLD

Drug violence scars Mexico city

Death of kingpin sparks turf battle across border of El Paso, Texas

Los Angeles Times

CIUDAD JUAREZ, Mexico — To residents of this violent city, the scene on the evening news was so distressingly familiar. A three-car convoy of men clutching semiautomatic pistols had just chased down a Chevrolet Suburban, burst into its windows and killed a lawyer inside. But to Maria Concepcion Valdez, a 38-year-old homemaker, the scene was strikingly different. It took place right down the street from her two-bedroom townhouse in a middle-class neighborhood — not far from where her 5-year-old son regularly rides his bike.

"I just wanted to cry. I was so shaken up by the jeep and the blood," she said, holding the TV images. "Now I don't leave the house, I'm so afraid."

This city across the border from El Paso, Texas, home to one of Mexico's biggest narcotics cartels, is in the midst of a drug war. As groups battle to succeed kingpin Amado Carrillo Fuentes, who died in July, the shootings are increasingly being spilled into the city's family restaurants, busy downtown streets and quiet housing developments.

The result is a near-paranoia among Juarez residents such as Valdez who had long shrugged off the thriving drug trade as something that didn't affect them. And the fear doesn't stop at the Rio Grande: So many Americans have stopped visiting this city that the restaurant and hotel industries are in a slump. "This is the biggest problem here — there is an internal fight among the criminal groups to position themselves. And those who pay are the average citizens," said Martin Alonso Cisneros, head of the local chamber of tourism and services.

Mexico got a passing grade Thursday in the United States' annual review of its partners in the drug fight. But the bloodshed in Juarez shows the mounting toll the narcotics trade is taking in Mexico, where drug traffickers have corrupted government institutions, fueled crime and fed a small but growing national appetite for cocaine.

Already, the rate of drug killings in Juarez is higher than it was during the Miami cocaine wars of the late-1970s — which resulted in the U.S. "war on drugs." Since the death of kingpin Carrillo Fuentes, who had

kept a lid on assassinations, at least 60 people have been slain in drug-related attacks in Ciudad Juarez, justice officials say.

The overwhelmed mayor, Riquelme Flores, is pleading for federal help.

"Ciudad Juarez has become a battleground for drug-trafficking groups that are fighting to control this area," the mayor said in a letter to President Ernesto Zedillo published in newspapers in February.

The drug war began after the bizarre death of Carrillo Fuentes, Mexico's No. 1 kingpin. He died

following extensive plastic surgery, leaving the car in the hands of his brother, Vicente, apparently a less imposing figure, authorities say.

With the Juárez cartel weakened, Mexico's other top drug group — led by the Arellano Felix brothers of Tijuana — made its move, according to U.S. and Mexican investigators.

Authorities say they believe the Tijuana group has allied itself with a Juárez businessman, Rafael Munoz Tolivera, who was released from a Mexican prison in 1996 after serving two years on

a narcotics conviction. But the man who reportedly would be king in the expanded Juárez territory was not Tolivera, a lawyer who had worked for him and was killed in October. Munoz Tolivera's name appeared in court records and his family may be next. In a business move, Munoz Tolivera's name on a \$1 million in December guarantee turned up in an anonymous phone message to officials "who think that the competing sides were in other drug markets."

"I want to make very clear that I am not involved in drug trafficking or any other activity," he

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Bombs kill 8 in Pakistani capital

KARACHI, Pakistan (AP) — Two bombs exploded 20 minutes apart Saturday in a densely populated apartment complex in Karachi, killing at least eight people and wounding dozens, authorities and witnesses said.

One of the bombs was planted in a hardware shop and the other in a music store on the ground floor of the Al-Asif apartment complex where hundreds of people live, police said.

Dozens of people rushed to the site and dug through the rubble with their bare hands, trying to reach screaming victims, witnesses said.

"It was a massive explosion," said Mohammed Farid, the owner of a nearby shop. "We didn't know what happened. ... We saw the blood and then everyone started digging."

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EDITORIAL

Consider all angles before putting hospital on the block

Potential suitors are lining up to court the Magic Valley Regional Medical Center, and for an excellent reason:

The publicly owned hospital is valuable and profitable.

But before the Twin Falls County commissioners listen further to the blandishments of St. Alphonsus Regional Medical Center of St. Luke's Regional Medical Center or anyone else with a checkbook, some hard questions must be answered.

The foremost of them is this: Why should the county be in a hurry to sell the facility or turn control of the hospital to somebody else in the first place? Primarily, it seems, because the commissioners and the board of laymen they appoint to supervise the hospital feel ill-equipped to steer the facility in the fast-changing health-care business.

To be sure, a medical center and its attendant facilities worth \$70 million to \$100 million are a great responsibility, especially when the public's money and well-being are at stake.

But in our view, there's far too much at issue to rush to judgment. Before the commissioners even consider offers from St. Luke's or St. Al's, they should do the following:

• Use some of the hospital's \$20 million cash reserve to hire a national medical consulting firm to outline the county's options. Such a consultant should be independent of the folks now running the hospital and able to offer the commissioners an objective perspective on the hospital's future. The process and report should be made public.

• Appoint an independent community advisory committee to lend some perspective to the debate. Capable as the current hospital board is, an independent recommendation is warranted before a decision of this magnitude is made. Many views are needed, including those of past and current critics of the medical center's operation.

• Make clear that whatever course

the county commissioners decide upon will be subject to a vote of the taxpayers. It's absolutely vital that every aspect of a potential change of control of the medical center be open to public debate — and subject to the voters.

• Entertain more offers. With a cash flow of \$3 million to \$4 million at Magic Valley Regional, it's a cinch that hospitals other than St. Al's and St. Luke's would be interested in buying or running our medical center. What about the Salt Lake City hospitals, or national and regional companies that own and operate hospitals?

• Consider leasing the hospital as a preferred alternative to selling it. In the private sector, enterprises that generate big profits aren't usually for sale. Why should our hospital be any different?

The people of Twin Falls County are in the fortunate position of controlling a consistently profitable, integrated health care system that is the envy of many middle-sized communities. A bigger health-service company might run the facility at greater economies of scale, but sale is not the only way to achieve that goal.

Also, the commissioners need to be aware of the interests of the medical community. Some local doctors, seeing an opportunity for further economic gain, are said to be considering a surgery center that would compete with MVRMC without having to take Medicaid patients or deal with the uninsured. The implications of such a development should be carefully weighed.

All in all, in our judgment, there are far too many unanswered questions about the ramifications of relinquishing control of Magic Valley Regional for the commissioners even to consider such a change until they — and their fellow citizens — do a lot more homework.

The bottom line is that MVRMC belongs to the people, and it is in their interest alone that any action should be taken.

Why would Twin Falls County be in a hurry to unload a medical facility that consistently makes money?

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The Frank: If it ain't broke, don't fix it

The Middle Fork of the Salmon River, a Washington R. story reported the other day, "may be the premier wilderness white-water excursion in the country."

Those of us who share this vintage Idaho experience with visitors from throughout the world certainly agree with that. The Middle Fork of the Salmon and the Main Salmon Rivers are two of the defining characteristics of what, until now, has been one of the U.S. Forest Service's best-managed wilderness areas — the Frank Church River of No Return. The "Frank" is a 2.4 million-acre swath of Idaho mountains and river gorges that has been a centerpiece of rural Idaho's developing outdoor recreation and tourism industry.

The "Frank" has never been in better condition than it is today. Campsites are as clear as the rivers' sparkling waters in part because the public practices nautic to protect it. Outfitters and guides' development of fire pans to protect beaches, for example, has become a world standard for minimizing man's impact in the backcountry.

Flooding within this huge wilderness has remained pretty constant over the past decade, closely regulated by an allocation system that limits the number of launches and people in float parties.

That's why the people who enjoy the pristine Middle Fork and the legendary "River of No Return" — the Main Salmon can't understand why the Forest Service has proposed cutting the size of float parties on the Middle Fork in half, cutting them by one third on the Main Salmon and restricting powerboat use.

The Code of the West is, "If it ain't broke, don't fix it." The Frank, as it is plain to see, ain't broke. It is a priceless resource people have committed to help protect.



READER COMMENT Greg Edson

Nonetheless, after spending the last three years of a five-year process basically talking to themselves, an interdisciplinary team of the Forest Service employees proposes measures that are unwarranted and extreme.

The Forest Service's draft environmental impact statement on the central Idaho wilderness threatens to turn this fantastic resource into what some of the old timers warned us about — "Wilderness, the Land of No Use."

Idaho's congressional delegation, in a Feb. 18 letter to Regional Forester Jack Blackwell, addressed the federal government's seemingly systematic attack on traditional uses of the backcountry — and, by extension, on the rural economies of Idaho communities.

As these decisions have been implemented, tourism and recreation dollars have been touted as a replacement for the lost revenues to the affected counties when grazing, mining and timber have been heavily restricted or eliminated completely. Yet now, the Forest Service seems to be systematically cutting into the tourism revenue stream by drastically cutting back on recreation usage in this wilderness area.

The namesake of this largest mountain wilderness in the lower 48 states warned that a pure minority could drive federal agency decisions so extreme that public support for the wilderness would be eroded. In a 1977 speech, Sen. Frank Church said, "It was not the intent of

Congress that wilderness be administered in so stringent a manner as to needlessly restrict their customary public use and enjoyment. Quite the contrary. Congress fully intended that wilderness should be managed to allow its use by a wide spectrum of Americans."

Now is our day of reckoning for that bureaucratic drift to purify Sen. Church warned us about so many years ago.

With the extreme Forest Service cuts on the table today, Americans are making the issue head-on. Outfitters and guides, kayakers, private rafters, powerboaters, backcountry pilots, hunters and fishermen are raising this matter quite personally. They are not willing to be locked out of these incomparable public lands because of the Forest Service's reliance on "social" factors imposing management decisions that will govern the Frank far into the next century. Sen. Church wrote in the Central-Idaho Wilderness Act of 1980 that "such protection can be provided without conflicting with existing uses." Can't the Forest Service read?

The outfitters and guides of Idaho are glad to be a part of an emerging consensus of recreational users of the Frank and conservation groups committed to protect it. The federal government will hear clearly that its draft environmental study of an area as important to all of us as the Frank gravely misjudges the public's perspective and our priorities.

We ask that everyone who ever ventured into the Frank to enjoy its beauty, to hunt its roadless, express its opinion, line or to float or powerboat its challenging waters to tell the Forest Service that its gone for a while.

The Frank ain't broke. Don't fix it.

Greg Edson of Twin Falls is a river guide and the president of the Idaho Outfitters and Guides Association.

LETTERS

Reader's view of FUN is distorted

I was surprised by Joe Russell's Jan. 28 letter to the editor about the Farm Urban Network. It is unfortunate that Mr. Russell has such a distorted view of the purpose of the group. He has serious misconceptions about our involvement in the dairy waste-management issue.

Most important, the members of FUN have never had as a goal "forcing the dairy industry out of the Magic Valley," as Mr. Russell claims. The Farm Urban Network is a local grassroots organization made up of farmers, ranchers, county farms, rural communities and natural resources. We encourage involvement in the decision-making processes that affect our lives.

FUN's involvement in the dairy

waste-management issue stems from members' concerns about irreversible damage to our water supply and the desire to protect that vital, natural resource. We have valid questions about the origins of contaminants that threaten our water supply. Furthermore, we are trying to address concerns about existing homeowners' property values, the rights of all property owners and the quality of life being destroyed. We are working to ensure that people are put before profit, that neighbors are thoughtful and responsible and that industry is environmentally responsible and accountable.

Money must not be the only factor in determining whether an industry is good for the Magic Valley. We care about the quality of our water and the effect of farming activities on all the

people of the Magic Valley, not just our own members. KIANNA OSWALD Twin Falls

Gratitude for Newcomb's support

On Feb. 17, a bill on insurance parity for those with a biologically based mental illness was presented to the Business Committee legislators. Rep. Bruce Newcomb presented this to the committee and on behalf of National Alliance for the Mentally Ill of Idaho.

We would like to publicly thank Rep. Newcomb for his support on this very important issue. Although the bill did not pass committee, we intend to make it an ongoing priority until we get positive results. Thank you, Bruce, and we look forward to your continued support.

LEE WOODLAND KENT WOODLAND Declo

Hospital should not be profitable

To Dennis Maughan: Thank you for responding to my concern about the hospital. I was unaware that the hospital had been contracted to merge some years ago. So what? Magic Valley Memorial is a public institution. By contract, the public obligation cannot be removed or changed. For 10 years, it has been operated as a profit-making organization, and rumors have it that it is highly desirable for purchase because it is awash in money. Public institutions are not to be awash in money.

It is operated as a profit-making corporation only, which does not have to

pay taxes. We can all be rich if the fees charged are semi-monopolistic fees without control, and there are no taxes. Using that money to build an office building for doctors and then to stash away hundreds of thousands if not millions for the golden parachute and other personalized desires of the administrators cannot be done, nor can the immense salaries of \$300,000 per year per administrator be paid if the purpose is not used. No patient leaves the hospital without groaning and moaning about the excessive costs which are always attributed to the need for new equipment, but now we know why there are excessive costs: for dumping money by the bucket full into the laps of the administrators.

LLOYD J. WALKER Twin Falls

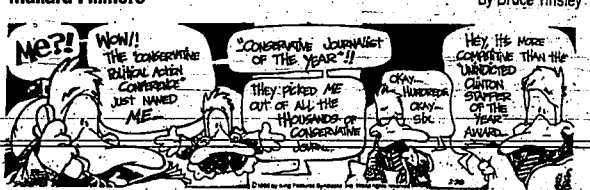
Doonesbury



By Garry Trudeau



Mallard Fillmore



By Bruce Tinsley

Education's death spiral

I'm not sure who killed education. I don't know when or even how it died. All I know is it was a slow and painful death.

Principal: "I'm aware it takes about five extra to add a teacher's certificate to your college diploma - and the pay stinks! But the intrinsic rewards are..."

Teacher: "You have the opportunity to influence young minds. It's important that you love kids, even ill-behaved kids. This must be a labor of love."

"Please sign this."

"What is it?"

"It says you will dedicate your time to extra duties, including attending at their games, helping out their plays, their concerts, that sort of thing. And it says you'll do voluntary community service."

"Do I get paid for it?"

"For voluntary service?"

"No. They will pay you for any 'that is in the budget'."

"That's pushing it - but I'll try."

"By the way, you're putting a lot of pressure on these kids with homework and all. We want to give them time to be kids. And it could be downright unhealthy if you accidentally put too much pressure on a game, wouldn't you?"

"I know what you're thinking. I remember about the vice principal. That had nothing to do with homework and all. He was serious completely. And the kid said he was sorry."

"Also, do not impose your morals on them - and whatever you do, don't teach religion. That's against the law."

"OK."

"But be sure and teach them the risks and costs of AIDS, drugs and teen pregnancy. And help them to become good citizens. They need to become upstanding, ethical people."

"Can you discipline kids? Most teachers who are let go are replaced because they can't handle discipline. You gotta be strict - but not too strict. Don't thwart their creativity or embarrass them or do anything to lower their self-esteem. And whatever



READER COMMENT

Dick Whitting:

you do, don't touch them."

"What if they are fighting?"

"Don't touch them. You could be sued."

"Must let them fight?"

"Of course not. If one of them gets hurt, you could be sued."

"Talk to them."

"And if it doesn't work?"

"Figure it out. Sheesh! Do I have to tell you how to do everything?"

"The Civil Rights laws require that each child receive an equal and adequate education."

"That's only fair."

"If your students can't speak English, it's up to you to teach them."

"OK."

"But be sure and teach them the risks and costs of AIDS, drugs and teen pregnancy. And help them to become good citizens. They need to become upstanding, ethical people."

"Can you discipline kids? Most teachers who are let go are replaced because they can't handle discipline. You gotta be strict - but not too strict. Don't thwart their creativity or embarrass them or do anything to lower their self-esteem. And whatever

keep up with regular students."

"Oh, well yes, of course not."

"So you'll have to design a program according to each student's abilities."

"Sort of like the old one-room schoolhouse where each student progressed at his own level?"

"Precisely. And this extends also to your 504 students."

"OK."

"You know - dyslexics, hyper-actives, addicts, the maladjusted, the insane - anyone with special problems."

"OK."

"And don't forget each student deserves an equal and adequate education."

"Uh huh. I have 162 students a day."

"And don't become a slacker. You know how bad education has become lately? I don't know, think they're all becoming lazy. In the words of the president, if any more teachers graduate students who can't read their own diplomas, I will fire them all."

"Whimper?"

"I've taught for 30 years, and I have loved it. But anyone stupid enough to teach is too dumb to be trusted with young minds!"

Dick Whitting of Buley teaches life science and humanities at Buley Junior High School.

Put teachers to the test

DIANE RAVITCH

... 43 percent of high school students are studying history with a teacher who did not earn either a major or minor in history.

Last summer, a suburban school district in New York advertised for 35 teachers. It received nearly 800 applications. Officials decided to narrow the pool by requiring applicants to pass the 111-state examination in English. Only about one-quarter of the would-be teachers answered 40 of the 50 multiple-choice questions correctly.

As Congress considers reauthorization of the Higher Education Act, teacher education has emerged as a major issue. Many states - and now President Clinton - are clamoring to reduce class size, but few are grappling with the most important questions: If we are raising standards for students, don't we also need to raise standards for teachers? Shouldn't state and local officials make sure that teachers know whatever they are supposed to teach students?

Almost every state claims that it is strengthening standards for students, but the states have been strangely silent when it comes to ensuring that teachers know what they are supposed to teach. Most insist on high standards for students, but rarely insist on high standards for teachers. They require future teachers to pass only a basic skills test.

Today, in some states it may be harder to graduate from high school than to become a certified teacher. Something is wrong with this picture.

Last summer, the U.S. Department of Education reported that approximately one-third of the nation's public school teachers of mathematics subjects in middle school and high school were teaching "out of field," which means that they had earned neither an undergraduate major nor a minor in their main teaching field.

Fully 39.5 percent of science teachers had not studied science as a major or minor; 34 percent of mathematics teachers and 25 percent of English teachers were similarly teaching "out of field." The problem of unqualified teachers was particularly acute in schools

where 40 percent or more of the students were from low-income homes; in these schools, nearly half the teaching staff was teaching "out of field."

Many states now routinely certify people who do not know what they are supposed to teach. No one should get a license to teach science, reading, mathematics or anything else unless he or she has demonstrated a knowledge of what students are expected to learn.

A majority of the nation's teachers majored in education rather than an academic subject. This is troubling, even though most of those who majored in education are elementary teachers. This is a widely accepted notion that people who teach little children don't need to know much other than pedagogical methods and child psychology; that is wrong. Teachers of little children need to be well-educated, and should love learning as much as they love children. Yes, even elementary school teachers should have an academic major.

The field of history has the largest percentage of unqualified teachers. The Department of Education found that 55 percent of history teachers are "out of field," and that 43 percent of high school students are studying history with a teacher who did not earn either a major or minor in history. This may explain why nearly 60 percent of our 17-year-olds scored "below basic" on the latest possible

rating on the most recent test of U.S. history administered by the federally funded National Assessment of Educational Progress. It is any wonder that today's children have no idea when the Civil War occurred, what Reconstruction was, what happened during the progressive era, who FDR was, what the Brown decision decided, or what Stalin did? Many of the teachers don't know those things, either.

Many state officials say that they have an abundance of people who want to teach and that this is an excellent time to raise standards. For career-changers with a wealth of experience in business or the military, however, obsolete certification requirements get in the way. Instead of requiring irrelevant education courses, states should examine prospective teachers for their knowledge of their academic field and then give them a chance to work in the schools as apprentice teachers.

As Congress ponders ways to improve the teaching profession, it should consider incentives for colleges of liberal arts to collaborate with schools of education in preparing future teachers. Representatives from both parts of the same campus should sit down together, study state accreditation standards and agree on how to prepare teachers who know both their subject and how to teach it well. Teachers need a strong academic preparation as well as practical classroom experience to qualify for one of the toughest jobs in America.

Every classroom should have a well-educated, knowledgeable teacher. We are far from that goal today. Congress can address this problem by focusing on the quality, not quantity, of the nation's teaching corps.

Diane Ravitch, a senior fellow at the Brookings Institution, is an assistant secretary of education in the Bush administration. She wrote this commentary for the Washington Post.

LETTERS

A big thanks for help from auto dealership

Monday on the way to lunch, I had a blowout on my front right tire. Having a flat tire is both annoying and frustrating at the best of times. However, you can imagine my visions of impending death having a blowout on Blue Lakes at noon. I quickly sped a side street, turned the carper and stopped the car.

Do you remember when they made all of us girls learn how to change a tire when we were in driver's education? I'm sure it was because they didn't want to turn loose a whole generation of females that were totally helpless. I can still remember my teacher looking at me, shaking his head and giving out a long, sad sigh. I guess he knew what the rest of the world had in store for it. Well, I changed that tire. At 16, I would have done almost anything to get my driver's license. But, I guess I am not completely liberated, for I haven't changed a tire since.

Once I realized I wasn't going to die this minute, I looked to see where I was. I happened to be right beside the Chris Jordan

Mazda VW dealership. So I went to see what kind of assistance I could obtain.

Well, let me tell you, these fellows are no dummies. As I told them my plight, they quickly sized me up and correctly rated me as a 5 when it came to tire changing. I was not high on the list of people they wanted to recruit for their service department.

However, they quickly had my tire changed and my lynchpin replaced. I was still at the restaurant by the time I arrived. They treated me with complete courtesy, charm and were totally professional. I would like to take this opportunity to salute the staff at Chris Jordan for making my day a great deal easier.

A small incident not really worthy of note? Maybe, but as we all rush through our busy days, the one thing that can make a difference is encountering polite, professional people that do their job quickly and well. Service does count!

I hope that none of you find yourself in this predicament, but if you do, I hope you are lucky enough to land on the doorstep of Chris Jordan. They will do it

good case of your RUTH YOUNG Eden

Drug dealers, not teens should go to jail

Just before Christmas, there was an incident here in Twin Falls that involved three-teenage boys who went on a rampage of vandalism. Car windows were broken and damage to the cars using a baseball bat. Come to find out, these boys were under the influence of drugs at the time. I believe that in a normal situation, these boys would not have caused such damage. Now two of the boys have to go to juvenile detention for their sentencing. Why aren't these drug dealers that sold these drugs to these boys going to jail? They are free to go to some other teenager that sometimes doesn't make the right choice.

My heart goes out to these parents who have to put their sons in jail. I know these are not bad parents. But what I don't understand is why the kids always get caught but the drug dealer never seems to. Why don't these kids tell on the drug dealer and let the police know who and where they are?

I wish Falls says it needs more police. I am sure every city or small town needs more police, but it's that going to solve the problem of drugs coming into the community? These drugs come from somewhere; are we going to have to send up a border patrol at the Nevada border?

Our now President Clinton is ready to spend millions of dollars to prevent kids from smoking cigarettes. I don't condone smoking, but I would rather have my son smoking a cigarette than taking some unknown drug. Clinton says that the percentage of kids on drugs has come down; get real, Pres.

He needs to come to Twin Falls and see what a crime-ridden community we have, and then look at the burglaries we have, and the reason for them is for the kids to buy drugs. I ask you, the people of Twin Falls, if you know of anyone that is selling drugs to our young people, call the police and let them know. You don't need to give your name. Just the name of these two young boys who are going away to juvenile detention and the drug dealers are still out there.

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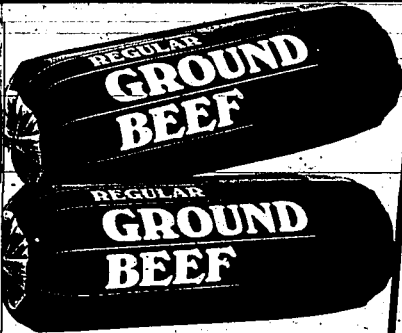
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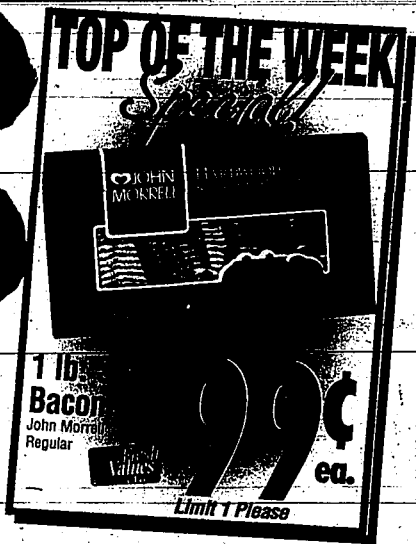


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Many more, of course, had a good time, but we really can't be concerned about that in a litigious world, you see, risk management trumps fun every single time.
So the National Guard will honor the City Council's request and haul the M-60 off to some concrete pad safely out of earshot of children's laughter. Now maybe the city of Twin Falls can get about the business of replacing it with something safe, like, say, Hart monkey-bus.
And you'd think to me that as we bravely advance toward the 21st century, too much of our society marches in lock step to the motto, 'Someone might sue.'
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Steve Crump

'HOT.' A 30-second TV commercial for the anti-cholesterol drug Pravachol includes fully 10 seconds of disclaimer.
And they don't play jacks in kindergarten anymore because someone might swallow one.
Our national mission: Indemnify living. Insulate childhood with bumper pads, and while you're at it, make challenges motion, hypo-allergenic and ride-free.
I know 10- and 11-year-old kids who've never been on a Ferris wheel, haven't a clue what an American Flyer sled-looks-like and aren't permitted to fly a kite because it might get tangled in the power lines.
They take flu shots, allergy shots and multivitamins, are in bed by 9:30 and keep spray cans of Lysol in their desks at school.
Their extracurricular life consists of eight hours a week of dance classes, Sunday school, music lessons and soccer practice - but no Little League because their mitts get hit in the face with the ball, and only 30 minutes a day of goofing off since children need structure.
I guess we Americans are doing a bang-up job of producing avarice, tax attorneys and deacons, but I wonder how much of a favor we're doing our kids by raising 40-year-olds in the bodies of 8-year-olds.
Sometimes in life, after all, you just have to roll the dice.
Sometimes you have to climb to the top of the slippery-slide and go down backwards. Sometimes you have to run with scissors in your hand.
The little word for all that is joy, and every human being is entitled to some.
But joy is not a custom-made commodity that you can buy on a child like a dental envelope a bit - to outrage, to dare, to do something for the plain damn cussedness of it.
When I was 3 years old and growing up on a farm in eastern Idaho, all I really wanted from life was to ride around with my dad on his old Massey Harris tractor.
I wish it came time for him to go to work every morning, he'd hug me and hoist me onto the hood of his old Ford pickup, then dutifully head off to the fields, leaving me behind, however, preceter.
One blustery May morning, my mother headed off to town for groceries, with the parting injunction, "Don't you dare let Steven on that tractor."
My dad grimaced, and he was a man of his word. So he drilled a hole in one end of an old wooden apple box, then tied a chain to it. The other end of the chain went over the top of the back of the tractor.
With a broad grin, he lifted me off the hood of the pickup and into that apple box. Then he drove off to the fields on the tractor with me and some clouds of dust in tow.
I rode around in that box all morning, laughing with delight most of the way. By the time my mother got back from town, I was covered with layers of Idaho grit from the top of my baseball cap to the soles of my shoes.
"You let him go on the tractor!" she howled in protest.
My father, a fellow of few words, slowly shook his head.
"No ma'am," he said at length. "We just had a little fun today."
A year later, my dad died of kidney disease. All I have left of him is his wrist-watch, his old Stevens shotgun and the memory of the best day of my childhood.
Do you suppose it's possible that as we as a community will lose more from Harmon Park than we gain?

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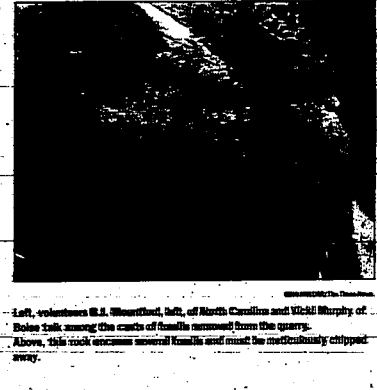
Fossils offer practice in patience

Volunteers spend hours cleaning ancient fossils

By Gina Mulder
Times-News correspondent
HAGERMAN - Vicki Murphy understands patience.
With the care and precision of a dentist, Murphy maneuvers her generator-powered airscribe - a tiny vibrating tool similar to a dentist's drill - across a ridge of rock which encases a partial skull of a horse that scientists say is 3.5 million years old.
Murphy estimates she has devoted no less than 32 hours to this one artifact and will spend at least another 32 hours before she frees the bone from its rock cast.
Murphy and B.J. Mountford are two National Park Service volunteers preparing fossils that were removed during a summer 1997 dig at the Hagerman Fossil Beds National Monument's Horse Quarry.
"I'm a bit unusual, compared to most volunteers," Murphy said. "I would much rather be here cleaning the fossils. I'm not interested at all in the dig."
Murphy, an accountant by day, travels from Boise each Wednesday to clean and prepare fossils at the Hagerman NPS research center.
Mountford's commute was longer. The retired real estate broker is here from North Carolina.
"I had never been to Idaho," Mountford said. "Working here, cleaning the fossils, sounded like a great opportunity. It's been wonderful."
The work is slow and at times tedious. The women begin by delicately loosening the outer layer of sediment using dental hand tools and toothbrushes.
Once the softer material is gone, the women begin to remove the concrete-like rock surrounding the bones. For this task, the hand-held airscribe vibrates the rock away.
"I think this part of the process is exciting," Mountford said. "You start working, cutting away the rock, and you'll find something new - something nobody knew was there."
The preparatory work, according to NPS paleontologist Dr. Greg McDonald, is a critical stage of paleontological research. Fieldwork at the quarry was
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B.J. Mountford cleans bits of rock from the fossilized bone of a horse's leg excavated last summer at the Hagerman Fossil Beds National Monument's Horse Quarry.



Left, volunteer B.J. Mountford, left, of North Carolina and Vicki Murphy of Idaho, both spend the extra hours of fossils removed from the quarry. Above, this rock encases several fossils and must be methodically chipped away.

Group wants comments on impact public

Range opponents sue BLM over comments
By S.S. McDevitt
Times-News writer
TWIN FALLS - Opponents of a proposed bombing and electronic combat range in eastern Owyhee County have sued for the right to see the comments of federal officials.
The Owyhee Canyonlands Coalition filed a lawsuit Friday in U.S. District Court in Boise to force the Bureau of Land Management to release its comments on the Air Force's proposal.
The BLM has refused the coalition's requests to make its comments on the environmental impact statement public. The coalition includes more than 25 conservation, recreation and sporting groups.
On October, the coalition filed a Freedom of Information Act request for the BLM's comments on the draft environmental impact statement. The request was denied in response to an appeal, the Interior Department said in December that it needed more time

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has nothing to say about this proposal," said Liz Paul of Idaho Rivers United. "Maybe they have something to hide."
The Air Force wants to create an electronic combat range over about 1 million acres in eastern Owyhee County and a conventional practice bombing range on about 12,000 acres on Juniper Butte north of Three Creeks.
The BLM has publicly expressed concern about the proposed expansion of military airspace over an area that includes potential wilderness and is considered vital wildlife habitat. But the agency has said that it considers the Air Force's provisions to reduce the effects of the range inadequate.
Critics of the BLM's reluctance to make its comments public want more details.
"The BLM is the trustee of the public land and we have a right to know where they stand with regard to the effects the proposed bombing range will have on wilderness, wildlife and recreation," said Craig Geiske of The Wilderness Society's Boise office.
Times-News staff writer N.S. McDevitt can be reached at 733-0931, Ext. 237.

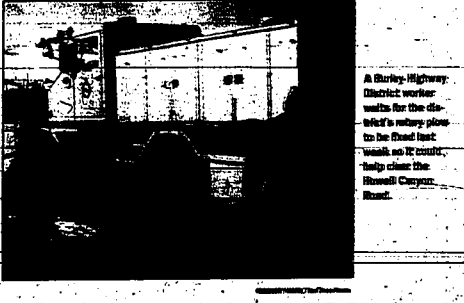
Internet broadens horizons

Dworschak students track e-mail from around the world
By Jennifer Sandstrom
Times-News writer
BURLINGAME - Greetings from South Africa, Romania, Russia, New York and Munich duked out the bulletin board at Dworschak Elementary School.
First-grade teacher Denton Marrell set a goal at the beginning of the school year to receive 100 e-mail messages by
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Extra funds to plow road to Pomerelle run out

By Kurt Fiederman
Times-News writer
BURLINGAME - As of Friday, all the extra money allocated for snow plowing on Howell Canyon Road had been used up.
That leaves the owner of Pomerelle Ski Resort to wonder about the rest of the season, because Cassia County commissioners have said they would contribute no more money this year.
"Who's wondering what's going on," Resort Owner Woody Anderson said. "If we don't have our road there won't be much skiing."
The commissioners plan to meet with everyone involved at 11 a.m. Monday to consider a resolution to the controversy.
"Closing the road could hurt the county more than the commissioners anticipate," said Burley-Highway District attorney Richard Smith. He said the benefits the resort brings are numerous, and Anderson agrees.
"Whenever we bought Pomerelle, 25 year

ago in 1973 the road was plowed and it has been plowed ever since," Anderson said. "I don't see the reason for closing the road this time."
The county agreed two weeks ago to contribute an extra \$9,000, matching a contribution by the highway district.
Prosecutor Stephen Bywater, the county commissioners' legal adviser, has said the county cannot continue to dole out money for a road that serves a select few.
"We've paid \$25,000 towards maintenance of that road," he said at last week's commission meeting. "When the money runs out we'll close the road, unless a disaster to human life justifies keeping it open."
Highway district officials have maintained the cost has risen this year because snow guard rails keep snow plows from pushing large amounts of snow well away from the road. Clearing the way after a heavy snowstorm now takes more equipment.
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A Burley-Highway District worker works for the district's snow plow to be fixed last week so it could help clear the Howell Canyon Road.

Roads

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Bur Smith said the county has never budgeted properly for road maintenance, creating an "artificial emergency" every year there is a big snow. The money shortage has forced the highway district to approach the county year after year for more money.

"We have never treated the road as an obligation," Smith said. "They are well-aware of the cost parameters, but the commissioners have never really accepted their financial obligation."

According to Burley Highway District records, Cassia County did not help with the maintenance of Howell Canyon Road until 1991. The county had signed an agreement 28 years earlier to maintain the road along with Burley and Albion highway districts, but it did not get around to honoring that agreement until the Burley highway district took legal action, Smith said.

"We basically had to threaten them to get them to help," he said. "There is no reason the county shouldn't take care of that asset they have up there."

The county then signed another agreement with the Federal Highway Administration in 1994, promising to maintain the road if the federal highway agency would give it.

FHA Division Administrator Jack Coe said he didn't think their assets are better off than the county had to give some.

"I think it's within their power to close the road," he said. "But it's a bad issue. I don't think the federal government involved."

Howell Canyon Road has become popular over the years, but it is not a scenic route, according to the official planner for the Forest Service.

Since Oct. 1, the newly paved Howell road has seen 25,500 cars. Drivers in its twists and turns. At an estimated 3.1 people per car, that's 76,000 people visiting the forest in

Highway expenditures

Year	Burley Highway District	Cassia County	Albion Highway District
1978	\$2,000	0	0
1979	\$2,000	0	0
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1982	\$2,000	0	0
1983	\$2,000	0	0
1984	\$2,000	0	0
1985	\$2,000	0	0
1986	\$2,000	0	0
1987	\$2,000	0	0
1988	\$2,000	0	0
1989	\$2,000	0	0
1990	\$2,000	0	0
1991	\$12,000	\$12,000	\$12,000
1992	\$23,585	\$23,585	\$23,585
1993	\$8,113	\$8,113	\$8,113
1994	\$12,000	\$12,000	\$12,000
1995	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$20,000
1996	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$30,000
1997	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000

Source: Highway Department

about five months.

"That includes hunters, snowmobilers and others," Zimmerman said. "It's not just stiers."

It is still heavy usage, he said, and the road is one of the most heavily traveled in the county.

But county commissioners still say there are other places taxpayer money should be spent. Commission Chairman John Adams said the county is struggling to keep good law officers and the additional money needed for Howell Canyon road is even harder.

"So are we going to concentrate on law enforcement or recreation?" he asked. "\$9,000 is half a cop."

Highway commissioners said if maintenance on the road were properly funded, the county wouldn't have to worry about taking money from other funds.

"I'm just not right," said Bob Bowers, a highway commissioner. "It's always under-budgeted and they know we are going to have these meetings every year until it gets resolved."

Anderson said he hopes the resolution comes soon. If it doesn't, his \$1.5 million expansion may be pushed back another year.

"We don't have a lot of choices," he said. "Everything is on hold until this is worked out."

But the issue may already be resolved. Bowers and fellow highway commissioner Bill Wetstein already agree the road should be maintained through this winter.

"I feel everything possible should be done to keep that road open for the balance of the season," Wetstein said. "It does not seem right to close that thing down."

After this snow season has passed, those agencies involved can meet and hammer out a plan, he said.

"There has to be a better long-range plan explaining what we are going to do with that," Wetstein said. "These people have commitments up there. I don't think it's fair to hurt them by closing that road."

Fight in Hailey leaves cop injured

The Times-News

HAILEY — A Friday night fight at The Mint nightclub in Hailey left at least one police officer injured and may have led to gunfire in a nearby neighborhood, Blaine County Sheriff Walt Felling said Saturday.

Felling said he still was waiting for reports from some of his deputies and police officers who were at the scene, and he did not know what time the fight broke out or how many people were involved. Hailey police officials could not be reached for comment Saturday.

Shots were reported later in a neighborhood near The Mint, but it was not yet known whether the shooting was related to the fight, Felling said.

A vehicle possibly the one the shooting occurred in was stopped in Jerome Friday night, but none of its occupants were detained or arrested, Felling said.

Blaine County and Hailey officers Saturday were searching for a single suspect in the shooting incident, he said, but a description of the suspect was not available.



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the 100th day of school, which fell in February.

She incorporated the fun with her geography lessons, and her students are excited to point out on the map the places they have heard from.

"I think it's a hard time thinking outside of Burley. I think this helps them realize there is more than Burley, Idaho," Merrell said.

Third-graders helped the younger students by writing an annual letter, describing Burley as a town where half of the third-grade class has family that lives overseas.

Merrell used her home computer to send and receive messages, as Dvorzhak is not yet connected to the Internet. That hopefully will come in the fall, Merrell said. She brought the e-mail responses to school each day.

Principal Laurel Adams broadcast over the intercom, along with daily announcements, the faraway places that had letters come from.

"Hoi, aloha ma," or greetings from Kapaemohana Elementary in Honolulu, Hawaii, began one day.

The Hawaiian student explained they attend a school for children of Hawaiian ancestry and, while English is their first language, they learn Hawaiian in class.

Students from Jefferson Elementary School in Minot, S.D., told Dvorzhak students they live 50 miles south of the Canadian border and 150 miles east of Montana.

"Snakes, rabbits, birds, ante-



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lope, turtles, fox and deer live in our area," the students wrote. "We have a great zoo in our town."

A student at Jan Calliers school in Johannesburg, South Africa, explained that Jan Calliers is a small school.

"Although we are small, and I am REALLY small. We are as big as a bug," the student wrote. "Anyway, as I was saying, although we are small we are quite determined in making ourselves known."

Dvorzhak third-grader Brian Meyer said of all the places they had heard from, he would want to visit Australia. "It's really hot and sweaty

there," Meyer said.

Classmate Allon Wells said she wants to see the animals in Africa.

Third-grader Jeff Millard would like to go to San Francisco and see the Golden Gate Bridge.

Classmate Austin Beck wouldn't mind heading to Texas.

"They had a cool language. They said 'hwoy, y'all,'" he said.

Dvorzhak students received nearly 200 messages from nearly all the states and the continents, except for South America and Antarctica.

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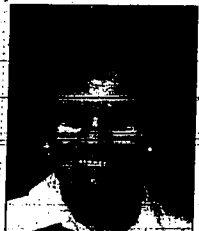
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Lucille E. 'Lucy' Tracy
Lucille E. "Lucy" Tracy, 65, went to be with her Lord and Savior on Saturday, Feb. 28, 1998, at the Magic Valley Regional Medical Center.

Lucy was born Aug. 8, 1932, in Des Moines, Iowa, to Russell and Dorothy Hock. She married Peter Tracy on Feb. 27, 1953, in Hazel Park, Mich. After raising their children, Lucy and Peter moved to Twin Falls in 1982. Lucy and Peter devoted their work with the Valley Vista Senior Community. In 1989, they purchased a home in Kimberly with lots of fruit trees and plenty of space for gardening. Lucy was an avid gardener. An excellent cook and baker, she regaled in the creation of good food, winning many awards at the county fairs for her canned goods. She delighted in beautiful flowers, especially roses. Lucy loved to nurture plants and flowers, but her greatest love was working with children. Lucy's career as a licensed practical nurse began at Highland Park Hospital in Detroit in 1952, where she loved her work with infants and new mothers. Lucy continued her work with children in convalescent settings, as well as being an advocate for children's education. She taught the 4-year-old class at Valley Christian Day Care in Twin Falls for many years. She was also an active Sunday school teacher over several decades. Lucy also delighted in music. She played both the organ and piano and taught all of her children the benefits of music and vocal song. She sang for many years in the Twin Falls Sweet Adelines and CSI Chorus. Most recently, Lucy was an entrepreneur, owning a flourishing business known as "Ye Ole Stamping Ground" with stamp booths located in Elko, Mountain Home and at The Black Sheep Gallery in Twin Falls. Lucy also

worked many years with the deaf community as an interpreter. She loved working with people and was always available to assist anyone who was in need. Those who know Lucy are familiar with the Ironstone mountains that she was required to climb in life. Diagnosed with rheumatoid arthritis in 1964, Lucy underwent many orthopedic surgeries throughout the years to allow her to remain mobile. Her sense of humor and sense of humor was what made people join her in living life to the fullest.

She was preceded in death by her son, Theodore; her beloved husband, Pete; and her parents. She is survived by her children: Michelle Ingram (David), Kevin (Pat), Marsha Rowen (Rov), David (Marilyn) and Laura, seven grandchildren: the great-grandchildren, Ralph Hock and Ernie Hock; and many cousins, nieces and nephews. Lucy was cremated and her ashes were scattered in many people into her extended family over the years and she will be greatly missed by these family members well.

After Peter's death in 1991, she was active in MADD. She was also a member of the Arthritis Foundation, instead of towers, conifers at her honor may be made to either of these causes. A memorial service will be held at 3 p.m. today, March 1, 1998, at Cornerstone Baptist Church, 315 Shoup Ave. W. in Twin Falls. Arrangements are under the direction of The Mortuary.

RUPERT

Bruna M. Johnson
Bruna Marie Johnson, 78-year-old Rupert resident, died Friday, Feb. 27, 1998, at the Minidoka Memorial Hospital. She was born Oct. 31, 1919, at Oakley, Wyo., the daughter of Richard and Linda Gabardi. She attended schools in Wyoming and moved with her family to Rupert in 1930 and attended schools there. She married Wendell Johnson on Nov. 20, 1935, in Rupert. Following their marriage, she had since resided in Rupert. She was a member of the Catholic Church and a member of the Saint Ann's Altar Society, where she served as a past president. She was a former member of the Pink Ladies Auxiliary at Minidoka Memorial Hospital. She loved to cook for her family and

friends and greatly enjoyed her grandchildren. She donated countless hours of service for her church and community.

She is survived by her husband of Rupert; two sons, Richard (Janet) Johnson and Alan (Colleen) Johnson; four grandchildren, Angela, Jimmy, Sara and Adam, all of Rupert; and two sisters, Ruby Workman and Leah Johnson. She was preceded in death by her parents, a son and two sisters.

A high-service will be directed at 11 a.m. Monday, March 2, 1998, at the St. Nicholas Catholic Church in Rupert. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 11 a.m. Tuesday, March 3, 1998, at the St. Nicholas Catholic Church. Burial will follow at the Rupert Cemetery. Arrangements are under the direction of the Hanson Mortuary in Rupert, Idaho.

MILL VALLEY, CALIF.



Harold Forbes Brown
Harold Forbes Brown, residing in Mill Valley, Calif., died of heart failure on Feb. 2, 1998, at the age of 85. Mr. Brown was born in New York City on Oct. 22, 1912. His early years were spent on homesteads in Oregon and northern Idaho. He graduated from the University of Idaho in 1932 and worked as a farm loan inspector

for the Federal Land Bank until 1944, and then for the Equitable Life Assurance Society, until his retirement in 1967, during which time he lived in Idaho and eastern Oregon.

Mr. Brown married Marjorie Hope Cochran of Gooding in 1934, and they lived in Twin Falls until 1938 when the family moved to Gooding, and returned to Twin Falls in 1957, where he remained until 1980. During his years in Twin Falls, he served as treasurer and board member of the YMCA, was active in the Kaylor Masonic Lodge No. 94, and was active in the Twin Falls United Methodist Church.

On retirement, Mr. Brown pursued his interests in genealogy, photography and travel. He moved to a retirement center in Mill Valley, Calif., in 1980 and his wife, Hope, died shortly after. He married Vreia (Voe) Hope in 1985, and they enjoyed travel and companionship until her death in 1987. He enjoyed bowling, pursued photography, and completed an autobiography and a number of short stories.

He is survived by two daughters, Janice Wright of Mill Valley, Calif., and Sandra Lyons of Bothell, Wash.; four grandsons, David Wright of San Francisco, Calif., Steven Wright of Novato, Calif., Ian Lyons of Bothell, Wash., and Brad Lyons of Bellevue, Wash.; one sister, Alta Lacer of Brown of Twin Falls; and one great-granddaughter.

Mr. Brown will be remembered as a gentleman, for his service to his profession and his community, and for his qualities of friendship, duty, self-discipline, number, ethical principles and dedication to his family.

A memorial service was held Feb. 15, 1998, at the Redwoods Retirement Center in Mill Valley, Calif. Ashes will be interred at the Sunset Memorial Park in Twin Falls in late June 1998.

Memorial contributions may be made to: Oregon-Idaho Conference Treasurer (Indicate "Camp Sawtooth"), in care of Debbie Peterson, Camping Director, United Methodist Church Center, 1505 SW 18th St., Portland, OR 97221-2509; the Redwoods School Fund, 40 Camino Alto, Mill Valley, CA 94941; or a favorite charity.

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- Fun Services of Twin Falls** prove gift will be given at 7 p.m. today at Reynolds Funeral Chapel. Funeral Mass at noon Monday at St. Elizabeth Catholic Church in Twin Falls. Friends may call from noon until time of the funeral today at the funeral home.
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- Fun Services of Idaho Falls**, 11 a.m. Monday at the Valley Vista Senior Center. Friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. today at the funeral home (Rayner's Chapel of Mortuaries in Twin Falls).
- Fun Services of Paul**, graveside service at 2 p.m. Monday at the Paul Cemetery (Hanson Mortuary in Paul).

NOTICES

Henry Woodland
TWIN FALLS - Henry Woodland, 92, of Twin Falls, died Friday, Feb. 27, 1998, at the Twin Falls Clinic & Hospital. Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls.

Bernard R. Holland
BURLEY - Bernard Roger Holland, 66, of Burley, died Saturday, Feb. 28, 1998, at the Cassia Regional Medical Center. Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Payne Mortuary in Burley.

Odell Bird
BURLEY - Odell Bird, 69, of Burley, died Saturday, Feb. 28, 1998, at the Burley Care Center. Arrangements are pending and will be announced by the Hanson Mortuary in Burley.

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Trapped exotic antelope face death

Transplanted oryx become nuisance at national park

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (AP)

An efficient solution is proposed for up to 200 African antelope trapped at the White Sands National Monument in southern New Mexico: quick, fatal shots to the heart.

The large, horned oryx were brought to the adjoining White Sands Missile Range in 1969 to be hunted. Over the years the herd has grown to 7,500 strong and some drifted to the national park's 275 square miles of white sand dunes.

The animals at the park have become a nuisance. State officials are recommending the majestic humped animals be killed and their hide, meat and heads — with straight or slightly curved horns — be sold.

The proceeds, by law, go into a game protection fund. The irony is not lost on the Animal Protection of New Mexico, which is furious with the proposal.

"It's particularly bad that we introduced them into that area and they've gone to an area that we don't want them in. The solution is to shoot them," executive director Elisabeth Jennings said.

One proposal would have New Mexico Department of Game and Fish hunters shoot the animals after Easter.

"They're aggressive animals — if a game warden was maulled by one and they have attacked vehicles," said Bill Conrod, resource management specialist at the White Sands National Monument. "They're mean; they can fend off the biggest African predators."

"They're also beautiful creatures whose range is being encroached by most of the military base. It is quite an animal to see," said Patrick Morrow, a wildlife biologist for White Sands Missile Range.

An \$885,000, 68-foot mile fence was built in 1996 to keep the oryx out of the national park, a patched environment of sand



A small herd of oryx take refuge in the shade at White Sands Missile Range, N.M., in this unrelated file photo. The herd of animals, native to Africa, has grown to more than 2,500. Up to 200 of the animals may be shot in the near future because they have become a nuisance.

and desert plants. While it worked for the most part, a herd of 100 to 200 animals became trapped inside the gate, upsetting the natural ecosystem and threatening native animals, Conrod said.

"They eat native plants, they eat cactus, they eat anything," he said. "And they keep on multiplying at a steady rate. Removing the animals from the park will allow the vegetation and soil conditions to recover and will avert a future of oryx overpopulation and eventual starvation, Conrod said."

A plan that proposes five options to deal with the animals is being drafted and will be submitted for public review soon, Conrod said.

Wildlife officials could shoot the animals, drive them from the monument or use dart guns and traps to capture and remove the beasts. Other options include constructing a one-way fence and "praying" the animals go through it, and doing nothing, Conrod said.

"The moral of the story is: we have the animals shot as an efficient, cost-effective plan for animals that were brought to the area to the military base to be hunted, he said.

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Still, there are dissenters within the department. Jerry Martschink, state Game and Fish director, said he prefers moving the animals out of the park alive.

"If it's cost effective and environmentally sound, I'd prefer them to be trapped and moved out," he said.

Efforts in 1993 and 1996 to drive the animals back to the missile range were inefficient and expensive. In the second attempt \$18,000 was spent for helicopters alone, and just 42 animals were removed.

"These are wild animals, too, so it's not like herding cattle," Conrod said.

Hunters have been brought in four years to shoot oryx that wander off the military base, Morrow said. This fall permits will be issued to 515 hunters and about 700 will likely be issued the next year, officials said.

Comic thanks fan for standing up for him

IDAHO FALLS (AP) — Dennis Parker, a fall-idle west, was necessary to stand up for 'standup comic George Carlin and received a phone call from the funnyman known for his salty language. Parker in January responded to a previous letter to the editor, which questioned whether Carlin, known for iconoclastic views, was really the type of entertainment Idaho Falls warrants.

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Ex-prison guard charged in baby's death will stay in jail until next trial

BOISE (AP) — Former prison guard Edward John Boise will face a new murder trial in August for the 1996 slaying of 11-month-old Casey Whiteside, and he may have a new attorney defending him.

Fourth District Judge Daniel Eismann declared a mistrial Friday. A juror told the judge that in the courtroom that the panel was deadlocked 9-3 on convicting Stevens of first-degree murder for the baby's death.

"No one is able or willing to change their position," the juror said after deliberating for 16 hours since Wednesday evening.

Jurors were not given the option of finding the 30-year-old Stevens guilty of a lesser murder charge. A new trial on the original first-degree murder charge is scheduled to begin Aug. 3, and Stevens will remain in the Ada County Jail.

He was working as a guard at

the Idaho State Correctional Institution near Boise when the boy died in December 1996 at the Meridian home Stevens shared with Casey's mother.

During the four-week trial, prosecutors claimed Stevens violently shook Casey and slammed his head on a bathtub. Medical experts said Casey had 76 bruises on his body and a 3-inch long crack in his skull. But on the witness stand, Stevens said Casey was an active baby who often fell down stairs.

Ada County Deputy Prosecutor Julianne Meehan said she and co-prosecutor Jan Bennetts do not plan to change strategies. "It was a difficult case. Casey couldn't tell us what happened," Meehan said.

Stevens' lawyer, former Idaho attorney general David Leroy, said he will bring even more expert testimony next time about how a fall could have caused the injuries.

"We're not going to sit back. We'll refile our case," Leroy said.

However, Leroy — Stevens' sixth attorney — may drop the case. Stevens cannot work while he is in jail, and his mother makes only a modest living in Germany.

"I don't want to run this case on his behalf as a public defender," Leroy said.

Meanwhile, Casey's mother blamed the jury for failing to convict the man who now is in her house. Stevens proposed to them Michelle Brooks the night of Casey's funeral and the two were married days later.

"I feel the jury let Casey down," Michelle Stevens said Friday. "I think society basically let Casey down."

Mrs. Stevens would not comment on why she failed to seek treatment for Casey during what prosecutors argued was a pattern of abuse at Stevens' hands.

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Water users in 4 counties get information

BOISE (AP) — More than 2,200 water users in four southern Idaho counties will receive notices with details about the state's position on water-rights claims they filed in the Snake River adjudication case.

A total of nearly 3,000 domestic and stock water claims are covered in the "director's reports" that will be filed with the adjudication courts in Twin Falls on Monday.

The notices tell each person who filed a claim a water right exactly what Water Resources will recommend to 5th District

Judge Daniel Hurlbut, who is overseeing the sweeping legal process of sorting out water rights across much of southern Idaho.

In addition, the notices provide information on how to contest adjudication recommendations with which water-rights claimants do not agree.

Claims covered in the latest round of reports involve water rights in Cassia County and parts of Oneida, Fwyer and Twin Falls counties.

People who object to findings in the director's reports will have until July 3 to file objections with the adjudication court.

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EPA's expansion of cleanup irks companies

COEUR D'ALENE (AP) — A state official would rather have a mediator hammer out a solution for cleaning up the Coeur d'Alene River than the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's route appears mapped out.

The agency last week announced it is stepping outside of the 21-square-mile "box" around the Bunker Hill mining and smelter complex where a \$1.5 billion cleanup has been conducted.

Up to 1,500 square miles will be studied under the EPA's Superfund authority, including the Coeur d'Alene River, Lake Coeur d'Alene and the Spokane River to the Washington border.

The agency said it will begin a "remedial investigation feasibility study," a precursor to a Superfund designation. But mining companies are crying foul, saying they targeted as good faith under the premise the Superfund scope would remain within the Silver Valley square.

Fein-Hickin project manager for the basin, said the companies have spent or pledged \$80 million for cleanup so far.

"We committed to that under the assumption and assurance that (the government) would take us for things outside the box," he said. "EPA has chosen litigation instead of cooperation."

"What we are saying now is, 'We changed our plans,' and we're changing them," said Robert Gerberich, EPA regional cleanup supervisor.

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—Matthew Fein-Hickin, mining company

The Superfund name is that it can be expensive and time-consuming because it is less conducive to early settlement than negotiation, said Charles Hines, head of the state's Border Hill project team.

But Hines says the other side of the Superfund name is that the U.S. Department of Justice's \$1.5 billion suit over natural resources damage requires the study.

"Without Superfund, the negotiation strategy would have to be developed by the Justice Department," Hines said. "They would be basing legislation on what they do to get credit of our efforts into a negotiated settlement rather than Superfund, but it doesn't make that call," he said.

LDS leader applauds new president of Ricks College

REXBURG (AP) — Newly inaugurated President David A. Bednar pledged to lead Ricks College into the 21st century, but promised not to change the school's focus on its students.

Gordon B. Hinckley, president of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, presided over Bednar's inauguration Friday as the 14th president of Ricks College, a two-year school owned by the church.

Bednar assumed the duties last July 1, replacing Steven Benson, who left to become president of Southern Utah University.

In his inaugural address, Bednar said one of his top priorities is to maintain Ricks' small-

college atmosphere while keeping up with a changing society and technology.

"We at Ricks College will be both high-tech and high-touch," he said.

Bednar said he realizes many young people do not have the opportunity to be a part of Ricks, and he is working on ways to reach out to people outside of Rexburg and eastern Idaho.

The school's enrollment has grown by about 1,000 students in the last few years, forcing an enrollment cap of 8,500.

Hinckley said he knows Ricks is in the hands of a well-qualified man, and he charged Bednar with building on the foundation of the

college that was established more than 100 years ago.

"As the chief executive of this institution, we challenge you to make it productive in the finest sense of that word," Hinckley said.

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Federal regulators close down Boise nursing home

BOISE (AP) — The Oaks is the first Idaho nursing home to be shut down and its patients moved in at least 13 years.

The residents' question whether they will be any better off.

"I feel bad about it," said 82-year-old Elaine Schenck, who broke into sob at the thought of leaving her home of 14 months.

Closing a nursing home is a last resort for regulators because of the trauma it causes old, often ill residents.

More common is that troubled homes change ownership, and residents stay put.

The Oaks was ordered to move out over the weekend. The last of the 40 or so patients were transferred to other homes earlier this week.

It is closing because the federal Health Care Financing Administration says the Medicare and Medicaid certification

process, effectively putting it out of business.

Inspectors found the staff failed to, among other things, check whether the medication was given and give other patients needed medication. The staff also left patients lying in their own waste.

"Without health care, the residents would have to be moved by the Justice Department," Hines said. "They would be basing legislation on what they do to get credit of our efforts into a negotiated settlement rather than Superfund, but it doesn't make that call," he said.

Evidence remains of the staff's last-ditch efforts: spit-soaked floors and new garbage cans because the old ones were full.

"I don't say," Hultoway said. "I don't think it should have happened."

State housing officials say the case, and if don't know if the corporation would disagree if it was too late," said John Hultoway, chief of the state's Bureau of Facility Standards.

Lewiston traffic tickets slide while union talks

LEWISTON (AP) — City police officers wrote 86 percent fewer traffic tickets during a one-month period this year than the same time in 1997, but they deny it stems from frustrating labor negotiations.

A total of 465 tickets were issued from Jan. 13 to Feb. 14, 1997, according to 2nd District Court records. Only 65 were written from Jan. 12 to Feb. 13, 1998.

But statistics can be misleading, said Detective Richard Cuddihy, a police union spokesman. For the city department made almost triple the number of felony arrests in a similar period.

"I'm comfortable saying that the work performed by the Lewiston Police Department hasn't been slow in any way, and the number of arrests shows that. We would never deliberately slow down our work," Cuddihy said.

"But we are given discretion in where we work, and the number of felony arrests shows where the emphasis has been."

Negotiations have stretched over nine months, and neither side has said officially that a slowdown is in effect.

Union members will vote Monday on whether to accept the latest proposal.

Police Chief John Hultoway said officers are given wide discretion in whether to write a ticket. However, he said, "I would be willing to say it was a measure of contract negotiations."

Court rules for state

BOISE (AP) — Dismissal of a drug charge is not appropriate when the defendant argues that the arresting officer went out of his jurisdiction, the Idaho Court of Appeals says.

Sherrie L. Phelps appealed District Judge Robert Newhouse's refusal to dismiss the charge. Phelps entered a conditional plea of guilty to a drug charge, reserving the right to appeal.

She contended that when an undercover agent bought drugs from her in a parking lot in 1995 for \$175, it was in Garden City but the investigation involved Boise drug officers.

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Cranes may truck south

Ultralight flight is too dangerous, researcher says

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (AP) —

It may not have the swashbuckling panache of flying an ultralight plane, but researcher Kent Clegg thinks a truck may help cranes learn of migration as well. At least, he wants to try it.

The Whooping Crane Recovery Team, made up of U.S. and Canadian scientists, is considering a proposal Clegg made here last week to use 10 to 12 whooping cranes — or sandhill cranes in the alternative — for a five-year experiment beginning this spring.

For the past three autumns, Clegg has flown an ultralight to lead small groups of cranes 800 miles from Idaho to Bosque del Apache National Wildlife Refuge, N.M., where the birds have wintered. In 1995 and 1996, sandhill cranes followed the plane. Last year, Clegg successfully tested the technique on four rare whooping cranes as well as sandhills.

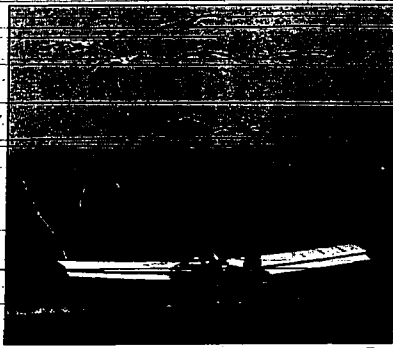
But the ultralight trip is expensive, dangerous and dependent on weather, says Clegg. And training the birds for an ultralight migration makes them dependent on humans, at least initially, he said.

"We want to raise a bird that is a bird when we're finished, that is more readily adaptable to the wild," Clegg said in a interview Friday by phone from Bosque del Apache, where he is waiting for his whoopers to fly north.

"We would like the chance to raise cranes as well as we can rather than inhibit that by training them to follow airplanes," he said.

In the past three years, he said, some birds have had to be trucked for one reason or another, and that doesn't seem to cause them problems when the time comes to migrate north.

Cranes apparently have some means of relocating the area where they were reared that does not require recognition of geo-



Rancher and pilot Kent Clegg leads his ultralight plane followed by whooping and sandhill cranes at the Bosque del Apache National Wildlife Refuge, N.M., last fall. Clegg is now suggesting that a truck be used instead of a plane to teach cranes to migrate.

graphic features like rivers or mountain ranges," says Clegg's proposal, a copy of which was released to The Associated Press on Thursday by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

"In 1995 and 1996, the birds were led south from Idaho through eastern Utah, southwestern Colorado and northwestern New Mexico. When they migrated north, they did not retrace the route they followed in coming south. Instead, they took a more direct route."

And they still found their way home. Clegg considered the possibility that they simply followed old wild cranes "and through a process of trial and error found their way back to the natal area."

But he said wild cranes migrating from the Bosque include some that nest in Canada, Alaska and Siberia during summers, and his birds did not go to those nesting grounds.

New occupant found for building

OGDEN, Utah (AP) — A new occupant has been found for the six-story downtown building that currently serves as Thiokol Corp.'s corporate headquarters.

Ogden citizens had wanted the building would sit empty after Thiokol announced in late 1995 it was planning to move its headquarters to Salt Lake City.

MemberStar Corp. has agreed to a 10-year lease of the Thiokol Building and will make it the on-source marketing services company's international headquarters.

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Man says he was fired for protesting racial slur

SEATTLE (AP) — A black former Wal-Mart store worker is suing the discount store chain, claiming he was fired for protesting a white supervisor's appearance in blackface.

Wal-Mart defended the management, saying he's a former Marine who was dressed in military fatigues and wore black face paint — like a "commando, GI Joe type figure."

At the time, he was "trying to get everybody in the holiday spirit," said Betsy Reithemeyer, a spokeswoman for the Bentonville, Ark.-based company.

James Duncan, 25, a former sales associate at the Wal-Mart in suburban Renton, filed the lawsuit Friday, seeking damages of more than \$100,000 for lost wages and emotional distress. The lawsuit alleges Duncan was fired after he questioned store management's

handling of the Oct. 15 incident.

After lunch, Meadows came to work wearing what Wal-Mart described as a costume. Duncan's lawyer, Lois K. Melzer, said Meadows wore ordinary clothes and blackface makeup.

Company officials said Meadows took off the costume when he realized some people were offended. Melzer contended Meadows did remove the makeup after the next four hours.

"In spite of Meadows' bizarre and provocative conduct, the store's management did not discipline Meadows, or require that he apologize," Melzer's said. Wal-Mart said Meadows did apologize.

Before his dismissal on Oct. 31 for alleged chronic tardiness, Duncan had enlisted a handful of black co-workers to help write a letter to Wal-Mart management, but it was never mailed.

Utah town seeks new private prison

FILLMORE, Utah (AP) — With the blessings of its council, this southeastern Utah town has decided to court a private prison — and the 100 or more jobs that come with it.

Mayor Eric Larsen said the Fillmore City Council backed the idea after most residents attending a public meeting said they favored the proposal by Management and Training Corp.

Four private companies have shown interest in building and operating a prison in Utah.

The new jobs the private prison would bring to the community would start at about \$10 an hour. However, key staffers, like the warden and supervisors, would likely be brought in from outside Millard County.

Prison backers say another benefit is that the facility, being private, would be on the tax rolls.

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IN BRIEF

Shoshone man nets 3rd career hole-in-one

GOODING—Russ Arnold of Shoshone earned his third career hole-in-one Monday, March 2, in Mr. Hart's classroom at Burley High School, 1601 Park Ave. Everyone interested in high school activities and sports are invited to attend.

Bobcat Boosters set Monday gathering at school

BURLEY—The Burley High School Booster Club will meet at 7 p.m. on Monday, March 2, in Mr. Hart's classroom at Burley High School, 1601 Park Ave. Everyone interested in high school activities and sports are invited to attend.

Demolition Derby meeting planned for Thursday in TF

TWIN FALLS—There will be a Demolition Derby meeting at 7:30 p.m. Thursday in the Bowdram meeting room at 220 Eastland Dr. Drivers should attend.

Candlelight Golf Course sets new rates for 1998

TWIN FALLS—Candlelight Golf Course has revised its greens fee and cart rates for 1998.

New changes include junior and senior rates during the week and for the weekend. On weekdays, it will cost \$8 to play nine holes and \$12 for 18 holes. The cost will be \$6 and \$9 for juniors and seniors.

On the weekend, the regular rate will be \$10 for one hole and \$15 for 18. For juniors and seniors it will be \$8 and \$12. Electric carts will be \$8 for nine holes and \$12 for 18.

(FZ) Park on Newland golf punch cards are also available at junior and senior rates. For more information call the pro shop at 733-6577.

Tennis rating clinic scheduled for Saturday

TWIN FALLS—Any tennis players without a United States Tennis Association rating who want to play in a league or sanctioned tournament should attend this rating clinic Saturday.

Players can stop by the YMCA indoor courts between 9 a.m. and noon. The cost is \$5 per person. For more information call Mark Daily at 857-4042.

Barbers, sheriff's annual boat inspection set in Burley

BURLEY—Mini-Casler Barbers and Cassia County Sheriff's Office's annual boat inspection will be held from 10 a.m. to noon on Saturday, March 7, at Lex Kincaid (FZ) Park on Newland Avenue. Inspection fee is \$10. Basic boat requirements include fire extinguisher, sounding device (horn or whistle), life jackets equal to boat capacity, working lights and larger boats need a throwing device.

Compiled from staff and wire reports

By T. Guthrie
Times-News correspondent

POCATELLO—The Indians held the first lead, the second-day lead and when the Class A-2 Idaho High School Wrestling Championships were over Saturday, Buhl held the championship trophy.

Buhl ended the tournament at Holt Arena with 144 points. Snake River, who finished in second, had 125S.

The victory was a first for the Indian wrestling program. Another first was the amount of athletes Buhl had place in the top six. The Indians placed eight of the 12 athletes it took to state.

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"We had a bad tournament last year. We knew we had a good shot at winning it this year if we wrestled well," said Indian senior wrestler Nick Nihill.

"We've got a lot of good guys."

Nihill also took home a personal honor, winning the 152-pound title. Nihill defeated District 4 foe Ted Larsen of Wood River 5-1.

"I beat him last year so I was confident that I could get him this time," Nihill said. "I just wanted to win. I missed half the season with a knee injury and I wasn't in the best shape."

The Buhl senior took third in the 145-pound weight class as a junior.

The Indians also captured an individual title in the 140-pound weight class. Anthony Barlett defeated Lucas Blaine for the championship.

Other Buhl wrestlers that placed included: Jeremy Linam (112) fourth; Chad Brown (119) second; Luke Chivers (143) fourth; Tanner Davis (150) fourth; Dusty Owen (171) fourth; and Tyke Sonner (189) fourth.

Buhl coaches Scott Thompson and Joe Auer also were named Idaho High School Activities Association coaches of the year.

"We owe it all to the kids," Thompson said. "They are the ones that had to get

out there and do all the work. They made us look good."

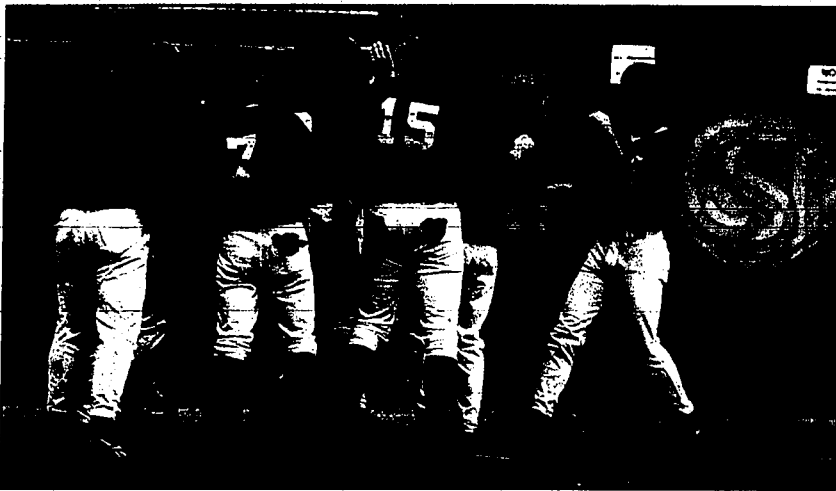
In an overtime upset, Kellan Fluckiger of Preston defended defending champion Ty Matthews of Jerome for the 189-pound state title. Tied at 7:7 after regulation, Fluckiger went ahead 9-7 for the victory.

Jerome's other top-six finishes came from Zach Menage (130) sixth and Cliff Callen (275) fifth. The Tigers took 14th overall.

In a rematch of last year's heavy-weight title match, top-seeded Bor Ruskon of Sugar River wrestled James Huml of Wood Salem. Last season Huml

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WELCOME BACK



James Close is welcomed home by his CSI teammates after hitting a 2-run homer against Treasure Valley Saturday in the Golden Eagles home opener.

Soaring

CSI baseball squad wins 2 more games, increases record to 7-0

By Karen Baumert
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS—The College of Southern Idaho baseball team is showing early that it will be a force later.

While the young Golden Eagles are gaining experience, they are also winning.

Saturday's wins over Treasure Valley take the CSI record to 7-0 on the season.

In the early game, the Golden Eagles took advantage of an eighth-inning grand slam by Dave Finney, taking the 11-3 win. They followed with a 6-4 victory in the nightcap.

"Those were pretty good wins," said CSI coach Skip Walker. "We let a little inexperience hurt us and I thought Treasure Valley did a good job."

The Chukars, now 8-9, have played 10 more games than CSI and Walker said

the 12-day stretch since the Golden Eagles last game may have been a factor.

"We just weren't as sharp," Walker said. "I was nervous about getting stale in practice. It was too big of a break."

Still, when CSI put together offense with defense, the Golden Eagles played at a higher level than their Scenic West competitor.

After taking a 6-0 lead in the opener, Treasure Valley tightened up the game with three runs in the top of the eighth.

But any hopes of a Chukar comeback were shattered with Finney's grand slam in the bottom of the inning.

J.P. Casularia led off that inning with a single. Matt Silvey followed with a walk and James Close's single loaded the bases for Finney. CSI added one more run in the inning to put the game out of reach for TVCC.

Close ended the game 4 for 4 with a

home run. Silvey was 2 for 4.

The nightcap provided a little more excitement as Treasure Valley opened the game with a Gavin Goss home run. The Chukars added another run in the inning after Dan Price hit a triple and scored on a Chukar ground-ball out.

CSI didn't answer until the second inning when Graig Merritt took first on an error. With two outs, No. 8 hitter Ben Johnston hit a single up the middle to score Merritt and put the Golden Eagles on the board.

It looked like CSI might blow the game open in the third when the first four batters scored fueled by a Silvey double and a Nick Grett single but a strike out, tag out at home and a fly out to center ended the Golden Eagle rally with two runners on base.

The Chukars pulled within one run in the fifth inning on a hit, a walk and two errors. But CSI added an insurance run

in the sixth and held on for the win. Silvey finished the game 3 for 4 with a double.

"Silvey is the money man," Walker said. "I never worry. He makes contact and will himself to hit. Close had a great day too. That's what we expect of sophomores and they expect it of themselves."

CSI plays Treasure Valley again today at 1 p.m. at Frontier Field.

Sports editor: *Karen Baumert* can be reached at 733-0931, Ext. 239.

CSI men claim title

By Darren Clow
Times-News writer

EPHRAIM, Utah—Assistant coach Kevin Jones said he "didn't want to share it with anybody." And now he doesn't have to.

The College of Southern Idaho men's basketball team rallied from 10 points down mid-way through the second half of Saturday's game at Snow College and held on for a 79-76 victory over the Scenic West Athletic Conference title all to itself.

"It feels like we're on top of the world," said CSI head coach Jim Thrash. "The men worked hard to get here, and they won it because of their character."

Had the team lost, it would still have taken the No. 1 seed into next week's regional tournament in Rexburg, but would have shared the conference's best record with the Dixie Rebels.

The regular season came down to the final minute of its final game, as CSI worked for driving layups and Snow went inside to 6-7 sophomore center Jason Hansen for consecutive buckets to match.

CSI held a 76-74 lead and the ball with 45 seconds left and its Golden Eagle ball-control offense—which had produced a key basket moments before—found Adrian McCullough for a 15-foot jumper and four-point lead with 12 seconds to play.

Hansen converted yet another inside pass with six seconds left, and the Eagles got the ball in to Curtis Bobb, who was fouled and sent to the line.

Immediately, a horde of Badger fans rushed in the end of the court and dived over Bobb into misting the first of his shots, but the freshman hit the follow-up and Snow's last-second desperation

By Darren Clow
Times-News writer

EPHRAIM, Utah—A not-so-funny thing happened on the way back to the basketball court Saturday at Snow College.

After shooting just 30 percent from the field in the first half, a totally different Badger squad took the floor for the final 20 minutes, erasing a 12-point deficit and storming to a 65-57 victory over the College of Southern Idaho women's basketball team.

The Badgers (6-12, 6-10) rallied behind Ogden, Utah, freshman Amber Russell, who scored all but two of her game-high 24 points in the second half.

Snow held CSI to just seven points over the first 44 minutes of the third period—six of which came from Sarah Nelson—and outscored CSI 25-3 in the middle 10 minutes of the half.

Deena Baru led the Golden Eagles (20-9, 11-7) with 18 points—including

her first 3-pointer of the season—and Nelson added 13.

By the time Baru hit her landmark trey with less than two minutes left in the game, the home team had all but assured the first back-to-back losses of the season for CSI, which fell at Dixie the night before.

The Golden Eagles hit half their shots in the first period but went cold after halftime, dropping to 32 percent for the half and 41 percent overall, including 4 of 18 shooting from beyond the arc.

"The zone hurt us," said CSI coach Joel Bate. "We were getting the very same shot (in the second half), and getting the same looks at the basket. We just weren't just getting the strokes. And the more (the players) thought about it, the harder it got."

Nelson scored six of CSI's first 40 points and two Baru free throws gave the team its first lead, 14-12 with 11 minutes left in the opening half.

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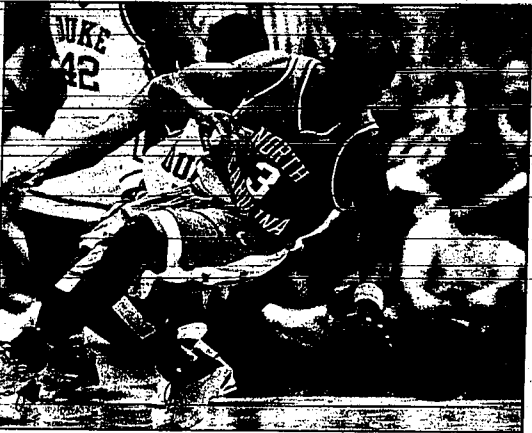
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SPORTS

Blue Devils overcome big deficit Tolman leads

Defense holds back North Carolina, 77-75

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North Carolina's Shammond Williams loses his dribble as he gets pressure from Duke's William Avery...

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STAMFORD, Conn. — Khalid El-Amin had 29 points as No. 6 Connecticut clinched the Big East regular season title...

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HOUSTON — Lee Nation scored 25 points on No. 15 Texas Christian Saturday night in the first round of

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OAKLAND, Calif. — Another lanky senior scored 15 points as California thrashed a second-ranked Big Ten women's basketball team...

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DURHAM, N.C. (AP) — It was almost enough to put some doubt in the minds of the Cameron...

...the last 11 1/2 minutes were the best, at least for us," Duke coach Mike Krzyzewski said...

It had to be because the Tar Heels, who won the first meeting 97-73 by closing the game with a 24-11 run...

...it was a helpless feeling watching that first game," said Brand, who finished with 15 points...

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...Vanderbilt was held to one field goal in the first 14 minutes of the second half...

Women's college basketball

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BOCA RATON, Fla. — Gergina Brnava scored 39 points Saturday in No. 11 Florida International's 83-61 defeat of Florida Atlantic...

Penn State 74, No. 13 Illinois 71

INDIANAPOLIS — Andrea Gaxner scored 18 points and grabbed 12 rebounds Saturday as Penn State upset No. 13 Illinois 74-71 in the quarterfinals of the Big Ten...

...Free throws made the difference. Penn State was 16-of-24 in the second half against post-raked Tennessee...

No. 16 Clemson 63, Maryland 44

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Nora Umoh led a balanced attack with 15 points and No. 16 Clemson earned its third straight win in the Atlantic Coast Conference tournament championship game with a 63-44 victory over Maryland on Saturday...

No. 20 Alabama 74, No. 12 Florida 61

COLUMBUS, Ga. — Dominique Curry scored 21 for 24 points in the second half Saturday as No. 20 Alabama upset No. 12 Florida 74-61 in the semifinals of the South-eastern Conference tournament...

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OAKLAND, Calif. — Amber Lacey scored 15 points as California broke a two-day losing streak with a 65-53 victory over Arizona State on Saturday...

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TUCSON, Ariz. (AP) — Miles Simon scored 20 points and A.J. Bramlett had 11 points and a career-high 19 rebounds...

...The Cardinal (24-4, 13-3) won their 18th consecutive game with their 53-25 at home on Jan. 28...

No. 15 Utah 65, No. 16 New Mexico 55

SALT LAKE CITY — Bruno Motz scored 15 points as Utah beat No. 16 New Mexico 65-55 in a Saturday night showdown for the Mountain Division title...

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CINCINNATI — D'Juan Baker made a jumper with 17 seconds left as Cincinnati overcame an 18-point deficit to clinch the best regular-season record in Conference USA...

Miami 70, No. 19 West Virginia 66

MIAMI — Kevin Norris scored seven points in the final 1:13, lifting Miami over No. 19 West Virginia 70-66...

Washington St. 78, Southern California 71

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SPORTS

Bettors lay money down on Vegas race

By Mike Harris
The Associated Press

LAS VEGAS - Other than putting on successful big events like heavyweight fights and semi-extravaganzas, the thing that excites the heart of a Las Vegas casino owner's heart the most is a boost in gambling revenues.

That's why many of the top officials in this town's biggest industry are smiling happily this week thanks to the inaugural Las Vegas 400 on Sunday.

Thousands of race fans have invaded Las Vegas, and they're spending money.

"The Indy 500 and the Daytona 500 traditionally are the biggest races of the year for us," said Vince Magnino, sports book director for Caesars Palace. "But the handle for this race will surpass the handle of those two combined."

He said the betting on Sunday's race is expected to total nearly \$3 million.

All of the sports books in town are taking bets on the inaugural Las Vegas 400. Top favorites are defending series champion Jeff Gordon the favorite. The odds on The Kid winning range from 3-to-1 to 5-to-1, with seven-time Winston Cup champion Dale Earnhardt and current series points leader Rusty Wallace right behind.

More interesting, some of the casino owners are betting on the excitement of the track car event that they've gotten creative.

The so-called proposition bets include over/under on the number of laps, the finishing position of the top drivers, the best finish by a rookie, the number of drivers to lead the race and horse racing-type bets like quinellas, exactas and trifectas.

ROUND TWO Jimmy Spencer was the fastest driver Saturday in second round qualifying for the Las Vegas 400.

Spencer, 44th among 51 drivers in Friday's qualifying, managed to raise his top speed from 163.587 to 164.770, jumping all the way to 29th in the 43-car field.

Most of the big names who did not clinch starting spots by qualifying among the top 25 on Friday, including Earnhardt, Terry Labonte and John Andretti, stood on their first-round legs and were among the 36 positions decided by speed.

Besides Spencer, the drivers going fast enough to make the line-up Saturday were Jeremy Mayfield, Mike Skinner and Michael Waltrip. Ken Schrader, rookie leader Kenny Irwin Jr., Ricky Craven, Steve Grissom, Bobby Hamilton, Eli Stricklin and Lake Speed were added as provisional starters.

Among the eight drivers who failed to make the race were rookie of the year contenders Steve Park and Jerrey Nadeau, and Todd Bodine, whose team has failed to qualify for any of the three races this season.

FIRST WINNER: Jeff Gordon has been good enough and fortunate enough to win the inaugural Winston Cup races at both the Indianapolis Motor Speedway (1994) and California Speedway (1997).

Coming off a victory last week at Rockingham, Gordon is certainly listed among the favorites in Sunday's race. But the 26-year-old racing star isn't confident of his chances, thanks to a recently implemented NASCAR aerodynamic rule he says gives Ford an advantage.

"I've seen four Fords already put a straightaway on me in about 10 laps (of practice)," Gordon said.

New Las Vegas race track will offer pure racing

LAS VEGAS (AP) - Although it's only just getting started, the new, state-of-the-art Las Vegas 400 race track is expected to be one of the best, if not the best, Winston Cup races we've seen in a long time," said Dale Earnhardt, who will start from the pole in the 400-mile race.

"I'm going to see some wild racing on the track because of how wide it is. The surface is smooth as it can be. It's

three lanes wide. The transitions from the banking to the straightaways is really good. When you give us a track like this, you're going to see some real race action." Darrell Waltrip, a three-time Winston Cup champion, echoed that thought.

Ernie Irvan was even more enthusiastic. "By going off what the Busch Series race was like out here last year, I'm expecting an awesome race," he said. "Busch cars are a lot different than Winston Cup cars, but it's not just a follow-the-leader deal here. You've got lots of room to pass and I think it's going to be a real competitive race."



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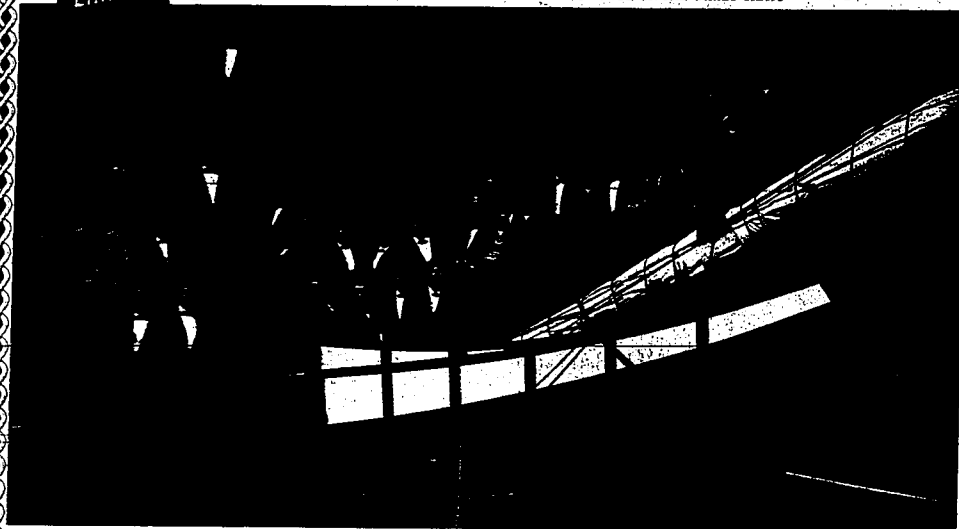
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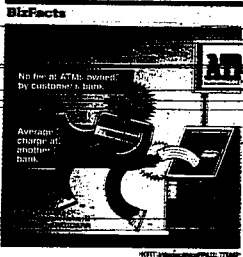
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TWIN FALLS — The newly-opened Commercial Credit office, located at 1234 N. Main Street, will hold a Week of Thrifts Parade through Friday as part of its grand opening. The business will collect cans of food and dried goods for the Salvation Army Food Bank. The branch also will provide affidavits and hold a drawing for those 525 gift certificates to any store in the Magic Valley Mall. At 11 a.m. Thursday the Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce will officiate at a ribbon cutting ceremony. Branch manager Sandy Scholtes says she grew up in Twin Falls and is a proud chamber member. The other staff members are Darla Poulson, Denn Smith, and Cresta Synstrom. Commercial Credit's Twin Falls office hours are 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Friday and on Thursdays until 7 p.m. Commercial Credit says it is a financial services company specializing in personal and home-equity loans to consumers. It has four offices in Idaho and over 1,000 offices nationwide.

New slot machines boost Cactus Pates income in '97

LAS VEGAS — Amstar Casino Inc. announced that operating income for its Jackpot, Nev. properties, Cactus Pates (Bancor) and the Elmerita Hotel & Casino, increased by 89.6 percent and 13 percent, respectively, for the three and 12 months ending Dec. 31, 1997, compared to the prior year. As a management amendment, Amstar announced that it will install the new slot machines in 1998 to the installation of approximately 100 slot machines. An enhanced slot player tracking system and an aggressive marketing program. The company's net income in fiscal 1997 was \$9.7 million after the extraordinary write-off of \$673,000 of unamortized loan costs associated with the refinancing of the company's debt and increasing its long-term credit facility during the third quarter. The increased borrowing capacity was used for the development of the company's new Elmerita Hotel, the Elmerita Hotel & Casino in Henderson, Nev., which opened on Feb. 10.

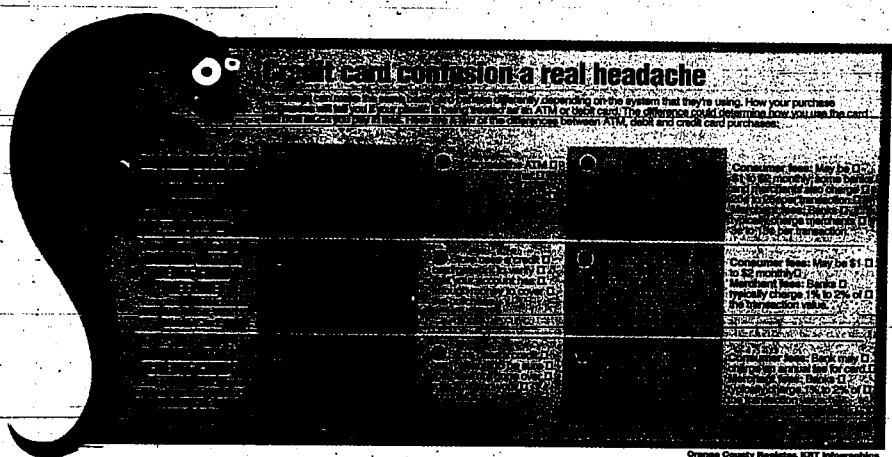
Edward Jones posts healthy return in 1997

TWIN FALLS — The recommended stock portfolio of the Edward Jones financial services firm showed a healthy return in 1997 among 15 major brokerage firms last year, with a return of 39.5 percent, according to the Wall Street Journal's latest quarterly study. The local investment representatives are Bob Seibel, Gene Sturpitt, and Ken Sturpitt. Seibel's office is located at 1034 Falls Ave. Suite 100. Sturpitt's office is located at 1235 Addison Ave. E. Suite 115. Sturpitt's office is located at 131 Main Ave. E.

Bank funds will help disabled with homes

SEATTLE — The Federal Home Loan Bank of Seattle awarded a grant of \$140,000 to DLI Evans Bank to help fund a program to assist 25 individuals with developmental and other disabilities to purchase homes in Idaho. The Idaho Home of Your Own program is a joint project of the Idaho Council on Developmental Disabilities and the community Partners in Housing program, which will provide homeownership counseling and enhance home buyers on the services available to their communities. DLI Evans Bank and other financial institutions across the state will provide the permanent mortgage loans. The majority of the home buyers will earn less than 20 percent of the median income in their particular community. Compiled from staff and wire reports.

CARD PARTY



Debit cards offer convenience, but a new target for thieves too

**By Michael Prueker
The Dallas Morning News**

Even if you're not much cash in your wallet, you may be carrying around your whole bank account, ripe for a thief to steal. If that's the warning consumer groups have been trying to publicize about debit cards, the latest wave of plastic-card crimes may be the trouble of writing checks — and even banks the trouble of waiting for you to pay your credit card bill. The banking industry says the popular cards are convenient and no riskier than any other form of payment. But Consumers Union, which publishes Consumer Reports magazine, tried to pressure debate on the issue through, at all places, the "Regis and Kathie Lee" TV show. The syndicated morning show ran a promotion in October, sponsored by MasterCard, that awarded a \$5,000 debit card to callers who could identify a scammer from a first-time Consumer's Union fraud alert or letter to the show — and quickly released it to the media —

Consumer advocates say people may not know enough about debit cards, which are being heavily promoted in TV advertising.

protesting the giveaway "has the effect of giving the Regis and Kathie Lee stamp of approval" to debit cards. Regis and Kathie Lee didn't mention the flap. MasterCard — which, along with Visa, recently limited customers' liability to \$50 if a card is lost or stolen — says it has complete confidence in a banking innovation that's quickly replacing how consumers manage their money. Still, consumer advocates say people may not know enough about debit cards, which are being heavily promoted in TV advertising. "In Consumers Union's view, these are insecure products," says Kathleen McShea, media director for the organization, which criticized debit cards in

the October issue of Consumer Reports. "This industry is pummeling the consumer with ads trying to entice us into this new way of spending money. We think the consumer needs to beware." A spokesman for MasterCard, who would not allow use of her name, says critics "have a lot of misperceptions. Debit cards are a phenomenon, and people clearly love them." Debit cards have been around since the 1960s, but they weren't widely used. They were issued by individual banks and required stores to have online payment capabilities, like an ATM that dispenses cash. In any case, the benefits are clear. People who overspend with credit cards can restrain themselves. If there's no money in your checking account, you can't make the purchase. If you get instead of cash and you'll know just where your money's going. You get a monthly statement, just like a credit card. If you use debit cards instead of checks, merchants don't get bad checks. Please see DEBIT, Page D4

Firm looks for better way to pay claims

'Smart' card would verify coverage quickly

A Carmel, Ind., company has developed a "smart" card that enables insured to process and resolve health insurance claims within minutes, the first effort of its kind in the nation. The card, developed by RealMed Corp., resembles a credit card and it has a computer chip that contains a patient's personal information, what insurance plan the patient carries and what services the plan pays for. As with ATM cards, the data cannot be accessed without a personal identification number. No personal medical history is included in the programming. With the new card, consumers would know upfront what services their insurers would pay for, reducing unexpected medical bills for services that were erroneously believed to be covered. Electronic processing also can cut administrative time from up to six weeks to a matter of minutes, and the card can be linked to a bank account, credit card or medical savings account, so that patients can resolve their portion of the bill instantly. "Today, health care claims are mostly a paper in this process, every year we could save at least the size of Yosemite National Forest." Eliminating paper also saves money. A nine-week study the company commissioned concluded that RealMed cuts costs about 70 percent over traditional claims processing, Morris said. That would mean up to \$2.5 billion in annual savings for processing claims by U.S. patients under the age of 65, according to RealMed. "The company has no contracts signed, but is negotiating with insurance companies and banks and hopes to have the cards in the hands of consumers by this spring. Officials declined to identify prospective clients.

Dollars from debt

Some plastic offers better cash rebates than others

**By Edmund Conley
The Orange County Register**

After paying interest to credit card companies for all these years, wouldn't it be nice if they paid you? Well, it's possible — if you play your cards right. About a half-dozen credit cards will give you a cash rebate, based on how many you use the card during the year. For example, if you spend \$6,000 a year on the Discover card, you'll get a check for \$48.

Those other cards offering airline miles, automobile discounts or free CDs may sound enticing because they offer rebates as high as 5 percent, but cash-back cards have one distinct advantage: You decide what to do with your money. To learn more, read on. Cash-back card: BankAmericard Rewards, (888) 222-4717. Annual fee: None. Interest rate: 18.49 percent. Rebate: 0.5 percent for first \$4,000 in

purchases; 75 percent for next \$4,000; 1 percent for next \$4,000; and 2 percent for last \$3,000. Annual cap: \$150. Comments: BoFA advertises this as a "2 percent" card, but the tier structure really allows you to earn only 1 percent. The card is competitive for people who plan to charge under \$5,000 a year. Of course, BoFA can afford to be generous at those levels since the total rebates are pretty small: about \$28 at \$5,000. When the stakes get higher, BoFA falls short. One bizarre exception: If you can structure your credit-card charging to spend \$14,000 to \$16,000 a year, BoFA tem- Please see REBATES, Page D2

Keep tabs on your precious tabby with chip implants

**By Philip Ballhaus
The Orange County Register**

A hot pet means heartbreak. There's the sadness from missing a family member, the fear your pet will end up in some cage at the pound, the anger over your unrecognized and unclaimed pet to be put to sleep. You can try to avoid such pain by relying on long-term pet ID at the home or pound. But even big accidents happen. Leashes break, doors are left open, fences jump. Let's not even think about pet theft.

Online

Petion or PowerPC in a bracelet, this device does contain a silicon integrated circuit. What's wrong with the old-fashioned approach? With getting a collar on them? You should do that, certainly. A collar with license or ID tag can do some good. Better yet, there are special services that sell collars embroidered with an 800 number. People fighting a lost animal can call the number with a description and can call the same number and hope for good news. There are even collars with attached recording tags that

can hold 20 seconds of message about the pet, heard by anyone who presses the tag's button. But collars and tags can fall off or be taken off. For the pet's own safety, many people prefer a "breakaway collar" that will come off if the pet is snagged against some object. Tattoos are more permanent. This can be an easily identified number, such as the owner's Social Security or driver's license number. They're cheap — about \$10 to \$15 — don't require a veterinarian and can be viewed later without any special equipment. Some pet organizations include tattoo artists as part of pet conventions and club meetings. Some breeders make tattoos a practice, with makers that can trace the specific lit-

ter. Or it can be a registry code — obtained for a fee of approximately \$15 — from an organization such as the National Dog Registry (800-657-3647 or at Web site www.natdogregistry.com). Vets, police and shelter workers know to look for tattoos, checking standard body sites such as the inner thigh or underside of the ear on dogs. They may also have the phone numbers of large registries and the time to call them with any tattooed evidence. Tattoos are far from perfect, though. They can fade, get scratched out with hair, or be intentionally altered or removed. They're supposedly "not particularly painful" to get, but I'm not volunteering. Please see IMPLANTS, Page D2

MONEY

TRADEWINDS

The Times-News

WENDELL C. Kelly Pearce, managing partner of the New York Life Insurance Co. Idaho General Office, announced that Becky Johnstone-Andrews was awarded the 1997 Long-Term Care Product Leader Award for Idaho.

She hosts seminars to help individuals learn more about the problems, concerns and issues related to long-term care and long-term care insurance, the company said.

Johnstone-Andrews works closely with experts from New York Life in the area of estate planning and hopes to expand her business in this area, the company said.

She recently established her office at 74 N. Idaho. Her office number is 536-6116.

LEWISTON - Regence BlueShield of Idaho has announced the winners of its annual awards for excellence in sales and service.

Recognized were marketing executive Rick Kober of Twin Falls for his outstanding group sales record, Natalie Knighton of Twin Falls was named General Agent of the Year. The Twin Falls office earned the District Office of the Year Award, based on the performance of the general agent, sales executive and account executive.

TWIN FALLS - The Leadership and Entrepreneurial Training Center at the College of Southern Idaho has announced appointments to its advisory board.

Selected were Pete York of The Times-News; Carl Legg from Fixture Source Inc.; Tom Ahsenbender of Price True Value Hardware; Sherry Kelley of D.L. Evans Bank; Jason Kelley from Kelley's Garden Center; Sharon Drake from Magic Valley Regional Medical Center; Susan Harzls from the city of Twin Falls; Jim Thompson of First Federal Bank; Dave Buddecke of Seaton Manufacturing; Mayor Dennis Moore of Jerome; Linda Dean from Electronic Data Solutions; Lee Ann Sullivan of Co. Paulus Chevrolet; Pam Petersen of the Idaho Department of Labor; Shileen Gilliland from the Magic Valley Mall; Rex Kyle of Lytle Signs; Dave Johnson from Jules Harrison Ford; Brent Jussel of Magic Valley Bank; Stan Ferlic from the Department of Health and Welfare; Tim Bolduc of the Twin Falls Chamber of Commerce and Greg Edson from Four Ways Travel.

The board will assist in the planning and long-term goal setting for the center.

TWIN FALLS - Riley Boyd and Rob Ellis have been named to the Farm Bureau Financial



Riley Boyd



Rob Ellis



Debbie Netzke

Farm Bureau Life Insurance Company.

Honor Council is an award recognizing company leaders in the area of in-force insurance. Ellis was one of 365 agents from among 1,800 agents in the company to earn this honor.

He also works from the Kimberly Road office. Ellis joined the companies in 1993 and also has consistently earned production honors. He graduated

from Twin Falls High School in 1985, and the University of Idaho in 1989.

TWIN FALLS - Zions Bank has named Debbie Netzke assistant manager at the Twin Falls Banking Center.

She joined Zions in September 1997 with seven years banking experience. She has served as customer service representative at Washington Federal Saving and Loan in Twin Falls, and as financial service representative and merchant service representative for Union Bank in Stockton, Calif. Most recently, she was a paralegal for M. Gary Atkinson Law Firm in Twin Falls.

Services Premier Club for high production and outstanding record of services to Farm Bureau members.

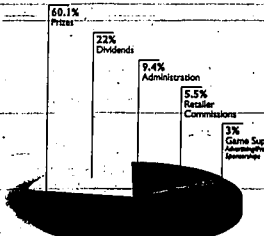
They are one of 212 qualifiers from the nearly 1,700 agents eligible for the award. Premier Club is based on life, disability income, annuity, and mutual fund production.

Boyd works at the Farm Bureau office at 2732 Kimberly Rd., in Twin Falls. He joined the companies in 1995, and has consistently earned its production honors, the company said. He graduated from Twin Falls High School in 1991, and was a recent Business major graduate of Albion College of Idaho.

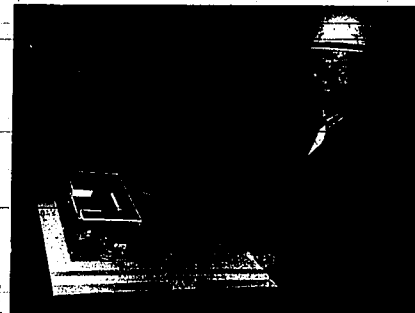
Ellis also has been named to the Farm Bureau Financial Services Honor Council as a result of outstanding service to his clients, the company said. A \$100 contribution has been made to Elsiebeth Children Educational Fund on his behalf by Western

IDAHO LOTTERY DIVIDENDS AT WORK.

How Lottery Funds are Distributed



The Idaho Historical Society received dividends from the Idaho Lottery that helped pay for their new storage facility. Steve Archibald, Steve Walker, shows off a model of the new building.




Fiscal Year 1997 proved to be another successful year for the Idaho Lottery. Nearly all of the \$567,154,000 the Lottery has generated since its first day of operation has gone in some way to benefit Idaho's economy. In 1997 alone, 95.1 percent of the over \$87 million revenues generated by the Idaho Lottery have directly boosted the economy.


This fiscal year the Lottery generated a dividend of \$19.5 million for Idaho public schools and buildings, bringing the eight-year total to nearly \$137 million. While the Lottery can never be the primary source of funding for Idaho schools, it represents a real and vital contribution.

The largest share of each dollar spent on the Idaho Lottery is returned to players as prizes. Roughly \$53 million in prizes was paid to winners in 1997. They invest their winnings into Idaho's future - strengthening its businesses, helping them thrive and compete in today's economy.

Idaho Lottery Commissioners




(seated) Commission Chairman Jim Bruce, Ralph Harwell
(back row, left to right) Roger Jones, Teresa DeShon, Jim Simpson



THE LIGHT TOUCH

by Craig Smith



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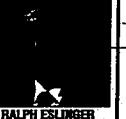
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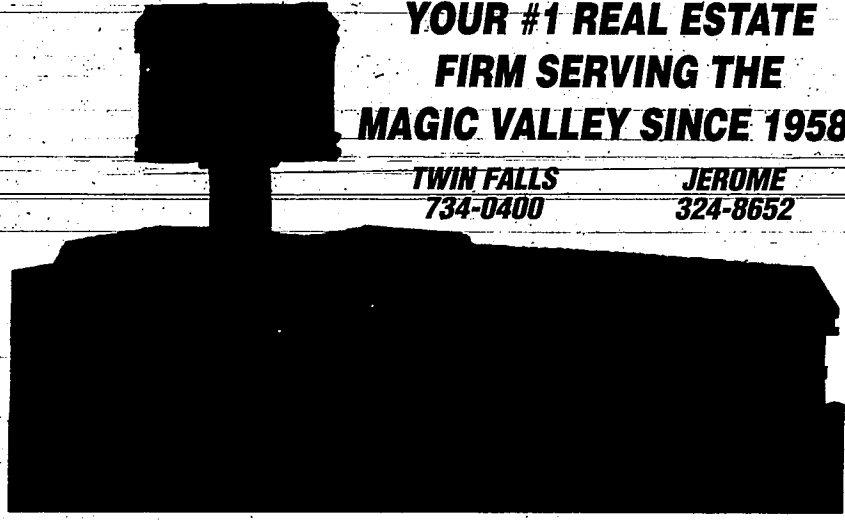
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\$25,900. One for it! Good price for a 2 bedroom, 1 bath cottage style home in Jerome. This cute little one has a new metal roof and metal siding. It sits on a quiet 50x125 corner lot. **CALL DEAN SMART** today for the details at 324-8652 or 429-7193. #9702021



\$37,900. PSST...Still looking for that perfect investment? Look no further! This is the one! 1 bedroom, 1 bath with basement for additional bedroom. Cozy kitchen and very nice yard. To see this home **CALL DIANE DORIAN** 787-3916 OR 735-4252. #9702026



\$52,000. Must sell! 1174 sq. ft. home in Buhl with 3 bedrooms, 1-1/2 baths with all appliances including washer and dryer and freezer. Home has a garage and a carport. Estate is motivated to sell. **CALL TOM LLOYD** 787-3924 OR 543-9117. #9802029



\$52,500. Investor or first time home buyer! This is the home for you. Home is in great shape with 3 bedrooms, great floor plan, gas heat. Also sprinkler system, carport and fenced yard. Don't miss out. **CALL PEGGY TRIT** 737-3925. #9702516



\$59,000. Large lot with nice landscaping. Very clean and well cared for home, close to CSI. Updated and completely cozy. Unfinished basement could be utilized for more living space. Front deck and gas heat. **CALL LEXI** 734-4743 OR 737-3918. #9802034



\$57,000. Ready cute home in Rietveld has lots of new. New siding and vinyl windows and freshly painted interior. 3 bedrooms, but 2 extra rooms can be bedrooms or 1/2 family room. Nice carpet, deck on back of home and a 6x12x127 lot. **CALL JOHN** 735-1272 OR PATTY 324-7113. #9702072



\$68,500. Super Nice! Quality Marietta manufactured home. Split bedroom plan with vaulted ceilings, walk-in closet, tape and laminate, beautiful oak cabinets on quiet 1/2 acre setting. Short commute to Twin Falls. Hollister, Filer school district. **CALL JUDY** 737-3907. #9702093



\$99,000. Playhouse is included in this 4 bedroom, 2 bath family home with new kitchen, family room and double garage. Close to schools. **CALL BONNIE PARSONS, CRS.** Quality Service with you! #9802028



\$107,900 for your new 3 bedroom, 2 bath home ready now. Wonderful split bedroom floor plan with covered front porch and a 3 car garage. In great neighborhood and convenient to schools and parks. **CALL BDN FREEMAN-AGENT 809-1036** TO SELL 734-4208 OR 737-3915. #9702040



\$109,900. Beautiful updated ranch style home. 5 bedrooms, 2-1/2 baths, country style kitchen with bay window and tile floors. Family room, central air, great HW location. Mature landscaping, large back yard with garden area, storage shed and greenhouse. **CALL DOROTHY BEST** 737-3903. #9800450



\$116,000. 4 bedrooms, 2-3 baths home on large fenced lot. Home features 1528 sq. ft. with double kitchen with built-in wall ovens and microwave, range, trash compactor and French doors off dining area and air conditioning. **CALL VICTORIA HOFFMAN** 737-3902. The Professionals! These Homes It Happens. #9802074



\$116,900. Great acreage close to Jerome. 8.22 acres, all fenced with a 4 acre hay field. 9 share HCCO water. 1782 sq. ft., 4 bedroom, 2 bath manufactured home with family room and storage basement. Corral, lost shed, back barn and more. **CALL JOANNE** 324-8443. #9702076



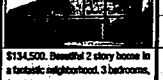
\$124,900. Beautiful back home with over 1800 square feet, 3 bedrooms, 2 baths. Home has lots of extras like double car garage, fenced back yard, covered deck, automatic sprinkler system, Monitors/Lazy school district. **CALL RALPH OR DEANNA** today. #9802058



\$129,900. Just reduced! Nice duplex in quiet neighborhood. Both sides offer 2 bedroom and 1 bath, electric forced air heat, central air conditioning and a single car garage. For more information **CONTACT ADAM HESS** 737-3940. #9702146



\$150,000. Lovely, like new home in park-like Hagerman setting. Spacious split floor plan affords privacy, includes charming functional kitchen, custom windows, cathedral, fireplace, extended decking, oversized double garage, 3 bedrooms, 2 baths. A delight. **CALL KATHI S.** 737-3917. #9702052



\$134,500. Beautiful 2 story home in a peaceful neighborhood. 3 bedrooms, 2-1/2 baths, two car garage, storage shed, deck and auto sprinklers. Please **CALL NATHAN LYDA** 737-2989 for more information. #9802087



\$135,000. 4 bedroom, 2-1/2 bath home in newer subdivision of Twin Falls. Features large country kitchen, family room, gas log fireplace, gas furnace, central air, auto sprinklers, double garage, fenced, vinyl added, approx. 1970 sq. ft. **CALL LYNN RASMUSSEN** 737-3908 OR 429-2897. #9702083




\$143,900. Move in now and you'll be ready to get your yard planted this spring. Brand new vinyl sided 3 bedroom, 2 bath home with space in the walk-out basement for bedrooms, family room and plumbed for bath. Beautiful kitchen, fireplace, deck and more. **CALL JOHN OR PATTY**. #9702055



\$184,900. Owner Absentee. Country acreage close to town. 4 bedroom, 2 bath home has been completely remodeled. Kitchen is all new, home has formal dining room, hardwood floors in kitchen and breakfast nook. Gas fireplace, open floor plan, 3 car garage with shop area. **CALL RALPH OR DEANNA** today. #9701832



\$186,900. 4 bedroom, 2 bath with excellent floor plan located in the new Woodland Hills Subdivision. Over 1900 sq. ft. on one level, home has formal dining room, hardwood floors in kitchen and breakfast nook. Gas fireplace, open floor plan, 3 car garage with shop area. **CALL RALPH OR DEANNA** today. #9701809



\$194,500. New construction! Over 2000 sq. ft. on 1+ acre lot. 3 bedrooms, 2 baths. Many custom features including 2+6 car garage, 3 callouts, rounded corners, hardwood kitchen & dining floor, letter box, oversized garage, extra large patio plus much more. **CONTACT THE HESS TEAM - WALLY OR ADAM** today! #9802051



\$239,000. You will love this beautiful maintenance free brick home in H.E. Twin Falls. 4 bedrooms, 2 bath, formal living room plus spacious open kitchen - family room. Extras include a cozy fireplace, fenced back yard and huge laundry room. **CALL CAROLYN CUTLER** 735-9628 OR 737-3935. #9802023




\$255,000. Price just reduced on this very nice commercial building on Eastland Drive in Twin Falls. Features 4761 sq. ft. and is set up with 800 amp, 3 phase power. Lots of computer and telephone lines and much more. **CALL LYNN RASMUSSEN** 737-3990 OR 429-2897. #9801030




\$289,500. What a beautiful home. Approx. 3000 sq. ft. of living in this custom built home. Sits on 2 acres of canyon rim property between Twin Falls and Kimberly. Picturesque and private setting. For more information **CALL KATHY FAIRBRIDGE** 737-3925. #9702333



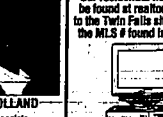
\$475,000. Very nice home with full finished basement. 475 acres, good farm land, deep well and canal company water. Also can handle approximately 100 head of cattle. Good fences. Great place to live in the county. **CALL JUDY HOLLAND** for more information. #9802065



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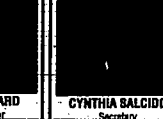
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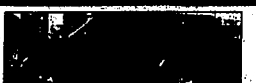
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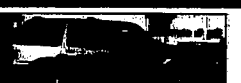
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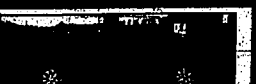
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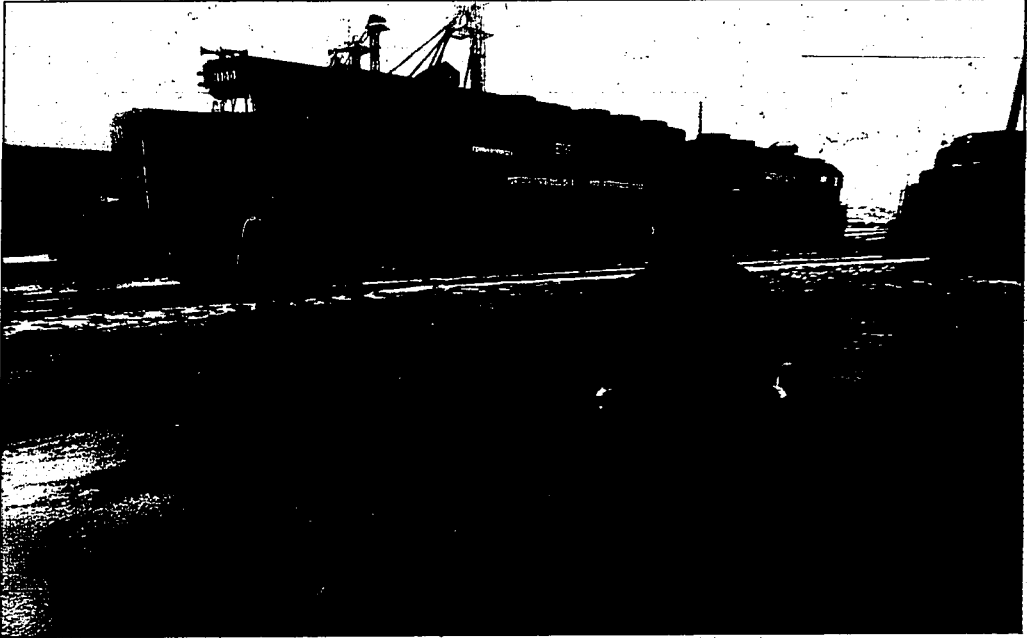
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Section F

SLOW TRAIN TO BUHL



Engineer Chris Centracchio, right, catches his breath in the 'office' for a typical day at work. Centracchio works for Eastern Idaho Railroad and spends his days driving diesel locomotives.

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Mystique may be gone, but the iron calculus of railroading lives

The pulse of railroading used to beat to the urgent but predictable cadence of too little time chasing too much space.

Anyone who wore a trainman's pocket watch tucked into his black-and-white striped coveralls understood that — and could describe, with great precision, the calculus of promises to keep.

Amberly at 4:30.
Hansen at 4:20.
Barley at five of five.

But on this particular ice-bright Wednesday afternoon, with February seeping through the locomotive cab's safety glass,

Chris Centracchio speaks of time unfiled.

"Five or six hours," he muses, eating 135 tons of locomotive westward at the pace of a brisk walk. "That's what's left of the day. We're not allowed to work longer than 12 hours a shift, but that's not a problem very often."

Conductor Ed Cullinan charts military time in neat squares on a clipboard, then slips out the door to building 30 tons of molasses onto a

siding and out of harm's way.

"We have to make sure we get our work done when we're supposed to, and the company keeps careful track of that," he said. "But there's no timetable for us to be at a certain place at a certain time."

Centracchio and Cullinan are heirs to the heavy-business of steel-against-steel, a trade that used to employ thousands and edify millions.

Now, like the rest of the automated, digitized, information-age railroad industry, the Eastern Idaho Railroad Company traffics in customization — commodities plucked from a rail siding here and routed with

Fed Ex-style precision to a customer across the continent.

Yet here on the ground, it's a job done in increments of 30 yards, 5 mph, and a half-dozen cars shuffled like a three-deck shoe through the fingers of a European croupier.

"I like the fact that I can go to work every day at the same time and expect to get done about the same time," said Centracchio, a 10-

year railroader who's been with the EIRA since it sank stakes in Twin Falls. "Not like the old days. When I was working long-haul routes, I had a three-day layover."

The mystique is largely gone from Centracchio and Cullinan's craft in an era when a five-person crew can run a 100-car train. The equation of the work nowadays is one part diesel, two parts physics and three parts microchips.

But some of the charm persists.

"Kids still want to us all the time when we roll past," Cullinan said.

"And if we're stopped at a crossing too long, the parents wave at us too," Centracchio quipped.

Still, neither would swap this locomotive for a beet truck or computer keyboard or eight hours on a factory lathe.

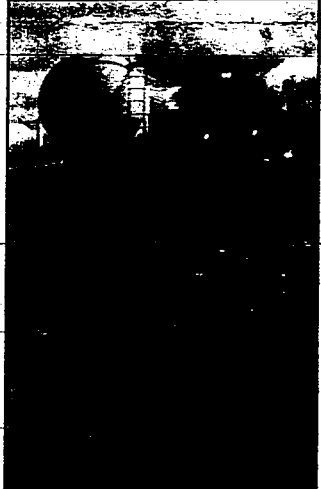
"Unlike some kids, I didn't grow up wanting to work on the railroad," Centracchio said. "But I wouldn't want to do anything else now."

Still.

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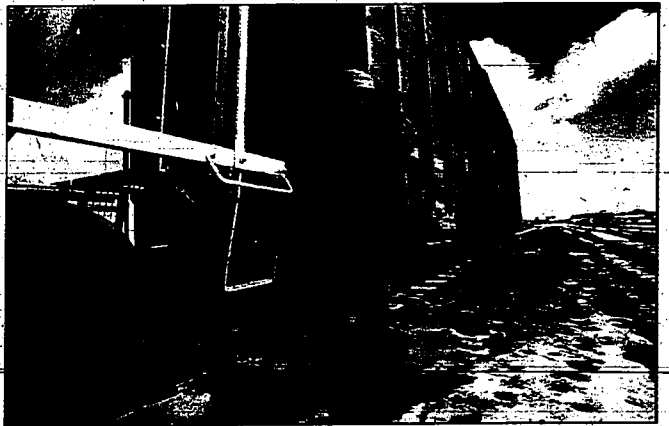
Chris Centracchio drives the locomotive 'backward' to go to Buhl.



Many of the railroad's customers are agricultural processors, like this beet processing plant.



Left and right: Ed Cullinan is a conductor, but he doesn't deal with any passengers. Instead, he couples the cars together and switches the train to different tracks, all the while maintaining contact with Centracchio in the engine by radio.



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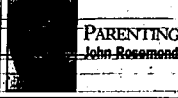
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Q. I work daily with my very active 4-year-old, trying to get him started in reading, but he doesn't show any real interest. Furthermore, his attention span doesn't hold out for longer than 15 minutes. Next year, I'll be able to choose his preschool teacher.



ROSEMOND
John Rosemond

The "non-ense" is between an older, "contentious" woman who has been teaching for more than 20 years, and a young teacher who's more of the "let 'em learn when they're ready" sort. Given my son's need for structure, I'm inclined to put him with the older teacher. On the other hand, I don't want to push him too hard. What do you think?

A. I think you should stop running over all the pros and cons of these two classroom options and do what your intuition tells you is right. First, no one knows your child better than you. Second, I'm absolutely certain that everything will be fine in the long run, regardless of which teacher you choose.

The fact is, there are benefits and disadvantages to each choice of teacher. Neither is perfect therefore, neither is perfect for your child. I long — as do many teachers, I'm told — for a return to the days when parents let the chips fall where they did in matters of this sort. I'm sure there were times when my mother thought I'd be better off in so-and-so's class, but she never tried to influence a teacher assignment. She believed it took all kinds of people to make the world go 'round; therefore, I needed to learn to deal with all kinds of people.

She also understood — and communicated to me! — that it was less my teacher's responsibility to "give" me an education than it was mine to "get" it. Today's mother is inclined toward magnificent, albeit well-intentioned, meddling because she's convinced that every single child-rearing issue has momentous ramifications. Just as there is no perfect teacher, there is no perfect child-rearing decision (or any other sort of decision for that matter). But today's mom

thinks if she agonizes enough, she can transcend that fact of life. Then, when something goes wrong, as it will, today's mom feels guilty. She didn't agonize enough.

As I said, if you feel that you really must make this decision, then let your intuition be your guide. But please! Understand that regardless of which teacher you choose, something she does during the school year will not sit well with you. When that happens, leave it alone! Learn to shrug your shoulders and say, "Oh, well."

In addition, stop trying to make a perfect world for your child. Let him learn that it takes all kinds, so he needs to learn to deal with all kinds.

Where reading at age 4 is concerned, I'll just say you're not aware that if you take two children of average ability (IQ) and start one in read-at-age 4 and the other in read-at-age 6, the one who started earlier will be almost certainly be reading at the same level by the end of third grade.

On the one hand, I admire your concern. On the other, I think you would do yourself and your child a favor if you stopped being so concerned about details. Step back and take in the Big Picture.

I warn you, however. The Big Picture is addicting. Once you begin to appreciate it, you'll never be able to agonize over details again, and nothing in your child's life will ever be perfect.

Can you deal with that?

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Pinewood Derby season

How to make those little wheels spin even faster

The extra spend to coax a little extra speed out of pinewood derby cars has stirred intense debate and a cottage industry in tipshets, booklets and videos. One example is the pamphlet, "How to Win a Pinewood Car Derby," available through a Web site at www.win-edge.com. It costs \$9.95 and reveals the "secrets" to building a fast car. The focus here is definitely on winning.

In a less competitive way, parents and sons all over the metropolitan area are trading tips while building their cars. What follows are some of the ideas that seem to get the most attention.

First, though, don't follow any "best" advice without reading the rules of your organization's derby. Some Cub Scout packs, for



Your kids

instance, restrict how the wheels and axles provided in a derby car kit can be worked or altered. Cars can be disqualified if they don't meet specifications.

For more derby stuff on the Internet, go to www.uscous.org and do a "Pinewood Derby" search.

Weight. No one disagrees: Cars closest to the maximum weight are going to do better than others. Generally carmakers

shave off quite a bit of wood in designing their cars, then add back the lost ounces with weights.

There's disagreement about whether the weights should be attached to the middle or back. Just be sure weights added to the bottom don't cause the car to brush the track. Friction is bad.

Some derbies hold rest trials before the actual race and provide a scale so alterations can be made before the race. Some car makers have their cars to the post office or a package store that doesn't mind weighing them.

Wheels and axles. The wheels and axles need to be free of burrs so they run smoothly. For lubrication many carmakers swear by graphite. And a whole contingent of racers maintain

that the best axle alignment keeps one front wheel from touching the track. Again, less friction.

Shape. Many racers try for a wedge-shaped design in an attempt to avoid catching too much breeze. Others say aerodynamics won't make a discernible difference for such quick runs. Anyway, they say, it can't be as important as weight and wheel movement.

Overall. If the car isn't running very fast, experiment with weights or more lubrication. Try anything. "It doesn't always go faster facing forward," said Harold Smith, a Bonner Springs, Kan., dad and derby veteran. "After a couple practice runs, you might try turning it backward."

—Source: Kansas City Star

Fighters punch up virtual-pet craze

The Orlando Sentinel
Coming to a playground near you, this conversation:
"My virtual pet can beat your virtual pet."
"Can't!"
"Can too!"
"What goodbye to the sweet-nurturing aspect of the virtual pet. The latest twist is a virtual pet that slugs it out with other virtual pets."
Forget Nano Pals, Giga Pets and Tamagotchis. The new Nano Fighters are lean, mean, virtual fighting machines. And they're not for everyone — they're made for "designed them for boys."
"Like it or not, the good, old-fashioned virtual pets have been stigmatized on the playground. Most boys consider them girls' toys."
"We took all the nurturing aspects of the virtual pet and 'designed it out,'" said Tom McClure, senior vice president of marketing for PlaymaticsToys, the company that also makes Nano Pals.
Instead of all this nice feeding and cleaning... all this macho stuff that you do to pump them up for a fight. It's a little Rocky-esque."
In which the object is to keep the pet alive by nurturing it for up to a month — Nano Fighters, which sell for between \$15 and

\$20, offer more immediate gratification.
After only two days of "training," kids can square-off against another Nano Fighter.
The virtual slugfests are accomplished by hooking up one Nano Fighter to another Nano Fighter. The fighter who has had the best training, who has been fed and groomed and cared for

and they have an appetite so you have to feed them a lot!"
Patrick has four other virtual pets, but he thinks the Nano Fighter has much more fun potential. "It's better than the others "because you can make them fight."
Of course, since none of his friends has one yet, he still isn't sure if he's raising the Rocky Balboa or just another chump.
"I haven't fought anybody yet, but there's a kid here (at his after-school program) who has one. He says he's going to bring it in so we can fight."
Although the old-line virtual pets sold very well at Christmas, the prices of \$10 to \$15; kids are just starting to buzz about Nano Fighters. The toys got a late start on the Christmas season, arriving in stores just before the holiday. That meant that many parents — and kids — never got a chance to see them before the Christmas money was already spent.
"People are stumbling across the toy," said Stacey Freeman, manager of the toy department at the Target store on East Colonial Drive in Orlando. "They don't just ask for it yet. They're just looking for virtual pets. When I show them what we've got and tell them what Nano Fighters do — they like that. They think it's a little neater, different from the regular ones."

Instead of all this nice feeding and cleaning, it's coaching, training, boxing... all this macho stuff that you do to pump them up for a fight. It's a little Rocky-esque.
—Tom McClure of Playmatics Toys

the best, will win, McClure said. And that appeals to boys, even if it makes some parents want to slug the toy maker.
Eleven-year-old Patrick Crane Jr. of Orlando, Fla., couldn't wait to get one. "I saw what they did and thought that was pretty cool," said Patrick. "I wanted to get one so I could try it out."
Patrick is the first of his friends and classmates to get one, so he hasn't been able to test his fighter against others. "It's pretty good," Patrick said. "You have to give them showers,

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TV shows work to get more sex in

LOS ANGELES (AP) — If President Clinton is confused about proper behavior in the workplace, it could be he's watching too much television.

On both sitcoms and dramas, productivity is down and hanky-panky is up. Way up. Collingwood, do it!; Boys and girls do it, defense attorneys and prosecutors do it. TV doctors and nurses certainly know how to operate.

Some observers and industry insiders contend this fictional obsession with office flings reflects society to an extent. "I don't think we're watching America isn't already doing in mass quantities," said producer Bruce Helford, whose comedy "The Drew Carey Show" has featured its lead character in an office affair.

"I think if I were to look at my staff and crew, I know of at least five or six relationships going on right now," Helford said.

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WEDDINGS

ENGAGEMENTS

DANIELS-FEATHERSTON



Jerrod and Jennifer Featherston
Brian Grooms, friend of the groom, served as best man. Ushers were Jacob Daniels, brother of the bride, and Nick

Featherston, brother of the groom.
Special guests included grandmother of the bride, Mrs. Duayne Deuhl and grandparents of the bridegroom, Richard and Mary Featherston of Jerome.

A reception was held following the ceremony.
Cara Featherston, sister of the groom, attended the guest book. Gift-attendant was Miranda Galvan, sister of the groom.
The bride is employed at Magic Valley Labs.
The bridegroom is employed at ABC Seamless Siding.
The newlyweds reside in Twin Falls.

grandmother of the bride, Jewel Jackson; grandparents of the bride, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Gardner of Jerome; and grandparents of the bridegroom, Berry Hammond of Washington and Mr. and Mrs. Lee Troxell of Twin Falls.

A reception was held following the ceremony. Serving were Dee Silver and Kathy Bailey, aunts of the bride.
Sue Gee, friend of the bride, attended the guest book. Gift attendants were D.J. Silver and Tara Johnson, cousins of the bride.
The bride attended Twin Falls High School. She is employed at Burger King.

The bridegroom attended Twin Falls High School. He is employed at Pullin's Saw Mill in Hansen.
The newlyweds reside in Twin Falls.

JEROME — Jennifer Daniels and Jerrod Featherston were married Feb. 5 at the White House in Twin Falls.

Parents of the bridegroom are Rick and Julie Featherston of Jerome and Penny and David Galvan of Twin Falls.

GARDNER-TROXELL

TWIN FALLS — Casey Gardner and Ricky Troxell Jr. were married Feb. 7 at the Eternal Life Christian Center in Twin Falls.

Parents of the bridegroom are Teena Harrison of Washington and Ricky Troxell Sr. of Twin Falls.

Sabrina Bonning, friend of the bride, served as the maid of honor. Shawna Hansen was the bridesmaid.

James Troxell, brother of the groom, served as best man. James Stahlberg, brother of the bride, was the groomsmen.



Ricky and Casey Troxell
Ushers were Bill Gardner and Pat Williams, cousins of the bride.

The bouquets and flowers were made by Nancy Stahlberg, mother of the bride, and Kathy Bailey, aunt of the bride. The bride was given away by her grandfather, Ralph Gardner.

Special guests included great-

ADAMS-McBRIDE

TWIN FALLS — Mr. and Mrs. Carl Adams of Bull Shoals, Ark., announce the engagement of their daughter, Amy Lynn Adams to Lance Dean McBride, son of Mr. and Mrs. Kyle McBride of Twin Falls.

Adams is a 1993 graduate of Iowa State University in Ames, Iowa. She is employed at Wendell High School.

McBride is a 1994 graduate of Idaho State University in Pocatello. He is employed by Ag Weekly in Twin Falls.



Lance McBride and Amy Adams
The wedding is planned for March 28.



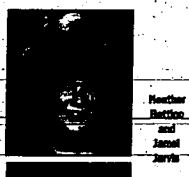
Marla Yastrop and Bernard Musmann
employed by the Valley School District.
The wedding is planned for March 28.

YASTROP-MUSSMANN

EDEN — Mark and Sherry Yastrop of Pocatello announce the engagement of their daughter, Marla Yastrop to Bernard Musmann, son of Berwyn and Millie Musmann of Eden.

Yastrop is a graduate of Idaho State University with a bachelor of science degree in elementary/special education. She is employed by the Twin Falls School District and the College of Southern Idaho.

Musmann is a graduate of Western Montana College with a bachelor of science degree in secondary education. He is



Christina Heyburn and Stephen Bown

employed by the Valley School District.
The wedding is planned for March 28.

BETTINO-JARVIS

HEYBURN — Christina Stanfield of Denver and Stephen Bown of Springville, Utah, announce the engagement of their daughter, Heather Dawn Bettino to James Leccora Jarvis, son of Jewel Naffziger of Heyburn and James Jarvis of West Valley, Utah.

Bettino attended West Jordan High School and is studying graphic design.

Jarvis graduated from Mimco High School in 1995. He is an automated logistics specialist with the United States Army. A civil wedding was held in February and a military service will be held at a later date.

LANCASTER-TAYLOR

FILER — Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Lancaster of Filer announce the engagement of their daughter, Monica Lee Lancaster to Joshua A. Taylor, son of Mr. and Mrs. Michael A. Taylor of Twin Falls.

Lancaster is a 1996 graduate of Filer High School and is attending the College of Southern Idaho. She is employed at the Remote Excoding Center in Twin Falls.

Taylor is a 1995 graduate of Twin Falls High School. He is employed by Lancaster Grade-all Service in Filer.



Monica Lancaster and Joshua Taylor
The wedding is planned for 2 p.m. March 14.

ANNIVERSARY

THE BORTZES

TWIN FALLS — Mr. and Mrs. Edward H. Bortz Jr. of Twin Falls will be honored at an open house March 8 for their 50th wedding anniversary.

Friends and relatives are invited to call from 2 to 5 p.m. at the Twin Falls Church of Christ, 2002 Filer Ave. E. The couple requests no gifts, please.

Bortz and Violet Marie Cox were married March 8, 1948, in Burley.

They have lived in the Magic Valley all of their married life, and in Twin Falls for the past 40 years.

He farmed, worked for Twin Falls Bank & Trust, owned and operated South Park Chevron and then joined Sears, where he retired in 1987 after 25 years.

She worked as a homemaker. They have been active in the Church of Christ. Since retire-

ment, they have enjoyed fishing, camping and being with their grandchildren.

The event is being given by their sons, Ron Bortz of Boise, Garry Bortz of Campbell, Calif., and Dennis Bortz of Twin Falls.

The couple has six grandchildren.



Edward and Violet Marie Bortz

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SENIORS

GRAY MATTER Men, women need help more than ever, says noted author

Indianapolis Star and News

Men talk about themselves too much. And women are too willing to listen. That's just one of the differences between men and women that make successful relationships a challenge, says John Gray, a noted author and counselor.

Author of the popular "Men Are From Mars, Women Are From Venus" series, Gray recently published "Mars and Venus on a Date" (HarperCollins, \$25).

One of the great no-nos on any date is for a guy to talk incessantly about himself, his career or his glory days on the varsity football squad. Women hate that, but feel they must listen, Gray says.

That's not exactly an original insight, and Gray admitted by phone recently his books don't always contain innovative advice. Men and women need help more than ever, he says, and the roaring success of his Mars and Venus books (five titles so far; millions of sales) seems to prove he's right.

"It's like my book title has become more famous than my name," Gray says. "People know what to expect and what message they're going to get, which is very traditional, very positive, but updated."

Yet John Gray has only scant status in the eyes of some critics. His Ph.D. in psychology and human sexuality is from Columbia Pacific University in San Rafael, Calif. — a correspond-



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—John Gray, author of 'Men Are From Mars, Women Are From Venus'

den school. And a scathing profile in Time magazine last year noted with incredulity that Gray purports to believe in extraterrestrial life. It said he traveled for nine years with Maharishi Mahesh Yogi, who in the late 1960s was guru to the Beatles and other media stars.

Later, fellow celebrity counselor and wife Barbara De Angelis left him for another man. The crisis led Gray to his vision of men and women as really, really different creatures, though this view usually is credited to Deborah Tanner, a George Washington University neurologist.

Nevertheless, if the messenger doesn't get much respect in professional therapy circles, the message apparently is all right.

"I think his major contribution is he moved people to think it was acceptable to view men and women as different," says Diane Brashera, a clinical associate professor of obstetrics/gynecology and psychiatry at Indiana

University School of Medicine. "When there's a major difference in a relationship, it turns out to be normative, not sick."

Plus, Gray is a moneymaking machine — no one argues with his success. Mars and Venus has become a brand name that's every bit as recognizable as Jim Davis' Garfield or Ralph Lauren's Polo line.

Gray's corporate offices are in Phoenix — complete with an 800 number to hawk his myriad products. He trains and licenses other counselors for a handsome fee at his Mars/Venus Institute in Mill Valley, Calif.

Gray's Mars and Venus books have sold about 10 million copies at an average price of \$27 a copy, plus 2 million audio cassettes and 300,000 videos.

The author also heads up a one-on-one telephone counseling service (he recruits new clients, and counselors, with a full-page ad in the back of his latest book), and he gets up to \$35,000 for each talk he gives at corporate events.

They make kindest cut of all: Donating hair to sick children



AGING Lucille S. deVieux

Sherri Benoun spent her first day back at work shocking people. She appeared in our office doorways, watched for expressions of surprise, and laughed.

The shock? After years of having long, almost waist-length black hair, Sherri, 38, suddenly had short hair that fluffed around her face. It changed not only her appearance but her very nature as a changeless person devoid of vanity.

But vanity wasn't the reason for getting short. She did it for a cause, as she does most things. She had learned about Locks of Love, a group that uses donations of natural hair to create hairpieces for children afflicted with long-term medical hair loss.

It seemed to Sherri, an Anaheim, Calif., resident, a small thing to have her own locks chopped off for a child whose genetic baldness is causing anguish and the loss of self-esteem.

— Knight, 50, of Fort Lauderdale, Fla., founded the nonprofit group because she knows the pain. At age 14, she was raped—her head in a scarf when she became one of the 2 million Americans who suffer

hair loss from alopecia areata, one-third of them children. There are treatments, she points out, but no known cure.

Knight became a professional in the hair-replacement business, and 10 months ago launched Locks of Love. Its aim is to create hairpieces for young people who cannot afford them.

To date, we've supplied prosthetics to 15 cancer patients," she says, "including Jessie, 11, who told me it has changed her life. It took 250 pounds of donated hair to make her hairpiece. Its vacuum fit on her head allows her to keep her normal, active lifestyle, including swimming, which she loves."

Who donates? "A woman sent us her hair that she'd kept for 50 years, wrapped in the newspaper of that year. Another sent her mother's hair. Many come from children helping other children,

some from women facing chemotherapy who prefer to cut their hair ahead of time and donate it.

"The letters that come with the hair are so touching, we plan to publish a book of them."

Rules for donors: Hair must be at least 10 inches in length, bundled and ponytailed (usually before cutting) with ends running in the same direction, free of chemical processing, and placed in a plastic bag and mailed in a padded envelope to Locks of Love, 1723 E. Commercial Blvd., Fort Lauderdale, Fla. 33334.

Monetary donations to the organization are tax-deductible. For information, call (888) 896-1588.

So, after my friend Sherri laughs at the surprise of her colleagues when they see her short hair, she explains Locks of Love. She already has rallied three others to follow her lead. Cheers, Sherri. You look beautiful. —

Lucille S. deVieux, the writing coach for The Orange County Register, writes a weekly column on aging. Write to her at The Orange County Register, P.O. Box 11626, Santa Ana, Calif. 92711.

Without a trace: Instructions are out there for acquiring a whole new identity

Knight-Ridder News Service

Ever dream of walking away from your troubles and starting life over as another person — someone without a nagging spouse, a dead-end job, and credit woes?

Picture a fresh start with a new birth certificate, driver's license, Social Security number, passport — maybe even a diplomatic appointment, graduate degree, and professional memberships.

It would be like running your very own (though not necessarily legal) witness-protection program — one that would put a new spin on the idea of being "born again."

Books on the subject have been on the shelves for years, explaining how anybody willing to send away for a dead stranger's birth certificate can parlay that into a matching set of government-issued documents. And now the Internet is getting in on the act, offering information and services for anyone seeking to run away, but from all.

It's all so deliciously intriguing, but does anybody really pull it

off? It takes patience and perseverance to manipulate the bureaucratic maze necessary to get authentic ID documents. "Most people don't go to such elaborate extremes," said Michael Levy, firm assistant U.S. attorney for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania.

Average criminals (and underage drinkers) tend to satisfy their needs with forgeries. Most of the 3,500 people charged each year with passport fraud are caught with forged documents, not whole new identities, officials said.

And it is illegal, right? Still, when the word legal appears in one of these how-to book titles, the companies include disclaimers: You must be 18 years or older ... This information is provided for entertainment purposes only ... The fraudulent use of ID is illegal.

Still, desperate people will do anything, Levy said, to satisfy their needs. In some cases, they do. "So who's buying these books? Some are people who delight in defying the government. An anarchist likes to challenge like a mountain climber — because it's

there. As if to punish Big Brother for invading his privacy, the anarchist may use the new ID to escape taxes, and he takes particular pride in knowing the government itself issued proof of his new identification. Others have something or someone specific to hide from.

Debbie Castleberry knows from experience. As a journalist 18 years ago, she established a new identity and got a government-issued birth certificate, Social Security number, and driver's license just to show it could be done.

"The trick is to find the name of a child who died on or around the year of your birth. So, you scan death announcements in newspaper archives at the library. They apply to the state for a duplicate birth certificate. And with that, you can get any supporting documents you want. It made for a fun story at the time, she said, but it became a frightening reality in 1995 when her husband used the same techniques to disappear with their 6-year-old son, Justin.

Melatonin has yet to show effect against aging in people

The Washington Post

Melatonin is a hormone that helps keep the brain and body attuned to the environment. In humans and other mammals, it synchronizes the internal biological clock with the external cues of daylight and darkness.

"Melatonin seems to be a molecule that tells the body when it's dark," says Andrew Monjan, chief of the neurobiology and aging branch of the National Institute on Aging. It makes people sleepy, but peeps up signals that inhibit such as rats. "It signals to the brain: It's nighttime. Do what you do at night." Monjan said.

The body's melatonin factory, a pea-sized organ called the pineal gland that sits at the center of the brain, makes the hormone in response to signals from the visual system. Melatonin production is stimulated by darkness and inhibited by bright light.

Because most melatonin is released into the bloodstream during the dark hours, it also provides the body with information about changes in day length. This helps the animal's reproductive system respond to the seasons, a function that is more important for seasonal breeders like sheep

and deer than for humans. Like many other hormones, melatonin levels decline with age. Sold as a dietary supplement, melatonin began to be marketed as an anti-aging hormone a few years ago, largely on the strength of controversial mouse studies by Italian endocrinologist Walter Pierpaoli and William Regelson of the Medical College

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— Andrew Monjan, neurobiologist at the National Institute on Aging

more sexually active, and had better immune systems. In a 1994 study, the researchers transplanted pineal glands from young mice into old ones and reported that the surgery rejuvenated the elderly mice and extended their lifespan. They concluded that melatonin from the young pineal glands was responsible.

However, Harvard melatonin researchers Steven M. Reppert and David R. Weaver wrote in a 1995 article in the journal Cell that the transplant experiment proves nothing of the kind, because Pierpaoli and Regelson used a strain of mice that is genetically incapable of making melatonin.

They also note that supplementing mouse diets with melatonin produced conflicting results in different strains. In one strain that does make melatonin, the supplementation actually shortened survival by inducing tumors of the reproductive system.

No research has shown that the hormone prevents or reverses aging in people, although various studies in animals suggest that melatonin enhances immune function and (in very large doses) can help protect against cell damage.

of Virginia that were described in their 1995 book, "The Melatonin Miracle." In a set of studies starting in the mid-1980s, Pierpaoli and Regelson found that mice that received melatonin supplements in their drinking water lived an average of six months longer than untreated mice (whose normal lifespan was two years). The melatonin-treated mice were also reported to be more vigorous and

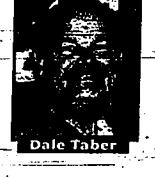
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PAMELA BOLDT has joined the Heilig-Meyers Sales Team. Pamela has lived in Twin Falls since 1989. Pamela brings with her 7 years' experience in the retail industry. Formerly of Theisen Motors, Pamela would like to invite her friends and customers to visit her at Heilig-Meyers today!



DALE TABER has joined the Heilig-Meyers Sales Team. Dale has lived in the Magic Valley since June 1993. Dale has been in the furniture and electronics industry since 1965. Formerly of Wilson-Bates, Dale would like to invite his friends and customers to visit him at Heilig-Meyers today!

SOCIAL SECURITY Q & A

Knight-Ridder News Service

Q. I'm disabled and receive Supplemental Security Income. Is it true that I can receive SSI payments while getting training in a job.

A. Yes, under a "Plan For Achieving Self-Support" or PASS, certain SSI recipients can receive income and resources to use in attaining a specific job or starting a business that is likely to result in becoming more financially independent. The income and resources set aside are to be used toward the reasonable cost of obtaining those items and services the person needs to realize the work goal, such as training, purchasing special equipment or getting a degree.

The person will be expected to account for any money set aside and resources spent. For more information about PASS, call the nearest office and ask for the leader, "Working While Disabled — A Guide To

Plans For Achieving Self-Support While Receiving SSI. Q. When a person applies for Social Security disability benefits, who decides if he or she is disabled?

A. After a person applies for benefits at the Social Security office, the Social Security representative reviews the application to make sure the applicant has worked long enough and recently enough to qualify for benefits. The office will then send the applica-

tion to the Disability Determination Services office in that state. In the DDS office, a team consisting of a physician (or psychologist) and a disability evaluation specialist will consider all the facts in the person's case and decide if he or she is disabled.

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Life goes on, even now that 'Small Stuff' is a big seller

Knight-Ridder News Service
MARTINEZ, Calif. — Richard Carlson is proof that nice guys don't necessarily finish last.
How is it that the 60-year-old, named his keyboard book "Happy"? He called his weekly newspaper column "Prescription for Happiness." And he has made a career out of teaching others how to relax as a stress-reduction counselor.

But it wasn't until last year that he hit the big time with "Don't Sweat the Small Stuff...and Yes, All Small Stuff" (Hyperion, \$9.95). With the unabashed prescription for a life of happiness, Winifrey, Carlson's wife, sold some of his last year's best-selling books so far. It has sold 5 million copies in the United States, and has been translated into many languages from Japanese to Chinese.
So has success changed the man his mentor nicknamed "Happy"?

Not according to those who know him best, like family friend Debbie Wilson.
"I haven't seen anything go up his head," says Wilson, who met the Carlsons seven years ago when she started babysitting their oldest daughter. "They haven't sold any houses and moved into a million-dollar mansion."
In fact, Carlson still lives in the gracious hilltop Martinez, Calif., home he and wife Elaine bought 12 years ago, with daughters Jerry, 8, Kenya, 6, and a veritable menagerie of two horses, two cats, five dogs and two hamsters at last count.
His daughters seem only mildly impressed that Dad is famous. "We love the time he spends with us," says Carlson's latest "Oprah" search engine on television one rainy winter storm.
"He's been on before," says Jerry, an inquisitive girl with a very

sense of humor. Carlson chuckles as he explains the nickname. Jerry coined the term one day when he was learning the "Don't Sweat the Small Stuff" motto. "She said, 'You're a little bit of a happy guy,'" says Carlson, who is now a full-time author.
Even though Oprah (teasingly called Carlson "Old Oprah's List," the couple has no desire to live a lifestyle of the rich and famous, says Elaine Carlson, who met her husband as a student at Pepperdine University.
"We are really committed when

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Why is life so hard to deal with?
—Richard Carlson, author

we are," she says. "I once lived in a change of life, we would be living the way Richard talks in his books."
Carlson's message in a simple one: Life is not an emergency.
"How do we deal with the moment, naturally, don't sweat the small stuff."
"People are so ungrateful," he says one day while sitting in a lecture at Shoshone Community College, "that they're so angry about the things that happen to them that they don't see the things that are good about them."
"People handle things differently well," he says. "Look at the way people handle rejection after an earthquake. But have little stuff happen, and people flip out. Why

is life so hard to deal with?"
The trick, he confides, is in choosing priorities. For him, that comes in the form of family. His next book, due out in April, is titled "Don't Sweat the Small Stuff...and Yes, All Small Stuff."
He wrote it in response to readers who said they had a hard time keeping life simple when it came to the stresses of family life in the '90s.
"My goal is to teach people to be a little kinder and more generous, to allow other people to be right. There's a big payoff there for families. When one person is happier, the whole family gets to be happier."
A big part of being committed to one's family is giving it the time it deserves, says Carlson.
"But despite its worldwide success, 'Don't Sweat the Small Stuff' has been written by Carlson had followed another career path — that of a professional tennis player.

As a senior at Pepperdine University, Carlson was a state-ranked tennis player, says Marvin Levin, Carlson's former coach and early advisor. He talked to Levin about leaving college to join the tennis circuit.
"I was thinking about going to Wimbledon and have 25,000 people standing up and clap for you," and Richard again," recalls Levin, a Walnut Creek, Calif., real estate venture capitalist. "But when I asked him why you would want to go to Wimbledon, he didn't know."
"But when I asked him if he'd ever heard of Sir Ken Wilber or Longfellow, he agreed to lead," says Levin, clearly remembering the retelling of the story. "So I said if you want real fame, do something other than hitting a ball over the net and making people clap for you."
Carlson has certainly taken that advice to heart.

Crawling imperative to overcoming ADHD and learning disabilities

Indianapolis Star and News
INDIANAPOLIS — Before you can walk, you must crawl. That old adage is often cited to hint at the nature of progress — and success.

Now, two University of Indianapolis education professors suggest that the saying aptly describes one aspect of child development. If you didn't crawl much as an infant, they say, you may well have learning disabilities or Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder.

Children with ADHD often are impulsive, restless, intense and disorganized, experts say. Deciding who has ADHD can be tricky, experts acknowledge. It's not something that any standard medical test can detect. Typically, the child is diagnosed following a doctor's observation of the child and interviews with parents and teachers.

But the solution to ADHD or learning disabilities is simple, say Nancy O'Dell and Patricia Cook. Get back on the floor and learn how to crawl again.

Once people learn to crawl correctly and crawl long enough, say the professors, they will grow more neatly, play sports more competitively and do homework more effectively.

In most instances, those with ADHD or learning disabilities didn't crawl enough as infants, O'Dell and Cook say. Maybe they scooped sugar, took interest in what they spent a lot of time in a playpen or walker. Perhaps they just spent little time crawling and quickly graduated to walking.

"While playpens can occasionally be put to good use, we would like to see all walkers banned from the face of the earth, because they deny the child the opportunity to 'crawl' at all," O'Dell and Cook write in "Stagnating Hyperactivity, A New Solution" (Avery Publishing Group, Inc. 1997, \$12.95).

If a baby does not crawl enough, the result is an immature symmetric tonic neck reflex, say O'Dell and Cook. That means the top half of their bodies never learned to work in opposition to the bottom half.

O'Dell and Cook have developed a seven-month regimen of crawling exercises that are detailed in their book. While the professors have evaluated students and taught families the crawling exercises in their offices, they wrote the book so families could do the exercises on their own. They are finishing a companion video that will sell for \$30 to \$40 and available through their book publisher later this month.

The two professors, who specialize in teaching students with learning disabilities, typically charge about \$200 for the training and evaluation over several months in their clinic at the University of Indianapolis on the Southside.

Some ADHD researchers, such as Purdue University's Sydney Zentall, who has ADHD herself, dismiss the professors' claims. Zentall has spent 30 years researching the causes and treatments of ADHD.

She is appalled by the professors' assertions. She calls their work "mythology" that scientific studies dismissed as irrelevant years ago. Zentall is a past member of the advisory council of the international support group of Children and Adults with Attention Deficit Disorder and is a member of that organization's hall of fame.

"There is no data any place that shows that any kind of motor training has any effect on anything academic," she says. "Zentall is part of the floor or their hands and knees with hundreds of kids, they say, and the exercises have helped them cure ADHD, learning disabilities and motor development problems every time."

Tips can help when choosing a roommate

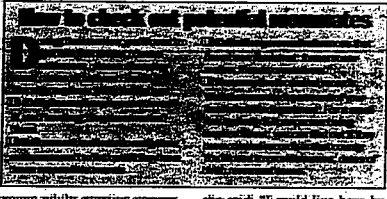
The Orlando Sentinel

ORLANDO, Fla. — Julie King is thankful to have roommates she likes and trusts in an Orlando house with her sister and a male "friend of a friend." The two pay \$250 a month each, and she says \$225. "I have the master bedroom, so I pay a little more."

King's previous roommate had a cat she didn't like, friends she liked even less and a lifestyle markedly different from hers.
"We roomed together for a year and a half," said King, a 26-year-old insurance underwriter. "He was nice, but he was a pretty person and I'm not. It seemed like every morning I'd get up at 6 and there would be a different friend of his sleeping on the couch."

As much as King likes her current situation, she knows it can't last. She already worries about having to go through the roommate search again.
"It's tough. It's not like you're picking a friend, you're picking someone to live with."

The ordeal of picking someone to live with for the purpose of sharing living expenses is a common one. College students,



young adults searching careers, divorced people who mustering, they no longer can afford, elderly widows on fixed incomes — they all know how daunting the search for a suitable roommate can be.
King summed up the task in two words: "Tricky."
Then again, the room can be great. By sharing expenses, people can live in a hipper, nicer place than they would on their own.
Jo Ann Craven, 45, is actively searching for a roommate to live in the Orlando home. She has been here since a divorce seven years ago.
"It's a headache situation,"

ON THE JOB

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Rx for disability

This one gives new meaning to the adage: "Physician, heal thyself." Doctors, once among the most dependable professions in America, have been leaving their jobs in sharply rising numbers to collect disability benefits, according to insurance executives. Some data have shown that many doctors are dissatisfied with the changes ERMs and other managed-care companies have wrought in the health-care system. Insurers believe that declining morale is a key factor in the growth of disability claims, the Washington Post reports.

A repeated warning

You can't dismiss this occupational hazard as being all in the mind. Repetitive stress injury is a real medical condition, caused by nerve damage. British researchers report in the International Archives of Occupational and Environmental Health. Medical and legal experts have often dismissed complaints of chronic pain in fingers and hands, but now report that the injuries linked to intensive keyboard use are due to

It's mostly incommunicable

Working long hours may be good for your career, women find it could make it more difficult to conceive. And that's not just because you're too tired or have no time. "Our findings imply that long working hours could have an adverse effect on fertility of the couple, which goes beyond the effect on libido and sexual activity." That researchers report in the journal Occupational and Environmental Medicine.

A decent deal

Ambulance-chasing lawyers, however, the Justice Department says, are not the worst off. In the 1996 American Disease Family Assistance Act, A

Cleveland lawyer was sued for contracting the wife of an aircraft victim within seven days after the crash. The law, which establishes a 30-day moratorium on lawyers making "unsolicited communications" with relatives of passengers injured or killed in an airplane disaster, was passed after families told lawyers stories about being approached within hours of plane crashes.

Looking you up and down

What's going on in the minds of your fellow elevator passengers? According to Entrepreneur magazine, it's likely to be curiosity. You. The magazine quotes a survey by Schneider Elevator Corp., which learned that more than half of elevator riders admit they're quietly looking over the other people.



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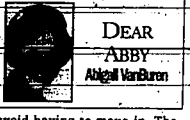
Pending bill in Congress gives seniors chance to stay home

DEAR ABBY: You printed a letter recently from a woman who didn't understand why people wouldn't want to go to a nursing home when they get old. You printed that many are hesitant to give up their independence and family surroundings or to "surrender control of their lives" and need the assisted living facilities offer varying levels of care that are a more attractive alternative.

There can be a far better choice: A bill currently before Congress offers senior citizens and persons with disabilities the option to maintain their independence and control of their lives while remaining in their own homes — or the option to choose a congregated (group-care) facility if that is their preference.

This bill is the Medicaid Community Amendment Services Act (HR2020). The bill, known as MCGASA for Spanish for "my choice," introduced by Speaker of the House Newt Gingrich and co-sponsored by House Minority Leader Richard Gephardt, would amend Title XIX of the Social Security Act-Medicaid to create a new option called "Qualified Community-Based Attendant Services."

Anyone eligible for a nursing facility or intermediate-care facility services for the mentally retarded would be allowed to stay in their own home and receive attendant care to assist them in their home, workplace, recreation or religious activities. The money follows the individual. It can be used to meet out of congregated-care settings or to



avoid having to move in. The need for assistance in daily living and health-related tasks will no longer mean that people have to give up their familiar surroundings or their independence. This bill will benefit everyone who is disabled or will ever have a disability or be old — and that's everyone. To secure the right to choose, call or write your representatives in Congress and urge them to co-sponsor and vote for this important bill.

—GAIL B. KEAR, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, NURSING CENTER FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING, BLOOMINGTON, ILL.

DEAR GAIL: Thank you for alerting me to this pending legislation. The vast majority of the mail I've received in response to the letter from "Living It Up to the Best" contains horror stories about the conditions faced by seniors when they enter nursing homes. Of course there are exceptions, but the MCGASA bill appears to be the answer to countless prayers. I hope we'll hear more about it in the near future. Read on.

DEAR ABBY: As an advocate for nursing home residents, I'm

aware of cases throughout the country of abuse and neglect in nursing homes, as well as violations of residents' most basic rights.

Nursing home residents and their families never call me to share the wonderful experiences they have had with a particular facility. They call to report that they were sexually abused by a staff member or left to lie in their own waste for hours until someone could change their sheets, or they were refused readmission to the nursing home after they were sent to a hospital emergency room.

"This some very good facilities provide excellent care, many poor nursing homes violate the law on a daily basis. "Living It Up" should spend time visiting local nursing homes. I'm sure many are neither "clean" nor "pleasant." Until or unless "Living It Up" has resided in a "nursing home," she should never pass judgment on those who refuse to consider a sterile and often undignified environment an "option" to living in their own home."

—ARZONA ADVOCATE

DEAR ADVOCATE: Conditions in nursing homes will not improve until families make it their business to stay in close touch with the residents, visiting frequently and at various hours — and making their relationship as often as possible to prevent them from becoming isolated. Carrying out that responsibility may not be easy, but it's vitally important.

101 reasons: Wayward spouses justify infidelity in creative ways

The Orlando Sentinel
 "My spouse doesn't understand me."
 "I'm a guy, and it's in my genes."
 "At least I'm not breaking up my family!"
 Those are some of the typical excuses offered by philandering spouses.

Some less typical excuses include "I'm Italian (or Spanish or some other Mediterranean ethnic group), and it's in my blood" and this doozy: "It's not adultery if there's no intercourse."
 Indeed, there have been reports that President Clinton, currently snarled in the White House sex scandal, has said that oral sex isn't adultery.

Though most of us hoot with laughter at those lines, the people who use them find in them a ray of hope.
 "A rationalization is a defense mechanism intended to reduce the anxiety or discomfort about a certain self-discovery," says a licensed psychologist in Winter Park, Fla.

For most of us, taking marital vows and then breaking them still presents at least something of a conflict.
 "Most studies suggest that half

of males and somewhat less than that percentage among females will experience extramarital sex," says Randy Fisher, a social psychologist at the University of Central Florida. "If you ask people what they think about extramarital sex, even a lot of those who've engaged in it will tell you they disapprove of it."

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 —Randy Fisher, social psychologist

Some of that inconsistency is rooted in our Judeo-Christian proscriptions against adultery, and the shame that traditionally has been associated with breaking that commandment.
 And the boundaries of what constitutes adultery are somewhat flexible. "If you ask people what they think about adultery, you will get a wide range of answers. "If you go to work every day and have coffee with the same person and tell her everything about your life, then go home and don't tell your wife anything — is there something about that that's unfaithful?"

asks Stan Chernofsky, chair of the Marriage, Family and Child Counseling Program at California State University, Northridge.

The answer, of course, depends on the individual. "If you ask people what they think about extramarital sex, even a lot of those who've engaged in it will tell you they disapprove of it."

For many couples, the bottom line in defining adultery — and feeling the need to rationalize it — is how one's actions affects the marital partnership, says Chernofsky, author of "When Women Leave Men."
 For instance, couples who've reached an "understanding" — that one or both will have extramarital affairs — don't feel much need to rationalize their extramarital activities.
 "If a partner doesn't care, and the couple are not in the public eye, then it's not a big deal to the couple," says Chernofsky.
 However, if one of the spouses objects to the other's wandering eye (and exhibiting body parts), the rationalization will resort to cheating.
 Even the most sexually liberated among us feel compelled to rationalize an infidelity, however, to some extent, says Fisher, the social psychologist.
 "They may not feel guilty about their infidelity, but they do about the deception they have to engage in to keep it a secret."

Ways to mend a broken heart

Los Angeles Times
 Hearts are broken every day, but somehow the rate of occurrence doesn't diminish the sting for anyone. Even the mighty are brought to their knees by rejection from a loved one.
 Clients come into Marcia Lamm's office at the West Valley Psychological Clinic in Los Angeles, asking: "Can you take the sting?"
 "Allow yourself the time to heal," said Lamm, a clinical psychologist for 11 years.
 Many social scientists have developed models for recovery. It takes half the time of a relationship; it takes the entire time of the relationship. There is no simple formula, Lamm said.
 "When a couple is together for any period of time, they merge," Lamm said. The two form an entity that is separate and larger than each person.
 "When a couple breaks up, the loss is really about refining the

self and being able to say goodbye," Lamm said. And not just saying goodbye to the other person, but to the couple itself and the expectations involved in the relationship.
 The goal to healing, she said, is to regain "a sense of power and a sense of being able to subdue that hurt you're really living."
 "The first step is in personal feeling of emptiness. Time heals, but the best thing you can do is to try to fill yourself up again."
 Lamm doesn't mean to go off another relationship, but, finally, to fill yourself up with friends, and activities that are emotionally fulfilling.
 "Joining groups allows a person to reconnect with people and the world," she said. Charming clubs, art classes and religious studies groups allow a person to interact with a lot of people without deeply connecting with anyone.
 "Groups allow a person an

interest in a relatively risk-free environment," she said.
 Lamm also encourages various forms of self-calming, such as meditation, exercise and "Eating excessively. I don't suggest," she said.
 A breakup is also an opportunity for self-discovery. It's a chance to learn about your feelings of the self, for finding out what was wrong with the relationship, what was empty.
 "It's not a coincidence that the relationship didn't work."
 And he continued that breaking up is not a defeat in the long term, as an "adjustment disorder." It is in life's normal realm of human experience, she said.
 Even widowed people who have had good marriages share with the divorced and broken-up "the same feelings of abandonment, betrayal and anger. The necessary process of moving on is very similar," Lamm said.

FAMILY NEWS YOU CAN USE

Combined wire reports
Childhood cancer produces legacy
 Girls treated for childhood cancer with chest radiation are 20 times more likely to develop breast cancer later in life, and run an extremely high risk of getting it by their early 20s. So says a study in the journal Cancer, which proposes that such women get their first mammogram at age 25 — 15 years earlier than generally recommended.
U.S. behind the times with maternity leave
 Motherhood? Our politicians are all for it — except when it comes to maternity leave. The United States is one of the few countries that has legal requirements for paid maternity leave. A U.N.-sponsored report says, "Most developed nations guarantee

that a woman receives between 75 and 100 percent of her pay for maternity leave ranging from eight weeks, said the 114-page "Maternity Protection At Work" study by the International Labor Organization.
You could win a true getaway to Alaska
 Need a getaway weekend? To introduce a new vacation package called "Rockwell Thermal Escape," the online shopping directory Big Yellow is offering three randomly selected couples the opportunity to really get away from it all. An Anchorage, Alaska. You must register by March 14, for miles and more information, call 888-244-9355.
Youngsters tune in to varied channels
 When it comes to television, your kids want to know what's on,

but where it's on. Today's children are the first generation to make no distinction between broadcast networks, pay cable or satellite TV, as a study done for MTV Networks says. Asked which TV network they turn to first, 39 percent of children ages 6 to 10 picked cable's Nickelodeon. Fox was second with 16 percent, followed by the networks Channel 5 and the Cartoon Network.
Millions of children eat breakfast at school
 Give your children a good head start on their day. So urges Secretary of Agriculture Dan Glickman, who wants more breakfast programs for schoolchildren. About 7.3 million children eat their morning meal at school through the school-breakfast program compared with 27.2 million at home, said the researcher. Many school lunches are free or reduced-price meals for poor kids.

Eight-Elder Room Service

It's 3 p.m., school's over and the dismissal bell has rung. Do you know where your children eat?
 At home, watching TV? At the playground, kicking a soccer ball around? At the mall, hanging with friends?
 Maybe not. If they attend one of a rising number of school districts, they might still be in a classroom with pencils in hand and worksheets on the desk before them.
 They might be like Aaron Aaron, who sat at a tiny desk in a Mount Holly, N.J., elementary school one recent Thursday afternoon, finishing a mathematics assignment.

"Now I don't have to do my homework at home," said Aaron, 9, a first-grader at Brunner School who gets about two pages of homework a night.
 "Now I can go out and play and do different things."
 Aaron is part of an increasing number of school programs — home-work clubs — These after-school programs — small clusters of students gather to do take-home assign-

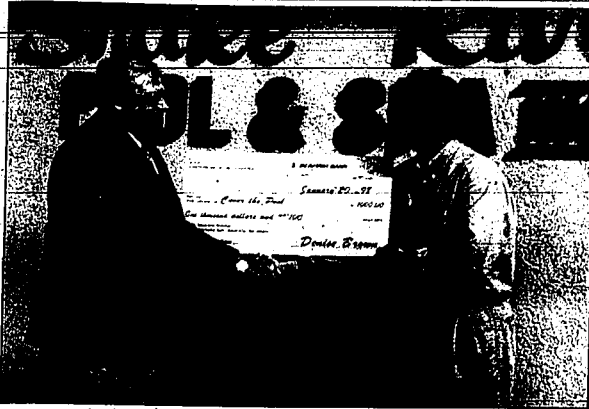
ments and study one-on-one with teachers — are popping up in districts.
 They attract standout students as well as those who are floundering. They are for kinder-

garters and high school students. They range from regimented school-district programs to informal groups at churches and community centers.

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ANOTHER STEP CLOSER



Courtesy: Jim Parson

Jim Parson of Snake River Pool and Spa presents a check for \$1,000 from the National Spa Pool Institute to Jim Blair of the Cover the Pool Committee. NSPI is an international organization which promotes public awareness of the health, safety and fitness benefits of swimming pools and spas.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Wrestlers begin season practice

TWIN FALLS - Twin Freestyle Wrestling practice for ages 5 and up begins Monday at the Twin Falls High School. Registration is at 4:30 p.m. Practice will be from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. For more information, call Debbie Garner at 734-5480 or Celeste McMillan at 734-8526.

Harley Davidson Riders to meet

TWIN FALLS - The Harley Davidson Riders group will meet at 7 p.m. Monday at the Royal Restaurant and Lounge. For more information, call Roger or Brenda at 733-0151.

Lucerne School requests information

BUHL - A planning meeting for the Lucerne School and Community Reunion is set for 7 p.m. Monday at the Moon Glo Park recreation center. Plans are progressing well, but addresses and information is still needed. Everyone is encouraged to attend the planning session.

MV Bassmasters to meet Monday

TWIN FALLS - The Magic Valley Bassmasters will meet at 8 p.m. Monday at the Creekside

Albertson College schedules auction

CALDWELL - The 12th annual Albertson College of Idaho Scholarship Benefit Auction is planned for April 25 in the J.A. Albertson Activities Center at the Albertson campus. Tickets go on sale Monday.

The theme, "Kentucky Derby," will be highlighted with a trip to the derby to be auctioned during the event. The trip is set for April 30 to May 3, so bidders have to come ready to go within a couple of days of the auction. Other featured items up for bid include: seven-day use of a 65-foot sailing vessel in the South Pacific, complete with a captain and first mate, donated by Albertson College Trustee Jack Lemley; an Idaho Mountain playhouse handcrafted by alumni Jason and Craig Roth of Roth & Sons Inc. construction company in Sun Valley; and several riding items donated by multiple Kentucky Derby winner Gary Stevens. Nearly 50 items will be up for bid during the silent and live auctions. Jacksons Food Stores is the corporate sponsor, and owner John Jackson is serving as event chairman. Cost is \$50 per person. Tickets can be reserved by calling (208) 459-5503.

Lutheran schools celebrate week

TWIN FALLS - National Lutheran Schools Week is March 2 through 8, and Immanuel Lutheran School is joining with 2,296 other Lutheran schools nationwide in celebrating the occasion. Principal Diana Westermann said the week is designed to celebrate the love of God through the blessing of Lutheran schools. This is Immanuel's 52nd year teaching children in the Magic Valley. "Celebrating God's Love - A Present for the Future" is this year's theme. Activities at Immanuel begin Monday with the governor's proclamation and a float paraded through Twin Falls. On Tuesday, students will tip their hats and sing to the governor with "Crazy Hat and Sock Day." Students and teachers will visit Bridgeview Estates, the Twin Falls Care Center, and the Woodstone Retirement Center on Wednesday. A Lenten soup supper prepared by teachers from Immanuel will be served to the public at 6 p.m. Wednesday at the Immanuel Lutheran Church; a Lenten service follows at 7 p.m. Thursday, students will host a Grandparents Open House from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Grandparents and other supporters of the children are invited to come see the classes and have lunch with the students. "Storybook Costume Dress-Up Day" on Friday rounds out the week. Sunday's 8:30 a.m. service at Immanuel Lutheran Church will

conclude with a song performed by students in preschool through eighth-grade classes. For more information about events and activities or a free registration and information packet, call 733-7820.

MVRS welcomes local public input

TWIN FALLS - Magic Valley Rehabilitation Services is asking for public input regarding the needs of people with disabilities in south-central Idaho.

All members of the public - especially those with disabilities and their advocates - are encouraged to contact MVRS and comment on what they believe are the existing needs of persons with disabilities and how MVRS can best address those needs.

"We'll use this information during our strategic planning session," MVRS Director of Rehabilitation Division John Badden said. "We want and need this information from the public to adjust services and to ensure they are meeting people's needs." The most targeted on the assessment questionnaire are vocational, residential, developmental and recreational needs. Input will be taken this week.

Those interested in participating can call John Badden at 734-4132 or stop by the MVRS offices at 484 Eastland Drive S. between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Accommodation will be available for anyone needing assistance.

Celebrating its 25th anniversary, MVRS is south-central Idaho's leading rehabilitation program dedicated to helping persons who are disabled, disadvantaged or displaced obtain a level of independence through specialized evaluation, training, personal development and employment services.

Speaker uncovers Idaho's flowers

TWIN FALLS - Welcome Wagon of Twin Falls will meet at 11:30 a.m. Tuesday at the Weston Plaza, 1350 Blue Lakes Blvd. N. Lunch will be served at noon. College of Southern Idaho Science Professor Dennis Pettigrove will present a slide show and discussion on Wild Flowers of Idaho and the Northwest. Cost is \$7 per person. For reservations, call Callie Ely at 735-8234. Cancellations must be made by noon Monday or you will be subject to billing.

Auxiliary plans 2 p.m. meeting

TWIN FALLS - The Magic Valley Regional Medical Center Auxiliary will hold a general meeting at 2 p.m. Tuesday. Melissa Owen of Management Information Systems at MVRMC will be the guest speaker. Five medical field scholarships will be awarded. The new auxiliary gift shop, located at the new main entrance of the hospital, will be announced. The shop has a selection of "T-shirt" and other gifts and floral items. The grand opening will be held this month.

SCHOOL LUNCHEMENS

Only main dishes are listed. All other items are milk and fruit.

BUHL

Monday: Breakfast served everyday.
Tuesday: Cereal and cinnamon toast
Wednesday: Breakfast pizza
Thursday: Breakfast and gravy
Friday: Cereal and toast
Lunch:
Monday: Sloppy Joes
Tuesday: Hot dogs
Wednesday: Pepperconi pizza
Thursday: Taco salad
Friday: Fish sandwich

CASTLEFORD

Monday: Scopes
Tuesday: French toast
Wednesday: Cinnamon rolls
Thursday: Cereal
Friday: Breakfast muffin
Lunch: Self-serve salad bar
Monday: Breakfast for lunch
Tuesday: Sack lunches
Wednesday: Beef stew
Thursday: Spaghetti
Friday: Pizza

FILER

Monday: Chicken nuggets
Tuesday: Sloppy Joes
Wednesday: Cool's choice
Thursday: Idaho haystacks
Friday: Deli turkey

HANSEN

Monday: Cereal
Tuesday: Pancakes
Wednesday: Quesadilla
Thursday: Burgers
Friday: Long Joes
Lunch:
Monday: Soft taco
Tuesday: Cheesy nachos
Wednesday: Rib-b-que on bun
Thursday: Chicken party
Friday: Sub sandwich

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN SCHOOL

Monday: Pigs in a blanket
Tuesday: Baked potato bar
Wednesday: Spaghetti with meat sauce
Friday: Crisp taco

KIMBERLY

Breakfast served everyday.
Lunch: At elementary school, main line menu is served each day; fifth grade will be offered salad bar on Tuesdays; fourth grade will be offered salad bar on Thursdays. At middle school and high school, choice of main line menu or chef salad each day.
Monday: Enchiladas
Tuesday: Chicken fillet
Wednesday: Barchettas
Thursday: Roast beef
Friday: Turkey subs

MAGIC VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL

Monday: Chef's salad
Tuesday: Chicken sandwich
Wednesday: Nachos with cheese sauce
Thursday: Baked chicken
Friday: Cheeseburger deluxe
Monday: Noodles alfredo
Tuesday: Sausage gravy over biscuits
Wednesday: Taco
Thursday: Soup-and
Friday: Sloppy Joes

MURTAUGH

Monday: Sloppy Joes
Tuesday: Hot dogs
Wednesday: Turkey deli sandwich
Thursday: Lasagna
Friday: Macaroni and cheese

ST. EDWARD'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Monday: Sloppy Joes
Tuesday: Hot dogs
Wednesday: Turkey deli sandwich
Thursday: Lasagna
Friday: Macaroni and cheese

LUNCH:

Monday: Chef's salad
Tuesday: Chicken sandwich
Wednesday: Nachos with cheese sauce
Thursday: Baja chicken
Friday: Cheeseburger

TWIN FALLS JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOLS

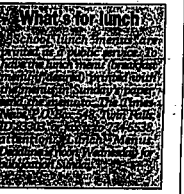
Breakfast served everyday.
Lunch: Junior highs have a choice of main line or second line menu. Salad bar, soup and sandwich bar, taco bar and potato bar available on alternate days.
Monday: Rib-b-que sandwich
Tuesday: Pizza
Wednesday: Ham and cheese sandwich
Thursday: Pizza
Friday: Hot dogs

TWIN FALLS HIGH SCHOOL

Breakfast served everyday.
Lunch: The high school has a choice of main line, hamburger bar and salad bar, taco bar on Wednesdays and potato bar on Fridays. Main line menu varies everyday.

VALLEY

Breakfast served everyday.
Lunch: Monday: Sloppy Joes
Tuesday: Pizza
Wednesday: Chicken burger
Thursday: Turkey and gravy
Friday: Chicken noodle soup



Restaurant group meets Tuesday

TWIN FALLS - The Magic Valley Restaurant Association will meet at 8:30 p.m. Tuesday at the Uptown Bistro, 117 E. Main St.

Hafner's plans popular card game

TWIN FALLS - Hafner's Cards and Comics is sponsoring Arena, a senior card game of Magic the Gathering. Games are played from 5 to 9 p.m. Tuesdays. The next season starts this Tuesday at the shop, 336 Fourth St.

Wishing Star seeks willing volunteers

TWIN FALLS - The local Wishing Star Volunteer Chapter will hold a membership and informational meeting at 7 p.m. Tuesday at Magic the Gathering. Anyone interested in becoming a member or those who just want more information are invited. Caring people who are willing to share some of their time are needed. For more information, call 734-6695.

CLASSES

Computer class offered in Buhl

BUHL - The Buhl Community Education and Recreation Association Inc. is offering a computer class on "How to use Excel from Microsoft Office." Participants will learn to manipulate a spreadsheet, use formulas and set up inventory and a personal budget. Class will meet from 5:30 to 7 p.m. Tuesdays, March 10 through April 14, at the Buhl High School business computer lab, Room 106. Cost is \$20. Sign up now; space is limited. For more information or to register, call Connie Glander at 543-6553 after 4 p.m.

CSI money looks at money matters

TWIN FALLS - A "Money Matters for Women" class is being offered through the College of Southern Idaho Continuing Education Division.

Parsons joins Navy team of Seabees

Joshua J. Parsons is part of a small group of sailors that rarely deploy on Navy ships. Yet they spend more time in foreign countries than their sea-going counterparts. These highly trained men are Navy Seabees. Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class Parsons is assigned to Navy Mobile Construction Battalion Three. As a utilities man, Parsons maintains and repairs equipment used in the distillation of water. His company is always the forward deployed unit in a contingency and is assigned to the support platform. It makes sure that all showers, hot water, heat, sewage and fresh water systems are ready for the battalion and handles the plumbing and other utilities on all projects. Parsons, 23, is the son of Niel Parsons of Elko and a two-year Navy veteran.

Wright attends basic in Missouri

Chris Wright has enlisted in the U.S. Army for three years through the Army's Delayed Entry Program. Wright will attend basic and advanced individual training at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo., with a career in the specialty. He is the son of Tom and Jackie Wright of Jackson, Nev. He plans to graduate from Twin Falls High School in June.

Thomas receives specialized training

Sp. Stacy Thomas of Hansen has received instruction on the "Jaws for Life" at Kapositlak Airfield in Hungary. Thomas is a member of the 1049th Engineering Detachment (Firefighters) and the Idaho Army National Guard. He and his unit have been deployed to Hungary in support of Operation Joint Guard, an international peacekeeping effort in the Balkans. His wife, Jennifer, and children, Austin and Chase, reside in Hansen.

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FAMILY LIFE

Real moms speak out

A friend of mine told me about the day when her little boy packed his tiny suitcase and decided to run away from home. He marched up his mother and told her he was leaving. He said he had decided to take his little sister along, too, because, "You don't deserve to have children."

There probably isn't a mother anywhere in the world who hasn't had her children boiling mad at her — for some minor parental infraction or other.

And life inside the family cycle continues to become more and more complicated.

As the children struggle to understand their parents, the little dears tend to get mixed up quite a lot.

"I'll never forget the day when my husband dropped off our then grade-school-age son at a birthday party in another part of town. Some of the boys at the party didn't know each other, and the only kid who hadn't arrived yet was a kid named Ryan.

After my son was in the house, his father noticed the birthday gift had been left in the car, so Dad trudged up the driveway with the gift. As he entered the house, he overheard one of the boys saying to another boy, "Do you suppose that's Ryan?"

The second boy replied, "I don't think so; Ryan's probably not some old guy."

Another child attempting to understand her parents was interviewed by Family Circle magazine a few years ago. The children quoted in the story were asked questions about their parents.

Here's what the 7-year-old girl told the interviewer who doesn't want to describe her mother: "My mom is about as tall as most grown-ups' necks, and I don't know how much she weighs because she is always on a diet. I think when I grow up I'll be a



LIFE AND TIMES
Denise Turner

mommy because I already know how to go on a diet and lose a few pounds."

Most of us will probably never fully understand our parents, even after we become adults. And why should we? Much of the time, Moms and Dads are just as nutty as their children are.

But the parent-child relation-

There probably isn't a mother anywhere in the world who hasn't had her children boiling mad at her — for some minor parental infraction or other.

ship remains in effect for life, not just until the kids turn 18. Whether we like it or not.

I know one woman who remodels her home nearly every year because her adult children, one by one, have ended up coming back home and living with her at various times.

Even when that doesn't happen, the ties that bind are seldom loosened very dramatically. You'd think this would give us plenty of time and opportunity to figure each other out. But it doesn't seem to work like that.

And yet, in some ways, we mothers are pretty consistent. So maybe our kids can eventually figure out a few of the basics.

For example, here's some of the stuff you will never hear a real mother say:

• Don't worry about cleaning your room before you get out to

play ball. I have some extra time, so I'd enjoy cleaning it for you.

• This is going to hurt you more than it's going to hurt me.

• I don't have any opinion on how you get your hair cut.

• Don't share with your sister too much. You won't have enough left for yourself.

• Stay out as late as you want. I'll be sound asleep when you get home anyway.

• Don't you think you should drive a little faster?

• I can't hear your music very well. Could you turn it up a little?

• You probably need to put on more makeup.

• Are you sure that skirt is short enough?

• Could you tell me some more of those jokes you heard your seventh-grade friends tell?

• I've never known anyone who shot out his eye with a BB gun.

• Why wait until you're older?

• Every day, my parents used to let me sleep late and then give me a ride to school.

• If you eat that candy and ruin your supper today, you can always eat supper tomorrow.

• I'm doing this for my own good.

• You can cross your eyes as often as you want, but they're never going to freeze that way.

• Go ahead. All of the other kids are probably doing it anyway.

• You look a little pale. Maybe you should stay home from school and play video games today.

• I'm tired of watching you do homework every night. Let's just go to the movies.

• Don't you think it's just the time for us to buy you your own car?

Denise Turner is assistant features editor at The Times-News.

Votes.

If you want some, this is the place to start.

78% of people over 18 years old read the Times-News.

Defiant kids spur creative discipline

Knight-Ridder News Service

ANTIOCH, Calif. — By the time children emerge from babyhood, they usually are as adept at dodging pitchforks as polishing their halos.

They whine, defy authority, throw tantrums in public and dangle their feet in a hurry.

They play with the microwave and VCR, make a beeline for the street the second the front door is left open, and poke foreign objects into electrical outlets. In short, little people have a knack for pushing grown-ups' buttons until even parents with the patience of Job can be tempted to give them a good wallop.

It's an urge Jeanette Turner and her husband, of Antioch, Calif., have experienced more than once since their son was born nearly three years ago.

Brian used to express displeasure by cry at the top of his lungs; these days he howls "not fair!" when told to pick up his toys, get dressed, go to bed or do just about anything he doesn't want to do, Jeanette said.

"No!" means nothing to him — he's an animal — he just runs amuck," admitted Jeanette, 40, who may keep an eagle eye on her headstrong toddler every waking moment to avert disaster.

"He's always in things. He

almost crawls the walls," she said, noting that Brian will scale kitchen counters to explore cupboard contents and knows how to undo so-called child-proof locks.

Reasoning with him doesn't work. Neither does yelling. Time-outs are tough to enforce ("You practically have to sit on top of him"), and even though Brian detests having to sit still for two or three minutes, the punishment

'Their job as children is to test you, and your job as a parent is to win.'
—Cindy Hadden, mother

doesn't seem to be a deterrent.

Whether he remembers the consequences depends on his mood; Turner says her boy is sometimes up to his old mischief minutes after getting off the hot seat. Even occasional spankings haven't tamed him.

"It's like pain doesn't mean anything to him. It just makes the situation worse. He just throws bigger fits," Jeanette said.

In their search for a peaceful solution to the daily power plays, the Turners have turned to Cindy Hadden, a 38-year-old Antioch mother who takes an approach to discipline that she says actually works.

"Their job as children is to test

you, and your job as a parent is to win," Hadden said.

One important key to developing that winning edge is coming up with playful incentives to make kids want to obey the house rules, she said.

Hadden's 3- and 5-year-old daughters used to procrastinate when bedtime rolled around, making all kinds of excuses for why they couldn't brush their teeth or get into their pajamas just yet.

At least, that is, until Hadden impulsively reached for the kitchen timer one evening. She gave them 15 minutes to get ready, promising that if they beat the clock they earned the chance to play with her before tucking in for the night.

Magical.

It's a trick that might help Catharine Harrison, whose 3-year-old daughter Rachel ignores requests to hurry up in the morning and has the nightly playing-for-time routine down pat.

"If I let it get out of control, it would take an hour, hour and a half to get her into bed," said the 38-year-old Antioch mother, noting that her husband often has to carry their 32-pound bundle of defiance to the bathtub.

"How am I going to handle this when she's not small enough to pick up?" Harrison said.

Families feel the competitive pull of the '90s

Knight-Ridder News Service

Wherever you turn, the accusations are there: Today's parents don't measure up. They're neglectful, permissive, self-indulgent — and their children bear the stigma.

One recent study by New York think-tank Public Agenda reported that as many as 37 percent of the public believes children will make the world a better place when they're grown. Another, by the Pew Center for the People & The Press, stated 56 percent of women think today's mothers are doing a worse job of mothering than their own mothers did.

But wait. Who are these parents everybody is talking about? Certainly not Pembroke Pines, Fla., mother Valerie Oliveri, who participated in Coorees, library storytime hours, Kindermusic and the Preschool PTA with her daughters.

And not Sheila Ambra of North Miami, who chaperones field trips, attends school meetings and spends all her free time ferrying her four children around.

Or Paula Suarez of West Kendall, Fla., who jokes: "I have no life. I'm always with my kids." While the national buzz in

schools, parks and on the editorial pages is that today's parents are too distracted from the delicate business of child rearing, many 1990s parents are more involved than ever.

Fueled by concerns about physical and emotional dangers and ever-unfolding research about child development, these parents diligently focus on any possibility that will give their child a head start. They coach Little League, volunteer at school, attend recitals and matches, and help with science projects.

In fact, the child-rearing story of this decade may be about two extremes: parents too busy to spend time with their children and, on the other end, those who

are obsessive about that role.

"You want to be involved, and it's something we should applaud parents for doing," says Roni Cohen Leiderman, director of The Family Center at Nova Southeastern University in Broward County, Fla. "But you also want to allow your child to take the lead. You don't want to be intrusive." Studies back up the notion that many parents are at least as involved as in years past.

According to time-use researcher John P. Robinson of the University of Maryland, parents of today spend as much time with their kids as parents of a generation ago — and perhaps more because there are now fewer children in a family.

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Growing up, says Emma Thompson, she was surrounded by people dealing with real difficulties like disease and disability

When You Feel Like Crying—

BY ELLEN HAWKES

IFELT THAT THIS FIRST Lady is a strong, intelligent woman who very much loves her husband," Emma Thompson said, explaining how she approached her Hillary Clinton-like character in the soon-to-be-released *Primary Colors*. "She accepts his strange empathic quality that leads him to do stupid things that cause her tremendous pain. I also understood how she could put that pain aside, since she has always been a crusader and feels that personal problems pale in comparison to making the world a better place."

We were having tea in her Beverly Hills hotel bungalow, and I sensed that Thompson had found what she called "the psychic resonance" with her latest role, because she too had survived some

dark times in recent years, including the highly publicized demise of her marriage to Kenneth Branagh. But the Academy Award-winning actress—whose films include *Carrington*, *Sense and Sensibility*, *Howards End* and *Much Ado About Nothing*—has kept her spirits high and her career in

focus, and I wondered what had brought her through her own difficulties.

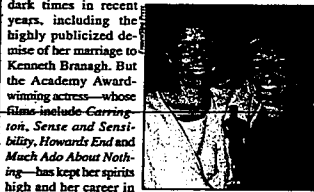
"I think I found reserves of strength in the way I was brought up," she replied. "My father was ill during most of my childhood, but those years were never dark and dreary. My parents believed humor could carry you through the worst of times, and our home was usually filled with laughter."

Emma was born on April 15, 1959, the elder of two daughters of Phyllida Law, an actress, and Eric Thompson, an actor/writer/director. She and her younger sister, Sophie (an actress as well),

grew up in Hampstead, a district of north London, in a household imbued with a love for theater, joking banter and impromptu skits.

"The atmosphere wasn't at all precious, though," Thompson insisted. "It was just very comfortable and tolerant and, above all, amusing about everything." "Everything" included taking care of her father, who suffered from a severe heart condition, as well as nursing Thompson's grandmother, who had terminal cancer, and her uncle, who had been severely injured in an auto accident.

"But my parents always lightened the mood," Thompson said. "In the face of real difficulties, like disease, disability and death, they coped with wit and a sense of fun."



Emma Thompson and her mother, Phyllida Law... with the Oscar Thompson won for *Howards End*. Mother and daughter recently co-starred in the film *The Winter Guest*.

For them the important thing was to laugh, even when you felt like crying."

When Thompson was in her teens, her father suffered a severe stroke. Her mother cared for him at home, and the two daughters helped with his rehabilitation.

"My father was very brave during his struggle to recover," Thompson recalled, her eyes welling with tears. "Sometimes I may have pushed him too hard, I so wanted him to get better. But at other times I was just happy that I could make him laugh with skits I performed from the *Monty Python* shows that we had watched together."



Despite their efforts, her father died in 1982, when he was only 52. "It was a rough time, especially for my mum," Thompson continued. "Still, one good thing came out of it. We had all been colleagues caring for my father, and so my sister and I had dispensed with a lot of the usual mother-daughter stuff, like teenage rebellions. As a result, we developed a wonderful friendship with my mother. She was a real inspiration for us."

After graduating from a private girls' school in London, Thompson studied English literature at Cambridge University, where her love for humor led

her to an acting career. First, she founded an all-female comedy revue, then she tried out and was accepted as one of the few women in Footlights, the university comedy club that boasted such accomplished alumni as John Cleese of *Monty Python* fame.

After graduating in 1982, Thompson went on to do stand-up comedy in London clubs and on British television, then to a 15-month stint as the lead in the musical comedy *Me and My Girl*. Her crossover to "serious" drama came in 1986, when she was cast in the TV mini-series *Fortunes of War*. It was also dur-

She learned from them a lesson she never forgot:

Have A Laugh'

Primary Colors, 1998



In her debut film, Thompson is a Hillary Clinton-like character, John Travolta is her husband, running for President.

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ing the filming of this BBC production that she and her co-star, Kenneth Branagh, an up-and-coming British actor and director, met and fell in love. They were married in 1989.

They complemented each other in their careers as well as in their lives. She appeared in his repertory productions of Shakespeare, as well as his 1989 film version of *Henry V*; he was a frequent guest on her short-lived English television comedy series, *Thompson*. But it was the Branagh-directed 1991 film noir *Dead Again* that brought the talented couple widespread acclaim.

Henry V, 1989



The Remains of the Day, 1993



Then, in 1992, Thompson's subtle and radiant performance in *Howards End* (with Anthony Hopkins) earned her both a Best Actress Oscar and a Golden Globe Award. She continued to win lavish praise and award nominations for her 1993 movies, including *The Remains of the Day*, *In the Name of the Father* and *Junior*. But it was with *Sense and Sensibility* in 1995 that she revealed her talent for writing as well as for acting.

"I had always wanted to create stories and roles in which women are central," Thompson said. "I also wanted people to understand how funny and sexy Jane Austen's novels are, in contrast to the deadly boring way we were taught to read her in school."

The film brought Thompson not only a nomination for Best Actress at the 1996 Academy Awards (she had portrayed the sister with the "sense" of the title) but also the Oscar for Best Adapted Screenplay, which she accepted with a playful tribute to Jane Austen. Yet her humor that night concealed her personal anguish: She and Branagh were splitting up.

Sense and Sensibility, 1995



Howards End, 1992



Clockwise from Top: Thompson with Hugh Grant in a period classic; in her Best Actress Oscar-winning role; with Daniel Day-Lewis in a contemporary political drama; performing Shakespeare with Kenneth Branagh.

In the Name of the Father, 1993



Rumors of his affair with the actress Helena Bonham Carter already were circulating; and her London house was surrounded by paparazzi until Thompson finally emerged to confirm that she and her husband had separated. "The press invented us as a 'golden couple' and then tore us down when we were having problems," she said.

I asked if that encounter had led her to agree with the accusations heaped on the tabloids after Princess Diana's death. "I thought the outcry after her tragic accident was sheer hypocrisy," Thompson replied. "The press wouldn't have bounded her—or me, for that matter—if people didn't clamor for gossip. So I felt that the readers of those sleazy papers had only themselves to blame, not the publications they keep in business."

Following the breakup, Thompson told me, she underwent a period of deep sadness. She gave no interviews for a year, Thompson added, admitting that the persistent questions about "my so-called failed marriage gave me insomnia and nightmares."

It was her mother who reminded Thompson of what she had learned when her father died. "She taught me that even in grief we have to live each day as it comes," Thompson said. "She insisted that if you get up each morning, have a nice breakfast, go for a walk, see your friends, have a laugh at what amuses you, then the clouds will finally pass."

Thompson emerged from what she called her own period of mourning. "I wouldn't say I'm unscathed," she conceded, "but now I think I'm less scared and more confident than I've ever been. After all, I tell myself, I came through a year when at first I had thought I wouldn't survive."

Thompson carried on with her film work, completing *The Winter Guest*, in which she and her mother co-starred, then going on to *Primary Colors*, an adaptation of Joe Klein's novel. John Travolta plays a Presidential candidate, and Thompson is his wife.

Besides mastering an American accent, Thompson had to convey her character's acceptance of her husband's suspected indiscretions—an interpretation that now seems surprisingly prescient, given the recent allegations of a White House sex scandal. Said Thompson: "I realized that she could stand by her husband in the face of such rumors because she truly believes that there are larger issues at stake, namely what she hopes they can accomplish together during his Presidency."

After completing *Primary Colors*, Thompson took some time off to relax in her Hampshire home with her new companion, the actor Greg Wise (who played the dashing suitor in *Sense and Sensibility*), cooking, reading, writing a new screenplay and "indulging in my secret love for skin creams and lotions," she said. "I don't think of myself as particularly vain. Still, Greg recently asked me to line up all my bottles, jars and tubes. It was a bit like an alcoholic forced to look at the evidence of an addiction."

"Oh, well, it's so much fun to give them up," she shrugged. "Besides, I've come to enjoy the apparent contradictions in myself, since I'm old enough to have a sense of humor about them. Isn't that what growing up is all about—accepting who you are?"

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Ask Marilyn

I am always being told about how much better women are at understanding others and at being good people and all this other stuff. To what degree do you think this is true?

—Matt,

Federal Way, Wash.

I think it is true to a noticeable degree. As far as understanding is concerned, mothers usually are more valued than fathers, mainly for emotional reasons (surely not for financial ones). Even merchants know the vast difference between the observance of Mother's Day and Father's Day. And we feel sorer for children whose mother has died than for children whose father has died.

As far as "being good people" is concerned, one has only to look at the prison population to know that women are much more law-abiding and less violent. Outside of prison, it is still obvious that women are more nurturing than men, and men are more cruel than women. And virtually no one believes that women have been responsible for most of the wars that have wreaked so much devastation on us all.

However, all this may be beside the point. We've always known that women are the kinder, gentler sex. This isn't news. Men may not be tender, but thank goodness for them! They have built just about everything on the planet from time immemorial, and they undoubtedly have created the modern world. But it has been women who have made it civilized.

In a recent column, you published a problem that included Wile E. Coyote chas-

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Are women

really

better at

"being

good

people?"

than men

are?

ing Road Runner off the edge of a cliff. In reality, your comment that roadrunners do not fly "like" is in the face of reality. Roadrunners can and do fly but prefer to run.

—Keith A. Arnold, Ph.D., Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Sciences, Texas A&M University, College Station, Tex.

I wrote that Mr. Runner (the cartoon character) can't fly. This was confirmed by his loving masters at Warner Bros. Real-life roadrunners behave a bit differently and do flap around a little. Real-life coyotes also differ from their animated cousin, Mr. Coyote, who most surely be the envy of his peers with his ability to do things like unaccident himself after being flattened by a steamroller!

GOODWORDS



The cartoon character is looking for the word "SAVANT" in the word search grid.

If you have a question or comment for Marilyn vos Savant, who is listed in the "Who's Who Book of World Records" Hall of Fame for "Highest IQ," send it to: Ask Marilyn, PARADE, 711 Third Ave., New York, N.Y. 10017. Or you can send e-mail to marlin@parade.com (please include your name, city and state). Because of volume of mail, personal replies regrettably are not possible.

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call this "automatism"—putting your brain on autopilot and giving the usual responses, even if you aren't in the appropriate situation.

"Being mindless means you're not there," says Ellen Langer, a professor of psychology at Harvard who is the author of *Mindfulness and The Power of Mindful Learning*. "You're not in the moment and aware of everything going on around you." I had gone to Cambridge, Mass., to talk with Langer about mindlessness and its opposite, mindfulness, and how switching from one to the other can enrich our lives.

The penalty for mindlessness—letting ourselves operate without thinking in a situation we think we're familiar with—can be as trivial as

missing our highway exit or finding warm milk in the cupboard. But mindlessness also can lead to failure, frustration—even tragedy.

Many of us learn to live mindlessly in our earliest schoolings. "Too often, we teach people things like, 'Don't laugh and you won't go to do everything, regardless of the circumstances,'" Langer explained. "What we should be teaching them is how to think flexibly, to be mindful of all the different possibilities of every situation and not close themselves off from information that could help them."

"Those tennis," Langer continued. "When I was younger, I went to a tennis camp and they taught me how to



IF YOU'VE EVER PUT THE CEREAL in the refrigerator and the milk in the cupboard, then you've been mindless.

hold a racket when I served. Years later, I was watching the U.S. Open, and I noticed that not one of the players held the racket that way." Langer saw that the world's best players had put thought and energy into developing a grip and a serve best suited to their individual talents.

"The problem comes in the way we learn," Langer said. "We rarely learn mindfully. This might be a good grip for you." Usually, we're taught: "This is the right grip." Being mindless—being unimaginative

and creativity to learn what works best for you—is what makes the difference between an average player and a champ.

Langer served up other examples, like the women who always cut one end off her holiday roasts before putting them into the oven. The woman explained that her mother had always done it that way. The mother, in turn, said it was what her own mother did. When they approached the matriarch, the old woman told them that, as a young bride, she had a very small oven and had been forced to cook her



OPERATING ON AUTOPILOT can lead to frustration or, in some cases, tragedy. Learn to be mindful and more aware of your surroundings.

"Myths" About Learning

Ellen Langer reconsiders some popular notions

■ **NO PAIN, NO GAIN.** True, but not necessary. People are at their most mindful when they are at play; their senses are fully engaged, their physical and mental prowess is at its height. If we find ways of enjoying our work—blurring the line between work and play—the gains will be greater.

■ **LEARN THE BASICS** so well that they become second nature. False. There's not just one "right" way. What works in one situation may not work in another. Ask: "What's right for me?"

■ **TRYING TO KNOW EVERYTHING** will make you smart. False. It's not the same as knowing. Acting intelligently is being open to new ideas and using what you already know.

meat in two parts. Mindlessly, the habit had been passed down for generations, long after the need for it had disappeared.

"If you ask most people, 'Is there more than one way to look at something?' they'll say, 'Of course,'" Langer said. "But it's remarkable that so many go through life with a single-minded lens. It's not that they wouldn't agree with other perspectives. It just doesn't occur to them to look."

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Five Hope To Be Next Party of Five

Amy Lippman and Christopher Keyser, who created Party of Five, hope to duplicate their success with a new show starting March 11. Called Significant Others, it will get a six-week tryout in Party of Five's Wednesday-night slot on Fox-TV. The show is about three best friends in their mid-20s living in L.A. In casting, said Keyser, "we looked for faces you haven't seen before." That worked for Party of Five, which launched Neve Campbell and Jennifer Love Hewitt on film careers.

What makes this show different than, say, Friends? "This is not a sitcom," said Keyser. "You have to believe these people." The three friends are played by Scott Bairnstow, Jennifer Garner and Eton Bailey. Also featured are Michael Weatherly and Elizabeth Mitchell as Bailey's brother and sister-in-law.

Fox gave Party of Five the time to develop into a hit. Will the network show equal patience if Significant Others doesn't get significant ratings?



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WHAT DENIERS SAY

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"If love is blind, sex is the blindfold."
—Margaret Fariss

If you truly want to marry the right person, spend time with him with both of your families. Go beyond traditional dating and do things together that matter: Learn about his character as you volunteer together, or watch how he treats his family to see how he will treat you and your future children.

Yes, you can discover people's quirks when you live together. But everybody has quirks. If you don't want to work them out, don't plan on marrying anybody.

Living together can't expose all the problems that might occur in a marriage, because it's only a trial period. So you can't feel safe. If something doesn't work, the other person can just move out. —Jenny Achilles, 17, Beaumont, Tex.

I have a fiancé in another state, and I can honestly say that I know him better than I knew all of my ex-boyfriends—who lived nearby—put together. Being away from your love is difficult, but it forces you to communicate. Living together, you're more

concerned with holding each other and falling asleep in each other's arms. —Shirley Dowling, 18, Shreveport, La.

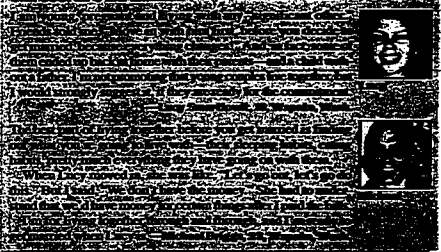
Whatever happened to dating? If two people want to get to know each other better, they should do it fully clothed, over a cup of hot chocolate. —Steph Smith, 18, Martinsville, S.C.

If love is blind, sex is the blindfold—there are a lot of things you don't like that you'll allow in a person's personality while the sex is fresh and exciting.

Someone said that you need to live together to see if a person will satisfy you sexually. If a person is kind, patient, loving, respectful, thoughtful, clean and not egotistical, those very asexual things will carry over into the bed. Nature will do the rest, and you will be very satisfied sexually (even if you're not doing the things that TV and movies say you need to be doing to have a great sex life).

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You don't believe me? Well, you should. Because in the last few years, the collectibles industry has swelled to \$35 billion a year. And yet anyone can get involved.

These days there are dealers and collectors who will shell out surprising amounts of money for everyday items (like ashtrays, plastic toys, old wrappers and transistor radios) that you may have

forgotten you own. And those commonplace items are increasing in value. Some baseball gloves from the 1950s, for example, have multiplied 100-fold in worth over the last five years, with rare models going for as much as \$3,500!

You could be sitting on a fortune without even realizing it. If you're like most people, you have no idea that you probably have items of value stashed away. Did you know that some old postcards can bring a price of \$1,000? And that almost everything associated with fishing can put dollars in your pocket?

Of course you didn't. Which is exactly why Tony Hyman, Ed.D., one of America's top authorities on collectibles and the host of the #1 radio antiques and collectibles call-in question and answer show, wrote his book *Trash Or Treasure*. "This book has only one purpose: to make money for its readers," says Hyman, who has authored 11 other books on selling collectibles, and has appeared on most major television talk shows, including *Oprah*, *Donahue*, *PM Magazine*, *Caryl & Marilyn*, and *Missing Reward*.

"*Trash Or Treasure* can make you rich," says Anita Gold, one of the country's foremost consultants on collectibles. "It's better than a lottery ticket, because you can't lose with this book."

Hyman's expertise in information management from Columbia University—along with his 45 years in the antiques and collectibles industry—is what makes this reference book so incredibly simple to use and profit from. You just follow Dr. Hyman's crazy four-step process to make money.

Trash Or Treasure, which has sold close to 250,000 copies, lists over 2,200

separate categories of items that collectors are looking to buy from someone just like you. You don't even have to read the whole book. You just look up what you have in the foolproof alphabetical index, and you're on your way to cashing in on the collectibles craze. For chances are good that Aunt Ida's punch bowl, or that clock you got 20 years ago, could be worth cold, hard cash.

Elsie Gordon, from Delray Beach, FL, actually made \$250 by going through the trash after her husband cleaned out the garage. She originally thought that the old car parts and grasy manuals she'd rescued might be worth \$10. Boy, was she surprised!

Despite the wealth of success stories, a lot of people have a hard time swallowing the notion that most of us have trash that we could turn to treasure. So when the producers of a San Francisco tv show heard Tony claim that more than two thirds of all Americans own collectibles worth money, they issued a challenge: "If we pick the house, will you go in and find a treasure while the camera rolls?"

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I wanted to stage a different kind of experiment to test Dr. Hyman's theory. So 20 minutes before driving up to interview him, I conducted a mini-treasure hunt through my house and stuffed everything from dishware to costume jewelry into four shopping bags. When I arrived, Dr. Hyman estimated their potential worth at over \$2,500. Just think what I would have wound up with if I'd known what you have to look for!

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EVERY YEAR, THEY make 40 million or more Americans sneeze, sniffle, cough and wheeze. Allergies, one of the most costly of chronic conditions, run up annual tabs as high as \$2 billion in doctor visits, diagnostic tests, prescriptions and decreased productivity. Each year, they account for more than 10 million workdays missed; each day, they keep 10,000 children out of school.

"Allergies may seem trivial to people who don't have them, but they have an enormous effect on a person's quality of life," says Dr. Robert Miles of Lynchburg, Va., president-elect of the American College of Allergy, Asthma & Immunology. Their symptoms are as many and

as miserable as Job's afflictions: itching, nasal congestion, eye irritation, coughing, hives, vomiting and diarrhea (from food allergies), even life-threatening collapse (from maple syrup).

While victims seldom die from allergies, they just as rarely recover. But recent improvements in allergy

treatments are helping many sufferers.

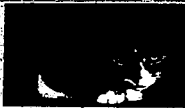
Why we sneeze

Allergies have long been a medical version of Rubik's Cube, a fascinating but frustrating puzzle. Why can one person live happily with pets or trek blithely through fields of flowers while another sniffs at the sight of a cat or the scent of a rose? No one knows. The number of allergy sufferers has soared around the world in the last 20 years, yet researchers remain baffled by the sources of their afflictions, citing such potential causes as immune-system defects, envi-



Doctors don't know why some are susceptible and others are not.

ALLERGY CULPRITS: PETS, MITES AND MOLD



ronmental changes and sedentary lifestyles. Heredity also gets a sizable portion of the blame, since families pass down a predisposition to allergies. "The problem is poor parent selection," quips Dr. H. James Wedner, director of clinical allergy and immunology at Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis. If one parent has allergies, there's a 25 percent likelihood that a child will too; if both parents have them, the risk rises to 50 percent. In the general population, the risk of developing an allergy is about 10 percent.

HOW TO ALLERGY-PROOF YOUR HOUSE

Here's what you can do to cut down on allergy symptoms:

- **Keep the windows closed in spring as trees and bushes begin to bud.**
- **Use a high-efficiency air cleaner to remove airborne particles indoors.**
- **Vacuum and dry-clean carpeting frequently to keep down dust mites.**
- **Replace heavy drapes with washable mini-blinds, shades or lightweight curtains.**
- **Don't permit smoking in the house.**

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A list of allergic triggers, or allergens, reads like an inventory of creation, including life's pleasures (foods and flowers), perils (insect stings) and inescapable realities (mold and dust). The very air we breathe can be a danger. "Both outdoor air and indoor air play a role," says Dr. Wedner, who notes that the symptoms of allergy and its more sinister sister disease, asthma, increase along with the amount of pollutants. Since Americans spend so much time indoors, the air inside our tightly sealed homes, schools and offices has an even greater impact. In suburbia, the most common allergen is the house dust mite (a microscopic creature that lives in carpeting, bedding, cushions and stuffed toys), followed by the pet cat. In the Northeast, the cockroach is the No. 1 allergen.

Whatever form an allergy takes, an allergy-sufferer's body always makes the same strategic error: It reacts as if under attack by a disease-causing pathogen. Substances called IgE (for immunoglobulin E) antibodies attach themselves to the "mast" cells, found beneath the mucus membranes of the digestive tract and air passages. These mast cells release occa-

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If you're allergic to dust

mites, consider this: The bedsheet.

"That's where you'll find the most allergen," says Dr. H. James Wedner, director of clinical allergy and immunology at Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis.

He says that if you're allergic to dust mites, you should wash your bedsheet in hot water every week.

Wedner also says that if you're allergic to dust mites, you should use a vacuum cleaner with a HEPA filter to clean your house.

He also says that if you're allergic to dust mites, you should use a dehumidifier in your bedroom to keep the humidity level below 50 percent.

Wedner says that if you're allergic to dust mites, you should use a mattress protector to protect your mattress from dust mites.

He also says that if you're allergic to dust mites, you should use a pillow protector to protect your pillow from dust mites.

Wedner says that if you're allergic to dust mites, you should use a blanket protector to protect your blanket from dust mites.

He also says that if you're allergic to dust mites, you should use a duvet cover to protect your duvet from dust mites.

Wedner says that if you're allergic to dust mites, you should use a bed skirt to protect your bed from dust mites.

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Getting relief

The best defense against an allergen is getting out of the line of fire, although that's often easier said than done. "Environmental controls can and do work," says Dr. Wedner, "but people may not do what they have to do in order to eliminate an allergen." This is especially true of pet owners. In one study of 1500 allergic cat owners, only 19 percent were willing to get rid of their pets.

For allergy sufferers who can't stay out of ham's way, treatment options include oral medications, nasal sprays and immunotherapy (better known as allergy shots). In years past, the mainstays of treatment were "first-generation" antihistamines, which sometimes caused drowsiness and dryness of the mouth, eyes and nose. Newer "second-generation" antihistamines—such as Allegra, Claritin and Hismanal, available only by prescription—are non-sedating and longer-acting, with few reported side effects. The first intranasal antihistamine, Astelin, released last year, acts directly in the nose, but these drugs can cost as much as \$600 a year.

For those who can't take or aren't helped by antihistamines, prescription corticosteroid nasal sprays relieve sneezing, a runny nose, itching and congestion. "There's not much of a downside with intranasal corticosteroids," says Wedner, who notes that they do not cause the potentially serious side effects associated with other forms of steroid treatment. However, their long-term use in children remains controversial.

An alternative recommended by many allergy specialists for adults and even more so for children is immunotherapy, which consists of a series of injections of small but increasing doses of an allergen. In its newest form, "rush immunotherapy" speeds up the normal schedule for allergy shots, sometimes to as many as eight a day. On this accelerated schedule, immunization can be completed in three to five days. About 85 percent of allergy sufferers feel better after immunotherapy. And, notes Dr. Sly, shots often prove less costly than the newer allergy medications. ■

For more information, call the Allergy Information Referral Line of the American Academy of Allergy, Asthma & Immunology at 1-800-822-2762.



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Peck—who in 1961 was himself given the title of "Academy's most respected"—presented the honor. "I don't know what was your position," says Bill Dyer. "I don't know if I followed him and his name because of his name. 'Responsible God' had a line in it, repeated several times that talked about a film I'd made. The technique. So we have some kind of tape going."

Charles Haines also received an award that evening. Listed in the program, "With colleagues," Peck said, "other than Frank. We must be trying to get together. The Big Country, in which I was the first actor and the last one, Western and we had a terrific fight, which the script arranged would end in his death. We were in each other's arms when we met. It all came together, I think, with him as you control."

Peck is in a TV version of *Roman March*, and *Moby-Dick*, and *Moby-Dick* will appear on the USA Network on March 15 and 16. In 1963, he starred as Captain Alvin Karpis in the feature film version, while Olan Mills played the man who claims to be Father Mapple, who appears to have been in his company with a "Smoking Shipman." There's a Peck *Screen* plays the show, which with Peck does Father Mapple. How did this deal come about?

"The producer came up to me," he said. "He said, 'You know, Bill, that's a great guy or his name, because it's not. Of course, I read the book. We all did in school."

In Step With

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GREGORY PECK



Peck as Father Mapple in a new version of *Moby-Dick*.

Brady's Bits



I know that Peck had rowed crew as a college boy at the U.C. of California, and I asked him about it. "I recently did my one-man show at Berkeley," he said, "and three of my mates showed up from rowing. We were in the junior varsity boat of 1933 and still shared that strange report that oarsmen have from all the pain and suffering of the sport. You know, they sometimes blame that 'injured back' of mine on rowing. But that's because the studio PR people didn't want it known that I injured myself during a show the Graham dance class in New York City, in the stretching exercises with your legs out straight. I couldn't get down far enough, and after the came by and said, 'Come on, Greg, you can do better than that, and put her knee in my back and she's always showed. And I've never danced since.' I asked if he had any new roles coming along. 'The St. Louis old,'" he said, "but I do get scripts. And they always have an old oodger in a house with a girl, a grandson, and he springs me, as we go on to another adventures. They're all new, but I won't do 'em."

Gregory Peck—
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talks of *Moby Dick*,
Bill Dyer, Charles
Haines and trying to
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tion, and we had to change the title to shorten it and then change the ending to suit the [morals] code. We appealed to Hemingway to write the new ending by himself. We appealed by letter, by telephone, by telegraph. Nothing! Total silence! He'd consulted Irwin Shaw once about selling a book to Hollywood: 'Take the money and run.' And he took his own advice, took our \$85,000 and ran off to Cuba to fish."

What's Up This Week

BOOKS

Which Mount Sinai?

According to Howard Blum, the author of an astonishing adventure story titled *The Gold of Exodus* (Simon & Schuster, \$25), Mount Sinai isn't where you think it is, at the southern tip of the Sinai Peninsula. It's actually located in Saudi Arabia, is named Jabal al Lawz and has been turned into a nuclear base built by the Saudis with the help of China. So dramatically and convincingly is Blum's book written that you end up half-believing everything he says is true.



Certainly there's no denying the compelling nature of the saga he recounts of two Americans, Larry Williams and Bob Cornuke, who 10 years ago set out to find the "real" Mount Sinai and succeeded in reaching it after tricking their way into Saudi Arabia, hiding out in the desert, eluding pursuing patrols and making a perilous night ascent of the holy mountain. The two explorers claim they came upon such biblical relics as a "land bridge" across the Red Sea, boundary stones and pillars set up by Moses, and the altar (decorated with drawings of cows) used by Aaron for the worship of the Golden calf—just about everything except the pillars of cloud and of fire the Bible says guided the ancient Israelites across the desert.

Williams and Cornuke originally were trying to find the board of gold the Israelites supposedly took with them from Egypt. They didn't find any loot, but they believe they've confirmed the essential accuracy of the Book of Exodus. And they've also uncovered disturbing evidence of mysterious doings involving Saudi Arabia, Israel, China and even the U.S. Air Force. A movie version of the story is on the way; it should make Indians look like a piker.

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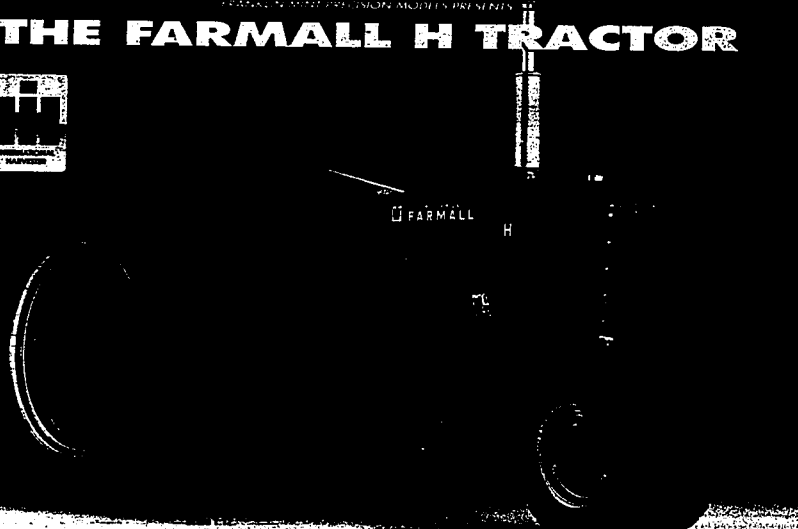
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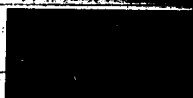
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