



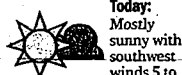
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The quest for Congress



Congressional candidate Mike Simpson fields a question from Michelle Osterhoof, a worker at the Clear Springs Foods facility in Hagerman.



Richard Stallings, running for Congress, discusses the farm economy and the North American Free Trade Agreement with Dennis Burks at the general store in Carey.

Lifelong political interests drive Blackfoot boy Mike Simpson

By Gregory Hahn
Times-News writer

BLACKFOOT — Before he was Mr. Speaker, Rep. Simpson or even Dr. Mike, Mike Simpson was just Michael, a Blackfoot boy with a knack for problem solving.

"I think he was born with political aspirations or something, because he has the aptitude for it."

—Keith Simpson, father of Mike Simpson

Congressional District campaign is the next step in a political career that began in the Blackfoot City Council close to 20 years ago — but at least one longtime observer thinks it all started sooner. "I think he was born with political aspirations or something," Keith Simpson said, "because he has the aptitude for it."

Born in Blackfoot, Mike Simpson has yet to stray from his hometown for long. He spent four years at Utah State

University, and managed three more in St. Louis, where he followed in his father's footsteps at the school of dentistry at Washington University, the Simpson family also boasts four other dentists, mostly from Blackfoot.

But Mike Simpson always carried with him a taste for public service. And it continued when he came home to practice dentistry.

"He wasn't here very long before he ran for City Council," Keith Simpson said. "And then it was one thing after another."

"He was a good councilman," said Delwin C. Daniels, who was mayor when Mike Simpson won his first City Council election. "I hated to lose him, but he went on to bigger and better things."

And he did, gaining respect and power in the dominant party at the Statehouse, eventually being elected House speaker in December 1992. Through it all, he kept close to Blackfoot, coming home often and keeping up his dental practice. Daniels remembers seeing Mike Simpson regularly on the interstate in his Corvette, traveling between political duties in Boise and familial and civic duties back home.

But Mike Simpson's aspirations climbed ever higher. "I remember him telling me he'd like to be governor," Daniels said. "But I guess this door opened up for him."

Sen. Dirk Kempthorne's decision to run for governor shook the upper echelon of the Idaho Republican Party. With the Idaho Republican Party. With

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Stallings' decision was helped by farmers, wife's (reluctant) support

By Gregory Hahn
Times-News writer

POCATELLO — It has been five years since Ranae Stallings lived in Washington, D.C. — five long, good years.

Five years since she felt scared to drive alone to pick up her husband, Richard, at the airport, five years since her contact with her Idaho friends and relatives was restricted to the telephone, five years since she got to move back home.

And when her husband told her he was thinking about trying to go back, she did her best to change his mind.

"I gave it a shot, talking him out of it," she said. She even resorted to threats — which she knew she would never follow through.

"I told him he'd have plenty of time," she said, "because he'd be divorced."

But he was persistent, and she could see that determination begin to rise again.

"His plea was, 'Look at the state agriculture's in,' and I could see that. 'Look at the state INEEL is in,' and I could see that," she said. "He appeals to my patriotic Idaho spirit."

And she figured she could just stay home this time.

"I'm going to stay in Idaho," she said. "At least I think I am. We'll see how lonely I am."

Richard Stallings admits it was a tough decision to get back into the political fray after years of private life — and six years after losing a Senate campaign to Republican Dirk Kempthorne.

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"It was not something that happened overnight," he said. It took a lot of soul searching, he said, and long talks with his wife, friends and supporters.

"I guess it was the encouragement from folks in the area," he said.

Folks like Doug Nilson, a political science professor at Idaho State University who had the former congressman who had the former congressman was considering giving up his post at the head of Pocatello.

"I think he wanted to be sure he had a lot of support, a lot of people who really wanted him to do this."

—Doug Nilson, professor

"Coming out of that new career choice required a lot of thought," Nilson said. "But there was some thought in his mind that he did want to get back into politics."

Nilson and others convinced Richard Stallings to try to regain the House seat he held from 1984 to 1992, partially because he was experienced there, and partially because Rep. Mike Crapo would have been a formidable opponent in the Senate race.

But it did take some convincing. "I think he wanted to be sure he had a lot of support," Nilson said, "a lot of people who really wanted him to do this."

He found them, largely because he had been working to get them since he first ran against incumbent George Hansen.

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Air Force won't say how it calculated compensation

By N.S. Nohkretved
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Air Force officials will not yet release appraisals on public grazing land, the basis for nearly \$1 million in compensation to a private rancher.

Air Force officials earlier this month signed an agreement to compensate Three Creek rancher Bert Brackett for grazing leases that would be lost to an Air Force range proposal.

Brackett would get \$650,000 cash and \$325,000 in replacement grazing leases.

Col. Billy Richey, a spokesman for the 366th Wing at Mountain Home Air Force Base, explained how officials arrived at those numbers, but he would not release the details.

Land appraisals were done for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in Seattle by an independent certified appraiser. But Richey could not say who the independent appraiser was, and said he could not provide the

"valuation report."

The compensation agreement doesn't become final until 10 days after the legislation becomes law, and until then the Air Force won't release the report or the name of the appraiser, Richey said.

Legislation introduced by Sen. Dirk Kempthorne, R-Idaho, and inserted in the 1999 Defense Authorization bill sets aside 12,000 acres of public land in Owyhee County and directs the Air Force to negotiate a compensation package with Brackett. That legislation, passed by Congress, is awaiting the signature of President Clinton.

The negotiations between the Air Force and the ranchers were based on the valuation studies of portions of the ranches affected by the withdrawal of the 12,000 acres, Richey said.

The compensation package will replace some lost grazing. It will provide cash compensation for additional lost grazing and for the disruption to Brackett's operation. See page RANCHER, Page A2

\$3 million road project will serve bomb range

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS — As part of an Air Force bombing range proposal at Juniper Butte in Owyhee County, the federal government plans a \$3 million road improvement project.

Known as the Idaho Defense Access Road Project, the federal Department of Transportation project would upgrade 49 miles of the Clover Three Creek Road and replace the Clover Bridge.

The road runs from Brunneau to Three Creek and would provide access for the Air Force to the Juniper Butte bombing range and to smaller Air Force sites.

The Clover Bridge does not meet highway standards and will be replaced. The rest of the road will be regraded and widened to 22 feet, with some sharp curves eased and culverts set in

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White House pushes school initiatives in talks

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Against a backdrop of a rare Saturday day for Congress, Republican budget bargainers expressed a willingness to give President Clinton some of the money he is demanding for schools, but on their own terms.

Both the House and Senate were open for business by lawmakers hoping for a budget agreement to let them complete the year's legislative work this week and go home for their re-election campaigns.

The heaviest lifting was being done in closed-door meetings between administration officials and lawmakers. Sen. Frank Lautenberg, D-N.J., said they agreed to \$609 million for Amtrak, the federally subsidized passenger railroad, \$54 million more than the Senate initially approved.

They stillickered over how to pay for demands by the administration and lawmakers for billions in additional spending and over issues like procedures for the 2000 census, U.S. support for the



Bill Clinton

International Monetary Fund and migration laws.

Aides from both sides said the Clinton administration was demanding about \$3 billion in additional spending, mostly for education and foreign aid.

Republicans were expressing a willingness to provide the \$1.1 billion Clinton wants to help communities hire 100,000 elementary school teachers, participants said. But the GOP was insisting that savings be found to pay for it, and that states be allowed to use it to reduce class sizes any way they want, such as by adding classrooms.

White House chief of staff Erskine Bowles met twice with GOP leaders, emerging in the early evening to give an upbeat assessment to reporters. "They clearly heard what we're

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THE REGION

Camas Prairie

High: 56 Low: 35
Mostly sunny and mostly clear tonight. Partly sunny on Monday with highs 55 to 65.

Treasure Valley

High: 63 Low: 40
Mostly sunny with southwesterly winds 5 to 10 mph in the morning then southwesterly 5 to 10 mph in the afternoon.

Sawtooth Mountains/Wood River Valley

High: 55 Low: 39
Partly sunny today and mostly clear tonight. Partly sunny on Monday with highs in the mid-50s to lower 60s.

Eastern Idaho

High: 53 Low: 37
Mostly cloudy with variable winds 5 to 10 mph. Mostly sunny and warmer on Monday.

Northern Idaho

High: 60 Low: 43
Partly cloudy with variable winds 5 to 10 mph. Mostly sunny with high in the lower to mid-60s.

Northern Utah

High: 50 Low: 28
Mostly cloudy today and mostly clear tonight. Partly sunny on Monday with high in the mid-50s to lower 60s.

Northern Nevada

High: 61 Low: 33
Mostly sunny with southwesterly winds 5 to 10 mph. Mostly sunny and warmer on Monday.

MAGIC VALLEY FIVE-DAY FORECAST

Today	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
High: 60 Low: 34	High: 68 Low: 36	High: 60s Low: 30s	High: 60s Low: 30s	High: 60s Low: 30s
Much sun with southwesterly winds 5 to 15 mph.	Much sun. Mostly sunny.	Partly cloudy with chance of valley rain.	Partly cloudy with chance of valley rain.	Partly cloudy with chance of valley rain.

Idaho weather

Sunday, Oct. 11
A 5-day forecast for daytime conditions, high/low temperatures.

See page 2 for details on weather conditions and forecasts for various Idaho regions.

National weather

The AccuWeather® forecast for noon, Sunday, Oct. 11.

See page 2 for details on national weather conditions and forecasts for various states.

YESTERDAY'S WEATHER

Twin Falls	Precipitation	Yesterday in Twin Falls
Yesterday: 56/38	Normal: 49/34	Month to date: 2.01
Last Normal: 49/34	Normal mo. to date: 2.01	Normal year to date: 2.01
Normal: 70/37	Water year to date: 2.01	Normal year to date: 2.01

Idaho

City	Max	Min	Pcp	Idaho: High	Idaho: Low
Boise	58	38	0	60	30
Burley	55	41	0	58	28
Fairfield	m	m	m	m	m
Hailey	m	m	m	m	m
Idaho Falls	74	37	0	76	35
Jerome	m	m	m	m	m
Leviston	54	42	0	56	32
Malad	m	m	m	m	m
Mesa	52	30	0	54	28
McCall	44	28	0	46	26
Tocatello	57	42	0	59	33
Salmon	46	30	0	48	28
Stanley	40	17	0	42	25
Sun Valley	m	m	m	m	m

The Nation

City	Max	Min	Pcp
Albuquerque	70	51	0
Atlanta	74	60	0
Boston	60	42	0
Chicago	67	38	0
Dallas	85	62	0
Denver	78	44	0
Des Moines	71	45	0
Detroit	67	41	0
Houston	80	53	0
Los Angeles	75	51	0
Madison	71	48	0
New York	61	41	0
Oakland	72	39	0
Oklahoma City	63	37	0
Phoenix	91	65	0
Pittsburgh	56	32	0
Portland, Ore.	68	48	0
Reno	68	44	0
Salt Lake City	62	41	0
San Francisco	58	41	0
Spokane	52	31	0
Washington	92	66	0
Yankee	62	35	0

ROAD INFORMATION

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Normal time: 45 minutes

Boise: 376-8028
Magic Valley: Not available
Pocatello: 233-6724
Idaho: 743-2278

ACROSS THE NATION

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Man shoots 2 children before killing himself

MOUNT PLEASANT, Pa. (AP) — A man shot and killed a 5-year-old boy, wounded his teenage sister and then held police at bay for hours before killing himself Sunday.

Alan Waterhouse, 46, shot himself in the head after police twice lobbed tear gas into his apartment and spent hours negotiating by phone to resolve what they thought was a hostage situation, police Chief Greg Senkela said.

Police were called to the two-story apartment building about 30 miles east of Pittsburgh around 2:15 a.m. to investigate reports of gunshots.

Waterhouse had fired the shots from an apartment belonging to Cheryl Barnhart, who he had dated. Police found Mr. Barnhart's son, Jeremy Barnhart, dead in an upstairs bedroom with a gunshot wound to the head.

Jeremy's sister, 14-year-old Cori, was shot in the chest and died with a teen-age girlfriend. They went to the friend's house, where the girl's parents called police and an ambulance.

Cori was flown to Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh, where she was in critical condition.



Edna Secord, 9, wipes tears away from her eyes at the Pleasant Manor housing complex in Mt. Pleasant, Pa., where Jeremy Barnhart, also 9, was shot to death Saturday morning.

Robert Gross, the friend's father, said the two girls had been alone in the apartment with Jeremy when Waterhouse, who used a wheelchair because he had multiple sclerosis, crawled through the front door with a gun and fired.

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The package also includes money for new and relocated fences and stock water pipelines. It was not clear Friday how much pipe and fence would be moved or relocated.

Bureau of Land Management officials would have to approve fences and pipelines, spokesman Jon Foster said. He was not sure whether the BLM or Brackett would have to pay for the materials.

Brackett will give up leases to 1,120 AUMs of BLM grazing land and 132 AUMs of state grazing land. Grazing is administered in annual unit months — AUMs — the amount of forage a cow and her calf eat in one month.

The Air Force has agreed to pay Bruneau ranchers Frank and Cindy Bachman \$25,000 to transfer 741 AUMs of BLM land and 39 AUMs of state land to Brackett to replace the grazing leases lost to the proposed range.

That leaves Brackett with 472 fewer AUMs.

Brackett last week declined to comment on the compensation agreement. He said he doesn't want cash from the Air Force, and would rather have lost grazing land replaced.

Brackett leases more than 225,000 acres of public land — 14,253 AUMs — in the 1.5 million acre Jarbridge Resource Area between Salmon Falls Creek and

DAILY NewsLinks

For more information on the Air Force range issues, visit <http://www.magicvalley.com> and click on NewsLinks.

the Bruneau-Jarbridge rivers. Brackett's family has lived at Three Creek since the 1880s. For 40 years, he and his family has worked on a 50-mile-long stock water system. Much of the pipe and materials were paid for by the BLM, but the Bracketts provided the labor.

Over the years, the Bracketts have put together grazing lands that reach from the Jarbridge Mountains to the low grasslands along the Bruneau River. They move their cattle up and down the landscape — resembling a natural migration — without trucks or long trail drives.

One local real estate appraiser recently set the value of grazing land in the Jarbridge Resource Area at \$25 to \$150 per AUM. Others have set the value at \$50 to \$175 per AUM when attached to the sale of ranches, depending on the quality and amount of forage available.

The government charges \$1.35

per AUM to lease public land. BLM officials last week had not seen the agreement between the Air Force and the ranchers.

"This is really not in BLM's arena," said Kate Mitchell, manager of the BLM's Lower Snake River District.

The agency's role would be to transfer a permit in response to an application, she said. But congressional direction makes it clear BLM is obligated to transfer the permit.

The state Department of Lands was not familiar with the particulars of the compensation agreement. The Air Force had indicated an interest in leasing state lands, said Alvin Carr, leasing specialist with the state Department of Lands.

Grazing would be eliminated from the area of the bombing range and the land leased to the Air Force for that purpose.

The department would consider requests for assignment on the leases that are to be transferred from Bachman to Brackett. If there were no problems with the request, it would be granted. But it's not a guarantee, Carr said.

"We haven't even worked anything out with the Air Force," he said.

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Roads

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concrete over low water crossings.

Money has been appropriated for design work only, not for work on the ground, said Dave Brown of the Western Federal Lands Highway Division of the Department of Transportation.

The new road and bridge would accommodate gravel truck and construction equipment during range construction, and Air Force truck-mounted electronic equipment during actual operations, said Col. Billy Richey, a spokesman for the 366th Wing at Mountain Home Air Force Base.

The bridge is on property belonging to Bruneau ranchers Frank and Cindy Bachman. Most of the rest of the road is on BLM land.

The new bridge and some parts of the improved road would be outside the existing road right-of-way, said BLM spokesman Jon Foster said. The agency would be required to accommodate the additional right-of-way.

U.S. concludes talks with Milosevic

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia (AP) — With NATO poised to order airstrikes against Yugoslavia, a U.S. envoy ended two days of talks with President Slobodan Milosevic early Sunday without an agreement to defuse the Kosovo crisis.

The envoy, Richard Holbrooke, gave no hint of an impending breakthrough, saying "nothing has changed." Calling the situation "very serious," he said talks would continue later Sunday to avert NATO airstrikes.

"On Monday, NATO will meet to authorize action," Holbrooke said. "We meanwhile will continue

an intense effort to find a peaceful, acceptable" alternative to the use of force.

During seven hours of talks Sunday that extended into early Sunday, Milosevic refused to meet a key demand — allowing an international monitoring force in Kosovo, where Serb forces have launched a crackdown against ethnic Albanians.

"After the latest round of discussions, then, Serbs' Road change of policy, which Milosevic effectively controls, issued a statement saying all conditions necessary for a political settlement had been met and all U.S. demands fulfilled.

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saying on education, and I'm optimistic on that regard," he said.

House Majority Leader Dick Armey, R-Texas, also expressed optimism but said the dispute was "not at all settled."

Clinton arranged to meet Sunday afternoon with his budget team and top Democrats from the House and Senate to go over the status of negotiations.

The president also cleared his schedule for most of the day Monday to be available for budget talks, delaying his departure on a fund-raising trip to New York City until late afternoon.

In his weekly radio address, Clinton also emphasized his education initiatives. They include a plan to help communities leverage bonds for school construction.

"Congress has an opportunity

and an obligation to renew and strengthen our schools," Clinton said. "There is no more important task before us."

By making school programs his paramount budget demand, Clinton has given congressional Democrats a clear, simple message that they can use for their Nov. 3 elections. Republicans are also using it to contrast themselves with their Democratic opponents.

"There are serious, legitimate

objections on both sides," said House Speaker Newt Gingrich, R-Ga. "We're more conservative. We're more Washington spending. My hope is that we will be able, today and tomorrow, to reach a resolution."

Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott, R-Miss., also said "tons more money controlled by his type of folks." He added, "We fully expect him to demagogue this issue, and that's all it is, pure and simple."

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Question No. 1: How bipartisan is bipartisanship?

By David G. ...
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Bipartisanship and Rep. Henry Hyde, the lone member of the House's newly authorized impeachment committee, is essential, or else "the country will not be treated."

Hyde, a Republican, is regarded as the "lynchpin" of the two parties' tenuous coalition over the impeachment of President Clinton. Hyde's committee is expected to report on the impeachment of Clinton in the next few weeks.



As guests applaud, President Clinton finishes his weekly radio address from the Oval Office at the White House in Washington Saturday. The president urged Congress to adopt his education spending agenda as legislators work on a new budget for the nation.

Remembering those declarations is likely to ensure a substantial amount of Hyde's energy in coming weeks. Hyde is expected to be a vocal proponent of a bipartisan approach to the impeachment process, one that includes members of both the Democratic and Republican parties.

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Ethics panel drops last charges against Gingrich

WASHINGTON (AP) — The House ethics committee dropped the three remaining ethics charges against Speaker Newt Gingrich on Saturday, despite finding that Gingrich repeatedly violated one rule by using a political consultant to develop the Republican legislative agenda.

The ethics panel decided to take no further action because there has been no evidence of similar "Rule 45" violations since Gingrich became speaker in 1995. Consultant Jeffrey Eisebach's work took place while Gingrich, R-Ga., was the GOP minority whip in 1990-91. Gingrich was elected speaker after Republicans assumed control of the House.



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Hyde, who has declared a "New Year's Resolution" to wrap up his work by the end of the year, agreed to double debate time to two hours, without compromising on terms of the investigation.

Several sources, speaking on condition of anonymity, said Bonior suggested after Republicans insisted on limiting debate to an hour on the impeachment issue, that Democrats protest by boycotting the official photograph of the 105th Congress being staged on the House floor that morning.

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Name: Michael K. Simpson
Age: 48
Hometown: Blackfoot



Name: Richard Stallings
Age: 57
Hometown: Pocatello

Objective

Why do you want the job?

Simpson

I think I can make a difference. I want the opportunity to represent the people of Idaho. ... Federal government has a role in our society, national security is a top priority. Many issues like welfare reform are more successful when dealt with at a state level. As Idaho's next congressman, I will be an advocate for state rights in Washington.

Stallings

I want it because I think I have the skills, the experience and the expertise needed to do the job right. This is a job where you don't have time for on-the-job training. And I think the need is there. I'm strongest in agriculture and education. I have the skill to work with all parties; I am the least partisan in the room.

Employment experience

List your job history for the last 20 years:

Deputy for 22 years, state legislator for 14 years.

History professor at Ricks College; U.S. congressman, Idaho's Second Congressional District; U.S. Nuclear Waste Negotiator; executive director, Pocatello Neighborhood Housing Services

What are your further aspirations? If elected, what do you hope to do at the end of the term?

I hope to become an influential member of Congress and pursue a leadership role to give Idaho a stronger voice. At the end of my term, I hope to talk about several accomplishments such as helping family farms, establishing block grants for education with "free strings", balanced and enforcing, without question, state sovereignty over water.

At the end of my term, I will look forward to returning to Idaho again and giving back to the communities that have given me and my wife, Range, so much. I would contemplate a return to the classroom and perhaps return my efforts to provide affordable housing to people that need it. What I do know is whatever I might do would involve public service in Idaho.

Other employment information

What was the best job you've ever had? Why?

Being speaker of the Idaho House of Representatives. I've gained deeper insight and understanding of government. To quote M. Frost, "The real joy of discovery consists not of seeing new lands, but of seeing new perspectives." It has been an honor to be elected by my peers to serve in this capacity.

I was honored to serve as your congressman for eight years from 1985 to 1992. It was the best job I've ever had because it truly allowed me to help people and the communities of Idaho. The job was frustrating at times because of the partisan bickering, personal agendas and length of time to get things done. But it was also immensely gratifying to fight for legislation in which you know it really made a difference to your constituents. ...

Have you ever been fired?

Describe the circumstances:

I have never been fired from a job but I may have been close to being relieved from my duties once. When I was in junior high school, I took this job setting up pens at a bowling alley. I wasn't as fast in placing the pens as the owners wanted but they took pity upon me and kept me around. But that experience taught me I'd better have something else to fall back on.

General information

What else about you would help voters make an informed "hiring" decision?

I have a record as a proven leader. For the past six years I have served as speaker of the Idaho House of Representatives. I have demonstrated an ability to solve problems, work effectively with others, and establish a vision for the future.

I have the experience, track record and seniority to get the job done for Idahoans on day one. I will certainly not need any "on the job training." ... Further, my seniority - I will be a fifth-term member of Congress - will enable me to be a high ranking member of the Agriculture Committee. ...

Education

BSB The Utah State University, Logan, Utah; MSW 1974-77; School of Dentistry, Washington University, St. Louis, Mo.

B.S. Weber State University; M.S. Utah State University

References

Please list people who can tell voters a little about you as a person, as an Idahoan and as a potential congressman:

Richard assistant Golden Lindorf met Simpson 14 years ago when they were both elected into the Legislature for the first time. "I've returned to trust him. He's a man of his word, you can depend on him." Lindorf said. "He has been fair and open-minded. He's been as honest and straightforward as anyone I've ever known."

Rep. Collis Gould has been in the state legislature with Simpson for 22 years.

"Mike has been a tremendous leader. He's grown every year in the job," Gould said. "He's able to put groups of people together and work out solutions with others. The thing I admire about Mike is that he's a 3-1-1 job. He's person. He's always a pleasure to work with."

Ken Pedersen, a Twin Falls attorney who has known Stallings for 12 years: "He's already had this job, and he did an admirable job and he did a good job. I think most people in this valley know that. He cares about people; he cares about the state. I think he's honest and I think he reflects the way most Idahoans think."

Rob Williams, another area lawyer who met Stallings eight years ago while on a family vacation to Washington, D.C.

"For people who had been traditional Republicans, they treated us real well. He couldn't have been more gracious and more cordial. The first thing I like about Richard is that he's in tune with the common person and I think he's sincere in that."

Simpson

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Kemphorne essentially assured the gubernatorial nomination, that sent aspirants looking for openings. To make his own decision pay off, though, Mike Simpson has to overcome the lingering popularity of former Rep. Richard Stallings - especially in the Magic Valley, where Stallings has always carried the vote.

But Keith Simpson said his son has another strength that will help him: persuasion. When the two have father-son "discussions," the outcome is often the same. "He usually wins," Keith Simpson said.

In his travels, Mike Simpson has needed that skill more than once. Local members of the Idaho Rural Council grilled the candidate on the plight of the family farmer and the looming specter of corporate agriculture.

He took that discussion and used it to answer similar concerns at a Republican gathering. He tested a few of his ideas - and jokes - on open responsive groups of Clear Spring Foods employees. That served him well for presentations to the more receptive Twin Falls Republican Women, and in a series of debates that began Oct. 1.

But possibly the biggest obstacle for Mike Simpson to overcome, if he accomplishes his goal this November, will be the time he would need to spend in Washington, D.C.

Mike Simpson is good friends with Rep. Mike Crapo, Keith Simpson said, and the two have talked about Washington and the cross-country commute.

And with his wife Kathy's mother at their home - Mike Simpson often mentions her when discussing his commitment to Social

Security - it's not likely the couple will relocate. Mike Simpson said he probably would mirror Crapo's practice of returning to Idaho almost every week. He calls it the "Crapo shuffle."

For the small-town boy who has been coming home to Blackfoot his whole life, that makes sense. There's no reason to stop now.

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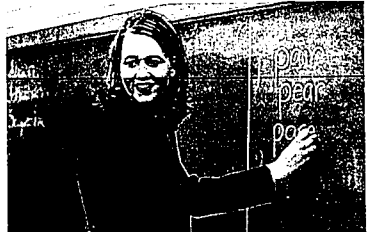
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Board sends charter plan back for improvements

COEUR D'ALENE (AP) — Members of the Coeur d'Alene School Board postponed approval of the city's first charter school, saying a current plan would duplicate what public schools offer.

Superintendent David Rawls criticized the Coeur d'Alene Charter Academy for failing to prove how it would substantially differ from public schools.

"The intent of the legislation was to enable the broadening of opportunities in different ways," Rawls told the board, saying he did not see how the curriculum, instruction or level of innovation at the charter school would be unlike other schools.

Rawls also submitted a list of 10 areas in which charter school directors must revise their proposal to be approved by the district.

Charter school legislation was approved by lawmakers last spring. It allows residents to open public schools free from many of the regulations governing mainstream schools.

Recommendations from Rawls call for determining how to contract for services such as transportation, eliminating a policy of preferential admission for children of the charter's board of directors and complying with state law in employment issues.

Bill Proser, a teacher and spokesman for the charter school, said he is willing to work with the district to create a suitable plan.

Coeur d'Alene Charter Academy directors propose a rigorous, college-preparatory high school for about 200 students. They must submit a revised proposal to the board by Oct. 15. It will likely be voted on at the board meeting Oct. 25 or Nov. 2.

Sheriff refuses to release information on inmate's death

NEZPERCE (AP) — An inmate at the Lewis County Jail died Oct. 2 while serving 20 days for drunk driving, but a week later the Lewis County sheriff is refusing to release any information.

Vassar-Russ Funeral Home in Lewiston handled the body of Michael E. Spears, 38, after he was declared dead at St. Mary's Hospital in Coeur d'Alene.

The sheriff's department has made no statement in the case. After the Lewiston Morning Tribune made a formal records request about the death from the department Friday, it received a

letter from attorney David Sasser of Boise.

Sasser said his firm represents the county and it cannot release any information until the ongoing investigation is completed.

The sheriff's department would not confirm or deny even that a death had taken place. Spears was arrested May 23 on a drunk driving charge after a police officer in Kamiah allegedly spotted him driving with no tire on one of his wheels.

Court documents show Spears refused to take a blood-alcohol test and was arrested.

Stallings

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Back then, Richard Stallings told a group of Carey High School students Friday, the best chance a Democrat had in the conservative 2nd Congressional District was with a weakened opponent. And Hansen was facing a number of federal charges, he was later convicted and served time in prison.

Even so, the 1984 race was dangerously close.

"I went to bed convinced I might be leading this guy by 66 votes," Richard Stallings said.

He pulled away, sort of, to a 170-vote win — among more than 200,000 votes cast.

That meant that for the next two years, every group of farmers, physicians or American Indians could claim their votes put him over the top.

"And you know what?" he said. "They were all right."

Ramae Stallings said it's important to remember the difference between politics and public service.

"I think Richard always thinks of this as public service," she said.

And he often describes the moments when he could help fellow Idahoans.

"We estimate that we probably kept over 100 farmers in business by my direct intervention," he said.

The farmers, he said, are the real reason he decided to try to head back to Washington and the "top priority" he'll have if he gets there.

"The farmers need a voice in this," he said. "I don't hear anyone else."

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Teen may serve 10 years for death

ASOTIN, Wash. (AP) — A 16-year-old teenager has admitted he killed a Clarkston, Wash. boy with a bat and will likely spend about 10 years in prison.

Robert L. Roy II, 16, pleaded guilty Friday to first-degree manslaughter in the death of 12-year-old Jake Stamey. Roy told the court he hit Stamey in the head with a souvenir bat July 31 near the Clarkston Pizza Hut.

Stamey died of his injuries the

next day. The prosecution demanded the charge from second-degree murder to first-degree manslaughter.

In exchange, the defense agreed to a sentence recommendation of 10 years and three months. That period would exceed what Roy would receive under Washington's sentencing guidelines for first-degree manslaughter by as much as three years and nine months.

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Lesbian legislative candidate holds firm

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SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — For Jackie Biskupski, her run for the Utah Legislature is about more than name and gender in the upcoming election. It's about her sexuality.

Biskupski, 32, is the first openly gay candidate for the community conservative, over-whelmingly Mormon Utah Legislature. Her candidacy has drawn fire from the far right — which accuses her of being an "immoral and illegal lifestyle" — and Biskupski, a Democratic gay community who feel she's turned her back on her own.

"I want to talk about the same and everybody else wants to talk about this," said Biskupski, a Democrat and insurance adjuster who once wanted to be a cop. "I'm not trying to hide anything. I just want people to see me as someone other than a gay candidate."

That's her line. The Republican opponent talks



Jackie Biskupski
Candidates under fire from all sides about "lifestyle" agendas.

The conservative Utah Eagle Forum, which helped "out" Biskupski during an unsuccessful race for a seat on the Salt Lake City Council last year, plans a similar campaign in the coming weeks.

"We're bound out about it, we helped get the word out she was living a homosexual lifestyle," said Eagle Forum presi-

dent Gayle Ruzicka. "Why wouldn't we? It is certainly our business when a candidate is committing sodomy and living a blatantly immoral lifestyle."

The attacks from the far right in great degree mirror problems faced by other gay candidates around the country. There are four lesbians running for Congress this year — in Massachusetts, California, Washington and Wisconsin. All are Democrats and all have, to one degree or another, been targeted by the Christian right for their lifestyles.

But Biskupski faces an additional burden. She's also being criticized from within the gay community, which fractured when Biskupski defeated lesbian activist Claudia O'Grady during a 1997 city council primary. For O'Grady's supporters, Biskupski wasn't gay enough.

"It caused a lot of dissension. There were and continue to be hard feelings," said David Nelson, chair of the Utah Democrats' gay and lesbian caucus. "It split the gay vote and certainly played a big factor in Jackie's loss."

O'Grady later declined to endorse Biskupski in the election,

which Biskupski lost by 43 votes to Roger Thompson.

"After talking to my campaign workers, what it came down to was the manner in which she chose to use, or not use, her lesbianism," O'Grady said. "Did it suit her at this moment? Fine. Did it not suit her at this moment? Fine again."

O'Grady, Nelson and others agree Biskupski is far more at ease with the topic during this race. The issue never made news reports during the city council race, but it's been heavily covered during her run for the Legislature.

In some ways, it has played to her advantage. "I think people are saddened when someone like Gayle Ruzicka comes along and wants to drive a wedge into a district where there are a lot of minorities, a lot of elderly, and a lot of discrimination," Biskupski said. "That hurts the community far more than anything I'm capable of doing."

District 30 comprises mostly lower- to middle-class neighborhoods in an area just two miles southeast of the city center. It is working class, filled with apartments and the elderly.

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Utahns will determine if prisoners can still vote

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Utah State Prison inmate Roy Lee Tom Jr. is determined to get out the vote — even if it means campaigning in the prison yard and on the line.

Tom, who is serving time for credit card fraud, is hoping to keep his rights to vote. If a right would lose other Nov. 3 when Utah voters decide the fate of Proposition 4, aimed at stripping the voting franchise from felons serving time behind bars.

"I'm not going to be any more than a prisoner to me. Being in prison, all you hear is the inmates complaining all day long," Tom said.

He calls them "if you don't vote you have no right to complain."

Tom and other non-Republican inmates believe Utah's 2000 prison inmates — if they will register and vote — could be a decisive factor in determining the state one of only two that allow constitutional

institutions to vote. The others are Massachusetts, Maine and Vermont.

But their task is large. Only about 60 inmates cast absentee ballots in the last election, said Department of Corrections spokesman Jack Ford.

Such inmate advocate groups have placed hundreds of absentee ballot forms in the state's prisons and jails and report a rising interest among felons in retaining one of their few social privileges.

Paula Jones, director of the Utah Chapter of Citizens United for the Rehabilitation of Errants, said that before the Utah Legislature approved placement of Proposition 4 on the ballot, only about 5 percent of the state's inmates were registered voters.

"I'm not sure if we're going to win, but I think just the registration and voter turnout is going to make a large statement," Jones said. "I think they're going to be shocked."

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Lucia A. Juarez, 26, 9065 S. 18th E., Mountain Home; beer - procure, sell to minor; pleaded guilty; \$25 fine; 30 days in jail; suspended; Magistrate Judge Charles Brumback.

Kimberly Pettit, 31, 200 Main Ave. S., 30c in jail; suspended; \$400 fine with 30 days in jail; Magistrate Judge Charles Brumback.

Salvador A. Cano, 31, 121 Midway; Filer; petty theft; pleaded guilty; 30 days in jail; suspended; \$400 fine with 30 days in jail; 24 months' probation; Magistrate Judge Charles Brumback.

Perry Ann Mastin, 31, 120 Main Ave. S., No. 114, Twin Falls, count 1, driving under the influence; amended to involuntary manslaughter; pleaded guilty; \$50 fine; \$63.50 court costs; count 2, failure to purchase/valid driver's license; pleaded guilty; credit for one day in jail already served; Magistrate Judge Charles Brumback.

Ralph Joseph, 26, 541 North W., No. C, Twin Falls; driving without privilege; amended to failure to purchase/valid driver's license; pleaded guilty; \$300 fine; \$63.50 court costs; Magistrate Judge Charles Brumback.

David Dean Fairbank, 34, 3400 N. 2940 E., Twin Falls; possession of drug paraphernalia with intent to use; pleaded guilty; 90 days in jail with 60 suspended; credit for 30 served; \$200 fine; \$63.50 court costs; 24 months' probation; amend to alcohol/drug testing; Magistrate Judge Charles Brumback.

Anthony Joseph Bates, 34, Box 218, Heyburn; driving without privilege; amended to failure to purchase/valid driver's license; pleaded guilty; credit for 10 days in jail already served; \$200 fine with \$100 suspended; \$63.50 court costs; six months' probation; Magistrate Judge Charles Brumback.

Richard Lee Henley Jr., 23, 961 Blake St. N., Twin Falls; reckless driving; amended to involuntary/reckless driving; pleaded guilty; five days in jail; suspended; \$50 fine with \$25 suspended; \$63.50 court costs; 12 months' probation; Magistrate Judge Charles Brumback.

Kenneth Dean Kuntz, 28, 700 Eighth St. N., Twin Falls; possession of drug paraphernalia with intent to use; amended to frequenting a place where a controlled substance is used/abused; pleaded guilty; \$100 fine; \$63.50 court costs; Magistrate Judge Charles Brumback.

Alfredo Lopez, 27, 105 N. Kansas, Clifton Ferry; count 1, driving without privilege; dismissed by prosecutor; count 2, open container; pleaded guilty; \$100 fine; \$63.50 court costs; Magistrate Judge Charles Brumback.

Joshua Corey Peterson, 25, 467 Fourth Ave. W., Twin Falls; battery; pleaded guilty; 90 days in jail; suspended; \$50 fine with \$25 suspended; \$63.50 court costs; 24 months' probation; \$35 per month for probation services; Magistrate Judge Charles Brumback.

Virgil James Heck, 24, 332 Van Buren, Twin Falls; possession of drug paraphernalia with intent to use; pleaded guilty; credit for seven days in jail already served; court costs uncollectible; Magistrate Judge Charles Brumback.

Jody L. Marshall, 21, 146 Addison W., Twin Falls; driving without privilege; pleaded guilty; 180 days in jail; driving privileges suspended; 180 days; \$200 fine; \$78.50 court costs; Magistrate Judge Charles Brumback.

Herbert J. Heron, 20, 113 Broadway St., Buhl; count 1, driving without privilege; amended to failure to purchase/valid driver's license; pleaded guilty; \$300 fine; \$63.50 court costs; complete two days' work detail; count 2, minor child support; dismissed by prosecutor; Magistrate Judge Charles Brumback.

Andie Delton Hardin, 23, 737 Falls Ave. W., No. A, Twin Falls; driving without privilege; pleaded guilty; 90 days in jail; suspended; driving privileges suspended; 180 days; \$400 fine; \$78.50 court costs; 24 months' probation; complete four days' work detail; Magistrate Judge Charles Brumback.

John Dale Jones Jr., 2101 Seaton, Heyburn; carrying a concealed weapon; pleaded guilty; credit for 65 days in jail already served; court costs uncollectible; Magistrate Judge Charles Brumback.

Joseph H. Murphy, 16, 736 Mountain View Drive, Wells; minor possession of marijuana/paraphernalia; pleaded guilty; \$200 fine; \$63.50 court costs; complete two days' work detail; Magistrate Judge Charles Brumback.

Richard Lee Henley Jr., 964 Blake St. N., Twin Falls; battery; pleaded guilty; 180 days in jail; suspended; \$300 fine, suspended; \$63.50 court costs; 24 months' probation; \$35 per month for probation services; complete anger-management counseling; Magistrate Judge Charles Brumback.

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complete any treatment ordered by probation officer; obtain/maintain full-time employment; submit to alcohol/drug testing; submit to search and seizure of person, vehicle or residence; \$30/month for probation services; District Judge Daniel Meekel. Leonardo Nunes Covarrubias, 34, 101 Jackson, Twin Falls; driving under the influence of drugs or alcohol; two or more within five years; found guilty; one to three years in penitentiary; suspended; three year probation; \$52.50 court costs; \$50 to Victim's Crime Fund; Judge retained jurisdiction; sentenced to 120 days at Department of Corrections; District Judge Roger Burdick. Reynold Phillip Bunt, 21, 1506 Kimberly Road, No. A, Twin Falls; forgery; pleaded guilty; two to five years in penitentiary; Judge retained jurisdiction; sentenced to 120 days at Department of Corrections; \$700 fine; \$63.50 court costs; \$50 to Victim's Crime Fund; \$250 public defender fee; \$766 and \$300 reimbursement to victims; District Judge Roger Burdick. Jonathan B. West, 23, 117 E. Seventh, Jerome; grand theft by possession of stolen property; pleaded guilty; three to eight years in penitentiary; Judge retained jurisdiction; sentenced to 150 days at Department of Corrections; \$50 to Victim's Crime Fund; \$50 court costs; \$50 to Victim's Crime Fund; District Judge Roger Burdick.

methamphetamine, pleaded guilty; one to four years in penitentiary, suspended, two years' probation; \$700 fine; \$38.50 court costs; \$50 to Victim's Crime Fund; shall not consume, possess or transport any alcohol or drug; complete drug rehabilitation as recommended by probation officer; obtain/maintain full time employment; submit to alcohol/drug testing; submit to search and seizure of person, vehicle or residence; complete 100 hours' community service; District Judge Roger Burdick. Kim Lee Howard, 31, 281 Caswell W., No. 15, Twin Falls; count 1, possession of a controlled substance with intent to deliver, marijuana; and count 2, possession of a controlled substance with intent to deliver, methamphetamine; pleaded guilty; three to seven years in penitentiary; Judge retained jurisdiction; sentenced to 120 days at Department of Corrections; \$1,000 fine; \$18.50 court costs; \$50 to Victim's Crime Fund; District Judge Roger Burdick. Felony dismissals Kathryn Lee Graybeal, 40, 1847 Sigrid, Twin Falls; count 1, manufacturing a controlled substance, amphetamine/methamphetamine; count 2, controlled substance, amphetamine/methamphetamine, when children are present; amphetamine/methamphetamine, count 3, conspiracy to manufacture a controlled substance, amphetamine/methamphetamine; dismissed by prosecutor, Magistrate Judge Kevin Cassidy. Carlos Arredondo, 36, 924 Fair Lane, Buhl; burglary, dismissed by prosecutor, Magistrate Judge Kevin Cassidy. Larry Lee Langston, 27, 412 Elm St., Twin Falls; possession of a controlled substance with intent to manufacture/drug, methamphetamine; dismissed by prosecutor, to be retried; Magistrate Judge Kevin Cassidy.

Juvenile arraignments Josh D. Uker, 16, 186 Van Buren, Twin Falls; conspiracy to commit robbery, public defender appointed, set for evidentiary hearing, released to parents on strict law-abidement agreement. Ken Harmon, Jr., 1478 E. ARRA S., Buhl; purvey, aiding and abetting burglary, petty theft (two counts), grand theft, providing false information to law enforcement, public defender appointed, motion hearing, \$4,225 in custody of juvenile detention center. Christopher D. Livingston, 15, 110 South Ave. S., Twin Falls; possession of drug/paraphernalia, use of a controlled substance, marijuana, public defender appointed, released to mother in lieu of detention. Javoni K. Vitale, 17, 192 Caswell Ave., Twin Falls; indecent exposure, petty defender appointed, pretrial hearing, \$2,235 released to mother in lieu of detention. Under strict house arrest. Lisa M. Salva, 14, 503 Oriental, Buhl; burglary, petty theft, public defender appointed, released to mother in lieu of detention, under strict house arrest.

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Magistrate commission dismisses Bingham County judge Esplin

BLACKFOOT (AP) — The Seventh Judicial District Magistrate Commission has voted to dismiss Bingham County Magistrate Dalon Esplin. During his third performance review, the commission listened Friday as he defended himself against poor evaluations, said Burt Butler, trial court administrator. Then the 18-member panel closed the doors for one

hour before announcing its finding.

"It was a personnel decision," said Judge James Herndon, the commission's administrative judge. "It was not a question of his integrity or his honesty."

Herndon said Esplin was let go because of his relationships with court personnel and attorneys, ~~cases and~~ how the court was being run.

"It was a hard decision," he said. "No one left there happy." Details about Esplin's last day on the job will not be available until Herndon drafts an official order of removal, Butler said.

Some attorneys and others who work with Esplin gave him poor ratings earlier this year, prompting the commission to call for a third performance review, which is rare.

Gritz shot himself to try to snuff out life's pain

LEWISTON (AP) — James "Bo" Gritz says he is baffled over why he shot himself in the chest, instead of the head, when he attempted suicide three weeks ago.

His only explanation, the right-wing leader writes in his most recent newsletter, is that he was trying to extinguish the pain in

his heart but missed the target. The pain, caused by his wife Claudia's decision to seek a divorce, is still with him, Gritz wrote.

Claudia Gritz said Friday from the couple's home at Almost Heaven near Kamiah that she continues to seek a divorce and is saddened by her husband's pub-

lic rebalancing of the Sept. 20 shooting and their marital problems.

"I would just like to say: that most importantly I am a very private person and I've always tried to protect Bo's and my privacy. I don't appreciate the making a public thing of a very private matter."

Negatives would come with spaceport

IDAHO FALLS (AP) — Attracting the VentureStar spaceport to the Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory would have its bad points along with thousands of jobs and commerce, a NASA official warns.

Idaho officials are hoping to build a launch pad for the space plane designed to replace space shuttles.

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Mandela says white farmers could end killings

JOHANNESBURG (AP) — Nelson Mandela said Saturday that white farmers could end the violence by improving conditions for the black workers who could help end the killings, he said.

"Elimination of poverty and inequality are the most long-term guarantee to eliminating crime, instability and inter-communal tensions," he said.

About 80 white farmers have been killed so far this year, fueling

charges by the mainly white opposition parties that Mandela's government is not concerned enough about the victims because of their color.

In the most recent attack, an elderly farm couple died Friday near Bloemfontein, about 250 miles south of Johannesburg. They had six wounds in their heads.

Since 1994, nearly 600 farmers have died in similar attacks.

Mandela said that in addition to the human suffering, the violence could disrupt the country's ability to produce enough food to meet its needs.

The government has created a rural security response system, which includes volunteer commandos from the farms, in an attempt to head off an increase in white vigilante groups.

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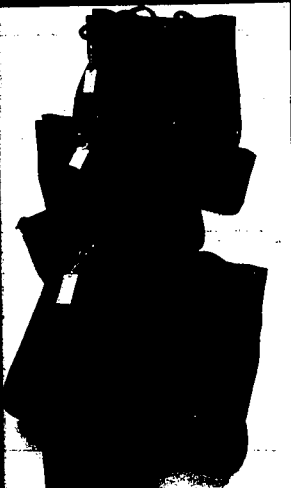
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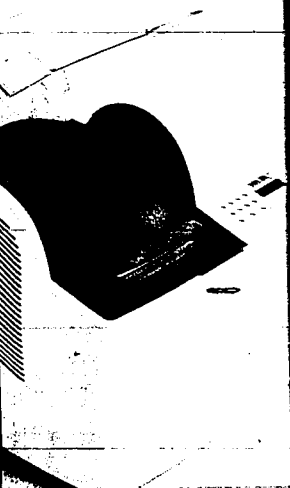
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EDITORIAL

Lethal retribution carries too steep a price

This time it's for real. You'll recall that Falls County commissioners did some pulling over the summer asking about making property taxes to aid murder suspects facing the death penalty. The pool found a surprising number of voters - 40 percent - willing to see their support a "murder tax."

On Nov. 9, we'll find out for sure. And we have our hunch about what voters will say - and what they ought to say.

Our guess is that when voters get into the precinct, they'll waste little time saying "no" to the idea of raising property taxes to pay lawyers. And they'll be making the right decision.

Gov. James Whitlock, having to live within budgets - and adjust to unexpected expenses, the looming series of murder trials will strain the county's budget, but it's the county's job to find a way to cover the costs.

When you get out with a big auto repair bill, you can't simply go to your boss and ask for a raise.

The irony here is that much of the cost of a death-penalty case can be avoided if the prosecutor is willing to forego capital punishment.

Think of a death-penalty conviction case that goes down when you're in the business of prosecution.

When Twin Falls County Prosecutor Court Loebis says he's seeking the death penalty, he's putting taxpayers' money where his mouth is. Loebis apparently can't be bothered with mere matters of money because, to hear

him tell it, he's operating on a higher plane.

"The paramount consideration for any prosecutor should be to seek justice," Loebis told us recently. "If, in any particular case, justice demands the death penalty, then it is the duty of a prosecuting attorney to seek that punishment."

"To allow special interests such as financial consideration to dictate this and the duty of a prosecuting attorney."

Lofty and high-minded words, but the reality is that county taxpayers would foot the bill for two defense attorneys and a host of other requirements that arise only in death-penalty cases.

When a prosecutor says he's seeking the death penalty, he's putting taxpayers' money where his mouth is. Raising property taxes to prosecute murder cases strays too far from the path of fiscal responsibility.

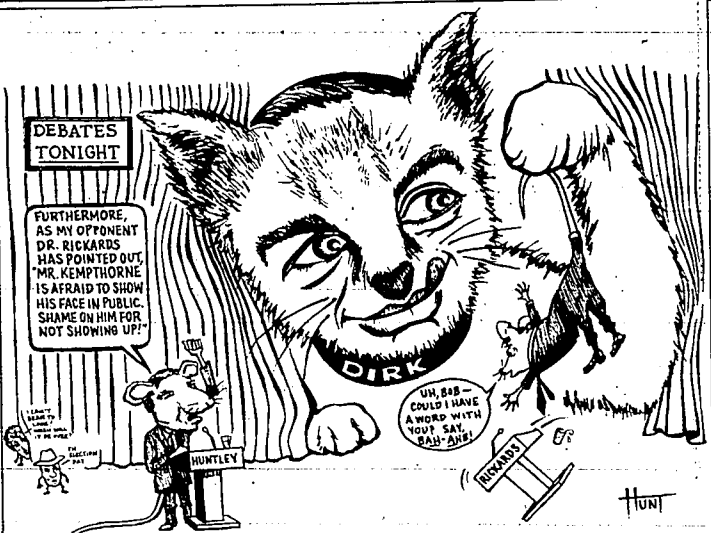
Prosecuting suspected killers, like a trip to the grocery store, involves living within a budget.

Is seeking the death penalty really worth it in these cases, or can the quality of justice be tempered with respect for taxpayers' money?

None of the murder suspects on Loebis' agenda deserves to rack up a six-figure legal bill at public expense. A simple conviction - without the death penalty - can put gun-toting gangsters in prison for decades.

Better yet, a plea agreement to second-degree murder can keep admitted killers off the streets for years without the cost of a trial.

Sad but true, the cost justice sometimes strays too far from the path of fiscal responsibility. Voters should scale back Loebis' ambitions with a "no" vote in November.



Federal grazing buyout sets precedent

After reading Tuesday's front-page headline in *The Times-News*, it became evident that, before the media gets feeding itself in a frenzy of misinformation, I should probably provide some facts for those who are interested.

I realize this issue lends itself to the anti-grazing extremist agenda, but this is not a grazing agreement or grazing issue. It is a military withdrawal and, by law, the military is required to compensate ranchers for lost grazing due to military range expansion. So that is not precedent setting as it has been done numerous times since the law was enacted in 1948 and, furthermore, if obeying the law is precedent setting, that's not a bad precedent to establish.

There has been talk of the windfall that I may receive at the expense of taxpayers. The first thing that will happen to a compensation payment is that it becomes taxable income. If it is capital gains, it would be subjected to a 20 percent federal tax and an 8 percent state tax right off the top. If it is taxed as or-

READER COMMENT

Bert Brackett

dinary income, it could be at an even higher rate. Then the majority of what is left after taxes will be spent on buying water pipeline and fence material, installation and building of a water-storage reservoir in which the Air Force will have water-storage capacity for firefighting. Under a cooperative agreement with the Bureau of Land Management, we have to turn around and give title to the improvements back to the federal government.

This is not a Republican project. For those who care to remember, it was former Gov. Cecil Andrus who was carrying the banner for the last range expansion proposal which also included buying grazing permits from ranchers. In addition, the current proposal came out of a Democratic administration and was signed off on by numerous high-ranking administration officials, including Secretary of the Interior Bruce Babbitt and

Council on Environmental Quality head Katie McGinny. Now if Democratic candidates running for state and national office want to beat up on me over this range expansion to try to benefit their campaign, they can do that. There is, however, little doubt that it will be about as successful as the anti-grazing extremists beating up on me to stop the withdrawal legislation.

I am having trouble seeing how I benefit from a non-existent windfall coming from a decision with a long history of bipartisan support. What I do see for me and my family is years of hard work trying to get our ranching operation back on a comparable basis as before.

It will be extremely disruptive, and we have tried to anticipate as best we can how to minimize that disruption. Rather than a windfall, it will be years before we will know if we have been able to hold our own.

Bert Brackett is a Three Creek rancher. *The Times-News* requested an interview with Mr. Brackett before publishing Tuesday's story, but he declined to speak with our reporter.

... and speaking of November

Like a full-blown cyber, the concept of term limits continues to bubble in the belly of Idaho's best media.

Surely you remember the term limits game. How could you not? The November - for the third time in five years - they're up. Idaho voters to give up a fundamental freedom: The right to elect good leaders.

Now this nation's special interests group wants to either limit, or even "ban" such "interference" about legislative candidates. These vote outside up to the term limits game, would cast an unfavorable election for signing the Term Limits Pledge.

The Pledge requires Senate candidates to limit themselves to a pair of six-year terms, and for House candidates to depart after three two-year terms. Incumbents who sign The Pledge, then defy it by running again, would receive the Mark of Shame alongside their names on the ballot.

Does this sound childish? We think so, which is why we're signing the "no" vote. The best term limit is the one imposed by voters on Election Day. Left to their own devices, ordinary citizens have an uncanny ability to retain good leaders and turn the others out of office.

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LETTERS

My youth display their talents

The community of Twin Falls has a very real and vibrant theater in the young people at our area. This was shown again last week during the audience, rehearsal and production of the Middle School Children's Theatre, "Beauty and the Beast."

Nearly 130 children auditioned for the 64 parts in the play, and the resulting winners, Dirk F. and Sara M. and Sara S. Schreiner, and a few of the most difficult auditions, they had never seen before. Not only did they work hard, but they also had the talent to make their own contribution, but because they were all so talented, that was nearly impossible to make the cast. These youngsters produce community theater shows with youth all over the theater - about 40 communities each year.

They wanted to have another success. The first rehearsal began in January. It was a full hour after midnight finished. The cast met each day after school and even up to five days. The first and only dress rehearsal was Saturday morning, and we showed, matted and evening, two places on Saturday.

It was truly an extraordinary display, which we were to believe in Sunday morning in all the cast and crew hours around the valley. There was a feeling of anticipation that it was over too soon. Let's do it again!

Many thanks go to the Magic Valley Arts Council, Middle School and to the many individuals for making the op-

portunity to our community. It was well worth the effort. Appreciation also to the corporate sponsors, Falls Brand Independent Meat, Farmers National Bank and MEX 103 for venturing into uncharted possibilities. It was a wonderful show of support to our youth and a contribution to our community.

I hope the event is deemed a success and we, in fact, will be able to do it again.

BECCA HOH
Twin Falls

Industrial agriculture kills farms

It is a sad time in rural Magic Valley. The leading newspaper has recently endorsed industrial agriculture over family farms.

Gigantic feed-confinement facilities, multi-cheese-unit dairies and their super suppliers come to Idaho for the sole purpose of exploiting our land and our people. Relatively inexpensive land prices, few zoning restrictions, lack of environmental regulations and a cheap work force make Idaho a prime target for industrial agriculture.

Consider the present market price for hogs and cattle and ask yourself why the expansion at this time and at these levels.

Vertically integrated corporations needn't show a profit in the production phase of their operations. Profits can be had from transportation, processing and distribution of their end product. Huge confined-feeding operations with special alliances with processors can

sustain prolonged periods of below-cost-of-production markets, putting the smaller producers out of business.

The promise of purchases of local feeds is nothing more than a promise. Large dairies and the largest feedlot in Idaho routinely purchase Midwestern grain.

Environmental regulations written to address the largeness of these facilities invariably put small producers at a disadvantage, ultimately driving them out of business. Why not, within reason, exempt small-dairy and feeding operations from these regulations? Where is the creativity and support for trying to keep people on the land?

Industrial agriculture continues to empty rural America of its people, weakening the fabric of local communities and economies.

Endorsing these types of production is truly a sad time in the Magic Valley.

NATE JERRY
Glenns Ferry

Pride shines under Rep. Jaquet

It has been my honor to work with State Rep. Wendy Jaquet on behalf of several communities over the last two years. In our efforts to strengthen and improve the health of our communities, Wendy has been a tireless, knowledgeable and dynamic leader.

She makes it a point to know the members of the communities she represents and what their needs and resources are. She has worked with us to impact our communities in the most positive manner possible.

She has provided time, education and expertise to the Gooding County Coalition and worked with them to pass legislation in order to address needs of their youth.

She has been a strong advocate and leader for our youth and families. She has been the chair of the Blaine County Youth Partnership for the past year and a half. During that time, she has facilitated several meetings to identify how we can work together more effectively as a community in a way that maximizes resources and cooperation. She has been instrumental in bringing the Asset Building philosophy to our community on behalf of our young people.

She is truly a leader for the communities she represents and is constantly seeking information from its members to assist her in this leadership. Wendy works with seniors, youth, families, community leaders, students, educators, administrators and other elected officials to be a well-informed representative.

I strongly encourage you to plan now to vote for Wendy Jaquet as state representative for District 21 in the November elections.

CONNIE PERRY
Hailey

Politicians deliver false goods

Listen to me, you politicians! Do not give us what we want. You are not there to give us what we want. You are there to do what is right. If you do not do what is right and true and good for our country, then you should not be in office. I do not

care what the polls say that Americans want; if the polls are accurate, then most Americans are only committed to what makes them feel good.

The people that started this country did not intend for the people to get everything that they want because everything that we want is not necessarily good for us.

If a majority of people in our country do not think that President Clinton has done something worthy of impeachment, then they (we) have just indicted ourselves and our country. We the people, have spoken! We say that since we Clinton do so much worse than what Mr. Clinton has done, then we should not say anything bad about him. Our country would be better off without Mr. Clinton in office.

Let us put the past behind us and move on to a brighter future. Let us put someone into the Oval Office who will be a representation of everything that is good, pure and right about this great country. Or is there anyone like that left?

Genesis 6:5-7 says: "The Lord saw how great man's wickedness on the earth had become. And that every inclination to the thoughts of his heart was only evil all the time. The Lord was grieved that he had made man on the earth, and his heart was filled with pain. So the Lord said, 'I will wipe mankind, whom I have created, from the face of the earth - man and animals, and creatures that move along the ground, and birds of the air - for I am grieved that I have made them.' DYLAN DECKARD Hagerman

OPINION



Starr's own criminal misdeeds

With the House of Representatives' approval of an investigation into the impeachment of President Clinton, many Democrats are worried that the open-ended nature of the inquiry will spell disaster for their party in the 2000 presidential elections. But Democrats need not fear an open-ended inquiry, which would go beyond the questions of Clinton's sex and lying in the Monica Lewinsky affair and extend into the issues of Whitewater, Filgate and Travelgate. For, although they may not realize it now, Democrats have a secret weapon: independent counsel Kenneth Starr himself.

Rep. John Conyers, D-Mich., the ranking Democrat on the House Judiciary Committee, has made it clear that when the impeachment inquiry begins Starr is going to be called before a grand jury to answer questions. And, judging by recent news reports, Starr is going to have a lot of explaining to do. Indeed, his appearance could turn the impeachment inquiry into a rope-a-dope set-back for Clinton's Republican enemies. Newsday and The New York Times have reported that Starr's office was tipped off about Clinton's affair with Lewinsky by a lawyer connected to the Paula Jones sexual misconduct suit at least a week before Starr says he was informed of the affair by Linda Tripp on Jan. 12. This is potentially explosive news, because it strongly suggests collusion between Jones' lawyers and

JONATHAN BRODER

for permission to send an impeachment recommendation to Congress. One other issue is Starr's wiring of Linda Tripp to record conversations surreptitiously with Lewinsky before he received permission from the three-judge panel that oversees his investigation. It is illegal to record someone secretly in Maryland, where Tripp lived. Democrats presumably will want to point out to Starr that a federal prosecutor does not have the power to induce a civilian to violate a state law. They also will want to hear Starr explain why his investigators didn't allow Lewinsky to call her lawyer when they picked her up. Then there is the outstanding issue of Starr's leaks from his investigation to favored reporters about the status of his investigations into Whitewater, Filgate and Travelgate.

A federal grand jury in Arkansas is now investigating whether Clinton's right-wing opponents paid Starr's chief Whitewater witness, David Hulse. So while Democrats have much to fear from the Lewinsky scandal, especially if Republicans sweep mid-term elections next month, they will get their chance to put Starr and his investigators in the spotlight. What will emerge from their questioning is anyone's guess. But, if a week is a lifetime in politics, there's no telling how things might change when Kenneth Starr's life flashes before the public's eyes.

Jonathan Broder is a former Washington bureau chief of Salon.

If evidence of collusion between Jones' lawyers and the independent counsel's office is borne out, Starr could be in big trouble. Likewise if the Democrats can show that, as a result of any collusion, the Jones and Starr teams set a perjury trap for the president at his Jones case deposition. Setting perjury traps is illegal. In June, when Starr asked the court to compel the testimony of Deputy White House Counsel Bruce Lindsey, the independent counsel argued it was "pretextual" for the judge to consider the possibility of impeachment in deciding whether Lindsey should testify. But buried in the Lewinsky documents was this fact: Only three days after Starr presented that argument to the federal appeals court, he secretly asked another special panel of federal judges

Starr's office. The reports suggest that Jones' lawyers secretly may have been trying to generate a criminal investigation of Clinton and that Starr may have agreed to this strategy before he was reached by Tripp as a way to salvage his stalled Whitewater investigation. Starr won permission to expand his inquiry into the Lewinsky affair by arguing that Vernon Jordan's effort to find work for both Whitewater figure Webster Hubbell and Lewinsky was the criminal bridge between the two scandals.

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IDAHO)
PETITIONER.) NOTICE OF FILING OF PETITION FOR JUDICIAL EXAMINATION AND DETERMINATION OF VALIDITY OF BOND, OBLIGATION, AGREEMENT, AND SECURITY INSTRUMENT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN That Petitioner, the City of Twin Falls, Idaho, has filed its Petition herein pursuant to the Idaho Judicial Confirmation Law, I.C. § 7-1301, et seq, requesting a judicial confirmation of the power of Petitioner under the Constitution and laws of Idaho to enter into a loan agreement with the State of Idaho, Department of Health and Welfare, Division of Environmental Quality to borrow funds from the state drinking water loan account to improve the City of Twin Falls water system by designing and constructing improvements to the Blue Lakes delivery system, expanding the south reservoir area well field and storage, upgrading the system-wide electronic communication system and all other actions necessary to carry out the plan. The Petition seeks confirmation of the validity of the proposed loan agreement and matters relating thereto. A full and complete copy of the Petition may be examined at the Twin Falls County Courthouse in Twin Falls, Idaho.

Notice is further given that a hearing on the Petition shall be held at 1:30 o'clock p.m., on Monday, the 9th day of November, 1998, at the Twin Falls County Courthouse in Judge Burdick's Courtroom, Twin Falls, Idaho. Any interested party may appear and move to dismiss or answer the Petition at any time prior to the date set for hearing or within such further time as may be allowed by the Court.

DATED This 29th day of September, 1998.

ROBERT S. FORT, CLERK OF THE COURT
By: Gerry Daw, Deputy Clerk

LETTER

Kudos to John Bingham

As a former member of the Magic Valley Regional Medical Center Hospital Board, I participated in the process of hiring John Bingham as administrator. I would like to show my appreciation for all the positive changes and improvements he has made to our hospital through the years. As a volunteer chaplain and active on several committees, I spent many hours at the hospital. I became very aware of the morale and feelings of hospital employees. They became a team, working together with positive feelings for patients and administration. The patients could not say enough good about the quality of care given to them throughout their hospital stay. Patients experienced the healing hands of well-qualified medical staff that could only be fostered by quality administration. This was not the prevailing attitude when I came on the board.

I am not attempting to fault or judge the present board's decisions. I know with time, change must come - just as it was necessary 13 years ago.

John Bingham has given so much to our hospital and community. And I just wanted to express my appreciation along with the many others who recognize his dedication and expertise.

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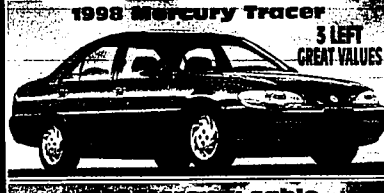
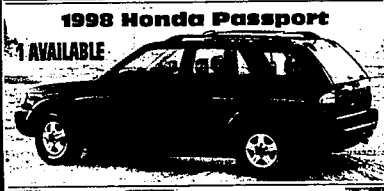
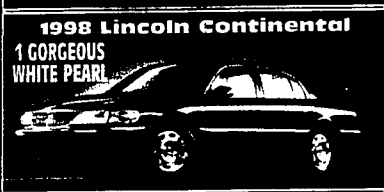
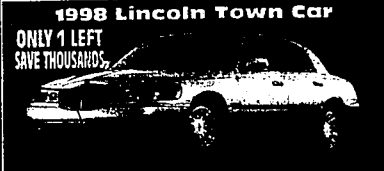
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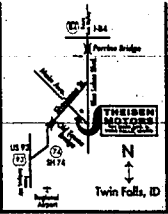
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Section B

Come on, let Jerome be Jerome

I'd be a little particular about parties' your ugly truck in Jerome these days.
You might jes' come back to find it locked up in the sheriff's impound lot, along with the six dogs in the cab and the Happy Wanderer travel cabana hatched to the back.
See, some of the city fathers are on a campaign of gussification these days that looks an awful lot like ethnic cleansing aimed at Gomers like you and me.
The freshest evidence is a proposed two-dog limit within the city limits.
Two dogs? Can you feature it? That ain't enough to keep your feet warm in October.
And it comes barely six months after Jerome gave the bum's rush to trailers built before 1976.



DON'T ASK ME
Steve Crump

What's next? No beer cans under the porch, engine blocks in the driveway or rusted truck bodies in the side yard?
I think we're eventually lookin' at Jerome becomin' a duct-tape-free zone.
But it seems to me that the powers who be is playin' wit dynamite this time.
You mess with people's bound dogs, you're messin' with their minds - two Dobermans, a three-legged Schnauzer - ain't just unsightly, it's an Idahoan's birthright.
Would you want to be the dog-catcher who had to go tell Ma Kettle that Rufus, Beano, Crackers and Crumbcake had to hit the road?
It's all well and good to be respectable, but it ain't nobody's business but your own.
So let's jes' back off a minute and question how vital Weed-Whacked lawns and quiet Saturday nights really are.
In the movie "The String," Robert Redford's character asks fellow grifter Paul Newman why he doesn't just go get a respectable job.
"Because then I'd be a Citizen," Newman replied.
Words to live by, you ask me. Most Idahoans ain't Citizens. They're folks.
Folks who don't put on airs, who don't try to improve their neighbors and who keep their dogs tied up. All 10 of 'em.
When I was growin' up in Arbon Valley, there was a Weed Beard commissioner by name of Mr. Flannery who decided cats and pussy willows were noxious nuisances.
So one May, he sent the Power County weed truck up Rattlesnake Creek for the better part of a week, sprayin' everything in sight.
Come June, the stream's riparian zone was clear as a whistle all the way down to the Portneuse.
Then Mr. Flannery bragged about it at the Relief Society picnic on Flag Day.
At the time, he happened to be standing next to Mrs. Caulfield, a nearly blind widow in her 70s. What Mr. Flannery didn't know was that Mrs. Caulfield made Thanksgiving centerpieces and made decorations out of pussy willows and cat tails and gave them away.
Those simple decorations were revered local icons. Some had been in families for two generations.
Coincidentally, Mrs. Caulfield also had been secretary of the Power County Republican Central Committee for 23 years.
"Now that I've cleaned out the weeds, I'm fixin' to clean up the courthouse," Mr. Flannery proclaimed, taking a long pull on a tumbler of lemonade.
That was, it seems to me, a real bad moment to announce his candidacy for county commissioner.
You should know that today, 40 years later, cat tails and pussy willows flourish wild and unkempt throughout Arbon Valley.
So why don't we all take a lesson from Mr. Flannery, set down and talk over this silly dog-limit business.
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TF kids practice realistic fire drills

By Brian Haynes
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - With thick smoke all around them, the children crawled to the door. The nonstop beeping of the smoke alarm told them what they already knew - their house was on fire.
Luckily for them, Twin Falls Fire Department Capt. Allen Shropshire was alongside to coach them to safety.
"What do you do when you reach the door?" he asked.
"Feel it to see if it's hot," said a chorus of voices.
The children crowded at the door and rubbed it with their palms before running through to safety.
The mock fire drill, complete with hundreds of dangling orange ribbons simulating the smoke, was included in Saturday's fire safety show at the Lynnwood Mall.

The goal of the afternoon event was to teach children what to do in an emergency so they won't panic if confronted with the real thing, Shropshire said.
"If we don't do these things over and over, in a crisis we don't do the right thing," he said.
Representatives from the Twin Falls and Filer fire departments, Bureau of Land Management and Red Cross gave fire-prevention lessons as National Fire Prevention Week came to a close.
"The whole idea is to teach kids about



Felicia Fabala, 2, enjoys a hug from Sparky the fire dog at Saturday's fire safety show in Twin Falls.

fire safety," said Jr. Walden of radio station Mix 103, which sponsored the event.
The key is to make the education fun through hands-on activities, Shropshire said. Children could get up close to five fire-fighting trucks, get hugs from mascots Smokey Bear and Sparky and talk with Pluggie, the robotic fire hydrant.

"Talking to the robot was the best thing," said 10-year-old Ricky Ross of Twin Falls. He learned a lot, he said, and he proved it by reciting all the safety tips he heard throughout the day.
Some of the younger visitors came to see the big, fuzzy mascots.
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Police blame alcohol in death

The Times-News

JEROME - A 25-year-old Jerome man was killed Friday night when his car was hit head-on by a drunk driver, authorities said.
Mark B. Crenshaw died in the St. Benedict's Family Medical Center emergency room from several head wounds suffered in the crash, said Lt. Dan Christensen of the Jerome County Sheriff's Office.
A passenger at Crenshaw's car, 14-year-old Christopher C. Smith, was hospitalized at St. Benedict's with head cuts, he said. The hospital Saturday evening declined to release any information on his condition.
The driver of the second vehicle, Antonio M. Rocha, 31, of Jerome, was arrested on charges of aggravated driving under the influence and manslaughter. He was injured at the accident, Christensen said.

The two vehicles were driving in opposite directions on SR 70 east around 7:30 p.m., and they were both in the center of the road when they met at the top of a hill, Christensen said.

Medical help for Crenshaw was delayed for some time while emergency units cut him out of the mangled wreckage, he said. Once Crenshaw was freed, Life Flight took him to the hospital where he later died.
Smith also could have been killed if not for the quick thinking of Crenshaw, Christensen said. He was seconds before impact. Crenshaw reached over and pushed Smith's head down, a move that probably saved his life, he said.

Officials caution against term limits on local level

By Loraine Cavener
Times-News writer

BURLEY - Billy Crystal has been Cassia County's sheriff since Ronald Reagan was in the White House. The ever-popular lawman hasn't faced a challenger in the past 12 years.
But as popular as Crystal is, he is one of many county and city employees throughout the state who may be forced out of office if the state's term limits laws isn't modified.
That doesn't trouble Donna Weaver, the north Idaho woman who has been the state's leading voice for shortening the tenure of elected officials. She doesn't think elected officials should make careers out of public service.
"If they have to be re-elected every few years, why do they look on it as a long-term position?" asked Weaver, who chairs Citizens for Term Limits.

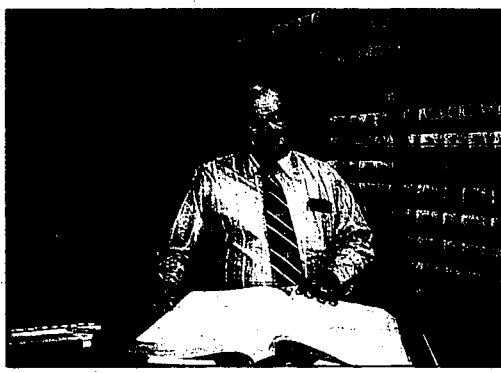
Idaho voters adopted term limits for all elected officials in 1994. But the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that states can't impose term limits on Congress. So now the law limits only the terms of state and local officials.

Voters will face an advisory vote next month, asking whether they still want state and local limits, but congressional limits have been struck down. The results won't be binding, but lawmakers see the vote as a way to gauge voters' desires.

Max Vaughn, Minidoka County assessor, said voters don't need term limits to remove unwelcome officials.
"City or county employees have often been voted out if people think an official is not doing a good job," Vaughn said.

He cited as examples former Minidoka County Prosecutor Gary Newman and former Minidoka County

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An Cassia County's clerk, auditor and recorder, Darrell Roakeley is one of many city and county employees who could lose their jobs under Idaho's term limits law.

Voters will get 2 more chances to speak up on term limits

Q What would Proposition One do?
Allows the Idaho secretary of state to accept voluntary pledges from congressional candidates saying they won't serve more than three two-year House terms or more than two six-year Senate terms. Informs voters on ballots whether candidates have signed or broken those pledges.

Q Why should Idahoans vote "yes"?
Term limits will encourage more people to vote and run for office because seats will open more often, said Donna Weaver, Hayden Lake, a leader of Citizens for Term Limits, a volunteer group.
Only about 10 percent of the congressional seats up for election represent truly competitive races, Weaver said. As a result, 90 percent of the voters may believe they don't have to vote because the race is predetermined.
Term limits also will break the hold of lobbyists, out to kill the measure, Weaver said.
"That way they don't have to rent, they don't have to buy or educate new (lawmakers) every few years," she said.
Congressional seniority benefits only the lawmakers, not the state, Weaver added. The proposition will tell voters whether they are making a career out of the position.

Two for the road
The Legislature, says voters this question: "Since the United States Supreme Court has ruled that Idaho's 1994 term limits law does not apply to members of Congress, shall term limits for state elected officials, state legislators, county elected officials, city elected officials and school district trustees remain in place?"

Q Why should Idahoans vote "no"?
Because Idaho has a small population and the only clout in Congress comes from seniority and obtaining legislative positions, said state Rep. Bruce Newcomb, R-Burley. If other states don't limit terms, it will hurt Idaho.
As for limiting the influence of lobbyists, the most effective way to do so is focusing on finance reform, Newcomb said.

Q Who supports this?
Citizens for Term Limits.
Q Who opposes this?
No On Term Limits, a coalition of 21 organizations, chambers and companies.
Q Why should you vote "yes"?
To encourage more voter turnout and more choice, Weaver said.
Some 70 percent of legislative candidates run unopposed in the primary and more than half are running unopposed in the general, she said.
Q Why should Idahoans vote "no"?
Ahrens said there's already too much turnover. During the last four election cycles - every two



years - he found about 25 percent of the Legislature turned out each election. In county offices, turnover was 25 to 40 percent, for city councils 33 to 39 percent and between the high teens and 47 percent for school districts.
"We already have term limits in Idaho, except we call it the ballot box," Ahrens said.
Term limits won't break the power of lobbyists, but have the exact opposite effect by bringing in more inexperienced people - a disadvantage on issues, he said.
"They have to get the minimum from somewhere and that will magnify the role of lobbyists," Ahrens said.
This report was prepared by Times-News staff writer Pat Merritt. She can be reached at 733-0921, Ext. 242

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Wendell science teacher earns recognition for going extra mile

By Kelly J. Settle
Times-News correspondent

WENDELL — She's often up in her knees in wetland meadows or trying to keep contaminated water out of local streams with. And she pines for summer days.

Wendell Elementary School fifth-grade teacher Grace Koehler was chosen as a state-level finalist in the 1998 Presidential Awards for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching and received a \$750 cash prize.

Each teacher applying must show evidence of talent in teaching, provide curriculum and lesson plans, list professional and community activities and provide at least three letters from colleagues, administrators, parents and students.

Koehler specializes in environmental science. She has worked with a number of projects in the Wendell area — from creating recycling and composting programs to the state-wide wetlands tour in the Nature Conservancy's Thousand Springs Preserve. Each year she

The air is let in the classroom and she tells us about a lot of things. She plans field trips to plant trees.

—Shi Harms, 5th grade student

likes to do several plantings and takes some students about how they benefit people, animals and the planet, particularly here in the desert.

"If you just know Grace, it just shows right through to her students. When she expects from herself the energy from her students," said Wendell Elementary Principal Kevin Coan. "Grace is professional, and her students are very lucky to have her. She teaches them to be scientists."

Coan said Koehler's class is to walk in the park, and students work hard. "There is never a dull moment in her classroom, but children

love to learn. She provides hands-on experiences, helps them with research and ties all of her curriculum together in exciting, challenging ways.

Student Angie Olsen said her teacher is special because she's nice, likes education and cares about children and the environment.

Coan said Koehler's award will help the school win recognition, and Koehler is its leader in environmental science. Her attitude and enthusiasm carry over to other staff members, and she is a good role model.

"Mrs. Koehler devotes a lot of her time to the environment. We do a lot in the classroom and she tells us about a lot of things. She plans field trips to plant trees. We're going to have one of them later this month," student Shi Harms said.

Koehler should hear by the end of February whether she will be awarded the national honor.

Times-News correspondent Kelly Settle can be reached in Burley at 325-4104.



Children look up the fire pole that firefighters use during an open house Saturday at the Burley Fire Department.

Firefighting fantasies make Burley open house a magnet for children

By David Lee
Times-News writer

BURLEY — Eight-year-old Jeff Jones liked pulling the string that yielded that big sound.

Seated in the cab of Fire Engine No. 43 at the Burley Fire Department garage, Jones tugged the string that blared the truck's horn.

"Jeff, stop pulling it!" said Burley firefighter Jeff Pickering.

But Jones couldn't help it. He enjoyed scaring the wits out of those standing nearby with quick blasts of the horn.

Jeff's friend, 7-year-old Beau Whitlock, said the cool equipment was enough to convince him he wants to be a firefighter when he grows up.

"You get to rescue people and help them out," Whitlock said.

The fund-raiser and dozens of other youngsters — along with young-at-heart adults — played around and in the fire trucks Saturday morning during the fire department's fourth annual open house and breakfast.

Along with testing the horn, flashing the siren lights and looking up the well-known fire pole that firefighters slide down, children and families ate a hearty breakfast and learned about fire safety with several pamphlets.

The event raises money that the fire department uses to buy fire safety and education materials, Chief Phil Heiner said. They include smoke detectors and batteries, along with brochures, hats and badges for children.

The fund-raiser was expected to make about \$700, which Shoshone School Board will consider attendance appeals

Heiner said can buy about 50 smoke detectors and 100 batteries.

Oct. 24, fire officials will visit area residences and install or replace broken smoke detectors or dead batteries, Heiner said.

The department employs nine full-time firefighters and a chief, and utilizes 21 volunteers.

Times-News staff writer David Lee can be reached in Burley at 677-4042.

SERVICES

Carl F. Paulson of Rathfriland memorial service at 11 a.m. Monday at the American Legion Hall at Rathfriland Cemetery's Sunshine Chapel.

James M. Woods of Twin Falls, 10 a.m. Monday at the Twin Falls First United Methodist Church. Friends may call from 4 to 5 p.m. today at White Memorial and from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Monday at the church.

Minneapolis Eric Larson of Twin Falls, 1 p.m. Monday at Park's Maple Valley Funeral Home in Twin Falls. Burial services will be from 10 to 11 p.m. today at the funeral chapel.

Emilie E. Newstead of Eden, 1:30 p.m. Monday at Trinity Lutheran Church, west of Eden. Friends may call from 4 to 5 p.m. today at Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls.

Kendall Marjorie Howe, sister daughter of Roy and Edna Howe of Twin Falls, graveside service at 10:30 p.m. Monday at Fuller Memorial Park at 200 S. White Memorial.

Leah Fern Valmore Backus of Burley, 2 p.m. Monday at the Burley West End Social Center, 2400 Park Ave. Friends may call from 8 to 9 p.m. today at Payne

Memorial in Burley and from 1 to 2:45 p.m. before the funeral Monday at the church.

John Gertrude Casper of Twin Falls and 11:30 a.m. Tuesday at White Memorial in Twin Falls.

At Turner Stevens Live Oak Memorial Park in Monrovia, Calif., with family greeting friends from 10 a.m. until service time; friends may call from noon to 4 p.m. today at White Memorial in Twin Falls.

DEATH NOTICES

Edna Hank
Edna — Edna Hank, 85 of Burley, died Friday, Oct. 9, 1998, at the Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls.

The funeral will be held at 2 p.m. Tuesday at the Farmer Funeral Chapel in Burley.

Dorothy M. Shriver
Dorothy — Dorothy M. Shriver, 83 of Burley, died Saturday, Oct. 10, 1998, at the Snake River Rehabilitation and Living Center in Burley.

Arrangements are pending and will be announced by the Farmer Funeral Chapel in Burley.

Acie Claycomb
ACIE — Acie Claycomb, 86 of Burley, died Saturday, Oct. 10, 1998, at St. Benedict's Long Term Care Center in Jerome.

A service is tentatively scheduled for 11 a.m. Wednesday at the Jerome Cemetery under the

direction of the Howe-Robertson Funeral Chapel in Jerome.

Mark B. Chenshaw
JEROME — Mark Bradley Crenshaw, 43, of Jerome, died Friday, Oct. 9, 1998, in Jerome.

Arrangements are pending and will be announced by the Howe-Robertson Funeral Chapel in Jerome.

Harvey R. Overlin Sr.
FRUITLAND — Harvey Ray Overlin Sr., 70, of Fruitland and formerly of Kimberly and Rupert, died Wednesday, Oct. 7, 1998, at his home in Fruitland.

The funeral will be held at 2 p.m. Monday at the Highway Assembly of God Church, 100 N. Wibley Drive in Fruitland, with Pastor Bill Sperry officiating. Burial will follow at Parkview Cemetery in New Plymouth.

Arrangements are under the direction of Shaffer-Jensen Memory Chapel in Fruitland.

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of Riverbank, Wyo.

Released
Dianne Hutchinson, Aletha Ruffel and Eunice Simonsen, all of Burley; Verma Clemens of Paul; and Sherrel Hancock of Jerome.

Births
Babies were born to Shane and Amber Ogden of Burley and Steven and Melissa S. Brown of Riverbank, Wyo.

OBITUARIES

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BURLEY



Nicole Rose Sawyer

Nicole Rose Sawyer, 20, of Burley, died Saturday, Oct. 10, 1998, at St. Luke's Hospital in Burley. She was born Oct. 10, 1977, in Burley. She was a student at Burley High School. She was preceded in death by her father, James Sawyer, and her mother, Jessica Sawyer. She is survived by her father, James Sawyer, and her mother, Jessica Sawyer. She is also survived by her grandparents, James Sawyer and Jessica Sawyer. She is also survived by her great-grandparents, James Sawyer and Jessica Sawyer. She is also survived by her great-great-grandparents, James Sawyer and Jessica Sawyer.

EDEN

Kenneth MacLeod

Kenneth MacLeod, 69, of Eden, died Friday, Oct. 9, 1998, at the Twin Falls Clinic & Hospital. Kenneth was born April 14, 1929, at Coalingo, to Murdo and Veda Toone MacLeod. He lived west of Eden all his life. He graduated from Eden High School and attended Idaho State University and the University of Idaho. He farmed for a time and then served in the armed forces during the Korean Conflict. Returning home he continued to be involved in farming and ranching. He was a member of the Idaho Cattle Association and the Eden Presbyterian Church. Kenneth is survived by his sister, Lila MacLeod of Eden, a very special friend, Mary Dana of Hanson; two nieces; and one nephew. He was preceded in death by his parents and a sister. The funeral will take place at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 13, 1998, at White Memorial in Twin Falls with the Rev. Robert VanWent officiating. Burial will follow at Sunset Memorial Park. Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. Monday at the mortuary. The family suggests memorial contributions be given to Mountain States Tumor Institute or to a charity of the donor's choice. Contributions may be left with mortuary staff or mailed to White Memorial, P.O. Box 845, Twin Falls, ID 83403-0845.

THE TIMES-NEWS

SHOSHONE — The Shoshone School Board will discuss 50 percent attendance appeals and other business at its 7:30 p.m. public meeting Monday in the new district office.

Also on the agenda are policy development proposals for substitute staff qualifications and bus scheduling and routing.

Know the score?

Read The Times-News sports pages.

The family members of TIRA RENE GRIGGS would like to extend our deepest and most heartfelt Thank You to all the family members, friends and hospital staff who so generously gave their time and support, contributions and food for the family members and the beautiful flowers in our loss of our beloved Tira. Your thoughtfulness and complete consideration for all of us have been a constant comfort in the past weeks. God bless each and every one of you.

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Brothers face charges again in shootout

SANBOURNE (AP) — Two brothers accused of shooting a Butte County sheriff's deputy appeared in 1st District Court in San grand jury indictment.

A grand jury charged Ian Higgins, 25, and Clayton Higgins, 25, with four counts of aggravated assault against an officer in connection with the shootout May 22, 1997.

Clayton Higgins was shot in the arm and returning fire, but Clayton Higgins in the leg.

When the brothers were presented with the charges in court, their attorney, Mark Jones, filed an objection and motion to over-

turn the indictments. He also filed another document claiming that officers had acted with deliberate indifference and in violation of the brothers' rights.

"Self-defense enters into it," Jones said Tuesday after the hearing.

It is the third time the brothers have been charged with the crime. Former prosecutor Teris Hull dropped the original charges because he believed officers never properly identified themselves when they went to the house owned by the Higgins family.

But the four officers involved said they shouted that they were with the Sheriff's Department when they approached the house to investigate an arson. They claim they identified themselves again after the Higgins brothers shot at them.

When Phil Robinson ran for county prosecutor against Hull, he said the men should be prosecuted.

He resurrected the charges in June 1997. But just a day before the brothers were to be brought in for a preliminary hearing in March, Robinson dropped the charges and initiated the grand jury investigation.

Secretary of state, 80, defends record, ability to serve Idaho

Challenger raises questions during 30-minute debate

BOISE (AP) — Republican Secretary of State Pete Cenarrusa, seeking election to an unprecedented eighth four-year term, defended his record and ability to continue in office Saturday night, particularly the policies he helped fashion for state land management.

Cenarrusa, the longest serving state official in Idaho history, rejected suggestions from both his opponents — Democratic businessman Jerry Seiffert, a Ketchum businessman, and Libertarian T.J. Angstman, a Boise attorney — that so-called conservation bids for state grazing leases should be considered.

During the 30-minute debate, sponsored by the League of Women Voters and the Idaho Press Club and broadcast statewide by Idaho Public Television, Seiffert and Angstman said such bidders — if they are offering to pay more for leases than ranchers — should be entertained because the cash goes to public schools.

The leading conservation bidder has been Hailey architect Jon Marvel and his Idaho Watersheds Project, and Seiffert said Marvel is "a bit of a problem, but you have to deal with the issues Jon brings to the table."

And he conceded that he would probably have sided with Marvel on some proposals in the past and likely would again in the future.

As a member of the five-member Land Board that manages

state land, Cenarrusa; who has ranching interests himself but no state leases, has been at the forefront of the board policy, reinforced by state law, that grazers have an acceptable grazing plan to qualify to bid on state leases.

The lack of a plan has been used by the board to reject Marvel's bids. At best Marvel has proposed no more than grazing a few head of stock one day a year.

The aim of his five-year crusade has been to remove range near streams from grazing so that streamside vegetation can recover. But that has led to charges that his bids would make thousands of surrounding acres useless to grazers because the water would be cut off. His approach has also been criticized for potentially increasing the danger of range fire by letting grass grow and dry out and encouraging the invasion of noxious weeds.

"What we're after," Cenarrusa said, "is to increase the long-term return to the institutions, the public schools. We must keep the rancher in business rather than to allow it to go to someone who is not going to put any livestock on that land."

But Angstman argued that if

Marvel offers a premium for a lease that exceeds what ranchers are offering, he should get it because that is more cash for education.

He contended that letting Marvel essentially take land out of grazing will just drive up the value of the remaining land and that ranchers will bid higher amounts to get those leases.

"And the schools will get more money," he said.

At 80, Cenarrusa was asked about Seiffert's comment several days earlier that if elected the veteran secretary of state planned to resign in a year or so and have his chief deputy appointed.

"I'm in excellent health, and, jokingly, I may run for governor the next go-round after these four years," Cenarrusa said. "I'm going to complete these four years. God willing."

Seiffert 59, who conceded he had voted for Cenarrusa in past elections, said he was only repeating comments he had heard from others.

"I hope all of us in this room are as spry and in as good of shape at 80 as Pete Cenarrusa is today," he said.

State cites hospital for dusty equipment

TIMBER FALLS (AP) — State inspectors cited Columbia Basin Regional Medical Center after finding dust on equipment and stained carpets during a tour of the hospital.

The mid-September inspection by the Bureau of Environmental Standards came months after some physicians warned that dust at the hospital threatened the quality of patient care. It also follows a July incident in which instruments that

had not been properly sterilized were accidentally used in surgeries at the hospital.

Hospital spokeswoman Brenda Baumgartner blamed the latest problem on the three-and-a-half-month absence of a housekeeping department supervisor. During that time, the cleaning routine at the hospital has suffered, she said.

Baumgartner also said the housekeeping issues were not a symptom of any general prob-

lems at the hospital. The hospital received high marks earlier this year from the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations, she said.

"Sure, there are things that we need to work on. But when it comes to patient care, when it comes to this hospital servicing the community, we do a good job," she said.

The hospital was last cited for a sanitation problem in November 1996.

Witnesses sue term limits

The experienced elected officials are a great asset to the citizens. The knowledge of local government would be the most.

—Shirley Pugh, Burley, deputy city clerk, Burley.

"Witnesses have been extremely helpful over the last year. They have helped me understand the situation."

—Bob Hill, Burley, city clerk.

"I have the power at the polls. Why does it matter?"

—Rick Smith, Burley, city clerk.

"I've been frustrated people to all in the community. It's hard to find people to run the school boards."

—Shirley Pugh, Burley, deputy city clerk.

"I've been frustrated and disappointed to see the term limits, and they are affecting the local mayor or school board."

—Shirley Pugh, Burley, deputy city clerk.

Limits

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Sheriff Roy Jarvis.

Deane Smith, Minidoka County clerk, noted that two Cassia County commissioners were voted out in May.

"It's not difficult to vote them out," Smith said. "Twenty-two incumbent commissioners throughout the state were voted out."

Witnesses counter that only elected officials — not the general public — are complaining about term limits.

Rick Bellar, Minidoka County prosecutor, said term limits discourage people from taking public-service jobs.

"To be a county prosecutor and forsake civil practice and then have to relearn that practice after eight years is not an attractive prospect," he said.

Weaver doesn't like the way the advisory vote lumps together all state and local offices. Citizens for Term Limits had proposed letting local jurisdictions vote separately on term limits, she said.

"Instead they are making you vote on the whole ball of wax,"

she said. "State legislators are desperate to get rid of term limits and they are hiding behind the local mayor or local clerk."

If people vote against term limits on local officials, they'll do the same for legislative jobs, "the gravy train positions," Weaver said.

Weaver notes that the existing term limits law doesn't completely bar incumbents from running for re-election. It only keeps their names off the ballot; write-in campaigns could be conducted if their small communities need to retain their experienced leaders.

Sheriff Crystal said he'd do just that if it's the only way to keep his job. But other public employees don't think a write-in campaign would do them any good. Vaughn said he probably wouldn't try.

"There will be a major turnover of elected officials," Vaughn said. "They will be out looking for something else."

Times-News staff writer Lorraine Cavenar can be reached in Burley at 677-4042.

Realistic

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"We brought her here in see Smiley, and she got a hug," Gina Orland said of her 4-year-old daughter, Keeley.

Whenever the Orlands go camping, they remind their two young daughters about the dangers of fire, Mike Orland said.

It was that kind of awareness that kept human-caused range fires down this summer, said

John Sabala of the ELM. Fire-prevention education is the main reason fires have been dropping, Shropshire said. The Twin Falls Fire Department makes several visits to schools each year to hammer the message into children, he said.

"We have a whole generation of smart kids," he said. And those children often pass on what they learned to their parents, he said.

Back at his demonstration, Shropshire reminded the children huddled around him why getting out of a burning house is the No. 1 priority.

"Houses we can replace," he said. "Buildings we can replace. But ... we can't replace you."

Times-News staff writer Brian Hammer can be reached at 733-0931, Ext. 238.

Crump

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Officials bring new charges against physician

LEWISTON (AP) — A Clarkston, Wash. physician accused of sexually abusing five women patients also faces four felony charges for allegedly providing medical authorities with false information and falsifying drug prescriptions.

Dr. Alvin P. Cormack, 58, was charged in August with two felony counts of forcible sexual penetration with a foreign object and three misdemeanors.

The new counts allege Cormack used a false address in an application to the Idaho Board of Pharmacy's Controlled Substance Registration, according to 2nd District Court documents filed Thursday.

The Lewiston address he used on his 1997 application is the home of Scott M. Carlton, Carlton is chairman of the Nez Perce County Republican Central Committee and U.S. Rep. Helen Chenoweth's district representative.

In court documents, investigators report that Carlton described Cormack as a friend.

"I was asked by (Cormack) if my address could be used to receive mail for a limited period of time because he did not have a permanent address at the time," Carlton said in a prepared statement. "I said that it was OK. I have asked Dr. Cormack to not use my address several months ago. Dr. Cormack has never lived at my address or stayed there."

The other charges allege that on three occasions, Cormack used false names on prescription slips to enable a woman to buy drugs. She was his patient while he worked at Lewiston Urgent Care. He also was at the Clearwater Medical Clinic for a short time.

Investigators said Cormack would give her prescription slips with as many as five false names on them. She filled her prescriptions at several area pharmacies and a mail-order service in Florida.

Cormack is scheduled for a preliminary hearing on Oct. 21.

Castleford warns residents to clear right of way for road construction

By Leandra Reuble
Times-News correspondent

CASTLEFORD — The next phase of road paving is ready to begin in a few months, so Castleford residents need to begin clearing the right of way for their properties.

The town's right of way stretches 30 feet from the center of the road, City Clerk Patsy Kinyon said. If residents do not move encroaching fences, trees and vehicles, city officials will do it for them and bill residents for expenses.

The town is involved in a two-year project to pave the streets within the city limits. With the south side of town paved, she said, work on the north side will begin this fall.

Castleford City Council members recently went back to the drawing board to renegotiate terms of their contract with the Buhl Highway District.

Kinyon said the original payment schedule called for yearly payments of about \$3,700 and any increases from state and county road taxes. The town received considerably more in taxes than it had anticipated, said Kinyon, requiring the new negotiations.

The council and representatives from the highway district agreed Wednesday evening to make payment amounts contingent on tax revenues. This amount varies year to year, Kinyon said, depending on the state and highway road taxes legislated. Buhl Highway District will be paid 50 percent of the road taxes received by Castleford until the project is paid off.

Because the payments will be larger than they would have been otherwise, the town will be able to pay off the highway district in 2009 or sooner, Kinyon said. Originally, it would have made payments until 2013.

In other city business, Kinyon reported the council is "really cracking down on stray dogs." If an animal within the city limits is loose without a tag or with an expired license, it will be picked up and put in the town's holding facility.

If a dog is not claimed, it is held for 48 hours before city officials try to find it a new home or destroy the animal.

Licenses are good only for one year, from Jan. 1 to Jan. 1.

Times-News correspondent
Leandra Reuble can be reached in
Castleford at 337-8817.

He pleaded innocent in August to the misdemeanors, which include two counts of sexual exploitation by a medical care provider and one count of battery.

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United States of America, Plaintiff vs. Curtis Firth, et al, Civil No. CV 95-0394

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Property Address: 1080 North 1050 East, Richfield, Idaho 83349
Directions: Two and One Fourth (2-1/4) Miles North and 2 Miles West Of The City of Richfield, Idaho
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Total Acres: 160 acres/more or less
Improvements: Dwelling, outbuildings
Water Shares: 126 shares in the Big Wood Canal Co. Canal Company

If you have any questions, contact the Lincoln/Blaine Farm Service Agency office at 886-2471 or located at 217 West F., Shoshone, Idaho.

NOTICE OF MARSHAL'S SALE

United States of America, Plaintiff vs. Luis Conarrusa, et al, Civil No. 95-0001-S-BLW

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on the 15th day of October 1998, at 1:30 p.m. of said day, on the front steps of the Blaine County Courthouse, Halley Idaho, the United States Marshal will, in obedience to the Order of Sale and Decree of Foreclosure, sell the following described property to the highest and best bidders for cash in lawful money of the United States of America. A personal check in the amount of ten percent of the bid will be accepted at the time of the sale with a cashier's check for the full amount of the bid within 24 hours of the sale. The United States of America, Farm Service Agency's (formerly Farmers Home Administration) bid will be as follows:

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Forest Service Allotment — Hurst Canyon 443 AUMs
16 Acres with Lambing Shed and Pellet Mill
8-5/8 Shares of Little Wood River Canal Co., Ltd.,
Appraised Value: \$53,961
FSA Bid: \$51,545

PARCEL II, sold separately
1,200 Acres — Dry Grazing
Appraised Value: \$108,000
FSA Bid: \$100,905

PARCEL III, sold separately
640 Acres — Dry Grazing
Appraised Value: \$57,600
FSA Bid: \$53,756

PARCEL IV, sold separately
5 Acres With House (in Town of Carey)
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The Times-News

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received national fame as an explorer, adventurer, photographer and promoter of Idaho and the West.

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entertaining, colorful way to learn about Idaho history," librarian Susan Ash said.

Heglar portrays the flamboyant side of "Two Gun Bob," regarding audiences as Lambert would have in his time. As Lambert, Heglar shows photos taken by the adventurer and tells about the experiences of being the first person to explore the Great Rift's lava. Heglar, a native Idahoan, says he takes joy in sharing his knowledge of Idaho and the American West.

The one-person historical dramatization was conceived by Dave Clark, chief interpreter at Craters of the Moon National Monument, to be a part of its 75th Anniversary Celebration in 1999. Funding for a series of presentations around Idaho was provided by the Idaho Humanities Council, and the Craters of the Moon Natural History Association.

FOR THE RECORD

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS - Recent activity in 5th District Court in Twin Falls County included:

Arraignments and appearances

Aaron Keith Allen, 23, 423 Overland Lane, Twin Falls, possession of a controlled substance; preliminary hearing Friday; public defender appointed, \$10,000 bond. Danny R. Canales, 49, 255 Shoshone St. S., Twin Falls, fugitive warrant from Washington; fugitive hearing Oct. 13.

Twin Falls sentencing and dismissals - A10

State of Idaho, Department of Health and Welfare vs. Ronald Carrigan. Seeking \$47 monthly support plus 30 percent of medical expenses not covered by insurance; present and future \$302 attorney's fees and costs. State of Idaho, Department of Health and Welfare vs. Douglas J. Steinhilber. Seeking \$17 monthly support plus 55 percent of medical expenses not covered by insurance; present and future \$302 attorney's fees and costs.

Other filings

The city of Twin Falls vs. Patrick and Jennifer Lewis. Seeking judgment that the defendant has violated the provisions of the building code for an order prohibiting the defendant from renting or leasing space in the third apartment in the home at 510 Grandview Drive N., Twin Falls, an order directing the defendant to remove all improvements made in their home without a building permit for which a building permit was required, attach a fee and costs Plaintiff claims the defendant are in violation of city code by covering the unfinished portion of their basement of their home into a separate living quarter and that improvements were made without first obtaining a building permit.

The city of Twin Falls vs. Jim B. Thopy. Individually and doing business as Idaho Equipment and Salvage; and Aracie J. and Mary J. Campbell. Seeking judgment finding that the defendant has violated Special Use Permit No. 219, judgment finding that all full material not authorized by the special use permit for an order requiring Thopy to remove all full material, other than the concrete and rock, from his other properties adjacent to Rock Creek Canyon, an order requiring Thopy to pay for the cost of removing the full material from the site of the current and that dumping was in violation of their special use permit.

Robert Donald Hanson Jr., 25, 409 U.S. Highway 20, No. 81, Elmer, defendant; public defender appointed, released on own recognizance. Isaac C. Farnell, 21, 443 Second Ave. N., No. 7, Twin Falls, including the attendance of a witness; warrant, preliminary hearing Friday; public defender appointed, \$500 bond. Ryan Anderson Foster, 25, 215 Clark Lakes Road, No. 6, Bobb, see above of a child under 16, public defender appointed, \$1,000 bond.

Robert Donald Hanson Jr., 25, 1619 Highland Ave., Twin Falls, battery; pleaded innocent; public defender appointed, \$300 bond. Rodney Deas Hamilton, 35, 1310 Elba, Burley, providing false information; pleaded innocent; public defender appointed, released on own recognizance. Robert Donald Hanson Jr., 25, 1619 Highland Ave., Twin Falls, battery; pleaded innocent; public defender appointed, \$300 bond. Robert Donald Hanson Jr., 25, 1619 Highland Ave., Twin Falls, battery; pleaded innocent; public defender appointed, \$300 bond. Robert Donald Hanson Jr., 25, 1619 Highland Ave., Twin Falls, battery; pleaded innocent; public defender appointed, \$300 bond.

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Tony Dean Kinn, 36, Route 3, Madon Valley Road, Burley, two counts of burglary; preliminary hearing Friday; public defender appointed, \$10,000 bond. Kevin Lynn Labaree, 32, 401 Addison Ave. W., No. 4, Twin Falls, possession of a controlled substance; preliminary hearing Friday; public defender appointed, released on own recognizance.

Kevin Lynn Labaree, 32, 401 Addison Ave. W., No. 4, Twin Falls, malicious injury to property; pleaded innocent; public defender appointed, released on own recognizance. Sonny Lou Lara, 19, 137 Fillmore St., Twin Falls, failure to appear for jury trial on carrying a concealed weapon; warrant; pleaded guilty; \$3,000 bond.

Deborah Mastry, 36, 1941 Hillcrest, space 49, Burley, issuing an unauthorized funds check under \$50; warrant; pleaded innocent; public defender appointed, \$5,000 bond. Steve Marie McCormick, 23, 409 U.S. Highway 20, No. 81, Elmer; domestic battery; pleaded innocent; public defender appointed, released on own recognizance.

Lynell L. Taber, 29, 4298 N. 2000 E., Bobb, failure to appear for sentencing on a child without privilege; warrant; \$5,000 bond. Channing Billy Thompson, 27, 1007 E. Arroyo, Burley, driving without privileges; pleaded innocent; public defender appointed, released on own recognizance.

State of Idaho, Department of Health and Welfare vs. Janet Arreola Fisher. Seeking determination of paternity; birth certificate changed to reflect defendant as father, \$1,140 support for a prior period, \$211 monthly support plus 20 percent of medical expenses not covered by insurance; provide medical insurance; \$275 attorney's fees and costs. State of Idaho, Child Support Services vs. Brian D. Ballard. Seeking \$144 monthly support plus 50 percent of medical expenses not covered by insurance; provide medical insurance; \$284 support for a prior period, \$275 attorney's fees and costs.

State of Idaho, Child Support Services vs. Michelle D. Ballard. Seeking \$118 monthly support; provide medical insurance; \$706 support for a prior period, \$275 attorney's fees and costs. State of Idaho, Child Support Services acting on behalf of Idaho Department of Juvenile Corrections vs. Mark T. Walker. Seeking \$345 monthly support plus 71 percent of medical expenses not covered by insurance; provide medical insurance; \$275 support for a prior period, \$275 attorney's fees and costs.

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TURNER-MONROE

BURLEY—Gary and Glenna Turner of Burley announce the engagement of their daughter, Shannon Turner, to Matthew Monroe, son of Lloyd and Julie Monroe of Burley.

Turner graduated from Burley High School and Ricks College in Rexburg. She will complete her registered nursing degree from Weber State University in Ogden, Utah, in 1999.

Monroe graduated from Deola High School and attended Ricks College. He served a two-year California Riverside Mission for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. He will continue his education at Southern Utah University in January.

The wedding is planned for Thursday at the Maniti LDS



Matthew Monroe and Shannon Turner

Temple in Maniti, Utah. A reception to honor the newlyweds will be held Friday at the Burley LDS Stake Center, 2054 Normal Ave. The couple will reside in Cedar City, Utah.

SCOTT-KOHL

BUHL—Jami Lynn Scott and Jason James Kohl were married Aug. 22 at the Sisson residence in Buhl.

Officiating was Mayor Barbara Gietsen.

The bride is the daughter of Katie and Doug Scott of Buhl. Parents of the bridegroom are Leroy Kohl and Elaine and Larry Sisson, all of Buhl.

Jana Sisson, friend of the bride and sister of the groom, served as the bride's matron of honor.

Kelsey Sisson, niece of the groom, was the flower girl.

Joe Ramos, friend of the groom, served as best man.

Special guests included grandparents of the bride, Maureen and Leroy Fleener, and great-grandmother, Serena Dowd, all of Buhl, and grandparents of the bride, Doris Kohl, Lois and David Cooper and Audrey and Warren Sisson, all of Buhl.

A reception was held following the ceremony.

Serving were Belinda Sisson, sister-in-law, and Brenda Barnes, sister-in-law of the groom.



Jami and Jason Kohl

sister-in-law of the groom and friend of the bride, both of Buhl.

The bride is a graduate of Buhl High School and Mr. Juan's School of Hair Design in Twin Falls. She is employed at Charlie Girl Salon in Jerome.

The bridegroom is a graduate of Buhl High School and the College of Southern Idaho with a degree in fishery biology. He is employed at Idaho Trout Processing in Buhl. The newlyweds reside in Buhl.

CLARK-SMITH

TWIN FALLS—Jennifer Clark and L. Eric Smith were married Aug. 8 at St. Alphonsus Catholic Church in Prospect Heights, Ill.

Music was written and performed by cousin of the groom, Sheri Smith, and accompanied by his aunt, Jane Rowland.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tomas Clark of Prospect Heights, Ill.

Parents of the groom are Jane Carr Smith of Kansas City, Kan., and Mr. and Mrs. Leon Smith of Twin Falls.

Laura Reed, sister of the bride, served as the bride's maid of honor.

Bridesmaids included Christy Smith, sister of the groom, and Katie Suding and Peggy Udey.

Kirk Smith, brother of the groom, served as best man.

Groomsmen included Michael Clark, brother of the bride, and Paul Sinding and Brett Lehman.

A reception was held following the ceremony.

The bride is a 1989 graduate of Wheeling High in Prospect Heights, Ill., and has a bachelor's



Jennifer and Eric Smith

degree in materials and logistics management from Michigan State University.

The bridegroom is a 1990 graduate of Twin Falls High School, and has a bachelor's degree in nuclear engineering from Oregon State University in Corvallis and a PhD in nuclear physics from the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor. He is employed at Argonne Laboratories in Idaho Falls.

The newlyweds reside in Idaho Falls.

MCCOMBS-ANDRUS

TWIN FALLS—Andrea McCombs and Kevin Andrus were married Aug. 15 in Reno, Nev.

The bride is the daughter of Larry and Ginny McCombs of Twin Falls.

Parents of the bridegroom are Dennis and Denise Andrus of Hagerman.

A reception was held Sept. 26 in Twin Falls.

The bride is a graduate of Minico High School. She is employed at *The Times-News* in Twin Falls.

The bridegroom graduated from Hagerman High School and attended Ricks College. He is employed at KEZJ/KLIX Radio.

The couple went on a cruise in the Caribbean for their honeymoon.



Kevin and Andrea Andrus
The newlyweds reside in Twin Falls.

SZUBERT-EMGE

TWIN FALLS—Teesie Szubert-Emge and Thomas Emge were married June 19 at a nuptial Mass in St. Marien Katholische Kirche in Fronzenberg, Germany.

The bride is the daughter of Mrs. Wesley D. Fields of Twin Falls and Fairfield and the late Conrad J. Szubert.

Parents of the groom are Josef and Adelaid Emge of Fronzenberg.

The bride wore her mother's mantilla and Irish linen wedding gown.

Co-officiating were Msgr. Edward Donnelly of Hicksville, N.Y., uncle of the bride, and the Rev. Martin Emge of Hanover, Germany, cousin of the groom.

The unity candle was decorated by Magda Lehn of Fronzenberg.

Attending from the states were Mr. and Mrs. Fields, the bride's sisters, Marita DeBour of Twin Falls and Susan Szubert of New York City; Stacy Sands of Twin Falls; and former Twin Falls residents, Tricia Siplon of Wilkes-Barre, Pa., and Kate Siplon of Boston, Mass.

A dinner reception followed the ceremony.

The bride, a graduate of Twin Falls High School, received her undergraduate degree from Idaho State University and her graduate degree from the University of Tennessee.



Thomas Emge and Teesie Szubert-Emge

The groom is a graduate of Rheinisch Westfaelische Hochschule (undergraduate) in Aachen, Germany, and the University of Tennessee graduate. The couple resides in Erding, a suburb of Munich, Germany.

BEAVER-CLAIBORNE

HANSEN—Harry and Elmaluee Beaver of Hansen announce the engagement of their daughter, Gracielee Beaver, to Jeff Claiborne, son of Lee and Vennie Claiborne of Twin Falls.

Beaver graduated from Hansen High School and attended the College of Southern Idaho. She is employed at Kurt's Pharmacy in Twin Falls.

Claiborne is a graduate of Twin Falls High School and CSI. He is employed by Claiborne Construction Company in Twin Falls.

The wedding is planned for Oct. 24.



Gracielee Beaver and Jeff Claiborne

YOST-CALL

TWIN FALLS—Mr. and Mrs. Dan Rowe of Rupert and Mr. and Mrs. Sam Yost of Twin Falls announce the engagement of their daughter, Mandi Yost, to John Call of Ellijay, Ga., son of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Call.

Yost graduated from Minico High School and received her bachelor of arts degree in youth ministry from Colorado Christian University. She is currently a student at the Gilmer Christian Learning Center in Ellijay, Ga.

Call graduated from Gilmer High School and received his bachelor of science degree in computer science from Betty College and his master's degree in computer information systems from Georgia State University. He is currently employed at IBM in Atlanta.



John Call and Mandi Yost

The wedding is planned for 2 p.m. Nov. 21 at Mt. Vernon Baptist Church in Ellijay, Ga. A reception for the couple will be held from 3 to 6 p.m. Dec. 26 at the White House in Twin Falls.

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The definition of courage

When I think of courage, I think of my father. I think of the way he lived. I think of the way he loved. I think of the way he died. I think of the way he taught me to live. I think of the way he taught me to love. I think of the way he taught me to die.



AFTER CLASS
Gay Petersen

...there are many kinds of courage, and not that involved in war. One particularly kind of courage is the courage of a parent raising their children to be honest, ethical and moral in a difficult environment, the courage of an adult child helping an aging parent, the courage of grandpa...

Examples of courage include those I have mentioned, but I must also include not only those who have faced physical and mental anguish, but also those who have stood up, in spite of criticism, for what they believed in, never backing down and always determined to make their message important, to do what was right.

I think of Abraham Lincoln, who, though urged by both sides to just give up, kept on fighting until he was...

ing his life in the process.

I think of Susan B. Anthony, a shy Quaker schoolteacher, who believed that the Fourteenth Amendment should apply to everyone — that "all" people should be treated equally under the law, and not just men. She got women the right to vote, despite being subject to name-calling, a trial and fine, and the insistence by men and women that she was destroying the family.

And she did it through persistence.

I think of the many throughout history who have faced torment and even death to do the right and fair thing.

Every day people in all parts of the world face difficulties, danger and pain with firmness and without fear. They should be examples to all of us, giving us lessons in how we should all react, faced with similar circumstances. Could we, would we?

People of courage, wherever and whoever you are, I salute you.

Gay Petersen is a retired school teacher who lives in Wendell. Her column appears on Sundays.

SOCIAL SECURITY Q&A

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benefit is payable for the month of death. On the other hand, when people start receiving Social Security, they get a benefit for the first month they're eligible, even if they don't meet all the eligibility factors until late in the month.

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FAMILY LIFE

Demanding mom drives kids away

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Her one flaw: She treats her children like undisciplined servants. Irene thinks nothing of calling a nearby son or daughter to venture out at midnight in this dangerous city to bring her a cup of coffee.

She calls her children daily, and it's not to find out if they changed their hair and if they're doing well in school. She complains about her husband or makes requests. Abby, despite her best intentions, Irene's problems, Irene is a big, strong woman, and she's married to a perfectly healthy man.

I've been present on several occasions when one or more of Irene's 10 children were present, and I've set to hear her compliment her sons. She shouts at them, calls them "snails," and scoldes whenever they have done her bid. She pokes her nose into their business and disagrees with every decision they make. I suspect this is displaced anger toward her first husband, who was a womanizer.

Irene's daughters are not treated so badly, but they mimic their mother's behavior toward her sons. Irene constantly complains that her children don't share their good fortune with her, but most of them are struggling to survive. They do share with her to some degree, but never as much as she wants them to. She never fails to bring up the "sacrifices" she's made for them. Abby, all mothers make sacrifices for their children, but it's the love and support the children remember - not the sacrifices.

Several of her children have told me they dread hearing her voice on the telephone, and they make any excuse they can to avoid going to her home because her husband is always out. Irene is growing older, and I can see the handwriting on the wall. When the day comes that Abby really needs their help, her children will put her in a boarding house with strangers and visit her for an hour now and then out of duty. She'll sit there with nothing to do but feel sorry for herself, bitter over her "ungrateful" children.

She hasn't asked me for advice, so I haven't offered any, but I hope she sees my letter in your column and recognizes herself before it's too late to become more considerate and appreciative of her children.

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- Do you know when to reach out for help? One of the hallmarks of a mentally healthy person is the willingness to ask for help, when life seems overwhelming or difficult. Can you identify someone you would go to for help in the future?
- Do you know your own best stress management strategies? Can you identify what soothes and comforts you? Do you know how you can manage stress in your life through relaxation techniques or interacting with supportive friends or family members?
- Do you practice good "soul care"? Many people identify the importance a spiritual practice, time alone for prayerful reflection, meditation, or serene solitude. Spending time within a faith community or practice can teach us wisdom and offer strategies for coping with life challenges. It is important to learn how to forget the hurts, forgive the wrongs, to let go of the painful elements of our past.

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Section C

MORNING LINE

SPORTSQUOTE

“ Jack knew he was going to beat you. You knew Jack was going to beat you. And Jack knew that you knew he was going to beat you. ”

— Tom Weiskopf on fellow golfer Jack Nicklaus

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

Golf
Budweiser Best-Ball at Twin Falls Municipal and Canyon Springs

IN BRIEF

Twin Falls Boosters to conduct meeting

TWIN FALLS — The Twin Falls Bruin Boosters will be holding their monthly meeting at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the teacher's lounge at Twin Falls High School. Parents from each sport are urged to come. Contact Peggy Orr, 736-2588 or 734-1321, with any questions.

Clear Lake ladies have fall meeting Thursday

BUIH — The Clear Lake Ladies Golf Association will have its fall meeting Thursday, with an Idaho flag tournament beginning at 10 a.m., followed by a luncheon and business meeting. For more information, call Clear Lake Golf Course.

Volunteers will be needed for 2002 Winter Games

SALT LAKE CITY — The volunteer plan of the Salt Lake Organizing Committee for the Winter Olympic Games of 2002 will be divided into three phases as SLOC is enlisting about 8,000 volunteers for a variety of pre-Games activities, 15,000-18,000 core volunteers for staging the Winter Olympic Games and another 4,000-6,000 volunteers for the Paralympic Winter Games.

The Winter Olympic Games will be held Feb. 8-24, 2002 and followed by the Paralympic Winter Games for disabled athletes March 7-16, 2002.

The methods of registration for the pre-Games volunteer program will be announced by the end of 1998. Volunteers are needed to support pre-Olympic events, including meetings, special projects and sporting test events as well as help in the day-to-day operations of the SLOC.

Registration for the Games-time core volunteer program will begin in early 2000. Training sessions for volunteers will start about one year in advance of the Games, in early 2001.

SLOC will be looking for volunteers with specific skills such as technical, medical, language and sport as well as for general assignment work related to the Games. Previous volunteer experience will be preferred as well as geographic proximity to the venue area. Volunteer services will be needed in a variety of areas including medical, transportation, ticketing, ceremonies, Olympic family, information systems and sports and venues.

The volunteer recognition program includes a certificate of participation, special lapel pin, watch, two tickets to the dress rehearsal of Opening Ceremonies, and a volunteer uniform.

USOC official: Independent drug-testing panel wanted

An independent drug-testing agency for America's Olympic athletes is an essential part of future anti-doping efforts, a top U.S. Olympic Committee official said Saturday.

Executive Director Dick Schultz told the committee's board of directors that the USOC was prepared to move toward an outside testing program, pending a task force report at its next meeting in the spring of 1999.

The USOC is one of the few national Olympic groups that conducts its own drug tests, and Schultz and other officials have said repeatedly that it was important to set up an independent drug-testing agency to guarantee fairness and promote trust.

Compiled from staff and wire reports

5 tied after 1st round

By Jeff Rosen
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Last year's Budweiser 2-person Best Ball Tournament should have taken place on Father's Day, as dad-and-son teams Doyle and Mickey Dugger and Jim and Tony Purves tied for the win at Canyon Springs.

This year, with one 18-hole round of men's golf played Saturday at Canyon Springs and another on the block today at Twin Falls Muni, the Purveses will have to hang on for dear life and the Duggers must come from behind if either inches to repeat.

The Purveses ended play Saturday at 70, locked with two-man teams Kevin Holcomb and Arlon Earl, Glenn Blakely and Steve Studer, Jim Ochsner and Duane Schmeberger, and Tracy Frank and Terry Spackman in a five-way tie for the lead.

Frank and Spackman were the first to birdie twice through 18 holes on a canyon morning windy enough to blow sturdy fairway trees halfway to the ground.

"It wasn't too nice of a day," said Frank, who shot one-under-par on No. 1 and again on the par-4 No. 7, but surrendered a rare bogey on 4.

"The golfing was around the same. My driving was bad, and my irons were bad."

Spackman led the duo's attack on the back nine, birdieing back-to-back on the 10th and 11th holes. Both golfers made par but nothing more on Nos. 12-14 before bogeying par 3 No. 15. "It's a tough golf course," Spackman said. "I don't know if it was my game, or if it was the conditions."

Assistant course pro Rob Jones agreed it was the last.

"The golf course is playing tough," he said. "The wind and the fact that the trees are back makes it harder."

First to finish the course among the men Saturday were Aaron Curtis and Jason Hummel, who blitzed through the picturesque riverside links in slightly more than three hours.

Hummel and Curtis, who claimed the Fred's Best-Ball title with partner Jessie Hernandez and earlier destroyed Frank's Magic Valley Amateur champion, nailed a one-under 71 to trail the five-way logjam for first by a stroke entering the final round.

Hummel birdied No. 1 and Curtis parred No. 2 to start the day in the hunt, but then the duo stumbled, bogeying Nos. 4 and 5. Curtis birdied the 11th and



Aaron Curtis chips on the sixth green at Canyon Springs Golf Course during the Budweiser Best-Ball tournament Saturday.

13th holes to gain ground, but the pair managed no better than par the rest of the way.

At Twin Falls Muni, reigning Magic Valley Amateur ladies champion Virginia Urdhjem and Linda Fennen are at 3-under 69 heading into the women's final round today at Canyon Springs. Six back is the mother-daughter combination of Sharna and Jennie Robinson, while Chris Sterling and

Jackie Schell trail with 81.

Today's championship and first flights tee off at Twin Falls Muni in a staggered start, with first-flight golfers hitting the greens on tee times ranging from 9:11-10 a.m.; the championship group follows from 11:20 a.m. to 1:10 p.m.

Tee times at Canyon Springs today for men and women in the second through

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CSI keeps win streak alive at 72

The Times-News

CRYSTAL LAKE, Ill. — It's 42 and counting for the Golden Eagles of the College of Southern Idaho as the five-time defending champions claimed four more wins Saturday to improve their season record to 42-0 and their overall winning streak to 72 matches.

The top-ranked Golden Eagles defeated a host of McHenry County College 15-12, 15-4, to claim their third tournament championship of the season.

McHenry is ranked in the top 25 and did a good job scouting the Golden Eagles, according to CSI coach Ben Stroud.

"McHenry was a pretty scrappy team," Stroud said. "They kept us off balance in that first game until we got going."

The Golden Eagles got going behind sophomore Soraya Santos, who had 12 kills, and freshman Anna Popenko, who added nine.

"I thought everyone played well," Stroud said. "Soraya stood out the most, but everyone got a chance to play all weekend long and we were pretty loose."

"Now, we have to get back to work this week because I'm sure Ricks will be lying waiting for us."

Earlier Saturday, CSI beat Mott Community College 8-15, 15-6, 15-4 and Parkland College 15-7, 15-9 to advance to a semifinal against former NJCAA volleyball champion Kellogg Community College. The Golden Eagles destroyed Kellogg, 15-2, 15-2.

The Golden Eagles travel to Coeur d'Alene Thursday to take on North Idaho, before heading to Rexburg to play No. 8 Ricks College Saturday.

After those two games, CSI (8-0 in conference) will close its regular season with six home conference games. CSI is in the driver's seat to host next month's regional tournament, sitting two games ahead of second-place Utah Valley State College.



Atlanta's Steve Finley, left, is out at home as he collides with San Diego Padres catcher Jim Leyritz during Game 3 of the NLCS Saturday in San Diego. The Padres won the game 4-1, taking a commanding 3-0 lead in the best-of-seven series.

Padres are 1 win away

The Associated Press

SAN DIEGO — The San Diego Padres, just an afterthought to many entering this postseason, are one win away from a shocking upset of the Team of the '90s and their first World Series in 14 years.

Sterling Hitchcock's grittiness and clutch two-out RBI hits by Steve Finley and Ken Caminiti off Greg Maddux in the fifth inning inspired the Padres to a 4-1 win in the National League championship series over the Atlanta Braves Saturday afternoon.

No team has ever come back from a 3-0 deficit in the history of postseason play. The Padres, backed by a raucous crowd of 62,779 under a cloudless sky, will also be host to Game 4 this afternoon, and if necessary, Game 5 on Monday night.

"Whether or not you thought you'd be in this situation isn't important. We are," said Tony Gwynn, the only player to hit home runs in the World Series team in 1984. "Of course you want to try to finish it off at home. But that's a quality chub over there and it's not going to be easy."

Hitchcock has pitched two of the

biggest games in his career in the span of a week. He beat Randy Johnson and the Houston Astros 6-1 last Sunday as the Padres won the division series in four games, then beat Maddux, a four-time Cy Young winner.

Hitchcock allowed one run and three hits in five-plus innings, struck out six and walked five. Maddux allowed two runs and five hits in five innings, his shortest postseason outing since lasting just 3 1/3 innings with the Cubs in 1989. He struck out three and walked two. Maddux, a four-time Cy Young winner, has lost three straight NLCS starts and four of five.

Trevor Hoffman, the best closer in baseball this season, came on with the bases loaded and two out in the eighth and struck out pinch-hitter Javy Lopez on three pitches. Hoffman blew the save in Game 1 in Atlanta but got the win. Cox shook up his lineup, but it did little good. Braves' batters were 0-for-5 with the bases loaded, including one out situation in both the sixth and eighth innings. In all, the Braves left the bases loaded in three innings.

With the Padres trailing 1-0 and one

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Yankees crawl back into ALCS

The Associated Press

CLEVELAND — Back off the window ledges and stop dialing for help, Yankees fans: Your team has resurfaced in the AL championship series just in time.

New York was a loss away from putting its record-setting season in peril, but Orlando "El Duque" Hernandez pitched seven shutout innings, and the Yankees evened the best-of-7 ALCS at two games apiece Saturday night with a 4-0 win over Cleveland.

One day after the Indians hit four homers, and two games removed from Chuck Knoblauch's notorious Game 2 blunder, things are going the Yankees' way again.

"They're still not hitting like the team that dominated the AL since April, but the Yankees got only three hits but were aggressive on the bases and got some quality relief to back Hernandez.

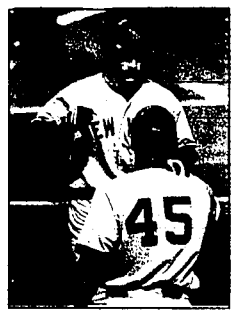
Even New York owner George Steinbrenner, who tried to fire up the Yankees with a pregame clubhouse visit, couldn't complain about anything on this night.

All the calls seemed to go New York's way. Second base umpire Jim McKean was involved in two plays, and although neither effected the outcome, they won't ease the scrutiny the men in blue have come under in the wake of the Knoblauch incident.

Hernandez, the Cuban rookie who said his biggest game before Saturday was getting on a boat to flee his homeland, gave up three hits in seven-plus innings, and Paul O'Neill homered for the Yankees, who with their 119th win broke the 1906 Chicago Cubs' record for most in a year.

Cleveland, which eliminated New York in the first round last October, missed a chance to push the Yankees closer to an early winter vacation. And now the defending AL champion Indians must deal with David Wells in Game 5 this afternoon. Win or lose, they'll have to go back to New York and face David Cone in Game 6 on Tuesday at Yankee Stadium.

Wells, who limited them to just five



New York Yankee Paul O'Neill is congratulated by teammate Chili Davis (45) after hitting a home run in the first inning of Game 4 of the ALCS in Cleveland Saturday.

hits in 8 1/3 innings to win the series opener, will face Chad Ogea.

Hernandez's brother, Livan, was the World Series MVP last year when Florida beat Cleveland in seven games. He's an early candidate for the same honor in this series after his 115-pitch performance. Protecting a three-run lead, he got out of a sticky two-out, one-strike situation in the sixth by striking out both Manny Ramirez and Jim Thome.

Reliever Mike Stanton got out the same predicament in the eighth by getting a double play.

Dwight Gooden, released by the Yankees last winter and resurrected in Cleveland this year, pitched well but was unable to give the Indians a commanding two-game lead in the season. The right-hander made his ninth postseason start, seeking his first October win.

Gooden, ejected after 22 pitches in his previous playoff start this year against Boston, lasted 4 2/3 innings this time. He allowed three hits, struck out three and walked three. However, he left trailing by three runs.

Leading 1-0 on O'Neill's homer in the first, the Yankees added two more runs in the fourth on a ground-rule RBI double by Chili Davis and a sacrifice fly by Tino Martinez.

Martinez finally broke an 0-for-19 ALCS slump with a double in the ninth and also got an RBI — his first in 15 career league championship games.

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SPORTS

Dodgers want Alou as next manager

SAN DIEGO (AP) — The managerial job of the Los Angeles Dodgers is there for the taking for Felipe Alou...

for the past 24 years in several capacities. He discussed the job and the financial package, said Malone, who was hired as the Dodgers' general manager five weeks ago...

NLCS

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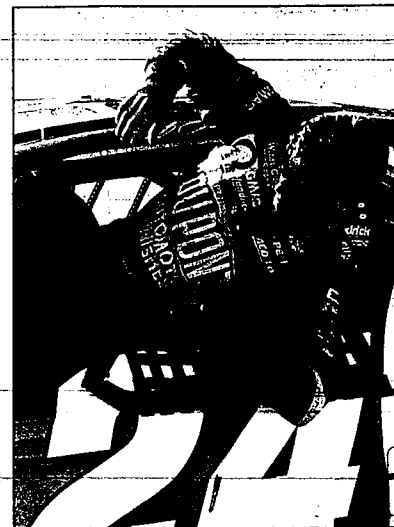
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Gordon hopes to finish off season in style

TALLADEGA, Ala. (AP) — You wouldn't think Jeff Gordon would have a lot to prove at this point. The 27-year-old wunderkind has won 39 races and two championships in six seasons, and is well on the way to another Winston Cup title.



NASCAR driver and Winston Cup points leader Jeff Gordon of Pittsburgh, Ind., climbs out of his car at the Talladega Superspeedway after his qualifying attempt for the Winston 500 Friday in Talladega, Ala. Gordon is trying to win \$1 million with a victory at Talladega as one of five drivers eligible to do so.

Gordon has a string of 15 consecutive top-five finishes. If he continues to run that well, there's no way to see him slipping 11 top-fives in 12 races — can't catch him. "I don't really expect to catch him," said Martin, who has won two of the last three weeks. "He doesn't really need to win races to win the championship, and I can win all the rest of them and not win it."

Heading into Winston 500 today at Talladega Superspeedway, Gordon owns a 174-point lead over Mark Martin, the only driver with a legitimate chance to keep him from winning his second-straight series crown and third in four years.

So, taking a lesson from history, Gordon and crew chief Ray Everham have decided to roll the dice a little bit this year. It seems like the other guys have brought out new cars and everything they could at the end of the season," Gordon said.

fairly new car last weekend at Charlotte. "We want to win a race in October and November right now as bad as anybody else, especially as well as Mark is running," Gordon said. "We can't afford to not run well and not bring the best stuff we can or he's going to wear us out."

Steele wins race; Kimmel clinches ARCA title

TALLADEGA, Ala. (AP) — Tim Steele drove from third to first with one momentous pass Saturday, then went on to a victory in the ARCA World 300 at Talladega Superspeedway.

By the time the cars emerged from the fourth turn, Steele's Ford was in command. Fedewa crashed after blowing a tire on lap 101, and Hutter came just two car-lengths short as Steele grabbed a record 20th superspeedway victory and his 34th career ARCA stock car win.

Coopersville, Mich., started from the pole and led three times for 74 laps, averaging 119.925 mph in the race slowed by six caution periods for 41 laps. It was his fourth Talladega win, tying him for second in the ARCA record book with Dave Allison and just one victory behind Grand Axton.

back into contention. Frank Kimmel finished seventh, clinching his first ARCA Bando/Mar-Hyde Series championship. His closest rival in the points race, Mark Gibson, crashed hard on lap 27. Gibson, who sustained a broken left hand, a bruised chest and a broken or sprained left ankle, was taken to a Birmingham hospital for further examination.

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SPORTS

Aggies halt Cornhuskers' win streak

The Associated Press

Two significant streaks came to an end Saturday at College Station, Texas.

Nebraska's 19-game winning streak was snapped by Texas A&M, which beat the second-ranked Cornhuskers 28-21 in its first victory over a Top 10 team since 1975.

Sedrick Curry's interception with 59 seconds left stopped Nebraska's final drive, ended the nation's longest major-college winning streak and handed Huskers coach Frank Solich his first loss since replacing Tom Osborne.

Top 25 college football

"We're down and hurt right now," Solich said. "We're not accustomed to taking a loss."

Nebraska, which has won or shared three of the last four national titles, lost for just the fourth time in 69 games and suffered its first defeat since a 37-27 loss to Texas in the Big 12 championship game in 1989.

No. 15 Texas A&M ended a nine-game losing streak against Top 10 teams by beating Nebraska (5-1, 1-1 Big 12) at its own ground game.

The Huskers were outscored 259-141 by the Aggies (5-1, 2-0). Two A&M runners pained over 100 yards - Dante Hall with 113 and Jay-Mar Tombs with 110.

"We've been so close so many times to beating Top 10 teams like Florida State and UCLA," offensive lineman Cameron Spikes said. "This and we didn't shoot ourselves in the foot."

Nebraska, which beat A&M 14-14 last December in the Big 12 title game, fell behind 28-7 in the fourth quarter before rallying. But the comeback fell short when Curry intercepted a pass by Bobby Newcombe.



Texas A&M's Cornelius Anthony stacks Nebraska quarterback Bobby Newcombe for a loss during the first quarter of Saturday's game in College Station, Texas.

No. 5 Kansas St. 15.

No. 14 Colorado 9.

At Boulder, Colo., Eric Edelman ran for 125 yards, Matt Gammon kicked three field goals and Kansas State without a late comeback rally to win its 33rd straight game. The Wildcats (9-0, 0-0 Big 12) led 19-0 early in the fourth quarter, but the comeback fell short when Curry intercepted a pass by Bobby Newcombe.

No. 13 Penn St. 27.

Minnesota 17

At Minneapolis, Penn State broke open a drive game with Corey Jones' 45-yard TD catch in the third quarter. Minnesota (4-1, 1-1 Big Ten), which rallied to beat Minnesota by a point last week, got a career best four solid goals from Travis Forner and went back from his defense against Minnesota. 32-0-2.

No. 6 Florida 22.

No. 11 LSU 10

At Gainesville, Fla., receiver Travis McClain ran a 100-yard drive. Drew Johnson and drove a 40-yard TD pass to Travis Taylor for the dramatic score. The victory snapped Florida's 11-game losing streak. Miami (4-1, 0-0 SEC) won its second Florida State quarterback in 14 years to beat Miami 5-0 in the Orange Bowl, drawing for 260 yards and two TDs.

No. 15 Oregon 51.

Washington St. 29

At Pullman, Wash., Reuben Brown rushed for 217 yards and scored four touchdowns as Oregon trounced Washington State. Matt Smith, the nation's leading passer, was 15-of-22 for 380 yards and three touchdowns for Oregon (5-0, 2-0 Pac 10). Washington State (3-3, 0-1) had an eight game home winning streak broken.

No. 8 Florida St. 25.

Miami 14

At Miami, Peter Warren caught a 60-yard scoring pass and set up another touchdown with a 50-yard run. Warren's 100-yard performance was the first 100-yard game for the Hurricanes since the second Florida State quarterback in 14 years to beat Miami 5-0 in the Orange Bowl, drawing for 260 yards and two TDs.

No. 16 West Virginia 37.

Temple 7

At Philadelphia, backup Alvin Swaine rushed for a career-high 141 yards and two touchdowns - all in the first half - as West Virginia won its Big East opener without star James Zerume. Zerume, the league's second-leading passer, didn't play because of a cramped thigh. But the Mountaineers (+1, 1-0) didn't miss him against winless Temple. 65-7.

California 32, No. 19 Southern California 31.

At Los Angeles, Marcus E. Fields scored on a 3-yard run with 3:30 left in the third quarter as California overcame a 21-point, second-half deficit. Southern California (4-2, 2-1 Pac 10) led 31-0 in the third quarter but Cal (4-1, 2-0) scored 16 points in a five-minute span over the end of the first and start of the fourth to rally for only its second win in the Coliseum since 1970.

No. 20 Arkansas 23, Memphis 9

At Memphis, Clint Stoerner made up for a poor first half with a 52-yard TD pass to Michael Williams early in the third quarter as Arkansas (5-0) beat Memphis (0-5). The Razorbacks led 13-3 at the half even though Stoerner was intercepted by 11 of 29 passes. His third straight completion of the second half led to good for Williams' first career touchdown.

No. 21 Missouri 35, Iowa St. 19

At Ames, Iowa, Devin West ran for 252 yards and Corby Jones accounted for three scores despite a sore knee. Missouri (4-1, 2-0 Big 12) capitalized on a muffed punt and an interception for touchdowns and hurt Iowa State (2-4, 0-3) on Jones' opening play in the first quarter, whose rushing total was the second-best in Missouri history.

No. 22 Notre Dame 28, Arizona St. 9

At Tempe, Ariz., Autry Benson scored on a blocked punt for 1 yard runs and A'Jani Sanders returned one of three Notre Dame interceptions 25 yards for another score. Jarrett Jackson threw a 7-yard TD pass to Malcolm Johnson for the Irish (+1). Arizona State (2-4) was limited to a 22-yard field goal by Steven Baker and J.R. Redmond's 15-yard TD run.

Georgia Tech 47, No. 23 N.C. State 24

At Raleigh, N.C., Jason Bostic scored on a blocked punt and fumble return and Joe Hamilton added three touchdowns as Georgia Tech used a 26-point second quarter to beat North Carolina State. The Yellow Jackets (4-1, 3-0 ACC) moved into a tie for the league lead with No. 9 Virginia. N.C. State (2-4, 1-1), which has beaten North Carolina State and Syracuse this season, had trouble with its special teams.

No. 24 Syracuse 63, Cincinnati 21

At Syracuse, N.Y., Donovan McMillen threw four TD passes in the first half, including two to Kevin Johnson, as the Orangemen beat winless Cincinnati. Syracuse (3-2), coming off a 38-17 loss at North Carolina State, scored in its first five possessions to build a 35-7 halftime lead against the Bengals (0-6).



Idaho's Jeffery Townsley celebrates after catching the ball with one hand for a touchdown Saturday in Jonesboro, Ark.

Robertson, Vandals fly past Arkansas St.

Idaho quarterback throws for 345 yards

JONESBORO, Ark. (AP) - Junior College transfer Greg Robertson tied a school record by throwing six touchdown passes - two each to Ryan Prestonimo and Mike Roberts - to lead Idaho to a 52-14 victory over Arkansas State on Saturday.

The Vandals (4-2) scored 42 straight points after Arkansas State (0-5) took a 7-0 lead in the second quarter on Jacquies Walker's 16-yard run. In just his second start, Robertson threw TD passes of 9 yards to Ethan Jones, 8 yards to Roberts and 23 to Jeffery Townsley to put Idaho up 21-7 by halftime. In the third period, Prestonimo scored on plays covering 7 yards and 44 yards, and Roberts scored again on a 4-yard pass.

The Vandals' third-string quarterback entering the season, Robertson matched the school mark for touchdown passes in a game last accomplished by Doug Kuskusmer in 1993. Robertson finished 25-of-40 for 345 yards and three interceptions. Joel Thomas rushed for 138 yards and a touchdown on 23 carries for Idaho, which has rebounded from consecutive defeats, including a 50-23 pounding at the hands of 12th-ranked Oklahoma State, to outscore opponents 104-17 the last two weeks.

Walker rushed for 50 yards and scored on a 4-yard run from Cleo Lemon in the third quarter. Lemon completed only 13-of-34 passes for 172 yards, while six Arkansas State ball carriers managed just 64 yards on 26 carries. The Vandals improved to 2-0 in the all-time series. The Indians, who went 9-23-1 in the Big West from 1993 to 1995, return to the conference next season.

No. 1 Ohio St. 41, Illinois 0

At Champaign, Ill., Joe Geromino threw for 307 yards and three touchdowns. Ohio State (3-0, 2-0 Big Ten) shut out Illinois. The Buckeyes' defense scored a touchdown, kept constant pressure on Illinois quarterback Curt Knepper and limited Illinois (2-4, 1-2) to 57 yards rushing.

No. 4 Tennessee 22, No. 7 Georgia 3

At Athens, Ga., Martin threw two 3-yard TD passes in the third quarter and Tennessee's defense shut down Georgia. The Bulldogs' defense scored a touchdown, kept constant pressure on Tennessee's top 25 opponent, the Volunteers played without injured running back James Lewis, who gained 232 yards against Georgia last year.

Utah State coach blames himself for loss

SEATTLE (AP) - Dave Arslanian blamed himself. "I must be a lousy football coach," Utah State's first-year coach said after the Washington Huskies defeated the Aggies 53-12 on Saturday. "I've never seen that bad of a performance...I apologize, especially to the Huskies, for being the inept opponent we were today."

Regional scores table with columns for game, score, and location. Includes games like Nebraska vs Texas A&M, Kansas State vs Colorado, Penn State vs Minnesota, etc.

West college football

Marques Tuiasosopo, starting in place of injured quarterback Brock Haard, ran for two touchdowns and passed for another for Washington (8-2). The Aggies tied a school record with 19 penalties, had five turnovers and allowed a Washington State record 13 safes. "It was kind of a shock at attacking meal," said Huskies linebacker Todd Johnson, who has 117 sacks. Tuiasosopo scored on runs of 1 and 9 yards in the first half when the Huskies took a 29-0 lead en route to ending a two-game losing streak. The sophomore quarterback also had a 15-yard scoring pass to Dane Leonard in the third quarter when the Huskies went ahead 53-0.

with 46 seconds left when the league opener for the Aggies 33-14, who squandered a 28-3 first-quarter lead and came from behind to win three times in the second half. Neill, a freshman making his first home start, completed 21 of 57 passes, threw five touchdowns and broke the Big West record for 564 yards set by Patrick's Troy Epler in 1989.

Montana St. 10, Weber St. 7

OXFORD, Utah - Noel Falkner intercepted one of four Weber State passes just 54 seconds into the game and returned it 24 yards for a touchdown to lead Montana State to a 10-7 victory at Saffery. The interconference early in the game set the pace in a defensive struggle for the Wildcats (5-0, 3-1 in the Big Sky Conference). Montana State (4-0, 3-0) secured the win with four touchdowns led by the name of Weber State's Scott Stambaugh in the 11th quarter.

field goal attempt to tie it up and force overtime. But the snap was bad and hold-off John Farvel had to throw a 30-yard pass to Santos Carrillo who was tackled at the six-yard line as the game ended.

Utah 49, St. Mary's 0

CEDAR CITY, Utah - Freshman Rod Midsen ran for three first-half touchdowns as Southern Utah snapped a three-game losing streak with a 49-0 victory over St. Mary's on Saturday. The Thunderbirds (2-3) racked up 513 total yards of offense, including 495 on the ground and were despite five turnovers. The Cougars, however, lost six fumbles and threw four interceptions. Sophomore Matt Cannon added two scoring runs for Southern Utah, which was 36-0 at home in its first win over St. Mary's in three years. The Thunderbirds held the Cougars to minus 29 rushing yards, the second-best effort in school history, and just 17 total yards. Midsen finished with 175 yards

Brigham Young 38, UNLV 14

PROVO, Utah - Kevin Feterik threw for 319 yards and two touchdowns and Junior Mike ran for a pair of scores as Brigham Young trounced UNLV 38-14 on Saturday. Feterik also may have won the Cougars' quarterback derby by default after Drew Miller left the game with a separated shoulder. Feterik led the Cougars on three scoring drives in the second half. The UNLV offense was almost completely unable to move the ball against the Cougars. Brigham Young (3-1, 1-1 Western Athletic Conference) held the Rebels (0-6, 0-2 WAC) to 13 yards of total offense.

E. Washington 42, W. Washington 19

CHEWY, Wash. - Running back Mike McKenzie and Jovan Griffith rushed for 264 yards and three touchdowns to lead Eastern Washington to a 42-19 victory over Western Washington on Saturday. McKenzie scored the opening touchdown on a 10-yard run on the Eagles' second possession of the game. The Vikings evened the score early in the second quarter, but Bashir Livingston added an 83-yard punt return touchdown to put the Eagles ahead again.

Soth Burford after the Bengals completed his first eight touchdowns only one first down and 95 total yards in the first half. McCarthy completed 12 of 26 passes for 167 yards but was intercepted twice by a Northern Arizona defense that also notched six sacks.

Northern Arizona heats up, shuts down Bengals

FLAGSTAFF, Ariz. (AP) - Tavon Cooper rushed for two touchdowns and Travis Brown made a triumphant return at quarterback as Northern Arizona beat Idaho State 30-7 Saturday night. Brown, who missed the last three games with a dislocated left elbow on his non-throwing arm, completed his first eight touchdowns including a 24-yard touchdown strike to Justin Yuille for a 16-0 lead nine minutes before halftime.

The win ended a five-game conference losing streak for the Lumberjacks that started with last season's 41-24 loss to Idaho State in Pocatello. Coach Jerome Souers started Dave Moran again at quarterback and he led Northern Arizona to an early 9-0 lead on Cooper's 1-yard run 3:42 into the game and Mike Goldstein's 35-yard field goal with 6:47 left in the first quarter. After Brown threw his TD pass to Yuille, Jones made a 3-0 when he kicked up the ball after teammate Afa Faraimo's block and rambled into the end zone 4:23 into the second half. Cooper's second score made it 30-0 with 4:30 remaining in the third quarter.

Cooper scored on runs of 1 and 35 yards for the Lumberjacks (4-2, 1-2 Big Sky), who also got a 31-yard touchdown by Cedric Jones on a return of a blocked punt. Idaho State (1-4, 1-2) avoided a shutout on Kevin McCarthy's 13-yard scoring pass to Jeff Davoport with 14:29 remaining. McCarthy took over for starter Soth Burford after the Bengals managed only one first down and 95 total yards in the first half. McCarthy completed 12 of 26 passes for 167 yards but was intercepted twice by a Northern Arizona defense that also notched six sacks.

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BSU leads early, loses late

BOISE (AP) - The University of North Texas scored two touchdowns in the fourth quarter Saturday for a come-from-behind win over Boise State, 21-13. Brian Waters caught a 27-yard pass from Jason Antwine to open the quarter, giving UNT its first lead of the game at 14-3. With less than two minutes left, Tubby Coleman scored his second touchdown of the game to put it out of reach.

At one point, Boise State (3-3) led 10-0, on a 21-yard field goal by Todd Belcastro and a 15-yard pass from Nate Spivey to Shaunard Harris with 1:55 left in the first half. UNT got on the board just before halftime as Coleman ran for 274 yards and two touchdowns in the third quarter as Boise State topped the lead to 14-13.

Matadors toss cape over Grizzlies

LOS ANGELES (AP) - Freshman Marcus Bradly threw for 274 yards and two touchdowns to lead Cal State Northridge to a 21-7 victory over Montana on Saturday, the Matadors' first win over the Grizzlies in school history. It was the ninth consecutive home win for Northridge (4-1, 3-0), which also set a school record with its seventh straight home conference win. With 4:52 to play, Brady completed his second touchdown pass for 274 yards and two touchdowns to lead Cal State Northridge to a 21-7 victory over Montana on Saturday, the Matadors' first win over the Grizzlies in school history. It was the ninth consecutive home win for Northridge (4-1, 3-0), which also set a school record with its seventh straight home conference win.

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The NFL pits: Teams struggle for mediocrity

The Associated Press

The winning members of the NFL look around the league these days and count their blessings for the truly winning teams.

While the NFL has long craved credit, it never has been as far from that goal as this season.

There are the elite, from defending champion Denver to Green Bay to Minnesota to San Francisco. Just below them are Jacksonville, Pittsburgh, New England and Kansas City, all seemingly capable of something very special.

The drop-off is substantial after that, particularly in the NFC. Panthers, Chargers and Rams just don't have the talent or the coaching to be much better.

"Talent doesn't mean a whole lot if you don't put the effort out," says Redskins linebacker Marcia Patton, who played on four Super Bowl teams with Buffalo.

SFL power, even at 3-1. If the Falcons, also 3-1, beat teams at their level or just below, they should win at least 10 games.

Dallas (3-2) already is 3-0 in division without having played hapless Philadelphia, and has won at New York and Washington. The Cowboys don't play another team currently with a winning record until Nov. 22, and they finish with the Redskins and Eagles.

Tampa Bay (2-3), which hasn't played a solid 60 minutes all season, still has an excellent shot at a turnaround if it simply beats the have-nots such as Carolina, Cincinnati, Tennessee, Washington, Chicago and Detroit.

Some of the wickedly poor teams have earned their standing on merit. The Redskins, Eagles, Colts, Panthers, Chargers and Rams just don't have the talent or the coaching to be much better.

"We're not making some of the plays that we could be making,"

Not making nearly all the plays is more like it. If the Skins don't make enough of them today at Philadelphia in what is being dubbed the "Paper Bag Bowl," coach Norv Turner could be out of a job.

Then again, if the Eagles lose that game, it could be coach Ray Rhodes out on the street.

"How can it be any worse than what it is right now?" Rhodes says. "I mean, it's bad, man."

How bad? The Eagles have been outscored 137-52 and rank 25th on offense and 23rd on defense. They're next to last in turnover differential (minus-6). But Washington is worse, outscored 169-74 and with a minus-11 turnover margin.

There are the underachievers from Detroit, Tennessee, Cincinnati and Arizona, which have enough skilled players to contend.

The Lions (1-4) have made so many silly mistakes that even Barry Sanders can't overcome them. The Oilers (1-3) still haven't made themselves at home in Tennessee. The Bengals (1-3) can't shake their habit of bad starts, and the Cardinals (2-3) lack maturity.

"You can only hear we are a good team so many times," Oilers

linebacker Joe Bowden says. "You know you're a good team, but we're just not finishing what we started. This is kind of hard to swallow each and every week."

One team that's 1-4 has distinguished itself for its diligence in the midst of such wretched results. The Chicago Bears led at halftime in all four of their losses before falling apart. And they stuck together when down by 17 points against Detroit, rallying for their first win.

"The guys know what you've got to do to win a game at the end and close the door, but I think it gives everybody a better feeling when you actually do it," coach Dave Wannstedt says. "To overcome that and be able to score and shut a team down, I don't care who you're playing, you're doing some awful good things."

Mostly, these tail-enders are doing awful things. But unfortunately for all the bad teams that will be competing for draft position in December, the No. 1 pick already belongs to expansion Cleveland.

So, even if the Eagles or Redskins or Panthers don't win at all, or if one of the big dogs winds up 1-15, well, tough.

"I'm not going to say anything's rock bottom," Rhodes says.



Philadelphia Eagles head coach Ray Rhodes watches his struggling team play the Atlanta Falcons in the first half at Atlanta Sept. 13. "How can it be any worse than what it is right now?" Rhodes asks. "I mean, it's bad, man." The coach vows his team, 0-5 currently, will win.



Washington Redskins head coach Norv Turner walks solemnly along the sidelines during the first moments of the Redskins' 21-17 loss to the NFC East rival Dallas Cowboys last weekend. The loss dropped the Skins record to a low 1-5 mark for the year. Turner was a former coach for the Cowboys.

Intriguing matchups in Week 6: Divisional rivalries are plentiful

The Chicago Tribune

Washington at Philadelphia

Line: Redskins by 2 1/2. Last meeting: Redskins won, 20-17, in Washington on Dec. 21, 1997.

Key stat: Eagles have won nine of last 11 games in the Redskins.

Worth watching: Rodney Peete returns Bobby Haynes as starting back for the useless Eagles. Brent Green remains at quarterback for the useless Redskins.

Outlook: Don't look. Eagles figured to be bad, but Redskins are one of the league's biggest disappointments. At least the Eagles are at home.

Chicago at Arizona

Line: Cardinals by 3. Last meeting: Bears won, 22-16, at Arizona on Nov. 2, 1994.

Key stat: Bears offense, No. 17 in the NFL last season, is fourth.

Worth watching: Guess who's seventh in the NFL on passing, with seven touchdowns and 10 interceptions? Bears' Eric Kramer. Arizona's Larry Centers leads NFL in sacks with 24.

Outlook: After big games against Detroit and Minnesota, Bears' offense stayed up to meet competition - Cardinals' defense is ninth in the league. Bears must keep improving blockers. Andy Wadsworth and Simeon Rice.

Buffalo at Indianapolis

Line: Bills by 2 1/2. Last meeting: Bills won, 56-6, at Indianapolis on Oct. 25, 1997.

Key stat: Bills have won five of their last six against Colts.

Worth watching: Buffalo's Bruce Smith is still a factor at age 35 - he had a sack and applied constant pressure in last week's upset of San Francisco. Colts running back Marshall Faulk - he leads NFL with 125 carries, but is averaging only 3 1/2 yards.

Outlook: Both teams came in on a high after emotional victories - Colts got first win of the season at expense of Chargers while Bills stunned San Francisco Colts had a rough week - Justin DeLoach and Dan Foreman fail the season with knee surgery.

Carolina at Dallas

Line: Cowboys by 6 1/2. Last meeting: Panthers won, 23-13, at Dallas on Dec. 5, 1997.

Key stat: The Cowboys' No. 7 ranked offense vs. Panthers' No. 27-ranked defense.

Worth watching: Carolina wide receiver Mahan Muhammad is averaging 20.3 yards per catch, with three TDs, sending his 17 receptions. Dallas quarterback Jason Garrett has a career record of 41 as a starter.

Kansas City at New England

Line: Patriots by 3. Last meeting: Chiefs won, 32-28, at Kansas City on Oct. 15, 1997.

Key stat: New England has won 14 of its last 25 at home.

Worth watching: Kansas City quarterback Elton John is the starting lineup after injuring Charles in a season-opening game. Patriots rookie running back Robert Edwards averages 4.2 yards per carry for Seattle.

Outlook: For a change, the schedule offers an interdivisional game between two playoff teams. Chiefs lead Patriots with the No. 1-ranked defense, led by Derrick Thomas seven sacks.

Pittsburgh at Cincinnati

Line: Steelers by 2 1/2. Last meeting: Steelers won, 20-14, at Cincinnati on Nov. 26, 1997.

Key stat: Steelers have won four of last five in Bengals.

Worth watching: Pittsburgh's Jerome Simpson averages 42 yards per catch, with 10 touchdowns and 10 interceptions. Cincinnati's Carl Pickens has 51 catches in his last seven games.

Outlook: Steelers are one of the NFL's best - going to their record-breaking status as quarterback Kevin Stewart continues to struggle.

San Francisco at New Orleans

Line: 49ers by 12. Last meeting: 49ers won, 22-0, at New Orleans on Oct. 26, 1997.

Key stat: San Francisco's No. 1 offense vs. New Orleans No. 26 defense.

Worth watching: San Francisco's Steve Young, already the first player to pass for 300 yards and three TDs in four straight games, can be Joe Montana's 1987 record five straight 300-yard games.

Outlook: Does anyone really believe the 49ers will lose two in a row - to the Bills and the Saints? Saints played a superior New England team caught last week before being up at a late field goal.

St. Louis at Oakland

Line: Raiders by 5. Last meeting: Raiders won, 39-13, at St. Louis on Nov. 16, 1997.

Key stat: Oakland's No. 5 defense vs. St. Louis' No. 23 offense.

Worth watching: Raiders go with quarterback Donald Hollis in place of injured Jeff George, who could miss several weeks with a groin injury. Chargers rookie Ryan Leaf has only one touchdown pass and nine interceptions.

Worth watching: The amazing season of Denver's Terrell Davis continues. With a league-leading 657 yards, he's on a pace for 2,102, just short of Eric Dickerson's record of 2,105 in 1984. Ricky Walters averages a modest 4.1 yards per carry for Seattle.

Outlook: A few weeks ago, this appeared to be a game the Broncos could lose. But after starting 3-0, Seahawks have been unable to beat quality opposition (Pittsburgh, Kansas City).

Brussels by 6.

N.Y. Jets at St. Louis

Line: Jets by 3 1/2. Last meeting: Rams won, 23-20, at New York on Dec. 3, 1995.

Key stat: Rams have lost eight straight at home.

Worth watching: Jets receiver Keyshawn Johnson is second in NFL with five touchdown receptions.

Outlook: St. Louis has home-ownership advantage, just the type of environment a Bill Parcells-coached team figures to take advantage of.

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Outlook: Under rookie coach Jon Gruden, Raiders have shown signs that they may be contenders for a playoff berth again.

Atlanta at N.Y. Giants

Line: Giants by 2 1/2. Last meeting: Giants won, 23-16, at Atlanta on Oct. 23, 1998.

Key stat: Giants are 7-1 at home under coach Jim Fassel.

Worth watching: New York needs a big pass rush from Mike Strahan (six sacks). Atlanta's Tim Anderson averaging 4.4 yards per carry.

Outlook: Although Giants are tough at home, Atlanta's No. 2-ranked run defense should set the tone.

Falcons by 3.

Hard labor revitalizes QB's career

Randall Cunningham has had highs and lows throughout his career

The Associated Press

Somewhere between Philadelphia and obscurity, Randall Cunningham found himself in a piece of granite.

In the religious and introspective way Cunningham has come to see life since he retired from the Eagles after the 1995 season, he was the thick slab of stone: roughly hewn at the start, shiny after years of hard work and patience.

That's how Cunningham ditched the me-first attitude that defined his 11 years in Philadelphia. It was during his labor-intensive year of retirement in 1996, when he owned his own marble and granite business in Lake View, that Cunningham found the humility and inner peace that have helped him lead the Minnesota Vikings to the top of the NFL.

"It was during that stuff up, and it looks real good," Cunningham said. "So when you go through tough times in life - and I've gone through tough times - when you come out of it, it looks good. It's just glad I'm able to understand that now."

The results are obvious. After an inconsistent five-game stint in 1997, Cunningham has



Minnesota Vikings backup quarterback Randall Cunningham is hit by the Green Bay Packers' Gilbert Brown as he throws a pass in the first quarter Monday Oct. 5 in Green Bay. Cunningham threw for 442 yards and 4 TDs in the Vikings' 37-24 victory.

been awesome since Brad Johnson broke his leg against St. Louis in Week 2.

The 35-year-old Cunningham threw the winning TD pass in the final minutes against the Rams and is 3-0 as a starter. He has been named the NFC Offensive Player of the Week two weeks in a row, the first time since he started with the Vikings in 1984.

And his latest game probably was his best ever. On Monday night at soggy, sold-out Lambeau Field, Cunningham threw for 442 yards and four touchdowns against Green Bay, two of them to wunderkind Randy Moss.

"The Packers hadn't lost at home in a regular-season game or in the playoffs since the 1995 opener, and no one had ever thrown for more yards against them."

"It was an overwhelming experience," Cunningham said. "I'm just very happy playing now and grateful I have a great offensive line and guys who will come down with the ball when I throw it up there."

Cunningham not only is the NFL's leading passer with a 127.8 rating to go with 10 TDs and no interceptions, he also is perhaps the biggest reason the Vikings (5-0) entered their bye week as the only unbeaten team in the NFC.

He has become a more complete quarterback than he ever was in Philadelphia and he no longer has the selfish attitude that tarnished his reputation there.

"In fairness to a lot of the other coaches and situations he's been in, I think I have the good fortune of dealing with a different Randall Cunningham than they had," said Vikings offensive coordinator Brian Billick.

Battle of elder statesmen at QB: Elway returns, Moon may play

SEATTLE (AP) - John Elway came back to win another Super Bowl on the field, not to stand on the sidelines and watch Bubby Brister quarterback the Denver Broncos.

That's not his idea of having a good time.

"I've been very lucky in my 16 years in the fact that I haven't had very many injuries," Elway said. "I came back to play. It's no fun being hurt. It's frustrating being hurt."

Elway sidelined in Weeks 4-5 with hamstring and back injuries, is expected in the lineup for the Broncos (5-0) when they face the Seattle Seahawks (3-2) today in the Kingdom.

The Broncos, who beat the Green Bay Packers in last season's Super Bowl, are looking to hand Seattle its third consecutive defeat.

With Brister in place of Elway, Denver won 38-16 at Washington and 41-16 over Philadelphia at Mile High Stadium.

First, Elway left against Oakland in Week 3 with a hamstring injury, and Denver won 34-17. Then, he hurt his lower back lifting weights. He's missed 12 games in his NFL career because of injuries.

This week, he was feeling better and back at practice as the Broncos listed Elway as probable. "I want to get back and play,"



said Elway, 38, who thought long and hard about retiring during the offseason. "That's why I came back."

Before his injuries, Elway was 44-for-66 (66.7 percent) for 596 yards and four touchdowns with no interceptions, a 115.5 quarterback rating.

"I was playing as good as I've ever played," he said. "I was really excited about the way I was playing. To get set back is disappointing."

Of course, the Seahawks would rather face Brister.

"Him playing without pain gives me a pain," Seattle coach Dennis Erickson said of Elway.

It's never thinking when John announced he wasn't going to retire. "Darn, he's coming back for a year," said cornerback Shawn Springs, who surrendered two touchdowns to Elway and Ed McCaffrey in a 35-14 home loss to Denver last season.

Elway might will be matched against an old rival in Seahawks backup quarterback Warren Moon, 41. Moon, suffered a cracked rib in Kansas City last Sunday night, but he was feeling better this week, albeit listed as question-

able against the Broncos.

Elway and Moon rank 2-3 in the NFL in career yards passing behind Dan Marino.

The Seahawks started off 3-0, but stumbled in Pittsburgh 13-10, when they had four turnovers, and then watched their offense

drown in Kansas City, where they lost 17-6. Seattle has scored one touchdown in two weeks and needs a big effort vs. Denver to establish some credibility. The three wins were over teams with combined 21-3 marks.

"You can take the Kansas City game in that monsoon and throw that game out," Shanahan said. "We know the type of offensive explosiveness they have and I think they have better personnel this year."

If the Seahawks are going to beat Denver for the first time since 1995, they need some touchdowns from the offense, and they have to stop Terrell Davis.

Davis was the Super Bowl MVP last January, rushing for 157 yards and three touchdowns against the Packers. He leads the league in rushing this season with 657 yards, with three 100-yard games.

Erickson will give more playing time to 11-year veteran Brian Blades, who has been used sparingly as the team's No. 4 receiver. He has four catches this year, 570 in his career.

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Jack Nicklaus bends over and grabs his left leg after hitting a tee shot on the driving range during practice for the U.S. Senior Open at the Riviera Country Club in Los Angeles in this July 22 photo. Each step Nicklaus takes is a painful reminder that his ailing hip may prevent him from playing next year. Nicklaus, 58, has had many examinations by his orthopedic surgeon on his hip and knee, but surgery may end his professional career, he says.

'Golden Bear' at crossroads: Ailing hip, troubled empire crumbling

The Associated Press

Jack Nicklaus was getting tired.

Walking 10 miles through the Arizona mountains bow-hunting elk last week was no problem. He also can spend an hour on the driving range without pain in his hip or creaks in the rest of his 58-year-old bones.

"I can hit golf balls all I want. And I can walk," he said. "But the two of them — they don't like each other."

Still, Nicklaus is always up to the challenge — 227 yards to the flag on the 16th hole, a slight breeze in his face and the flag positioned back left, guarded by a deep bunker.

He was playing alone and in pain in the ceremonial first round at Grand Haven, his newest course.

But satisfaction came in knowing that Nicklaus Design is thriving — 164 golf courses worldwide, 56 others under construction.

And it momentarily took his mind off the public portion of his business empire, which is in shambles.

At times, Nicklaus looks like he can conquer the world, as he almost did at the Masters six months ago when he made yet another Sunday charge up the leaderboard before finishing sixth, two strokes ahead of Tiger Woods.

And yet, to see him hobble to the cart is a painful reminder why he ended his record run in the majors — 146 in a row, 154 for which he was eligible — and why he won't play another competitive round this year.

In golf and business, Nicklaus has seen both ends of the spectrum in 1998.

"I've had a fair year playing golf, and I've had bad things at the end of the year," he said. "One of my businesses is the best it has ever been and one is the worst it could ever be. I've had a lot of good things and a lot of terrible things. But it's all



'I can hit golf balls all I want. And I can walk.'

But the two of them — they don't like each other.

— Jack Nicklaus, on his future in the sport

part of life."

And once again, Nicklaus is in dire need of one of his trademark comebacks.

"We're going to survive this," he said. "People don't think we are, but we'll survive it and we'll move on."

It is hard not to believe him because Nicklaus always finds a way.

He got one of his 70 victories on the PGA Tour by closing with five straight birdies to win by a stroke at the 1978 Inverrary Classic. One of his 18 majors came at the 1975 Masters, when he somehow sank a 40-foot putt on the 70th hole.

"Jack knew he was going to beat you," Tom Weiskopf once said. "You knew Jack was going to beat you. And Jack knew that you knew he was going to beat you."

Only the task is a little tougher this time, and it will take much more than simply pulling a 1-iron from the bag and knocking down the stick on the 17th at Pebble Beach.

Golf World magazine last month and the November issue of Golf Digest, which hits the newsstands Monday, reveal a pattern of business problems for Nicklaus.

The last time Nicklaus faced a financial burden — he racked up about \$150 million in debt in the mid-1980s, according to Golf

World — he escaped with help from his incredible win at the 1986 Masters.

But along with his business, Nicklaus also is in the middle of a health crisis.

His deteriorating left hip is one reason he decided to back out of his remaining commitments this year — a Shell's Wonderful World of Golf match Oct. 28 against Gary Player, the Shark Shootout in November and the Three-Tour Challenge.

"I couldn't have walked today," Nicklaus said after his round at Grand Haven. "To go play some place — I don't want to present myself on television when I'm not able to play."

Hip replacement surgery is not in the forecast. At least not yet.

Dr. Peter Egoescu has prescribed a rigorous exercise routine designed to strengthen muscles.

In one of them, Nicklaus sits in a chair with his hands behind his back and a block between his legs, then tries to stand up without moving forward.

"I think I should do what he thinks I should do," Nicklaus said. "I'll be tough. I'm not 25 anymore. But I've never been afraid of work and exercise."

If he feels the muscles in his hip and lower back region are stronger, he won't need surgery. If not, he'll have the hip replacement and hope he recovers by 2000, which probably will be his farewell tour at Pebble Beach (U.S. Open) and St. Andrews (British).

Nicklaus has reached a crossroads at a time when he could be riding into the sunset. His game, the greatest golf he ever knew, is in a recession. His name, the most recognizable in golf, is attached to a business venture gone extremely sour.

His determination to succeed has never been stronger. "We'll get out of it," he said. "We'll be all right. It's just going to take some time."

Strawberry eyes many hurdles

The Associated Press

Tears welled up in Darryl Strawberry's eyes and for a moment he had to stop to wipe them away and compose himself. There was no shame in that, not for a 36-year-old man facing cancer surgery.

At that poignant moment, the human side of Strawberry was out there, displayed for all the world to see. It was an emotional, sad peek into the soul of a star, a moment when Strawberry was just another guy, trying to summon the courage to face the biggest challenge of his life.

Too often, athletes are viewed as some kind of special species, immune from the daily grind that the rest of the population faces. They are celebrated, hailed really, because they are blessed with special skills and talents others envy.

Then, every so often, something bad happens, something that leaves them vulnerable, just like everybody else. People forget that athletes are subject to the fragile balance of life. That overlooked element gets lost in the cheers and is found again at times of travail.

Strawberry found that balance in his diagnosis — colon cancer. He has been down this path before, too often, in fact. There were alcohol and drug problems, followed by tax troubles, much of it grief he brought upon himself.

There was back surgery at what should have been the most productive time of his career. There was enough baggage that no team was interested in a guy who had become a baseball vagabond after once being one of the game's most feared sluggers. Whole seasons went up in smoke, erased by choice or chance.

Strawberry seemed used up early, assigned to baseball's scrap heap, playing for peanuts with the St. Paul Saints in the Northern League, an independent operation that functions as a court of last resort.

To his credit, he pressed on, convinced that he could still play. Eventually, the New York Yankees agreed. On July 8, 1996, owner George Steinbrenner gave



Darryl Strawberry, with wife Charisse by his side, wipes away a tear during a press conference outside their Fort Lee, N.J., home Oct. 2.

himself a birthday present and signed Strawberry as a spare part on a Yankees team that would win the World Series.

He became what manager Joe Torre calls "the Strangler Factor," a sort of folk hero in the Bronx, remembered for his first baseball incarnation as a teen-age slugger with the New York Mets, welcomed back in the twilight of his career as an old friend who had overcome some hard times.

He was limited to 11 games last year because of a cranky knee but refused to go away, fighting through it to win a spot on this year's team.

Strawberry seemed reborn in Yankee Stadium, a senior statesman on the team who still could swing a productive bat. He hit 24 home runs in 295 at-bats this season, despite a persistent pain in his stomach.

Everybody has gone through that experience, a twinge here, an ache there, something that will eventually go away.

This pain didn't go away.



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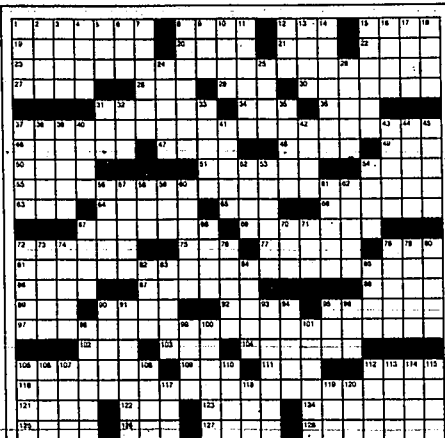
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So, how's the weather out there?



LIFE & TIMES
Denise Turner

Because my Grandmother Grace was born on Groundhog Day, she considered herself something of an expert on whether or not we would have "six more weeks of bad weather." I think she got it right about as often as the groundhog did.

As the story goes, if the groundhog sees its shadow on Feb. 2, there will be six additional weeks of winter. According to one scientific study that I read about, the little critter has only chalked up a 28 percent success rate during the last 60 years.

No matter. All of us like to talk about the weather.

I once heard a comedian on Johnny Carson's show say that the reason there is always a war in the Midwest is because of bad weather, i.e. 140-degree mornings. He said that people running around in that weather in burly robes with no underwear underneath tend to become very irritable.

Actually, the only time I really care a lot about the weather is when I am trying to decide whether or not to get my car washed.

It's never done me any good to check the weather to see what my kids should wear to school. My daughter grew up convinced that umbrellas ruin your fashion statement, and my son has passed the age of coats. Most of the time, forcing him to wear a coat is more trouble than it's worth.

I'm sure I would have cared about the weather if I had lived in Mississippi or Louisiana last month. But, most days, I can't seem to muster up the enthusiasm for "dry and partly cloudy."

My husband is another story. When his father was still living, they used to talk on the phone for

hours - long distance - about nothing but the weather. At first I thought this was a waste of money, though I never said that. But then I realized that the two of them farmed together for so long that they had earned the right to their weather chatter habits.

Farmers love to talk weather. If my father-in-law had lived a little longer, he would have gotten to see The Weather Channel on TV, and I'm sure he would have become a "Local Forecast" groupie.

If you are one of those people who likes to talk weather, you should check out the new edition of "The Old Farmer's Almanac." It contains an interview with several "weather experts." Here are some of the comments:

Farmer's Almanac: A cup of warm water taken outdoors and flung into the air will freeze in midair and hit the ground with a sound like glass breaking if the temperature is between minus 60 and minus 70 degrees F.

Me: Why can't I just look at the thermometer?

Farmer's Almanac: Snow on a roof accumulates at the rate of 6 pounds per square foot for every 12 inches that falls. Add another 6 pounds per square foot for every inch of rain that falls on top of the old snow. Then remember that most structures in the snowbelt are built to withstand loads of 30 to 40 pounds per square foot.

Me: I was always good in math, but I still don't have any idea if my roof is going to fall down.

Farmer's Almanac: Packed snow will squeak underfoot when it's about 5 degrees F. It will squeak with a distinct hollow sound at 0 degrees F.

Me: Wait a minute. I have to take off my earmuffs.

Farmer's Almanac: If you walk a mile through 6 inches of snow, you will use as much effort as you would walking 2 miles on bare ground.

Me: I'm doing good to make it three times around the block in the middle of July.

Farmer's Almanac: You should watch for bugs when you're flying a private plane. The higher you encounter flying insects, the smaller the chance of rain. During dry conditions, expect to see bugs as high as 3,000 feet. If you don't see any bugs above 2,000 feet, be prepared for some precipitation.

Me: I think I must have misplaced my private plane.

Farmer's Almanac: At middle latitudes in the Northern Hemisphere, winds circulate clockwise within high-pressure systems and counterclockwise within low-pressure systems. If the wind is at your back, a high would be on your right and a low would be on your left.

Me: Say what?

Farmer's Almanac: If it snows hard enough so that you can't see your high beams while you drive because the flakes are reflecting the light back into your eyes, the snow is accumulating at about an inch an hour.

Me: I want to go home.

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List your craft show in the TN "Enter our Halloween costume contest"

The Times-News

On Friday, Oct. 30, The Times-News will publish a free listing of area craft shows and bazaars.

If you would like your bazaar included in the list, send in the time, date and place of your bazaar, along with some information about the items you will be selling, to Denise Turner, The Times-News, P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls, Idaho 83303-0548. Include your name, address and phone number.

Deadline is Oct. 16.

For more information, call 733-0931. Ext. 243.

The Times-News

Brighten up that spooky holiday this year by entering The Times-News Halloween Costume Contest.

The contest will be held at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 27, in The Times-News building, 132 Third St. W.

The competition is open to the public and to people of all ages. Cash awards will be given to the winners. Categories are scarier, funniest and most original.

A story (with photos) about the winners will be published in the paper on Oct. 30. Costumes must be "homemade" or "home-created," not commercially purchased. There will be a panel of judges. Light refreshments will be served.

For more information, call Denise Turner at 733-0931, Ext. 243 or Steve Crump at 733-0931, Ext. 223.

Spanking arguments lack common sense

"Experts shouldn't promote spanking: act of violence sends wrong message to our children," read the headline of an opinion column last May in the Dayton (Ohio) Daily News.

The writer, Kiti Lurie, a Dayton-area therapist, took me to task for my psychologically incorrect views on corporal punishment. Her criticisms were representative of what America's spanking abolitionists would have the public believe, so they merit examination.

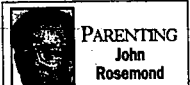
Lurie writes that "spanking gives a child the message that people who love each other hit each other." According to her, a child reasons that if his parents, who love him, hit him, then love and hitting go together. Lurie cites Dr. Murray Straus as making the link that spanking "trains people to expect violence in family relationships."

This is hogwash. Straus, Lurie's authoritative source, is the director of the Family Research Center at the University of New Hampshire and author of "Beating the Devil Out of Them." His research, as I've said before in this column, violates procedural rules. Even one of his former graduate assistants, Dr. Robert Larvelier — whose research into spanking is distinguished for its reasoned objectivity — is among those critical of Straus' methods.

Straus has established no reliable connection between being merely spanked as a child and later becoming a spouse-beater (or prone to violence in any context).

Lurie suggests parenting is all about helping children establish self-control, and spanking is "more likely to breed anger, resentment and revenge." As children, we babies boomers were spanked more than we spank our kids. That we are more apt to use noncorporal punishment is probably good; however, I believe our kids are more ill-behaved than we were.

Have spankings, or the relative lack of them, made the difference? No. There's absolutely no evidence that being spanked reduces, much less prevents, the development of self-control. There is, however, research to the effect that parents who employ occasional moderate spankings are likely



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John Rosemond

to have better-behaved, more well-adjusted children than parents who give themselves no such permission.

Lurie correctly makes the point that many parents use spanking as a "quick fix." As I say most clearly in my book, "To Spank or Not to Spank," the problem with spanking is that most parents don't know how to properly employ them. The three most common parental errors in this regard are:

- (a) thinking that spanking alone will "cure" a behavior problem,
- (b) failing to follow up on a spanking with a more effective consequence, and
- (c) spanking so often that the child develops an "immunity" to spanking.

Lurie notes that domestic-violence law makes it illegal for one adult in a household to hit another. Although it's legal for adults to hit their child — someone even more defenseless.

In the first place, it is by no means legal for a parent to indiscriminately hit a child. It is only legal for a parent to spank, defined as an open-handed swat or three to a child's buttocks. And therein lies the rub.

By equating a punch to a spouse's mouth with a swat to a child's rear, spanking abolitionists hope to influence lawmakers to make law that would effectively enable government to begin dictating to parents how they can and cannot discipline their children.

If they succeed in their crusade, the door to government intervention in child rearing will crack open. And as history has taught, government is never content with getting just a foot in the door.

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FAMILY LIFE

Reviews of new movies from a family perspective

By Holly McClure
The Orange County Register



• "Antz" (PG) — *Twin Cinema, Century Cinema of Burley, Jerome Cinema, Magic Lantern of Ketchum.*
Best for Kids who can understand the adult dialogue that goes along with the fascinating animation.

What it's about: Z (voiced by Woody Allen) is a worker ant who longs to be an individual in a colony that conforms to its leader's orders. When Z gets a glimpse of Princess Bala (Sharon Stone), he turns to his best friend and soldier ant Weaver (voiced by Sylvester Stallone) for help and ends up becoming a war hero overnight. At last he escapes with Bala to a paradise just for bugs. Gene Hackman, Anne Bancroft, Danny Glover, Jane Curtin, Dan Aykroyd, Christopher Walken and others lend their voices to this talented cast.

The good: Only Woody Allen could play a nervous, high-strung, intelligent ant, striving to be an individual among conformists and clearly out of his league as a simple worker. The dialogue is clever, full of adult humor and jokes most kids won't understand. Hearing the above-mentioned talent match their voices with insects (Aykroyd and Curtin are hilarious as wasps Chip and Muffy) makes this movie fun to watch, but it's the creative

computer animation that will completely fascinate and captivate viewers of many ages. We get to experience the characters' life underground and in our world, as well. One of the funniest scenes for kids has Z and Bala riding on a tennis shoe to insect utopia. The message is clear: Resist conformity and be an individual, wherever you are. Seeing ants in their world and ours will give you and your kids a whole new perspective (and maybe appreciation) for future pimples and ant farms.

The not-so-good: The characters and plot deal with adult situations, though the movie seems aimed at kids. There's a bar scene where ants drink and dance, the queen pumps out a line of babies all day, a war with termites leaves Z's friend decapitated, and a mean general gets rough with Z's friends. Although the animation is for the kid in all of us, the dialogue is on an adult level, with innuendo does most kids will miss.
Offensive language: Mild adult sexual innuendo, mild language.
See: No

Violence: Termites wipe out the army

Parental advisory: Adults will enjoy this movie as much (or more) than the kids will. The amazing animation will entertain all ages, but the humor and dialogue are for a more mature crowd. Much like "Toy Story," "Antz" has managed to bring animation to an adult level.

Entertainment value: A
• "Rosita" (R) — *Twin Cinema, The Movie House of Ketchum.*

Best for: Adults

What it's about: A group of men (Robert De Niro, Jean Reno, Stellan Skarsgard) is hired by an Irish woman (Natascha McElhone) to retrieve a briefcase in the South of France from a guarded, unknown source. The Russians get involved and a suit ensues across France and Italy. Katarina Witt plays a Russian skater involved with the Russian Mafia; Jonathan Pryce co-stars.

The good: John Frankenheimer directs this old-fashioned action thriller that makes use of strong characters, lots of car chases, many plot twists and mystery as to what's really in the sought-after case. If you're looking for an adult good-guy-bad-guy story that will intrigue you with characters that are cold-blooded and tough (De Niro gets a bullet in his side, lets Reno blow to take it out, then politely

asks to pass out), this story is for you. Mature teens who can follow an ever-changing plot will appreciate the old-fashioned style that doesn't depend on special effects to carry the movie.

The not-so-good: This is an adult thriller, so there is foul language, plenty of car chases, a high body count and violence. There are several bloody deaths (a man's throat is slit, a couple of men are shot in the head, a skater is shot while performing on the ice), a young girl is shot at but not hurt, and there are several fight scenes.

Offensive language: Yes, lots of it.

Violence: Graphic and bloody scenes of people being killed, but not on the gruesome side, just on the excessive side. **Parental advisory:** This is not a movie for younger audiences but for mature teens who can follow a more complicated adult plot and appreciate the subtle strength seasoned actors bring to a story.

Entertainment value: B

• "Urban Legend" (R) — *Twin Cinema.*

Best for: Mature teens who enjoy an immature, unfulfilling scary movie. **What it's about:** A college campus is visited by a murderer who begins making urban legends a reality, with fatal results for students. Girls, boys, roommates, best friends — all get chased and scared to death. Robert Englund, of "Nightmare on

Elm Street" fame, plays a professor of American folklore who describes the various legends. Allieci Witt, Jared Leto, Michael Rosenbaum and Tara Reid also star.

The good: This is a low-budget attempt to cash in on the popular movies "Scream" and "Halloween H20." But despite using Englund as a professor who terrorizes students, the music is the best part of the movie.

The not-so-good: It's predictable, with a silly plot you've seen hundreds of times and characters that might as well have "I'm getting ready to be killed or be scared" in neon across their foreheads: There's bad language, violence, gore and sexual content (what would a college movie be without students getting turned on before they're killed?).

Offensive language: Yes

See: Yes, implied sexual situations but no full nudity

Violence: Yes. It's a scary horror movie based on lots of urban legends, so expect a lot of "gotta" scare tactics and, of course, gore. **Parental advisory:** It's hard to keep teens from seeing one of these movies, but let yours know that it's not as good as its predecessors, and they may not be curious enough to waste their money and time. **Entertainment value:** D



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Home Sweet Bank

There's gold in that old house; borrow it wisely

By Cathy Walworth
Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS — You're smart. When you bought your house you got the very best deal — the lowest interest rate, paid the lowest fees around. When you chose a credit card you waited until the one with the best, lowest rate crossed your desk.

You pay your bills on time. Life is good. Maybe things could be even better.

Need a larger kitchen? Another bed?

room? How about a vacation or college tuition? The money is available, and it's cheap money right now, even if all you want to do is pay off old debts.

With the stock market as jumpy as a long-tailed cat in a room full of rocking chairs, interest rates are down. Now all you have to do is figure out what kind of loan is best.

Choose an equity loan, equity line of credit, a refinance or reverse mortgage from today's menu of financial options and you could find yourself enjoying life more while paying out less. Let's go loan shopping with a couple of hypothetical householders.

Josephine Homeowner owes \$80,000 on her house, and thinks that this is the time to remodel. She's already talked to a contractor, so she knows that her improvements will cost about \$25,000. Josephine called Tom Gilbertson at First Federal Savings Bank in Twin Falls to see about a loan.

"Josephine needs to be aware that there may be

points included in the loan," Gilbertson said. "She should always ask what the annual percentage rate (APR) is, if the lender doesn't tell her up front."

The APR is a smidge higher than the advertised interest rate: It's what you really end up paying.

"For example, today's interest rate on a 30-year fixed rate mortgage is 6.5 percent," Gilbertson said. "The APR, a 3 percent fee, is included with that, so she really pays 6.57 percent."

That's still pretty low, compared with the 8 percent Josephine is already paying on her first mortgage. A 15-year loan carries an even lower interest rate, though.

"A lot of people are going with a 15-year loan," Gilbertson said. "The rate is 6 percent, and with the one percent added on, it comes out to 6.157 percent."

There are set-up costs at First Fed, too, he said. Josephine will need a new appraisal, and that will run around \$400. She also needs a title policy — the old one covered the old loan, and was good only until the loan was paid off. And there's a 1 percent loan fee.

Those are the three main costs," Gilbertson said. There are several additional, smaller fees that go along with a new loan, however. A document fee can be around \$175, a recording fee averages \$21, a credit report is around \$50, and there's flood certification.

"There are very few flood-hazard areas in the Twin Falls area, but federal law says everyone has to have a flood search to determine whether they are in a flood plain, and that costs \$18," Gilbertson said. Add another \$75 for a well and septic inspection if Josephine lives out in the country.

"Get a good-faith estimate, because that includes all costs, and there will be no surprises, no hidden costs," Gilbertson said. Lenders are required to provide them, and it's a good idea to pick up more than one and compare banks, he said. And get a Truth in Lending form while you're at it, he said.

Depending on how much equity Josephine has in her home, she might not have to pay all those up-front costs; she may be able to throw those into the loan.

"The general rule is the loan-to-value (LTV) has to be 75 percent of equity," Gilbertson said. "She can borrow up to 75 percent of the value of the house."

Sometimes, if the bank needs the improvements all done to justify the appraised value, it will hold the money and disperse it as the work progresses. If there is enough value without the improvements, Josephine can take the check and begin her remodeling.

First, though, she wants to know what her new payments will be.

Josephine had been paying \$746.03 on a loan of \$83,000 at 8 percent. She's paid it down to \$80,000.

A 30-year loan at 6.5 percent will bring her monthly payments up to \$813.31; if she opts for a 15-year loan at 6 percent, her payments will come to \$1,039.93.

Down the street, Josephine's brother, Joe Homeowner, is ready for a home-equity loan.

He wants to use the equity in his house slap on a fresh coat

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Loans 101

Here are the different types of loans to finance home improvements, from Chase Bank, Roseburg:

Reverse mortgage — These use the equity in the property to secure the loan with a second deed of trust. The rate of interest is generally higher than a first deed of trust. Restrictions:

charge very little up-front fees. Loans can go to 100 percent the value of the home. Length of loans can be five, 10, 15 or 20 years. Reverse mortgage loans can be up to 100 percent of the value of the property. However, these loans have high fees and interest rates.

Equity lines of credit — These are revolving lines of credit secured by

a second deed of trust. You may draw on the line as you wish and the repayment is based on the amount you have drawn out. The rates are high than a first deed of trust and are adjustable. They are set up to draw on for ten years, then they are amortized to pay off for an additional ten years.

Refinance — If the amount of money you need is substantial in rela-

tion to your first deed of trust, or if your first deed of trust is a high rate, you might consider refinancing your first loan to include the additional money needed. The up-front fee may be higher than an equity loan. The interest rate will be lower. Amortizations can go out to 30 years.

Reverse mortgage — If you are over 62 and do not have the income or

credit quality to qualify for the loans mentioned above, it may be beneficial to inquire about a reverse mortgage. You must have plenty of equity in the property. There are no payments on this loan as long as one of you are living on the property and can provide you with monthly income. Most of the up-front fees can be included in the loan.

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Loan

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of paint, then look into a new pickup.

So he decides to call WMC, a lender that wants to hand out loans from California. A restaurant from WMC says your home loan is "pre-approved for a loan up to this amount." The company agrees to give people more credit, especially debt, remodel, no appraisal, some credit problems OK. Call us today.

Dave, who wouldn't give his last name, answered all the phone at WMC. He offered to take advice, information, but questions could only be answered by his supervisor, Carri Uring.

Uring said that if you've made a few late payments on your credit cards, that's OK with him. A late payment on your mortgage in the past three months, though, is a red flag. So is a foreclosure or repossession or bankruptcy in the past three years.

So how much can you get from WMC? If a homeowner owes \$100,000 on his house, we can give \$25,000, or 25 percent of the value," Uring said. It's a second loan that is paid on top of mortgage payment. You can use it for anything from debt consolidation to home improvement.

Uring said, and the interest rate on WMC runs from 12 to 15 percent, at a fixed rate for anywhere from five to 25 years.

"Our rates are always going to be higher because we're going off the rate of the home," Uring said.

WMC might lead \$25,000 to \$30,000 on a \$100,000 house. But that puts the company out in a hole, and what happens if you decide not to pay?

"We don't want to repossess your house," Uring said. "What's our hope? We're just buying the house, but we could take the house, but we could take \$30,000. We're not in the business of taking houses. We just want money."

WMC would refinance your home for you, but you wouldn't get any extra money, Uring said. To refinance, you need equity. That means you've got to owe less on WMC loans than the value of the house. You might be able to go for a lower interest rate, and that means lower monthly payments.

Matt Brumail, branch manager at Washington Mutual in Twin Falls, said his bank offers a home-equity loan — use the money for anything you want — at a 2 1/2% rate, which is going to be every day at the moment, the interest rate is 6 percent and change.

Let's say you owe \$65,000 on a house you bought for \$80,000. Washington Mutual will lend you 80 percent of the value of your home, which comes out to \$55,000 in your pocket.

If you want to do simple home improvements such as new carpet, new roof, paint and such, the bank would give you the cash and you could begin comparing paint chips.

If you want to knock down walls and make some major structural changes, the loan is treated as a home construction loan.

"And that's different," Brumail said.

"On that one we would do an appraisal because that would alter the value of the home, he would take into account the new value, and the end value would determine how much of a loan we could make," he said.

"We don't do anything over 30 percent financing loan-to-value (LTV)," he said. The property is going to be worth more. They're going to put \$20,000 of improvements into it — real improvements like an additional room — that add dollar-for-dollar. You can figure the home will be worth \$120,000 — not like those TV ads."

The bank must make sure the job actually gets done.

"We're putting ourselves out in a limb, so we control how the funds are dispersed," Brumail said. Contractors are used to banks checking up on the progress of the projects and paying out the cash as needed, he said.

"The only time I've run into problems is when the borrower are doing the work themselves," he said. "They have to buy the materials up front, then we reimburse him. But we could do a line of credit for him. He could even use the credit card and pay it all off in the same month."

And, in Twin Falls County, if the home is assessed high enough to support the loan amount, "We don't even require an appraisal, so no costs to the homeowner," he said.

A home-equity loan is a great deal for homeowners because they can use the money for anything they like. It's a second mortgage and the interest can usually be taken off income taxes.

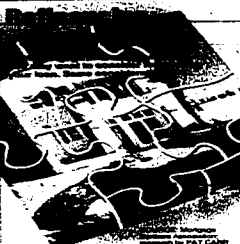
Besides, it's cheap money.

"It's stupid to own your house outright," said Jeanne Schlaugenhaut, who runs Consumer Credit Counseling in Twin Falls. "It's a dead asset not working for you, not doing any-

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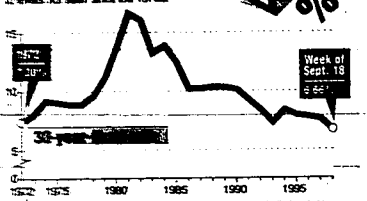
Home refinancing

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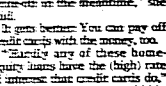
Mortgage rates fall

Interest rates of mortgage loans have dipped to levels not seen since the 1970s.



Borrowing against the house

Since 1990, home equity debt has risen 68. Analysts say consumers are borrowing more for home improvements.



Average home equity loan: Household income: About \$60,000. Borrower age: 35 to 48. Primary reasons for borrowing: Debt consolidation, home improvements.

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deal, with any lender, though, ask these questions, Byler advised.
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Life's a beach even in Twin Falls



A seagull, miniature placed, above 40, sand, adorn the backyard of Tom and Sue Burnikel.

By Joan Bean
Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS — Sue Burnikel didn't get to go to the beach for her birthday this year.

So the beach came to her, complete with lighthouse and sundry coastal accessories.

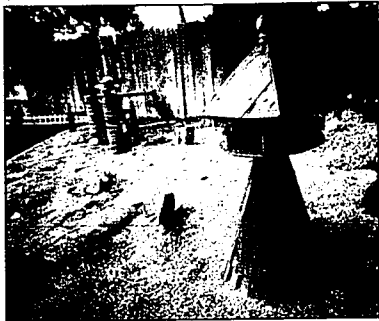
"She really enjoys the beach," said her husband, Tom, who provided the ad-hoc shoreline. "Every time we go back there she goes to the beach."

"Back there" is Maine, Sue's home, and she misses it.

The Burnikels moved here 28 years ago, and it took her a while to adjust to the high desert terrain. She now considers herself an Idahoan with sand in her shoes.

So how did Tom put down 5 yards of sand covering a 20-foot-by-30-foot area their back yard plant tall beach grass — and still keep the birthday surprise a secret?

"I'd been doing a little bit at a



time," he said. "And she'd come out and say, 'What are you doing?'"

"I'd say, 'Never mind - just go in the house.'"

It took him six months to do, but he completed the beach on May 11, Sue's birthday. As a final touch, he added all the telltale beach paraphernalia to the sand.

There are buoys and seashells that Tom picked up in Maine, along with two large shells given to them by their son, Marc, who lives in Florida, and sand dollars from their son Brian, a Seattle resident.

Toss in a ceramic seagull that was a gift from friends who visited the Oregon Coast and lots of netting and add a 2-foot tall wooden lighthouse built by Tom's father, Pete.

"We have a patio and we sit there and we can see it, and I can see it from the window," Sue said. "It's just a warm feeling when I look over there and I think, 'He did that for me.'"

Alas, Sue's Beach has yet to attract a single lobster.

Times-News correspondent Joan Bean can be reached at 733-0830.



Above, The Burnikels both say they enjoy the sight of the beach. Tom Burnikel brought many of the components home with him in his golf bag. Left, A hand made lighthouse built by a relative is an integral part of the beach. Sue Burnikel is a native of Maine and still misses the ocean, so friends and family pitched in to bring a real beach to Idaho for her.

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Coffee tables add character to a room

Knight Ridder News Service

The way music can set a mood, a coffee table can help express the character of a room.

A living room staple, the coffee table can be a sleek design statement or an opportunity for whimsy, say designers with the Home Furnishings Council, a national, non-profit organization of manufacturers, suppliers and retailers.

"The trend in cocktail tables remains strong in two categories," says Fred Freddy of Hammary Burniture. "First is the signature piece, which makes a statement in terms of style and individual personality. The other category is the more traditional wooden tables, preferably for family rooms, that receive a great deal of use."

For a family/hearth room, pick a coffee table for function, says Vicki Flores, a designer at Accent Interiors in Wichita, Kan. A table in that room will be used for eating meals as well as snacks, for doing homework and playing games, for stashing magazines and books.

"The reason we have tables is to set things on them," Flores says. "So, leave space for a plate or a cup of coffee."

Or the TV remote," chimes in fibres' design partner, Nicole Scolari.

"We sell a lot with storage, with lift-up lids and drawers," Scolari says. "If you're going to use it for everyday, maybe a drawer is better than a lid."

Also, Scolari says, keep functionality in mind when decorating a tabletop.

Coffee table tips

- In choosing a table, keep function in mind. Here are several factors that some designers say to consider.
- Shape. Tight on space? Look for a streamlined rectangle. Room too boxy? Break up the lines with a round or oval table. Or try two small tables side by side. Mix-and-match pieces are fun, too, such as a set of three small trunks Wichita, Kan., designer Scolari put together. Another idea she tried was placing one trunk on top of stacks of large, leather-bound books.
- Size. Not so big that it blocks traffic through the room, but not so small that objects look cluttered or out of scale. A table 3 1/2 by 2 1/2 feet is about the maximum, says Wichita, Kan., designer Vicki Flores. "A lot of people are using love seats instead of sofas, and a smaller table is more in scale."
- Materials. A glass top shows off a handsome rug underneath. A granite or faux stone top is a sleek background to set off objects and accessories. Solid wood takes lots of abuse, as do high-gloss finishes. If you have small children, opt for rounded corners or a round or oval shape.

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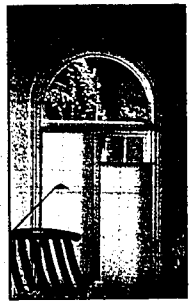
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The solo option: Know what you're in for if you sell your house yourself

By Cathy Walworth
Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS — You can go to a yard sale, look things over, hand the owner a fistful of money and walk away with your new prize.

So how hard can it be to buy the whole house?

You might be surprised. There's legal stuff — paperwork that says the right pieces of property changed hands. And there's wrangling over the price.

Most people find those things intimidating, or just plain bothersome enough to get themselves a hired gun. Others take a can-do attitude.

Kevin Bradshaw, of Kab-Home Designs in Twin Falls, builds, and sells a lot of houses.

"I try to avoid using a Realtor when I can, to save customers a little money," he said. "But Realtors have more contacts, they have the list of homes that might meet customer's needs. And a lot of people are more comfortable using a Realtor."

Patricia Vickers of Twin Falls would rather do it herself.

"We bought this house from the owner when they had an open house," she said. "We bought it that night. We'll probably do the same thing when we sell."

The two things that get people griping about real estate agents are the same two things that bring them to the Realtor's office looking for help: Time and money.

Some sellers complain that brokers tie up their property for several months without results.

"We had another home in Burley that was shown by Realtors with no results," Vickers said. "So we tried to sell it ourselves and succeeded."

"Realtors do a good job except for the fact that lots of times the house is only shown twice, and when it's sold you pay several thou-

sand dollars," she said. "We thought that with the market what it is, we could sell this one ourselves."

Don Johnson of Buhl agrees. He put an ad in the newspaper in the spring, and immediately started getting letters from a local real estate broker.

"He was very pleasant," Johnson said. "Since we were going to be busy and needed to travel, we thought if we placed the home with a Realtor we could be gone and it would be shown, so we placed it with him."

The firm showed the house once in 90 days, Johnson said. Other agencies showed it perhaps four or five times in three months.

"We canceled the listing," Johnson said. Now, with a new ad in the newspaper, several people have looked at his property, and a couple of people have expressed interest.

"With our ad in the paper people are looking at it," Johnson said. "But with the Realtor nobody was looking at it."

The paperwork involved in selling a house didn't deter Vickers.

"If you want to sell it yourself, you can," she said. "You can get the paperwork at the title company, who does all the work anyway. We carried the paper on our (other) house and he paid us through the title company and it was pretty easy."

Maybe, maybe not. A deal can certainly be as easy as all that, said Tom Stivers of Title & Escrow in Twin Falls. There are times when you don't need a real estate agent and can sell it yourself, he said.

"In fact, you don't even need an attorney," he said. "You make the deal, write out a rough draft of terms and conditions of the sale, bring it in here and we sell it."

On the other hand, a lot of times if you sell a home yourself, you're

Tips for do-it-yourselfers

□ Be ready with an earnest money agreement. You can buy the forms at stationery stores, or pick up a free copy from the title company.

□ Take the earnest money agreement with you to the house, where both seller and buyer will sign it and it will be notarized. The title company can close the deal for you from there.

usually a substantial amount — will go into escrow, and court against the total cost of the house is being.

□ If you have a good idea of what you want, you can get a feel for the type and style house he or she might like, and escorts the prospect to some likely homes.

"I like to take them to a variety of homes in their price range," HESS said. "It can be a mistake to look at a home through my eyes. I really have to look through their eyes, get a feel for what they want."

"If I have a good idea of what you want," he said. "I'll go look at it, and if I thought you'd like it, I'd call you right away. Many can be sold that week."

This pre-screening process is supposed to sort out people who can't afford to buy a particular house, or are not ready to make the commitment. Homeowners who decide to sell on their own don't know anything about the people who come

to look at their houses. "Sometimes you can get into a bad situation," Vickers said. "But that can happen with a Realtor, too. You have to accept the flakes with the pastry."

Then, the Realtor talks to the prospective buyer to get a feel for the type and style house he or she might like, and escorts the prospect to some likely homes.

"If it's something you own yourself, you can get offended," HESS said. "We act as a go-between. Sometimes the negotiations will stall, but if we can get the parties to negotiate," everyone arrives at a happy medium, and the deal is done.

"Pre-qualify" is a term that's tossed into the arena by real estate agents, too. Realtors will sit a prospective home buyer down in their offices, HESS said, to find out what he or she can afford.

The idea is that if the Realtor

knows what the buyer can afford ahead of time, he can steer him or her in the right direction, saving everyone's time.

"They share their expenses and income with me," HESS said. "But that's only as good as the information they give me. If they don't want to share with me, we can suggest lenders to talk to."

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Most of these folks, I'm sure, firmly believe that they are staking out equity in the American Dream and taking control of their destiny. They are crazier than a college freshman at a Boone's Farm tasting. The house, not the householder, is in charge.

Discharge is futile. Your bank account will be assimilated. Doesn't matter how old the home is, doesn't matter how long it has been maintained. It will fall apart, piecemeal or collectively, whenever and at whatever pace it chooses.

The Realtor isn't going to tell you that, of course. He or she will talk about the fireplace, the roof, the thermostat on the furnace, the garbage disposal as if they were fixed points in a predictable universe.

Fact is, they are disintegrating — singly and serially — before your very eyes as we speak.

This is not an act of physics, folks; it's an act of willfulness.

Psychologists talk about the need for healthy human beings to take ownership of their environment; appliances and furnishings stand that leg on its head.

Housees take ownership of their owners. And you know what? They do so purely because they can.

Did you that the discretionary income — the money left over after food, clothing, shelter and Benetton Bibles — of the average homeowner declines by 43 percent in the first year?

These poor simpering fools aren't just giving away mad money — they're giving away control.

So let's say you're an 8-year-old dishwasher who's weary as hell of scrubbing pots that isn't in your owner's manual.

Hilda H. Hausfrau walks through the kitchen one fine morning nattering about her imminent income tax refund. Let's explore your options:

A. You could continue churning away, up to your heating elements in floating lettuce leaves.

B. You could begin tussling crockery around like drugstore cowboys at a gymkana.

If you choose Option A, then you're too callow to be a homeowner. Household furnishings and appliances are Satan, and they know where you live.

Mahatma Gandhi, who was once a

bourgeois lawyer with a wife, a ranch-style split-level and 2.6 cows, solved this problem by divesting himself.

Danged near worked, too. No house, no car, no electronic appliances, no garage door-opener, no vacuum — nothing.

He moved to a commune out in the 'burbs of Udar Pradesh, ate unprocessed food and wore only unbleached cotton.

Trouble was, even cotton thread comes from a spinning wheel.

Now what do spinning wheels have in common, boys and girls? That's right: moving parts.

How long do you suppose Gandhi's spinning wheel took to figure out that the Great Soul was a little too right-eous for his homespun britches?

Suffice it say that Gandhi soon put the spinning wheel smack in the middle of India's national flag — an obvious in an attempt to get it out of the house.

Didn't work. If you look carefully a photograph of Gandhi taken between India's independence and his death, you'll notice that he's not wearing pants.

Look, if that can happen to a saint,

it will happen to you. There are no domestic arrangements that can't be deconstructed without notice.

There was a famous psychological experiment done almost 50 years ago on World War II veterans who had been through combat.

It was a study of the power of dread to disrupt rational thought processes. Volunteers were prevented from sleeping for long hours, and then when they nodded off, were awakened by a short, loud buzzer.

After a few minutes, the test subjects — though exhausted — went ballistic; they were anticipating a second loud noise.

In short, they were waiting for the other shoe to drop.

Waiting for the other shoe to drop is what home ownership is all about.

Some of the volunteers in the bumper study went so far as beat on the equipment to induce the second loud noise. I can understand that.

That's precisely what Nathan Lane and Lee Evans did in the movie "Mousetrap" last year. They destroyed their house before it got them.

Most of us aren't so lucky. If you're a homeowner, the best that you can do is wait for your house to collapse into a giant sinkhole and then pretend not to notice when it does.

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Fall's here: It's time to clean, inspect the fireplace

The Orange County Register

Getting a wood-burning fireplace ready for use now that cooler weather is on the horizon doesn't have to be a big chore. But it is a necessary one.

To be sure, there are simple things that can be done by everyone.

- **Cleaning.** If you're like most people, the ashes from your last fire — maybe as long as four or five months ago — still fill the bottom of your fireplace. Get a big bucket and shovel out the ashes. You don't have to get every last piece of ash; a little layer protects it.
- **If it's been months** since you cleaned your fireplace, it's OK to

use a plastic bucket. However, if you've burned a lot of wood this week, use a metal bucket. Ashes sometimes form an impervious seal that traps gas.

• **In the case of your chimney,** a metal bucket and one burner can do the job.

In putting the ashes in the trash, it's another idea to stir on the side of caution. If they're well-washed, dump them in your yard. If not, wash a wheelbarrow clean thoroughly with water.

- **Inspect.** Some maintenance of a fireplace can be done easily. The one with your personal touch is the chimney. To be sure, inspect the chimney thoroughly with water.

• **Check the damper.** It's a flap of metal that opens and closes to let air in and out of the chimney. It's a flap of metal that opens and closes to let air in and out of the chimney. It's a flap of metal that opens and closes to let air in and out of the chimney.

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operate after a few tries. A good one will be able to do it in almost every instance.

Once you've inspected and lubricated your damper, make sure it closes tightly. If there are gaps caused by flaking mortar, brick or concrete around the edges of the damper, use a furnace cement to patch.

• **Crescote.** This is the buildup

of a somewhat transparent, initially liquid substance left over from the burning of wood. It eventually hardens and sticks to the walls of your fireplace.

A massive buildup of creosote can cause a flash fire — almost an explosion — in a fireplace. Here's another case in which the chimney sweep is the person to call.

Prevent trouble by rearranging furniture in an organized manner

Orange County Register

If you're going to rearrange a room yourself, follow these little tips:

- **Establish a traffic jam.** Avoid it by establishing a standard traffic flow through the room — at least three feet wide.

- **Dimension talk.** Drawings usually are optional or at best are an afterthought in the rearranging process. It's always an act of art to place a chair to open and close, you'll be able to make your furniture fit your dimensions and your personality without compromise.

- **The big pull.** Don't forget that cupboards, drawers and cabinets have these funny little hinges called drawers that you must wait to open from time to time. Allow at least 3 inches of open space in front of each piece so you can accommodate the task force and ease.

between pieces of furniture so that the room does not take on the gruesome look of a cluttered warehouse. And to avoid bruised skin, it's not a bad idea to place a rug on the coffee table at least 18 inches from the sofa.

- **Set a goal.** Set overall priorities of what to get in and out of the room at the same time or your work will be a jumble of 20 to 25 feet between chairs and walls in chaotic maneuvering as simple as possible.

- **Defining down.** If changing bed sheets or one of your favorite things, maybe it's because the layout of my bedroom doesn't allow at least 1 foot of room between the bed and one of the walls. Without that, it's one tight squeeze.

Try converting trash can to composter

Daily Press

Compost is a gardener's best friend. The rich organic material yields yummy vegetables and jambo flowers. All thanks to some potato peelings, coffee grounds and vegetable scraps. Add your leaf leaves and grass clippings and you're in business. To be honest, you need only a small place to create it. To create it, you need only a trash can and a drill.

• **How to convert a standard** trash can into a composter, courtesy of the master gardeners in Ranosko, Va.

- **Thoroughly wash and clean** a trash can about a 35-gallon size.
- **Wash, wash and drill holes.** This will be used to vent the trash can lid. For a simple one, a 1/2-inch hole is fine. It is an important step because the lid will need to be secured when you're composting.
- **Drill lots of holes** in the sides and bottom of the trash can.
- **Elevate the can** on bricks or blocks so air can circulate beneath it.

• **Drill your compost** three inches into the side of your trash can. In addition to kitchen scraps, leaves and grass clippings, you can add weeds without seed heads. Do not use meat or fat or you will attract unwanted animals. Avoid personal items that may become established in warm places.

• **You can** add a couple small handfuls of each garden soil and some water to keep the compost contents moist but not soggy.

Each week, turn the can on its side and fill it around a few times to mix the contents. After several weeks, the can is at its optimal position.

Your compost is ready to use when it's dark and crumbly like chocolate cake.

Mr. Clean, the quintessential marketing creation of the 1950s, is still going strong

Chicago Tribune

If you are of a certain age, you can recall television ads in which, if should take just a couple of slight adjustments of your memory dials to clear away the dust and static of time enough for you to sing along with this old song.

• **Mr. Clean gets rid of dirt and grime.**

• **Mr. Clean is just a minute.**

• **Mr. Clean will clean your whole house.**

• **And everything that is in it.**

• **Mr. Clean.**

• **Mr. Clean.**

His completely bald, shiny head, his chiseled body rippling with Herculean muscles showed off to good advantage in tight white clothing, made him exotic enough, but the big, heavy accent in his left ear bestowed on him a slightly hermaphroditic air. Certainly Mr. Clean does not seem like a very mainstream, 1950s sort of guy.

• **But 40 years ago,** in late summer 1958, Mr. Clean was unleashed on mainstream American consumers. In a giant television campaign, buttressed by newspaper and magazine ads, he was presented as the perfect helper for hapless homemakers. In the first nine months, 35 million bottles of the all-purpose liquid detergent flew off retailers'

shelves.

• **Mr. Clean** even won a million prizes in the nationwide contest and the product's popularity was so high that 40 years later Mr. Clean still is readily found on modern shelves.

• **The 50s** were a sort of golden age of marketing. The kind of ad campaigns made possible by the aggressive use of product demonstrations and direct shipment to third party and computer-aided national advertising agencies and by the emergence of television, financed by a very bright advertising industry and a powerful mass-communication media.

• **Mr. Clean** was a marketing triumph. It was the first time that a household name had been created through a very bright advertising campaign in a way that wasn't possible in earlier advertising media, like radio and newspapers.

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Appraisers have answers

Knight-Ridder News Service

MIAMI — J. Ellen Thompson closely examined Emma Pedinelli's Chinese jade lamp. "It's in excellent condition," she said. "It's one piece, intact or through. I would say it dates from about 1850 and was probably mounted on this gilt wood base in the 1920s."

Pedinelli, a travel agent who asked Thompson to appraise the antiques she and her husband Etienne have collected in their Miami Shores home, was surprised by the lamp's value, an appraisal she didn't feel comfortable revealing it. "And to think that lamp sat in the garage all those years."

She inherited the jade lamp from a "surrogate grandmother" and never thought it was anything special. Thompson's appraisal proved otherwise. "It can happen to you. Parents planning to leave their possessions to their children, homeowners going to a condo, anyone who has inherited something, or is going to entrust goods to a mover — all would benefit from an appraisal."

It's a valuable tool in deciding how much insurance coverage is necessary to recoup your losses in the event of theft or damage. It can be handy, too, at tax time should you decide to sell or give away something of value.

Having your possessions appraised by an accredited appraiser avoids all sorts of risks, says the International Society of Appraisers, an organization of personal property specialists in Seattle. Risks such as being under- or over-insured, getting less than your fair share when dividing up a household or being audited.

So how do you find a qualified appraiser? It's not foolproof. Unlike doctors, lawyers and accountants, there is no state, or national certification, registration or licensing program for appraisers. In fact, this afternoon, many of you could pretty much declare yourselves an appraiser. All that's required is an occupational license.

"There's no such thing as a licensed appraiser," said Jay Euster of Euster Appraisal Service in Miami. "The key word is accredited."

To become accredited, an individual must take courses from an appraiser society that has educational programs conducted under university auspices. These organizations grant members different levels of professional proficiency, depending on what courses you complete and how well you do on tests.

So, how can you find a qualified, accredited appraiser? Referrals from attorneys, accountants and trust departments of banks — the very people who often call on appraisers to appraise estates — is one way. Friends and family as

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"If your part, you must tell the appraiser what you expect to have appraised and why — insurance, taxes, liquidation of your estate, etc. And stick to a contract. "Not all appraisers use contracts, but they should," said Lorenz Allen of F. Allen Appraisal Services in Bay Harbor Islands, Fla. "It doesn't have to be elaborate — a two-page contract will do — but you need something to protect you."

Appraisers may charge an hourly fee, a daily rate or a flat fee. The hourly rate ranges from \$75 to \$125 in South Florida, with daily rates around \$500, including expenses. Expenses include research, photographs and outside consultations where appropriate. "I was here an appraiser from out of town, expect to pay travel expenses."

"Normally, I work on an hourly basis or a flat fee," Euster said. "I like to set a job first; if I can get in and out in three hours I charge a flat fee." "I can't charge a flat rate," Thompson said. "What if I found a client's interest and may result in hurried values. The (Internal Revenue Service) will not accept an appraisal done with such fee arrangements."

"Don't allow an appraiser to handle the liquidation of your valuables," advises Kerwick, the Fort Lauderdale rug expert. "I saw one bar at a time. If I have an item, I might not be objective."

You should receive a formal, typewritten report. Appraisers carry contracts with them and pho-

graph every item to be appraised. They turn silver and china upside down to record and photograph the marks; they will take pictures of all sides of a piece of furniture to show its condition."

"Appraisals must include photographs, measurements and lots of details," Euster said. "It can become a court document if necessary."


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Self-storage users find a place for everything

The Dallas Morning News

DALLAS — "I'm the queen of self-storage," claims makeup artist Margo Rogers. "I always have to have a storage unit for stuff I refuse to get rid of."

Actually, Rogers, an ex-wife of singer Kenny Rogers, has five storage spaces: three in Dallas, one in Corpus Christi and "a big one" in California that she has rented since the late '60s.

She ticks off what she pays for each unit. The total comes to \$390 a month, and she looks rueful for a moment. Then she shrugs. She's tried to cut down on her use of storage, Rogers says, "but when I start to give things away, I think, 'My kids might like that, or 'Maybe I'll need it again sometime.' I'm too indecisive."

"Anyway, it's always too hot, too windy or too cold" to clear out a storage unit.

On a visit to a space near her Dallas condo, Rogers makes a partial list of the contents: "an antique bedroom set; five chandeliers; clothing that I swear is going to come back into style someday; two steamer trunks, one filled with videocassettes (minus their labels due to the heat); baby pictures, love letters, old school annuals and income tax records, three Christmas trees."

She keeps buying new trees, she says, "because it's too much trouble to get out the ones I already own."

Another unit holds exercise equipment. Stored in California are "lots of antiques," including a grand piano and a collection of chamber pots.

"It may sound weird," she says, "but I know exactly where everything is."

Americans have become increasingly dependent over the past two decades on those empty bins away from home.

Peter Conti, editor of the Self-Storage Almanac, published in

Storage ins and outs

Self-storage centers have rules about what you can and can't put into your rented cubicle. The taboo list generally includes explosives, flammable materials, toxic chemicals, weapons and illegal or controlled substances. Seattle-based Shurgard Storage Systems also notes that its units "may not be used for residential purposes (e) to house live animals."

And the company discourages storing jewelry, furs, heirlooms, artworks, collectibles or other irreplaceable items that have special or emotional value.

Renters are encouraged to insure their possessions. (The storage center doesn't have access to — and doesn't want access to — your unit," notes Peter Conti, editor of the Self-Storage Almanac. "You're liable, within reason.")

Storage suggestions include these: Put small, expensive items at the back of the unit to make them harder to reach.

Wrap china and breakable items in bubble wrap or newspapers.

Don't lean mattresses or other large items against the wall. If the roof leaks, water may run down the wall and damage them.

Similarly, use wooden pallets or boards to raise stored items off the floor and minimize water damage.

Make an inventory, including model and serial numbers, of items stored. A videotape also is helpful.

Keep sales receipts, owner's manuals, warranties and other proofs of purchase in a safe place away from your storage space.

— Source: The Dallas Morning News

use of storage often follows a life change — relocation, marriage, divorce, children leaving home (or returning), a death, eviction. But she says a main impetus is simply that "we've got too much stuff and no place to put it."

Conti agrees, saying we're becoming a nation of pack rats.

"People today keep everything," he says. "I walk in my neighborhood, and if you see a garage door open, it is so full you can't get a car in it."

Samuel Bronson, a computer salesman, and Audrey Adams,


who's in retail sales, fit the profile of short-term storage users.

Bronson and Adams plan to marry this month, and they're paring their possessions to fit into Adams' North Dallas town home.

His living room and dining room furniture, her bedroom suite, plus extra lamps, dishes 15-foot space they rented last month at Shurgard.

Bronson says they will probably store the items for six months "until we buy a house."

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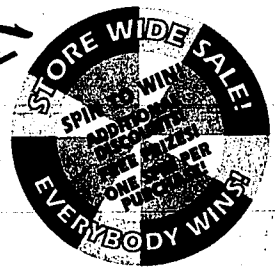
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Knight Ridder News Service

Choosing one color is tough. Selecting two is almost painful; any more than two almost requires the assistance of a professional. The paint pros are aware of the problem. There are several new publications designed specifically to address the multicolor theme with paint-by-numbers simplicity.

"Color Palettes" by Suzanne Butterfield (#40), Clarkson Potter/Publishers, suggests using a single creamy, yellow wall color to dissolve boundaries in an open floor plan, then shifting to a dark, mossy green for the staircase or adjoining room.

Various chapters spotlight palettes designed for a seaside cottage or a Manhattan penthouse; unfortunately, she doesn't deal with a suburban ranchhome.

The problem with the book is that the colors used are from the Donald Kaufman Color collection, only available by calling (800) 977-9198. At that number, a recorded message directed us to two paint shops in New Jersey and Santa Monica, Calif., the only retailers selling the paint.

"The Perfect Palette" by Bonnie Rosser Krims (#30, Warner Books) offers 50 paint schemes: Each scheme shows swatches of three main colors and suggests shades for trim. She also discusses which colors suit which-rooms: Yellow, she says, is great for home offices because it speeds up the metabolism and work attentiveness.

Krims is clearly into the Zen of paint color, detailing how a particular yellow reminds her of the south of France and how a violet and gold combination invokes Mozart's "The Magic Flute."

Store sells just pillows

Knight Ridder News Service

The Company Store of La Crosse, Wis., has come out with the first one devoted entirely to pillows.

The Great Big Pillow Book includes models designed for snore-stopping, preventing facial wrinkles, easing aching backs and pregnant tummies. For a free copy, call 1-800-285-3696.

Tips on selecting a paint color

Here are some tips on selecting a paint color from Leslie Harrington, director of color and design for Benjamin Moore Paints.

Look at the colors in your furniture and/or artwork and build on that. When reviewing strips of paint samples, move down the strip past the two palest shades into the midtones and darker shades. Take a color that already exists in the room and match it with its deeper, richer version on the strip. That's your color.

Don't be afraid to go dark. "People actually get tired of lighter colors sooner than darker ones," Harrington says. "So if you like pink, go with mauve on the walls and save the bubblegum color for pillows you can change out in a couple of years."

Don't discount a color you think you hate. Maybe that mustard yellow looks bad on the paint chip, but it could be

the perfect color to pull together your room because it's in your favorite painting and the sofa print.

Be aware of the color you choose and paint it on poster board. Hang the poster board up on the wall you plan to paint and gauge how the color looks in the actual light of the room at various times of the day. Be aware that furniture, carpeting and lighting can affect wall color. Whites and other pale colors have a tendency to reflect stronger colors in the room. For example, white walls may take on a pinkish tinge when paired with crimson carpeting.

Keep your moldings and trim the same neutral color throughout your house. Not only will that maintain continuity, but walls are much easier to repaint than moldings.

—Source: Fort Worth Star-Telegram

"The recipe, like the flute itself, resonates with brilliance and boldness and with sweetness of color."

One basic of painting is that, while you can use a latex-base paint over one with an oil base, you can't use an oil over latex.

But attempting to follow this rule can be tough. What happens when you don't know or can't remember the type of paint you want to paint over? Do you just go for it and maybe ruin your paint job, or do you remove the paint and start from scratch?

Until now, those were the only choices. Now there's an easier,

quicker method of determining the type of paint. A new product called PaintCheck is being touted as an easy method of making a test.

A 3-inch swab is dabbed on a painted surface. Wait 20 seconds. If the paint is latex, it will soften to a butter-like consistency. If it's oil, the painted surface will remain hard.

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Do homework before deciding on what to do with an aging roof

Knight Ridder News Service

Tim and Sandy Orlando aren't going to fool around with Mother Nature this winter.

A recent inspection of the aging roof atop the Mountain View, Calif., home they purchased three years ago revealed that they'd pressed their luck long enough. The old shakes were split, curled and crumbling. "It was burned through by the sun, and carried away by the elements. It was old and tired and leaking," said Kent Doge, an estimator for All Seasons Roofing in San Jose, Calif.

The leaks yielded no damage during the long, sappy El Niño winter last year, but the Orlandos decided not to chance it this year with La Niña, another weather pattern that could brew just as much rain as El Niño.

"There was no way I was going to be able to get through another season, and I prefer to deal with it now rather than wait for a serious problem during the rainy season," said Tim Orlando, a computer industry copywriter. Smart move.

The seasonal demand for roofing is now peaking. It's been a banner year for many roofers, and it already may be too late for some homeowners to upgrade their roof before the rains.

"The only bird gets the roof. We'll be in the rainy season in 30 to 60 days," said the Orlandos' roofer, Bruce Hoesler, president of All Seasons Roofing.

"Right now the kids are back in school, vacations are over and everybody rushes. A lot of the little smaller roofers guys work on a roof all day and don't have time to go out and give estimates," Hoesler said.

It takes from a few days to a week for a team to tear off the old roof and put on a new one. That means each roofing contractor can only handle about a dozen or so roofs before the rains begin.

Blame El Niño for the long stormy winter, but rain isn't the primary cause of a roof's demise. Wet weather merely reveals existing damage caused by the aging effects of the sun and its ultraviolet radiation, along with wind, condensation, fungus and tree debris.

"It's the previous extensive lack of rain we had prior to El Niño," said Lee Ofstedahl, administrator of the Roofing Industry Council of Santa Clara Valley. "With good weather for such a long time, people just let the roof deteriorate. Now every roofing contractor is up to their eyeballs in work, and everybody is trying to make stop-gap repairs."

Stop-gap patches and plugs, however, become the roof's weakest link. The roof will ultimately fail where the new seal meets the old material.

A mounting roof repair bill can help you gauge when the roof should be replaced rather than simply patched.

Approximately 90 percent of all roofs are asphalt and gravel composite shingles and when they curl at the corner, become brittle and begin to disconnect, don't wait for the roof to leak before considering a replacement. Leaks damage the roof's under-structure and, if there aren't enough pots to go around, the contents of your home.

"A roof is not leaking one minute and completely dysfunctional the next," said Jack Robinson, technical director for the National Roofing Contractors Association in Rosemont, Ill. "Generally it's more of an economic decision — when the cost to repair it is more than the cost to replace it," Robinson said.

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Today's treehouses range from plain to fanciful

Knight Ridder News Service

LEXINGTON, Ky. — You can't go home again, but you can always build another treehouse.

The treehouses of old barns salvaged from the roof are multi-level great escape hatches where kids could divedream, argue with friends and hide from their parents — or being rediscovered.

And revamped. With baby boomer parents taking charge, these once utilitarian structures are sprouting animes, naps and pine trees.

And, like nostalgia's bromance of our memories, treehouses are becoming more impressive and elaborate. Some remain simple in design, but many are multi-leveled with staircases, front doors and electric lights.

"I grew up on a farm and was turned loose to build as many treehouses as I wanted," said Kevin Adkins, 36, of Versailles, Ky., who built a treehouse in June for his three daughters — Amanda, 10, Casey, 9 and L.J., 7. "I wanted them to have that high-altitude kind of fun that comes with a treehouse."

For others, it's the kids who get the project off the ground. "My daughter and I worked on this for a year," said Morgan Watkins, 16, who built a treehouse in her parents' yard. "My father relented this summer."

Everyone we know has one, and we wanted one," said Kelly, 8, of Bourbon County, Ky. Her brother, Morgan, is 6.

So Doug Watkins, manager of the blacksmith shop for Breadless Supply, built a 10-foot-tall structure that looks out on other mature trees in the back yard.

Building a treehouse

- 1) If you plan to build a treehouse, you should first check with your local building department to see if you need a permit.
- 2) Choose a tree that is at least 10 inches in diameter and has a hollowed-out section or a large branch that can be removed.
- 3) Plan the layout of your treehouse, including the floor, walls, roof, stairs, and doors.
- 4) Use pressure-treated lumber for the frame and deck.
- 5) Use galvanized nails and screws to prevent rust.
- 6) Add a roof to protect your treehouse from rain and sun.
- 7) Consider adding a window or two for ventilation and light.
- 8) Add a door to make it easy to get in and out.
- 9) Add some furniture, like a table and chairs, to make it comfortable.
- 10) Add some decorations, like paint or murals, to make it fun.

One consulting job in February was to build a 400-square-foot treehouse at the Spirit of the Swanee Music Park in Live Oak, Fla., owned by James Cornett. The treehouse has a living room, bathroom, kitchen and sleeping area.

When kids are involved with the plans, it helps them stay interested and makes the treehouse feel as if it belongs to them, Adkins said.

His girls are still pretty young, so there's not a lot they could do, Adkins said. But he had them draw up plans for their dream treehouse — six rooms on three levels — which he gently scaled back.

"They did gofer kinds of things, like they'd run, get things. I took them with me to buy supplies so they could see what things cost," he said.

Their treehouse cost \$150. For most, treehouses can give kids a great escape.

Stephen Carroll built a two-story treehouse last summer for his son, Mason, 4. This spring, he added a third floor with a roof.

"I did a third level simply to give him a place to go," said Carroll, 33, an owner of Carroll Insurance in Lexington, Ky.

The Carroll's real house is not large, Steve said. "I think it's real important Mason has a place, whether inside or outside, where he can get away from us, have camp-outs," Carroll said. "A place of his own."

Big or small, a treehouse should be unique, Carroll said, adding that your tree should dictate the design.

"Just use your imagination," he said. "And make sure it is big enough so adults can get in it."

"I was trying to build them something I really wanted. I think I wanted it more than they did."

That's not unusual, said Michael Garner, a nationally recognized treehouse designer and builder.

"Families bring out the kid in an adult," he said. "A lot are being used as offices, guest houses, cabins, as well as play spaces."

Garner owns Oak and About Tree House Resort in Cave Junction, Ore., where guests have a choice of four leafy perches to spend the night. He travels around the country consulting, designing and building treehouses.

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This type of weatherstripping is easily applied. Almost all manufacturers have self-adhesive stripping. You simply peel off the protective backing, then press it firmly into place.

At the bottom of a door where

air is leaking, consider a door sweep. This is a piece of light aluminum with a flexible rubber bottom that stretches across the bottom of the door. You simply cut it to fit the door width, slide it on the bottom of the door or hold it in front of the bottom and screw it in.

Around windows that leak, weatherstripping can sometimes be used, but caulking is frequently employed. Generally, it's good to use a latex caulk or silicon caulk. Which you use depends partly on what type of materials you'll be sealing. Read the label on the back of the caulk tube to see what the manufacturer recommends. Most of these caulks require a caulking gun, but some come in squeeze tubes. If you're to paint or stain over the caulk, make sure the type you choose permits that.

Woman's touch:

Marriage means bye-bye to most men's furniture

Knight Ridder News Service

If you're getting married, guys, start throwing out your furniture now. In the current issue of American Home Style & Gardening, which features triumphs in redesigned bathrooms and kitchens, one photo shows a corner chair that's used as a step.

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The Orange County Register

It's nearly time to button down the chattering at home. Sure, there are going to be some warm days ahead, but why wait until it gets really cold to protect your home against drafts and leaking air?

Whether you're in a new or old home, chances are you'll need to close those gaps that let the cold air in (when you don't want it) and the warm air out (when you do want it). Even if you closed those gaps last year, your home may have shifted a bit — opening the gaps you filled and creating new ones.

Fighting your home against the chattering cooler weather is like solving a mystery. First, you have to be a detective to find the leaks. Among the places you should first

check are around windows and doors. There are a few ways to do this:

When there's a light breeze or a moderate wind, move a lit candle slowly in front of the space between the window and the frame. If there's a leak, or draft, you should see the candle flame. You can do this same test with many weather or even an airtight building envelope.

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Give your trees a break: Plant them this fall

By Cathy Walworth
Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS — Fall is for planting, the nursery industry tells us. It's good advice, too. Now, at summer's end, you're thinking about what worked in the yard and what didn't. Was there enough shade where you wanted it? Are you sick of looking at the neighbor's RV parking lot? Do you wish you had more of a windbreak?

This time of year, you know the answers to these landscaping questions. Fall, incidentally, is the very best time to plant trees, shrubs, even a new lawn. Even better, nurseries don't want to keep all those trees and shrubs above ground all winter, so they're putting everything on sale right now.

After a long summer, the soil is warm and moist. Plants are beginning to gear down in preparation for winter. And that means that they are using less water, shedding leaves and hardening their bark.

Meanwhile, their roots are traveling deeper and farther from the main trunk — in search of water as well as providing better anchors. They'll need both to stay healthy until next spring.

New trees and shrubs, straight from the nursery, are beginning to lose their leaves, too. Except for some crowded roots going in circles in their little pots, they are doing what they should be doing for winter. Bring them home now.

Now, you can easily dig the holes for new trees in the warm, crumbly soil. Now, you can easily get enough water to the newcomer's roots. And now, the new tree will eagerly send its roots out to explore its new home.

In fact, all winter, as long as the ground temperatures are above freezing, there is root activity.

A tree you plant this fall will grow six months ahead of one you plant next spring. It will already have an established root system that is ready to go to work at the first sign of spring. And it will readily put out new leaves and get on with the business of growing.

By contrast, a tree planted next spring will have to wait until ground dries out enough to be workable. Then it must be watered every day to make sure it can deal with the heat of summer with a shortage of roots.

Consider planting a small grove of trees over there where you don't want to see your neighbor's shed anymore. Remember that in an art class, you were told that an uneven number of things makes a better arrangement than an even number, so we'll put in three or five trees — whatever will fit.

The first rule is: The Right Tree in the Right Place.

How tall can a tree safely grow there? Are there power lines above the spot? How wide is the space?

Get a good book, such as "Sunset's New Western Garden

Book," and look up the trees you think you'd like to plant. Learn how tall and wide each tree will be at maturity. And never plant something that someone says "can be pruned to any size you want."

Most folks don't want to climb a 25-foot ladder, nor do we have the know-how to properly prune a large tree. Better to plant a tree that will always fit.

Figure the width of each tree, then overlap them enough to make a nice sight screen. Mix evergreens with deciduous trees. (That is, put some pines or spruce behind your favorite leafy tree that will turn colors in fall before it drops its leaves. You might decide to add a third layer and front your planting with some low shrubs.)

Strike out the area. Go tree shopping.

When you bring your new trees home, soak each one in its container. Fill up the pot with water, and let it drain out. Do this three times.

Meanwhile, dig your holes. The holes should be slightly deeper than the pots or burlapped balls, and 2-1/2 to 3 times as wide. If you have clay soil, slice the sides of the holes with the shovel to break it up more.

Fill the hole with water. If the water drains out in a couple of hours or less, the drainage is adequate in that spot.

Set the tree in the hole. Silt the pot down one side, around the bottom, and lift the pot off the hole. When you have the tree where you want it, slide the bottom of the pot out from under.

If the roots are bound in ropes and burlap, set the root ball into the hole. Undo the ropes around the trunk and as much of them around the roots as you can. Every loop must be removed from around the base of the tree, or it will girdle and kill the tree in three to five years.

Straighten the roots you can, shallowly slice through the rest with a sharp knife one-fourth of the way around the root ball. Every cut encourages the roots to branch out. Four cuts will do the job.

Fill in around the tree, breaking up the clods as finely as you can. But don't put soil additives to the soil — now trees are much better off learning about their new home right away.

If you add manure, peat moss and the like to the backfill (the soil you took out of the hole), the tree will think it has simply been transplanted into a bigger pot. The roots will go to the edges of the hole, reach native soil and turn around. Eventually, the tree will become rootbound and die.

The tree should sit slightly lower than ground level, especially in sandy or sandy-silty soil. Scoop up extra soil to form a moat around the planting hole and fill the hole up with water. The water will settle the soil particles.

Do not tamp the soil down with your foot, performing the "death stomp." That can break off fine roots and squeeze all the air out

of the soil. If the soil level is too low, add more and water in again. Stakes may be used if you're planting in an exposed, windy area. Put them in at the far edges of the planting hole, and use soft, flexible leathers that won't scrape the bark. Trees need to rock back and forth a little. It encourages the roots to spread out. (Remember to take the stakes off next spring.)

Keep your new tree moist all fall. Water the area deeply, so that you know the entire root area is moist when the ground finally freezes. If there is a thaw during the winter, get out the hose and water again.

During the winter, roots are better off encased in a huge ice cube, rather than rattling around in dry soil. If roots spend their winter dry, they will die, and the tree will appear to "suddenly" die the following spring, even though the tops might initially be green.

Properly spacing new trees and shrubs may not feel as satisfying as grouping them closer. They are small and spindly and the spaces between them seem vast in the first couple of years. Be patient.

Fortunately, patience can be bought.

Put a few dozen of your favorite spring-blooming bulbs in around those trees now. When the daffodils and tulips begin to die, go back to the nursery and pick out flowers in all your favorite colors.

Plant those in the empty spaces and the eye will be drawn to the colorful flowers. In subsequent years you will need fewer and fewer flowers when the trees and shrubs have filled in. By then, your beautiful, green, leafy grove will have grown up to block a long-forgotten ugly view.

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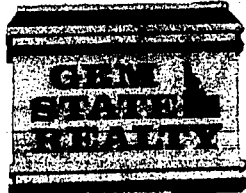
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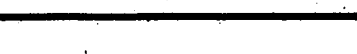
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Finland	9.8
Denmark	9.7
Norway	9.6
Luxembourg	9.5
Belgium	9.4
Austria	9.3
Germany	9.2
France	9.1
U.S. (ranked 13th)	8.9

BRIEFLY IN MONEY

Valley attorneys will lead malpractice workshop

HAILEY — Medical malpractice and personal injury will be the topics of a mini-workshop sponsored by the Gem State Association of Legal Assistants.

The program starts at 9 a.m. and ends at 12:15 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 17 at the Blaine County Sheriff's office conference room, 210 1st Avenue S. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m.

Presenters are Ken Pedersen, a Twin Falls attorney, and E. Lee Schlender, a Hailey attorney. Continuing education credits for attorneys and legal assistants are available.

The cost is \$15 for non-attorneys and \$60 for attorneys. For more information, call 733-7180, 788-5111 or 934-4861.

CEOs reveal their favorite job interview questions

The job interview has evolved into an often unique encounter that can vary widely from one company to another.

Inc. magazine asked CEOs of small companies what kind of questions they ask applicants. The head of Fiberlink, an Internet consultant in Pennsylvania, asks prospective employees what was the biggest mistake they've made so far.

The CEO of Great American Events in Arizona, tired of offering jobs to people only to have them accept a position with someone else, asks candidates whether they're close to taking a job with another employer. And the president of Conigliaro Industries in Massachusetts has to ask a very different kind of question, "What were you in for?" He hires prisoners and convicts to work in his recycling-services firm.

Success is in the coffee you drink, study suggests

Consumers who get their morning java at upscale coffee bars and shops tend to make more money than people who patronize all kinds of take-out food purveyors, according to a study by the National Restaurant Association. Those who enjoy designer coffees have average household earnings of \$48,250 a year, compared with \$47,600 for the average java junkie.

The trade group also found coffee bar patrons tend to be younger single people or retired couples, who perceive an expensive cup of coffee as an escape from the stresses of daily life. They're pretty sure, the study also learned — not only does taste and variety matter, but the packaging, in the form of a sturdy and insulated cup, better be good too.

Small purchases add up to big dent in budgets

People looking to spend less money should take a look at some of the small purchases they make, says Janet Bechman, a Cooperative Extension Service specialist at Purdue University.

She notes that people often spend more money on lunch, candy from the vending machine and cigarettes than they realize. She suggests that people looking to save money ask themselves some simple questions: Do I really need this item? Why do I need this? Is there something I want more?

Nu Skin to acquire maker of contested supplement

PROVO, Utah — Nu Skin Enterprises has agreed to purchase Generation Health Holdings, the parent company of Pharnex, which markets a controversial cholesterol-reducing substance.

The purchase price is approximately 4.1 million shares of Nu Skin Class A common stock, the companies announced Tuesday. Nu Skin also will assume or repay about \$30 million in liabilities. The final purchase price may include up to \$33 million in additional consideration, depending on the performance of capital markets and Nu Skin stock during the year following closing.

The transaction is subject to approval of Generation Health stockholders and is expected to be completed by the end of the month.

"We believe this transaction combines the most innovative natural health supplement developer with the most potent distribution channel for these products," said Steven J. Lane, president and chief executive officer of Nu Skin.

Compiled from staff and wire reports



Brent Dame prepares a boar for sperm collection at Salmon Creek Farms near Hollister. Dame plans a hog operation of his own in southern Twin Falls County, Idaho Premium Pork, which plans to open south of Twin Falls, will have the capacity to raise more than 72,000 pigs annually.

Despite neighbors' fears, hog farm prepares for debut

By Pat Marcantonio Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — In 1917, Pat Florence's grandfather started work for a meat-packing plant near the young town of Twin Falls.

Florence went to work in 1969 at Independent Meat, which his family later owned. "We've continually added and modernized," said Florence, Independent Meat president and chief executive officer.

As the new millennium approaches, the meat-processing plant heads into another era with the planned opening of Idaho Premium Pork, a production operation south of Twin Falls with the capacity to raise more than 72,000 pigs annually. Most of the hogs will be processed at Independent Meat.

The plant, probably the region's largest pork processor, and others see this as a positive economic change, but some county residents say it comes with a price to quality of life.

"Whenever we make these dramatic changes people fear and don't understand them," Florence said.

Supplying needs
Idaho produces 80,000 to 90,000 market hogs per year,

Florence said. In a given year, 30 to 50 percent of those animals fit Independent Meat's needs. But, even the animals from the new hog operation won't come close to supplying all the plant's needs, he said.

Still, it will help. "Over the last three to five years we've been proactive in trying to develop hog production closer to our plant and market," Florence said.

A Ketchum businessman has proposed a \$1.1 billion operation in eastern Owyhee County, which could be one of the nation's largest hog farms. Also, Cassia County commissioners approved a special-use permit for a 1,200-head hog farm southwest of Burley.

Florence said he has talked with both about the possibility of them supplying animals to the plant.

"We feel we have a great strategic location. We are an overnight haul to most of our West Coast market," he said.

"Historically, none of the

states west of the Mississippi has been hog-producing states," Florence said. About 90 percent of the pork consumed in the West is raised in the East.

But production has increased in Colorado, the Dakotas and Nebraska in the past five to 15 years, he said.

"Our community doesn't supply enough pork so we're sending dollars out of the Magic Valley to buy meat products," said Bob Ohlenschlaeger, University of Idaho Extension Service animal specialist in Twin Falls.

Keeping those dollars here would be one of several economic benefits of the new hog farm, supporters say.

The economics

Idaho Premium Pork representatives said a total of 53 jobs will be created at the hog operation and at Independent Meat from its enterprise.

Job expansion will be the first phase, Florence said.

Depending on business, there also could be physical expansion at Independent Meat.

The 30 new meat-plant jobs will pay more than minimum wage, he said. Make that \$20,000 to \$30,000 annually, plus benefits. Because of market growth, the company added 40 jobs this year paying that much.

"These are certainly not entry-level jobs," Florence said. That's because of the sophistication of meat- and food-processing jobs, such as butchers. The plant employs about 200 people.

Pork is a main ingredient in about 75 percent of its products, such as hot dogs, lunch meats, bacon, ham and sausages, Florence said. That could increase with the new source of pork.

Idaho Premium will help stabilize jobs at Independent Meat and bring new ones, and that is the main economic benefit, said Teri Peters of Idaho, secretary-treasurer of Filer Pork Producers, which represents producers.

The purchase of feed grain, equipment and services are other economic benefits, she said. Idaho Premium said it would buy about 800,000 bushels of grain annually from local farmers.

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Internet browser battles are heating up

By Joe Kilshelmer The Orlando Sentinel

It's been a while since we heard anything from the browser wars, but Microsoft and Netscape are rattling their sabers again in preparation for launching new assaults upon each other.

Minor skirmishing was reported recently in the arena of market share. A California market research firm said last week that the number of computer owners using Microsoft's Internet Explorer has surpassed the number of Netscape users.

But that report is valid only if you consider that America Online's 13 million members use Internet Explorer by default. Among people who browse cyberspace from work or through an Internet provider, Netscape remains the most-used browser.

Nevertheless, the story set off a muted victory celebration at Microsoft. Alas, the company couldn't be openly joyous because it faces on Oct. 15 federal antitrust trial in which the government will try to prove that Microsoft is trying to put Netscape and other rivals out of business.

The story also raised hackles at Netscape, whose survival depends on the public perception that it leads the market. That's likely why Netscape launched two public relations salvos to show it still has some fight.

First, Netscape unveiled a new evaluation version of its browser, called

Online

Communicator 4.5 PR 2. It comes with some new features that make Web browsing even easier.

Netscape also announced that it would issue a new program at the end of October, called Internet Explorer TuneUp. The program will adjust the settings of Internet Explorer to give it some of the new features Netscape is offering in its new browser release.

The best of those new features is called Smart Browsing. It allows you to find Web sites by simply typing one or more keywords into the browser's Internet address field.

No more "http." No more "slash, slash." No more "www."

If you want Ford Motor Co.'s Web site, you simply type in "Ford." If you want ABC News' Web site, you only have to type in "ABC News."

In the new Netscape evaluation version, the Smart Browsing feature also comes with a button called "What's Related." Click on that button and you'll see a list of additional Web sites with topics of similar focus.

Those two features alone will make the Internet seem less daunting.

But Netscape also says there are numerous behind-the-scenes improvements to the underlying computer code that should make things easier, too. For example, the company says that Java

applications will run faster.

Netscape's new browser also comes with several plug-in applications already installed. That means you won't have to separately download plug-ins for Macromedia's Shockwave or RealNetworks' RealAudio. That's another plus for computer users.

The final version of Netscape 4.5 is due out before the end of the year. To get the evaluation version — or the Internet Explorer 4.5 — at the end of the month — visit Netscape's Web site at www.netscape.com.

Netscape is loading the barrel with its own updated browser. The company recently made version 4.0 available for software developers, which means a preview for consumers is just a few months away.

So far, most of the changes that Microsoft has promised in IE 5.0 are behind-the-scenes updates that may not be directly noticeable by consumers.

But if Microsoft is paying attention to Netscape's moves, it's fair to assume that the software behemoth will try to come up with something special. In the long run, the biggest winners will be computer consumers.

Long live the browser wars!

Computing reporter Joe Kilshelmer welcomes your comments via e-mail. Send them to OSJ@jshel@aol.com. Or you may phone him at (407) 420-5483. His columns are an America Online at keyword: OSO Living.

Legal betting booms

But gambling industry carries risks, book says

Knight Ridder News Service

Betting made more money in the United States in 1996 than baseball, movies and theme parks combined, according to a new book on the gambling industry.

Estimates put legal betting in the United States at \$585.6 billion in 1996, up astronomically from the \$17.3 billion spent 20 years earlier.

"The torrens of cash that spews from our pockets and streams through the corporate boardrooms and darker corners of America's gambling establishments has created a commercial juggernaut," New York Times reporter Timothy L. O'Brien writes.

O'Brien tackles the pros and cons of this burgeoning industry in his first book, "Bad Bet: The Inside Story of the Glamour, Glitz, and Danger of America's Gambling Industry" (Random House, 339 pages).

As more and more opportunities arise for betting — from casinos springing up nationwide to Internet sites making in-home betting a reality — the industry has seen an astounding revenue rise, O'Brien reports. Even public entities are getting into the act, including lotteries in 37 states and the District of Columbia.

"As entrenched as gambling always has been in American life, its raptures and demons have never been so easily accessible as they are right now," O'Brien writes. "Social taboos and laws that once confined gambling's availability have been cast aside in a national rush to embrace this most dangerous of games."

Although long established sites such as Las Vegas and Atlantic City, N.J., continue to grow, newer gambling centers are popping up in such areas as

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Top 20 books

What corporate America is reading

1. "The 7 Habits of Highly Effective People," by Stephen R. Covey, Free Press
2. "Winning Every Day," by Lou Holtz: HarperBusiness
3. "The 50th State," by Neil Kinnaman: HarperBusiness
4. "Leadership From the Inside Out," by Kevin Cashman: Executive Excellence
5. "The 900-Year Delta," by Jim Taylor and Watts Wacker: HarperBusiness
6. "365 Ways to Simplify Your Work Life," by DeDe Polak: Dearborn Financial Publishing
7. "Owens Corning Is a Growth Business," by Ram Charan & Noel Tichy: HarperBusiness
8. "Major Account Sales Strategies," by Neil Kinnaman: McGraw-Hill
9. "The Leadership Edge," by Larry Wilson & Eric L. Lichten: Business Week
10. "Managing Transitions," by William Bridges: Addison-Wesley
11. "The Go-Getter," by Geoffrey Moore, Paul Johnson & Tom Koppola: HarperBusiness
12. "The Leadership Edge," by Noel M. Tichy & Eric Lichten: HarperBusiness
13. "Zackerman," by David Zach: Innovative Futures Press
14. "Built to Last," by James Collins & Jerry Porac: HarperBusiness
15. "Getting to Yes, revised edition," by Roger Fisher & William Ury: Penguin
16. "The Leadership Edge," by Noel M. Tichy & Eric Lichten: HarperBusiness
17. "Winning Past No," by William L. Ury: Bantam
18. "Customer-Dominated Selling," by Robert L. Jolley: The Free Press
19. "You Are the Message," by Roger Ailes & Jon Kraushar: Currency
20. "The Death of Competition," by James F. Moore: HarperBusiness

MONEY

Labor shortage challenges growing restaurant industry

Necessary perks include scholarships, signing bonuses

LOGANVILLE, Ga. (AP) — Signing bonuses. Flex scheduling. Management-track commitments. Scholarship offers and internships. Such recruiting tools are common in these days of low unemployment, but not just for information technology experts or investment bankers. They are some of the ways that the nation's restaurants are trying to take a bite out of a major industry problem — a shortage of workers.

"People would like to have these jobs filled, but the workers aren't available," said Donal Ratayzack, director of the Georgia State University Economic Forecasting Center.

"It's a top-of-the-list issue for us and the food service industry in general," said Donald Ferry, spokesman

for the Atlanta-based Chick-fil-A chain, whose two-week-old restaurant in Loganville is among 53 locations opening this year. "Because of the low unemployment and because of the theory, the numbers are just not out there."

Chick-fil-A and other expanding restaurant groups have an appetite for more restaurants, but face little demand for the jobs to staff them.

AFC Enterprises, an Atlanta-based group of fast-food chicken and coffee-and-bagel restaurants, is adding 400 locations worldwide this year. Each new restaurant requires 20 to 25 new hires.

"It's a factor," said Lee Channell, vice president for people services at AFC. "Like any other restaurant company, we're challenged to find employees."

Edgar Brush, a 15-year veteran of the restaurant business who operates the new Chick-fil-A in Loganville, said hiring "has changed drastically." Besides low unemployment rates — 3 percent or lower in

much of metropolitan Atlanta — he finds that many children of baby boomers are unwilling to accept the fast-paced work.

"So many have been raised to have everything handed to them," said Brush, who came to Loganville from a downtown Atlanta restaurant where turnover was a major problem. "You've got to work harder to find them, and you've got to work harder to keep them."

Brush used paid advertising and called church youth ministries to help find the 56 employees needed to start operations at his restaurant about 30 miles northeast of Atlanta. He said Loganville is a working family town, so it wasn't as difficult to find willing workers.

When Mike Grisham, managing partner of Maggie's Little Italy, began hiring last year for the new restaurant in Atlanta's Buckhead neighborhood, he advertised in college newspapers and recruited through school parent-teacher organizations.

Restaurants at a glance

- ▲ Look at the hospitality
- ▲ Business issues: A Chicago-based partnership of the National Restaurant Association and American Hotel & Motel Association
- Hedges schools in 17 states develop high school courses and links them to career mentors and workplace experience
- Over the next few years, plans partnerships in all 50 states involving 5,000 schools and 50,000 work sites, with a goal of 100,000 students a year graduating from its school-to-career programs
- Breakfast includes AFC Enterprises, Coca-Cola, American Express, H.J. Heinz, Anton Airbus, Golden Corral, Red Lobster, Hooters Foodservice and Hyatt Regency.

Missouri honors man after 65 years of service

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. (AP) — When Frank Blankenship started as a \$125-a-month income tax clerk for the state of Missouri in 1933, each cost 15 cents a dozen, cigarettes were a dime a pack and Babe Ruth led the World Series champion New York Yankees.

Recently, Blankenship, now 91, marked his 65th continuous year on the state payroll by receiving a proclamation and an elegant fountain pen from Gov. Mel Carnahan.

Blankenship was working for the state a year before Carnahan was born, and he has worked for 11 other chief executives during his career. When he arrived for his first day of work at age 25, he thought the job might last four years because of changes in governors.

He now works 20 hours a week as executive secretary to the Missouri Board of Fund Commissioners. He took the \$10,000-a-year part-time post after retiring from full-time work in 1974.

Blankenship said he plans to continue working "as long as I'm physically able to get to the office and as long as they want me to work."

The board issues and cancels the state's general obligation bonds and directs payments of interest and principal on bonds issued by the board.

Gene Rose, a spokesman for the National Conference of State Legislatures in Denver, said Blankenship's record is a national standout.

"This is an unparalleled exam-

ple of public service that is unlikely to be equaled," said Rose, co-chairman of a former communications chief for the Missouri House.

Carnahan, a Democrat, called Blankenship's service "extraordinary" during a ceremony honoring state employees. Blankenship received a standing ovation from more than 100 other government workers.

Blankenship was hired by the state two years after he was laid off by Union Pacific Railroad in Nevada, Mo., during the Depression. He said he was lucky to land the job because of hard economic times, adding that he had a little help from influential political friends in Vernon County.

To prove his longevity, Blankenship still has a 1933 photo of the auditor's staff hanging above his desk. Except for a few state jobs, such as judgeships and Highway Patrol trooper, Missouri doesn't have a mandatory retirement age for its employees.

A Democrat, Blankenship said one of his favorite governors was Democrat Forrest Smith, who was state auditor when Blankenship was hired.

Blankenship, who works four-hour days five days a week, credits his longevity to hard work and liking what he does.

"I liked the jobs that I had and when my wife died in 1952 I just continued working because I had nothing else to do," he said. "I'm just very glad that I have half a day's job to do."

Small-timers can flourish during hard times

By Tom Cully
Knight Ridder News Service

With once unprintable language now in high fashion in Washington and around the country, there's no one can stop me from finally printing the unprintable. The dreaded R word. Here goes Recession. See, easy. You can get away with anything nowadays.

The last time I tested the R word, at a conference for pumped-up entrepreneurial CEOs, one participant graciously suggested I had arisen from the Dark Ages and should just return forthwith — recessions just don't happen any more.

Well, folks, cloudy economic weather is moving in. We're headed into maybe a big one or only a small one or merely a passing shower. One way or the other, it's going to be less sunny around town. So how should a small business owner/operator view his or her personal prospects in an economic downturn?

In a recession, small businesses are the rest of the economy. But small can be beautiful — if you're quick on the draw.

- Moving downmarket: You're much closer to your customers than the CEOs of large corporations. The moment you

suspect demand that customers are leaving the pitch, you can switch quickly from high-end products/services to cheaper alternatives you would not have offered in the good times.

- Cutting profit margins: The big story in recent years has been the high profitability of most businesses, large and small. Many will want to hang on to size. Be the first, not the last, to sacrifice margins, reduce prices and save customers.
- Extending payment terms: You already know which customers are good credit risks. Once you've seen the writing on

the wall, be the first to offer more generous payment terms. Even if it gives you cash flow problems, it's far better than losing them. Or desperately offering extended terms later, to dubious new clients who may never pay you.

- Increasing cash discounts: But you also need cash to survive. More also needs of the competition. Offer customers (particularly the poor credit risks) the most attractive discounts you can afford, for cash payment or better yet, prepayment. Your profit margins will suffer but the improved cash flow will help keep you afloat.

Hog

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Idaho has a lot to attract hog production, Ohlenschlaen said. That includes less anti-hog sentiment than elsewhere in the nation, fewer animal diseases and wide open spaces.

On the other hand, a lot of those open spaces are on public land, and there's little grain surplus.

"I can't see any reason we'll be inundated with hogs," he said.

Like other farming operations, hog production has become large. CEO is the cheapest to raise many animals than a few to remain eco-

nomically viable, Ohlenschlaen said. In addition, technology has helped reduce costs.

"It's not like it used to be," he said.

Price of hog prosperity

But Darcy Thornbrough of Buhl wonders whether workers for the higher-paying technical jobs from the hog operation will come from the region or from out of state.

She sees a price to what others may see as a hog heaven.

Regardless of how well a hog

farm is run there are odor and waste to dispose of, and those affect neighbors' quality of life and land values.


Thornbrough with the Farm Urban Network, which opposed Idaho Premium. The group says it wants to preserve existing communities and link urban communities.

"You can't run something with out a cost," Thornbrough said.

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THE LIGHT TOUCH

by Craig Smith



You never realize how much of a castle your home is till the tax assessor calls.

Where else but in this country can you start at the bottom and mind up the boss — if you don't mind the financial sacrifice.

We don't want to say the bride and groom were young, but the wedding cake was a Twinkie.

One thing you notice in middle age is that middle-aged people are considerably younger than they used to be.

People of all ages notice the terrific boys get it.

Betting

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Mississippi Gulf Coast and American Indian reservations, all in when O'Brien made a desperate attempt to rejuvenate economically battered communities.

"The siren continues to enchant, because commercial gambling's strongest appeal is to the desperate — to small towns and cities beaten into economic submission, to states stripped of federal tax support and angling ways to plug holes in their budgets; to Native Americans banished to the outer rim of society," he writes.

O'Brien researched several gambling sites and examined whether the industry provides the promised economic boon. He also includes chapters on state

lotteries, sports betting and the latest gambling craze: the Internet.

Although it is against federal law to use a U.S. Internet site to offer real gambling, as in the transfer of money over interstate phone lines, that is not stopping companies abroad, O'Brien says.

Internet gambling, or "blaming" as it is generally called, is hot. One trade publication estimates about \$143 million in bets were placed online in the United States in 1996. The magazine estimates that the figure will rise to \$760 million by 2000, O'Brien writes.

"Sports betting ... has all the earmarks of being a killer application ... on the Internet because

it is a favorite activity among the computer-literate young men who like to snipe through cyberspace," O'Brien writes.

Some countries, including Australia, Austria and those in the Caribbean, allow Internet betting and several companies are jumping onto the Net.

Even certain states, including British Airways and Gibraltar, have tested the light gambling system, O'Brien writes.

Although gambling increasingly is available, O'Brien points out repeatedly that the industry depends on relatively few hardcore gamblers for its profits.

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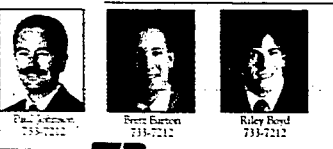
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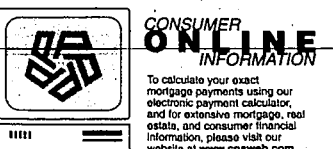
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TRADEWINDS

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS — NaDian Lyda of Wills Inc. was recently elected one of eight directors of the Greater Twin Falls Association of Realtors, which consists of approximately 210 real-estate agents.

Lyda has been selling real estate full-time for two years. He is a member of the Million Dollar Club for 1997 and has already exceeded that mark for 1998. Lyda specializes in existing and new construction homes, working for Wills Realty and Wills Inc. of Twin Falls.

TWIN FALLS — Stephen G. Scollard has been appointed director of sales for the Catamount Broadcast Group's television station properties, which include KMYT-TV.

Scollard will retain his current duties as general sales manager for KMYT but will also be responsible for overall sales execution and performance of the group's broadcast station group. Scollard brings a wealth of talent and experience to the position, proving himself a solidly competitive, results-driven manager with an outstanding track record.

Before joining Catamount, Scollard held positions as local, national and general sales manager at several television stations in New Orleans, La., Little Rock, Ark., and San Antonio, Texas.

Kyla Kelly and Chris Stevenson also have joined the staff.

Kelly will anchor and produce KMYT's newest new program at 5 p.m. and host the "Southern Idaho This Morning" interview program.

Kelly graduated from Washington State University with bachelor's and master's degrees in communications. She began her communications career at Boise State University's Radio Network stationhouse intern reporter. Most recently, she was news and public affairs director for KSCI (33.7 FM) and cohost of KSCI's Channel 14 simulcast morning show.

Stevenson comes to KMYT with extensive experience and education in business marketing. The Twin Falls, Idaho, native will focus on helping local businesses best utilize their advertising investments.

Stevenson graduated from Kent State University with a bachelor's degree in journalism and mass communications. He was a district manager for Circle K Company, managing central and regional stores. Most recently, Stevenson was car wash and store manager for one of two Twin Falls TwinStop Chevron's.

TWIN FALLS — Jules Harrison Ford announces that David Posenack has successfully



Nathan Lyda

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achieved Master Technician status and Lee Plonoff has successfully achieved Triple Master Technician status.

Plonoff is the only assistant technician in Idaho, and one of two technicians in the Twin Falls Region, with Triple Master status.

TWIN FALLS — Donna Bach, broker at Coldwell Banker Western Realty, recently attended Coldwell's 7th Annual Western Region Managers Conference held in San Antonio, Texas, Sept. 20 to 22. Bach joined 300 other Coldwell owners, brokers and managers at the conference.

Bach shared her expertise with others in extensive educational workshops, the company said.

Bach said the conference provided the opportunity to gain additional knowledge and exposure to cutting-edge techniques. Coldwell Banker is located at 390 Addison Ave. in Twin Falls and can be reached at 735-2828. Coldwell, a subsidiary of Century Corporation, has three 2001 independently owned and operated franchise offices and over 2000 sales associates throughout North America. Coldwell can be accessed at <http://www.coldwellbanker.com>.

TWIN FALLS — Dale Kodesh and Julie Conley of ReMax/Compass Sales recently participated in the International Electronic Exchange in Las Vegas, Nev.

The Exchange is an elite group of real estate brokers from around the world who meet once a year to learn new techniques and share information, the sales said. Kodesh and Conley join only seven others in Idaho to

hold membership in the Exchange.

Kodesh and Conley have owned and managed ReMax/Compass for seven years. They say their other four major accomplishments include: Leasing Color Gold and Peoples Color Saver; and their pride themselves in keeping up with the latest in products and technology in color and all aspects of homebuilding.

ReMax/Compass also announced the addition of Heather Nielson as a real estate agent and artist. Since her graduation from DRE Academy, Nielson has experience with appraisals and all real estate. She also does mail art and spa pedicures. Nielson is accepting new clients and offers part-time membership.

BOISE — Oliver, Russell & Associates, Inc., a marketing, communications firm specializing in insurance, financial, advertising and public relations, has hired Kristy Stammers as an account executive.

Stammers, of Twin Falls, comes to Oliver after working as an advertising communications specialist for Micron Electronics. She earned her bachelor's degree in communication advertising from the University of Idaho in Moscow.

She will manage various agency accounts, work with clients and agencies personnel to develop effective communication and public relations and promote marketing and media recommendations to ongoing projects.

Stammers brings a strong background in advertising and public relations that will suit the creative and diverse customer that allows Oliver to provide services to a wide range of clients and

their individual needs, the company said.

HEYBURN — Royce Otte and Alan Johnson have been promoted to new positions at Western Seeds, a division of Evans Grain and Elevator Co.

Otte replaces George Anderson as general manager. Anderson will remain with the company in management and project development roles until his retirement.

Otte has been active in sales and management with Western Seeds since 1979.

Before working for Western Seeds, Johnson worked for Evans Grain and Elevator Company and Gryn, Agriculture.

Western Seeds began selling seed in Idaho in 1956 and has six facilities in Heyburn, Paul, Tremonton, Utah and Ontario, Ore. In addition to Western Seeds, Evans Grain operates a feed and grain merchandising company in Rupert and facilities in Juntura and Ontario, Ore.

BURLEY — Annette Roper has joined Obenchain Insurance Agency as a sales agent.

With 12 years' experience in the insurance industry, nine years as a licensed agent in all lines, Roper brings with her a working knowledge of property and casualty coverage, the company said.

She resides in Burley and will be working in that area. She is pursuing her CIC accreditation through the Institute of Commercial Accounts, especially farms, as she has had extensive training in that market, the company said.

More trillion-dollar software problems loom, experts say

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — If you thought the Year 2000 computer bug was bad, just wait. Other problems that computers may have with dated data could cost even more to fix and promise to extend well into the next century.

The much-fretted Y2K problem, which arises from the way computers keep track of dates using two digits instead of four, is expected to cost the world between \$600 billion and \$4.6 trillion to fix.

Less familiar looming concerns include:

- The European Union's conversion to the new euro currency starting in a few months.
- The rollout of the date system in Global Positioning System satellites.
- America's surfeit of telephones for home and office, with data threatening the possibility that the nation could run out of phone numbers.
- Ditto Social Security numbers, which are not used when people die.

The Euro

The European Monetary Union will begin its conversion to the euro currency Jan. 1, 1999, and union countries are scheduled to phase out national currencies in 2004.

The euro conversion is the second largest software challenge in the world behind the Y2K problem, said Jones, and it's more sophisticated. Instead of changing every date in a computer system with a single deadline looming, computer systems have to be able to handle the different ways the 11 union countries change over. Further complicating the problem are individual companies that may convert completely to conducting business in euros, or they may continue to track their national currency while simultaneously using the euro.

Ed Severs, chief operating officer for ADPAC Inc., one of the older companies designing mainframe computer systems, said there aren't enough programmers to finish both the euro conversion and the Y2K fix.

Jones said about 10 million programs, ranging from Microsoft's spreadsheet software, Excel, to specialized financial tracking software, would have to be modified to handle the euro conversion, he said.

France and Germany, said Gary Fisher, a computer scientist at Information Technology Laboratory at the U.S. National Institute of Standards and Technology, are putting all their

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resources into converting to the euro instead of Y2K. "They're in a fix, I think," he said. "They're going to be fighting fires everywhere."

GPS satellites

In the period between the euro conversion and Jan. 1, 2000, the belt of 24 satellites making up the Global Positioning System is programmed to reset its date system. This could cause problems in navigation and power plants, and even in the calculation of interest for international financial transactions.

The network, run by the Defense Department, allows any one with a GPS receiver to pinpoint their position on the Earth to within about 330 feet. The satellites keep track of dates by measuring the delay of waves elapsed since Jan. 5, 1980. Every 1,024 weeks, the timer resets to zero; that will occur at midnight Aug. 21, 1999.

The satellites use the elapsed week count to account for variations in the earth's orbit and rotation. That's why civilian Earth-based receivers, not programmed to handle the rollover, could have problems determining the location, Fisher said.

"The receivers are going to have to become compliant, either through a new chip or new software," said Fisher.

The World of Real Estate

by Donna Bach
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UP, DOWN, OR SIDWAYS?

Conventional wisdom has long held that empty-nesters can derive a great deal of benefit from downsizing to smaller homes. Aside from lower monthly costs and easier maintenance, as the things go, they can tie the equity in their mortgage-free homes and invest some of the profits. Some, however, challenge the downsizing strategy. They say that trading up gives older homeowners the opportunity to own the homes they always wanted. It also affords them sufficient space to accommodate visiting children and grandchildren, as well as their petted ponies. And, trading up may be the only way to avoid the steep decline in the real estate market usually both down to personal preference.

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'Corrections' tax act does more than correct

New code gives older taxpayers more options on capital gains, home sales

DENVER (AP) — A portion of the Internal Revenue Service Restructuring and Reform Act of 1998 was intended to make technical adjustments to parts of the monumental 1997 tax act.

These "adjustments" not only corrected some errors from the 1997 act, but also modified the 1997 act, but also created some new planning opportunities for older taxpayers, according to a tax expert at the College for Financial Planning.

Though the Reform Act of 1998 was called a "corrective" act, it made more than 40 substantive changes, says Lisa Khalilian, an academic associate at the college. "Some of these corrections alter the tax planning assumptions for many older taxpayers," Khalilian explains several of the changes and how they could impact older taxpayers.

• **Capital gains.** One of the most important "corrections" shortened the period an investment must be owned — from 18 months to 12 months — for long-term capital gain property, before profits from its sale are eligible for the lowest capital-gains tax rate.

The 1997 tax act had lowered the long-term capital-gains tax rates from 28 percent to 20 percent for taxpayers in the 28 per-

cent or higher income tax brackets and from 15 percent to 20 percent for those in the 25 percent income tax bracket. The 20 percent and 15 percent rates still apply to "collectibles" such as cars, antiques and certain business stock.

"This further enhances the preferential treatment of capital gains," Khalilian says. "It also diminishes the appeal of dividend interest, which is taxable at ordinary income rates. And at some point, the lower capital-gains tax rate and shorter holding period may erode the amount of tax-deferred vehicles, whose distributions are taxed at ordinary tax rates."

• **Roth IRA.** Several adjustments were made in this popular form of individual retirement account created by the 1997 act. Taxpayers who convert their traditional IRA to a Roth IRA can now reverse the conversion tax and penalty fee, as long as they do it before filing their tax return for the year of the conversion. This will benefit taxpayers who

don't realize they exceed the income limitation (a modified adjusted gross income of \$100,000 or more) until after they've already converted.

The 1998 act also clarified another Roth rule regarding distributions. Normally, for the distribution of earnings from a Roth to be tax free, the taxpayer must be at least age 59½ and the earnings must have been in the account at least five years (there are other exceptions).

However, it was unclear when the five-year "transferable" began. The 1998 act states that the five-year period begins in the year of the first rollover or contribution to the Roth.

Taxpayers may also now elect to have all of the money they roll over from a regular IRA into a Roth IRA subject to only paying the year of the rollover. The 1997 act required that rollover amounts be separated over a minimum number of transactions (one for 1998 conversions).

The four-year period usually reduces the overall tax bite for most taxpayers. However,

Khalilian says, for some taxpayers it actually might be more advantageous to pay the tax on the rollover all in 1998. This would be the case for taxpayers who had a low-income 1998 (due to unemployment for example) or who expect their income to significantly rise in 1999, 2000 or 2001.

Khalilian says older taxpayers will receive yet another break for conversions in 2005. Currently, regular IRA minimum distributions from regular IRAs for taxpayers who have reached age 70-and-a-half count toward the \$100,000 income threshold. Starting in 2005, minimum distributions won't be included in a taxpayer's adjusted gross income when determining eligibility for conversion.

• **Home.** The 1998 act also clarified a home-sale issue of importance to older taxpayers. Taxpayers who live in their home for at least two years can exclude from capital-gains taxes up to \$250,000 in profits (\$500,000 for a married couple) from the sale of the home.

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