



GOOD MORNING

WEATHER

Today: Partly sunny with slight chance of showers. High in the mid-50s, lows in the mid-30s.
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Health/Welfare defends response

Director says agency acted right on report on Jerome woman

By Liz Wright Times-News writer
JEROME — The Idaho Department of Health and Welfare acted swiftly and appropriately on reports that a Jerome woman had been using drugs prior to her infant son's death, the agency's regional director said Wednesday.

Pathologist's report expected within a week

The Times-News
JEROME — Results are expected in about a week from Wednesday's autopsy on the body of 5-week-old Canaan Reign Barnett.
Jerome County Prosecutor John Loitspeich said he is waiting for a pathologist's report on the autopsy, to decide whether forensic evidence will change his case against Barnett's mother, and stepfather.
The stepfather, Michael Scott Grissom, 37, was arraigned Monday on a charge of second-degree murder stemming from Barnett's March 28 death, and was held in the Jerome County Jail on \$1 million bond. Cynthia Grissom, 34, was arraigned Tuesday on a charge of being an accessory to murder and was held on \$100,000 bond. Investigators say Michael Grissom buried Barnett's body under a tree southeast of Dietrich, and the Jerome couple then falsely reported to police that the infant had been kidnapped from the Burley Wal-Mart parking lot.
she had used methamphetamine March 28, during the time Barnett is believed to have died.
buried Saturday in the desert southeast of Dietrich.
In court affidavits, Cynthia Grissom said

Couple faces charges — C1

The infant's father, Rusty Adley, said he twice told Health and Welfare that Cynthia Grissom was using methamphetamine before and after Barnett was born. He said the agency didn't act on the complaints.
Health and Welfare regional director Joyce McRoberts said she couldn't discuss specific cases because of privacy laws. However she and staff members, after reviewing the department's actions Tuesday, found social workers responded properly to Adley's complaints.
"We definitely followed the priority and protocol of procedures," McRoberts said. McRoberts said she will create a review.
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Locals look for 'Breakfast of Champions' sales, memorabilia

By Pat Marcantonio Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — For \$150 you could have taken home a toilet from the movie "Breakfast of Champions."
Such were the bargains at a movie garage sale Wednesday in Twin Falls. Filming in town ended this week after starting in late February.

The film company parted — for a price — with props, wardrobes and memorabilia. The items looked as though they came from someone's house instead of movie sets, with kitchen items, underwear, fabric, furniture, a washer and dryer and piano for sale.
However, David Woodhead searched for "Breakfast of Champions" mementos for the movie theater he plans in Twin Falls. Among his purchases were signs from the mythical Wayne Hoover car lot. However, was Bruce Willis' character in the movie.
Woodhead also found tables he needed for his business.
"On top of that they are from the movie. This is the real thing," he said.
Kyle Lewis of Twin Falls paid \$6 for a photo signed, "To Harry from George Forman." Harry was the name of Nick Nolte's character in the movie. But Kyle, was it worth the money?
"Yep, it was," he said.
Alta Harris of Gooding and Mary Fullmer of Jerome were more interested in bargains than movie souvenirs. Harris came away with candles and kitchen items. Fullmer bought a leather vest and a suitcase.
"I guess it was a good deal, who knows," Harris said with a laugh. "It was just fun to see."
Lori Kruse of Filer bought a lamp and wall decoratives. She said she care if they might turn up in the movies.
"A yard sale's a yard sale," she said.
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Sarah Dill and Stephanie Oloff of Twin Falls find treasure after feature Wednesday at the 'Breakfast of Champions' garage sale in Twin Falls. Filming for the movie featuring Bruce Willis has finished, and the props used in the production were sold to a crowd of curious bargain seekers.

Blaine County debates transferring water rights

By Kristan Kennedy Times-News reporter

HAILEY — Six lawyers, two hired water consultants, a landscaper and county officials gathered Wednesday with Idaho Department of Water Resources officials to debate whether water rights can be transferred from land near Magic Reservoir to Ketchum to irrigate landscaped riverfront lawns.
The IDWR is halfway through a two-day hearing to decide whether Blaine County's protest of the transfer is valid.
The water rights are owned by Dennis Baker but aren't being used on his land near Magic Reservoir. He has applied to sell parts of those rights to property owned by Hut-n-Puf Trust and the Heinz Foundation.
Hut-n-Puf is held by Steve Wynn, owner of the Mirage and Treasure Trove casinos in Las Vegas. The Heinz Foundation residence is the part-time home of Theresa Heinz and her family. Both residences are on the Big Wood River north of Ketchum.
Twin Falls attorney Gary Slette, representing Baker and the Heinz Foundation, and Ketchum lawyer James Speck, representing Wynn, gathered expert testimony from hydrologist and private consultant Chuck Brockway most of Wednesday.
Brockway also was cross-examined by James Kennedy, hired as special counsel.
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Hearing's 2nd day
The Idaho Department of Water Resources hearing resumes at 9 a.m. today at the Hailey Army Air (Fort) Annex, across from Roberts Middle School.

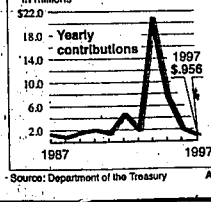
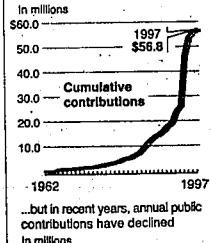
Every penny counts when chipping away at national debt

The Associated Press
WASHINGTON — It's mostly checks for \$10 or \$15, but one man sent real gold, and an 84-year-old Minnesota woman chipped in \$15,235 to help pay off the national debt. A few benevolent souls even tucked a little something extra in with their tax returns.
The Mimosotas, retired librarian Gudrun Hertzgard of Minneapolis, makes \$5,000 in charitable donations each year, of which \$300 goes to the U.S. Treasury.
"I work on all my friends to do it, only they kind of laugh at me," she said. "When it gets to their pocketbook, they won't cough it up."
Since 1961, Americans have sent the Treasury \$56.8 million to help put the nation back into the black. That sounds generous, but it would cover the interest on the \$5.5 trillion national debt for about an hour and a half.
And contributions — ranging from inheritance checks to proceeds from a car wash — have been waning in recent years. Some worry that expenditures of a balanced federal budget this year for the first time in nearly three decades have caused people to mistakenly believe the national debt has been erased.
Not only is the debt still here, it's growing. People have always been able to send the government money, but not until 1961 did Congress allow them to earmark contributions for the national debt. Since the 1962 tax year, the Internal Revenue Service has included instructions in its tax booklet on how to do it.

On page 29 of this year's tax guide, taxpayers are advised to write separate checks payable to the "Bureau of the Public Debt." Even if taxpayers simply want to forfeit their refunds, they need to write separate checks.
In fiscal 1996, 366 Americans slipped checks totaling \$85,378 to reduce the federal debt inside their tax returns. That was down from the 3,570 taxpayers who sent in \$347,700 in fiscal 1983.
Most contributions to the debt come in separately from tax forms.
"A couple years ago, somebody actually sent in some gold. We went to a metals dealer, got it appraised and sold it. It was a couple hundred dollars' worth," said Peter Hollenbach, a spokesman for the Bureau of the Public Debt in Washington.
A Lithuanian immigrant sent in a five-figure check.
"The man just wanted to show his appreciation for the freedom and democracy he's appreciated since he was living here," Hollenbach said.
Many letters sent with contributions ooze with patriotism. Others lament the government's stack of promissory notes.
One from Arizona said: "I know it's only a drop in the bucket, but every little bit helps." Another from New Hampshire said: "I would like my first month's Social Security check to be applied to reduce the national debt."
When Minnie Vogel died in 1984, she left \$153,000 to retire the debt to "show my appreciation and love in helping my country in this small way."

Reducing the national debt

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Final take 'Seinfeld' gang films last episode

The Associated Press
LOS ANGELES (AP) — After nearly a decade of chattering on coffee shops, munching on cereal, breaking up with all potential mates and yada yada yada, Jerry, George, Elaine and Kramer are ending their run as masters of their TV domain.
The final episode of "Seinfeld" — famously about nothing at all except laughs — started filming about 9 p.m. Wednesday. The show is going out on top, still television's No. 1 comedy and the centerpiece of NBC's powerhouse Thursday night lineup.
Filming began late and progressed slowly, said NBC spokeswoman Melissa Harold, who described the cast as "described on the set as the sound stage as described."
The hourlong finale, which will air on May 14, was being handled under top-secret conditions reminiscent
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What: May 14
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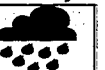
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THE REGION

Camas Prairie

High: 48 Low: 26
Partly sunny with a slight chance of rain showers. Mostly cloudy tonight. Friday mostly cloudy with scattered showers.

MAGIC VALLEY FIVE-DAY FORECAST

Today	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday
				
High: 56 Low: 35 Partly sunny. Slight chance of showers.	High: 57 Low: 35 Mostly cloudy with scattered rain showers.	High: 55 Low: 30 A chance of valley rain and mountain snow.	High: 55 Low: 30 A chance of valley rain and mountain snow.	High: 55 Low: 30 A chance of valley rain and mountain snow.

YESTERDAY'S WEATHER

Twin Falls	Precipitation
Yesterday 51 31	Yesterday in Twin Falls ---
Last year 50 29	Month to date: .34
Normal 62 32	Normal mo. to date: .28
	Water year to date: 1.77
	Normal year to date: 6.37

Treasure Valley

High: 57 Low: 37
Partly sunny with a slight chance of rain showers. Mostly cloudy tonight. Most of the same Friday with scattered showers.

IDAHO Weather



Idaho

Boise	Min	Max	Pcp	Idaho:
Boise	53	31	35	56 degrees at Hagerman.
Butte	53	35	35	10:15 Low: 21 degrees at Sun Valley.

Sawtooth Mountains/Wood River Valley

High: 48 Low: 26
Partly sunny with a slight chance of rain showers. Mostly cloudy with a chance of rain or snow.

NATIONAL WEATHER

The Associated Press Forecast for most, Thursday, April 9.



FRONTS:
COLD WARM STATIONARY

LOW HIGH BLOWN BREEZE TRADE TORNADO WINDSUN SNOW ICE SMOG Hazy Partly Cloudy Cloudy

Highs/Lows

Boise	Min	Max	Idaho:
Fairfield	45	24	McCall
Heppner	50	28	Malheur High: 34 at
Idaho Falls	52	35	Malheur, Texas, Low.
Jerome	51	30	17 at Belmont, Ar.

Eastern Idaho

High: 47 Low: 31
Partly cloudy becoming mostly cloudy with a chance of showers in the afternoon. Southwest winds.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Tune to the National Weather Service... <http://www.state.idaho.gov/wtr/whp.htm>

The Nation

Max	Min	Fog
Albuquerque	57	36
Atlanta	64	29
Boston	53	40
Chicago	72	56
Dallas	50	31
Denver	50	31
Detroit	58	43
Honolulu	82	72
Los Angeles	67	47
Memphis	58	35
Minneapolis	51	36
New Orleans	78	71
New York	61	47
Philadelphia	59	46
Pittsburgh	69	47
Portland, Me.	57	37
Portland, Ore.	54	39
Reno	52	33
San Jose	69	50
San Francisco	59	48
Seattle	49	38
Spokane	59	48
Washington	77	49

Northern Idaho

High: 52 Low: 34
Mostly cloudy with a chance of a little rain. South winds 5 to 10 mph. Tonight and Friday mostly cloudy with possible rain.

ACROSS THE NATION

Saffir-Hurricane low pressure over the Mississippi brought severe thunderstorms to the region. Hail up to three-quarters of an inch in diameter was reported in the Texas communities of Tockanua and Wirtland.

Canadian Cities

City	High	Low	Cloudy
Calgary	54	30	cloudy
Edmonton	55	31	cloudy
Toronto	51	41	cloudy
Vancouver	54	39	cloudy

Northern Utah

High: 54 Low: 35
Mostly cloudy with a 40 percent chance of showers. A low thunderstorm is possible. Friday partly cloudy and warmer.

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Index: 3
Forest lands: No report available for today.
Range lands: No report available for today.

Fire Danger

Forest lands: No report available for today.
Range lands: No report available for today.

Northern Nevada

High: 60 Low: 30
Partly cloudy with isolated rain or snow showers mainly in the east.

SKYWATCH

Visible planets: Morning: Jupiter, Venus, Evening: None.

Storms strike Alabama

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (AP) — A line of fierce storms rolled through north and central Alabama Wednesday night, killing at least eight people and injuring dozens as strong winds and baseball-sized hail battered the state.

More than a dozen people were injured at Open Door Church in Birmingham, where church members sang hymns and prayed as the storm pounded the structure, according to witnesses.

"Birmingham-area hospitals reported more than 24 people being treated for storm injuries."

Wendy Wilkerson, a spokeswoman for the Emergency Management Agency in Jefferson County, said five people died in Rock Creek and one in Sylvan Springs, communities west of Birmingham. An EMA spokesman in St. Clair County,

just east of Birmingham, reported two more dead in the Wetumpka area.

In Mississippi, a 16-year-old boy was killed when a tornado tore through his mobile home in the northern part of the state.

Wilkerson said about 100 homes were either heavily damaged or destroyed by violent winds in Oak Grove and Sylvan Springs.

Kendra Vines was with four relatives in her home in Sylvan Springs when strong winds struck the house as they hid in a basement corner.

"That was the only corner left standing, thank the Lord," she told WBMA-TV.

Unsettling weather was reported at numerous points across the state.

King's widow offers new info about plot

WASHINGTON — The widow of the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. Wednesday met with Attorney General Janet Reno to present what she called "new evidence" of a conspiracy in her husband's assassination in hopes of persuading the federal government to re-examine the crime.

Coretta Scott King met for more than two hours with Reno to press the case for appointment of a federal panel, styled on South Africa's Truth and Reconciliation Commission, that would have subpoena power and could grant immunity to potential witnesses.

"New witnesses have come forth who have never been investigated," King said.

Water

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for Blaine County, Laird Lucas, an attorney representing the Idaho Conservation League and Idaho Rivers United — two independent groups siding with Blaine County's permit — jumped into the fray as well.

Brookway notified that outstanding Blaine County no longer WyoRivers properties would not deplete the Big Wood River drainage by any measurable amount. He said the transfers would adversely affect stream aquifers, air quality, water quality or the Big Wood River's recreational or aesthetic value.

A county expert witness, hydrologist Keith Anderson, concurred depletion would be minimal but challenged Brookway's assertion that one aquifer serves both Baker's land and the WyoRivers property.

Wynn owns 8.5 acres just north of Kennewick and has three acres of surface water rights and is trying to buy five acres of riparian, Slemo said.

Heinz owns another parcel across the river. Landscaper Doug Webb testified he could look up on Kennewick city water, but he said it wasn't the best use

of the city's treated water. Webb also said Heinz has been irrigating his landscape — which he said cost \$200,000 — from a well with unglazed water rights in place.

After the hearing, Webb said he takes full responsibility for failing to apply for water rights on Blaine County's new law.

Commissioner Dennis Wright, Wednesday's final witness, testified about the geography of the area in question. He said Baker's land was outside the confines of the Big Wood River aquifer.

For the county, this protest marks the first test of its new water policy put in place early this year. The county will have a protest tied to a water-spike pond last year and tightened its water laws in the new policy.

But whether those transfers go against Blaine County's new law might not override state laws which protect water rights as real property.

For the county — or anyone — to successfully protest water rights transfers, state law says they must prove transfers could:

- Result in injuries to the rights of other water users.
- Constitute an enlargement of the original water right.

- Jeopardize public interest.
- Not be consistent with conservation of water resources within the riparian system.

Blaine County Recreation District Director Mary Ann Crofts entered a letter into testimony supporting Heinz and said the transfers would be beneficial to public interest because of bike paths en route near her property.

County Commissioners Mary Ann Mox and Len Harlig are set to testify today.

Blaine County officials are expected to argue that, because Baker isn't currently using the water on his land, using his water on landscaped lawns will deplete the water supply. They also are expected to argue Baker's land draws from a different aquifer than the WyoRivers property.

The DWR granted Baker an extension of his water rights in 1994, filed so Baker wouldn't lose his water right because of nonuse. Under that agreement, Baker has until 1999 to drill three wells and irrigate 200 acres.

Sale

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The sale was touched by show business. A male cashier frequently joked with the crowd in an effort to move out the items.

Seinfeld

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of "Who Shot J.R.?" episode of "Seinfeld."

A VIP crowd was expected to watch some scenes, but the ending will be filmed without an audience. Those involved with the show were asked to sign confidentiality agreements, and scripts were kept from actors and NBC executives.

Supposed leaks about the ending — one of which had Jerry and Elaine ending up in Los Angeles — were dismissed by producers as inaccurate.

Despite an offer to raise his pay from \$1 million to an estimated \$5 million per episode next season, Seinfeld decided to end the show.

Response

panel of 10 to eight people, which will meet next week to examine the department's actions. Within five days she will submit a report on the team's findings to Health and Welfare's director and division manager.

Adley said he told Health and Welfare he watched Cynthia Grissom inject methamphetamine while she was eight months pregnant with Barnett.

When he reported this, he said, a social worker promised him the baby would have a drug test at birth.

But the department never showed up at the hospital, said Adley, who said he later saw Cynthia Grissom's hands covered with needle marks at a health and welfare office.

Department protocol requires social workers to take immediate action when someone complains about a mother of a child 6 years

Water

old and under, McRoberts said. Two social workers accompanied by a law enforcement officer must visit the parent's home to look for suspicious signs — including the children's reaction to the mother, and needle marks on the mother.

The department also doesn't get involved in drug testing infants, she said. That's the responsibility of the hospital where an infant is born. The department isn't obligated to notify the doctor that a complaint had been made against the mother.

"We would not have a clue when the child was going to be born unless someone called us to let us know, someone would have to report

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to us when the mother was in labor," McRoberts said.

Diemans at St. Benedict's Family Medical Center in Jerome, where Barnett was born, aren't equipped to test babies for drugs, but can test them in order to assess whether they will require additional treatment, said Mike Wilkerson, the hospital's administrator.

Diemans are required to report any suspected drug use by the mother to Health and Welfare, he said. He declined to comment on whether Barnett was tested for drugs at birth, but said staff will review whether the hospital's drug-testing policy is adequate. Other hospitals require drug testing on newborns.

"When you're in the pediatric unit's examining these two new arrivals," Wilkerson said, "it's on the public's interest we need to err on the side of testing two much rather than not enough."

CORRECTIONS

A quote in Tuesday's Community page was incorrect. Leroy M. Craig is from a mid-40s man, not a 70-plus man. "Just living in Jerome for 70-plus years is an amazing achievement she has done out of love for her family, her friends, community, church, nation and her God," said Mike Wilkerson. The Times-News regrets the error.

Blaine County officials hope to decide within two weeks on a proposal to build fishing and hunting cabins along Sylvan Creek, but has no set deadline to decide the issue. An article in the Times-News Wednesday misstated the county's timetable. The Times-News regrets the error.

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Another Boise player got lucky in the game of **Two, winning** a top prize of \$5,000. She purchased her winning ticket at Albertsons on Cleveland Road in Boise.

WEDNESDAY APRIL 8 NUMBERS
POWERBALL 3 10 24 30 39
POWERBALL NUMBER 55

WEDNESDAY APRIL 8 NUMBERS
WILD CARD
6 9 15 23 26 31
WILD CARD KING OF CLUBS

WEDNESDAY APRIL 9 NUMBERS
3 13 17 30

Medicaid evictions spark investigation

TAMPA, Fla. (AP) — It was time to lay carpeting and hang wallpaper, the nursing home said, so dozens of elderly and bedridden residents had 30 days to move out with no guarantee they ever could return.

It was just coincidence, the home's owners said, that all the patients evicted were on Medicaid — and that the entire building had been renovated just three months earlier.

But in an unfortunate coincidence for the operators' parent company, Vencor, news of the evictions came the same day their top executive was quoted in The Wall Street Journal as saying they planned to rid their nursing homes nationally of Medicaid patients, who bring in less money than private patients.

Now the state of Florida is investigating whether the \$3.5 billion nursing home giant tried to dump Medicaid patients, using the renovation project as a ruse. But unlike most nursing homes in Florida, Vencor's Rehabilitation and Healthcare Center of Tampa is not required to accept a certain number of Medicaid patients for state licensing.

That means a mass Medicaid eviction there would be "not necessarily illegal, but ruthless," said Gregory Heath, state Health Care Administration spokeswoman Edie Ousley said Wednesday.

So the state investigation also will focus on the quality of care in the homes, she said. The state also is investigating Vencor's 20 other nursing homes in Florida, which have a total about 2,000 Medicaid beds.

They were moving them out so quickly, these patients were crying. "Where are we going to go?" They were being treated like cattle being herded," said Nelson Mongiovi, whose 93-year-old mother was among the 52 patients ordered discharged.



Margaret Perez, 78 reacts during an interview on Tuesday in Tampa, Fla., after being told that some 50 low-income residents of the Rehabilitation and Healthcare Center of Tampa have been given 30 days to move out of the home. Margaret drives daily to visit her husband Edmund, left. If he were moved too far, she'd find it difficult to visit him.

"These are fragile human beings," he said. "I was really fearful they were going to do a mass move and kill these people. I said, 'I need someone to help me in my corner.'"

Mongiovi got his wish. He was named as a plaintiff in an emergency injunction issued late Tuesday to halt the discharges. He also was listed as plaintiff in a lawsuit expected to be filed Thursday against the nursing home.

Also this week, the state Agency for Health Care Administration launched its investigation of

Vencor's nursing homes, 11 of which are required under their state license to accept Medicaid patients, and Florida Attorney General Bob Butterworth promised his own review.

A spokeswoman for Vencor, based in Louisville, Ky., said the court action was unnecessary because the nursing home agreed on its own to halt the discharges once it realized the state was concerned.

"We wanted to do what's most sensitive for the patients," Susan Moss said. "We will not do any-

thing until we make sure we have a plan the state agrees with."

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Angry student attacks pregnant teacher with hammer; teacher in stable condition

YONKERS, N.Y. (AP) — A 15-year-old girl, apparently upset that a teacher had called her parents about poor academic performance, attacked the pregnant teacher with a hammer, police said.

Down Jaworner, 27, was teaching her first social studies class of the day Tuesday morning when the student knocked on her classroom door. When Mrs. Jaworner answered, the girl began hitting her over the head, police said.

Mrs. Jaworner, who was five weeks pregnant, was listed in fair condition today at Westchester Medical Center. She had suffered two skull fractures, hospital administrator Russ Biagi said. The hospital would not comment on the state of her pregnancy.

It was just a happy to see that she was actually able to talk with me," Schools Superintendent Reginald Miera said after a hospital visit.

A male student jumped over desks and stopped the attack, and other students tried to help the teacher, who never lost consciousness. School workers restrained the girl until police arrived.

The girl, whose name was not

released because of her age, faces assault charges.

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Starr links wide-range probe with obstruction

WASHINGTON (AP) — From fraudulent land deals in Arkansas to nepot allegations of sex with the president, Whitewater prosecutor Kenneth Starr is conducting two criminal investigations with a common thread: possible obstruction of justice involving the Clintons.

With Clinton under investigation in the Monica Lewinsky case, first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton is a former law partner, Webster Hubbell, continue to be the focus of a grand jury in Arkansas that expires May 7.

Starr eventually will make decisions on whether to refer evidence to the House of Representatives against the president and whether to indict the first lady. But decisions could be many months away.

Prosecutors in Starr's office have begun assembling material against Clinton for possible submission to

the House of Representatives, lawyers familiar with Starr's investigation said Wednesday.

But "they're not even close to making a decision on whether to send anything," said an individual familiar with the proceedings. Another source, also speaking on grounds of anonymity, said any decision on whether to send material to the House is delayed indefinitely by court challenges blocking Starr's access to testimony from key witnesses such as presidential adviser Bruce Lindsey.

The Washington Post initially reported the work by Starr's office in the compilation of material for a possible referral.

Under the law, Starr must give the House "substantial and credible information... that may constitute grounds for an impeachment."

Using more than 20 hours of tape-recordings in which Ms. Lindsey alleges she had an affair

and was then urged to lie about it, Starr is using a grand jury in Washington to question dozens of witnesses who could corroborate what the former White House intern said on the tapes.

Hubbell was to have been Starr's key witness in the criminal investigation of failed real estate deals in Arkansas which Mrs. Clinton assisted. But the investigation turned on payments to Hubbell from friends of the president, amounting to hundreds of thousands of dollars, when the former associate attorney general's memory lapses made him useless as a witness to Starr.

Presidential confidant Vernon Jordan is one Clinton friend who arranged a job for Hubbell and a job offer for Mrs. Lewinsky at the former White House intern was filing an affidavit in court denying she had a sexual relationship with Clinton.

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'This is a classroom?' Clinton asks

President Clinton tours schools to promote rehabilitation plan

CHICAGO (AP) — President Clinton ventured to the shuttered, rickety classrooms of a South Side Chicago school Wednesday to turn the spotlight on congressional Republicans who he said would finance roads instead of schools.

Peering beyond the plastic yellow tape that cordoned off an old fifth-grade room at the Rachel Carson Elementary School, Clinton stared with dismay at the buckled and rotten floorboards, the peeling paint.

"This is a classroom?" the president asked. Last year, the room's roof leaked so much that lessons had to be moved into the hallway when it rained. Thanks to a school rehabilitation program in Chicago, the former classroom is now used for storage.

An assembly of students and community leaders Clinton noted that Senate Republicans voted last week for billions in new highway projects but rejected his plans for hiring 100,000 new teachers and modernizing 5,000 schools.

Republicans emphasize that they also voted for increased education spending by billions of dollars — just not for federal programs Clinton wanted.

"I believe that we should have a good road program that would connect bridges ought to be repaired," Clinton said Wednesday. "But none of that will matter very much if we let the education system come crumbling down around our children."

With one-third of the nation's schools in need of major repairs, Clinton said, "This is a national priority."

And while many high-tech companies are willing to donate computers to link classrooms with the Internet, nearly half of schools don't have the necessary wiring to make use of computers.

Clinton said, and asked: "How bizarre is that?"

Republican Sen. John Ashcroft of Missouri, also in Chicago to address the Governor's Prayer Breakfast, said Clinton's education spending plans would stifle local decision making while giving power to officials in Washington. He called for block grants of federal funds to local school districts.

"The key to a renaissance in American education is empowerment of parents and communities," Ashcroft said.

In his budget for the fiscal year beginning Oct. 1, Clinton asked Congress to approve \$7.3 billion to help school districts hire 100,000 new teachers and reduce class sizes to 18-20.

He also proposed federal tax credits to let school districts issue interest-free, locally issued construction bonds.

The districts would receive federal tax credit



Third-grader Amalado Gombos demonstrates a wind vane for President Clinton in a science class at the Rachel Carson School in Chicago on Wednesday. The president was in Chicago to promote his plan for a major school rehabilitation program.

in lieu of interest payments on the bonds. White House officials say the incentives could generate \$22 billion in school construction and repair at a 10-year cost of \$11 billion.

The Carson school benefited from a similar Chicago-wide bond initiative, which financed a \$15 million addition and enabled classes to move out of the worst rooms in the old buildings dating from 1917.

A bright, spacious science lab awaited Clinton in the adjacent new building, where he plunked down in a grow-up sized chair to watch third-graders assemble wind vanes of plastic plates, clay and screws.

"It really does make a tremendous difference — the atmosphere that the kids learn in," said teacher Catherine Garza.

In what is sharpening into an election-year divide between Democrats and Republicans, Clinton scored GOP leaders in Congress for thinking, he said, that the state of America's schools is not their problem but a local one.

Clinton maintained that there is a limit to how much local taxpayers can pay and how much the financial markets will let city governments borrow.

"It is in the national interest to know that we have decent infrastructure for our schools just as much as our national future depends upon a decent network of highways," Clinton said. "That is the idea we have to convince the Congress on."

In an aside, he said he would pursue an idea from Sen. Carol Moseley-Braun — the Illinois Democrat whose re-election Clinton's trip was meant to boost — to add to the defense budget to expand ROTC opportunities for students.

Clinton is counting on billions of dollars in payments from the tobacco industry to finance many of his education and other domestic initiatives.

On Thursday, he travels to Carrollton, Ky., to meet with tobacco farmers who fear the consequences of tobacco legislation in Congress.

Tobacco companies say deal is up in smoke

WASHINGTON (AP) — The nation's major cigarette makers declared last summer's historic tobacco deal dead Wednesday, saying Congress has twisted their offer to help cut teen smoking into a harsh attack on their industry and American smokers.

Led by the head of No. 2 tobacco maker R.J. Nabisco, the companies vowed to fight any effort in Congress to increase prices and fashion tougher restrictions on advertising.

But President Clinton and congressional leaders insisted they will press forward with efforts to pass a comprehensive law meant to curb teen smoking and compensate states for treating sick smokers — with or without the industry's cooperation.

"They can be part of it or they can fight it," an angry Clinton said on his return from a trip to Chicago. "I think they ought to rethink their position because we're going to get this done one way or the other."

The companies had warned for weeks they would walk away. But on Wednesday, R.J.R. chief executive Steven Goldstone said the process was "broken beyond repair."

"We have failed in our effort to achieve a comprehensive resolution of the contentious issues surrounding tobacco in our country," he told the National Press Club.

The leading proposals in Congress would raise cigarette prices too much, he said, without regard for adult smokers and businesses that depend on tobacco sales.

"Washington has rushed to collect more tobacco revenues without playing the politics of punishment," said Goldstone, whose company, R.J. Reynolds, makes Winston and Camel brands.

White House spokesman Mike McCurry said Goldstone's remarks show how worried the tobacco industry is that Congress will pass tough legislation.

"It's a mark of how serious the effort is in Congress," he said.

The leading Senate bill, sponsored by Sen. John McCain, R-Arizona, would cost the industry \$50 billion and force tobacco companies to curb advertising that critics say helps lure teens to smoke.

It overwhelmingly passed a Senate committee last week.

It is tougher than the settlement tobacco companies negotiated with states and public health advocates last June. That deal — had Congress approved it — would have given the industry significantly more legal protection from product liability suits and would have cost companies \$368 billion.

Workers accuse Amtrak of racial discrimination

WASHINGTON (AP) — Eight black Amtrak employees and their union sued the passenger railroad Wednesday, accusing it of racial harassment and discrimination.

The lawsuit, also joined by a former Amtrak worker and a rejected applicant, accuses the company of hiring too few blacks, denying promotional opportunities to those hired and subjecting them to harsher discipline than their white counterparts.

"At Amtrak, African-American

men and women are passed over for jobs, are passed over for training and are passed over for promotion," charged Anthony D. Rochon, a regional vice chairman with the Brotherhood of Maintenance of Way Employees.

Amtrak spokesman Cliff Black said the company was surprised by the lawsuit. He said Amtrak promptly investigates reports of discrimination and harassment and initiates disciplinary proceedings when appropriate.

Gore: Protect children as well as crops

WASHINGTON (AP) — Under growing pressure from farm groups, Vice President Al Gore sought to ally forces the Environmental Protection Agency would soon ban a crucial class of pesticides in order to protect children.

Administrator Carol Browner and Agriculture Secretary Dan Glickman, Gore said Wednesday that a review of pesticides under a 1996 law would emphasize reducing risk to children but not at the expense of agriculture or the food supply.

Erroneous e-mail brings VA denial, apology

WASHINGTON (AP) — A message on the Internet telling hundreds of thousands of veterans they faced possible termination of benefits brought a strong denial from the Department of Veterans Affairs. Its sender, a Minnesota veteran, said Wednesday he regrets issuing the false warning.

Many veterans who either read the e-mailed message or heard about it thought they had registered at a local veteran's medical center by Oct. 1 or lose benefits forever. The message also claimed the VA was instructed by Congress to keep silent about the October deadline.

The anxiety-provoking e-mail was "factually incorrect," VA spokesman Gary Caruso said Wednesday.

A VA health-care system requiring veterans to file for benefits

does go into effect Oct. 1 but does not prevent unregistered veterans from receiving federal compensation, Caruso said.

The sender, Thomas Todd of Minneapolis, is a "well-intentioned but misinformed veteran," Director of Health Administration Kent Simonis said. "He thought he was doing the right thing by warning people, but he really disrupted millions of people with this information."

Man pleads guilty in pot conspiracy

SEATTLE (AP) — An Indonesian man pleaded guilty to charges he tried to smuggle more than \$1 million worth of marijuana into the U.S., one of three men rescued off the Washington coast after setting fire to a sailboat laden with as much as 5,000 pounds of pot.

Amir Tobing could receive up to five years in prison when he is sentenced June 19. He entered his plea in U.S. district court last week.

Five years ago, he was captain of the ill-fated Golden Venture, a ship that ran aground on a sandbar off New York with 300 Chinese nationals hidden aboard. Ten immigrants drowned in the winter water or died of hypothermia.

In 1994, Tobing was convicted and sentenced to four years in prison for conspiracy to smuggle aliens. He was deported in November 1996.

In December, the Coast Guard went to the aid of a burning sail-

boat five miles off the Washington state coast and rescued three men. Then they spotted marijuana bales floating in the water.

Prosecutors say Tobing and two other defendants, John Ricker and Jim Garboceuskas, set fire to the Ok Tedi, a 54-foot Australian-registered sailboat that was carrying as much as 5,000 pounds of marijuana, as the Coast Guard was approaching.

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Agency proposes warning labels for SU vehicles

WASHINGTON (AP) — Statistics showing sport utility vehicles have double the rollover risk of other vehicles have prompted the government's highway-safety agency to propose strongly worded labels for them.

The labels proposed by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration will use bright colors and show a vehicle tipping sideways with the words: "Warning: High Risk of Rollover," according to documents obtained Wednesday by The Associated Press.

The agency proposal, to be unveiled Tuesday, would apply to most sport utilities including such popular models as the Chevy Blazer and Chrysler Jeep Grand Cherokee. But it would not apply to larger sport utility vehicles with a wheel base over 110 inches such as Ford Expeditions or General Motors Suburbans.



"The risk of rollover for any vehicle is relatively low," Felrice said, adding that the way a motorist drives is an important factor.

In 1996, about 30 percent of all passenger deaths involved crashes in which a vehicle rolled over. Single-vehicle rollover crashes accounted for 19 percent of passenger deaths in cars, compared with 35 percent in pickups and 53 percent in utility vehicles, according to the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety.

The labels also promote seat belt use. More than 9,000 people die in accidents in which vehicles roll over, according to the agency. In those crashes, the likelihood of being killed is 40 times greater if an occupant is ejected.

NHTSA used focus groups to determine that bright orange or yellow labels with graphics increased the likelihood drivers would see and read the message.

Some consumer and interest groups want vehicles to be labeled with comparative information about their rollover propensity, and several are pushing for a government rollover standard for light trucks.

Jana Claybrook, president of Public Citizen, said many consumers "have no idea light trucks have a high propensity to roll over — particularly the sport utility vehicles."

Sport utilities have higher ground clearance for off-road use and a higher center of gravity that agency officials believe is a key factor in the higher rollover rate.

There are 98 rollovers per 1 million sports utility vehicles each year, compared with 47 rollovers per 1 million for all vehicles.

A warning label already is required for sport utilities, but it is a 20-year-old, text-only label that tells motorists that the "vehicle may roll over" if the driver makes sharp turns.

Barry Felrice of the American Automobile Manufacturers Association, said the Big Three domestic automakers would "look at the proposal carefully."

12.5 percent of world's plants brink on extinction

WASHINGTON (AP) — Drumming up public sympathy for saving threatened and endangered plants and animals may be tougher than it was for huggable like pandas and seal pups, but conservationists say the effort is necessary.

The World Conservation Union, concluding a 20-year research effort, said in a report today that 12.5 percent of the world's seed-producing plants and ferns — nearly 34,000 species in all — are threatened with extinction.

"The bottom line is, if you want to eat your 'pot' you'll pay attention to plant conservation," said Brian Boom, vice president of the New York Botanical Garden.

Protecting native plants, he said, "is our insurance policy for the future."

"We need protected areas for threatened species, we need areas that are managed" in such a way that threatened plants and others can "coexist," said Deborah Jensen, director of conservation science for the Nature Conservancy.

"The crucial thing is knowing if you don't know what you're getting, you don't know what's threatened. That's what this book is all about," added Robert Fri, director of the Smithsonian Institution's national Museum of Natural History.

Student, coach win libel suit

GALLATIN, Tenn. (AP) — A jury awarded \$650,000 to a former high school soccer coach and an athlete who filed a libel lawsuit against a newspaper over a fabricated, sexually explicit quotation that was inserted into a story as a joke.

After more than a week of testimony, the Sumner County Circuit Court jury decided Tuesday that former student Garrett Dixon Jr. will receive \$500,000 in compensatory damages from The News Examiner and owner Gannett Co. The amount of punitive damages was to be decided today.

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Government investigates Disney's Animal Kingdom

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP) — Disney, which produced "Bambi" and "The Lion King," is being scrutinized over the deaths of several animals at its newest theme park.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture is investigating Walt Disney World in the deaths of four cheetah cubs, two rhinos, two hippos and four other creatures at or en route to the entertainment giant's new Animal Kingdom.

"This isn't a movie they're making, this is real life," said Joe Taksel, a spokesman for the Animal Rights Foundation of Florida.

Taksel's group plans a protest at the April 22 opening of the park, which will feature 1,000 exotic animals.

Disney is under pressure to put the final touches on the \$800 million, 500-acre theme park. It will fly in 5,000 reporters, analysts and

travel planners for the opening. USDA spokesman Jim Rogers said the investigation was started after the agency received an anonymous tip, but he wouldn't say what inspectors are looking for.

The USDA, which has the power to fine an animal exhibitor or take away its license, had previously reviewed most of the deaths and found no violations of federal animal welfare regulations.

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EDITORIAL

State should supervise young thugs past 21

Idahoans can congratulate themselves on a progressive approach to juvenile justice. But there's work yet to be done.

The Arkansas schoolyard killings have prompted a national discussion about how to deal with violent juveniles. As we told you last week, Idaho's Legislature has already taken some positive steps that some are just starting to talk about.

For instance, those Arkansas boys are likely to be sentenced to a juvenile lockup until they're 18 — but after that, Arkansas law will set them free.

That wouldn't happen in Idaho. Idaho allows juvenile defendants to be tried as adults when circumstances warrant. They could be sentenced to long prison terms, reducing the possibility that they might kill again.

Good for Idaho. But a couple of other wrongs deserves the Legislative's attention:

Loophole — Judge Lowell Castleton, one of the candidates for the Idaho Supreme Court, paid us a visit last week. He told the story of an unexpected problem that arose in his Franklin County courtroom.

Suppose a juvenile defendant is determined to be mentally unfit to stand trial?

When adults meet that description, judges can commit them to psychiatric confinement. But Castleton found that the law doesn't establish such an option for juveniles. Neither the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare nor the state Department of Juvenile

Corrections has statutory authority to handle such a case.

Castleton, improvising, handed the case to Health and Welfare. He thought it was his best option at the time, but Idaho's appellate courts will have to decide whether he was right.

Legislators, please clarify his point. Deep freeze — Peter Reinharz heads New York City's Family Law Division. Writing in the Wall Street Journal, he argues that seriously violent juvenile offenders need to be locked up for a long, long time.

His reasoning is fairly simple. Violence among young males increases through the teen years and early 20s. Not until age 23 does crime begin to drop, and the trend accelerating in the 30s and 40s.

He suggests creating a system of civil commitment similar to what some states are using with unrehabilitated sex offenders. Let young thugs serve their sentences and then continue being wards of the state until their middle 20s.

"During this period they should be provided schooling and services to control their impulses so that they can be ready to re-enter society when they are past their most violence-prone years," Reinharz writes.

Such a system would be expensive, but it's more appealing that freeing young ex-cons when they are brimming with anger and youthful restlessness. Idaho lawmakers should consider giving judges an option of this kind.



CBS: Touched by pervert Howard Stern

The once-great Columbia Broadcasting System, which mined a lot of gold during television's Golden Age with such talents and shows as Lucille Ball and Desi Arnaz, Jackie Gleason, Red Skelton, "CBS Playhouse" and Ed Sullivan, and more recently has presented the uplifting and highly rated "Touched by an Angel" and the family-oriented "Promised Land," is now about to grant legitimacy to Howard Stern, the king of all filth.



CAL THOMAS

Stern has signed a deal to begin televising his radio program on 12 of the 14 CBS-owned television stations in August. It will be similar to the show he produces for the cable network E! Entertainment Television.

In commenting on the deal, Stern correctly observed: "Television is ready for someone like me...standards have gone to an all-time low, and I'm here to represent the change."

Stern has presided the polls that people don't care if the president of the United States is harassing women or having sex in the Oval Office. He figures if they'll tolerate outrageous sexual behavior there, they'll support such behavior on television. He says his appearance on CBS stations may be an acknowledgment of society's lower standards. It is also an indication that CBS is a co-conspirator in the deal.

One person who has refused to lend her name and reputation to CBS is na-

tionally syndicated radio talk show host Dr. Laura Schlesinger. A source close to her program told me that "Dr. Laura" was ready to accept a lucrative offer from CBS to do her own show on morals and values until she heard the network had signed Stern. Then, the source said, she immediately rejected the contract offer for an "Oprah"-like show on the same stations on which Stern will now appear. To Schlesinger's way of thinking, accepting the CBS deal would be akin to "going to bed with the devil."

In our me-first culture, one rarely sees such commitment to principle demonstrated, though a case could be made that she should have done the show anyway to counter Stern and let the best ratings win. But Schlesinger isn't like that. She reportedly "has no intention of getting into a spitting contest with a skunk."

The signing of Stern follows by a week a decision by CBS Sports not to offer a broadcast analyst contract to the Green Bay Packers star player, Reggie White. White delivered a speech to Wisconsin legislators in which he called homosexuality a sin and mentioned how

different racial and ethnic groups bring unique gifts to the culture. Certain groups, always on the lookout to be offended in order to call attention to themselves, took offense at White's remarks. CBS Sports, which has been burned in the past by the late Jimmy "the Greek" Snyder's comments about athletic skills he found to race, quickly caved.

So the message is that Howard Stern, who is reportedly "auditions" porno actors by having them drop their dresses and showed it on the E! channel, will now be delivering his social effluent to a wider audience on CBS.

Perhaps goodness has become offensive to some CBS executives, who must socialize with people who unapologetically mock shows like "Touched by an Angel" and "Promised Land." Hollywood critic Michael Medved has written that most producers and executives prefer the approval of their peers to that of critics and audiences. If that is true, the Howard Stern show will be a hit among the elite and the perverted. One wonders, though, what the ghosts of Stephen Glass, Sullivan and Lucy and Dean would say.

Thank God for Laura Schlesinger, who has higher standards than CBS' toothless Office of Standards and Practices. By hiring Howard Stern, CBS was the race to the sewer.

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LETTERS

Park fee hike will push locals out
I am writing in regard to the proposed hike in fees for the Twin Falls parks. I am actually insulted and feel a bit of a bristle when companies and governments think that they improve God's beautiful world.

I do not go to see these parks because they have dynamic restrooms, concession, parking lots, etc. You can bet the bottom line is money in someone's pocket, and it is not mine. Maintenance is a good thing, but to spend money on this proposal is absolutely unnecessary. I am only one person and know I do not have the money to stop this so-called progress, but I do have the right to state my opinion and hope we may save ourselves from commercializing ourselves out of what many of us have enjoyed for years and have been perfectly satisfied.

Do we get a vote or will it just go through the system saying here it is? Do you like what we did now that it's done?
Is a layman to the system but feel if we pay our taxes, why do we pay more fees? When do we get to say enough?

The bottom line is our local people are going to be pushed out with this, and will we now be subjected to the park ranger checking our legitimate right to be present in the park?
Oh, freedom! To vote, to enjoy nature.

Welcome to the world of power, greed and money. Goodbye hard-working, tax-paying Americans.
LU ANNE ROGERS
Burley

Vandalize your own property
The cemetery is a sacred place for loved ones such as family and friends

to go to give and receive comfort. It's also a place where our loved ones are laid to rest. It is a shame and a disgrace that the people get their thrills by vandalizing this sacred place.

Two mercury vapor lights were installed five years ago by a citizen of Richfield to improve the cemetery. The cemetery has been vandalized two times in the last three weeks. Twice, these individuals have thrown rocks at the lights until they were shattered.

Do these particular individuals, if you are so intent on destroying property, why not at your own home? We can guarantee you that, with anyone over the age of 6 years old (and with evidence), the punishment will probably be fatal at the scene of the crime.

We are sure that you or some of your family has loved ones laid to rest in the cemetery. There is no doubt that they would really be proud of you and your actions.

Parents, do you know where your kids are and what they have been doing? It is evident that some of you need to spend some quality time with them, or when you can say for sure it wasn't my son or daughter, they were home with me.

A citizen's group is offering a \$100 reward for any information leading to the solving of this act of vandalism. These perpetrators will be punished to the full extent of the law when caught, and you will be caught.

If you have any information leading to solving this act of vandalism, please call 208-487-2125 or 487-2135 or 487-2306 or the Lincoln County Sheriff's Office.

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Council was right to stop beer sale

Earlier this week, we witnessed some exceptional leadership from our City Council. The decision went almost unnoticed. I thought it was a big deal and wanted to bring it to everyone's attention. The City Council decided to remove beer sales from all family events at the City Park. Although the decision will not be popular with all people, it was the right decision and a courageous one at that. The council said "enough is enough"; it's time we led by example.

We are in a war with drug and alcohol abuse. We have seen burglaries, child abuse, murder and other crimes increase in our area. The solution starts with the leadership in our community becoming better role models. The City Council has taken that first step.

I commend the council for its leadership and hope to see all government, business and religious leaders take the same stand.
JIM BOYD
Twin Falls

Judge's Jones decision disappoints
After hearing the decision to dismiss the Paula Jones lawsuit made by a federal judge in Arkansas, I feel that I must express my disappointment with

the judicial system in the United States

This judge, in her rabid support of Bill Clinton, has trampled on our fundamental right to not be harassed by an employer. Further, she (the judge) has made it possible for any governor to "dangle" his genitals in front of any employee so long as that employee does not suffer a loss of employment or wages, has made it possible for a governor to have the state police bring employees to him so that he can engage in his fantasies. After all, just as he "didn't inhale," he also "didn't have sex." Now it is also permissible for a president to "dangle" himself in front of anyone he chooses since it is not "having sex," since it is OK with Hillary and so long as no one suffers a loss of wages.

You may say, "If the lawsuit was dismissed, then he must be innocent." Remember when Clinton was running for office, he swore he did not have sex with Jennifer Flowers. However, down the road, he admitted that he did have some sort of relationship with her. If he lied about this, what else has he lied about to us?

What have we learned? I, for one, have seen the office of president become a mockery. Instead of setting an example of moral conduct and decency,

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our president has set an immoral standard for our youth to follow. If the president can smoke marijuana without inhaling, what's wrong with school kids doing the same? If the president can sexually harass employees, friends and others, why shouldn't high school boys be able to do the same? I have searched our president use his power and position to trash the reputation of anyone who dares to hold him accountable for his actions.

Bill Clinton went visiting other countries so he could buy poppity with our tax dollars and be seen with cheering crowds. In other countries, "Slick Willy" did not have to put up with protesters or reporters with questions about his morals. Meanwhile, back home, Hillary's well-orchestrated smear campaign against the many women who had the courage to say enough is enough was working. With the full weight of the government behind her, Madam President again managed to save the day and remain First Lady, and her husband can remain home sweet home (?) again.

There is no such thing as "neutral harassment" when you work for the government, as long as you still get paid for it!
DIANA J. RITZMAN
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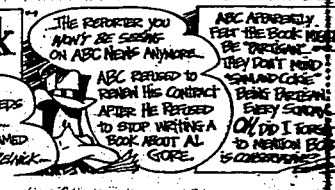
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By Bruce Tinsley



The growing investor class

WASHINGTON — Just as the stock market crash of 1929 changed the face of politics for the next six decades, the stock-market boom of the 1990s may change the face of politics well into the next millennium. The crash was the catalyst for the modern welfare state. The skeptics here could produce its opposite. As 1996 and more Americans gain a stake in stocks, their views undoubtedly will change on such matters as business regulation, taxes, antitrust policy, trade, even foreign affairs.



JAMES K. GLASSMAN

In 1997 about 43 percent of adult Americans owned stocks, according to a survey by Peter D. Hart Associates for Nasdaq. That figure has risen sharply — from 10 percent in 1965 to 21 percent in 1990.

else they own. That could produce a sea change in politics. "You have the emergence of a broad-based investor class," says Lawrence Kudlow, chief economist for American Standish.

But only recently have politicians begun to recognize its power. Investor clout, for example, probably encouraged President Clinton to approve last year's cut in the capital gains tax from 28 percent to 20 percent and the new, liberalized Roth IRAs, which allow tax-free withdrawals on retirement. And the satisfaction of investors at a rising stock market has helped keep Clinton's job ratings high in the face of scandal.

In the future, the investor class could flex its muscles by becoming an advocacy group for corporations — for example, by opposing higher costs to deter global warming. The political shift could be profound, but it is just beginning. At its source are four developments:

— The shift away from traditional, defined-benefit pension plans toward defined-contribution 401(k) plans, run by individuals themselves. In 1995, according to the Employment-Benefit Research Institute, 45 percent of Americans had a 401(k), or its nonprofit or public-sector equivalent.

— Growing fears that Social Security is in deep trouble. Research by Roper Starch

Worldwide found that in 1997 only 46 percent of Americans said they "count on" Social Security as a source of income in retirement — down from 88 percent in 1974. Meanwhile, 42 percent count on self-directed investment accounts, up from 6 percent in 1980.

— The rise of mutual funds, which have made stock-market investing easier, safer and more democratic. A 1997 Investment Company Institute survey found that 37 million U.S. households — roughly three in eight families — own mutual funds. More than 70 percent of them had incomes under \$75,000.

— The boom in the stock market itself. An investment of \$10,000 in the 30 stocks of the Dow Jones Industrial Average in 1988 is worth \$58,000 today, and there is good reason to believe the market will continue on a strong upward path into the next century. As the rise continues, more workers will want to own a piece of America's businesses, which is good news for traditional pro-Democratic interest groups such as labor.

All these factors have not merely increased and broadened financial wealth, they have also led to what Hart, in his study for Nasdaq, calls "a new ethic of self-reliance." This is the idea that individuals can have a more satisfying life by providing for their own families, rather than depending on government. It does not obviate the need for a safety net for the truly needy, but it casts doubt on collective programs such as Social Security.

Certainly, a market collapse would be a setback. But in the new environment, politicians — even governors of the Federal Reserve Board — would be reluctant to take the kind of steps that could contribute to such a collapse.

In fact, politicians of both parties will ignore this new investor class at their very deep peril. The question is not whether it will become the most powerful interest group in America but when.

James K. Glassman is a fellow at the American Enterprise Institute.

Southerner doesn't appreciate Crump column

This is in response to the article written by Steve Crump in the March 29 edition of your paper. It saddens me that a journalist would be allowed to make such comments about a culture and group of people that he has no idea what he is talking about. Being from the South, I took a large offense to his rude and inconsiderate article. I have lived in the great states of Oklahoma, Arkansas, Mississippi and Tennessee. I am now a proud resident of this state.

I did not know that being excluded from bass fishing would put a person into the category of being non-Idahoan. Bass fishing and the people that make it up are a very strong and growing population in this state. Not

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only that, the BASS organization is one of the top money-making industries in the United States, bringing revenue to each community that sponsors tournaments. They offer much larger prizes than beer hats with spurs. The financial aspect of it is astounding.

Along with the revenue, this organization and many other bass fishermen help raise funds to battle the war against drugs among our young people, not to mention bringing awareness of the habitat of fish. It seems to me that Mr. Crump should be more concerned about the perdition of our young people in the ever-so-large concern with drugs and alcohol. I don't think bass fishing is going to lead them to loss of the soul and damnation.

You don't have to be from the South to be a great angler, nor

does "Creeping Babbaism" go hand-in-hand with the sport of bass fishing. Being on the Snake River when the sun rises or sets is, in itself, a great venture in the day of any bass fisherman or woman. I suggest that Mr. Crump stop his ranting off with a story to one of the most beautiful sites in this state, the Snake River, and see the majesty of the grand sport of bass fishing. Maybe it would broaden his views of others before judging them.

By the way, I don't have six dogs yet, but I am working on it. They love to hang out under the front porch, which is attached to the house that sits on blocks. Yes, I live south of Berkeley and take pride in the sport of bass fishing, as do many members of my family. Yee hawwww. Mr. Crump!

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Mayor vows nothing will stop housing project

Israel, Palestine still dispute neighborhood

JERUSALEM (AP) — Standing on a hill overlooking the construction site of a disputed Jewish housing project, Mayor Ehud Olmert vowed Wednesday that nothing would stop Israel from building in Jerusalem.

Olmert said the Jewish Jerusalem's jurisdiction and what lies within the jurisdiction of Jerusalem is not a subject for negotiation, Olmert said. "The issue is an inseparable part of Jerusalem and it will be built despite everything, whether the delay is long or short."

But construction in the neighborhood has been delayed because of the dispute, and Olmert said he will hold — as are the peace talks between Israel and the Palestinians.

Needs of intermittent violence in the West Bank erupted when Israel broke ground a year ago, leaving several Palestinians dead and dozens wounded and badly damaging the peace talks.

No bulldozers, tractors or cranes were at work Wednesday. Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has personally held to contractors, apparently acquiescing to American demands to freeze construction until progress is made in the peace talks.

Olmert, who has sharply criticized that, visited the site with Public Security Minister Arziel Kahalani.

Newsweek magazine sent a senior aide to meet with U.S. representatives for further talks on the three withdrawals from the West Bank that Israel is supposed to complete under a 1993 agreement. Yitzhak Mordechai met with U.S. envoy Dennis Ross in London on Wednesday.

State Department spokesman James P. Rubin said he did not see the results of the meeting but reminded reporters that Binon currently holds the presidency of the European Union, and said Ross "did have a chance to brief certain officials in London."

Ross is expected to remain in the Middle East for this month.



Jerusalem Mayor Ehud Olmert, right, talks to Israel Public Security Minister Arziel Kahalani during a tour of the disputed East Jerusalem neighborhood of the Shimon on Wednesday. Mayor Olmert said nothing would stop Israel from building on it's sovereign capital.

to try to work out an agreement that will allow Israel to proceed with the pullback.

The Americans are pushing Israel to withdraw from 12 percent to 15 percent of the West Bank in the next pullback, but Netanyahu has said Israel cannot give up more than 9 percent.

The Palestinians have said they expect far more than 15 percent, but privately have signaled they would accept the American proposal.

Israeli news reports Wednesday said Netanyahu's government was considering a plan under which Israel would limit to 9 percent of the West Bank to full Palestinian control, 3 percent more would come under Palestinian civil control with Israeli troops in charge of security.

The Palestinians currently have full or partial control over 27 percent of the West Bank and most of the Gaza Strip.

Kahalani said Israel would be mistaken if it linked the disputed neighborhood to the West Bank withdrawal. "Har Homa should be under construction already," he said.

Olmert and Kahalani's visit was part of a tour of east Jerusalem, which Palestinians want for their future capital, that was intended to show Israel's efforts to improve roads, sewers and gutters in the city's Arab neighborhoods.

Olmert said the work showed Israel's sovereignty over all of Jerusalem.

"Whoever believes as owner of this city and worries about its residents, especially in the non-Jewish areas — he will be oversteering in the city," he said.

In many neighborhoods, however, the construction has run aground due to lack of funds.

Olmert was approached by two residents, Sivan Adam and Afshar Amin, who complained that unfinished Israeli construction in their neighborhood has left roads unpaved after sewage pipes were laid and support walls built.

"We are paying taxes and nothing is moving here. Why?" Adam asked.

Olmert, putting Adam's cheek, promised that the work would resume immediately after the weeklong Jewish holiday of Passover, which starts Friday night.

Ahem, Blair team up to seek Protestant support

BELFAST, Northern Ireland (AP) — Facing the most critical hours of Northern Ireland's peace negotiations, the prime ministers of Britain and Ireland banded together today in hopes of winning Protestant support for a compromise deal.

Irish Prime Minister Bertie Ahern met British's Tony Blair for an hour at Hillsborough Castle, southwest of Belfast, to discuss why the Ulster Unionists, the main pro-British Protestant party, rejected a confidential draft agreement two days before a deadline.

"There are still a lot of very hard questions to resolve. I'm full of ideas and determination. I'm going to give it the very best try I possibly can," Blair said after going to Stormont, the negotiating venue and center of British administration in east Belfast.

"The trouble with this situation ... is that words matter — every word matters," Blair said before meeting Ulster Unionist leader David Trimble for the second time in 24 hours.

Trimble is demanding substantial amendments to a 55-page compromise package presented Tuesday by the talks chairman, former U.S. Senate Majority Leader George Mitchell.

Ahern, meanwhile, conferred

with the moderate and militant leaders of the north's substantial Roman Catholic minority. John Hume of the Social Democratic and Labor Party and Gerry Adams of the IRA-allied Sinn Fein party.

Blair, Ahern and Mitchell think Protestants and Catholics should govern Northern Ireland together in a new assembly based in Stormont. Sinn Fein opposes that idea on the grounds it wants Northern Ireland abolished, not reformed.

Sinn Fein and Hume's party both demand a strong, independent cross-border council of law-enforcement agencies in Northern Ireland and the Irish Republic as the price for their participation in a northern assembly. Trimble insists this council must be subservient to the Stormont assembly, where Protestants would retain a majority.

Adams accused Trimble of "carefully staged tantrums and rehearsed walkouts," and urged Blair to "scotch Mr. Trimble down and bring him face to face with his responsibilities."

Speaking after eight hours of negotiations at Stormont, the Stormont assembly, where Secretary Mo Mowlam said the differences between the major Protestant and Catholic parties remained profound but were narrowing every hour.

German test saliva to find murderer

CLOPPENBURG, Germany (AP) — Police seeking the rapist-murderer of a 15-year-old girl will collect saliva from 18,000 men in a German town this week and test the samples for DNA.

The voluntary genetic tests are an unprecedented evidence-gathering technique in Germany.

The tests will be conducted on men ages 18-30 in the area around Strucklingen, the girl's hometown of 3,500 people near the Dutch border and North Sea.

The strangled and stabbed body of Christina Nysch was discovered March 21 in woods eight miles from the town. She had disappeared five days earlier on her way home from an indoor swimming pool.

About 250 police will conduct the tests Thursday and Friday in Cloppenburg. They expect results within a week.

Mass DNA testing helped Welsh police catch a killer in 1996. It was also used successfully in a 1986 rape and murder case in central England, which later became the subject of a Joseph Wambaugh book, "The Blooding."

But two rounds of DNA tests in a western French town have failed to produce suspects in the murder of a 13-year-old British girl.

Austrian's Green Party wants origin of 241 art works clarified

VIENNA, Austria (AP) — The government should clarify the origin of 241 art works in Austrian museums that are believed to have been stolen from Jews by Nazis, opposition lawmakers said Wednesday.

The Green Party submitted a parliamentary inquiry addressed to Elisabeth Gattner, the minister in charge of museums.

In February, Gattner gave the first government promise to shed light on works the state kept back after 1945. She denied that museums should clarify "any dark" in their provenance.

Her initiative follows a Manhattan court's seizure in January of two Austrian paintings

on display in New York City on claims they belonged to Jewish Holocaust victims, and a Vienna newspaper series on art looted from Jews by Nazis.

No one knows exactly how many paintings are at stake, or their worth. Experts have estimated their value exceeds the \$145 million seized at a 1990 Vienna auction of art confiscated from Jews and seized for decades as a museum.

Green spokeswoman Therese Stainis said she wanted to spare Austria "the role of Switzerland" which came under international fire for not trying to find the heirs to hidden bank accounts left behind by Jews during the Holocaust.

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Passover deprives Jerusalem zoo animals

JERUSALEM (AP) — It won't be a festive Passover for the hippos and elephants at Jerusalem's Bnei Zion Zoo.

With all bread products whisked out of the zoo in preparation for the holiday, the animals have been deprived of their usual 10 kilograms a day.

"They are used to their regular food, and they're not happy," said zoo spokesman Kiko Giv.

Jewish law forbids the eating of leavened food products, which speeds dinner the weeklong holiday that begins Friday night.

Although Passover is traditionally observed by people not animals — observant Jews aren't even supposed to touch leavened foods during the holiday.

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“Northwestern opens the football season at home with Nevada Las Vegas. And let's face it, if there's a school at home with Las Vegas these days, it's Northwestern.”

—Phil Rosenthal in the *Chicago Sun-Times*

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

- High school baseball**
 Butte at Highland 5:30 p.m.
 Wendell at Jerome 7:45 p.m.
- High school softball**
 Butte at Minidoka 4:30 p.m.
- High school tennis**
 Twin Falls at Butte 4 p.m.
- High school track**
 Ange-Wood Invitational in Twin Falls 5:30 p.m.
 Cary Invitational 7 p.m.

IN BRIEF

TF ladies association sets golf clinic today
 TWIN FALLS — The Twin Falls Municipal Ladies Golf Association will hold its annual golf clinic, starting today at 8:15 p.m. at the golf course. It will run for three Thursdays (April 9, 16 and 23). The clinic will be instructed by golf professionals Mike Hamblin and Tommy Webster. All women are encouraged to attend. For more information call the pro shop at 733-3335.

Rocky Mountain PGA event hits town Friday
 TWIN FALLS — The Fring Pro-Amateur Championship is scheduled for Friday at Blue Lakes Country Club. This new event features head club professionals teaming with amateur professionals.

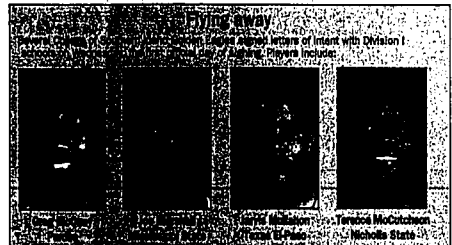
Burley men's group sets golf meeting, tourney
 BURLEY — The Burley Men's Golf Association will hold a meeting at 8 a.m. Saturday at the Burley Golf Course. The meeting will be followed by a 5-66 golf tournament. Entry fee is \$5. All team captains are required to attend the meeting. The agenda includes new rules and election of officers. To volunteer to play, call the club house at 678-9847.

Oregon Trail Muzzle Loaders gun for Spring Turkey Shoot
 PAUL — The Oregon Trail Muzzle Loaders' Spring Turkey Shoot will start at 10 a.m. on Saturday in the center park area of the Innkeepers 84 East 201st at Kasota Road. Directional signs should be posted at Kasota Road and Highway 25 to the top of the hill, left on a gravel road then one-and-a-quarter mile to a right turn into the pit. The shoot is for blackpowder type weapons only and inner guns will be available for competitors without guns. Events include rifle, pistol and blackpowder weapons by divisions for men, women and children. The cost is \$2 per adult event and \$1 per child event. Included in the cost is a potluck lunch. The public is invited to the event and spectators are welcome.

Signing Day shakes up CSI

By Damon Clow
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — On the surface, nothing had changed at the gymnasium at the College of Southern Idaho Wednesday afternoon. Freshmen Terence McCutcheon and Joe Marshall were on the court, running the three-man weave as usual, not far from where sophomore Greg McQuay was doing front lateral raises in front of the weight room mirror, adding bulk to his already chiseled frame. What little action there was already had been played out that morning with fountain pens and fax machines, not with fadeaways and free throws. Wednesday was the first official day for NCAA schools to sign their prized recruits to letters of intent. That morning, McCutcheon signed to play at Purdue University alongside his brother, Gary. McCutcheon decided to



join his brother Jason at Nicholls State, and Marshall became the first signee of longtime Mississippi State assistant and first-year head coach Rick Stansbury. For the second year in a row, CSI coach Jim Thrash will have only a handful of returning players as he prepares to defend his scenic West Athletic Conference title and host the Region 18 tournament.

“That’s junior college basketball,” Thrash said during practice Wednesday. “We’re still going to have a good nucleus returning. I feel very good about the guys we have coming back. For one thing, it’s a larger nucleus than last year’s. Last year, only McQuay, Jarvis Mullholland and Floyd Farrow returned for their second year. On Wednesday, Mullholland signed with the University of Texas-El Paso. As of Wednesday afternoon, the only sure returners to the Golden Eagles Centre center Chico Moore, forward Juliano Jordani, shooting guard Curtis Bobb and point guard Adrian McCullough. “I needed more work on my fundamentals,” Moore said. “With his classmates leaving, he said, ‘I feel like it will put a lot of pressure on me, but I’ll be a big asset to the team.’”

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IT'S A STRETCH



Jamie Annett of Twin Falls runs down a shot by Idaho Falls opponent Natalie Higham Wednesday in first singles play. Annett lost the match 6-4, 6-2.

TF tennis loses 'wake up call'

By Francis Davis
Times-News

TWIN FALLS — The Idaho Falls Tigers erased the goose egg from the Twin Falls tennis team's loss column Wednesday, but Bruin coach Jason Leforge wasn't overly disappointed. “It was kind of a wake up call for us,” Leforge said. “We've met some good teams this year, but not very many deep teams. And Idaho Falls is a deep team. But tennis is a lot like any other sport — it doesn't matter until regionals.” The Tigers won nine matches to the Bruins' three. The Bruins' top two singles players, Ashley Dille and Mark Fuller, were in Las Vegas competing at a national tournament.

One of the best matchups featured Jamie Annett, who was playing her first singles match of the year, and Natalie Higham. Higham knocked Annett from the state tournament last year in a three-hour tiebreaker match, leaving Annett with revenge on her mind Wednesday. But it was not to be as Higham knocked Annett off in straight sets, 6-4, 6-2. “I felt like I was playing pretty good,” Annett said. “But I just couldn't put any closure to any of my games. (Higham's) ability is pretty comparable to mine and it could have been different on another day.” Higham effectively controlled the pace of the match by slowing down her return serves and upsetting Annett's

rhythm. Annett said she normally prefers a quicker style of play. Three matches went the distance and Idaho Falls won two of them. Andy Harper and Ryan Cook beat Phil McMillan and Miller McMillan 4-6, 6-3, 6-2 in boys' doubles action. In girls' doubles, Jackie Zimmerman and Drew Fogertli won a third-set tie-breaker to claim a 7-5, 2-6, 7-6 (7-5) victory. “The team score wasn't real indicative of how we played. We didn't win the close ones,” Leforge said. “We'll see how we bounce back.” The three Twin Falls' victories all came from the girls' side of the ledger. Laura Heifner stormed back to defeat Kellee Romrell 4-6, 6-3, 6-1 for the lone

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Anticipation hangs over Masters

Will Woods do it again?
 The Associated Press

AUGUSTA, Ga. — A sense of history hovers over the Masters, almost as if the breezes caressing the towering Georgia pines carry the spirit of Bobby Jones and the memory of Ben Hogan. And if that warm Southern wind whispers the names of Jones and Hogan, the voices of the tens of thousands of fans covering the hills of Augusta National Golf Club scream the name of Tiger Woods. Even Augusta National members, the calm men in green jackets, were swept up in the anticipation over how Woods will follow last year's startling victory. “I think it's fair to say we don't get excited,” Augusta National chairman Jack Stephens said on Wednesday when questioned about whether the tournament committee considered drastic changes to the course after Woods shot a record 18 under par last year and won by a record 12 strokes. But asked what Augusta officials would do if Woods broke the record again this year, Stephens said deliberately but without hesitation: “I suppose



1997 U.S. amateur champion Matt Kuchar watches his putt on the 14th green of the Augusta National Golf Club Wednesday during the final practice round for the 1998 Masters tournament.

we annoint him.”

Karl Malone takes over, tallies 56 against Warriors

The Associated Press

OAKLAND, Calif. — Karl Malone sat in the trainer's room, his ankles soaked in an icy tub but he autographed basketballs for a couple of young fans. The frigid water was about the only thing that could have cooled Malone off. He burned the Golden State Warriors for 56 points Tuesday night, the NBA's highest-scoring game since 1995. Malone already was working on a big game when he swished a one-handed fling from 30 feet as time expired in the third period, finishing a 25-point quarter that was the most productive in Utah Jazz history. “That shot at the end of the third quarter, I told myself, ‘If this goes in, maybe I am in one of those zones,’” Malone said. “I told myself, ‘Hamm, I don't think I want to rest in the second half. I might just stay in the whole game.’” But not even Malone's heroics could prevent the Warriors from making it 59-59 with 11.8 seconds left on a 3-pointer

by Jim Jackson. But, as he had all night, Malone took over. He drove the lane and lofted a soft shot for a 101-99 Utah win, giving the Jazz a half-game lead over Seattle in the race for the best record in the Western Conference. “We were just standing around watching,” teammate Greg Foster said. “When he's hitting that 15-foot jumper of his, there's nothing you can do. You kind of just have to get out of the way.” Malone was 19 of 23 from the line and 18 of 29 from the field. He had nine rebounds and a season-high four blocks. “That's that every guy that was guarding me was at my mercy,” Malone said. “I'm not bragging about it, but I really felt that way.” The only time Malone scored more points in a game was his 61 against Milwaukee in 1990.



Karl Malone

SPORTS

CSI

Continued from B1
As a freshman, Moore played in 31 of CSI's 32 games...

"Sometimes when you have a lot of good players, the big thing is they all want to play," Thrash said.

Marshall, who was one of five Golden Eagles to play in every game of CSI's 26-4 season...

"Joe did a great job for us this year and his goal has always been to play for the SEC (Southeastern Conference)..."

"I think Joe brings a lot of things to our basketball program," Stansbury said from his dormitory...

Stansbury caught his first glimpse of the Mobile, Ala., product during CSI's conference-clinching victory

over Dixie in St. George, Utah. Until last year, the Bulldogs had landed three straight Mississippi high school players of the year...

"I talked to the players, and they didn't seem too happy with their season," Marshall said of the Bulldogs...

Three other future Bulldogs signed in the fall under then-coach Richard Williams.

"It's going to take a lot of hard work to get a starting position," Marshall said.

"McQuay's decision signaled the end of a long road to reunite him with his brother, who he said was 'half of the decision.' The other half

was the McQuay's mother in Gary, Ind., who wanted the family to be closer.

McQuay also had been courted by the Providence Friars, but that option may have faded when Friars coach Pete Gillett left for Virginia.

"It's a relief," said McQuay, who gave a verbal commitment to the Bollingermakers earlier in the week.

"Some of the players were recruiting as borderline academic qualifiers," Thrash explained.

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Masters

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Woods was most animated - prematurely - 12 months ago when he became the youngest of the 61 Masters winners...

"The record was broken after 32 years, and then only by one shot," Stephens said of Woods' 270 total...

"I've never seen so much excitement as we had in the clubhouse last year," Stephens said.

Then Stephens, in just about the biggest understatement

ment to come out of a very under-rated man, said: "Last year was an unusual year."

"If last year was unusual, this year is unusual," said Tiger Woods.

His masters victory was like an asterisk going off next to the heads of the best players in the world.

A slew of other players, including Luke Donald, Justin Leonard, David Duval, Jim Furyk and Lee Westwood

have kicked their games into higher gear.

Throw in Nick Faldo, Greg Norman, Tom Lehman, Phil Mickelson, Colin Montgomerie and John Daly among those with something to prove and Woods will have all the competition he can handle...

Woods was near-perfect last year in making 21 birdies, two eagles and only seven bogeys, never once having a three-putt green in 72 holes.

Watson searched for words to explain the allure of the Masters, noting that the Masters is the only one of the four major championships played on the same course every year.

Tennis

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Three-set victory for the Bruins (-8-3). Lacie Van Engelen defeated Sarah Crumley 6-2, 6-4 in singles action...

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SCORES AND STATS

BASKETBALL

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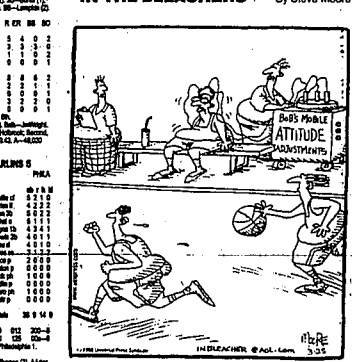
AL STANDINGS

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IN THE BLEACHERS



NBA SCORES

Table listing NBA game scores and results.

MLB SCORES

Table listing MLB game scores and results.

ON THE AIR TELEVISION

Table listing TV broadcast schedules for various sports.

NL BOX SCORES

Table listing NL game box scores and statistics.

SKI REPORT

LEADERSHIP: "I'm having a great time," said a skier at the top of the list.

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BASEBALL: Several players have been traded or signed.

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AROUND THE VALLEY

Man fires gun towards Sawtooth Elementary

TWIN FALLS - Lunchtime at Sawtooth Elementary School was interrupted by gunfire Wednesday when a man fired from the school from his car, police said. Students at the school reported the gunman fired more than one shot at the campus from his yellow El Camino, Twin Falls police Sgt. Steve Ryan said. An hour and a half later, three girls discovered a man hiding in some bushes. The man cursed the girls, ran to his car and drove away, Ryan said. Police describe the suspect as a white male in his late 30s with a ponytail, wearing a black, white and red flannel shirt and blue jeans with holes in the knees.

Teen plea bargains, testifies in shooting case

TWIN FALLS - A 17-year-old boy being held in his cell with the shooting of a Twin Falls man agreed Tuesday to testify against the person charged with being the gunman in exchange for a reduced charge. Under the agreement, Randy Dean Bowyer pleaded guilty to misdemeanor battery and will testify against Sam Royce "Sammy" Fuller, who faces attempted-murder charges in the June shooting of Brody Davis. Bowyer had faced felony battery charges for scuffling with Davis before Davis was shot.

Private grant boosts Jerome elementary reading program

JEROME - A private grant of more than \$140,000 is expected to help Jerome elementary students become better readers. The grant - given recently to the Jerome School District by the Albertson's Foundation - will be used to buy books and computer software for elementary school libraries, said district business manager Mike Gibson. The money will be used to test the skills of students participating in the district's Reading Renaissance program, Gibson said. The program encourages students to read more, and more often, he said.

Stubbs cleans up Idaho, wins 'Clean Idaho Guardian'

TWIN FALLS - Twin Falls congressional candidate Mark Stubbs recently was honored with the "Clean Idaho Guardian" award from Get the Waste Out, a coalition formed to defend Gov. Phil Batt's 1995 nuclear waste agreement with the federal government. Stubbs has been instrumental in bringing both reason and determination to Idaho's nuclear waste debate," said coalition director Trent Clark in a news release. "As a result, Idaho is now better positioned to win the war on leaving for nuclear storage sites than any other state in the nation." Stubbs was a spokesman for a 1996 campaign against an initiative repealing Batt's waste-removal agreement. Stubbs, a past critic of the Idaho Engineering and Environmental Laboratory, said he wants to expand the nuclear waste facility's scientific and environmental business.

Police say cars were broken into at apartment complex

TWIN FALLS - Three cars were burglarized in neighboring apartment complexes Monday night, police reports say. The burglaries were broken into. A tire iron and a carburetor were reported stolen.

Bellevue City Council meets to discuss impact zone

BELLEVUE - The City Council meets at 7:15 p.m. today for discussion of Dave Manookian's development within Bellevue's impact zones, and of possible connection to the city sewer system. Also on the agenda: the second reading of a proposed speed-limit ordinance; a work session on a proposed sign ordinance; and April 6 election results. The meeting is open to the public, follows a 6:30 p.m. closed executive session for an employee interview. A 9:15 p.m. executive session is scheduled on pending litigation. Compiled from staff reports

Jerome couple faces charges

More charges filed against couple in connection with death of five-week infant

By Gregory Hahn
Times-News writer

BURLEY - Cassia County has filed additional charges against the couple charged in connection with the death of a 5-week-old infant. Michael Scott Grissom, charged with second-degree murder, and Cynthia Kaye Grissom, charged as an accessory to second-degree murder, now face one count each in Cassia County Magistrate

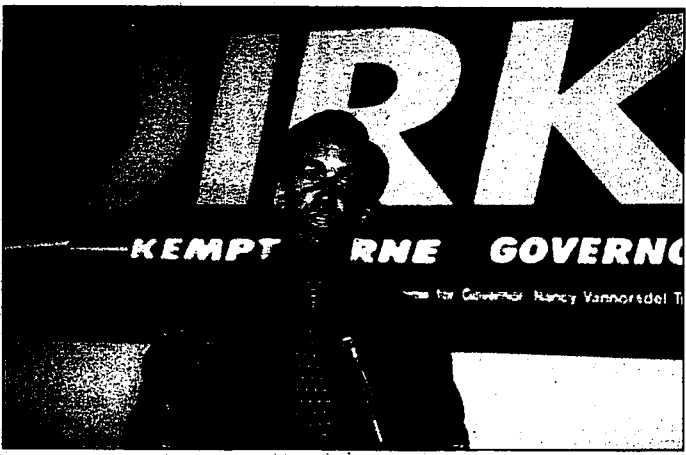
Court, on charges of obstruction by giving a false report. The couple went to Cassia County authorities on March 29, saying the baby, Cameron Reign Barnett, had been kidnapped from them at the Burley Wal-Mart parking lot. At almost 5 p.m. that day, nearly seven hours after the purported kidnapping, the couple went to police. Nearly a week later, Barnett was

found buried in the desert near Dietrich. Michael Grissom, the baby's stepfather, and Cynthia Grissom, the baby's mother, were later arrested in connection with the death. "Both Michael Scott Grissom and Cynthia Kaye Grissom reported the kidnapping in Burley to cover up their involvement, knowing it was a false report," states an affidavit signed by Timothy Little of the Cassia County Sheriff's Department.

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LET THE CAMPAIGN BEGIN!



Traveling the state of Idaho by airplane on a whirlwind tour, U.S. Sen. Dirk Kempthorne stops at the Twin Falls airport Wednesday to announce his bid for governor.

Senator makes gubernatorial proposals

By Liz Wright
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - Fitting balanced economic growth, U.S. Sen. Dirk Kempthorne promised to fight as Idaho's next governor to immigrate less thriving towns and encourage global exports.

The former Boise mayor touted his experience transforming Boise into a booming city with a flourishing downtown and regional mall. He vowed regular meetings with business and community leaders to explore ways to lure outside businesses to their regions. "We have pockets of prosperity in our state. But we must take those pockets and weave them into one fabric of opportunity that covers the entire state," he said on his campaign stop Wednesday in Twin Falls. Exports mean jobs, Kempthorne said, promising to be "Idaho's No. 1 trade ambassador" in selling its goods to the nation and world. He pledged to fight

unfair tariffs, build partnerships, remove government restrictions and help diversify the state's economic portfolio. "I am going to join the lieutenant governor to kick the export door wide open," Kempthorne said.

Kempthorne scored points in Twin Falls Wednesday, acknowledging the local legislators and the College of Southern Idaho's president in the crowd of 55 people at the local airport. Twin Falls was the third leg of Kempthorne's seven-city visit in two days. Kempthorne said he would return the fight to lower the two-thirds supermajority required to pass school bond issues, an idea defeated in the Legislature two months ago. Kempthorne said he wants to make it easier to repair crumbling schools by lowering the majority of votes required to 60 percent, but only during statewide elections. "I think it was a very close vote in the Legislature this time," he said later. House Majority Leader Rep. Bruce Newcomb, D-Burley, said he was encour-

aged by Kempthorne's mention of areas less economically vibrant and that was impressed by his broad-based speech.

Agricultural communities "are pretty devastated economically right now," Newcomb said. Mindook and Cassia counties also are still reeling because hundreds of people lost their jobs at J.R. Simplot Co.'s processing plant in Heyburn last summer.

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 - Start an annual Governor's Symposium on Excellence in Education to explore new ways to teach.

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INEEL tries to correct records before moving waste

Audit reveals problems in record-keeping

By N.S. Ninkentved
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - Officials at the INEEL are working to correct the way it inventories, characterizes and readies for transport radioactive waste bound for a disposal site in New Mexico.

An audit last month revealed eight points that needed correction, said Bryan Ford, project manager for waste shipment at the Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory. He expected the record-keeping problems to be corrected in time to have the site certified to prepare waste for shipment within 180 days. "Once the corrections are finished, INEEL would be certified to prepare plutonium-contaminated waste for shipment and disposal at the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant in New Mexico. The process also must be approved by the Environmental Protection Agency, Ford said. The \$1.8 billion disposal site near Cochise is awaiting final federal environmental approval and could begin accepting waste in May, though legal Please see RECORDS, Page C3



For more information on the waste disposal site in New Mexico, visit The Times-News Online's Newslink page.

Go to <http://www.magicvalley.com> and click on Newslink icon

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Nebraska man pleads guilty in car chase

By Penelope Rowdy
Times-News writer

BURLEY - The man who led officers from two counties on a "Dukes of Hazard"-style chase on Interstate 84 March 4 has bonded out of the Minicassia Criminal Justice Center. Baaron Willie Knox, 37, pleaded guilty Friday to felony eluding an officer. His criminal charges of driving under the influence may be dropped as a condition of the plea agreement.

The state recommended probation and a withheld judgment.

After the court accepted Knox's guilty plea, his attorney, Alfred Barcus, asked District Judge George Grizzom Jr. to reduce Knox's bond from \$5,000 to \$200. Since Knox had already spent 30 days in jail, Deputy Prosecutor Howard Smyser did not oppose the bond reduction.

On March 4, police reports say Knox - whose address on the report is listed as Lincoln, Neb. - hit a car at a splitlight on North Overland Avenue causing \$2,000

worth of damage. He then entered I-84 even though the front end of his car had been damaged.

While officers from Cassia and Minidoka counties pursued him, he lost a tire. Knox continued to elude officers, reports say, and left I-84 at Exit 216 where he lost the front axle to his 1991 Volkswagens.

Sentencing is scheduled for May 1.

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Sheriff's Department. The charges, filed Tuesday, could net the Grissoms a \$1,000 fine each and one-year prison terms, according to Idaho Code.

Cassia County Magistrate Judge Roy C. Hillway signed warrants on the charges Tuesday. A spokesman from the Jerome County Sheriff's Department said the couple - held in the Jerome County jail - had yet to be served with the warrants as of late Wednesday afternoon.

Gregory Hahn is The Times-News' Minicassia bureau chief and can be reached in Burley at 677-4042.

New hospital suitor adds its name to list

By Pat Marcontonio
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - Another corporation added its name to the list of health-care operations interested in Magic Valley Regional Medical Center. That makes seven if you're keeping score. A representative from a Colorado Springs, Colo.-based health system will meet this week with committee members, said Terry Schultz, co-chairman of the committee that will study proposals to buy, lease or affiliate with the county hospital. In addition, a real-estate broker specializing in hospital sales called about information.

"We must be on some kind of mailing list," he said. Saint Alphonsus Regional Medical Center, St. Luke's Regional Medical Center, Intermountain Health Care of Salt Lake City, two Tennessee for-profit companies and a Colorado-based health network also have expressed an interest.

But the idea of a potential sale or lease of the county hospital didn't heat up much discussion at a Twin Falls Rotary Club meeting Wednesday.

Schultz wasn't a bit surprised. "It's really early in the process," he said. Schultz was the guest speaker at the meeting at the Turf Club.

Because of the inquiries the county commissioners charged the hospital board with evaluating any offers. The board in turn formed the committee, which held its first meeting last month. The 25-member committee is made up of doctors, board members and county residents, is first studying hospital operations, Schultz said. Work groups are focusing on the state of health care in the Magic Valley, legal issues of an change in ownership or affiliation, community involvement and the relationship between the hospital and doctors.

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But only a handful were raised during the meeting.

Club member Shy Patterson said he subscribed to the motto "If it ain't broke, don't fix it." So why sell? "I'd hate to see control go to Boise or someplace else," Patterson said.

Earlier in the program, hospital marketing director Merrill Smith said the hospital earned about \$2.7 million after expenses, had a \$22.7 million payroll, and hasn't relied on county property taxes for 18 years. "It's no wonder health-care systems have taken notice," she said.

Rotarian Foggy Fisher suggested the committee open an open mind on any change. "I think we should guard against preconceived ideas," he said.

The committee's job is to evaluate, not to advocate one side or another, Schultz said. That is why he wants to hear from the county, when hospital administrators, commissioners and the board actively promoted Magic Valley Regional's transfer to a nonprofit corporation. The public rejected the idea in a vote.

In answer to another question, Schultz said money from a sale might go into an endowment fund. He also said the job ahead is large and the issues complex. "It's an unbelievably complex arrangement of interests, difficult to sort out, to peel back," he said.

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CRIME WATCH

THE Times-News
BUILT - The Bull Crime Watch Report for March 30 through April 5 was:
Clubs and arrests:
Bull's dunked battery.
Eugene J. Miller, Bull, domestic battery.

Ave. N., 925 Robertson; 113 Broadway Ave. S.
Candallan, 628 13th Ave. N.; 1331 Burley Ave.
Arms, first degree, 701 13th Ave. N.
Carrizo, 1st degree, wasp, 200 54th Ave. N.

to leave. A "No Trespassing" sign would include skateboarders and help the Bull Police Department keep wanted people off their private property.
Skateboarding on sidewalks and city streets is discouraged. Any skateboarders by being given in defiance is currently being considered as creating a city official's lack of support of affordable housing.

Frustrated chairman resigns from Ketchum housing commission

By Susan Bailey Times-News correspondent

KETCHUM - Frustrated over city officials' lack of support of affordable housing, Ketchum Housing Commission chairman Ed Simon resigned this week.

echoed that sentiment.

"We're still heading in that direction," he said. "We haven't been able to form a unanimous opinion on anything, let alone affordable housing. However, there isn't a specific resistance to the housing commission.

Hutchinson said he believes that within the next six months there will be an acceptable affordable housing project, and that the council soon will pass amendments to the planned-unit-development ordinance that will help developers of affordable projects.

Simon said the city's support of affordable housing has wavered amid public disapproval. The City Council decided last week not to approve affordable housing amendments to the PUD ordinance. The housing commission had submitted the amendments.

Karl Fulmer has said he was disappointed with the council's decision, calling it a setback for community housing.

Fulmer was hired for a two-year stint to help with affordable housing plans. His term expires in August, and Fulmer said he did not know whether he would continue his relationship with the city.

The council's decision on the amendments came in the wake of public outcry against an affordable housing project, Four Seasons Way in Warm Springs.

Developers from Sawtooth Development in Seattle first proposed a 54-unit complex on Warm Springs Road, and then trimmed the plan to 40 apartment units. Neighbors continued about the project's density.

Fulmer said increasing density is necessary for community housing projects, and said he still wants to see the city support complexes with 40 to 50 apartments or condominium units.

OBITUARIES

For obituary rates and information, call 733-0931, Ext. 278, between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. weekdays or Ext. 262 between 2 and 5 p.m. Saturdays. Deadline is 4:30 p.m. for next-day publication. Death notices are a free service and can be placed until 5 p.m. every day.

JEROME

Alva E. Jackoes
Alva Emma Jackoes, 87, of Jerome, died Wednesday, April 8, 1998, at St. Benedicta Family Medical Center.

BUHL

Viola F. Bean
Viola F. Bean, 76, of Buhl, died Monday, April 6, 1998, at the Magic Valley Regional Medical Center.

LOGAN, UTAH

Mark Scott Warr
On April 6, our loving father, husband, brother and uncle passed away unexpectedly from complications of cancer.

Dad backs over toddler in Washington driveway

MOSES LAKE, Wash. (AP) - A man accidentally ran over his 18-month-old daughter as he backed his car out of his driveway, critically injuring her, Ketchum Car out of his driveway.

was unaware his daughter had been in the driveway as he backed out Tuesday, sheriff's officials said.

When he looked in the rear-view mirror, he noticed the toddler on the ground.
Kailyn Garcia was taken to Samaritan Hospital and then airlifted to Deaconess Medical Center in Spokane.

She was listed in critical condition Wednesday, a Deaconess nursing supervisor said.

No charges are anticipated, Sheriff Bill Wiester said.

TN Interactive

Do you think children should be spanked? We'd like to hear your story.

like to hear your opinion. Give us a call. Contact staff: writer Steve Crump; By phone, 733-0931, Ext. 223; By fax, 734-5538; By e-mail, crump@magic valley.com

Official says pact will protect birds, fish

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) - The state-federal Headwaters Forest pact contains important protections for birds and fish that are based on sound science, a top federal official says.

EVERETT OSBORNE

A memorial service for Everett "Ossie" Osborne will be held at 2 p.m. today at the Christian Center of Hagerman.

RUPERT

The funeral will be held at noon Saturday, April 11, 1998, at the Eastside Ward, 1050 Eastside Drive, and burial will be at the Logan Cemetery.

SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH

Charles M. Griffin Jr.
Charles M. and activist, opined in many ways, especially in architectural aspects. That is the way to describe Charles M. Griffin Jr.

SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH

Robert L. Quigley
Robert Lewis Quigley, 69, of Rupert, passed away on Monday, April 6, 1998, in Rupert.

DEATH NOTICES

Christine F. Scarrow
WENDEL - Christine F. Scarrow, 52, of Wendell, died Wednesday, April 8, 1998, at her home.

HOSPITALS

MAGIC VALLEY REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER
Some names omitted at patients' request.

JAMES A. BARTALS

James A. (Jim) Bartals went to be with his heavenly father Wednesday, April 6, 1998, at the age of 79 years.

AMERICA'S BROTHERS

He was born in Carmel, Iowa, on Jan. 29, 1919, the son of Ralph and Jennie Kuyper Bartals. He attended Cassidale, a special program, and then worked with his father and brothers until 1941, when he married Henrietta (Betty) VanderVelde.

AMERICA'S BROTHERS

He was born in Salem, Idaho, on July 11, 1915, the son of William and Kathryn May Moore Quigley. He attended schools in Denver, Colorado, and graduated on Dec. 28, 1952, in the Salt Lake City Temple.

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Former church members sue Manti-based church

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) - Three renounced members of the church, Kathleen May Hancock, of Jordan's wives, and Cindy Stewart.

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A LITTLE HELP FROM THE PROS



NEA/TITLE/The Times-News

Malta Ambulance workers Sherry Southern, holding the head, and Penny Thompson, adjusting the straps, work on volunteer Braden Barrett, 21, this week at the National Registry emergency medical technician tests. Fifteen people from Malta Ambulance and Almo and Raft River quick response units took the tests.

Judge says realty company broke the law

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Bald Eagle Realty violated federal law during the sale of property with exceptional development potential on Park City's Main Street, a federal judge has determined. The realty company, owned by Jon Olch, was hired to list the Park City lot for sale in 1993. The property was owned by Resolution Trust Corp, a federal agency. The RTC had acquired the site from American Savings, which was in receivership.

Records

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challenges could delay the opening. Plutonium-contaminated waste that has been stored in Idaho since the 1970s is scheduled to be, among the first waste shipped to WIPP once it opens. But the site must have a permit from New Mexico state environ-

mental officials to dispose of radioactive waste mixed with hazardous chemicals. It may not have this permit by May. Until it has the state permit, the disposal site can accept only waste that doesn't contain hazardous chemicals. Most of the waste at INEL contains hazardous contaminants.

The property eventually was awarded to Tim Lagage in a closed bid competition. Jon Olch and his wife, Janet, did not reveal they had financed Lagage's bid, providing both his \$35,000 earnest-money deposit and the remaining \$300,000 he paid to get the site. The realty company collected a 6 percent commission. The land was later transferred to the Olchs, and they led the partnership that built a two-story retail and office building on the site. The Olchs' failure to disclose their role in the sale violated the federal Fair Claims Act, U.S. District Judge Dale Kimball ruled. RTC had contracted with Bald Eagle Realty not only to find a buyer but also for a process "that was free from both the appearance of impropriety and actual conflicts of interest," Kimball wrote in a decision filed this week.

Energy Department officials earlier this month declared the New Mexico site ready to open, pending final approval by the EPA. Times-News staff writer N.S. Nookentzen can be reached at 753-0931, Ext. 237.

MINI-CASSIA IN BRIEF

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 Juvenile J. Miller, Buhl, domestic battery.
 William M. Williams, 24, Castletown, 1255 North Hill, Burglary, possession of burglary tools; attempted burglary.
 Shoplifting, 115 Ninth Ave. N., Don's Thrift Store.
 Battery, 115 Ninth Ave. N., 13th Avenue North and Birch Street, 417 1/2 Ave. S.

to leave. A "No Trespassing" sign would also include skateboarders and help the Buhl Police Department keep unwanted people from trespassing.
 Skateboarding on sidewalks and city streets is discouraged and very tightly managed by Law Commission. It is presently being given in drafting a city code addressing these issues. Skateboarders are given very close scrutiny by the Buhl Police Department due to the potential of injury to the skateboarders; pedestrians and other property adjacent to the roadway and sidewalks.
 The Buhl Crime Report is provided by the Buhl Police Department.

Frustrated chairman resigns from Ketchum housing commission

By Susan Bailey
 Times-News correspondent

KETCHUM—Frustrated over city officials' lack of support of affordable housing, Ketchum Housing Commission chairman Ed Simon resigned this week.

In a letter delivered Monday, Simon criticized the mayor and City Council for failing to stand up for affordable housing opponents. The April 21 housing commission meeting will be Simon's last. "There exists a clear perception among commission members that our city government has not been supportive of our efforts," Simon wrote. Councilwoman Sue Noel said, "I think he (Simon) was totally dead-on. I totally understand his frustration with our seeming inability to move forward."

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Carl Fulmer has said he was disappointed with the council's decision, calling it a setback for community housing. Fulmer was hired for a two-year stint to help with affordable housing plans. His term expires in August, and Fulmer said he did not know whether he would continue his relationship with the city. The council's decision on the amendments came in the wake of public outcry against an affordable housing project on Four Seasons Way in Warm Springs. Developers from Sawtooth Development in Seattle first proposed a 54-unit complex on Warm Springs Road, and then trimmed the plan to 40 apartment units. Neighbors continued about the project's density. Fulmer said increasing density is necessary for community housing projects, and said he still wants to see the city support complexes with 40 to 50 apartments or condominium units.

OBITUARIES

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JEROME
Alva E. Jackoes
 Alva Emmett Jackoes, 87, of Jerome, died Tuesday, April 7, 1998, at St. Benedict's Family Medical Center.
 Alva was born Aug. 4, 1910, in Morin, Ore., the son of Albert E. and Bernice Jackoes. As a young man, Alva attended school in Shoshone and then worked in that area until joining the peacetime army in 1938. During his tour of duty, Alva was stationed at Fort Shafter in Hawaii. While serving his country, he was also able to develop his boxing skills and was crowned lightweight boxing champion of the islands. Upon returning to the Jerome, Idaho, area, he worked for the Assessor's family near Wendell. Next, he worked in several automotive garages in the Jerome and Shoshone area. Other areas during his early auto body work. On Dec. 28, 1941, Alva married Elsie Spaulding in Glens Ferry, Idaho. Just a few months later, on March of 1942, he was drafted into the Army, where he rose to the rank of Staff Sergeant. During World War II, he served in the 13th Traffic Regulation Group as a train dispatcher in London, England, and France. In November of 1945, he was honorably discharged. Upon returning to civilian life, Alva and Elsie farmed west of Jerome until their retirement in 1979. Alva was a great sportsman, participating primarily in golf, bowling and hunting. He won the Idaho State Senior Golf Championship in Burley in 1985. In his prime, he bowled a 300 game in a non-57 years old.

Alva is survived by his wife of 57 years, Elsie; one son, Will (Georgiano) Spaulding; two grandchildren, Frank Spaulding and Marcy (Tom) Amick; two great-grandchildren, Nicholas and Haley Spaulding; a special nephew, Gary (Eddie) Rabbit; two nieces, Brenda Sells and Karen Gohl; and a close friend Bob Fallon. He was preceded in death by his father, mother, two brothers, a stepbrother, and a stepfather.

A graveside service will be conducted at 2 p.m. Friday, April 10, 1998, at the Jerome Cemetery with the Rev. Baldwin Cain officiating. Friends may call from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday at Howe-Robertson Funeral Chapel and then gather at the cemetery shortly before service time. Memorial contributions can be made to the Jerome Emergency Medical Service.

BUHL
Viola F. Bean
 Viola F. Bean, 76, of Buhl, died Monday, April 6, 1998, at the Magic Valley Regional Medical Center.
 She was born July 19, 1921, in Santa Cruz, Calif., to William and Lesta Oona Holdson Phillips. On July 23, 1940, she married Walter Bean and then, in 1941, she graduated from high school in South Gate, Calif. She and Walt lived in San Diego, Calif., and she worked in the jewelry store while he attended college. After college, she followed him through his service years and afterwards they bought a house for themselves in Arroyo Grande, Calif., where Walt was a principal at a manufacturing company and also for the firm in Inglewood, Calif., while Walt was a principal at an elementary school. They retired to Sun Valley, Idaho, and built their dream home in Eagle Creek Canyon. Vi worked at the Ketchum Drug Store and enjoyed golfing many years. After moving to Buhl, she lived in Buhl from 1983 to 1998, at the home she had shared for many years with her special bowling friends and the ladies of the McCallum Club.

She is survived by her daughter, Claudia (Lee) Reese of Buhl; granddaughters, Preston Reese of Buhl, Scott (Beth) Cantor of Nampa and Buffy (James) Dawson of Grass Valley, Calif.; a great-grandson, Ryan Cantor, his brother, Stan Phillips of Buhl, and a sister-in-law, Margarete Young of Hailey. She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Carl; her son, Paul Eugene in 1942, baby boy in 1946 and Michael Thomas in 1991. A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. Friday, April 10, 1998, at the United Methodist Church. Memorials are suggested to the Methodist Church or charity of your choice. Farmer Funeral Chapel is in charge of services.

LOGAN, UTAH
Mark Scott Warr
 On April 8, our loving father, husband, brother and uncle passed away unexpectedly from complications of cancer.
 Mark was born in Burley, Idaho, on Aug. 3, 1948, to Kenneth and Rowena Warr. He attended school in Oakley, Idaho, and graduated from Idaho State University, where he was an avid sports fan and member of Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity and Big Blue Club. He married Sherry Ann Hancock in Salt Lake City, Utah, on May 13, 1978. Their marriage was later solemnized in the Logan Temple on Dec. 12, 1987. They were blessed with four sons.
 He is survived by his wife; four sons, Brady, 14, Garrett, 12, Carson, 7, and Tate, 4; three sisters, Margie (Glen) Jenson, Carol (Todd) Scholleid and Lo Ann Warr; and many loving nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by an infant son, Marcus Scott; parents; brothers, Alan and Hal; and a sister, Donna.
 The funeral will be held at noon Saturday, April 11, 1998, at the Eastridge Ward, 1350 Eastridge Drive. Burial will be at the Logan Cemetery. Instead of flowers, donations may be made to a trust fund for his sons' education, or \$100 for animals,owers and candles. He was predeceased by Bank, the Cancer Society of the Utah State University Athletics Dept.

EVERETT OSBORNE
 A memorial service for Everett "Bud" Osborne will be held at 2 p.m. today at the Christian Center of Hagaman.
 He was born May 6, 1917, in Silver City, Utah, to Mary and William Osborne. He served in the Maritime Services during World War II. He was later raised from Hill Air Force Base.
 He is survived by his wife of 46 years, Loraine; two daughters, Cathy Woods and Sheryl Bolton; four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.
 Arrangements are under the direction of Farmer Funeral Chapel.

RUPERT
James A. Bartels
 James A. Bartels went to be with his heavenly father Wednesday, April 6, 1998, at the age of 79 years.
 He was born in Carmel, Iowa, on Jan. 29, 1919, the son of Ralph and Jennie Kuyper Bartels. He attended Carnation Grade School and then farmed with his father. He was inducted into the armed services, where he served until 1946. Following his discharge, he returned to California, where he worked on cattle ranches until 1958 and then began welding in oil refineries. In 1972, Jim and Betty moved to Jerome, where he continued welding until his retirement. He was a charter member of the Twin Falls Reform Church, where he served as pastor, and was a member of the Holy Trinity Church. He married Henrietta (Betty) Bartels of Jerome; a daughter, Janai Kay (Jan) Brown of Fairfield; and a daughter-in-law, Gwen Bartels of Jerome. Also surviving are 10 grandchildren; three step-grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; two sisters; Lena Vissla of Lakewood, Calif.; and Harliot



SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH
Nature M. Griffin Jr.
 Charles lover and activist, opionated in many ways—especially in the area of environmental preservation. He was known for his way to describe Charles M. (Babe) Griffin Jr. when he died April 7, 1998, after many long and complications. He was certainly a fighter to whom life meant so much.
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MOSES LAKE, Wash. (AP)—A 16-month-old toddler was killed in an 18-month-old daughter as he backed his car out of his driveway, critically injuring her, Grant County sheriff's officials said.

Adam Garcia, 31, apparently

was unaware his daughter had been in the driveway as he backed out Tuesday, sheriff's officials said. When he looked in the rear-view mirror, he noticed the toddler on the ground.
 Kailyn Garcia was taken to Samaritan Hospital and then air-blown to Deaconess Medical Center in Spokane.
 She was listed in critical condition Wednesday, a Deaconess nursing supervisor said. No charges are anticipated, Sheriff Bill Wiestler said.

DN Interactive

Do you think children should be spanked? We'd like to hear your story.
 The American Academy of Pediatrics said no on Tuesday, The Times-News is preparing an article on the subject, and if you're a parent or a grandparent, we'd like to hear your opinion. Give us a call. Contact staff writer Steve Crump: By phone, 733-0331, Ext. 223. By fax, 734-5538. By e-mail, crump@magicvalley.com

Official says pact will protect birds, fish
 SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP)—The state-federal Headwaters Forest pact contains important protections for birds and fish that are based on sound science, a top federal official says.
 John Garamendi, deputy secretary of the U.S. Department of Interior, sent a letter to two California lawmakers who last month said more wildlife protections are needed in the pact.
 The state and federal governments and Pacific Lumber of Soda negotiated a \$300 million agreement to protect the ancient Headwaters Forest in Humboldt County.

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Jeffrey P. Reinke of Twin Falls, graveside service at 11 a.m. today at Sunset Memorial Park (Reynolds Funeral Chapel).
Anita McFarland of Murrumbidgee, memorial service 2 p.m. today at the Twin Falls Reformed Church (White Mortuary).
Ruby MacMullan of Twin Falls, graveside service at 3 p.m. today at White Mortuary in Twin Falls.
Ruth Griffith of Twin Falls,

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SALT LAKE CITY (AP)—Three excommunicated members of a Manti-based polygamist church have sued the sect and its charismatic leader, claiming he promised them a face-to-face meeting with Jesus Christ but never delivered.
 The trio say they turned over all of their money and worldly possession—amounting to \$264,390—to Jim Harmon, the self-proclaimed prophet of The True and Living Church of Jesus Christ of Saints of the Last Days. Harmon, they said, took advantage of their "deepest spiritual need."
 Harmon, from his home in Manti, Utah, on Wednesday called the lawsuit "felonious."
 The action was filed Tuesday in

6th District Court by Ivan Douglas Jordan, a former apostle in the church. Kaziah May Hancock, one of Jordan's wives, and Cindy Stewart.
 Stewart claims she was excommunicated from the church last May, and Hancock and Jordan say they were excommunicated in August.
 The church, with about 300 members, has its roots in Mormonism and teaches the world will soon end with only its members being saved.
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Judge says realty company broke the law

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MAGIC VALLEY/WEST

Shoshone High celebrates Renaissance

An Innovative Teaching Project enlightens students

By Julius Becking

SHOSHONE - A Renaissance fair will be celebrated Friday at Shoshone High School.

part and Renaissance. The study is part of a \$10,000 Innovative Teaching Project funded by the Idaho Humanities Council.

by faculty members, community members and area professionals who have developed special curriculum for this project.

tant Renaissance figures as Francesco Petruschi, Michelangelo, Leonardo DaVinci, Johann Gutenberg and William Shakespeare.

Other presentations include performances from selected Shakespeare plays, medieval food, music and dance, and a live candle demonstration at the football field at 1:30 pm.

Packwood bounces back, receives standing ovation

GLENDEN BEACH, Ore. (AP) - Former Gov. Bob Packwood, driven from office by a sex scandal three years ago, received a standing ovation from a civic club Wednesday as he launched a speaking tour aimed at becoming a political player once again.

Last month, the disgraced lawmaker-turned-blogger landed at a possible comeback bid for public office and said his five-stop speaking tour was a way of gauging his prospects.

"I'm putting my eye in the water," he said after a speech on the Lincoln City Rotary Club.

Packwood's comeback comes at a time when President Clinton continues to get high approval ratings despite sex allegations swirling around him.

Packwood, a Republican who spent nearly three decades in the Senate, was forced to resign in 1988 amid allegations he had been involved with two women who worked for him or around him.

When he was ousted, he was about 75 people Wednesday at an oceanside restaurant, Packwood was met by several handshakes and hugs.

During his 30-minute speech, Packwood reminisced about his years in politics and said he would do it all over again.

"I have a new career," he said. "I have no desire to return to the past or to compete in the present."



Former Sen. Bob Packwood, driven from office by a sex scandal three years ago, speaks at a rotary luncheon in Glenden Beach, Ore., Wednesday, as he launches a speaking tour aimed at becoming a political player once again.

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of accusations nationally," she said. "But we're handling it differently. Few groups are crying for Clinton's resignation the way they did with Packwood."

Another Rotarian, Stephen Lamb, said he thinks Oregonians should remember that Packwood was a champion of women's issues and abortion rights during his years in the Senate.

focused on his successful lobbying business. The lure of politics is still strong, he said, adding: "The reputation that I've been getting in the public has been very warm."

Debra Lumpkins, a graphic designer, said she wouldn't vote for Packwood no matter what office he seeks.

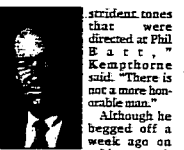
"I have not forgiven him," she said. "But I'm glad to see he has moved on and learned something from his experiences."

Kempthorne offers negotiation on parental consent

BOISE (AP) - Republican Dirk Kempthorne offered an olive branch to anti-abortion activists on Wednesday, suggesting there may be a way to negotiate an acceptable bill regarding minor consent to parental consent.

During his swing across southern Idaho to kick off his re-election campaign to replace retiring GOP Gov. Phil Batt, Kempthorne said he would likely have followed Batt's lead and vetoed the controversial proposal pushed through the Legislature in its final day last month.

"I take exception to some of the words that were used, the



Dirk Kempthorne

consideration of abortion. ... I believe that we can get different entities to sit down and come up with language that will deal with parental consent for minors. ... I think we can resolve that."

Kempthorne, giving up the Senate after one six-year term to take advantage of the return of power to the states, faces only a token opponent in the May primary. Democrat Robert Hundley, the former state Supreme Court justice who halted Batt's parental consent veto, also faces token primary opponents but has an uphill battle against the popular former Boise mayor.

"The abortion debate that shrouded the entire legislative session yielded no change in

Idaho policy, although it left more ill will in the Capitol than was generated during the divisive 1990 abortion battle that also ended in a gubernatorial veto.

In addition to the vetoed bill, a federal judge has blocked the one bill Batt signed that advocates claimed would have only banned an objectionable late term procedure they call partial-birth abortion but that courts in a dozen states say would essentially ban all abortions after the 13th week of pregnancy.

But even before the veto, Manfield and others were preparing to attack their legislative opponents during this year's campaign and raise the entire spectrum of social and moral issues from abortion to school prayer and vouchers during the 1999 session.

Uncommon effort saves dog overcome by smoke

WALLA WALLA, Wash. (AP) - The firefighters and a paramedic who rescued Pooh Bear from a house fire and then rushed her by ambulance to a veterinary clinic may be the dog's best friends.

Damage was confined mostly to the kitchen and part of the second floor, but smoke billowed throughout the house.

The dog was unconscious and not breathing when paramedic Bo Pingree carried her limp body out the front door and laid her on the front lawn.

With family members watching, firefighter Bill Bairt unhooked his air tank and forced

air down Pooh Bear's throat. He resumed fighting the fire while Pingree and another firefighter, Matt Beaudry, continued resuscitation efforts.

Within a couple of minutes, the dog started gasping and trying to breathe on her own.

Jerome mayor declares April 7 'Peter Page Day'

By Dale Thomas Reale Times-News correspondent

JEROME - Dressed in red, white and blue, newly naturalized citizen Peter Page declared his joy to the City Council and a packed room of well-wishers Tuesday evening.

Mayor Dennis Moore read a proclamation naming April 7 Peter Page Day in his honor and gave Page the keys to the city. He invited every resident of Jerome to congratulate Page, a Rhodesian emigrant, on obtaining U.S. citizenship.

Page officially became a citizen March 26 in the Jerome courthouse.

The city also honored animal control officer Gordon Leininger by naming him Jerome city employee for April. Moore said "employee of the month" is a new program to encourage employees to go beyond the call of duty and display professionalism and a can-do attitude.

Leininger will be eligible to be considered for employee of the year.

In other Jerome business: • The council adopted an ordinance requiring installation of new curbs and gutters at the expense of the property owner prior to occupancy of a residence, mobile home or manufactured home.

The ordinance allows for a write contract for getting in the curb and gutter installation under conditions such as bad weather and "acts of God."

The bill also clarifies construction standards.

The council approved seeking federal funding for the bike path section on Tiger Drive from Jerome High School to 20th Avenue. The countywide bike path project, when completed,

will link points of interest throughout the county. It is a cooperative effort of the city, Jerome County, Jerome Highway District and Jerome Recreation District.

The stretch of path to be installed along Tiger Drive has been of concern recently since the speed limit from Eighth to 20th was increased to 35 mph. Harrison Elementary School is in the area, and children walk along Tiger to and from school.

The city plans to contract with Jerome Recreation to manage and operate the city pool for the summer.

City Administrator Jon Cecil said, "The recreation district ran the city pool last year as well as the recreation district pool in South Lincoln. They want to run the pool again. ... We were pleased with their job."

The city agreed to offer the recreation district pool for the pool from June 1 to Aug. 23.

Moore said the district is in the recreation business, and it is more efficient and cost-effective for it to run the pool. There is savings in wages and supplies by combining management of the two pools.

Scott Bybee of J-U-B Engineers said Phase I of the city sewer system study, from H Street south, was completed and ready for council inspection. The study maps the system and identifies the bottlenecks, load capacity and other details.

It can be used as a tool when a new customer wants to hook up. By analyzing the system, the engineer's point in the system, the city can estimate costs for the hookup fee.

Times-News correspondent Dale Thomas Reale can be reached in Jerome at 324-3670.

VALLEY IN BRIEF

Ketchum councilwoman submits resignation

KETCHUM - Buying a house in Hailey means no more Ketchum City Council for Councilwoman Nan Emerick.

Emerick submitted her resignation earlier this week, effective March 20. She had served on the council since 1988.

Owner of Sun Valley Executive Services for 18 years, and a real estate agent, Emerick joined the council in 1983.

She was the highest vote-getter in that election, despite having no prior political experience. Emerick was re-elected to a four-year position in November 1990. She leaves office more than a year before her term expires.

Mayor Guy Coles said he will appoint a replacement to fill Emerick's term.

Emerick said her move to Hailey came in response to her two sons who are students at Wood Street Middle School in Hailey. The family has lived in a small condominium in Ketchum for several years.

Deadline approaches for Hansen School Board

HANSEN - The deadline is April 17 for filing a petition for candidacy for a Hansen School Board position.

As of Wednesday, no one had filed for the Zone 1 seat, which will be vacated by Terry Hollifield, Superintendent Dennis Cochrane announced. There is one candidate for Zone 3, which currently is represented by Gwendolyn Lockwood who is retiring. In Zone 5, F.T. Freestone has resigned and Charles Dalin was appointed interim board member until election time. Two petitions have been filed for the seat in Zone 5.

Residents in the three zones interested in serving on the School Board are urged to obtain petitions from the superintendent's office as soon as possible.

The election will be held from noon to 8 p.m. May 19 in the elementary gym. Compiled from Times-News reports

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LOCATED: at 490 20th Street, Rupert, ID. From the northeast corner of Rupert by Kelly Bean go west on 8th to H Street, then north on H to 20th Street, then east on 20th Street to sale site.

Sale Time 11:00 AM Lunch by AJ and Bobbie

FURNITURE Roll top desk, 4" Granite electric coffee maker, electric rhythm & accompaniment, C. Kurtzman upright piano, Large dining room table with 6 chairs (all wood), Several child's wood chairs, Child's wood rocker, Corner shelf, Child's metal bed, Sofa & love seat, Queen size water bed, Kitchen table and chairs, Full size bed, Chest of drawers, Dresser, Computer desk with pull-out keyboard and printer stand, Queen size brass headboard - Lots of other misc. furniture.

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By Charles M. Schulz

HE PUSHED ME OFF THE SHINE, TEACH HIM A LESSON, HIT HIM!

DID YOU REALLY PUSH HIM OFF THE SHINE?

IT WAS A MISTAKE. I THOUGHT SHE WAS MY SISTER.

By Scott Adams

IT'S NOT ALLOWED TO GET A NEW COMPUTER UNTIL I GET RID OF THIS OLD ONE.

THE JANITOR WON'T ALLOW IT IN THE TRASH, UNLESS YOU LET ME CARRY IT TO STORAGE. SO I BUILT THIS CATAPIULT.

LIKE I ALWAYS SAY, EVERY PROBLEM HAS AN ENGINEERING SOLUTION.

By Johnny Hart

CAN YOU MAKE A ZESTY DRINK?

ALEX'S BAR

I COULD, BUT I'M ALL OUT OF GAUZE.

By Jim Davis

LOOK AT THAT CAT HOUND!

WHAT ARE YOU EXPECT ABOUT?

I'M THE ONE IT SEEMS TO BE FOLLOWING

By Chace Browne

CAN I GO TO BOB'S HOUSE?

WHAT DO YOU WANT TO DO?

THIS COULD GO ON ALL DAY.

By Brent Parker & Johnny Hart

HE'S A DISGRUNTLED POSTAL WORKER.

NOPE

By Chris Browne

HELLO, I'M BACK FROM MY VISIT WITH ATTILA THE HUN!

GOOD

HOW DID THE PEACE TALKS GO?

By Mort Walker

STOP PRING AROUND, OTTO!

SIT!

I SAID SIT!

NOW WHAT?

By Bob Thaves

AUDIT ME

FRACTICAL JOKES OF THE BUSINESS COMMUNITY

By Art Sanson & Chip

FORNARE, WHO DON'T YOU THE SOK LEANE FOR THE REST OF PEACE?

THANKS FOR YOUR CONCERN, GREAT BUT I FEEL LIKE

PORHAPS, BUT YOU'RE BEGINNING TO MAKE ME ILL!

By Lynn Johnston

FOR Better or For Worse

DID YOU SEE LOTS OF FIGHTING DURING THE WAR, GRAMPA?

WE FLEW BOMBERS FROM ENGLAND OVER THE CHANNEL. THE Toughest Fights WERE AT NIGHT.

ONE TIME, SUDS, RYAN AND I SNICK UP BEHIND A RECONNAISSANCE PLANE JUST EXACTLY VISIBLE BY THE LIGHT OF THE MOON.

MOM! DID YOU HEAR GRAMPA'S STORY ABOUT THE ENEMY PILOT IN THE PARACHUTE? (YES, APRIL)

ALL A VERSIONS AND OVER 2,000 TIMES.

By Dean Young & Stan Drake

WHAT DO YOU THINK OF THE PICTURE I WROTE?

IT'S VERY NICE... YOU'RE GIVING ME A MUCH MORE INTERESTING SUBJECT TO WRITE ABOUT.

OH IS THAT SO? COULD YOU DO BETTER?

THERE'S NO DOG IN THAT PICTURE.

I'LL NEVER LEARN, WILL I?

I CERTAINLY HOPE NOT

By Brian Crane

THANKS FOR COMING ON THE CAMPFIRE WITH ME, GRAMPA.

YOU'RE WELCOME.

IT'S KINDA NICE BEING OUTDOORS, BUT HERE A MAN IS FREE TO DO THE KNIFE THINGS THAT MEN LIKE TO DO...

...LIKE SITTIN' IN THE FIRE.

PTUI!

OPPS, THERE WENT MY UPPERS.

By Hank Ketchum

Denials the Menace

THE Family Circus

By Bil Keane

"I WASN'T CLIMBING IT. I WAS TRYIN' TO UNCLIMB IT!"

Wild animals don't die of 'old age'

No statistic suggests any animal in the wild ever dies of "old age." It pain in the thumbs isn't the most common affliction among women over 50, what? Medicines say more than half of all such women have to deal with it. A sort of arthritis.

Ivy responds to what it touches and to what touches it. That response—in plants, at least—is called "haptotropism." What's it called in humans? I do not know, but it certainly can be illegal, that much I've read.

Generations of early Americans cooked in their fireplaces. Then the kitchen stove was invented in the late 18th century. Did everybody immediately install stoves? They did not. Slowly, slowly, the stove notion caught on. A century later—in 1870 at least—one new cookbook was devoted solely to fireless cooking.

Q. How fast do South American soldier ants march?

A. About a mile every three and a half minutes.

Q. Can a homing pigeon over Nevada hear the Pacific?

A. Evidently. Ocean rollers, even as elephants and earthquakes, send infrasonic mumbblings across much mileage. Birds and boats sense the rumbblings. Seagulls over Salt Lake City hear the water to the west, it's believed. And could be some whales panic when they hear the grunting earth beneath the shark shales.

Q. What was President Martin Van Buren's mother tongue?

A. Dutch. Spoken in his household throughout his youth.

Q. The U.S. Government between 1912 and 1918 washed its circulated paper money and put it out again.

Q. Why do we call a phony a "four-flusher"?

A. A four-flusher is a poker-playing bluffer with a four-card flush in a five-card hand.

WHAT'S WHAT? L.M. Boyd

IF APRIL 9 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: During May, you'll be rid of burden you should not have assumed in first place. You are sentimental in reasons, have far-reaching view of events, relationships. You are feisty in nature, you say what you mean and are noted for your integrity. Aries, Libra persons play fantastic roles in your life, could have these letters, initials in names 1 and 8. Current cycle relates to mechanical objects, automobile, relationship with people as determined, stubborn, very attractive.

TAURUS (March 21-April 19): You'll be invited to dine out for purpose of discussing written material. Hold fast to principles, do not wobble, moderate. Talented, conscientious. Love relationship flourish.

GIORGIO (April 20-May 20): Gift received to show appreciation for your help during time of crisis. Realize that love is just around the corner. Maintain equilibrium—significant domestic adjustment may be through.

GENIE (May 21-June 20): Play waiting game, check real-estate prices, discuss hidden values with expert. You could bear real estate concerning houses, houses. Be open-minded, not gullible. Positive influence.

CANCER (June 21-July 21): Neighbor cautions. "The stock market is driving me crazy!" Be practical in finances, abundant; be selective and aware of security needs. Legal agreement requires review to be thorough.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Fulfillment! Views vindicated, you could be on threshold of fame, fortune. Look beyond the immediate; you'll be paid handsomely for predictions. Aries, Libra persons play.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Cycle high—puzzle pieces fall into place, you'll be at right place at crucial moment. Take-gent initiative in making fresh start. Highlight color coordination, packaging. Leo features.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Focus on marriage, partnership, joint efforts, development of real-estate property. Individual who remained in background will surprise. Regard Cancer native as hidden ally.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Win friends and influence people. Be enthusiastic, turn tables on individual who attempts to thwart efforts. You'll be the winner. Love relationship is back on track. Gemini involved.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): You were left out of something important. Now, however, you get second chance to grab brass ring. Virgo individual helps in career—don't wear too loose.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Change of plans imminent—be ready for travel. Very communicative from ambitious member of opposite sex. Visual information received from specialist. Sagittarius involved.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Highlight individual commitment on music—Libra individual's commitment on architecture, design, selection of furniture, variety of communication from obnoxious.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Your kind of love, partnership, joint efforts, information received from specialist. Sagittarius involved. Regard Cancer native as hidden ally.

Virgo

Wesley's Puzzle Solver

Wesley's Puzzle Solver

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FAMILY LIFE

Author says parental vigilance is essential

Knight Ridder News Service

CLARKSTON, Mich. — Michael Matthews was in a rush that day in 1993, so he didn't have time to change his 18-month-old daughter Paige's diaper before dropping the baby off at the neighborhood sitter's house.

On a running late: I just got her out of bed; she's still in her pajamas and hasn't been changed," Matthews told the sitter, handing her a bag containing 10 clean diapers.

When he picked Paige up after work, "she was real crabby and fussy." He found out why when he got her home and laid her down. "The poor kid was fire-bald red. There were still 10 diapers in the bag. She had sat all day long without a diaper change," Matthews says.

Matthews, a Clarkston, Mich., resident, and his wife, Tamara, fired that sitter and began searching for a new one. The couple, who now have three daughters, had already tried a live-in nanny who stole from them and left behind a huge phone bill.

Like thousands of working parents, the Matthews were struggling to find good, quality child care at an affordable price.

"We're not talking about hiring a baby-sitter to go to a movie," Matthews says. "We're talking about the most developmentally important years of a person's life. And you're leaving this precious little person in somebody else's care."

Matthews made 125 pages of notes during his search. Those notes have been turned into a 328-page, fully indexed book that is getting rave reviews from parenting specialists.

Matthews' self-published "How to Find the Best Quality Child Care" is a "real strong," practical

Childcare Advice

from "How to Find the Best Quality Child Care"

- Each state sets minimum standards for group size and child-to-staff ratios. Most states have higher standards than others. They affect how many children per caregiver you'll likely have. Look for centers that maintain a high staff-to-child ratio (small group sizes). Plan to monitor this ratio continually.
- Parents often find it difficult to speak up in child care relations. Ask for this problem can be resolved by creating a plan for effective communication before you select a caregiver.
- Too many parents believe centers are mind readers. Contact staff and discuss your specific needs and concerns up front.
- Finding a quality environment for your child is a challenge. It will take more than a single visit to make a meaningful decision about a program.
- A complete inspection of the facilities will be required. Observe the style of a caregiver or program. Consider the center's operating hours or center's least busy times.

book that covers all the angles, says Sharon Bloyd-Peshkin, editor of Chicago Parent Magazine.

"We ran an excerpt of it in our February issue," she says. "This book really caught our eye here."

It doesn't always pay to follow the rules

Knight Ridder News Service

Kate White was trying to get supper together one Saturday, the book roared charring in the oven, but her friend on the phone needed to talk: job problems, bad dates. Life was so unfair.

White listened, sympathetic. But when she hung up she started to think how easy it was for this woman, for many women — and for her at times — to sink under such circumstances. She thought about the women she admired, the ones who got what they wanted.

"Sometimes fate gets the best of you, but 80 percent of the time you can pull it out of the fire," said White, the editor in chief of Redbook magazine, speaking in a telephone interview earlier this week.

The pork roast wasn't so lucky that day. But that phone conversation helped persuade White to pull together her own thoughts, to interview those successful women she admired and to inspire others

looking for strategies to change their situations.

The result is her new book, "9 Secrets of Women Who Get Everything They Want" (Harmony Books, \$21.95). White has also been editor in chief at Child, Working Woman and McCall's magazines.

White, who is 46, is married to a television newscaster and has two children, learned many of the lessons in the book the hard way, but she did learn them. Looking back, White always saw herself as Skipper, not Barbie. Second fiddle, she didn't quite make the right moves. She followed the rules. She waited.

Then, in her early 30s, a lesson: White had a few book ideas and even courted some book agents at lunch, trying to gauge when to make a move. A woman she supervised needed to talk to an agent for work purposes, and White suggested one.

Not long after, this employee walked into White's office and

resigned. During that business lunch with the agent, it turned out, she had floated a book idea. The agent got back to her with a contract and a \$50,000 advance.

"You're kidding," said White, her voice squeaking as she tried to be congratulatory.

—Women, more than men, buy into the little mantras that actually could be holding them back, White said. Be patient. Follow a schedule. Don't bend the rules.

"I always had the sense you had to wait until the timing was perfect," White said.

In her book, White talks to women who have changed course dramatically, found the jobs that made them happy, hooked up with partners they love and admire. She tells how they came to get what they wanted from life, women such as Donna Hanover, TV journalist and New York City's first lady, fashion designer Cynthia Rowley, and Susan Molinari, the former congresswoman.

White's advice is to take conventional wisdom and view it from another perspective. Being envious, for instance, isn't necessarily a bad thing, depending on how you handle it.

If your reaction to someone else's success, such as fancy new digs or a job promotion, is to become bitter or to denigrate the person's accomplishment, that envy is destructive. But if you use the occasion to examine your own desires and how to accomplish them, your envy can bring results.

"When it stings, when it gets that big a reaction from you, then it's hit home," White said. "Rather than rationalize away what you're feeling, let it be a compass."

"This is not high school, where only one person could be prom queen. White's advice comes with caveats. Getting what you want does not mean getting exactly what you want all the time, but rather getting the "essence" of it.

Wedding woes stress mom, irritate daughter

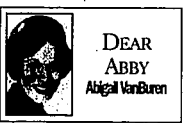
DEAR ABBY: My oldest daughter (I'll call her "Alexis") is being married this year. She is planning a very large, expensive, fairy-tale wedding. Her father and I recently divorced after 29 years of marriage.

I have told Alexis and my ex-husband that I don't have a lot of money for this occasion because the divorce wiped out most of my savings. My daughter claims she doesn't want to hear it. I have offered to pay for her wedding gown. My ex insists that he expects me to pay for half the wedding, even if I have to take out a loan from him to do it.

I have tried to be upfront, but no one is listening. I'm 50 years old and need to save toward my retirement. I can't possibly afford to risk my entire future. Also, we have two more daughters — so it's likely there will be more weddings in the future.

Please keep in mind that it won't be possible for me to volunteer to pay for only "my" invited guests. Almost everyone on the bride's side will be mutual friends and family both of my ex and myself.

Give me some desperately



DEAR ABBY
Abby Cadabby

needed advice that won't hurt my daughter's feelings. I love Alexis very much and don't want to be responsible for spoiling a very special time in her life. What are my responsibilities in this matter?

—NEEDS HELP IN NEW YORK

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7:00-9:15

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955 West Main • Jerome • 324-8853
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Mercury Rising R 7:00-9:30
Lost In Space 13 6:45-9:15
Grease PG 6:45-9:15

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Good Will Hunting R 7:20-9:40
As Good As It Gets 13 7:00-9:45
Wild Things R 7:20-9:40
Lost In Space 13 6:45-9:15
Grease PG 7:10-9:30
Primary Colors 13 7:00-9:45
Mr. Nice Guy 13 9:00
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Your phone number may be yours for life

Chicago Tribune - Ameritech's rivals claim firm's cost fears delayed portability.

CHICAGO - Some day, your phone number may be yours for life. Jeffrey Green, chief engineer of a phone number for life will be techno-nirvana, and it's just around the corner.

Customers, not the phone company, will own their phone numbers, and Chicago is ground zero for what some experts call a phone-number revolution.

The elaborate national phone numbering switch-over depends upon a roomful of computers whirring away in a high-rise building in downtown Chicago.

It is operated not by a phone company, but by a division of Lockheed Martin Corp., which besides being an aerospace power, also has become the phone-number company.

"Phone numbers are a telecommunications what the roundhouse is to the railroad," says Jeffrey Green, a senior vice president with Lockheed Martin Information Management Services, a subsidiary of Lockheed.

He is the man who has been called local phone number portability is scheduled to begin running in Chicago.

The intention of consumers and businesses can change local phone carriers easily while keeping their same phone number.

While that sounds simple enough, the process of making it begin Tuesday, when something as complex and expensive as

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And Clements, who doesn't sell mutual funds, says money market funds, too.

The reason is return. Money market mutual funds are paying an average 5.04 percent, according to an on-line listing by Dreyfus Money Fund Report.

Money market funds pay more than federally insured accounts because they are not federally insured. Uncle Sam will bail you out if the bank fails. It won't if the fund fails.

But the fund company picture would. When one money market fund dips below the \$1 selling price in 1994, the fund company dipped into its own pocket to keep investors who bought in.

Some of the said investors in government-only money funds should take the added yield and not worry about the lack of federal insurance.

That's about the safest money you're going to get," he said.

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Future

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The second big issue of your cash hour is where to put it.

The mattress is out. Although you may be tempted to park it at risk, it ought to earn something during the years it sits around.

Stowers' book identifies three traits a cash investment should have. It should keep the money readily available, it should be safe and it should produce income.

For the link banks, credit unions and savings associations deposits in each of which are federally insured up to \$100,000 per account.

The best rates available are on a CD, the Monitor shows. But this means a CD for emergency cash isn't immediately available to you without your paying an early withdrawal penalty.

Hoerschle said he didn't recommend CDs for emergency cash but added the penalty for cashing in a three-month CD

MUTUAL FUNDS

Large table listing various mutual funds with columns for Name, Size, and other details.

The high cost of dogs that chase livestock

Katie was running like a dog whose tail was on fire and her butt was catching, but the young Hereford bull was right behind her, chasing with single-minded determination.

Oh! Katie was so surprised she didn't know which way to turn, and she made a near-fatal mistake when she tried. The bull bowled her over, but she was up and running a moment later.

I knew she was calculating speed, distance and available obstacles as she ran. If she had a wish, it was for a bigger pasture, so she could kick in the afterburners and be gone.

But the pasture was small, surrounded by a barbed-wire fence that was tight to the ground. There was no quick way out.

So, she went for the old "get-something-between-me-and-the-bull" trick.

Katie ran right under an old bull and a cow that were, well, engaged. The collision was feeble.



**DOG-EARED
TALES**
Bill Studebaker

The young bull went down. The old bull spun and fell. The cow tipped over. In an instant, there was 2 1/2 tons of beef all heaped up in a pile - bawling, blowing, and powerful upper.

Tom Sharrpinski watched the whole thing, mouth agape. It was his land and those were his cows, and he had every reason to be angry. Before we'd entered the pasture, he'd made a point of asking Katie's owner, Field Woodland, if she chased cows.

Field assured him that she didn't.

Field and I didn't know Tom very well, but he was mighty generous about letting us hunt and work dogs on his land. Field and I were grateful, genuinely grateful, and we didn't want any problems that would lead to hard feelings.

Now this. Tom marched over to the big bull and started talking to him like an old friend. He grabbed him by the horns and commenced to pulling. The bull squared his front legs under him, kicked his hind legs up and rose to his feet with a groan.

Katie had circled around and heeled up behind Field. She was nervous, caught in an awful crime that only a trained animal can commit. She was all obedience now.

The younger bull was a little panicked, but he got up and wandered off, licking his nose. He eyed Katie as he licked.

The cow, scuffed up and limping, fled to the end of the pasture. She looked badly hurt, but we couldn't tell for sure.

Tom muttered something about "... have the vet take a look."

I was feeling bad about the whole thing when Tom spun and pointed to his old bull.

"Look," he said. "Look at that. He's all broken up - damn you, you've ruined my bull!"

"I didn't ruin your bull!" Field replied. He peered under the bull's belly and I did too; sure enough, the bull was probably broken up.

"Maybe you didn't ruin him, but that dog of yours did," Tom growled.

"My dog didn't do it, either," Field protested. "It was your ornery little bull. If he hadn't started chasing Katie - well, dang it, Tom, if you'd teach your bulls to leave dogs alone, none of this would have happened."

Field was on a roll and there was no stopping him now.

"Yeah, that young bull is the trouble-maker," he continued, "and he's blind to boot. He should have seen it coming. What did he think, he could follow Katie between their legs?"

"Stupid bull," Field concluded.

"Maybe so," Tom said, grinning his chin thoughtfully, "but if it hadn't been for your dog, my old bull wouldn't be ruined - and he was worth about \$8,000. What do you say to that?"

Suddenly, Field wasn't saying anything. Tom kept talking.

"Of course, maybe I could settle for that three-quarter ton Ford of yours," Tom said, "but you'll have to throw in the winch and the camper shell."

Field began walking toward the canal. There were purring sounds coming from his mouth, but I couldn't make out any words. He dove in, swam to the other side, climbed out and kept walking west, like a zombie.

The sun was going down and it silhouetted him as he ceased a small rise. Katie followed at his heels, patiently waiting for the next adventure.

Bill Studebaker's stories about Field Woodland are wholly fictional. When he's not resting them up, he can be found teaching English at the College of Southern Idaho.

It's still a little wet, but soon it will be time to ...

I Hit The Trail

TWIN FALLS - One of these days, the weather will improve and the question will be: Are you ready to ride?

Many mountain-bike owners haven't ventured off the pavement since fall, but the day is fast approaching when favorite dirt roads and trails will be open for business. It's not here yet, because most of the high country is still locked in snow, but the day is a-corning.

For riders who just can't wait, the best bet is to stick to low-elevation trails that have already dried out. For those with a little more patience, here are some prime rides to keep in mind.

Third Fork

Perhaps the most popular trail in the South Hills, the Third Fork of Rock Creek starts off crooked as a dying snake, then straightens out and descends through a broad, scrubby canyon. Riders in the upper reaches can swoop through the trees like fighter pilots in a dogfight, then hit warp speed on the open flats below.

The best way to do a top-to-bottom run is to drive up the Rock Creek Road, south of Hansen, with two vehicles capable of carrying bicycles. Drop one rig at the lower trailhead.

where the Third Fork of Rock Creek pours into the Fourth Fork; the site is marked by signs.

Continue up the Rock Creek Road in the other vehicle, past the Diamondfield Jack area, then swing left on a dirt road to the Porcupine Springs campground. Ditch your vehicle there and pedal several miles down Forest Service road 530, also known as the Telephone Canyon Road, until it crosses Third Fork.

From there, the directions are simple: Turn left, lay your ears back against your skull, and howl with adrenal joy. Beware, because there are a lot of trees to avoid and a crash could be serious. After about 1 1/2 miles, the trail crosses a stream and the Little Fork Trail comes in from the left. Turn right and stick with the stream for the rest of the ride. The terrain opens up after the Little Fork junction, so riders can go for broke.

The total trail ride is about 7 1/2 miles, and most of it's downhill, so you'll have enough energy to brag about it afterward.

Adams Gulch

Located a hop and a skip north of Ketchum, the Adams Gulch area offers a variety of loop rides ranging up to seven miles in length.

The trailhead is easy to find. Head north out of Ketchum and turn left after 1 1/2 miles on Adams Gulch Road. Cross the Big Wood River, bear right immediately after the bridge, then jog left a quarter mile past the bridge. Follow signs to the trailhead.

There are several obvious loops to consider, but the most ambitious is the seven-mile Adams Gulch Loop. It starts off gently at 6,000 feet and climbs like a mountain goat to an elevation of 7,368 feet. On a clear day, the trail affords sweeping views of the Smoky and Pioneer mountain ranges.

In addition to steep uphill sections, the Adams Gulch Loop has fearfully steep descents that can transform rider and mount into a cartwheeling tangle of teeth, bone, flesh and steel.

Several shorter - and less steep - variants are available, including the loop formed by the Sunside and Shady-side trails.

Any cycling trip in the Adams Gulch area involves stream crossings, so be prepared for soggy sneakers and a skunk's stripe of mud down your back.

NW loop of Elk Mountain

Down in northern Nevada, at the doorstep of the Jarbidge Wilderness Area, is a challenging loop ride on two-track roads that winds through steep canyons and fragrant groves of aspen and fir.

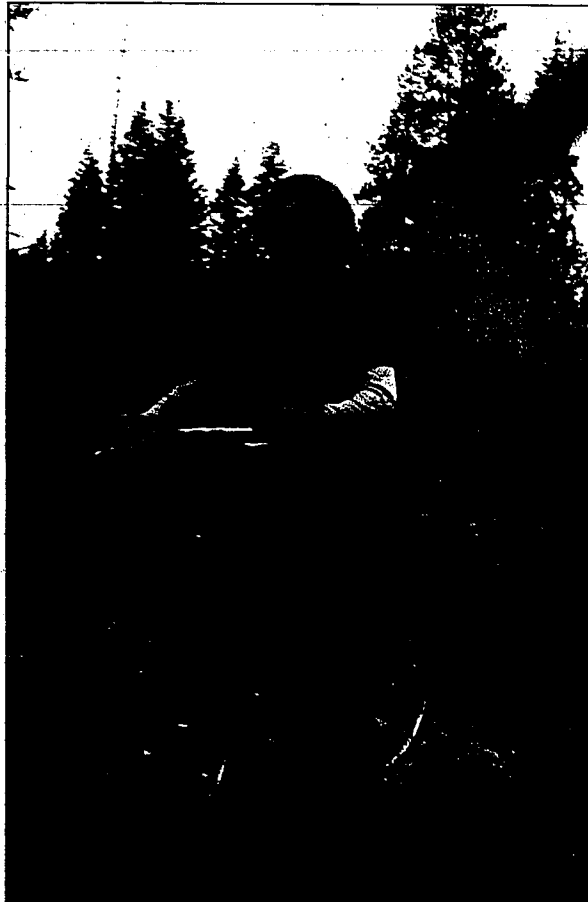
To get there, turn west from U.S. Highway 93 at Rogerson, cross over Salmon Dam and keep on truckin' to the isolated community of Three Creek. Just past Three Creek, turn left (south) on the Pole Creek Road, also known as Forest Service Road 074; the junction is 36 miles west of Rogerson.

Drive south to the Pole Creek Guard Station, which is a collection of U.S. Forest Service buildings nestled in a fold of the landscape.

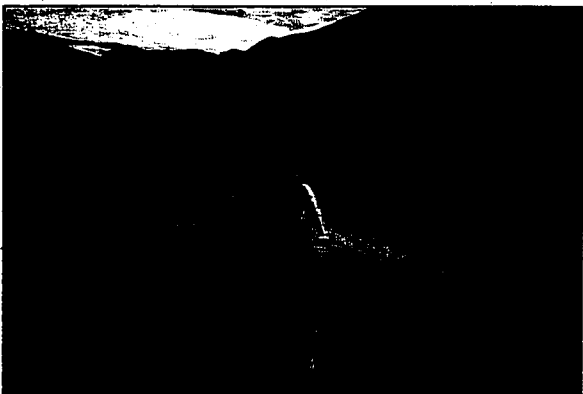
The northwest loop on Elk Mountain begins about nine miles east of the Pole Creek Guard Station. Bring a Forest Service map of the area and follow road 074 for about three miles, then brace yourself for rougher going on a two-track road.

The ride itself is a 15-mile loop in remote, rugged country - so prepare yourself accordingly.

A simpler option is to follow Birch Ridge, which climbs the hillside behind the Pole Creek Guard Station. It is a scenic route with stunning views of The Matherhorn (10,839 feet) and other peaks in the Jarbidge Wilderness Area.



Twin Falls resident Chereese Villa makes a top-notch stream crossing in Adams Gulch, just north of Ketchum.



The lower reaches of the Third Fork trail, in the South Hills, are wide open and well suited for high-speed shenanigans.

Story
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OUTDOORS

Gathering of eagles

Birds thrive in conservation area

By John Husar
Chicago Tribune

BOISE — We stopped the car amid this magnificent grassy land to watch a pair of rough-legged hawks prowl above a range of sagebrush as broad as the eye could see.

Wings flutter, one went down, and the feathers jerked as talons made their kill.
Up labored the thick bird, the brown carcass of a ground squirrel drooping from its spiky legs. It had found food to fuel its trip to breeding grounds in the Arctic.

But someone had been watching. Two hungry red-tailed hawks swooped toward the rough-legged, still laboriously pumping toward a tree on the edge of this desert plateau. The red-tails fluttered and screeched loudly, hoping to rattle the rough-legged into dropping its prey.

But the rough-legged had a mate who now was darning out the scene and the four competing hawks.

And fell in midair, not 40 feet above the ground. The red-tails flew up and the rough-leggeds gave a long, unscathed toward their roost.

I shook my head in wonder while John Sullivan and Larry Ridenhour merely grinned. They see a lot of such life as they lead the Snake River Birds of Prey National Conservation Area. This 62,500-acre swath of public land bordering 81 miles of Idaho's spectacular Snake River Canyon is run by the U.S. Bureau of Land Management exclusively for raptors.

At least 24 species of birds of prey — including golden eagles and prairie falcons — proliferate amid this vast and complicated area of tall cliffs and rugged terrain. The area is also home to a variety of vultures and buzzards, as well as the densest breeding ground for eagles and falcons in the United States.

For four months each March through June, visitors can see at least 15 species of nesting raptors do their part in raising their young. Throughout their stay the birds continually hunt—from mostly ground squirrels by falcons and hawks to jackrabbits by golden eagles.

Nature has provided nicely for these incredible birds. When a raptor's nest has been carved into Snake River Canyon 14,000 years ago, it left steep cliffs ranging from 200 to 700 feet high—perfect areas for wary raptors. Gons of wind-blown silt and light-colored soil atop the surrounding desert, ideal for burrowing animals.

Ground squirrels, pocket gophers and other burrowing animals proliferated. The ground squirrels are especially common, bursting from their dens at springtime population peaks just as the birds set up their nest. The carnivorous birds merrily feast until summer's heat drives them off—to anywhere from Kansas to Guatemala. And in happy coincidence, the rodents just then also retreat to their burrows to regrow their population.

It has been a perfect example of nature's harmony—at least until man arrived with cattle and sheep in the 1860s. The sheep particularly carried in the tangles of their woolly coats a slow-growing Eurasian grass called "cheat" that soon flourished in the rich, dry soil. The cheat filled gaps between clumps of sagebrush and the stands of wild, native grasses that also grew in clumps. It packed itself tightly into these gaps, creating a new and ominous problem—a propensity to burn.

Whereas lightning-created wildfires probably consumed a sagebrush plain on an average of every 80 years (the gaps between the clumps make fire hard to spread), cheat burns readily. Some areas newly overgrown by tightly packed cheat have burned four times in the last 100 years. In fact, since 1970, four-fifths of this raptor refuge's half-million acres have been altered by fire, changing the face of the land and imperiling some of the birds the area is designated to serve.

Unlike controlled burns on Midwest prairies and in overly dense woods like urban forest preserves—which reduce the clink-

ing effect of invasive plants and allow native species to revive—wildfires have a negative effect upon sagebrush habitat.

According to Sullivan, who manages the conservation area for the BLM, a fire clears the area of slow-growing sagebrush, while cheat takes over, heating other plants to soil nutrients and water. And once cheat has overtaken an area, it tends to burn again and again, preventing any sagebrush regrowth.

At one time, this would have been fine with Western settlers, who did all they could to rid the land of what they thought was a mistake of nature. But biologists have learned that many species of small, burrowing ground mammals depend on clump grasses and sagebrush for cover. Where sage and clump grasses are reduced, these mammals decline, reducing food for raptors and other predators and changing the ecological balance.

"So that's our problem today," Sullivan says. "We have to figure out how to control these fires better, to discourage the spread of cheat even through herbicide, and to replant sage and bunch grasses wherever possible."

If the BLM cannot do this, it says, it will have to close the Birds of Prey Conservation Area without most of its premier birds of prey.

In just the last 15 years, according to Sullivan, some 200 prairie falcons nests have dwindled to 140. One formerly dense spot that wildlife experts had estimated had declined to 28 active nests within two years.

Golden eagles have not fared much better, with 38 nesting sites in the early 1970s, some 26 still survive.

Not all birds are affected by cheat. Northern harriers, burrowing owls, short-eared owls and ferruginous hawks seem to be doing well in these newer grasslands, Sullivan says.

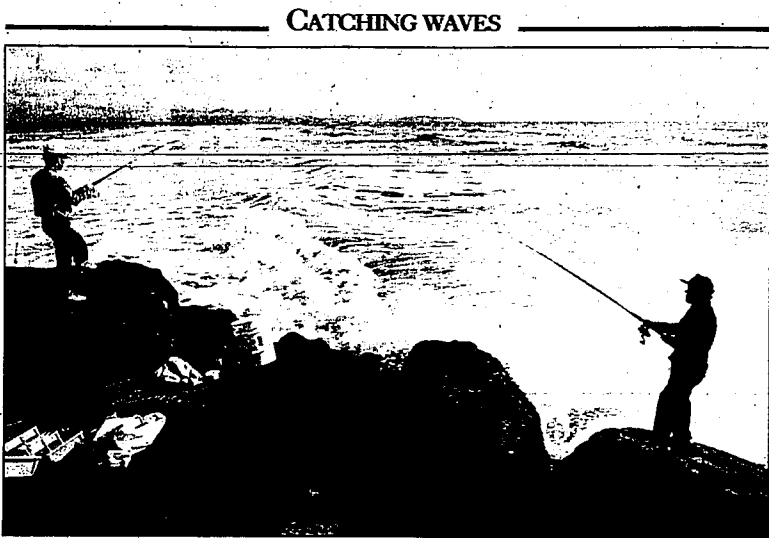
As for the uninitiated, birding here remains spectacular. Sullivan and Ridenhour, the chief ranger, directed me to stunning sights from cliff-top viewing areas where one can watch these huge birds ride thermals far below—accompanied by the distant rumble of a rapids—as well as miles of prairie grass and nesting grounds teeming with bird life.

Along the river itself, the BLM maintains a series of gravel access roads that also serve anglers, carter and other recreationists. Mountain bikers have discovered a network of trails, including some 200 prehistoric Indian sites, many with ancient petroglyphs. One includes a 20-acre boulder field near a Canyon County education center called Celebration Park has scores of carved petroglyphs of these ancient dart-throwing devices. The record is 8487 feet.

"This canyon was a major wintering ground for the native people," Ridenhour explains. "It had everything they needed—permanent water, salmon, mountain sheep and waterfowl, which they caught in nets."
Sullivan says early people made duck decoys from reeds, then stretched a duck skin over the decoy for realism. The decoys would lead ducks right into the trap.

Following federal designation of the conservation area in 1972, the World Center for Birds of Prey located its headquarters on 400 acres outside Boise.

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Portland residents Chung Chol and his brother-in-law Young Park try their luck from the South Jetty of Oregon's Fort Stevens State Park Saturday. With only one perch in their bucket, Park said that the fishing was slow, but "it's a very nice day."

Tree-planting project protects fish habitat

Fisherman fosters change in attitudes

DAYTON, Wash. (AP) — When Johnny Johnston took his motor home to the Tucannon River last summer, it wasn't exactly vacation time.

Some days he was up at 5 a.m., cutting willows in the early morning hours to avoid the bald-faced hornets and yellow jackets that feed on them.

Other days he was digging holes in newly sculpted river banks — looking for the water level necessary to support the new shoots. Often he was in his waders, knee deep in mud.

Johnston, a volunteer from Dayton, planted nearly 2,500 willows and cottonwoods along the banks of the Tucannon in six weeks.

But even more impressive than the numbers is the change that Johnston had helped foster in local landowners' attitudes, said Steve Martin, a habitat biologist with the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife.

Two years ago, many landowners considered trees a culprit in the massive flooding that occurred along the Tucannon and Touchet rivers. "These are some of the same people who are asking Johnny to help reestablish vegetation along their banks," Martin said.

Johnston — an avid steelhead fisherman known by his trademark felt hat and pipe — shrugs off praise as quickly as a poncho sheds water.

"If the fish don't have a happy home, they won't survive," he said. "They need a place to hide, and they need a place to get out of the sun."
Moreover, the six weeks of the 2,500-tree project — compared with the need — is minimal, he said.

Flooding over the past two years wiped out many of the trees along the Tucannon, which is home to a threatened salmon run, steelhead and bull trout. The loss of trees reduced the woody material in the river for fish habitat and cut down on the shade that kept water temperatures cool.

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The WDFW started tree-planting projects in 1996 to recover habitat, but quickly ran into problems. The willows and cottonwoods planted on newly sculpted rock banks had extremely low survival rates. Just 1 percent to 20 percent of the trees were alive the next year.

"The planting guidelines, developed in Western Washington, simply weren't working here," Martin said. He turned to Johnston, a retired landscaper, for advice.
"I was taught under the guiding hands before there were books," Johnston said wryly.

The plants were going in during the summer months when the bank work was done. Some days the temperatures climbed to 100 degrees, and the new plants cooked in the heat radiated from the rocks that held the new banks together. Streamside willows also need their roots in water to survive, but the shoots were planted at depths that dried up when the river reached its lowest flows in the fall.

Johnston, a seasonal WDFW worker, volunteered part of his summer vacation to work on the problem.

In some areas, he used blocks of wood to shade newly planted willow and cottonwood shoots. He also worked to ensure that the plants were rooted deep enough to survive seasonal fluctuations in the water level.

It was different than rearing plants in the nursery, and much of the work was trial and error, Johnston said. You can't cross growth hormone or fertilizers in a river — "nothing but what the

good Lord gives you."

But the survival rate was outstanding, Martin said. Eighty to 90 percent of the new shoots, which were planted in the Women Wildlife Area, took root and grew.

Johnston, however, hesitates to credit work too soon. The real survival test will come next year — after the winter months, after the high waters of spring runoff and after the deer have had a chance to browse on the new shoots, he said.

In addition to planting trees, Johnston has helped change the thinking about stream vegetation among local landowners, Martin said.

"That may be even more important in the long run," he wrote in a letter nominating Johnston for the department's Volunteer of the Year award, which is chosen in January from a pool of volunteers who made significant contributions.

"Many people believe that trees exacerbated problems during the floods by creating the logjams that flooded waters backed up behind," Martin said. Johnston's work showed them that trees also can be beneficial during flooding, trapping sediments and preventing banks from unraveling.

He's also generous in donating his time to private landowners.

When Bob Warren needed 600 willows planted along a stretch of the Touchet River as part of state permit requirements for stream bank work, Johnston lent a hand.

Most of the shoots planted are rooted and thriving, Warren said. "It should enhance the shoreline of the river and make shade on the water, too," he said.

In many ways, Johnston is a natural for the job of educating people about habitat. His stake in habitat restoration stems from a passionate 30-year interest in steelhead fishing — a hobby he enjoys sharing with others.

Johnston holds periodic evening seminars on basic steelhead fishing techniques. He also tries to introduce at least three teens to fishing every year.

"Most people along the Tucannon River were taught how to fish by Johnny," said Martin, who was a student eight years ago. "It's the grassroots support we talk so much about that Johnny is actually doing, whether he knows it or not."

"(Steelhead are) a valuable resource, both in a social and economic sense," said Johnston, who likes to see local faces among the thousands of people who travel to the Tucannon to fish.

Johnston's back yard is full of potted willows and cottonwoods, waiting out the winter for next year's planting season. He plans to do some more volunteer work, through arthritis does place some limitations on his activities.

"You've got a commitment to the people and to the land," he said of himself indirectly, "and you don't just walk away."

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Master transforms bamboo into elegant fly rods

Knight-Ridder News Service

WHITE HAVEN, Pa. — Tom Maxwell is starting from scratch again, measuring his story and his material.

The story is his, of a 62-year-old philosophy professor living in a motor home beside the Evening Hatch Fly Shop just outside this town in the western Pocomos.

The material is bamboo, but right now it is nothing more than a gargantuan piece of grass with potential. When Maxwell has finished with it — after perhaps 70 hours — it will become the most elegant of fishing tools, a like wand that will be prized and passed from generation to generation.

"Bamboo," Maxwell is saying, "is a lot like me. It's an anachronism."

He is a soft-spoken and modest man, and this is what he does not say: that both he and bamboo can spring back straight after strain.

He has sold his house in Connecticut and is shopping for another as he turns out his own rods at the fly shop. For \$20 an hour, he also repairs rods that would bring thousands of dollars on the resale market.

In the meantime, he lives in the motor home with three pit bulls adopted from a rescue group. He has made for himself all the fly rods he thinks he needs — two. He has friends, and he

has the respect of other bamboo artisans and his students at Penn State's Hazleton campus.

It is enough. "Creative people are driven," says his friend and fellow angler, Mike Santulli, 64, who recently retired from a position as a philosophy professor at the Hazleton campus. "Tom can turn misfortune into something beautiful."

May 4, 1970, Maxwell was teaching philosophy at Kent State University. The campus was in turmoil over the U.S. invasion into Cambodia. He and his class went outside to gather, discussion material.

That was the day National Guardsmen opened fire. Two of

the four students killed were members of his class. "All I ever wanted to be was a teacher," he said. "But that incident chased me from it."

He turned his attention to crafting bamboo rods, a skill he had learned in his early teens. In 1971, together with Thomas Dorsey, a philosophy professor at the University of Maryland, he cofounded Thomas & Thomas, now based in Turners Falls, Mass.

Today, the company's bamboo and graphite rods are among the most respected in the industry. But in 1976, before the profits rolled in, Maxwell left in a management dispute. He became production manager for the leg-

endary H.L. Leonard Rod Co. in Central Valley, N.Y., founded in 1881 by Hiram Leonard, the man generally credited with developing the bamboo fly rod design still employed today.

Marc Aroner, 50, now an independent bamboo rodmaker in Greenfield, Mass., apprenticed under Maxwell at Thomas & Thomas and worked for him at the Leonard company.

"Bamboo rods are an artistic statement you can use," Aroner says. "There's a romance in dealing with something that's not mass-produced." Of Maxwell, Aroner adds: "He's my mentor. I can't say enough for how much he's helped me."

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Crawling out party

It's time to keep watch for rattlers

The Dallas Morning News

UVALDE, Texas — The western diamondback rattlesnake was backed up to a steep cutbank alongside the ranch road. Feeling threatened by human intrusion, the snake had fully a third of its six-foot-long body drawn back into the classic S-curve of a fully coiled snake.

The dry, angry buzz of its tail left no doubt of the rattler's agitation. Short of a hissing, spread-hood display from a big king cobra, the rattlesnake was putting on as impressive a show as a snake can muster.

That show was short-lived. Reptiles don't have the energy to sustain an all-out performance for long. As soon as the humans backed off their threat, the snake turned tail — rattles and all — and headed for the brush.

Western diamondbacks are not the only venomous snakes in Texas, but they are the most common poisonous reptiles. They're also the biggest. A rattler caught on the King Ranch last fall measured seven and a half feet. Because of the rattlesnake's "dentist treatment" on a wiring system, rattlers are also the most obvious poisonous snakes.

Nobody knows how many rattlers can inhabit a particular area. Dr. Scott Henke, a researcher for the Caesar Kleberg Wildlife Research Institute at Kingsville, once found rattlers during an afternoon field trip.

Just down the road at Riviera, quail hunting guide Luther Young has counted as many as 15 snakes in a warm winter hunting day. The dusty ranch road south of Uvalde was crisscrossed last weekend with the sinuous drags that marked the passage of big snakes, most of them rattlers.

Spring is an active season for snakes, which are on the move following the winter hibernation. Spring turkey hunters, hikers and bird watchers often encounter snakes, a few of them venomous.

Outdoor recreationists encounter many more snakes than they realize, says Dr. Mike McCoid, a biology professor at Texas A&M University-Kingsville.

"Snakes are secretive animals, and they're not fond of people," McCoid said. "For every snake you see, there are several other

snakes you never see. That includes rattlesnakes in many parts of Texas."

Not all rattlers give fair warning before they strike. Like the pioneers of early Texas who defended their territory against all threats, rattlers sometimes follow their instincts and strike without delay.

McCoid has never been bitten, but he's had several close calls, usually due to his own carelessness. Of the 8,000 snakebites reported in the U.S. annually,

McCoid said, only about 12 result in fatalities.

Most snakebites are the result of people handling or otherwise agitating snakes. That's what happened to Luther Young. He keeps rattlesnakes to use as training tools in teaching his dogs to avoid snakes in the field.

A small rattler nipped him on the thumb last year. "People who handle snakes, as I do, don't deserve a lot of sympathy when they're bitten," Young said.

Young did the same thing to his hand that he does for bird dogs that are bitten. He injected a steroid, a treatment his doctor does not recommend.

Young suffered a small amount of swelling and about the same discomfort as might have resulted from smashing his thumb with a hammer. From one person to another, reactions to snake venom will be different.

It's the same with animals. Henke said wood rats, also called pack rats, exhibit a high immunity to rattlesnake venom and sometimes survive a snakebite.

Nobody knows how a rodent can take a direct hit from a rattler and manage to escape, but the Kleberg Institute has a biochemist studying the puzzle. What he discovers might have implications in treating human snakebite victims.

Humans are the rattlesnake's worst enemies, but we're not the only ones. Small rattlers are preyed upon by roadrunners, hawks and other predatory birds.

Bigger snakes fall prey to feral hogs, javelinas and other snakes.

King snakes eat other snakes, including poisonous snakes. In South Texas, where rattlers are particularly common, the Texas indigo snake dines on its venomous cousin.

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BASKING IN RED



Joe Stencato, left, and Michelle Helm, from Huntington Beach, Calif., watch and listen to the roar of a 35-foot waterfall as the Santa Clara River pours around the Gunlock Dam overflow Tuesday in Gunlock, Utah. Rain and mountain snow showers have filled some southern Utah reservoirs to capacity, leading to concerns about potential flooding.

Light-tackle angler snags 62-inch sturgeon

Knight Ridder News Service

DULUTH, Minn. — It was a day on the Rainy River that Kirsten Gilbertson probably won't forget. She caught a walleye that weighed about 8 pounds, but that was far from her largest fish of the day.

It's the 62-inch sturgeon she caught — on walleye tackle — that she'll remember most. Gilbertson, 21, of Grand Rapids, Minn., was fishing with family friend Gary Wheelock, also of Grand Rapids, on March 27. Wheelock's son, Gary

Wheelock Jr., and Wheelock's dad, Dean Wheelock of Loman, Minn., also were along. Loman is right on the Rainy River, so Dean keeps an eye on the river and lets Gary know when the walleyes are biting.

Gilbertson, who loves to fish but hasn't had much experience at it, was using a large rainbow chub on a jig when the sturgeon took her minnow. That put the walleye fishing on hold for about 40 minutes, Gary Wheelock said.

"That fish took us back and forth, in and out of Canada," he said.

The Minnesota-Ontario border runs down the middle of the Rainy River.

The longer the fight went on, the more spectators Gilbertson attracted.

"People were noticing we had a pretty big fish on," said Gilbertson, a junior at St. Olaf's College in Northfield, Minn. "Some people put down their

lines. I felt like I was putting on this big show."

Which, of course, she was. Gary Wheelock wasn't optimistic they'd ever land the sturgeon.

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The Associated Press

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The old record, also from Hauser Lake, was 21 pounds, eight ounces.

The Idaho Department of Fish and Game said it took the huge predatory fish in about 15 feet of water on a Rapala Fire Tiger lure. He was using 10-pound test line with no steel leader.

The tiger muskie might have weighed more had it been taken to a scale as soon as it was caught, but Biem kept it in his boat about six hours before it was officially weighed.

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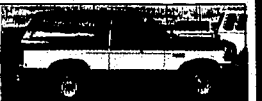
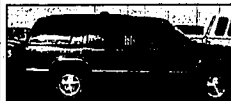



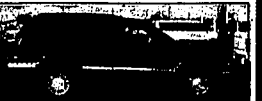
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