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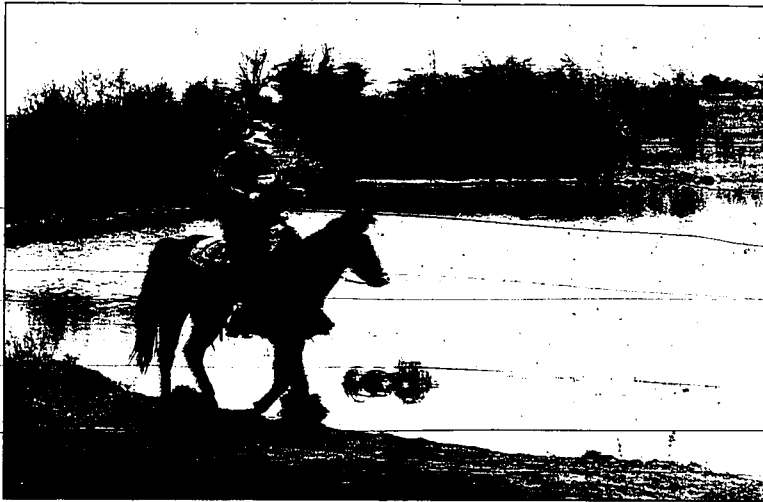
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# A SOFT-SPOKEN SPEAKER?



Idaho Rep. Bruce Newcomb takes his 3-year-old grandson, Kendall Schneider, for a horseback ride near his home in Bath.

## Well-liked, low-key Newcomb seeks top spot in House

By Gregory Hahn Times-News writer

DECLIO - Even when he was a child, everyone liked Bruce Newcomb.

His classmates respected him. His teachers loved him. His principal still talks about him.

And that's not all, explained Denton Darrington, who spent 12 years sitting beside Newcomb in just about every class they had.

"The girls really liked him," he said. "That's important, all the girls liked Bruce."

Today, as Newcomb prepares for his seventh term in the Idaho House of Representatives, one asset makes him the recognized front-runner in the race to replace outgoing Speaker Mike Simpson.

People like him.

"He's low-key," retired Declio Principal Lovell Turner said. "He just does a good job, that's all."

Newcomb and Darrington - himself the head of the state

Senate's Judiciary and Rules Committee - were two of about 20 students that Turner and his faculty presented at the graduation class of 1956.

Newcomb, like most of the Declio boys, played every sport. He played a little more than some of the others.

Despite their friendship, Darrington remembered looking forward to a three-month trip to Europe the Newcomb family took when the two were in eighth grade.

"We were all glad to see him go," he said, a hint of humor in his voice, "because it meant someone else could start on the basketball team."

But most Declio boys spent most of their free time on the farm, and Newcomb and his two

brothers were no different. Their father, Wayne, was the first to see spud rows in the sagebrush near Declio. He dug the first deep wells there and installed the first sprinkler system.

By 1950, he grew about 100 acres of potatoes.

The hard work, for the most part, kept Newcomb and Darrington from causing too much trouble as teenagers.

"Neither one were trouble-makers," Turner recollected. "There's a get into mischief, but no real trouble. They knew I had a little hickory paddle to use if I wanted to. I think I put the wood on both of them."

After college, Newcomb returned to Burley to raise his family and help his younger

brother Mark run the family farm. But the business was not the only inheritance left to the boys.

"Our father kind of instilled in us a public responsibility and an interest in politics," said Newcomb's older brother, Dr. Russell Newcomb, who left the family farm to become a Twin Falls general surgeon.

And he gave the boys an acute sense of the importance of water. Without it, they soon learned more in the West than their small farm would dry up.

"I don't know how young I was when he started that," Russell Newcomb said.

But there was one character trait that didn't hold in the next generation - at least not for long. "He was an F.D.R. Democrat," Bruce Newcomb said. "So he was always on the wrong side."

Newcomb was on that side for a while. He even ran as a Democrat in a gentleman's race against his old friend Darrington.

### Newcomb file

- 1950-55: Agricultural Extension Agent
- 1955-58: Assistant Farmington Christian College, Eugene, Ore.
- 1958-60: University of Oregon and Stanford University
- 1960-62: Farm and rancher
- 1962-66: Representative, 1967-present

## Judge orders edit of Nixon tapes

Technicians trim talk of personal life

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON - For two decades, President Nixon's White House tapes have been preserved and protected in a cold storage vault at the National Archives. Now technicians are slicing them up with a razor blade.

Not that they want to. A judge ordered the archives to cut out personal, private and some political conversations from the 3,280 hours of conversations the public still hasn't heard.

Nixon discusses his daughter Tricia's Rose Garden wedding. Nixon plans a political campaign trip to Snip. Family members talk about their health, or one another. Snip, Snip.

All together, 820 hours of tape are being cut - about a fourth of the total volume.

"After all these years of protecting the tapes, it was really a traumatic moment to actually begin cutting them."

Sharon Fawcett, deputy assistant archivist for presidential libraries.

"He's a delicate, tedious work that will cost \$600,000 and take at least six years."

"This tape has the consistency of thick Saran Wrap," says Dick Meyer, supervisory audio visual specialist for the Nixon presidential materials project. "Your audio cassette is twice the thickness of what we're dealing with."

He and three white-gloved technicians work in a secure, windowless room on the ground floor of the archives. They listen, cut and splice for hours or four hours at a time - that's about as long as anyone can keep at it. Some days, they hear a Nixon tirade or National Security Adviser Henry Kissinger's lion-topped dreads on foreign policy. Other days, they get an earful of someone vacuuming the Oval Office.

There are no transcripts, only conversation logs coded with the first and last words of talk to edit out. A stopwatch and calculator are used to fast forward the tape on reel-to-reel recorders like those used in the Nixon White House in the early 1970s.

The tape experts mark the beginning and end of each edit with a special archival pen. Then they slide the tape off the machine, thread it into a splicing block and cut it with a razor blade.

Ms. Fawcett says, "I have to hold it firmly and make a really fast, firm cut," Ms. Fawcett says.

Sax quartet kicks off concert series

The first installment of Christmas in City Park is scheduled for 5 p.m. today.

The Falls Sax Quartet will provide the entertainment, and the inspirational message will be delivered by the Rev. LeRoy Tucker, assistant pastor of Amazing Grace Fellowship.

It's the first of four Sunday-night concerts that will continue through Dec. 20.

## Bus passengers relive terrifying ride in Seattle

The Associated Press

SEATTLE - Regina King was doing when fellow passengers aboard the city bus heard the "pop-pop" of gunshots aimed at the driver's stomach.

Moments later, the bus carrying at least 25 people plummeted 50 feet off a busy Seattle bridge toward an apartment building.

"When I woke up, I heard a guy yell, 'Oh, my God.' The bus was going across the freeway, and then over (it)," she recalled Saturday.

from a hospital, where she was in satisfactory condition.

"I was hallucinating (about) my whole life just floating in front of me. I'm thinking, 'Am I waiting for us to hit the water? I just know we were all dead.'"

Another passenger, Elizabeth Wayne, remembered "flinging" to himself during Friday's wreck.

"My God, it's going to be like an airplane crash."

Three people died, including driver Mark F. McLaughlin, 55, who

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A worker looks for a way to attach towing cables to a smashed Metro bus Saturday in Seattle. The bus plummeted off a bridge Friday, injuring most of the three-dozen people on board.

## SKIPPER-IN-WAITING

### Astronaut waits out space station delays

The Associated Press

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. - He should have been there by now, home after five months aboard the new space station. Instead, astronaut Bill Shepherd is still a skipper-in-waiting at more than a year from launch.

The first building block of the orbital command post was launched last week, after a year's delay, and the second is scheduled to go up Thursday aboard space shuttle Endeavour.

But Shepherd and his two cos-

monaut crewmates cannot take up full-time residence in the international space station until the third piece, the so-called service module with its life-support equipment, goes. And no one - neither the Russian builders nor their American creditors - can say with certainty when that will be.

So Shepherd and his team wait, eager to move into the space station - so they can move on with their lives.

Their original liftoff date was May 1998. The National Aeronautics and Space

Administration's latest guesstimate is January 2000, four years after being assigned to Expedition 1.

"Nobody's really happy about the delays, the crew most of all," Shepherd tells The Associated Press, the weariness evident in his voice. "I am looking forward to having this flight behind me. There are a lot of things I want to do, and I'm kind of keen to have a successful mission and be done."

His Russian flight engineer, Sergei Krikalev, tries to keep the mood in Houston light.

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Bill Shepherd Awaits eventual liftoff.

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THE REGION

Camas Prairie

High 38 Low 24
Fog early and mostly cloudy. Same tonight. Mostly cloudy Monday. High chance of rain or snow, high 43.

Treasure Valley

High 47 Low 44
Fog early and mostly cloudy. Breezy tonight. Foggy Monday. Slight chance of rain or snow, high 51.

Scawtoot Mountains/Wood River Valley

High 30 Low 21
Fog early and mostly cloudy. Same tonight. Mostly cloudy Monday. Slight chance of rain or snow, high 41.

Eastern Idaho

High 41 Low 26
Partly sunny today. Partly cloudy tonight. Mostly cloudy Monday, high 49.

Northern Idaho

High 37 Low 35
Fog early and mostly cloudy. Same tonight. Rain or snow likely tonight. Cloudy Monday, chance of rain/snow, high 51.

Northern Utah

High 50 Low 30
Mostly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of morning rain. Decreasing clouds in the afternoon.

Northern Nevada

High 45 Low 33
Mostly cloudy, with fog early in the day. West winds 5-10 mph.

MAGIC VALLEY FIVE-DAY FORECAST

Today



High: 44 Low: 34
Fog early then mostly cloudy, west winds 10 mph.

Monday



High: 51 Low: 40
Mostly cloudy, breezy and warmer.

Tuesday



High: 40s Low: 30s
Mostly cloudy with a chance of rain.

Wednesday



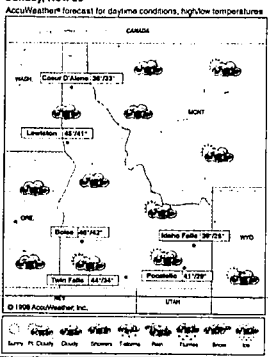
High: 40s Low: 20s
Mostly cloudy and cooler, with a chance of rain.

Thursday

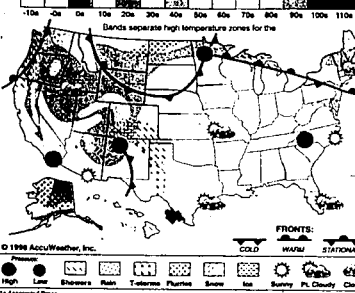


High: 40s Low: 20s
Mostly sunny.

Idaho weather



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YESTERDAY'S WEATHER

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Idaho

Table with columns: Max, Min, Precip. Values for cities like Boise, Burley, Buhl, etc.

The Nation

Table with columns: Max, Min, Precip. Values for various US cities like Atlanta, Boston, Chicago, etc.

ACROSS THE NATION

Idaho: Cloudy skies and abundant precipitation resulted from a trough that passed through Idaho Saturday. Precipitation totals from around the state included 0.18 inches at Lewell, 0.14 at Lewiston, 0.12 at Boise and 0.11 in Coeur d'Alene.

Newcomb

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The "R" helped a Cassia County legislative hopeful then as it does now. Newcomb's brief courtship with the left of center ended for good after a state convention in north Idaho.

License-plate fine costs Newcomb

The Times-News
FILER - An interest in water issues and politics isn't all Bruce Newcomb's father left him. What Newcomb jokingly described as a hereditary memory lapse recently cost Newcomb \$70, when he was pulled over in Filer and charged for not transferring his plates to his new truck.

changed over." Newcomb was charged with "fictitious display of plates," according to the Filer police report dated Oct. 27. The charge was included last week on the Filer "For the record" in The Times-News.

He can't keep a secret to save his life, he just can't. He's so dang honest.

Mike Simpson, Congressman-elect, on Bruce Newcomb
hinges on the right, but Newcomb's supporters doubt they will face a strong opponent.

Newcomb was soon majority leader, taking the Legislature where he wanted it to go, and he had a blossoming relationship with Gould and her young son J.D.

That was most important at home, Gould said, J.D. not yet 10 at the time, had a grandfather dying of prostate cancer. Newcomb quickly made it clear that there were different kinds of cancer.

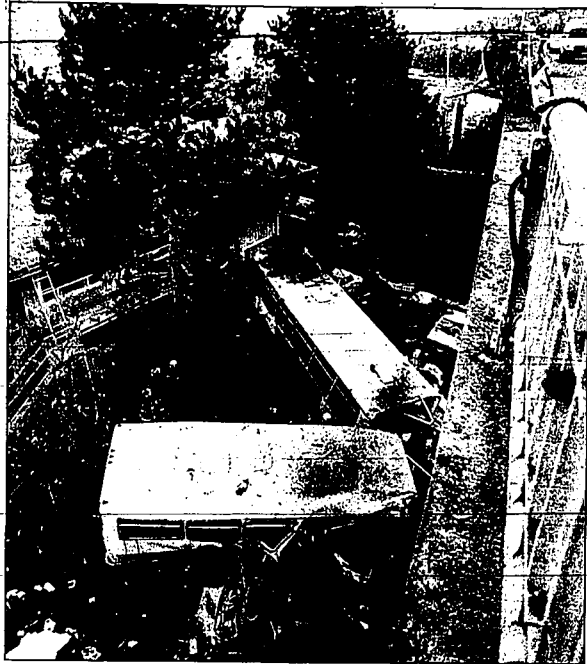
By the end of this week, the Republican majority will have named its new speaker. Although Newcomb has said he is "cautiously optimistic," his supporters at home have a little more confidence.

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Space
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"Good joke is a good way to relieve some tension, and we are joking that for more than two years we are one year to flight," says the commandant.



Seattle firefighters look over a Metro bus after it crashed through a guardrail Friday.

**Bus**

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lost control of the bus after being struck by gunfire. McLaughlin died at the scene, from multiple gunshot wounds to the abdomen, the King County medical examiner's office said Saturday.

Authorities believe the gunman may have been a passenger who shot himself in the head after firing at McLaughlin. Police spokeswoman Christie-Lynne Bonner called the attack a "possible murder-suicide."

"We do have information from some witnesses that they saw this man shoot the bus driver," Bonner said. The motive remained unknown.

"The other dead passenger was identified as Herman Liebel, 69, who suffered head injuries and a pelvic fracture related to the crash, hospital officials said.

"He died early Saturday at a hospital.

Thirty-two other passengers suffered injuries, and 19 remained hospitalized Saturday, one critically.

Wene, 24, said he thought he heard two "popping noises" before the bus lost control and veered through the bridge guardrail. When the bus hit the ground, Wene scrambled out the rear door.

"I just ran," he said. "I ran all the way to Safeway. I was a little shook up, I just didn't want to be around all that."

He eventually was treated for minor injuries at a hospital and released.

Seconds before the accident, an apartment bus loaded with tourists had driven by the apartment house yard where the hinged Metro bus' two 30-foot sections landed together.

Survivors said the attacker was a passenger sitting across the aisle from the driver in the seat directly behind the front door. The attack came without warning, said Rick Walsh, director of King County's Metro Transit division.

"There was no previous conversation," Walsh said. "No tension was apparent, and ... he pulled out a gun and shot the driver."

Lacy Olsen, 13, who was headed downtown on the bus to get her eyebrow pierced, was sitting not far away.

"I saw two flashes and heard a loud pop-pop," Olsen said. "I saw the bus driver and his blood."

Then the bus went out of control. "It like happened in 30 seconds," she said. "Everybody was screaming and crying."

She said she didn't hear any words exchanged between the driver and the gunman.

Dan Hardesty was on the front porch of his apartment with friends when they heard the crash and saw chunks of the concrete railing come flying at them. Then the bus flew over their heads, hit the building and landed in Hardesty's garden.

"It just plummeted right over," he said.

Hardesty ran inside to check on his brother in an adjoining apartment. He was OK. Then Hardesty called 911. The line was busy since so many people were calling all at once.

One of Hardesty's friends on the porch, Sara Krause, was struck in the back by a piece of debris but not hurt.

"We heard the bus hit the rail. We just scattered and it hit the ground," she said. "I saw legs and twisted bodies. Then we just heard screaming. People screaming for help. There was blood, covered."

The title Post-Intelligencer reported the attacker was found near the bus with a fatal gunshot wound to his head and a gun that had been fired was nearby.

Authorities confirmed a gun was recovered at the crash scene and a second handgun — unfired — was recovered from the dead passenger's body at the hospital, Bonner said.

The bus hit with a central, bilged hinge was ripped apart by the fall. Residents bawled shredded metal and spilled diesel fuel to help bleeding victims.

"The bus fell at the north end of the four-lane Aurora Bridge, which is a landmark in the funky Fremont neighborhood, a popular shopping and sightseeing area. Under the bridge is a sculpture of a troll, grasping a real Volkswagen Bug.

**Officers look near prison for escapee**

HUNTSVILLE, Texas (AP) — Police using boats, horses, dogs, and helicopters kept up a methodical search Saturday for a death row inmate who escaped amid a hail of gunfire from prison guards' rifles.

Authorities were reviewing security camera videotapes for clues to how Martin E. Gurule scaled two fences jammed with razor-wire, one of which also was equipped with motion detectors.

Internal affairs investigators also were trying to learn how Gurule made his break from the Ellis I prison with six other death row inmates, who were quickly recaptured.

Five hundred police officers, prison guards, sheriff's deputies, and state troopers combed a heavily wooded area in the southeastern quarter of the 11,672-acre prison grounds.

"That's where the dogs picked up the scent," said Texas prison spokesman Larry Fitzgerald. "We're still steadfast and resolved that this guy is here," Fitzgerald said.

There were no reports of burglaries or sightings by residents that would indicate Gurule, sentenced to death for the 1992 shooting of a Corpus Christi restaurant owner, had made it off the Ellis I property.

**Clinton gives housing vouchers for disabled**

WASHINGTON (AP) — An estimated 17,000 low-income people with disabilities will share nearly \$130 million in new federal housing vouchers to help pay the rent, President Clinton announced Saturday.

"All of us bound together across the generations in a cycle of mutual help, caring for one another, thanking God for our blessings — with the steps we take today, we'll ensure the same spirit of Thanksgiving is alive every day of the year," the president said in describing the vouchers during his weekly radio broadcast.

The money from the Department of Housing and Urban Development will be distributed through local housing authorities in more than 200 communities. The vouchers given to individuals are meant to subsidize rents in the private marketplace so that the low-income disabled don't spend more than 30 percent of their

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income in rent.

To qualify for the housing aid, applicants must be classified as "very low income," meaning a household with an income of less than 50 percent of the area median. On a national level, this amounts to an income of less than \$8,000 a year, according to HUD.

Republicans, meanwhile, used their radio address to press Social Security reform — an issue that Clinton and the Democrats used to their advantage in the Nov. 3 elections.

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**Gorilla enjoys brief romp outside zoo**

DALLAS (AP) — A 340-pound gorilla escaped Saturday from his room at the Dallas Zoo, raided the kitchen, bit a keeper and then dragged her down a hallway.

Hercules the gorilla — "basically a pretty gentle giant with a nice personality" — was captured after a veterinarian shot him with a tranquilizing dart, a zoo official said.

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NATION

# Pledge lets victims - after death - urge leniency for killers

NEW YORK (AP) — "I've ever murdered. I want my killer punished — but not executed."

That's the essence of the Declaration of Life, a pledge taken by more than 50,000 people fighting the death penalty. The two-page declaration, summarized on a wallet-size card, has been signed by actors Susan Sarandon and Martin Sheen, former New York Gov. Mario Cuomo and U.S. Rep. Carolyn McCarthy. Whose husband was killed by a deranged gunman on a New York commuter train.

But the powerhouse behind the movement is a Roman Catholic nun from Brooklyn, Sister Camille D'Arienzo, who drafted the declaration.

Capital punishment is the only time when we punish the person as a

crime. We don't rape the rapist or rob the robber. But we kill the killer," says Sister D'Arienzo, insisting that death is not the answer for society's ills.

"Hatred and revenge destroy the human spirit," the 66-year-old nun said, sitting in the garden of her 19th century cottage one recent sunny morning.

Sister D'Arienzo started the Declaration of Life movement during the 1994 New York governor's race, when Cuomo was defeated by pro-death penalty candidate George Pataki. The new Republican governor signed the death penalty into law in 1995.

The nun's notarized declaration reads: "I hereby declare that should I die as a result of a violent crime, I request that the person or persons



"Hatred and revenge destroy the human spirit."

— Sister Camille D'Arienzo

found guilty for my killing not be subject to or put in jeopardy of the death penalty."

It is not legally binding, but district attorneys with the power to request a death sentence are likely to consider

victim's parting wish, says Kevin Doyle, head of the Capital Defense Office for New York, which represents death-penalty convicts.

More than 100 countries have stopped using capital punishment, including all of Western Europe. In America, more than 3,500 people live death row, awaiting execution by lethal injection, hanging, firing squad, gas chamber or electric chair. Since the Supreme Court ruled in 1976 that capital punishment was constitutional, 490 people have been executed — more than three-quarters of them since 1990.

Opposition to the death penalty is not widely popular, according to polls, which indicate that less than 70 percent of Americans favor the death penalty.

"Once we lose our anger and our moral outrage at those who harm us, as a society we've lost a great deal. We've lost our conscience," argues Dudley Sharp, vice president of Justice for All, a 3,000-member group in Houston that supports the death penalty.

Executing the most heinous criminals, he adds, is the only way to ensure they won't kill again. Sharp had a friend who was murdered, and the killer is now free. Marietta Jaeger, a Detroit writer whose 7-year-old daughter was kidnapped and murdered during a 1973 family camping trip in Montana, is one who doesn't want the killer killed.

"I don't honor my daughter's life by killing," she says. "Getting even is a pretty base response."

## Pain still marks the days of these parents

3 couples struggle with the loss of their daughters

PADUCAH, Ky. (AP) — Sympathy poured in from around the world, but here in McCracken County, where three students were killed and five wounded when a high school opened fire at a high school prayer meeting last Dec. 1, parents of the victims feel forsaken.

Even their closest friends "don't know how to deal with it," said Joe James, who lost a daughter, 17-year-old Jessica. "We live in a society where you don't lose kids. Parents just don't lose kids that often."

"People just would not even speak to me," echoed Wayne Steger, father of victim Kaycee Steger, 15. "I was very isolated. I don't know if it's because I reminded them of what happened or they just didn't know what to say. People don't want to ask us how we're doing. They don't want to know."

Their daughters' killer, Michael Carnell, 15, pleaded guilty but mentally ill Oct. 5 to charges of murder and attempted murder. He will get the maximum punishment — life imprisonment with no chance of parole for 25 years — when he's sentenced Dec. 26 in McCracken Circuit Court.

The victims' parents all expressed frustration the case didn't go to trial, where they might have learned more about what prompted the baby-faced Carnell's attack. The boy told psychiatrists he'd been fed up with taunts from his peers and felt pressured by the accomplishments of an older sister, valedictorian of this spring's graduating class.

The parents vow to pursue damages. "There will be a civil suit," said Sabrina Steger. "That's as far as we'll say anything about it."

A consolation for all three couples — the Stegers, Joe and Judy James and Chuck and JoAnn Hadley — is that they have drawn close in their grief.

"I know that when they cry with me, it's not out of pity, it's



Gene Hadley and Joe James of Paducah, Ky., work last week on their quilts of Remembrance and Hope in memory of their daughters, Nicole Hadley and Jessica James, who were slain last December at their school.

because they understand," said Mrs. Hadley, who lost 14-year-old Nicole. "It's nice to know there's five other people that know what I'm going through."

"When I see them hurt, I may not have the answer for them, but at least maybe I can sit there with them or stand there with them," James added.

Much has changed in the year since the slightly built, rosy-cheeked Carnell pulled a semi-automatic pistol from a backpack and shot into Heath High School's morning prayer circle of about 25 students in the school lobby. Besides the girls killed, one of the wounded, 16-year-old Melissa Jenkins, is now a paraplegic.

An armed security guard now patrols the halls at each of the district's three high schools. Teachers and guards routinely search book bags and backpacks.

Teachers also "try to be much more aware of students that are not seeming to adjust to high school or — kids that are troubled and why they're troubled," said Heath principal Bill Bond. "That's very much on your mind."

In addition, the district's preschool youngsters and kindergartners are taught violence prevention for 20 minutes each week. The children, along with pupils in first through eighth grades, are learning to manage anger, control impulses and sympathize with classmates.

Heath High School will observe a moment of silence Tuesday, the anniversary of the killings, then offer a music program in memory of the three girls.

The Hadleys, Stegers and Jameses say they were surprised last December at the news cover-

age devoted to the shootings. Then, West Paducah was just the second in a tragic string of school-related attacks around the country that came to draw hordes of reporters and television crews: Pearl, Miss., Oct. 1, 1997; Jonesboro, Ark., March 24; Edinboro, Pa., April 24; Springfield, Ore., May 21.

The families received outpourings of love and support from around the globe. So many people sent cloth patches bearing stitched messages that they were sewn together into 27 quilts that recently went on display at the Museum of the American Quilter's Society in Paducah.

"The world really does know about our girls, and our girls' deaths have touched the world," said Mrs. Hadley, an experienced quilter who helped with much of the sewing. "To know that there's people all over the world who are praying for us and care about us, for me, it's kind of overwhelming."

"The three slain girls are remembered for their desire to help others, even at such young ages—Nicole Hadley went to be a doctor, Jessica James a psychologist, Kaycee Steger a police officer."

Most of all, their parents said, the girls were devout Christians with a zest for life.

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# 'I do not recall'

## Clinton's answers make the best of a bad situation

WASHINGTON (AP) — "I do not recall." "I have no specific memory of that conversation." "As I told the grand jury."

President Clinton's written answers to 81 questions from the House Judiciary Committee are viewed by legal experts as making the best of a bad situation. His responses fall into three broad categories: Saying he can't remember, giving answers that conflict with Monica Lewinsky's version of events and declaring that his answers are technically accurate.

Clinton pleads forgetfulness at least 17 times in his 24-page response. In 20 instances, the president refers to his previous sworn answers or favorable testimony of other witnesses such as friend Vernon Jordan.

"He's in a corner," New York University law professor Stephen Gillers said. "Clinton cannot admit that his grand jury or deposition answers were lies."

"His game is far as he can go as far as to being candid and now he's digging in his heels and letting Congress do what it wishes," Gillers added.

In an introductory statement to the answers he furnished to the committee Friday, the president emphasizes that his relationship with Monica Lewinsky was "wrong."

The problem for Clinton is that the questions he is answering deal not with sex but with his own alleged perjury and obstruction of justice. "Do you admit or deny that on or about December 17, 1997, you suggested to Monica Lewinsky that she could say to anyone inquiring about her relationship with you that her visits to the Oval Office were for the purpose of visiting with Betty Currie or to deliver papers to you?" Clinton was asked.

"I have no specific memory of that conversation," Clinton said. Mr. Lewinsky says the discussion took place at 2 in the morning.



President Clinton, first Lady Hillary Clinton and daughter Chelsea Clinton return to the White House Friday from Camp David.

"I was asked essentially these same questions" by Kenneth Starr's prosecutors and "I testified that Ms. Lewinsky and I may have talked about what to do in a non-legal context" about explaining her trips to the Oval Office, Clinton said. "Any such conversation" with Ms. Lewinsky about cover stories "was not in connection with her status as a witness in the Jones v. Clinton case," the president stated.

Lewinsky with answers that give few specifics, the Clinton document to Capitol Hill nonetheless will be useful to the Judiciary Committee in "laying out the issues in sharp relief," said Georgetown University law professor Paul Rothstein.

Rothstein said Clinton's answers will help Congress "make a decision on whether these are credible defenses or not credible defenses and whether there is something here that is impeachable."

Clinton's testimony appears vague when put next to that of other witnesses.

Presidential secretary Betty Currie said that after being summoned to the White House on a Sunday afternoon by Clinton, the president said that in regard to his relationship with Ms. Lewinsky, "You were always there when she was there, right?" "We were never really alone," "Monica came on to me, and I never touched her, right?" "You can see and hear everything, right?"

In contrast, Clinton said in his written answers that "I met with Mrs. Currie, I believe that I asked her certain questions, in an effort to get as much information as quickly as I could, and made certain statements, although I do not remember exactly what I said."

# Government, Indians fight over role in protecting sacred sites

The Washington Post

Just outside Minneapolis, Dakota Indians are attempting to block the rerouting of a state highway they say will tear up an oak grove that once held tribal burial platforms. Near the Fort Yuma Reservation in southeastern California, the Quechans are battling plans for a new open-pit gold mine that they will defile ancient ceremonial circles and foot paths used by the Creator a millennium ago. And in Rhode Island, Narragansett leaders are trying to stop construction of an off-ramp to a shopping mall that they say will destroy a burial ground 4,000 to 8,000 years old.

Although six years have passed since Congress amended the National Historic Preservation Act to give Native Americans a greatly expanded role in protecting sites they regard as sacred — such as ancient burial grounds and places of worship — federal agencies and tribes are locked in a bitter dispute over how the Indians should be consulted on public works and other projects.

What is in dispute is how much say Indians should have over federally funded or federally licensed projects off their own lands. These areas once were inhabited by their ancestors but long since have been taken over by whites as the reservations and tribal trust lands gradually shrank in the face of the westward migration of settlers.

Or, as tribal leaders are fond of saying, "Where our ancestors walked."

Native American advocacy groups contend there are scores — possibly hundreds — of such sacred sites at risk across the country. For their part, officials of federal agencies with a stake in development projects complain that giving tribes too much of a voice in off-reservation development will add time and cost to construction and impede progress.

Native Americans are particularly upset over a Nov. 5 decision by the Clinton administration's Advisory Council on Historic Preservation to remove draft reg-

ulations aimed at protecting Indian sacred sites from the normal review process in the Office of Management and Budget. Instead, the council said it will issue "guidance" to federal agencies that public works projects on Indian territory.

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# Pressure on Clinton presidency appears to ease

WASHINGTON — President Clinton is not being free for the holidays, but with impeachment risks waning it may be a spring season for the White House.

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He's got more to go through. The House committee probably will act on the perjury and other impeachment accusations against him the week after next. He admits lying, but denies perjury, a legalistic defense that didn't change in the answers he gave Friday to 81 questions posed by the Judiciary Committee.

Clinton also could be censured by congressional resolution, a compromise penalty in which such a measure might require his signature, to make the point that he was accepting punishment.

"He would be the first president in history to be justly censured," said Sen. Orrin Hatch, chairman of the Judiciary Committee. "I'd hate to have that on my reputation, on my historical background and ... the president probably would hate to also."

The committee is expected to debate and act on the impeachment accusations by mid-December.

On campaign finance, Attorney General Janet Reno has two more decisions to make, one by Monday on a former White House aide, one by Dec. 7 involving Clinton's own role. She is expected to say no again on the latter.

The White House is open to compromise, which ceftainly would involve some congressional reprimand. So far, Clinton has left such matters to his lawyers.

He said the Lewinsky affair, which he dishonestly denied for seven months and tried to talk his way around in testimony, has caused a lot of suffering.

"That is different from punishment, although it's hard to see the difference when you're going through it," Clinton said.

Republicans, who have been demanding an independent prosecutor for nearly two years, are threatening an effort to take the decisions out of her hands, by seeking court intervention or legislation. They want an independent counsel with a broad franchise to pursue what Hatch said should be "a lot of accounting for the reckless fund-raising practices of President Clinton and other administration officials."

That kind of broad inquiry

would be a lasting headache, for Clinton as he tries to write a different legacy in his last two years as president, and for Gore, as he campaigns to succeed his boss.

Hatch accused the attorney general of acting politically to avoid one.

"I base my decisions solely on the facts and the law, not politics, pressure or polls," Reno said.

Walter R. Mears, vice president and columnist for *The Associated Press*, has reported on Washington national politics for more than 30 years.

The prospect of one special session in December and another fund-raising abuses in the 1996 Clinton campaign is down. There won't be one on an aspect of the case involving Vice President Al Gore, in the impeachment and process of Republicans. Nor is one likely on the campaign finance issues directly involving the president.

"None of that closes the case against Clinton in the Monica Lewinsky sex scandal, and the Justice Department campaign finance investigation is still on."

But without a House vote on impeachment, and without an outside prosecutor probing what one GOP leader called "the most corrupt fund-raising year since Watergate," says Democratic Sen. Joseph R. Biden of Delaware.

An impeachment charge brought by the House Judiciary Committee, where the Democrats do have the votes to bring one, would record Clinton as only the third president ever to have proceedings against him reach that point. Perjury would be the most likely charge.

Even if an impeachment article fails to pass the House after being approved by the committee, "that will constitute a permanent censure of this president," Rep. George Getz, R-Pa., said on CNN.

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# Seattle schools chief succumbs to leukemia

SEATTLE (AP) — John Stanford, a former Army major general with no background in education who brought a no-nonsense approach to the job of Seattle's school superintendent, died of leukemia Sunday.

He was 68.

Stanford, who had been battling the disease for seven months, died at the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center, said Sue Edmonds, a spokeswoman for the facility in Seattle.

"We have lost an incredible leader and a dear, dear friend," acting Superintendent Joseph Olchefske said. "Our staff, this city, and the children we serve will miss him dearly."

The retired two-star general was brought to Seattle's first black school superintendent in June 1995, drawing national attention because he was one of the few non-education chosen to head such a large school district.

His initial suggestions for the



John Stanford  
No-nonsense approach to schools  
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included requiring all pupils to wear uniforms and denying driver's licenses to anyone associated with a gang.

Education is a family responsibility, he said. Asked by a parent what he planned to do to improve test scores, he responded with a question: "What are you going to do?"

Stanford revamped the district's student-assignment plan to emphasize neighborhood schools and instituted a new school-funding formula based on enrollment and student demographics.

Stanford spent 30 years in the military, becoming acting deputy commander-in-chief and executive assistant to former Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger.

He retired from the Army in 1991 to take the job of county executive for Fulton County, Ga., where Atlanta is located.

In Seattle, he received national attention for his efforts to improve schools and addressed the 1996 Democratic National

Convention in Chicago.

Stanford was diagnosed with acute myelogenous leukemia in early April and had undergone several rounds of treatment.

He had started a tradition of back-to-school pep rallies, and left his hospital bed in September to appear at this year's rally, addressing staff and students from a downtown balcony.

"This is really, really a terrific day," Stanford told the cheering crowd.

Stanford is survived by his wife, Patricia, and sons Steven and Scott.

An informal memorial was held Saturday afternoon.

# San Francisco wearies of its homeless plight

The Washington Post

SAN FRANCISCO — On the concrete plaza outside City Hall here, day or night, dozens of homeless men and women shuffle from bench to grate drugging, or pushing, or pushing carts stuffed with their own things. They beg, they bicker, they sleep. It is a rugged, unglorious process that never ends.

It is also a sight that this ever-tolerant city has tired of seeing. San Francisco has become so intent on clearing the streets of the homeless that it is targeting them with its own distinct version of the "three strikes-and-you're-out" laws in vogue across the country. Anyone arrested here three times in 30 days for public drunkenness must enroll in a rehabilitation program for six months or spend at least a month in jail.

The crackdown, which has the blessing of Mayor Willie Brown, has just begun. As part of it, police officers are also targeting the homeless from streetfests as they sleep, attempting to drive them off tourist areas, even confiscating the carts of those who refuse to abide by the new rules. The homeless are bewildered by the flurry of moves, and their advocates are furious.

"They harass us all the time, even if you're bothering no one," said Louis Eldridge, a pro-life Vietnam War veteran pushing strollers by a child who has slumped onto events last week on a bench near City Hall. "It's like they don't want us to be seen here anymore."

Frustrated by how difficult it is to end homelessness even in robust economic times, and facing pressure to make neighborhoods and business centers safe and clean, San Francisco has become the latest in a growing number of cities deciding that it is time to get tougher.

Across the nation, cities are imposing new bans on panhandling, sleeping in public places, or

scavenging through trash and recycling bins. Others are getting courts to force the homeless into shelter or treatment programs, arguing increasingly that it will do little to ease living on the street and encourage private security firms that were for downtown business, sometimes to make them into junky, somewhat-secluded.

Even in nearby Berkeley, an advocate of the "three strikes and you're out" law, the liberal city council has had enough. Last week its members voted to require people from sleeping on the city's two "busiest avenues."

It is a "three strikes and you're out" law, never places now discussing what to do about the problem.

San Francisco, which has long had a reputation for generosity to the poor, is teaming with homeless people. By some estimates, about 10,000 of them live here. They live on the streets, sidewalks along Third Street, and in alleys, in restaurants and cities in New Hill and North Beach.

Some critics of the new policies concede the homeless are a diverse, difficult group to reach. Some are alcoholics or drug addicts, some are young runaways, and some simply cannot afford an apartment or find a job in a market, so much that they cannot live in the cities.

"The problem is a really new. But many officials are of a certain mind were because of a massive industry crisis, welfare reform and crackdowns against the homeless in other cities that have made San Francisco even more of a magnet for the homeless."

# Report: Half of all firearms used in crimes bought legally

NEW YORK (AP) — Nearly 40 percent of the handguns used in criminal crimes were purchased from federally licensed dealers within the previous three years, The New York Times reported Saturday.

The research defies the long-held view that most guns used in crimes are stolen, the newspaper said, citing new federal law enforcement data.

The data also contradicts the gun industry's argument that its dealers are not the source of an illegal black market for weapons.

But gun industry spokesmen questioned the data, saying that the relatively short length of time between the sale of a handgun and its use during a crime is an inaccurate measure of whether a weapon has been stolen.

The new data will be tested in January, when a federal suit brought by the families of victims of gun violence against the weapon's manufacturer begins in federal court in New York City.

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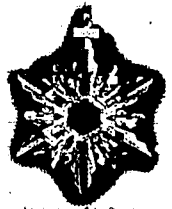
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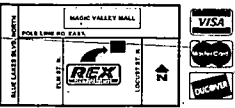
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Boise State University graduate student, Suzy Shaub works on her landslide risk mapping project. After a summer of tromping around the Boise National Forest measuring and plotting landslides, Suzy Shaub is spending a year plugging the information into a computer in hope that geologists can begin to understand when, where and why mountains slide.

## BSU graduate student's research could help avert landslide disasters

BOISE (AP) — A question nagged at Suzy Shaub as she hikes the steep, fire-ravaged terrain around Lowman: Where will a piece of mountain next give way?

The answer could prevent a destructive landslide and save Idaho millions of dollars in property damage. It also could help road builders plot their routes away from land with high slide potential and could alert vacation home buyers that a mountaintop cabin might someday tumble downhill on a crest of water-soaked rock.

Government agencies that deal with land issues already have indicated they are interested in the results.

"We need to be compiling a landslide assessment," said Mary Donato, a geologist with the U.S. Geological Survey who is working with Shaub. "This is a starting point for that."

Shaub, 25, spends hours each week plugging data from the burned forest into a computer program as part of a master's project she's doing for the geosciences department at Boise State University.

Her work comes almost two years after slides in Banks and Lowman destroyed buildings, cut off highways and caused millions in damage.

And there are more recent reminders. In Boundary County,

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—Mary Donato,  
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soil washed out from under U.S. Highway 95 and railroad tracks last month, forcing \$8 million in road repairs.

"It's a tool to prevent those kinds of slides," Shaub said of her work.

She is studying 16 landslides in a small section of the Boise National Forest near Lowman where fire swept through ravines and mountains in 1989. The area was pitted with landslides in January 1997 when high temperatures and rain quickly thawed the snow cover.

She is looking at four factors that contribute to slides in burn areas: slope of the terrain, direction of the mountain faces, type of terrain, and elevation.

Shaub has looked at slides ranging from 10 feet to 150 feet wide. She's followed their mud trails as much as 1,000 feet downhill to the South Fork of the Payette River.

"There is so much to look at," she said.

By comparing the slides with similar land masses in unburned areas, Shaub hopes to help identify areas of unstable ground after a fire.

Early findings already are pointing to some common characteristics about slides. She hasn't found any above 4,500 feet yet.

"It seems to be a threshold," Shaub said.

Perhaps the temperature at that height stays low enough to prevent drenching rain that loosens soil, she added.

Shaub also has found that slides don't happen just on one side of a mountain. Southern exposure of a mountain sometimes is blamed for contributing to slides because they get the most sun. But she has found slides in all directions.

The Idaho Bureau of Disaster Services is interested in any findings that will help point out areas prone to landslides.

"If we know they are going to happen, we can do some what-if scenarios," said Stephen Weiser, the bureau's deputy director in charge of disaster prevention.

"Shaub's greatest hope is that her study will serve as a basis for even more research. Studies are needed on the effects of rain and snow on slides, for example."

"I'm working with agencies I know are in need of this kind of research," she said.

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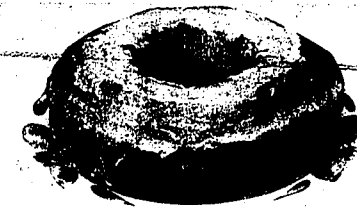
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# 4 weeks after Mitch and waiting

Remote Honduran villagers have had little or no help

SIACUALAYA, Honduras (AP) — After Hurricane Mitch's flood waters washed away their crops and tools, residents of the isolated jungle village of Siacualaya could do little more than wait for help to arrive.

They waited for the food that would allow them to feed their children, the seeds that would let them become self-sufficient again and the tools to rebuild the thatched-roof huts destroyed in the storm.

Four weeks later, they are still waiting. Despite massive international aid for hurricane victims, little has trickled down to the Miskito Indians who live in Siacualaya (pronounced shah-wah-LIE-uh) and other tiny, remote villages along the Crum River deep in the northeastern Honduran jungle.

The only assistance the village has received came Thursday, when a public health worker, Carol Enrique Figueroa Perez, gave villagers chlorine and taught them how to use it to purify river water.

"All the food is in the cities. Here, nothing. And here the people are suffering most," Figueroa said.

Officials in the provincial capital, Puerto Lempira, said villagers will soon receive their first food shipment. They said aid has been delayed by a lack of supplies and transportation problems.

Few roads exist in the province. The capital can be reached only by air or sea and villages like Siacualaya are accessible only by small boat or, in some



Public health worker, Carol Figueroa, right, instructs Manuel Downs on how to use chlorine to purify water in Siacualaya, Honduras, last week. Despite massive international aid efforts for victims of Hurricane Mitch, little has trickled down to the Miskito Indians who live in the isolated village of Siacualaya and other tiny, remote villages along the Crum River.

cases, by helicopter. Private organizations have delivered aid to the Miskito region, but the mayor of the area, Ismael Curbelo, said they are not coordinating deliveries with his office, and some villages have received nothing.

Residents say they need enough food to carry them over until they can plant and harvest their own crops — a process that could take three months if they get seeds right away and longer if they don't. Even the fish have stopped biting in the

rivers, residents say. "The people are going to die of hunger," said Demetria Perez.

Perez's tone was more of resignation than desperation. The Miskito Indians are used to hardship. Honduras is one of the poorest countries in the hemisphere, and the Miskito region is one of the poorest parts of the country.

The area where she lives has never had electricity, telephone service or water wells. Residents live off their crops and the river. Little money ever changes hands.

They speak their own language and have little contact with the rest of the country. A trip to the nearest hospital, in Puerto Lempira, can take days in a dugout canoe, the main form of transportation.

Hurricane Mitch killed only seven in the province that includes the Miskito region. Gracias a Dios — Spanish for "Thanks to God." — But about two-thirds of the province's 35,000 residents were affected by the storm. Many had their homes damaged or destroyed.

# U.S. soldiers to help rebuild Nicaraguan roads

MANAGUA, Nicaragua (AP) — The first contingent of American soldiers has arrived to help Nicaragua rebuild roads damaged by Hurricane Mitch.

The United States is sending 1,773 service personnel to take part in humanitarian missions, construction and health projects, according to U.S. Ambassador Elini Gutierrez. Some of the soldiers arrived Friday, but most will come to Nicaragua between

Dec. 5 and Dec. 10. "Our help will last until the work is complete," Gutierrez told reporters. The project was expected to continue into February.

U.S. Army engineers have been in Nicaragua for the past week, evaluating damage from Hurricane Mitch. The storm swept across Central America last month and killed an estimated 10,000 people, according to officials.

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# Quebec separatists hope for win Monday

MONTREAL (AP) — With the rest of the world watching warily, Quebec voters will make a momentous choice Monday between an incumbent provincial leader who favors independence and an underdog challenger seeking to end the threat of secession.

If Premier Lucien Bouchard's Parti Quebecois wins the election, he has pledged to hold a vote on leaving Canada within 90 days. But it happens in Quebec that some people like me think we would be much better off if we could manage our own affairs. Quebec's first referendum on secession was in 1980, and the separatists were crushed by a 60-40 margin. Three years ago, they tried again, and rattled the nation by receiving 49.4 percent of the votes.

The separatists' near-victory was due in large part to Bouchard. He had lost his left leg and nearly died from a flesh-eating disease in late 1994 yet recovered to spearhead a separatist surge in the referendum campaign. Bouchard wants no more defeats. He says his government will work to create "winning conditions" for the next referendum by completing a drive to erase Quebec's budget deficit and build confidence in the economy.

By refusing to commit to holding a referendum at all costs, Bouchard has managed to appeal to many in the middle of the road Quebecers who like the Parti Quebecois as a feisty provincial government but do not want to secede from Canada.

spread more evenly across the province.

Bouchard has tried to calm anxiety in English-speaking Canada about the consequences of a Parti Quebecois victory.

"I'm not the Great Satan," he said Friday. "I like Canada. But it happens in Quebec that some people like me think we would be much better off if we could manage our own affairs."

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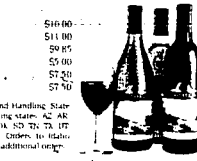
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# Iran: No. 1 safe haven for world's Muslim refugees

Los Angeles Times

TEHRAN, Iran — Which country is the most magnanimous toward refugees? Not Sweden, Canada, Switzerland or the United States.

Although not generally regarded in the West as a charitable country, Iran now and for most of the past two decades has provided safe haven to more refugees than any other nation. Afghans, Tajiks, Azeris and Iraqi Arabs and Kurds have sought shelter here, escaping civil war, insecurity and oppression in their homelands.

In most cases, the refugees are not sequestered in camps but are allowed to live and work alongside Iranians. Many attend schools and a few even attend universities.

Instances of discrimination and abuse of refugees have occurred, and their numbers may be on the rise, according to media accounts and refugee activists. But overall, Iranian treatment of more than 2 million refugees appears commendable.

"Iran, believe it or not, outlast of the world ... has over the last 10

years been the most generous asylum country in the world," Soren Jessen-Petersen, assistant high commissioner of the United Nations refugee agency, noted last year.

He praised Iran for being in the forefront "not only in terms of numbers but in the way" refugees are integrated into society.

Despite its willingness to shoulder the burden of refugees, Iran gets little credit and only limited financial aid from the international community. The United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) budgeted \$17 million this year for programs in Iran, and donor nations have been slow to come up with even that.

In contrast, in the former Yugoslav federation, where UNHCR is faced with fewer than 1 million displaced people, governments have contributed \$149 million this year alone, as U.N. member states increasingly ear-

mark donations for particular refugee crises. "Iran complains that it does not get a large enough share of the pie, considering the number of refugees here," said Pierre Bertrand, program director for UNHCR in Iran, who voices concern that the Iranians' patience may be running out.

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As part of Iranian President Mohammad Khatami's policy of more openness to the world, his nation is hoping for greater international assistance to help it cope with refugees. Khatami's government argues that caring for them is one field in which Iran and the West can cooperate.

Such cooperation might be more likely if the refugees here were not so invisible in the West

— a situation caused in part by Iran's past isolation and by the physical inaccessibility of Afghanistan, where civil war has put more than 2 million people to flight far from the attention of the world.

Recently the cash-strapped Iranian government has become reluctant to accept new refugees, said Hans-Joachim Schmiedrich, an Afghan political commentator. Newcomers — some of whom get into Iran with the help of smugglers charging \$2,000 a person — have no chance to get green cards, which means they face the threat of arrest and deportation.

Furthermore, without legal status, newly arrived refugees cannot seek work permits or send their children to Iranian schools. But authorities still need to look the other way when they see refugees crossing into Iran and working illegally.

About 25,000 Afghans and 65,000 Iraqis are housed in Iranian refugee camps, according to Bertrand of the UNHCR. But most refugees find their own selves. They find jobs as domestic workers or cheap laborers, mainly in construction and agriculture.

Bertrand said at its peak the Afghan refugee population in the country was 3 million. About half of those voluntarily were repatriated between 1992 and 1995, after the fall of Afghanistan's Marxist government, seemed briefly to herald the return of peace.

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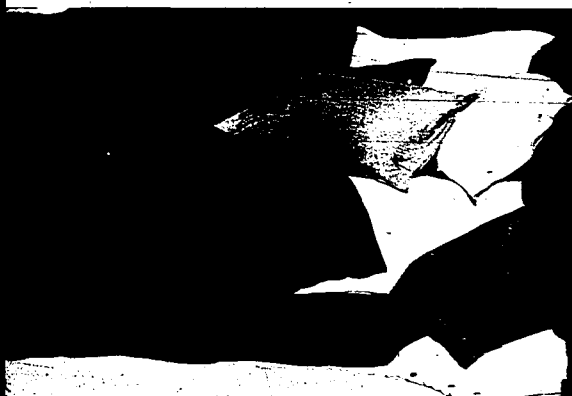
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# Chinese leader rebukes Japan over past

Knight Ridder News Service

TOKYO — Taking a stinging farewell jab at his Japanese hosts, Chinese President Jiang Zemin Saturday said the issues of Japan's World War II conduct "have not been properly laid to rest by the Japanese" and reproached "people in high positions who constantly distort history."

Ending an historic visit to Tokyo, the first ever by a Chinese head of state, Jiang told a press conference here relations between the two Asian powers "can proceed smoothly only if Japan 'squarely faces' its wartime past. That process, the Chinese leader said pointedly, not only would help Japan improve its relations with China but also "would be beneficial to Japan itself."



Jiang Zemin



Japanese plainclothes police officers subdue a protester Saturday after he tried to display a banner with anti-Chinese government slogans in protest of Chinese President Jiang Zemin's arrival at the Sendai railroad station in northern Japan.

"It is important that you squarely face that history and learn a lesson from it." Jiang's unusually blunt public comments suggested China may be growing increasingly willing to challenge Japan's more than cen-

tury-old dominance in East Asia, the product of the much smaller nation's first military, then economic superiority. Although China remains relatively poor and backward, its economy is expected to grow by

more than 7 percent this year while Japan's mired in recession, said Jiang, Jiang and Prime Minister Zhu Rongji seem more dynamic than Clinton and other Japanese political leaders.

A renewed rivalry between China and Japan could complicate American diplomacy in Asia, where the United States has cultivated since economic ties with both nations the maintains a military alliance only with Japan — formed in part to contain Chinese Communism.

Saturday, Jiang firmly warned the Japanese not to get involved in a struggle over the state of Taiwan, a former Japanese colony Beijing now considers a separate province. At the same time, the Chinese leader rebuked in calm but the use of force to reclaim what China considers part of its territory.

"The Taiwan issue is a domestic affair in China," the Chinese president said. "We were much hope the Japanese side would live up to its word" if it would never become involved in efforts to defend the island.

The Japanese have pledged, as has Washington, that they will make one China and Beijing its capital. But the United States has pledged to support Taiwan, and it is ever vigilant and would undoubtedly use U.S. forces based in Japan to defend the island, much as it would be used to defend South Korea against Communist North Korea, an erstwhile Chinese ally.

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# Iraq cracks down after assassination attempt

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — President Saddam Hussein's eldest son, Qdai, ordered commandos renowned for their ferocity to lead a crackdown in the southern city of Karbala after an assassination attempt on a top official, a newspaper reported Saturday.

Babil newspaper, published by Qdai, said 39 "saboteurs and agents" have been arrested since Monday's attempt on the life of Izzat Ibrahim. Babil did not say if those arrested were involved in the attempt, but it described them as those "who had sold themselves to the enemy."

No one has claimed responsibility for the attack, but Babil hinted that foreign agents were involved — a reference to neighboring Iran, with whom Iraq fought a war in 1980-88.

Karbala, where the attack occurred, is a holy city 70 miles south of Baghdad in the southern Shiite Muslim heartland, long a source of opposition to Saddam and his government.

The report did not say how many commandos from the paramilitary Fedayeen unit took part in the crackdown there or how long it lasted.

Qdai commands the Fedayeen, whose 40,000 members are often shown on television butchering cats, dogs and wolves and then eating their raw meat to demonstrate their aggressiveness. They wear black masks while on duty and are trained to defend the country in a crisis.

"Babil has learned that heroes from Saddam's Fedayeen ... stormed hideouts of saboteurs and agents 72 hours after the vicious aggression on Mr. Izzat Ibrahim," the report in Babil said.

Ibrahim is Saddam's deputy on the powerful Revolutionary Command Council and also serves as a deputy commander of the Iraqi armed forces. He escaped without injury when an unidentified assailant hurled two grenades while he was attending a religious ceremony in Karbala.

# Name that space station

MOSCOW (AP) — What would you call a 16-nation, \$40 billion international space station? Mommy? Armageddon?

Those are just two suggestions gathered by a Russian television network holding a contest to name the new space station.

Individual modules of the space station already have names. Russia kicked off the project with last week's launch of the Zarya or Sunrise, module. NASA will be following with the

Unity module on Dec. 3. But putting a name on the whole thing has been a thorny issue because the nations involved have different ideas of what would be appropriate.

The ITAR-Tass news agency reported that the most popular suggestion in TV-5 television station has been "Starovoitova," after Galina Starovoitova, a liberal lawmaker who was gunned down last week. Other ideas: Galileo, Columbus, Babylon or Adam.

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African sides OK ceasefire

But will rebel leaders comply?

PARIS (AP) — Countries fighting in Congo agreed to a ceasefire Saturday, striking a shaky consensus to stop the war between rebels and forces loyal to Congo's President Laurent Kabila.

But rebel leaders in Congo were not present at Saturday's meeting, raising doubts about how a ceasefire could be put into effect without their consent.

French President Jacques Chirac told reporters attending the final day of a summit of African leaders in Paris that Uganda, Rwanda and Congo had agreed to end fighting in a war that has raised fears of an all-out regional conflagration.

U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan presided at a two-hour meeting of officials, including Kabila and the leaders of Uganda and Rwanda, who are supporting

the summit as an observer, but he could not immediately be reached for comment.

Though no rebel leaders were available, rebel ground troops in Congo said Saturday that the war would continue despite the Paris agreement.

Chirac said Kabila had agreed to democratic reforms and the need to establish dialogue.

Brokered by Annan, the ceasefire was to be signed sometime before a meeting of the Organization of African Unity on December 17-18, Chirac said.

Kabila came to power in May 1997 after toppling longtime Zairian dictator Mobutu Sese Seko. He promised reform and democracy in his renamed Democratic Republic of Congo, but many critics say his regime's 18 months in power has seen repressive policies and a growing intolerance of criticism.



The insurgency. The heads of Zimbabwe and Burkina Faso also took part, Chirac said the meeting had been "held in a tense but not hostile environment."

He did not refer to whether the rebels in Congo had been consulted or what their position now would be. A rebel leader, Arthur Ngoma, was scheduled to attend

WORLD IN BRIEF

India trail crash death toll stands at 208

KHANNA, India — India's national television on Saturday broadcast images of corpses piled from the wreckage of a train collision, hoping victims' families would recognize bodies left unclaimed after one of the nation's worst rail accidents.

Scores of bodies in wooden coffins were loaded into open trucks and taken for identification or mass cremation. Authorities cleared away the last of the wreckage from the two-train collision and declared a final death toll of 208.

Two days after the accident in the northwestern town of Khanna, about 80 bodies remained unidentified and unclaimed. Photographers videotaped the corpses and belongings for showing on national television, in hopes that relatives would step forward.

In pre-dawn mist Thursday, the Calcutta-bound Scaldah Express collided with cars that had uncoupled from the Frontier Mail and toppled into the path of the oncoming train on a parallel track.

Terrorists suspected in Indian bombing



GAUHATI, India — Engineers struggled to plug a hole in one of Asia's biggest oil pipelines after saboteurs believed to be ethnic separatists set off a remote-control explosion in northeastern India.

The blast was the latest in a string of attacks in mountainous Assam state that authorities have attributed to an outlawed guerrilla group, the United Liberation Front of Assam. No one claimed immediate responsibility for the pre-dawn attack at Jagir Road, 45 miles north of the state capital Gauhati.

Leader says Russia will comply with IMF

MOSCOW — An indignant Prime Minister Yevgeny Primakov said Saturday that Russia was ready to comply with tough loan conditions set by the International Monetary Fund.

"We should comply with their conditions, but not because we are overly obedient," Primakov said. At the same time, Primakov said Russia would print more money to cover its expenses, something the IMF has resolutely opposed. That remark suggested that Russia still faces a tough round of negotiating with IMF officials.

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Police say heroin found on 'Love Boat'

PIRAEUS, Greece (AP) — The cruise ship made famous by the television show "The Love Boat" was held in port Saturday after two crew members were accused of carrying 56 pounds of heroin. The drugs were discovered

Thursday after the Pacific Princess cruise ship arrived at the port of Piraeus near Athens after departing Istanbul, Turkey.

Two Filipino cabin attendants have been charged in the case.

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## EDITORIAL

### Juvenile sex-offender program could be good fit for Gooding

Give Gooding County residents a little credit for thinking beyond the knee-jerk reaction.

Faced with a hot-button idea - a short-term detention center for Idaho juvenile sex offenders - residents haven't hit the panic button. They didn't default back to the predictable, and counterproductive, "let's bury my backyard" response.

They have ulterior motives, of course. When The Brown Schools leaves its temporary quarters in Gooding, it will leave behind a renovated junior high school building that the county can use as a juvenile jail.

And in the time it is in town, the Austin, Texas-based Brown Schools figures to create about 40 jobs in Gooding.

So The Brown Schools has a surprisingly warm welcome in its temporary home. Now the tough work begins - in Gooding, the work could start by Feb. 1, 1999.

Whether you live in Gooding or not, you have a big stake in whether The Brown Schools succeeds.

Under a five-year contract with the state's Department of Juvenile Corrections, The Brown Schools will work with 50 of the state's youngest convicted sex offenders. The job is to treat juvenile sex offenders so they won't become habitual sex offenders.

The case-by-case toll is hard to overstate. When the program works, lives can be turned around. When it fails, juveniles who are held in Gooding in 1999 could turn up later on the state's sex offender registry.

This is the front end of the battle against sex abuse in Idaho - and we can - and we should - punish sex offenders for their crimes, and inform communities about the convicted sex offenders who live in their neighborhoods. But that's only part of the job.

Treatment has to be part of the job, too. And so far, most of that work has been done out-of-state - with Idaho sending all but a handful of its juvenile sex offenders elsewhere.

That's about to change, and it's about time.

It makes sense that treatment will be available on a larger scale in Idaho. And this change, however overdue, is coming quickly - The Brown Schools could know next month whether it will have a permit to build a permanent facility in Mountain Home.

We don't know for sure how things will work in Gooding.

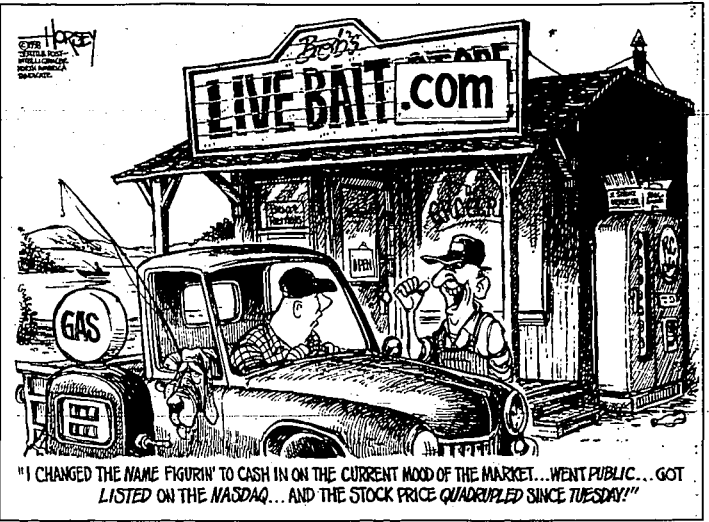
We can only hope that the teenagers held in Gooding will be unlikely to try to escape, as backers of the facility say. And we hope the security at The Brown Schools' site is as tight as advertised.

But there's no questioning the need for this treatment in Idaho.

So we're glad this process hasn't broken down into a not-in-my-backyard squabble. Because really, that trivializes the debate.

The real question is whether treatment will work. That's what matters, long after The Brown Schools leaves Gooding.

*Faced with a hot-button idea - a short-term detention center for Idaho juvenile sex offenders - Gooding residents haven't hit the panic button.*



### Foes of vouchers defend failing monopoly

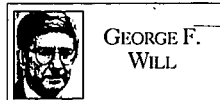
It is its potential for social amelioration, the largest domestic event this autumn was nothing done by voters or elected officials. It was as if the Supreme Court's recent review of the Wisconsin's school choice program is constitutional. By such steps litigants are losing their protracted war against poor children.

It takes a village of vigilant liberals to keep poor children chained on the plantation of public education. Poor parents are rebellious about their children's assigned role as fodder for one of the Democratic Party's most muscular sources of money, the teachers unions.

Milwaukee provides vouchers worth up to \$5,000 for 15,000 of the poorest among the city's 100,000 students, who may use them at 122 private schools, 89 of which are religious. Wisconsin's court, in a rare intrusion of common sense about the Establishment Clause, said Milwaukee's program does not constitute "establishment" of religion. Vouchers are doubly neutral: They go not to institutions but to parents, who can use them at secular or parochial schools.

Splitting already split hairs, courts have held that public money can transport parochial school pupils to classes but not on field trips, can pay for nurses but not guidance counselors at parochial schools, can pay for books but not maps in religious schools. So, missed Sen. Pat Moynihan, what of atlases - books of maps?

Since from the U.S. Supreme Court is generally welcome, and is an encouraging harbinger concerning school choice



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programs. However, silence will not suffice, because the court's refusal to hear the challenge to Wisconsin's ruling is not controlling in the rest of the country. So inner city parents nationwide will continue to rattle their chains.

Their allies include some state and local politicians, often liberals who have slipped the leash of orthodoxy, and tenacious litigators from Washington's Institute for Justice and the Becket Fund for Religious Liberty. To understand why tenacity is necessary, consider the ferocity of the Democratic Party's anti-choice fervor.

There are many more picturesque political sins than President Clinton's veto of a modest school choice program last May. However, few political sins are as purely, as simply consumable as his killing of that bill, which would have enabled 2,000 children - a tiny portion of the District of Columbia's public school students - to escape those life-blighting schools.

The veto was so casual and predictable that it occasioned little comment. There is indeed nothing newsworthy about the powerful defending the strong against the weak. Still, note that Clinton vetoed the bill after a Democratic filibuster failed to stop it.

The Becket Fund's ecumenical agitators, acting in the spirit of the turbulent

priest whose name the Fund bears, are attacking, as denials of equal protection, "Blaine laws" in Massachusetts and 36 other states that retain these repellent residues of 19th-century nativism. In 1855, Massachusetts Protestants capped their anti-immigrant (meaning anti-Catholic) rioting in and around Boston by amending the state constitution to bar citizens from seeking, through normal democratic processes of legislation, public assistance in meeting expenses of non-public, including parochial, schools. At the time, every member of the Massachusetts Senate and all but four members of the House were members of the anti-Catholic Know-Nothing Party, as was the governor. The Legislature established a Nunnery Investigating Committee to look for underground dungeons at convents, and came close to banning immigrants from voting until they had lived in the state 21 years.

Maine's Rep. James G. Blaine, Republican leader during the Grant administration, unsuccessfully tried in 1875 to pass a federal law like Massachusetts', but states adopted their own "Blaine laws." Today's Democratic Party, comparably benighted about educational freedom, opposes school choice programs that comprise one of today's most broad-based popular movements. Liberals, when not fighting Microsoft, are defending a failing semi-monopoly - a public education establishment desperately wielding government power to protect it from competition.

George F. Will is a Washington Post columnist.

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### Stop hog farm before its too late

It is decision time, Twin Falls! The Twin Falls County commissioners will decide on Dec. 7 the future of Twin Falls County's growth, quality of life and future of our youth. If they approve the mega hog factory sale of Twin Falls City, it will set a precedent for the dozens of other mega hog, poultry and livestock-containment operations that are looking for unregulated, low-cost, unscrupulous areas to locate. They are looking for these areas due to the fact that all other states that have allowed them are now imposing regulations, legislation and laws making them responsible for air pollution and devastation of the communities.

At a time when the National Pork Producers Council is asking the federal government for aid, due to the low pork prices (which they have caused by saturating the market), why are they doing so much expansion into the unregulated areas of the country? By coming in now, they can beat the laws by claiming grandfather clauses.

Is this the type of growth we want for our community? Or do we want to invite industries that will provide above minimum wage jobs, a clean environment and a future for our youth? If Twin Falls is known as the cesspool of the West, I don't believe we will entice these type of businesses into our community. And your youth will go to the areas that are getting these clean, community-oriented, high-paying industries. Is this how we want to go into the next century?

Please take the time to contact our local Division of Environment, Quality, Water Resources, U.S. Geological Survey, and Department of Agriculture for information on their ability to regulate these types of operations. Without the manpower, financial resources, laws and regulations, their control is very limited. Let's not put the cart before the horse.



Let's give these agencies the tools they need before allowing these pollution-generating operations into our valley. Now is the time to exercise your rights and duty as a resident of the Magic Valley. Contact the county commissioners at 736-4068, state legislators, senators and congressmen to voice your concerns on the health, safety and prosperity of your families.

WES DASHAM  
Twin Falls

History repeats itself once again As I watched the impeachment procedure, I'm reminded what Edward Gibbons wrote in his account of the decline and fall of the Roman Empire: "They held in their helpless hands the riches of their fathers without inheriting the spirit which had created and improved that sacred patrimony. They read, they com-

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will need more. As long as there are contracts, the employees of Independent will be needed.

If the people of Twin Falls supported their industries a little better, maybe they wouldn't have to go outside the community to keep their employees. Or maybe people like Mr. Henson can find 200-plus jobs for the people out of work. Of course we could go back to the dark ages - no industry, family farms, two cows, two horses to plow with; one horse to ride or pull the buggy, no school learning and a pig or two to eat.

LYNETTE BARTHOLOMEW  
Jerome

### Counseling might prevent crimes

Is it fair for sex offenders to be plagued by the news media? I don't know! We know the high percentage of repeat sex offenders.

Would it not help reduce sex crimes, legal expense and damaged lives if we could intervene before the crime is committed. Any individual has to know he is or has intentions toward committing sex crimes.

If we offered free evaluation and advice and directed the troubled individual toward proper counseling and follow-up, could we change the picture on brutality toward women, rape and child molestation?

DOROTHY ELLISON  
Heyburn

### Pigs will end life as we know it

For 18 years, the people of Jerome and Gooding counties have looked south toward Twin Falls County where there

were no 2,000-cow dairies near door, no liquid animal waste running in the borrow pit, no giant stadium lights shining, in your window, no odor, no manure trucks in front of your house at 2 in the morning. In all a nice place to live.

Not any more.

I guess the Twin Falls County commissioners couldn't pass up all that property tax money, because they have opened the gates to the county with open arms to dairy and hog factory owners and representatives. Believe me, their plan is not to enrich your lives, provide jobs and boost the local economy, but to pollute, lower your property values, destroy sanity and make you drink bottled water.

All these people care about is money, and the people that are dying to install a 72,000-hog concentration camp, oops, I mean hog farm, are no different than the people who are after another 5,000-cow dairy in Wendell. They don't care about the family that has lived there for four years or 40 years. Established dairies turn money-making into money is no object. Don't like the smell, call us! We'll just bury your place burn it, push it into a pile and dump animal waste there. Easy as that.

The only difference I can see is the people of Twin Falls County have chosen to fight, to attempt to save their homes and have spent countless hours researching, going to meetings and getting together to try to prevent selling their homes and moving away. Most of these people have their lives invested and will take a loss on the sale, therefore, will be unable to relocate. I hope them the best of luck, they'll need it!

By the way, the commandant of Aeschirwitz said it didn't stink, either. JERRAD DUFFEE  
Wendell

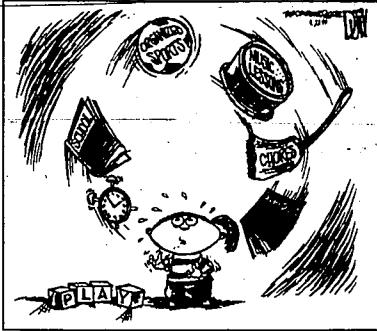
# The best head-start program: Bedtime stories that teach virtue

**S**AD-LAKE CITY  
Dear Santa - My, how times have changed! If you were to bring my children the violent items that they want you to bring them for Christmas, I would wonder who is being naughty or nice!

Reflecting back on my own childhood and the "wish-list" I had for Santa, I can only wonder - whatever happened to baby dolls, electric trains, puzzles and storybooks?

"Once Upon a Time," when I was young, the world seemed to be happier and simpler. The innocence of childhood was a treasured ideal.

We had problems, of course, but the pressures of the world didn't seem to weigh as heavy on my mind as they do on the children of today. Though there no one could have imagined the pervasive violence and, in some cases, outright pornography, pro-feminist television sitcoms, radio "stock-picks," CD's dozens of Internet sites, the evening news and, yes, even movies rated



acceptable for a General Audience. Whatever happened to family values? Once we saluted the flag, played in school and

sang "God Bless America" at patriotic functions. We spent time together as a family, ate dinner together and even said an

ALAN AND SUZANNE OSMOND

evening prayer. We were told a good night story by Mom or Dad and usually tucked in bed.

Now, when we put our children to bed, they often have just finished killing off dozens of enemy storm-troopers or demon-like monsters from interactive video games that award first place to those who have racked up the highest "body count."

"This 'new reality' leaves parents with unrealistic hopes that their children will have 'sweet dreams' when they doze off. Instead, they now must worry that their kids may grow up too tough, too cynical and too callous; or perhaps suffer a lifetime of anxiety and insecurity.

So what's a parent to do? For one thing, we need to counteract all of the daily doses of negativity our children receive.

One excellent way to do that is

by taking the time to read our children bedtime stories that impart age-old virtues like the ones we remember from our childhood. Tales that emphasize goodness, compassion, courage and patriotism - stories such as "Hans Brinker and the Silver Skates," "The Three Bears," "Swiss Family Robinson," "Black Beauty," and "Treasure Island." Almost all of these books were about children - and their families - overcoming adversity by doing the right thing.

Fortunately for parents, children's literature today is booming. The need to provide our kids

with such moral guidelines is especially true as public schools become even more reluctant to talk about virtue for fear of being accused of obscene separation of church and state (even by following prayer). As parents of eight boys, we urge all parents to include several good books among the presents they pack out for their young kids this year. And then take the time to read to your children at bedtime.

Alan Osmond is the oldest performing member of the Osmond Family.

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**Thanks for informing public**  
I am very delinquent in writing this letter, but I wanted to commend Steve Crump on the informative article he wrote regarding the disease rotavirus. I work in infection control and am well aware of the disease and the problems it can cause for the patient, as well as the parents.

I was impressed in the manner in which he wrote this article. It was well researched, simple and easily understood by the lay person. I particularly like how the article was straightforward and not weighed with other information that was not relevant to the subject matter.

The article presented the facts, had a couple of quotes from local sources and gave information pertinent to parents in which to avoid spreading the disease. I specifically liked the side boxes, explaining proper handwashing and giving directly from the Center for Disease Control. I would like to see more articles written in such a manner so that the message is clear and to the point.

If there were more articles written in such a way, I am sure the census of local hospitals could be decreased. Even one less patient with this disease can make a difference to that particular family. The key to infection control is good education, not only to hospital staff but the community at large.

Articles such as this help me, as an infection control practitioner, get my message across.  
PATRICIA HEATH, RN  
Eden

stalls and recycling their waste water are a few of the practices that are being used today. We have a few dairy operators that have some problems, either because of poor design of their facilities or their management practices that they use. I hope that they will correct their shortcomings and operate like the good operators do.

We work with two to three dairies in taking part of their manure and putting it on the farm that is going into a crop that can use the fertility that it provides. We gain yield and increase our organic matter in the soil, which helps to prevent wind erosion and increase water retention.

Speaking from the county government point of view, these large dairies have added significantly to our assessed valuation, which helps the overall tax burden on all property owners. They employ a lot of people and pay a very competitive salary with benefits to their employees.

We have good crop options since the dairies have located in our valley. Since some of our crop options have dropped dramatically in price, the feed crops have helped to take up the slack.

Furthermore, if you take a tour of one of the milk-processing plants that we have in our valley like Jerome Cheese, you will see a very clean and modern plant that we are very proud of having in our community. The bottom line is that the dollars generated from the cows are rolled over several times in our communities.

I say thanks to the dairy industry of Magic Valley.  
ALVIN CHOJNACKY  
County Commissioner  
Jerome

**Justice system lacks justice**  
Recently, I was convicted of a minor misdemeanor due to poor attorney representation from the public defender and a very overzealous prosecutor. Yet that put aside, my charge carried a maximum of 180 days. This being my first offense, I expected quite a bit less time than the maximum. I was given the maximum of 180 days.

While sitting in the county jail, I have observed numerous people convicted of crimes ranging from drug possession to sales to manufacturing. Yet some of these people are receiving jail terms from 120 days down to just a few days. And yet some are repeat offenders. I observed a man involved in the shooting of another human receive a sentence of 120 days work release! One man came in at the same time I did on two of the same charges I had. He received a third that I did.

I don't wish to sound as if I'm crying about my time, but what about the injustice of our justice system. I should be released sometime between Dec. 25 and Jan. 4; I am a 39-year-old man, and I will be starting over from scratch with only the clothes on my back, no job, no home, not even a coat. I will be needing a job and any other kind of help I can get. Letters of encouragement, advice or just a note to lift the spirit of this young man would be appreciated. I'm a good worker, and I have a good heart. If the spirit of kindness strikes you, I can be reached at P.O. Box 306, Twin Falls, ID 83301.  
DAVID J. GRIGSBY  
Twin Falls

**Hard criminals do soft time**  
On Oct. 19, I came to the county jail to do my time for the charge of driving without privileges. I have been sitting here for approximately 23 days now and have 20 days to go 'til I find out how long I will be here. In the meantime, I am watching drug dealers, users and other felons come and go.

I gather these people know how to use the system, while I, a mere driver, sit and wait. Is this how our justice system works or am I just in the dark? Do the repeat offenders, having learned the ways of the system, get special privileges?

Let's just hope our newly elected are able to do just a wee bit better. Good luck with a rough job!  
MATT THEIMANN  
Twin Falls

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**Dairies treat many honestly**  
I recently disagree with the Van Dyke letter slamming all dairies as slow-payee and paying low prices for their feed.

As far as paying for a crop that they purchased, we were paid a very fair price for our corn within 14 days of the completion of harvest with a check for the entire crop. If every business was paid for its products or services within 14 days, nobody would have a cash-flow problem. When we sell hay to a dairy, we are paid according to quality on the same basis so many days after delivery.

You also talk about the manure and smell that they create. The majority of dairies located in our valley are doing a good job of cleaning up their wastes and minimizing the smell. Composting the manure, free

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## It's high time aliens raised their antennae

Think you had a bad month? Bet you didn't have kinkfolk whose heads exploded.

Happened to us. On "X-Files" two weeks ago, there was a character named Mr. Crump from Idaho who fell into the clutches of aliens. As I understand accounts of this tragedy, he was rushing to the West Coast to escape their tentacles when he paused for one reason or another and his head just blew up.

Just like that. You never know, do you?

I am of the opinion that there's not so much of this sort of thing happening on television, and not just because it befell a relation. "X-Files," FBI agents Mulder and Scully have been chasing extraterrestrials for — what? — four years now, and as far as I can tell we're still pretty much at the mercy of the Flaming Xenon.

It seems to me that instead of

spending taxpayers' dollars trying to figure out whether Al Gore used the White House phone to call China, FBI director Louis B. Freeh should be worrying about illegal alien interlopers with eye stalks and nine sets of teeth taking over the American continent.

Committee on Cramerian Activities.

It's just another example of how ignorant Washington is of the problems of everyday Americans and the green slime that's trying to digest them.

Everybody's talking about it, it seems. I surfaced past the Discovery Channel — normally a cul-de-sac for the emotionally balanced — the other evening and there was a documentary on Roswell.

Roswell, a New Mexico town where a flying saucer supposedly crashed in 1947, has become a rallying point for everyone who forget to take his lithium.

"Even among skeptics," the program's narrator exclaimed, "there seems like doubt that whatever happened at Roswell doesn't jolly day is at the heart of a Vast Conspiracy of Silence."

Hey, what's an exploding head or two against a Vast Conspiracy of Silence?

Look, if it weren't for extraterrestrials hijacking people's bodies, the only thing left on television would be test patterns and Martha Stewart. Signatory Weaver is a small price to pay for not having to wonder whether Martha personally grew the wheat that went into the flour in her honey nut granola.

So I wish Mulder and Scully luck. But first, I wish they'd start breaking their Pruzans in half.

Speaking of Martha Stewart, with help from Suzi Huxthold I've compiled the top 10 signs that she — Martha, not Suzi — is out to get you:

1. You get a threatening note made up of letters cut out of Martha's magazine.
2. You're parking lessons.
3. You discover a lemon slice in the dog's water bowl.
4. The Graham-Cracker garage door on Martha's new holiday garageset hangs in snuck halfway open — just like yours.
5. You find your pet bunny wearing a collar of tarragon.
6. You reach for your salad fork — and it's chilled.
7. Mysteriously, your stove catches fire — incinerating the Spumoni in the oven.
8. The sickening-sweet aroma of bergamottine perfume seems to fill your nose everywhere.
9. Your napkin rings come up missing.
10. — and the No. 1 sign that Martha Stewart is out to get you — You awaken one morning with a glare gun pointed squarely at your temple.

Times-News features editor Steve Campy wonders when Congress will come in six sessions end extend the Brady Law to cover hot-adhesive firearms.

# Democrats regroup, retool

## State party to form 3 task forces

**By Gregory Hahn**  
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — During this year's campaign season, Jeanine Meyer worked her precinct so hard she lost six pounds.

And she wasn't even running for office. In 1996, when she did run for the Legislature, she lost 10 pounds.

The hard work paid off. Bill Shropshire, the Democratic candidate for county commissioner, won in Meyer's precinct. So did congressional candidate Richard Stallings — albeit by

just one vote.

"But it was clear somebody was out there knocking on doors," she told a group of area Democrats last week.

Concentrating on the precinct level is one of many ideas that

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# Committee holds to evolution

**By Jennifer Sandmann**  
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Tim Huthbanks, a Goshute descendant, wants public schools to acknowledge that many people believe humans were not created by evolution.

Teaching creationism and teaching religion, but teaches the alternative to evolution.

Either his committee be changed or was designed by a creator.

"You have an entire classroom," said Huthbanks, who worked on a committee that helped rewrite high school science curriculum standards.

But when these standards are presented to the State Board of Education, then to the Legislature in January, they will focus only on evolution.

In the last round of statewide public hearings held by the Existing Standards Commission, some people said the standards didn't acknowledge evolution to be a theory, failed to acknowledge any weak points that might be found in the theory, or unfairly excluded an alternative explanation of origin.

"The committee has not wavered," said Tom Blarwood.

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# ASPHALT FOREST



Christmas trees are sprouting up in parking lots around Twin Falls after the holiday season kicked into full gear Saturday. Dale Lloyd spent the day drifting holes in the trunk of each tree and setting up one of the Lloyd Family Christmas Tree lots on the corner of Addison Avenue and Blue Lakes Boulevard.

# Wood River Valley man aims for Iditarod



Isabel Borman of Ketchum cuddles an Alaskan sled dog puppy at Page's Gallery in Ketchum. Wood River Valley resident and professional musher Brian Camilli brought three puppies to the gallery Saturday as part of a fund-raiser toward competing this spring in Alaska's Iditarod race.

## Puppies, story hour raise money for trip

**By Mark Helz**  
Times-News writer

KETCHUM — Page Klune's voice was full of power and expression as she read tales of arctic adventure to a gaggle of wide-eyed children in her Ketchum art gallery early Saturday.

But Carly Borman and her sister, Isabel, of Ketchum were more concerned with a puppy tail.

"He's so soft," Carly Borman said of the 12-week-old sled dog puppy. The puppy sank into her embrace and soaked up every ounce of the girls' attention.

Warm cuddles are not on the agenda for 16 of the pup's adult counterparts if their owner, Wood River Valley resident Brian Camilli, has his way.

Camilli raises and trains Alaskan sled dogs on the Peavy sheep ranch near Carey. And he wants to take the cream of the crop with him to the Iditarod race across Alaska in March.

Heralded by many as the ultimate crucible of professional mushers and their dogs, the Iditarod runs a 1,150-mile course from Anchorage to Nome.

Camilli hopes to complete the course in 11 1/2 to 12 days, at an average speed of 10 to 12 mph.

Camilli said he has raced some 300- to 500-mile Alaskan courses in recent years, but this will be his first attempt at the Iditarod.

He brought three Alaskan pups to the gallery Saturday to live up to a fund-raiser aimed at helping him get the thousands of dollars it will take to transport and maintain his dog team and equipment.

Great Plains Software of Fargo, N.D., already has paid his \$2,500 race entry fee.

The favorite power source for racing sleds, the Alaskan is an officially recognized breed with a very mixed heritage, said Helz. Adult Alaskans are trim and medium-sized — about 60 pounds — and hit their athletic peak at 3 to 5 years old.

The mention of mushing usually conjures up images of burly, 110-plus-pound huskies dragging the sled, Crocker said. But that breed has proven too powerful for its own good when it comes to racing, she said.

"They get barreling down hills and tear their shoulder

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# Accident victim sues over signs

**The Times-News**

TWIN FALLS — A Blaine man who was seriously injured when he ran off the road near Filer nearly two years ago has filed a lawsuit seeking compensation for his injuries.

The suit, filed in 5th District Court Nov. 17, names the Filer Highway District and Dawn Falls County.

At about 7 p.m. on Jan. 8, 1997, Abe Edward Kammas, 25, a Twin Falls resident at the time, was caught on 44th Street about six miles northwest of Filer. Just past 2200 East, the guard rail changed to gravel without warning or change in speed limit, the complaint says.

The change was hard to see at night, Kammas said. He lost control of the car. It skidded, turning backward, and the driver's side of the car hit a utility pole on the right side of the road.

Kammas was seriously injured. He was cut from the car and taken to Magic Valley Regional Medical Center.

An accident report by Twin Falls County sheriff's deputy Timothy Reeves found the road was straight, level and wet. The report noted the posted speed limit was 55 mph, and it listed no contributing circumstances. No drugs or alcohol tests were administered.

The wrecked 1985 Chevrolet belonged to Steven Swanner of

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# Welcome the new century with *The Times-News*

Some people say the 20th century will end with an apocalyptic bang. Others predict the whimper of collapsing computer networks.

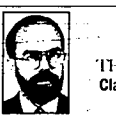
At *The Times-News*, we don't see the year 2000 as an ending. We see it as the beginning of an exciting new century of Magic Valley life.

So we're going to spend 1999 looking ahead. What will our communities look like 25, 50 or 75 years from now? How will we live? What kinds of jobs will we have? What are the challenges and opportunities?

Our staff is preparing four special publications to be printed throughout the coming year. Each of these magazine-style sections will focus on a different theme, looking forward to the new century while celebrating our history.

The first installment, focusing on the area's economic future, is scheduled for February. We're calling it "Working In The New Century." After that will come installments focusing on our area's natural resource base, our people and our changing lifestyles.

At the end of the year, we'll bind all four



FROM THE EDITOR  
Clark Walworth

together in a keepsake edition that will go on sale in time for Christmas 1999.

In addition to these special publications, we'll print a variety of millennium-related items in the daily newspaper all year long.

We need your help to make this happen. We'd like you to contribute your ideas and remembrances, and possibly the contents of your family scrapbook.

The accompanying box tells how you can get involved. We hope you'll join us in welcoming the 21st century.

Clark Walworth is managing editor of *The Times-News*. He can be reached at 733-0931, Ext. 255.

## Help us welcome the new century

- 1. Make a prediction — What do you think the 21st century will bring to the Magic Valley? We'd like to print your ideas, whether they're serious or whimsical.
- 2. Share a memory — What was your most memorable moment in the 20th century?

Whether you're 9 years old or 99, we'd love to tell your story in print.

- 3. Share your advice — We'd like to know some new ways that you want to improve yours. Between now and Feb. 2, we'll especially interested in major economic trends.

## How to take part

- 1. Write it down — Mail your prediction or your recollection to P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls, ID 83403. Or fax it to 734-5538 (in Burley, 677-4543). Or send email to [twnews@comcast.net](mailto:twnews@comcast.net). Include your name, age, address and phone number. (400 words tops, please.)
- 2. Play a well — Bring your written essay, historic photo or historic fact page to Denise Turner in our Twin Falls office (132 Main St. W.) or to Jojo Bryant in our Burley office (325 1/2 E. Fifth N., next to Wal-Mart).

- 3. Talk to the boss — If you prefer, you can tell your recommendation to Denise Turner, our managing editor, and we'll do the typing. Call 733-0931, Ext. 602. Be sure to include your name and phone number.
- 4. Deliver it — Starting in January, *The Times-News* Online ([www.timesnews.com](http://www.timesnews.com)) will have a "New Century" page.
- 5. Share your ideas — Invite a teacher, we'd love to get your students involved. For more info, call Denise Turner at 733-0931, Ext. 242.

# OBITUARIES

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## TWIN FALLS



### W.L. 'Bill' Reiser

W.L. "Bill" Reiser, 90, of Phoenix, Ariz., graduated from the U of P on Thursday, Nov. 26, 1996. He was born April 22, 1906, in Bladen, Neb. The son of William and Margaret Reiser, Bill came to Idaho in 1930. He worked for the U.S. Forest Service in 1931 at the age of 25. On Oct. 17, 1933, he married Freda Elva Scholten in Boise. She preceded him in death in May 5, 1984. Mr. Reiser was an inventor, developer, entrepreneur and devoted supporter of the College of Southern Idaho. Bill and Freda owned the Radio Tube TV Center from 1933 to 1963. He was a major owner and developer of Cadaveron in Idaho in 1966. He was cowiner and stockholder of Woodco from 1941 to 1991, and owner of Circle World in Arizona from 1972 to '86. Even when near death at the age of 90 years, seven months, he was working on several new inventions. It was his life, his dreams and his motorboat. He will be greatly missed by everyone who knew and loved him.

Bill is survived by one sister, Annette Guilan of Hastings, Neb.; niece, Diana Bird, and husband (William) of Pocatello; cousins, Edward and Mary Reiser of Montrose, Colo.; and numerous brother-in-laws and sister-in-laws, nieces, nephews, cousins, good neighbors and friends in addition to his wife, he was predeceased by his parents, William and Margaret Reiser, two brothers and two sisters.

A service for Bill will be held at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 3, 1998, at White Mortuary in Twin Falls. Burial will follow at the White Mortuary. Friends may call from 4 to 5 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 2, 1998, at White Mortuary. The family suggests memorials be given to the William and Freda Reiser Scholarship Endowment Fund at the College of Southern Idaho on the Idaho Youth Center, 506 E. Blaine, Rm. ID 83350.



### Wilbur A. Ulrich

Wilbur A. Ulrich, 85, of Twin Falls died Friday, Nov. 27, 1998, at Twin Falls Clinic & Hospital. Wilbur was born Nov. 15, 1913, in Grove Hill, Neb. He was married to Mary Baucke Ulrich on Oct. 25, 1936. He married Blonda A. Werner in Clover, Idaho. He farmed much of his life on the north side of Twin Falls. He had been a lifelong member of the Immanuel Lutheran Church, which he had a great love for. His greatest love was his family, and he will be greatly missed by them. Wilbur lived a rich full life and will be longed for by all.

He is survived by his wife, Blonda; six children, Imogene (Curt) Hoehner of Pocatello, Dallas (Barney) Ulrich of Burli, Dorcas (Jan) Kooi of Boise, Peggy (Ray) O'Haug of Burli, Vokee (Tom) of Boise and Myron (Donna) Ulrich of Pocatello; six grandchildren, seven grandchildren, four brothers, Roland, Milton, Raymond and Marvin; and two sisters, Enola, Maers and Loretta Waters. He was preceded in death by his parents, one son, Dennis, and two brothers, Alfred and Eldor.

A service for Wilbur will be held at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 2, 1998, at the Immanuel Lutheran Church in Twin Falls. Pastor Lawrence Wedder officiating. Burial will follow at Sunset Memorial Park. Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 1, 1998, at White Mortuary. The family suggests memorials be given to the Immanuel Lutheran Broadcast Fund in care of Immanuel Church, 2055 Fier Ave. E., Twin Falls, ID 83301.

### Dorothy V. Skinner

Dorothy Virginia Skinner, 90, of Twin Falls, died Saturday, Nov. 21, 1998, at Curry Retirement Estates in Twin Falls. She was born July 14, 1908, in

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Willard is survived by his wife of 62 years, Donna Wood, his son, W. Coy Wood, his four grandchildren, Daniel, Michelle and Damon, and his two daughter-in-laws, Sylvia A. Son, Dr. Dana R. Wood, predeceased him in death.

The funeral will be held at 4 p.m. Monday, Dec. 22, 1998, at the First Baptist Church, 408 N. Arthur Ave. in Pocatello, with Pastor Bill McCurdy officiating. Viewing will be from 4 to 6 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 29, 1998, at the Colonial Funeral Home, 2005 S. 4th Ave. in Pocatello. Interment will follow at the Mountain View Cemetery in Pocatello.

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## Board terminates contract for Lost-Rivers Hospital

ARCO (AP) — The company running Lost Rivers Hospital has been fired by the board of directors charged with overseeing the company's management of the hospital.

It was Friday's vote to fire Med Management follows a public meeting Tuesday in which residents of a hospital district said they were dissatisfied with how it was managed.

Their voiced concerns over how the hospital's personnel were treated and what they said was a slow billing process.

"It was the mandate of the people in the Lost Rivers Hospital District," Robert Diers, the chairman of the hospital board, said Friday.

Diers said the vote was 3-2 to terminate the contract. As chairman, he did not vote. The hospital's assistant administrator, who is not employed by Med Management, will take over management until a new company is hired, Diers said.

Med Management's termination is effective immediately, he said.

The hospital, which has three doctors and a physicians assistant, is funded by taxpayers who live in a hospital district stretching from Howe to Mackay.

Med Management of Shelby, Mont., has run the hospital since 1996.

Edward W. Butts' Peters of Burley, 11 a.m. Monday at the Payne Memorial Chapel, 221 W. Main; friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. today and one hour before the funeral Monday at Payne Mortuary.

Edgar Paul Huetig of Hazelton, memorial service at 11 a.m. Monday at the Eden Trinity Lutheran Church (White Mortuary in Twin Falls).

Norma Harris Seal of Rupert, 11 a.m. Monday at Hansen Mortuary Chapel; family and friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. today and one hour before the service Monday at the funeral chapel.

Norma Rose (Mercer) Wilde of Carey, 11 a.m. Monday at the Carey LDS Church; friends and family may call from 4 to 7 p.m. today at Demary's Shoshone Chapel.

Kristin Hanes of Twin Falls, graveside service at 4 p.m. Monday at Sunset Memorial Park in Twin Falls; friends may call from 1 to 5 p.m. today at Reynolds Funeral Chapel.

Edna P. Durfee of Burli, memorial graveside service at 4 p.m. Monday at the West End Cemetery (Farmer Funeral Chapel in Burli).

Betty Spaulding of Rupert, 2 p.m. Tuesday at the Rupert LDS Snake Center, 324 18th St.; family and friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. Monday at the Hansen Mortuary Chapel and one hour before the service Tuesday at the church.

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Refreshments will be served.  
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# DEALING WITH HOLIDAY BLUES

The season can add to depression

By David Lee  
Times-News writer

**BURLEY** - Not everything is happy during the holidays, said Lew Jones.

With more than 20 years of law enforcement experience, Jones, a sergeant with the Rupert police, said he often responds to calls about families fighting at home this time of year, and once in a while he may encounter a suicide attempt.

"The holidays are a bad time for police," Jones said. "We have to be out (on the streets), away from our families and see other people in despair."

At a time when people are supposed to be more happy and festive, those dealing with depression seem to see their problems get more magnified, said Eric Heidenreich, a psychiatrist who works with mental disorders and

addictions at Canyon View Hospital and Counseling Centers in Twin Falls.

"There really is no increase in depression during the holidays, but people who tend to be down on themselves may really get depressed now," Heidenreich said. "If everyone's happy but you, it makes you feel worse. It's tougher to tolerate."

Mary Christy, a clinician at Mental Health Services in Rupert, said financial hardship may lead to depression as well. Many local farmers struggled with low crop prices this summer, and may feel the effects in the next few months with the Christmas season.

"People may put pressure on themselves to keep up with the Joneses," Christy said. "They may worry about the gifts they need to give."

Memories of the past year or past holidays also may trigger depression, Heidenreich said. "A lot of people will reminisce," Heidenreich said. "They'll think of how their year went, if it was good or bad."

If a family member or friend is

## Psychologists' tips

Here are some tips from local psychologists to stay jolly during the holiday season.

- **Keep realistic expectations.** Not everything will go smoothly, so don't fret if something — a gift or family event — isn't turning out like you thought.
- **Create new traditions.** If this is the first holiday without a loved one, do things differently than if that person were still around, while not forgetting the old.
- **Stay healthy and fit.** People tend to

overeat during the holidays and the extra food will weigh them down along with anything else they're feeling. A little exercise should provide relief.

- **Communicate.** Tell people how you're feeling so you can get it off your shoulders and they may help you. If you need more help, seek professional counseling.



missing from traditional holiday gatherings due to death or a breakup in a relationship, that also could make things tough, Christy added.

Seasonal Affective Disorder syndrome, where people tend to be more moody during the winter months because there are fewer hours of daylight, may also be more apparent during the holidays, Heidenreich said.

Though there is no scientific explanation for it, people may

feel better if they expose themselves to more bright light inside the house, he said.

Finally, Heidenreich and Christy said people may get depressed after the holidays are over and the decorations come down.

"It's the after-effect from getting caught up in everything," Christy said.

Times-News staff writer David Lee can be reached in Burley at 677-1042.

## Magic Valley Arts Council sponsors slogan contest

The Times-News

**TWIN FALLS** - The Magic Valley Arts Council is sponsoring a slogan contest.

Entries must express, in 10 words or less, the essence of the Magic Valley Arts Council.

The council, according to its mission statement, is an association of arts organizations, individuals, educational institutions and businesses dedicated to encouraging and developing an environ-

ment in which the arts and artists can flourish.

Contest prizes include Arts on Tour tickets, JUMP Co. tickets and dinner at the Upton Bistro. Entries will be judged by a panel selected by the arts council.

Deadline for entries is Dec. 31. Send entries to Magic Valley Arts Council, 401 Second St. N., Suite 103, P.O. Box 1158, Twin Falls, ID 83304.

For more information, call 734-ARTS.

## Ballet company slates performance

The Times-News

**TWIN FALLS** - The Eugene, Ore., Ballet Company will present Peter Tchaikovsky's "The Nutcracker" Dec. 14 in the College of Southern Idaho Fine Arts Center auditorium.

Featuring local dancers, "The Nutcracker" is scheduled for 7:30

p.m. Tickets cost from \$5 to \$35 and can be purchased at Everybody's Business, Peacock Alley, Sav Mor Drug, The Huntington Old Towne Gallery and the Little Red Hen in Twin Falls; and Arlene's Flowers in Jerome.

For more information, call 733-9554, Ext. 2287.

## Signs

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Wendell and was not insured, according to the report.

Kumaus' complaint says the highway district was negligent in not maintaining proper signs, and the change from asphalt to gravel caused him to lose control of the car.

Kumaus is seeking judgment against the highway district for his medical expenses; loss of income and diminished carrying capacity; general damages for pain and suffering, disability, dis-

figurement, loss of enjoyment of life and emotional and mental suffering; pre-judgment interest; and attorney's fees and costs.

Kumaus has asked for a jury trial. The Filer Highway District is represented by Boise attorney Jim Davis. Davis would say only that the highway district has a more than adequate defense.

Though the county is named in the lawsuit, county civil attorney Mark Curry had not seen the complaint, he said last week.

No hearing dates have been set.

## Mush

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muscles out.

Camilli said the dogs are ready to start pulling sticks and other small objects when they are only a few weeks old. He began training his race team in August, hitching it to an all-terrain vehicle for dryland pulls.

Shortly after Klune finished her story telling Saturday, the crowd in the gallery began to break up. Camilli gently took his nearest pup from a knot of young admirers.

"Now I've got to go find the other two," he said with a smile as the puppy — drowsy from playing with the children — flopped its head on his shoulder.

Times-News staff writer Mark

## Learn more about musing

□ **Reception for member Brian Camilli:** 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. today at Page's Gallery, 511 Leaville Ave., Ketchum. Camilli hopes to raise about \$25,000 to pay for a trip to the famed dog sled race in Alaska this spring. A portion of the gallery's sales will go toward Camilli's trip.

□ **Contributions can be made to:** Brian Camilli's Kiltanor Quest, c/o First Security Bank, Box 2317, Ketchum, ID 83340.

Heinz covers the North Side and Twin Falls City Hall. He can be reached at 324-6962.

## Regroup

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local and state Democratic Party loyalists are developing for next time.

The Democrats certainly could use some good ideas. In the Nov. 3 election, Republican ticket toppers Dirk Kempthorne and Mike Crapo each earned about 70 percent of the vote. Come January, all the surviving Democrats in the Idaho Senate could share a single booth at Denny's.

"Some of the best news in this election came from outside the state," said Carol Robertson, the local representative on the state party's executive committee.

Idaho Democrats do see bright spots here at home. They made gains in education. Local candidates had a good showing. And the loyal group in Twin Falls had fun, Robertson said.

"That Marilyn Howard is worth being thrilled about."

The Democratic executive council met last week to debrief after the election. One of the real problems they found with the campaigns was the nature of negative advertising — from both sides.

Virtually every poll shows voters are sick of attack ads, but the onslaught promises to continue. The Democrats realized that the candidates should never be associated with negative advertise-

## Hogs and Democrats

Showing its support behind a group of Twin Falls County residents fighting a proposed hog farm, the Democratic Party is officially opposing the industrialized agricultural expansion.

The group said family farms and livestock operations are more beneficial to the community.

ments, Robertson said. When the other side runs one, only the party should respond. If the party wants to point out a Republican's weaknesses, the ads should never even mention the Democrat candidate's name.

Stallings and Republican Mike Simpson fomented disgust in southern Idaho voters with a several-week volley of sniping. Up north, Dan Williams and re-elected Rep. Helen Chenoweth did much of the same.

Another factor in the poor Democratic showing was money, Robertson said. The Republicans had more of it. Much more.

And at the top of the ticket — the races for governor and U.S. Senate — the Democrats were soundly overmatched.

"It was not so much that ours was weak," Robertson said. "It was just that the Republican ticket was very, very strong."

Finally, the Democrats didn't

get out the vote. An assault of Republican-backed phone calls the night before the election could have kept some Democrats from hitting the polls, Robertson said, though the Democratic Party itself just didn't do enough to get them there.

The state party, in preparation for the year 2000, is creating three task forces: a group to develop communications among Democrats, one to start recruiting candidates, and a committee devoted to rebuilding the party.

The party will also hire a legislative watcher for the first time, to keep tabs on Republican lawmakers.

"We should be letting them know that we're watching," Robertson said. "We're watching, watching, watching and responding. We're going to be the local opposition."

In Twin Falls, Democrats have some ideas of their own.

Dick Westendorf became a Democrat during World War II, when he ended up in a platoon of Easterners and "learned a little about the Depression." He criticized Idaho Democrat candidates for forgetting their roots — the factory workers, the waitresses and such. They make up a class of people that don't vote, he said.

"Why should they?" he asked.

## Evolution

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University of Idaho chemistry professor who helped lead development of the science standards. It is important that the public understand that there is no scientific debate on the broad implications of the theory of evolution and that this theory is supported by a very large mass of facts and experimental observations.

"Creationism is described by the National Academy of Sciences as the belief that God created the universe at once about 10,000 years ago. Evolution dates back the emergence of life on Earth 3.8 billion

years and says humans evolved over time from single-cell organisms through random selection.

Hughbanks didn't join the committee, he said, with an agenda to bring creationism into the classroom. He wanted to be part of the effort to improve education.

"I had no idea we were going to end up where we ended up," he said.

Public comment throughout the state favored a "balanced" presentation in the classroom, Hughbanks said. The committee has ignored that.

Committee members have discussed the issue at length several

times, Bitterwolf said, always reaching the same consensus regarding creation selection.

"It has absolutely no basis in science. It has no basis in theory. It is religion," he said.

While the standards don't mandate instruction of creationism, they don't prohibit it either, Bitterwolf said. It is a local decision.

Twin Falls resident Kathy Thomsen, publisher of the conservative newsletter The O.B.E. Preceptor, said she thinks state standards ultimately will usurp local curriculum control.

"You're going to make sure, first and foremost, that they can

pass the test," she said.

Bill Griffith, a retired mining company executive who led the science standards committee with Bitterwolf, said the committee based Idaho's science standards on national science standards.

The committee added to its list of standards that students learn the distinction between hypothesis, observation and theory, Bitterwolf. The standard had been inadvertently excluded.

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Jerome County

JEROME - Recent activity in 5th District Court in Jerome County included:

Arrests and appearances

Joe Heister, 40, 1512 N. 2nd St., Jerome, arrested on suspicion of driving without proper license, 1st offense, 120 days in jail, suspended, 12 months' supervised probation, Magistrate Judge Thomas II.
Jeffrey M. Brown, 25, 211 E. 4th St., Jerome, arrested on suspicion of driving without proper license, 1st offense, 120 days in jail, suspended, 12 months' supervised probation, Magistrate Judge Thomas II.

John P. Buchanan, 18, 705 E. Lincoln Circle, Laramie, arrested on suspicion of driving without proper license, 1st offense, 120 days in jail, suspended, 12 months' supervised probation, Magistrate Judge Thomas II.
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Commissioners' claim defender solicited clients

COBURN, ALAENE (AP) - Kootenai County commissioners are reprimanding Public Defender John Adams for alleged solicitation of cases for his office.
"Basically, the office is overloaded and there's times when he's going out and talking to people and taking on cases," Commissioner Dick Panburn said. "If they're asking for extra help, they shouldn't be taking on cases when the court doesn't appoint them."
The commissioners issued a Nov. 20 warning letter to Adams. A closed meeting between them and Adams is set for Tuesday.

Accusals

David Lee Beyer, 40, 804 E. Jerome, driving under the influence, pleaded guilty, 120 days in jail, suspended, 12 months' supervised probation, Magistrate Judge Thomas II.
William R. Vashak, 56, 206 E. 13th Ave., Coaling, driving without proper license, pleaded guilty, 150 days in jail, suspended, 12 months' supervised probation, Magistrate Judge Thomas II.

Dismissals

Shirley A. Kerkow, 37, 1015 E. 10th St., Jerome, charged with driving without proper license, dismissed by prosecutor.
Jonathan B. West, 21, 117 E. Seventh St., Jerome, charged with driving without proper license, dismissed by prosecutor.

Marriage certificates

Edward Dean Swain and Paula Rae Hall, David Hutchinson and Marlene Kaye Carter.

Sentencings

Robert H. Wells, 31, 214 E. 1st St., Jerome, driving under the influence, pleaded guilty, 120 days in jail, suspended, 12 months' supervised probation, Magistrate Judge Thomas II.
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## Theater group to hold auditions for 'You Can't Take It With You'

The Times-News

**HAILEY** - Company of Fools will hold auditions from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Dec. 5-6 at the Liberty Theater for Moss Hart's and George S. Kaufman's comedy classic "You Can't Take It With You."

Seventeen parts are available with ages from the 20s to 70s. Those auditioning will be asked

to read from the script. The role of Penelope Sycamore has been precast. Scripts can be purchased at Read All About It Bookstore and are available at local libraries and bookstores.

Rehearsals will be held January through March, and performances are scheduled March 18-28.

For more information, call Denise at 788-6520.

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On page 8 of the November 29 Toy insert, due to manufacturer's inability to produce, the Play Station game, "Cartoon" will not be available.

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## Crash on Highway 30 injures 1

The Times-News

**TWIN FALLS** - A three-vehicle crash at about 5 p.m. Saturday on U.S. Highway 30 near Twin Falls left one driver seriously injured and blocked traffic on the highway for over an hour, according to an Idaho State Police report.

A manure truck driven westbound along 2700 E. by Shaun Miller, 22, of Twin Falls ran a stop sign at Highway 30 before crossing the highway, said ISP

Cpl. Scott Earle.

A Toyota, driven north on the highway by a 16-year-old Filer girl, struck the side of the truck, bounced off and struck a Honda, knocking the Honda off the road, Earle said. He would not release the name of the Toyota's driver, but said the Honda's driver, Robert Walker, 16, of Twin Falls and his passenger were not hurt.

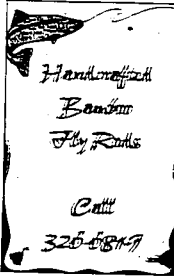
The driver of the Toyota, who was not wearing a seat belt, was partially ejected through the

windshield, Earle said. She suffered serious trauma to her head and one knee, as well as a cut on her lip, he said. A seat belt probably would have prevented the worst of her injuries, he said.

She was taken to Magic Valley Regional Medical Center by ambulance, and Miller was cited for running a stop sign, Earle said.

A hospital spokeswoman late Saturday would not release the girl's condition.

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## Radio show will focus on sex offender list

The Times-News

**TWIN FALLS** - The pros and cons of publishing sex offenders' names, photos and addresses will be debated Monday on Newsradio 1310 KLLX's "Idaho Today" show. The show begins at 9 a.m.

The Times-News Managing Editor Clay Walworth and local therapist Gail Ater will appear on the show, hosted by Kelly Klaas and Suzanne Jusst.

The Times-News has published information from the state's sex offender registry, which recently

was made available to the public. Ater opposes the list being published.

Calls to the show will be accepted between 9 and 10 a.m. at 736-0300. For more information about Idaho Today, call Jusst at 733-1310.

## HOSPITALS

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Pamela Muegerl of Twin Falls.

**CASSIA REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER**  
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Dora Anderson and Kathryn Williams, both of Burley; Norma Petersen of Declo; and Dorothy Griffin of Heyburn.

Released  
Donna Walker, Marie Gurner and Flossie Phillips, all of Rupert; Bertha Spargo and Dorothy Warrrell, both of Burley; and Scott Jones of Declo.

**MINDOKA MEMORIAL HOSPITAL**  
Some names are omitted at patients' request.  
Admitted  
Vincente Gonzalez of Burley; and Skylar Anderson of Heyburn.

## DEATH NOTICES

**Lawrence K. Smith**  
BELLEVUE - Lawrence K. Smith, 75, of Bellevue, died Friday, Nov. 27, 1998, at the Wood River Medical Center.

At his request, no services are planned. Cremation will take place under the direction of White Mortuary and Crematory in Twin Falls.

**Frank Cutright**  
GOODING - Frank Cutright, 90, of Gooding, died Friday, Nov. 27, 1998, at the Gooding Rehabilitation and Living Center. Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Demaray's Gooding Chapel.

**Michael Parks**  
GOODING - Michael Parks, 44, of Gooding, died Saturday, Nov. 28, 1998, at Saint Alphonsus Regional Medical Center in Boise. Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Demaray's Gooding Chapel.

**Dorothy L. Polichetti**  
HAILEY - Dorothy Lee Polichetti, 52, of Hailey, died Wednesday, Nov. 25, 1998, at the Wood River Medical Center in Hailey of lung cancer.

The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday at the Wood River Chapel in Hailey with the Rev. Robert Rodgers officiating. Contributions may be made in her memory at the First Security Bank in Hailey.

**Elsie McBride**  
HEYBURN - Elsie McBride, 57, of Heyburn, died Friday, Nov. 27, 1998, at her home. Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Payne Mortuary in Burley.

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# Filmmaker threatens suit over wolf access

Board doesn't want to close for filming

**KETCHUM (AP)**—A filmmaker and the officers for an interpretive center are exchanging accusations about Idaho's best known captive predators in the Sawtooth Wolf Pack.

The man who made the pack famous is Jim Dutcher of Ketchum, who with his wife, Ketchum, won Emmys for the Discovery Channel's "Wolves at Our Door," his film about the canines kept in a 15-acre compound near Stanley.

In 1996, after filming was done, Dutcher started and contributed at least \$15,000 to the Wolf Education and Research Center in Boise to care for the pack and educate people about them.

The wolves were moved to Nez Perce tribal lands near Winchester, where they remain under the care of the center and the tribe. Visitors can view them in a larger enclosed habitat.

Dutcher wants to return to filming the pack. But in order to make the documentary, he proposed a two-year schedule at Winchester that would essentially close it up to 60 days a year. The center did not outright turn down his film proposal, but did not agree to relinquish that much control.

Dutcher's response was to threaten a lawsuit against the center and circulate a petition for replacing its board of direc-

tors. The center's reply was a detailed review of claims he brought up, including the wolves are unhealthy due to an inadequate water source, food supply and medical care.

Dutcher said he first became concerned about the well-being of the wolves after talking with wildlife biologist Megan Parker and wolf caretaker Keith Marshall. He said they indicated to him the wolf center was not taking appropriate care of the pack.

"I'm not sure what you are talking about, and I am unaware of this petition," Parker said in a reply to correspondence from the Idaho Mountain Express. "I believe that the pack has always received excellent care from its caretakers."

In the center's review, Marshall wrote the wolves have never lacked water and the center quickly responds to any problem.

Dutcher's credibility as a caregiver to the Sawtooth pack in its old enclosure was called into question last week.

In September 1993, Dutcher allegedly ordered the euthanization of a healthy captive female world named Apsuyi, despite protests by the wolf center board.

Ketchum veterinarian Randall Acker said he killed the wolf at Dutcher's request. Every board member at that time says Apsuyi was in perfect health.

# Despite concern, salmon run funds survive

The Associated Press

The federal government will spend more than \$140 million on Northwest salmon recovery in the new fiscal year, despite grumbling about the effectiveness of previous efforts to help the fish.

"It's a black hole for money," said a staff member in the House Energy Appropriations office who asked not to be identified. "Nobody is happy with the fish mitigation program."

It is a fraction of the billions of dollars Congress has spent to help the runs in the past. The latest \$140 million appropriated for the fiscal year that began Oct. 1 and ends next Sept. 30.

When the Army Corps of Engineers asked for \$117 million earlier this year, the House offered it \$7.7 million, which would have

brought most of the agency's Columbia River fish mitigation projects to a standstill. Negotiations with the Senate resulted in an increase to \$60 million.

But a windfall of another \$35 million was included in an emergency supplemental section of the omnibus appropriations bill.

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Running the migrating fish through spillways, rather than chopping them up in dam turbines, still may kill up to 12 percent of the fish rather than the 2 percent earlier estimated. There are eight dams the salmon must

overcome to migrate from Idaho to the ocean. The studies paid for by taxpayers are not solutions.

"Everything on the list is promising, but some of them don't necessarily bear fruit," said Wm. Anderson, corps program manager.

"Everyone is saying we need a big plan, not just looking at one species," said Danny Constenius, Columbia Basin coordinator for the National Marine Fisheries Service. "The fact there are salmon species listed as endangered indicates that there is something wrong with the whole system."

"It's going to take something big, but we don't know what that is," he said.

For the 1998-99 fiscal year, \$13.4 million will be spent to operate hatcheries and \$2.2 million to mark hatchery fish so anglers can tell them apart from wild salmon, which they must release.

## Activists promote tortoise protection

**SALT LAKE CITY (AP)**—An Arizona environmental group wants to eliminate grazing on certain public lands in southwestern Utah.

The Southwest Center for Biological Diversity, based in Tucson, has filed a formal notice of intent to sue the Department of Interior to force it to end grazing in parts of Utah as well as Southern California, southern Nevada and northwestern Arizona.

At the heart of the lawsuit is the contention that goats pose a significant threat to endangered desert tortoises.

"This is not an attempt to shoot down ranchers," said Daniel Patterson, a desert biologist with the center. "We are trying to protect and recover the tortoise."



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# No. 5 Maryland sweeps at Puerto Rico Shootout

**SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico** — Maryland swept the Puerto Rico Shootout last weekend, beating the top three teams in the first three games. The third-place Terrapins left with three more wins and the championship trophy.

The third of the victories was an 80-50 demolition of Pittsburgh on Saturday night that left the Terrapins 7-0 with an average margin of victory of 27.4 points for the season.

In the Shootout they started with a 50-point win over American University of Puerto Rico on the previous night, and the Terrapins will have swept the tournament.



Maryland's Steve Francis snags the ball against Pittsburgh University Saturday during the championship game of the Puerto Rico Shootout in Bayamon, Puerto Rico. The Terrapins routed the Panthers.

**College basketball**

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game (37-for-59), while Pittsburgh finished at 23 percent (14-for-61).

Pittsburgh, a team beset by injuries over the past few seasons, was the story of the tournament as it knocked off Xavier 94-76 and then stunned Kentucky, the defending national champions, 69-56.

The Panthers had not beaten a ranked team since March 1997, a season when they beat three teams in the Top 25.

## San Francisco 82, No. 13 Xavier 69

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico — Gerald Zimmerman scored all but two of his 18 points in the second half and San Francisco held Xavier without a field goal for the 13-0 span in the Puerto Rico Shootout fifth-place game.

Terrence Moore added 17 points on 3-for-8 shooting for the Dons (4-1). Lenny Brown led Xavier (4-2) with 20 points.

## No. 21 Arkansas 92, NE Louisiana 70

FAYETTEVILLE, Ark. — Derek Hood had 14 points and nine rebounds and Sergio Gipson added 13 points for Arkansas.

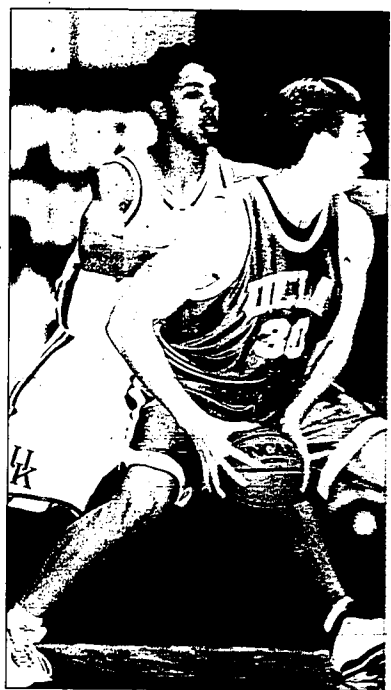
Jason Jennings and Pat Bradley each had 12 points for the Razorbacks (5-1). Mike Smith led Northeast Louisiana (0-4) with 10 points.

## No. 12 Oklahoma St. 79, TCU 74

STILLWATER, Okla. — Adrian Peterson's 3-pointer from the top of the key with 1:02 left gave Oklahoma State the lead for good.

Desmond Mason had 26 points and 13 rebounds for the Cowboys (4-0), who extended their non-conference home winning streak to 80 games. Lee Nailon scored 30 points for TCU (5-2), 24 in the second half.

Peterson, who scored 22, gave the Cowboys a 76-73 lead with his 3-pointer.



UCLA's Sean Farnham moves the ball past Kentucky's Saul Smith Saturday during the third place game of the Puerto Rico Shootout at the American University in Bayamon, Puerto Rico. Kentucky won the game 66-62.

# No. 4 'Cats bounce No. 10 UCLA 66-62

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico (AP) — Even on the island of Puerto Rico, Kentucky wasn't a sure bet to hit the ocean very often.

The fourth-ranked Wildcats struggled miserably from 3-point range in their first two games of the Puerto Rico Shootout, but that ended Saturday when they won 94-23 from beyond the arc in a 66-62 victory over No. 10 UCLA in the game for third place.

Freshman Taysan Prince hit two 3-pointers — one less than Kentucky had in its previous two games — to start a 14-0 run in the second half, and the Wildcats held off the Bruins in a matchup of the schools with the most national championships.

"We weren't just missing shots, we were missing wide-open shots," Prince said. "We shot around this morning at the (Roosevelt Roads) naval station and that helped and then we just hit them in the game."

Kentucky (5-1), upset by Pittsburgh in the semifinals, held off the Bruins (2-2) thanks to some big plays by senior Heshime Evans.

The Wildcats were a combined 3-for-34 from 3-point range in the first two games of the tournament. Prince's two 3s started the run that gave Kentucky a 56-45 lead with 6:44 to play.

"Taysan's two 3s were big for us because it opened the lead and got us going," Evans said.

UCLA, which lost to No. 5 Maryland in the semifinals, was within 58-55 with 3:20 left on a driving layup by freshman Jerome Moiso. He finished with 25 points, including half of UCLA's 30 in the second half.

Kentucky's Scott Padgett was fouled with 2:59 left, and he made the first and missed the second, but Evans, who finished with 16 points, grabbed the rebound and scored for a third point lead.

Moiso, a fan of UCLA cut it to 61-57 as Evans again came up big, scoring on a nice spin move with 2:04 left for a 58-57 lead. When the Bruins got within 55-52 with 17 seconds left in a tight ball, Moiso. Evans made one of two free throws for the final margin as UCLA missed two 3-point attempts before the buzzer.

The seniors on this team have had to make an adjustment and Coach talked to us about that in a nice talk at halftime," Evans said. "We responded to that."

Kentucky coach Tubby Smith said Evans, Padgett and Wayne Turner were the players the half time talk was aimed at.

"I was concerned about getting those guys concentrated more on the team than themselves," he said. "I challenged them."

Turner added 12 points for Kentucky, which has won seven national titles, while Prince had 11.

Earl Watson had 11 of his 14 points in the first half for UCLA, which has 11 national championships, while freshman J.R. Ruff also had 14.

"I felt comfortable in the first half and better in the second half," said Prince, a 6-foot-7 center from France. "I worked out for me but not for my team so we have to get better."

The Bruins led 32-27 at half time, but Kentucky came out with more defensive intensity and had the lead within 207 with a 10-4 run. The overpowered Bruins turned the ball over twice and missed a shot at the end.

UCLA, which has 12 seasons and sophomores on the roster, was still playing without starting point guard Brian Davis — recovering from off-season surgery — settled down until the big rally, in which it missed four shots in as many possessions.

"My whole life I've always been a fan of the most competitive time in any half is the first five minutes and it was here as well as they used that time to get back at it instead of us staying in the lead," said UCLA coach Steve Lavin.

# No. 16 UW overpowers Hawaii-Hilo

HILO, Hawaii (AP) — Watching players slip and slide in a preceding game didn't help the Washington Huskies' psyche as they prepared for Hawaii-Hilo.

Forty minutes later, there was no need for concern as No. 16 Washington routed hometown Hawaii-Hilo 81-47 way out west Friday night.

The Huskies' runaway victory in the opening round of the Big Island Invitational put them in the championship bracket against St. Louis, another blowout winner, late Saturday night (10:45 p.m. MST start).

"We got here early and watched the game before ours and saw the slippery floor. Physically, we started to really get ourselves in a little bit of a negative frame of mind.

"Once we got through that, we were fine and we did some good things. One thing good was we got a lot of minutes for some kids that need more experience and we were also able to rest our guys for tomorrow."

Reserves Greg Clark and Chris Walton keyed an 11-2 first-half run as the Huskies (2-0) quickly gained control.

## SPORTS IN BRIEF

### 3 teams play even at Gooding Jamboree

**GOODING** — Three area high school boys basketball teams split the semifinals here Saturday at the Gooding Jamboree.

Parony shuttled points reserved for jamboree competition, while Steve Smith scored four for Gooding in the opener, 15-12. Senior captain Brian Jones led the Warriors in their contest with 5 points, while Seniors senior guard Tom Bergstrom led his team with 3.

Turnus from Twin Falls High School, however, behind the 10 points of Rich Gooding, surprised Wood River 25-18 in the second game despite 3 points from the Warriors' Jesse Stone.

The Seniors beat the Bruins at the midpoint, though, preventing a Twin Falls sweep.

Gooding's Steve Stone contributed a night-high 15 points to overcome the Bruins' top-scorer Jared Burks, who finished with 5.

### Decio juniors beat Raft River 84-58

**MADRID** — A year-level boys basketball squad from Decio High School, led by 12 points of forward Jess Meyer, jumped the Raft River Terrapins early Saturday, building a 32-25 halftime lead and going on to defeat their hosts 84-58.

The Warriors (4-0) were also paced by Tyler Eward with 17 points and 14 rebounds. Steve Jones led the home team with 14 points.

Raft River next plays Wednesday at Sho-Bar.

### Misco, Kimberly and Filer win at Jamboree

**FILER** — Boys high school basketball teams continued their preparations for the season ahead at Elder Saturday, site of the Filer Jamboree.

Three teams participated — East Filer, Kimberly and Misco — and concluded at a win.

Misco's Dave Anderson led the Spartans Saturday in his team's victory against 22-12 win over Filer, scoring 13 points in the limited appearance.

Kimberly beat Misco in a subsequent game, before the Brian Lavin Basketball Invitational, a 40-20 victory at the evening of last week's Kimberly 4-12, Lawley street 12 in the win.

### Top-ranked UConn blows out other Huskies

**SUDBURY, Conn.** — Shea Ralph scored a career-high 30 points as unranked Connecticut beat Washington 101-51 Saturday night.

With UConn 4-0 leading early in the game, Ralph came off the bench and provided a spark with relentless defense and driving layups. She scored 13 points, including the last eight of the half, to give the Huskies a 4-0 lead at the break.

Ralph finished with five assists and three assists and topped her previous scoring high of 23, set two weeks ago against UCLA. Tamika Williams added 25 points for UConn.

Jamie Rash led Washington with 25 points, and Megan Frazee added 12.

### ISU women fall to No. 8 NC. State 93-75

**SAN DIEGO, Calif.** — The Idaho State women's basketball team again slipped in an early lead, but also once again failed to sustain it, losing 93-75 to North Carolina State Saturday in the consolation game of the San Diego State University Thanksgiving Classic.

The Spartans were held 10-point leads in the first half, but the Wolfpack women started back to lead 38-25 at the break with a 28-5 pre-halfway mark. Junior defender center Ashley Westman led ISU with a season-high 25 points, while Bengal guard Angela Mungler added 17.

Compiled here with reports

# NBA signing day to move fast and furious

**Knight-Ridder News Service**

**DALLAS** — Once the NBA lockout ends, hopefully sometime before the millennium, fans truly won't be able to tell the players without an NFL program.

With 10 players under contract, the Dallas Mavericks are one of the exceptions. Teams like the Houston Rockets, with just three players signed, are more the rule.

That's why the end of the lockout is going to prompt a frenzied signing frenzy unlike the NBA — or just about any other sport, for that matter — has ever seen.

Frenzy, as in more than 200 players all signing within two weeks, which is all the time the league says it can allow before training camp must start in advance of the abbreviated regular season.

"In the past, guys had two or three months to link up and work out the best deal," agent Steve Woods said. "Now they're going to have about 15 minutes."

That's only a slight exaggeration.

Top-line free agents such as Scottie Pippen, Tim Lincecum and Antonio McDyess still will command big contracts, but the rest of the league's top talent will be in a bidding war for the Bulls.

With the signing period so compressed, free agents won't be able to dangle.

"You wait the long and teams will go on to somebody else," Woods said. "There's not going to be much time to think."

Still, despite NBA rules on the contrary, the free-agent signing process already has begun behind the scenes for some teams.

Direct contact is prohibited by the league because of the lockout, but clubs are altering free agents of their interest through friends and associates. There are even reports that the New York Knicks recently brought in Roy Vagner for a surreptitious workout.

Some coaches, namely New

**Day 151**

A look at the NBA lockout as of

- **Saturday**
- **Total days**
- **Games lost**: 27
- **Games lost**: today: 8
- **Total games**
- **Games lost**: 187
- **Earliest estimate**
- **End of season**
- **Start of season**: Jan. 1
- **Resumption**: A session scheduled for Saturday was canceled.
- **Projected players salary losses** (through Jan. 1): \$330 million.
- **Today's best cancelled game**: Chicago at Phoenix, 6 p.m. Michael Jordan and the Bulls take on Jason Kidd and the Suns.
- **Quote of the day**: "The lockout is holding a lot of people back." — Vancouver rookie Felipe Lopez.

Jersey's John Callipari, were so desperate for an advantage in free agency, that they scooped pickup players like the ones held daily in Houston until the league squashed it.

**Red Hot Inlites**: If you are a Bulls fan, you might want to root for no NBA season in 1998-99, because there might not be a season more unprepared for a season than the Bulls.

The Bulls and Clippers are the only teams without an official head coach, although the Bulls are leaning to Tim Floyd and the Clippers to Jim Brewer. The Bulls have the fewest players under contract (four) of any team in the league. And because Michael Jordan refuses to say whether he'll play, the Bulls front office cannot plan for what team it will have.

The Utah Jazz: The Jazz have a significant number of players involved in regular workouts, but Karl Malone isn't one of them.

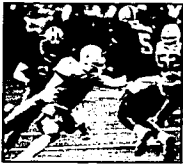
Malone's game play: Still no definitive word on the players' exhibition game that was being planned for Saturday in Las Vegas. One Las Vegas arena manager said he has been asked to provide his building to the players rent-free to assist them while they're out of work.

SPORTS

# Teach scratches 7-year itch beating Bulldogs

Virginia surges from way back to upend No. 20 VTU 36-32

ATHENS, Ga. (AP) — The streak is over. Brad Chambers kicked a 35-yard field goal with two seconds remaining and No. 17 Georgia Tech, which had lost seven in a row to Georgia, defeated the



Syracuse's Donovan McNabb eludes a tackle by Miami's Dan Morgan (44) for a long touchdown run Saturday in the second quarter of the game at the Carrier Dome in Syracuse, N.Y.

College football

"This is the best game we've ever won," senior Charlie Rogers said. "Nothing compares to this. Nothing. We've never had this game since the first game of the season."

The Yellow Jackets (9-2), co-champion of the Atlantic Coast Conference, had beaten Georgia since 1990, losing the past three years by a combined margin of 13 points.

Last season's defeat was particularly painful for Tech, which went 1-11 in the Gator Bowl, losing the past three years by a combined margin of 13 points.

"I think it was time for them to feel how we've been feeling the last seven years," Tech quarterback Joe Hamilton said.

Hamilton, who committed three turnovers, redeemed himself by directing a nine-play, 52-yard drive that set up the second field goal of the game by Chambers.

The Bulldogs called two straight timeouts hoping to distract Chambers, but missed a 37-yarder in the first quarter. But the delay seemed to benefit the senior kicker.

"He looked spaced-out as he went into the field," Tech coach George O'Leary said. "He missed the two timeouts helped him get some color back in his face."

The kick sailed straight down the middle, but Chambers didn't go to see it. He simply pumped his fist before being dragged to the ground by holder Brett Basquin.

"I was mainly listening to Brett Chambers and his coach. You'll know if you've made it because we'll jump on top of you. I never did see the kick. I kicked it and the next thing I know Brett lifted me up and I was down on the ground. I think I have a bruise on my ribs."

When the game ended, the Yellow Jackets danced briefly at

midfield atop the Bulldogs' "G" logo, "reclaiming the Georgia celebration on the 'GT' at Bobby Dodd Stadium a year ago.

Then, the Tech players swarmed the end zone, grabbing twice from the famed Sanford Stadium ledge and celebrating with their small contingent of fans among the mostly red-clad seats of 66,117.

Georgia Tech rallied from a 15-7 deficit in the fourth quarter, rushing for 241 yards while holding Georgia to 91.

"I thought we were in good shape," said Jim Donnan, who had beaten the Yellow Jackets in his first two years as Georgia coach. "But Tech ran the ball down our throat, which is something I didn't think they'd be able to do."

Georgia couldn't control the clock, failing to make a first down in the final period. The Bulldogs scored only seven fourth-quarter points in their last nine games, just 17 for the season.

No. 16 Virginia 36,

No. 20 Virginia Tech 32

At Blacksburg, Va., Ahmad Hawkins caught a 47-yard TD pass from Aaron Brooks with 2:01 remaining to cap a big second-half comeback by Virginia.

The Cavaliers, who overcame a 25-1/2-point deficit, marched 53 yards in six plays for the winning score.

Virginia (9-2) is going to the Peach Bowl while Virginia Tech (8-3) is still waiting for a bowl bid. Officials from the Music City and Gator bowls were among those on hand.

No. 21 Syracuse 66,

No. 19 Miami 13

At Syracuse, N.Y., Donovan McNabb ran for three touchdowns and threw for two as the Orangemen won the Big East

title and earned a berth in the Bowl Championship Series.

Syracuse (8-3, 6-1), which will play in the Orange Bowl or Sugar Bowl, scored the most points against Miami (7-3, 5-2) since the Hurricanes lost to the Orangemen 56-16 in 1970.

It was Miami's second-largest margin of defeat behind a 70-14 loss to Texas A&M in 1944.

No. 23 Penn St. 51,

Michigan St. 28

At State College, Pa., Eric McCoo rushed for 206 yards, and David Macklin and Anthony Kiser returned interceptions for touchdowns as Penn State strengthened its case for an eighth straight Jan. 1 bowl.

McCoo also scored a touchdown and Travis Romey kicked a career-high five field goals for the Lions (8-3, 5-3 Big Ten), who have a chance to go to the Outback Bowl after finishing their home schedule unbeaten for the first time since 1994.

Michigan State (6-6, 4-4) didn't qualify for a bowl despite victories over Notre Dame and then No. 1 Ohio State.

North Carolina 37,

N.C. State 34 (OT)

At Charlotte, N.C., it was the final reclamation project in North Carolina's quest to rebuild its season.

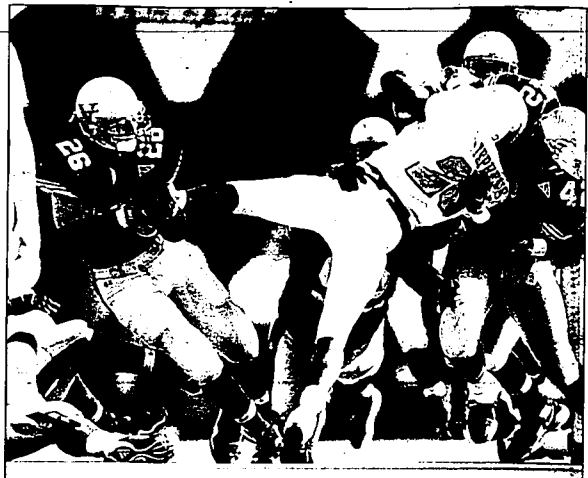
Many of the things that mattered most to the Tar Heels had long ago slipped away in an 0-3 start. The remaining goals, modest by their recent standards, were in danger after North Carolina lost a three-touchdown fourth-quarter lead to N.C. State.

Then wide receiver Na Brown turned around in the right corner of an Ericson Stadium end zone late Saturday afternoon, saw Oscar Davenport's pass floating toward him and grabbed it for a touchdown and a 37-34 overtime victory that saved the Tar Heels from a bitter end to a hard year.

"I wanted to cry. I wanted to laugh. Everything was just running together," Brown said.

His catch allowed the Tar Heels to overcome a 27-yard field goal by N.C. State's Daniel Deskevich in the Wolfpack's possession in overtime.

By winning, North Carolina (6-5, 5-3 ACC) made itself eligible for a bowl bid. While N.C. State (7-4, 5-3) already has a berth in the Micron PC Bowl on Dec. 29 in Fort Lauderdale, Fla., the Tar Heels must wait to learn if the Aloha, Sun or Las Vegas bowls will offer them the chance to play a 12th game.



Vanderbilt's Matt Stewart (26) and Jamie Winborn (42) each take an end of Tennessee running back Travis Stephens in the first quarter Saturday in Nashville, Tenn. The No. 1 Volunteers shut out the Commodores 41-0.

# No. 1 Vols just keep on cruisin'

Next hurdle: SEC championship game with Mississippi St.

in 38 games dating back to 1995.

"I definitely would think it would be unfair (to drop in the rankings)," he said. "I don't know how they do that BCS thing."

The Vols, who play Mississippi State in the SEC Championship game on Dec. 5, played without injured linebackers Al Wilson and Renshaw Thompson. But the defense intercepted four passes and recovered two fumbles, which were converted into 24 points.

Vanderbilt coach Woody Widenhofer, whose defenses had held Tennessee to 17 points or less in each of the last three seasons, was impressed after the Vols beat the Commodores for the 16th straight time.

"They're a well-deserving No. 1. In the four years that I've been here, this is the toughest team they've had to beat."

Travis Henry was a road game for Tennessee, the sellout crowd of 41,600 at Vanderbilt Stadium was dominated by orange-clad Vols fans who sang "Rocky Top" and oiled the way.

"It seemed like we were in Tennessee's house," said Vanderbilt quarterback Greg Zolman.

After struggling to score against Vanderbilt the past three seasons, Tennessee finally got on track with 17 points in the second quarter for a 20-0 halftime lead.

Martin found Eric on the left sideline, and the receiver broke Vandy's Vandy's Jamie Winborn and Brian Taylor slipped a would-be tackle from Ainsley Battles and sprinted in for a 67-yard touchdown with 5:08 left in the second.

Linebacker Henry, who rushed for 97 yards on 13 carries in the first half, made it 17-0 with a 12-yard TD run and Jeff Hall kicked his second field goal, just before halftime for the 20-0 lead.

Defense provided the only points in the third quarter. Tennessee linebacker Eric

Westmoreland hit receiver Everett Robinson after a catch and knocked the ball loose. Chris Ramseyer picked it up at the Vandy 12 and scored for a 27-0 lead.

Zolman, who managed only 83 yards passing against the Vols, said he thought the pass should have been ruled complete.

Tennessee added to its lead in the fourth quarter despite turning conservative and running on most plays.

Seven plays after Fred White intercepted a pass by Greg Zolman and returned it 33 yards, Martin scored on a keeper with 9:34 left for a 34-0 lead.

Walker later recovered a fumble and ran it back 26 yards to the Vandy 10, setting up Travis Stephens' 1-yard plunge for the final points.

Tuberville takes over as Tigers head coach

AUBURN, Ala. (AP) — Tommy Tuberville, who turned around a troubled Mississippi program, now will try to do the same at Auburn for double the money and double the pressure.

Tuberville was introduced as the Tigers' football coach Saturday, replacing Terry Bowden. He signed a five-year deal late Friday night worth an estimated \$3 million.

An emotional Tuberville, wearing an Auburn jacket, was the only one that could have lured him from Mississippi.

"I was contacted by most jobs that were open," he said. "This is the only one I considered. It's not about the money. It's about the opportunity. I think we can win a national championship."



# Trojans blank Irish 10-0

Knight Rider News Service

LOS ANGELES — A dream ended here Saturday night.

Notre Dame's hope of reaching the Bowl Championship Series was all but officially ended by a 10-0 loss to Southern California before an announced crowd of 90,000 at Memorial Coliseum.

With quarterback Jarious Jackson reduced to the role of special spectator by a knee injury, the Fighting Irish lost the balance and awareness that had taken months to build.

The Irish, 9-2 after the end of a eight-game winning streak, committed five turnovers and were intercepted four times, the most in four seasons. Eric Chappell and Armar Battle were each intercepted.

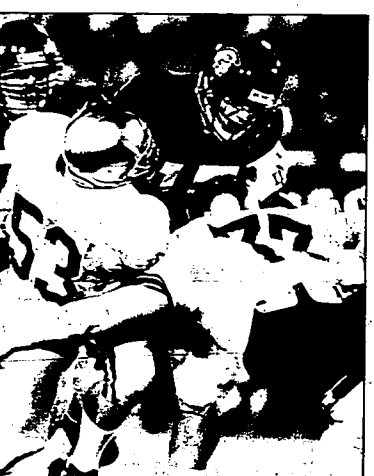
Southern California managed just two scores, a 2-yard run by freshman quarterback Carson Palmer and a 23-yard field goal by Adam Abrams, but the Trojans:

1) beat the Irish for the third consecutive season.

Notre Dame is expected to go to the Gator Bowl in Jacksonville, Fla. to face Georgia Tech on Jan. 1.

As if the Irish didn't have enough problems trying to deal with two inexperienced quarterbacks, they had to deal with the bad feelings of Trojans freshman Palmer. A former participant in the Notre Dame football camp and a highly recruited quarterback prospect, Palmer wanted to go to Notre Dame.

But in a diary published Saturday in the Orange County Register, Palmer suggested that Notre Dame was not truthful in the recruiting process, and its academic demands led him to



USC quarterback Carson Palmer is sacked by the Irish's LaMott Bryant (53) and Brad Williams for a 64-yard loss Saturday during the first quarter of their game at the Coliseum in Los Angeles.

"I grew up loving Notre Dame," he said in the diary. "I wanted to go there. When you're a kid, you feel that Notre Dame is college football."

# Southern sinks Grambling 26-14

Former NFL star Doug Williams loses as coach of alma mater

luxury suites in the Superdome.

Grambling, which won or shared 17 Southwest Athletic Conference championships under Robinson, finished 5-6 in its first season under Williams.

"Doug has done a great job, coming into a situation where he didn't know the chemistry of the team and had to get rid of some players," Southern coach Pete Richardson said. "The main thing is, he's turned the corner. He's going to be a good coach."

The victory gave Southern (8-3) the outright Southwest Athletic Conference championship. It's Southern's third SWAC title in six years and second in a row.

Williams, the Bayou Classic MVP for three of the four years he played in the game, on Saturday watched the Southern quarterback rally his team for the victory.

Sam George threw three touchdown passes in the second half to give Southern for its sixth straight win.

It was Williams' first Classic as Grambling coach. Eddie Robinson, who ended his 57-year career as Grambling's only football coach after last year's Classic, watched from one of the

es to John George — a 37-yarder and a 24-yarder, in the first quarter to give Southern a 17-14 lead.

Grambling had a chance to tie it with 8:21 left in the game, but Lawrence Richmond missed a 37-yard field goal.

Mattingl added a 42-yard field goal with 5:30 left, and Sam George led it with a 43-yard touchdown pass to John Forman with 2:48 left.

Williams, who still holds eight Grambling records and won the first four Classics as Grambling's quarterback, played in the NFL for the Tampa Buccaneers and the Washington Redskins, where he was the Super Bowl MVP in 1987.

"Some air went out at the end," Williams said. "But I'm still going to hold my head up. These kids worked hard all game and all year. We never gave up."

Robinson dreamed up the pump-and-guns style of the traditional black school that has grown from just a football game to a week-long event that fills the city and pumps millions into the economy. He wanted fans of the traditional black schools to be able to enjoy the major-bowl atmosphere he saw at the Sugar Bowl.



Tom Lehman watches his drive on the sixth fairway Saturday at the Rancho La Quinta Golf Course in Indian Wells, Calif., as part of the Skins Game.

# Big money Skins Game heats up

Lehman's birdie run continues; O'Meara nabbs 4 skins in chase

**Pro golf**  
 finished off the day with a 1-foot birdie putt on the 9th hole worth \$50,000.

LA QUINTA, Calif. (AP) — It was yesterday once more for Tom Lehman in the Skins Game Saturday. The defending champion carried over the birdie bonus he began last year as a rookie participant, making five birdies that helped him win five skins and \$150,000. Mark O'Meara, the Masters and British Open champion, rolled in a 25-foot birdie putt on the 8th hole worth four skins and \$150,000. He and Lehman tied a Skins record for most money won on a Saturday. Greg Norman, making a comeback from shoulder surgery, and Fred Couples, the career leader in Skins money and holes won, were shut out over the first nine holes at Rancho La Quinta Country Club. "There's plenty of time left," Couples said. "If you're not going to get any (skins), today is a good day to try." The foursome will play nine

holes Sunday with \$700,000 of the \$1 million purse still up for grabs. Lehman, who hasn't won on the PGA Tour in two years, made 10 birdies last year, giving him 15 in 27 holes of Skins competition. "It's nice to play when you know that a bogey is not going to cost you anything," he said. "Sometimes when things get going well, you start building on it. You're allowed to get aggressive and you don't really make little mistakes and you shoot some low scores." Lehman came alive at the par-3, 140-yard 3rd hole. His tee shot landed on the back of the small green and he rolled in a 12-foot birdie putt to collect three skins worth \$75,000. Couples' attempt from 12 feet that would have tied Lehman missed to the right. No one won the first two holes worth \$25,000 each, so the money was carried over to the 3rd. Lehman also won a 1999 Carney for his designated charities on the hole. Lehman earned \$25,000 on the 4th hole with an 8-foot birdie. He

O'Meara matched Lehman's money haul on the 5th hole. His 6-iron shot landed about 25 feet left of the green, he sank the birdie putt and then watched the others miss putts. O'Meara also won a 1999 Carney for his charity. Norman struggled off the tee all afternoon, driving into the rough on the 1st, 4th, 5th and 7th holes, into the water on No. 2 and missing the green on No. 6. He had six pars, two bogeys and one birdie over nine holes. "You've got to get back in the groove," said Norman, playing his second event since missing seven months because of surgery. "It's just getting your timing and rhythm back. It's not easy to jump right back in the saddle." O'Meara's only major gaffe came on No. 6 when he mistakenly picked up Couples' marker. O'Meara conceded the putt to Couples, who replaced his coin and made the putt to halve the hole. Play was briefly delayed when Norman sought a ruling. "I messed up," O'Meara said. "Maybe I fell asleep, but I just assumed the other guys would give him that putt and I picked

up his coin. Obviously, it's going to change how (Greg) is going to play the hole. He just wanted to make sure that Fred's putt was good. If it wasn't good, then he's got to try and be a little bit more conservative on his chip shot." Norman's chip rolled 8 feet past the hole. **Ozaki regains Caslo lead, Woods drops further back** IBUSUKI, Japan — Joe Ozaki, the youngest of three brothers on the Japan tour, regained the lead in the Casio World Open with a 5-under-par 67 in the second round Saturday. Ozaki, who led after the first round, had a bogey-free trip on Saturday and completed 54 holes with a 205 total. American Brian Watts also had a 67 and moved into a second-place tie at 206 with Japan's Toshimitsu Izawa, who had a 68. Tiger Woods, in his first Japan PGA Tour tournament, shot a 71 and fell nine strokes off the lead. Woods had three bogeys, but also had an eagle and two birdies. Second-round leader and Japan Open champion Hidemichi Tanaka shot a 72 for 209 and was tied with three others for fourth.

# Arizona begins lobbying for 1st Rose Bowl trip

Wildcats pin hopes on Pac-10 standing, but Notre Dame lurks in the shadows

TUCSON, Ariz. (AP) — With their best regular season ever behind them, the seventh-ranked Arizona Wildcats are lobbying for their first Rose Bowl invitation, and routing heartily for UCLA to beat Miami next week. "I guess we have to be UCLA fans," Arizona quarterback Kevan Smith said. "The Rose Bowl needs to look at us. I think we showed some weapons." Rose Bowl committee members who watched the Wildcats win 50-42 victory over Arizona State Friday night were complimentary but non-committal. "I think the Arizona Wildcats will be a great representative," Ron Okum said. "We would be excited to have them. (But) there are no guarantees." Of the teams in the Pac-10 and Big 10, Arizona is the only one never to play in the Rose Bowl. This year, the Wildcats could slip in, thanks to the new Bowl Championship Series format. If UCLA beats Miami next Saturday and is chosen to play in the Fiesta Bowl for the national championship, that leaves a vacancy in the Rose Bowl. At 11-1, Arizona could be one of the two at-large selections among the six BCS teams that don't play in the Rose Bowl and could be invited to play Wisconsin at Pasadena. But Rose Bowl officials might not want to resist the national appeal of Notre Dame. Arizona's big-play offense on display Friday, led by Trung Canidate's school-record 288 yards rushing, surely helped the Wildcats' cause. Candidate had touchdown runs of 80, 66 and 48 yards, running away with the Pac-10 rushing title. "We saw quite a team tonight," Rose Bowl committee member Bud Griest said. "Arizona just plugged away. They have done everything they can." The Sugar Bowl also had representatives at Friday night's game. So did the Holiday Bowl, which would be Arizona's consolation prize if UCLA loses to Miami or if the Wildcats are snubbed by the BCS. The Wildcats and Sun Devils amassed 1,169 yards in Friday night's four-hour marathon. Arizona State's Ryan Kealy completed 33 of 56 passes for 511 yards, his personal best by more than 200 yards and third-best on the Sun Devils' career list. He had the Sun Devils on the 28-yard line as the game ended, his last pass knocked down by Kelvin Hunter in the end zone. Scott's performance came only two weeks after he underwent arthroscopic knee surgery. The effort was admirable for a Sun Devils' team that was touted as a national title contender before the season but finished 5-6. "This game is heartbreaking," Arizona State's Adam Arhinceta said. "We came so close, but it doesn't matter. We lost." Arizona won 11 games for the first time, ever. The Wildcats' only loss was 53-28 to UCLA in a game Arizona's late in the third quarter before collapsing. "I think this team is as good as anybody's," said Wildcats coach Dick Tomes, who led 15-1 since Arizona's stumbling 3-5 start a year ago. In Friday night's game, despite the 92 points, two Arizona defenders stood out. Chris McAlister blocked a punt and intercepted a pass, and Marcus Bell, the Pac-10's leading tackler, had 21. "We proved that we're one of the national title contenders," Arizona lineman Yusuf Scott said. "We hope the bowl committees see that and give us one of the best bowl games in the country."

# Sun Devils' quarterback receives walking papers

TEMPE, Ariz. (AP) — Arizona State coach Bruce Snyder dismissed freshman quarterback Chad Elliott "in the best interests of the team" Friday, but gave no other explanation. The decision, reached after Thursday practices, was announced before Arizona State lost to Arizona this weekend 50-42. The coaching staff has long been unhappy with Elliott's attitude, but some, including Elliott's father, said the decision was hastened by Elliott's having told the staff he probably would transfer after the first game. "Chad felt he no longer had a future there," Stan Elliott said. The 6-foot-3, strong-arm player came to Arizona State as one of the top quarterbacks in the West out of Grant High School in Sacramento, Calif. Snyder gave Elliott the place of slumping Ryan Kealy against Stanford on Oct. 16. Kealy came on in the second half to rally the Sun Devils to a last-minute victory. Elliott, 19, was widely criticized for leaving the field immediately after that game while the rest of the team celebrated. When Kealy was out with a sprained right knee against Oregon two weeks ago, senior Steve Campbell got the start. Elliott completed 39 of 73 passes for 365 yards and one touchdown at Arizona State. He threw three interceptions. **O's manager warms to idea of Belle in lineup** BALTIMORE (AP) — In passing judgment on Albert Belle, Baltimore Orioles manager Ray Miller prefers to consider the slugger's numbers rather than his dubious reputation. "Who wouldn't want someone who had 50 homers and 150 RBIs playing in one of the biggest ball parks in the league? He's arguably the most prolific right-handed hitter in the game," Miller said Saturday. Belle and the Orioles essentially reached an agreement Friday night on a contract that will bring the free agent outfielder to

# Williams favored to run away with Heisman Trophy

259-yard performance propels Texas back into NCAA history

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Now that Ricky Williams owns one of college football's greatest individual records, is the Heisman Trophy next? Already considered the Heisman favorite, the Texas tailback enhanced his position with 259 yards rushing in Friday's 26-21 win over Texas A&M in a nationally televised game. Longhorns coach Mack Brown said it would be hard to deny the award to the leading rusher in NCAA Division IA history. "Hopefully voters saw things today," Brown said after the game. "I've never seen a better performance from Ricky than I did today." Williams' brightest moment of the game and biggest boost for the Heisman came in the first quarter. Needing 11 yards to break Tony Dorsett's career rushing record, Williams ripped off a 60-yard touchdown run in which he broke a tackle near the line of scrimmage and carried in an A&M defensive back into the end zone. "That's a run I'll remember for the rest of my life," Brown said. Williams finished the game with 6279 career yards, surpassing Dorsett's mark of 6082 set at Pittsburgh from 1973-76. Several previous Heisman winners were at the game Friday to congratulate Williams. Dorsett, Texas' Earl Campbell and Texas A&M's John David Crow all made their way to the sideline for Williams' memorable run. "It's special to me that those guys were on the sideline to watch me play," Williams said. Williams has broken national and school records held by



Texas running back Ricky Williams (34) outruns a Rice defenseman for a touchdown Sept. 26. Williams owns one of college football's greatest individual records — the career rushing yards mark.

Dorsett, Campbell and Ohio State's Archie Griffin, the only two-time Heisman winner. Williams would be Texas' first Heisman winner since Campbell in 1977. One player who could stand in Williams' way is Kansas State quarterback Michael Bishop, who has led the Wildcats to a No. 2 ranking and a berth in the Big 12 championship game Dec. 5. Two weeks ago, half of the Big 12 coaches said Bishop should get serious consideration for league offensive MVP. "Anybody who saw Ricky today would know he's the most valuable player in the Big 12 Conference," Brown said. Bishop has been hurt by a lack of national exposure after Kansas State coach Bill Snyder imposed a media ban on him for several weeks. Williams, meanwhile, has met with the media every week and his smile and dreadlocks have consistently appeared in newspapers, magazines and on television. "Williams said he won't think about the Heisman until after



Tony Dorsett congratulates Texas tailback Ricky Williams Friday after Williams broke Dorsett's 22-year-old NCAA career rushing yards record.

final exams this week. And he said he hasn't given much thought to his place in college football history. "Hopefully I'll be considered one of the best," he said. Surely he will be. He owns 16 NCAA records. Along with the rushing record, Williams' marks include touchdowns (75), points (452) and all-purpose yards (7,206). Williams surprisingly returned for his senior season after leading the nation in rushing in 1997. Part of his decision to stay was to help the Longhorns' transition to Brown, who came to Texas from North Carolina. But he also knew the Heisman Trophy was a possibility and Dorsett's milestone was in reach. And so far he has answered all the questions that came up when the season started. Could the Heisman winner come from a losing team? Texas was 4-7 last year, but rebounded behind Williams to finish 8-3 this year. The Longhorns came up one game short of qualifying for the Big 12 championship.

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# Baltimore faces its past today

By DAVE GOLDBERG Associated Press Football Writer

Franchise-free agency comes home to Baltimore today for the first time the locals will be rooting against the guys with the horseshoes on their helmets.

It's the first visit in 15 seasons by the Colts to their old home, or since the late Bob Irsay packed up the moving vans and trundled off to Indianapolis.

Their opponent is the Baltimore Ravens, the former Cleveland Browns, making this a replay of the 1964 NFL championship game, won 27-0 by Jim Brown and Cleveland (now Baltimore) over Don Shula and Baltimore (now Indianapolis).

There's a lot of history behind the game at Art Modell's new unnamed stadium. Even though the teams that will be playing today, the Ravens (47) and the Colts (29), are no big deal now.

"It would be so very hard for me to ever move a team," said Jim Irsay, who became owner of the Colts after his father's death in January 1997. "If anything positive came out of it, it's remembering how not to let that happen."

What makes this even more of a jumble is that the Ravens aren't the Browns, even though they are. Or, at least, once they were.

That is, Ravens records are records set in Baltimore, not by the Browns and Otto Graham and all the players who left such a deep tradition in Cleveland. The new Browns, who begin play next season as an expansion team, take over those marks.

But the Colts in Indianapolis are still the old Colts, even though the folks in Baltimore would prefer otherwise. That is, Johnny Unitas and Raymond Berry are the career leaders in passing and receiving and a lot of other Baltimore Colts remain on the books.

The big question today is how the fans in Baltimore will greet their old Colts with those distinctive horseshoes that have such significance.

In other games today, Arizona is at Kansas City, Atlanta at St. Louis, Carolina at the New York Jets, Jacksonville at Cincinnati, Tampa Bay at Chicago, Tennessee at Seattle, Buffalo at New England, New Orleans at Miami, Philadelphia at Green Bay, Washington at Oakland, and Denver at San Diego.

The New York Giants are at San Francisco Monday night.

On Thursday, Detroit beat Pittsburgh 19-16 in overtime and

Minnesota defeated Dallas 46-36.

## Denver (11-0) at San Diego (5-6)

Cocher Mike Shanahan is going unbenched as a motivational tool to keep fresh a team that has little else to play for. "The way we do it is to concentrate on every game as a single entity," said Shanahan, whose biggest obstacle should come Dec. 21 at Miami against the last franchise to get through a season without a loss.

The Broncos beat the Chargers 27-13 three weeks ago in Denver, and this wouldn't be much more difficult, although Craig Whelihan is now San Diego's quarterback instead of Ryan Leaf. With the help of some fortuitous pass interference calls, Whelihan brought San Diego back for a 38-37 win over Kansas City.

The Chargers lead the NFL in defense and defense against the run. But that ranking will be tested by Terrell Davis, the San Diego native whose Columbus-like 1,492 yard punt on pace to break Eric Dickerson's mark of 2,105.

## Buffalo (7-4) at New England (6-5) New Orleans (5-6) at Miami (7-4) Carolina (2-9) at New York Jets (7-4)

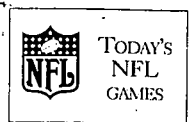
The Patriots' last-minute win over Miami Monday night kept them in a playoff contention and dropped the Dolphins into a three-way tie in the AFC East with the Jets and Bills. But it might have been easier: Drew Bledsoe broke a finger on his throwing hand on the final drive, threw the winning TD pass despite it, and is questionable.

The Bills have won seven of eight after an 0-3 start, including a 13-10 win over the Patriots two weeks ago. Doug Flutie has won six of those.

The Dolphins' last-minute loss to New England left them 2-4 on the road and 5-0 at home. That's the result of this stat: the Dolphins have allowed 128 points on the road, only 30 at home.

The Saints are only a game behind Arizona for the final wild-card berth in the NFC. But their shortage of talent shows when they play teams in the upper echelon. Mike Ditka was particularly upset with the receivers in last week's 31-20 loss at San Francisco — too many dropped balls, too many missed opportunities.

The Jets, who bounced back from a disheartening loss in Indianapolis with a 24-3 win in



Tennessee, might be in the best shape of the AFC East contenders because they're 4-1 in the division and have games left with the other three contenders.

## Atlanta (9-2) at St. Louis (3-8) New York Giants (4-7) at San Francisco (8-3)

This could be the 49ers' chance to move back into a tie with the Falcons in the NFC West. QB Chris Chandler, who injured a knee and ankle against the Bears last week, is doubtful for the St. Louis game and Atlanta is 0-5 when he doesn't play.

Either second-year pro Tony Stewart or 41-year-old Steve DeBerg would replace him. They'd be better off with Steve Bono, who will play for the Rams if Tony Banks' ankle injury keeps him out.

## Jacksonville (8-3) at Cincinnati (2-9) Indianapolis (5-6) at Pittsburgh (4-7) Tampa Bay (4-7) at Chicago (3-8)

The Jaguars always lose in Pittsburgh and they did last week. They shouldn't lose this one, but if they want to stay in control of the AFC Central race.

The Jaguars have Fred Taylor, who could have a big day against a defense that's last in the league against the run.

## Tampa Bay (4-7) at Chicago (3-8)

Now the Bucs defense is sagging — it's a different team without Hardy Nickerson, the linebacker out with a heart ailment. Yes, they remain marginally alive for a playoff spot. No, they won't make it.

The Bears? "I have no idea why we're losing," wide receiver Curtis Conway said. Try scoring some more points.

## Washington (2-9) at Oakland (7-4)

The Raiders played pretty well in Denver and lost 40-14, which indicates how good the Broncos are. The Raiders, who have won five games by three points or less, have been outscored by 25 points this season.

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# Clark free to join Browns

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Dwight Clark will be permitted to leave the San Francisco 49ers as of Tuesday if he accepts a position with the Cleveland Browns, the 49ers said Saturday.

Clark is scheduled to arrive in Cleveland Monday, to meet with Browns officials.

The 49ers said in a statement that Clark told the team he would leave at the end of the season. "In view of Dwight's decision to leave the team at the end of the season, we believe this is in the best interest of the 49ers," team President Larry Thurlkill said.

In return for allowing Clark to leave the 49ers before the season ends, Browns President Carmen Policy agreed not to pursue any other 49ers employees through the end of next season.

"I'm anxious to talk to Carmen to see exactly what the deal was gonna be and get started on the next phase of my career," Clark told KNBR, a radio station in San Francisco Saturday. "I don't see

any problems with getting the deal done with Carmen. It is a deal maker. He wants me there and I want to be there."

Messages seeking comment were left with Policy's office and the 49ers Saturday.

Policy told The (Cleveland) Plain Dealer for a story Saturday that Clark would be at the same level as the coach in the team's organization with each reporting directly to Policy.

"Dwight understands the system and structure that I respect and want to put into effect with the Cleveland Browns," Policy said.

Clark, 41, became vice president and director of football operations for the 49ers this year after being promoted by Policy when he was 49ers president. He retired from the team in 1987 as the team's leading receiver and now ranks third on their all-time list.

"I have mixed feeling about leaving because I've been here for 20 years," Clark said.

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# NFL season harvests a bountiful crop of rookies

The Associated Press

Game-breaking receivers and runners. Mature defenders. Football blockers. Even some quarterbacks.

This year's NFL rookie crop has them all. It's one of the strongest collections of freshman to hit the pros this decade.

Led by Minnesota receiver Randy Moss, Jacksonville running back Fred Taylor, New Orleans tight end Cam Cleeland and New York Jets tackle Jason Fabini, rookies have made a significant impact on offense.

On defense, Charles Woodson, Ronnie Holliday, Takeshi Spikes and Eric Brown not only star for their teams, they are key performers, even leaders.

So whatever happened to the theory that players straight out of college can't contribute much right away in the NFL? It's not accurate anymore, because so many collegians played from their first freshman seasons, and have faced pro-style offenses and defenses.

There's also the need for them to play.

"There's not much time to wait for them anymore," says Dolphins coach Jimmy Johnson, who has rebuilt his team — particularly the defense — through the draft and has four rookies playing regularly this season. "They need to come in and produce right away."

And they have.

Moss has been spectacular for the Vikings, who clinched a playoff berth last weekend and have a fearsome attack in which Moss has been the deep threat. His 19.3 average per catch leads the league, and he's become a star before his first NFL season is over.

"I think he's handled it very well," says Cris Carter, his fellow receiver and mentor. "He gets so much media attention, it's hard. But I think that he's done a fair job as being able to handle all the different things that are thrown at him. He's probably done a lot better than a lot of rookies would be able to do."

Receiver might be the easiest position to break into the NFL. Almost nobody says that about offensive linemen.

Yale Lary, a fourth-round pick, has been a starter since training camp for the Jets. Kyle

## From busts to gamebreakers, league's frosh are showing the 'old guys' how today's game is played



Oakland Raiders comeback Charles Woodson (24) breaks up a pass intended for Kansas City Chiefs wide receiver Joe Horn (84) Sept. 6 in Kansas City, Mo. The projections for Woodson called for an immediate spot in the Raiders secondary, if not instant success. Woodson has started — and prospered. So has Oakland's secondary.

Turley of New Orleans, Ephraim Salaam of Atlanta, Victor Riley of Kansas City, Flossie Adams of Dallas, Alan Fanece of Pittsburgh and Mo Collins of Oakland all have seen significant time.

Riley, another first-rounder, was supposed to be groomed slowly. But when All-Pro guard Dave Scott got hurt, Riley's grooming process speeded up.

"Victory is a very good listener," Scott says. "He's not too big or too proud to take a comment from a teammate. The word for Victor is coachability."

You hear that same word about the No. 1 overall pick in the draft, Peyton Manning. Of course, that is one of the reasons the Colts took him over Ryan Leaf, whose immaturity and intransigence

have gotten him a spot on the San Diego bench. Manning, meanwhile, looks like a future star.

So does Charlie Batch, a second-rounder from Eastern Michigan who didn't get nearly the attention Manning and Leaf received — in college, on draft day, through training camp or at the outset of the season, when he was backing up Scott Mitchell.

But Lions coach Bobby Ross benched the erratic Mitchell and gave the job to Batch in Week 3. Batch, like Manning and Leaf, has struggled and soured this year. But his future is bright.

"The thing that I think you just can't ignore though is that he's got a heck of an arm," Ross says. "He's a smart guy. You can pull

him aside on the sideline and tell him something. He's a listener, he takes good instruction. He's really coming along."

"He's exciting, he's fun to coach."

Other offensive rookies who have been fun to watch include Taylor (806 yards rushing, a 5.0 average, 10 TDs); Robert Edwards, who set a record by running for TDs in his first six games for New England; Cleeland (34 receptions, 13.8 average, four TDs and strong blocking); Detroit WR Germaine Crowell; and a slew of linemen succeeding well before projections.

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### 1998 NFL Rookies: The winners and losers

#### Q STARS

Cam Cleeland, tight end, New Orleans Saints.  
Jason Fabini, tackle, New York Jets.  
Vonnie Holliday, defensive lineman, Green Bay Packers.  
Randy Moss, receiver, Minnesota Vikings.  
Fred Taylor, running back, Jacksonville Jaguars.  
Charles Woodson, cornerback, Oakland Raiders.

#### Q CONTRIBUTORS

Flossie Adams, guard, Dallas Cowboys.  
John Avery, running back, Miami Dolphins.  
Charlie Batch, quarterback, Detroit Lions.  
Eric Brown, safety, Denver Broncos.  
Sam Cowart, linebacker, Buffalo Bills.  
Germaine Crowell, wide receiver, Detroit Lions.  
Donovan Darius, safety, Jacksonville Jaguars.

Robert Edwards, running back, New England Patriots.  
Greg Ellis, defensive lineman, Dallas Cowboys.  
Terry Fair, cornerback, Detroit Lions.  
Arrel Hawkins, cornerback, Cincinnati Bengals.  
Peyton Manning, quarterback, Indianapolis Colts.  
Steve McKinney, guard, Indianapolis Colts.

#### Korrry Mison, defensive lineman, Miami Dolphins.

Tony Parrish, safety, Chicago Bears.  
Victor Riley, tackle, Kansas City Chiefs.  
Samari Rolle, cornerback, Tennessee Oilers.  
Ephraim Salaam, tackle, Atlanta Falcons.  
Takeshi Spikes, linebacker, Cincinnati Bengals.  
Duane Starks, cornerback, Baltimore Ravens.

Patrick Surtain, cornerback, Miami Dolphins.  
Andre Wadsworth, defensive lineman, Arizona Cardinals.  
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Dustin Bosso, defensive end, New York Jets.  
Keith Brooking, linebacker, Atlanta Falcons.  
Kevin Dyson, receiver, Tennessee Oilers.

Patrick Johnson, cornerback, New England Patriots.  
R.W. McQuarters, cornerback, San Francisco 49ers.  
Anthony Simmons, linebacker, Seattle Seahawks.  
Shaun Williams, defensive back, New York Giants.

Patrick Winston, defensive lineman, St. Louis Rams.

#### Q BUSTS

Justin Curtis, running back, Chicago Bears.  
Ryan Leaf, quarterback, San Diego Chargers.

instant success. Woodson has started — and prospered. So has the Raiders secondary, one of the most improved in football.

"There were a couple of times in training camp where I beat him like a drum and JG [Jeff George] threw great passes, and he was able to recover and knock those balls away." Raiders star receiver Tim Brown says.

"When you see a guy make plays like that, it's special."

Also having a special breakout year is Holliday, who has benefited from working with Reggie White and defensive coordinator Fritz Shurmur.

The Packers traded up in the first round of the draft to No. 19; Holliday has showed why.

"Coming in I was kind of in awe of the old Reggie White, playing with this guy, he's one of the NFL's greatest defensive linemen."

"I'm having the opportunity to sit in the same meeting room with him and then I come in and I see my locker side by side. So,

I'm calling home telling guys my locker's next to Reggie White. But this guy, I mean, he's just been so helpful."

Nice to learn from a sure Hall of Famer.

Rookies rarely start for Super Bowl champions. Brown, a second-round safety from Mississippi State, won a starting job in training camp.

A hitter in the mold of Steve Atwater, Brown has played just as well as Atwater for the unbeaten Broncos.

Also having an impact defensively have been linebackers Sam Cowart and DeShone Myers; line men Kenny Mixon, Andre Wadsworth, Greg Ellis and Jason Peter; and back Donovan Darius.

Duane Starks, Samari Rolle, Tony Parrish, Arrel Hawkins and Patrick Surtain.

Of course, the season enters its fourth month this week. And college players never have gone that long.

Will they have staying power in December?

## 11-0 Broncos' next stop: San Diego

SAN DIEGO (AP) — The Denver Broncos' push for perfection reaches the threshold this week tonight on the same field where they had their greatest victory ever.

On Jan. 25, John Elway finally got to hoist the Vince Lombardi Trophy after the Broncos upset the Green Bay Packers, and Terrell Davis became the first player to win Super Bowl MVP honors in his hometown.

Coming back is no big deal to anyone except Davis, who likes to play in front of family and friends. Davis, who's 8 yards shy of 1,500, will have a contingent of 40 cheering him on.

This visit to San Diego is merely to try to push aside the Chargers (5-6) for the second time in four weeks and improve to 12-0 in the Broncos' quest to join the 1972 Miami Dolphins as the only teams to have perfect seasons in NFL history.

Those Dolphins went 17-0. The Broncos could go 19-0 by running the table, including the Super Bowl.

"Everyone talked after we won it last year about how hard it was to repeat, so I think that was our main goal," said Elway, who last week surpassed the 50,000-yard passing mark. "This undefeated thing just kind of became an add-on thing to it. I don't know if that was all thought we'd be 11-0 at this point."

The Broncos already have clinched a playoff spot, and with a victory tonight — or a Raiders loss to Washington earlier in the day — will win the AFC West title. Home-field advantage in the playoffs would be far behind.

"With this undefeated thing



Denver Broncos quarterback John Elway sets to pass the ball during drills as the team practiced at its headquarters Friday in Denver. The unbeaten Broncos are preparing for their game against the San Diego Chargers today.

over our head, I think it adds some pressure that we need to stay sharp," Elway said.

Most of the Broncos claim the only time they talk about going undefeated is when they're asked about it.

But on Monday, the day after Denver beat the Raiders 40-14 to surpass the 1990 San Francisco 49ers for the best start by a defending Super Bowl champion, linebacker Glenn Cadrez said everyone in the locker room is passionate about joining the 1972 Dolphins in running the table.

"I'm not going to lose anybody. I'm looking at undefeated," he said. "And I want it. I want it bad. ... Why should I sit here and blow smoke up your nose and say, 'Oh, we're not thinking about it.' How

course we're thinking about it. It's there. I can't see anybody on this team not thinking about it."

Craig Whelihan, who's led the Chargers to two straight victories since ineffective rookie Ryan Leaf was benched, said retaining unbeaten has to be motivation for the Broncos.

"I think they feel like they should go undefeated. I feel they're a very confident team, a veteran team that thinks the only way they're going to get beat is if they beat themselves. So we're going to have to play a perfect game," Whelihan said.

"It will be a tough game for us, but it's a nationally televised game, and this is what we dream about, beating the world champs on television."

## Kitna-driven Seattle faces road-toughened Oilers

SEATTLE (AP) — Steve McNair was playing forward to today against his hero, Warren Moon, in the Kingdom.

So much for those coach.

Seattle Seahawks coach Dennis Erickson benched a lesser-known 100 percent Moon mid-week in favor of third-stringer Jon Kitna for today's game against the Tennessee Oilers.

"It was a little disappointing," McNair said. "Playing against Warren is a great thing because Warren has done so



much in the NFL."

At the Kingdom last season, McNair passed for 101 yards in a 16-13 loss to Moon and the Seahawks in Week 6.

This time, the Seahawks (5-6) desperately need a victory against the Oilers (6-5). Even a 5-0 finish might not be good enough to get Seattle into the playoffs for

the first time in 10 seasons.

"You can't get over woes until you win a game," Erickson said. "I know it would make my personality a lot better."

Kitna will be making his second career NFL start in an effort to bring Seattle's offense to life. The Seahawks rank 29th in the league this season after the Moon-led offense was third in the NFL last year.

The 42-year-old Moon suffered two cracked ribs in Week 5 in Kansas City and hasn't been the same since.

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SPORTS

# Russians dominate ice at Cup of Russia skating

MOSCOW — Alexei Urmanov completed a Russian sweep of the titles at the Cup of Russia skating, winning the men's event Saturday for his first major international triumph this season.

Following their women teammates' success, Russian men took the top three places in the men's event.

Urmanov landed a triple flip-triple toe loop jump at the beginning of his jumbo routine, but fell on the next triple axel-triple toe loop combination and stumbled on the next triple axel.

"I'm not satisfied with my skating today," Urmanov said, lamenting his "silly mistake." Nevertheless, it was good enough to win.

"Judges favored me today," Urmanov said.

Six judges gave him the edge over runner-up Yevgeny Plushenko. Alexander Abt, skating a modern Egyptian theme, failed to land three jumps and finished third.

Urmanov, the 1994 Olympic champion, missed all of last season — including a chance to repeat as Olympic champion — but made his return a rewarding one, winning a silver medal in this summer's Goodwill Games.

He finished third in Skate America, the first event of the International Skating Union's Grand Prix Series.

Russian pairs also swept the ice dance medals.

World champions and Olympic silver medalists Angelika Krylova and Oleg Ovsiannikov debuted a controversial program, a routine with only drums and percussion instruments, at the Nations Cup two weeks ago.

It did not go over well.

Their reception Saturday was better, and they got the gold medal.

Before the event, Krylova defended the routine, saying, "We're world champions and we have a right to experiment."

# Austria's Stangassinger takes the men's World Cup Slalom

ASPEN, Colo. (AP) — Austrian Thomas Stangassinger, the three-run leader, yanked a blistering second run by Sebastian Amiez to win a men's World Cup slalom Saturday in Aspen, Colo.

Amiez was 2nd after the first run, 1.47 seconds behind Stangassinger, but the Frenchman ripped off a time of 42.54 on his second heat.

The next 20 skiers failed to better Amiez's two-run clocking of 1:27.58. Stangassinger then pin together a solid second run of 43.75 that was only the 13th fastest but was good enough to hold off Amiez with a cumulative time of 1:27.32.

Norway's Tom Stensen was third at 1:27.53, followed by Austria's Karel Andri Amouz at 1:28.00. Mexican Angelo Weiss, who started 30th but placed fifth after the initial run, finished fifth at 1:27.52. American Christian Meyer was sixth at 1:27.54.

Norwegian veteran Finn Christian Jagge, 38th after the first run, wound up seventh at 1:28.05, after the latest second run of 43.46.

Austria's Marco Reiter, runner-up to Stangassinger and only 23 seconds off the pace after the first run, was losing a quick second run before scuffling the third gate from the finish.

Norway's Lasse Kjus and Canada's Thomas Grandt, who were sixth and eighth, respectively, after the first run, also missed gates on their second run.

Stangassinger, who finished second to Austrian Thomas Stensen in last season's World Cup slalom standings, made no noticeable errors on either of his runs down the icy courses that maintained their firmness despite warm temperatures.

"The second run was very tough for me," Stangassinger said. "The snow was a little softer. The organization did a good job on course preparation all weekend!"



U.S. ski racer Sacha Gros, of Vail, Colo., crashes Saturday on the World Cup Slalom course in Aspen, Colo.

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10:30	Hansen Girls' Chorus	6:00	Julie's Jazzworks *
11:00	Pre-Kindergarten Immanuel Lutheran	7:00	Marilyn's Dance Academy
11:30	Filer Jaz Band	8:00	Jenni Snippich
12:00	Filer Madrigals	8:30	En Vocal
12:30	Poppellwell Elementary Honor Choir		
1:00	Kimberly Elementary Fourth Grade		
1:30	Kimberly Elementary Children's Choir		
2:00	Pre-Kindergarten Immanuel Lutheran		
2:30	Petersen Family		
* 4:00	Magic Valley Christian High School Choir		
5:00	Jeni McFarlane		
5:30	Shey Patterson *		
6:00	Nielsen's Stargazers *		
7:00	One Accord		
7:30	Raz-Ma-Taz		
8:00	Henderson Girls		
8:30	LDS Institute Choir		

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10:00	First Baptist Preschool	6:30	Donna Thomas *
10:30	Messianic Jewish Dancers of the Magic Valley and Shepherd's Harp	7:00	Rose Zeller
11:30	Jerome High School Choralists	7:30	Rosin Dumas
12:00	Lighthouse Christian School	8:00	Donna Thomas
1:00	Clover Trinity Lutheran Chime & Voice Choir		
2:00	Perrine Third Grade Angels		
2:30	Liberty Christian Academy Orchestra & Choir		
3:30	Merle Stoddard's Tappers *		
4:00	Suzanne Broner *		
4:30	BJ and Friends *		

**Saturday • December 5**

10:00	Susan Brown		
11:00	LaVaci		
12:00	JULIE COMPANY		
12:30	International Sauryuryu *		
1:00	Marilyn's Dance Academy		
1:30	Robert Smart Bell Canto Choir		
2:00	First Assembly of God Youth Group		
3:00	Nielsen's Stargazers		
4:00	Hands off Praise Deaf Choir		
4:30	He-He-He Dancers		
5:00	Twin Falls Reform Church		
5:30	Loni J. Hest School of Dance		
6:00	Tap Star Tappers		
6:30	O'Leary Junior High School Jaz Band		
7:00	Rose Zeller *		
7:30	Rosin Dumas		
8:00	Donna Thomas *		

**Sunday • December 6**

11:30	Petersen Family		
1:00	Jeni McFarlane *		
1:30	Donna Thomas *		
2:00	Shey Patterson *		
2:30	Kelise and Kallie Beig *		
3:00	First Assembly of God Youth Group		
4:00	Christmas Quintet		





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# LET'S MAKE A DEAL

## Exxon, Mobil executives confirm merger rumors

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Exxon Corp. and Mobil Corp. confirmed Friday that they are holding merger talks that could lead to the creation of a \$160 billion petroleum giant, by far the largest company in a global industry wracked by collapsing oil prices.

Although some reports said an Exxon-Mobil combination could be announced early next week, the companies provided no details of their negotiations. Industry experts cautioned that

the talks could be derailed by financial or regulatory obstacles — or even by the intense, independent personalities of the two firms' chief executives, Exxon Chairman Lee Raymond and Mobil Chairman Lucio A. Noto.

The firms issued a joint statement that said, "Exxon and Mobil confirm that they are in discussions concerning a possible combination transaction. No definitive agreement has been reached. We cannot give any assurance that an agreement will be reached. Beyond this statement, we have no further comment."

## Lowest oil prices in years force industry restructuring

The Washington Post

Their pain has been the consumers' gain, but the lowest oil prices in more than a decade also forcing a huge restructuring in the oil industry, where companies are looking for partners to help them cut costs — like house-holders looking to double up to save on expenses.

This year's prices are expected to average \$12.37 a barrel, compared with an average price of \$21.01 as recently as 1996 — with no near-term relief in sight for the industry. With inventories high but demand hurt by waning holiday shoppers in the United States and Europe last winter and the growing global financial crisis, oil companies have been laying off workers and looking for other ways to cut costs, including mergers.

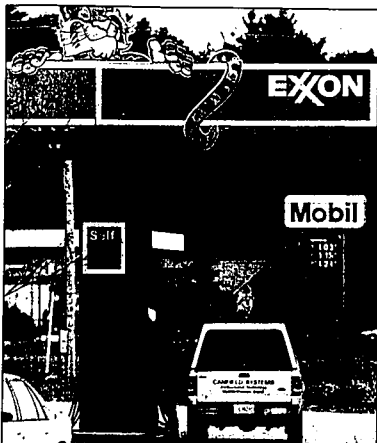
Friday, the oil giant Exxon Corp., the largest U.S. producer and the second-largest publicly traded oil company in the world, and Mobil Corp., the second-largest oil company in the United States and fourth-largest in the world, confirmed that they have disclosed a possible merger — a deal that analysts said might produce as much as \$4 billion in savings.

Such savings could include elimination of workers, real estate and managers with overlapping functions. It also might include combining companies to shut down refineries or other operations.

The Exxon-Mobil talks follow the announcement in August by British Petroleum PLC and Amoco Corp. of a \$48 billion deal expected to produce \$2 billion in savings by the end of 2000. That deal is awaiting regulatory approval, which a combination of Exxon and Mobil also would have to secure.

The first wave of mergers to sweep through the oil industry was in refining and marketing operations, where profit margins were low and joint ventures allowed companies to eliminate duplicative costs. One of those mergers was the combination of Mobil's and BP's operations in Europe last year, a deal that might complicate any effort by Mobil to combine with Exxon.

But refining and marketing isn't where the big money is for oil companies. The largest returns on investment are in exploring for and producing oil, noted J. Robinson West, chairman of the Petroleum Finance Co.



A customer pumps gas at an Exxon station Friday in Falmouth, Maine. Across the street is a Mobil station. Rumors of a merger between the two oil giants emerged Friday.

### Potential petroleum powerhouse

Exxon Corp. confirmed that it was negotiating to buy Mobil Corp., which has a current market value of about \$67 billion. A look at the merger that would create the world's biggest energy company.

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*Source: Hoover's Company annual reports*

## Many trends work to make major deals mushroom

By Gregg Fields  
Knight Ridder News Service

Analysis

The corporate world is rekindling its urge to merge, even if it finds a splurge.

Although 1998 is already one for the record books in terms of acquisitions — the market value of acquired companies is roughly \$1.3 trillion — the heated bidding is growing hotter.

On Monday, for instance, there were 10 deals worth in excess of \$1 billion announced, a one-day record. The star of the day was America Online's \$4.2 billion offer for Netscape, which was coupled with an alliance with Sun Microsystems.

It was quickly eclipsed. On Wednesday, it was disclosed that Exxon was negotiating to buy Mobil in a transaction valued at more than \$70 billion, which easily would make it the largest deal ever — nearly three times the size of the RJR Nabisco buyout that symbolized the big 90s and 80s.

What's going on? Why has merger activity, all but dead just a couple of months ago, returned with such fury?

They are relevant questions to virtually all Americans. For one thing, the deals being hammered out are creating corporate structures and hierarchies that will heavily influence the direction of the economy for years to come.

Furthermore, millions of Americans who invest in mutual funds are seeing a dividend rising prices for the stock of announced takeover targets, as well as rumored ones.

"It's a record year for valuation," said Tom Burnet, editor of Merger Insight in New York. "Confidence has returned to the boardroom."

What mergers do, economically speaking, is allocate capital to its most efficient use, using what Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan recently called "the dynamism of modern free markets."

In some weakening industries, that means buying poor performers — often at bargain prices — and effectively merging them out of business, reducing competition.

Conversely, in rising sectors of the economy, such as technology, mergers can create new competitors by buying relatively small partners to join forces and reach critical mass. In these cases, acquired companies often bring premiums that don't always seem justified by their balance sheets. But investors pay extra in the belief that it will pay off down the road.

And in other cases, merger mania reflects the fact that global business requires a worldwide reach, so a large number of mergers are cross-national these days.

Here are some examples of

these trends in action.

In declining industries, companies merge to conserve resources and eliminate weak competitors.

Exxon and Mobil are a case in point.

Once upon a time, Big Oil and OPEC seemed to have an iron grip on the world economy. Each prospered from the rapid rise in oil prices in the 1970s.

But today the world is awash in oil, and petroleum prices are at their lowest level in more than a decade. Meanwhile, demand has slumped amid the economic turmoil in Asia, Russia and Latin America.

Yet, oil is still expensive to produce and distribute, crimping earnings. Exxon's net income fell 23 percent in the third quarter, for instance, while Mobil's fell 45 percent.

The result is a rash of mergers, which, in essence, allow companies to combine assets and, hopefully, marshal their resources to better sit out the downturn. The largest deal to date was British Petroleum's \$48 billion purchase of Amoco, but there have been others. Last week, for instance, the exploration firms Ocean Energy and Seacell Energy agreed to merge.

"All the evidence suggests that mergers create value by moving resources from low-value uses to high-value uses," said William Shugart II, a business professor at the University of Mississippi and a specialist on mergers.

In other words, when oil was in its heyday, the best use of capital was exploration and marketing. Today, it's consolidating with the competition. But one unpleasant side effect is that consolidation typically produces lost jobs as duplicated functions are eliminated.

— In ascendant industries, mergers can funnel capital into promising startup companies, allowing them to grow.

There's no greater example than the Internet. Consider that AOL's purchase price is \$1,555 times more than Netscape earned in its most recent quarter. But the AOL-Netscape merger, with the Sun Microsystems alliance, could yield a tough competitor for Microsoft.

Some analysts say the Netscape-AOL deal reflects a time-honored pattern that relates to research and development.

So week-by-week sheets aside, Netscape and other Internet companies represent the chance to get in on the ground floor of an industry that may reshape the economy for decades to come.

Gregg Fields is a financial editor for The Washington Post

## Antitrust economist fights AOL-Netscape plan

Knight Ridder News Service

The competitive landscape of the Internet is certain to change with America Online Inc.'s decision to acquire Netscape Communications Corp. for \$4.3 billion. The deal, announced Tuesday, can allow AOL to combine its online consumer services with Netscape's popular browser technology. It also strengthens AOL in its battle with Microsoft for access to and control over the Web's content.

One leading critic of this acquisition is Jamie Love, an antitrust economist and director of the Ralph Nader-affiliated Consumer Project on Technology in Washington. His group was among those that successfully lobbied for the government to change WorldCom Inc.'s plans to acquire MCI Communications

Corp., the long-distance phone company, earlier this year.

Now, Love wants to block the AOL-Netscape agreement.

Love discussed his concerns with Mercury News staff in the following edited answers to questions posed by e-mail.

**Q:** We understand you plan to oppose the acquisition of Netscape by AOL.

**A:** Yes, if it goes through, the software nearly everyone uses to surf the Web will be owned either by Microsoft or AOL. These are the wrong companies to wield so much influence on the future architecture of the Internet. Not only are Microsoft and AOL the two largest Internet service providers in the world, but they are also the two companies that have done the most to move the Internet away from open standards and interop-

erability. Both companies have highly anti-consumer visions of the future of electronic commerce.

**Q:** What are the chances that your opposition might have some impact on the deal?

**A:** I don't like to waste my time on lost causes. Antitrust laws require a review of the merger under the Hart-Scott-Rodino (HSR) Act. If the authorities find the merger harms competition in even one important market area, the merger should be stopped. In practice, if companies believe there is resistance to a merger from antitrust officials, they often offer to "fix" the deal to address antitrust concerns. In some cases the mergers were

approved without conditions. In other cases they were approved after minor or significant restructuring. Lots of mergers are stepped by the government; for example, Microsoft's unsuccessful attempt to acquire Intel.

**Q:** If you do oppose the deal, and the government agrees with your position, what are the possible outcomes?

**A:** In this case our preference is to stop the merger. It doesn't make any sense from a competition point of view for the entire browser market to be owned by Microsoft and AOL.

Both these firms are very hostile to the idea that new platforms and services would be based upon open protocols.

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# Goals for the golden years: Tally what you'll need for security

Knight Ridder News Service

**DETROIT** — Kim Crider of Clawson, Mich., is only 32 but she's thinking about retirement.

The special-education teacher for Pine Lake Elementary in Bloomfield Hills, Mich., knows she wants to retire with a nest egg at age 52. So she sat down with a financial planner and prepared a retirement outline.

"I have said that I wanted to finish my education, buy a home and then save for

retirement. That was the hierarchy," Crider said.

After she bought a home in November, she knew it was time to get serious about saving for retirement. She remembered her father worrying about whether he'd have enough income during his retirement years, and she wanted to avoid similar stress.

Just how much does a person need to save for retirement?

That depends on a lot of factors including a person's age now, how close

the person is to retirement, sources of retirement income, and what type of lifestyle a person wants once he or she stops working.

Some financial experts say retirees' yearly income should be 60 percent to 80 percent of their annual earnings now.

The ubiquitous figure of \$1 million also has been tossed around a lot by the financial planning industry as an estimate.

"For people retiring today, \$1 million will get them there," said Elizabeth

Allen, a certified financial planner and president of the Michigan Society of the Institute of Certified Financial Planners.

"But \$1 million 20 years from now at 4 percent inflation is going to be about \$2.2 million."

Getting an estimate of how much a couple or single person needs to save for retirement can be easy.

Information is available through financial experts at banks, thrifts, credit unions and consumer groups through one-on-one talks, seminars and on the Web.

Other sources are business magazines, books and brochures from mutual funds and other companies.

Individuals have to make some assumptions about inflation, their investment earnings and other factors when they try to figure how much they need for retirement.

But the important part is not to put off making estimates and developing a saving plan, financial experts say.

Allen recommends developing a good retirement plan no later than age 40.

## Formula

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bonds? Well, if the price of gold is down from a year ago (which it was last week by a few bucks), then, according to O'Higgins, it's an indication that yields will be falling, so you should buy long-term zero-coupon Treasury bonds. If gold is up, then buy one-year Treasury bills.

I hope you haven't been taking notes. You shouldn't actually follow this roccoco exercise. I am laying it out only to show where impatience can lead.

O'Higgins does point out that his new Dogs-n-Bonds system, as described in his new book, "Benting the Dow With Bonds," returned an annual average of 23.8 percent from the end of 1968 through September 1998 while the Dogs alone returned just 18.0 percent.

Well, yes, but, through backtesting, you can find funds or systems that beat the Dow (and the Dogs).

For example, I could propose a system that calls for buying every 50th stock listed alphabetically in The Washington Post's tables (50th, 100th, 150th, etc.). I could test it back 20 years and find that, alas, it returns only 15 percent. Next, I could try a series beginning with the 51st stock (51st, 102nd, 153rd, etc.). That one might score historical returns of 19 percent.

With infinite stock-picking formulas, several will look great when backtested. But they are useless in real life without a sensible underlying principle.

For the Dogs of the Dow, that principle is value. A stock with a high dividend yield is often a stock whose price is out of whack with earnings — since yield equals dividend payout (a proxy for earnings) divided by price. Remember from fourth grade that if you reduce the denominator, you boost the quotient.

But merely buying stocks with big dividends is a ticket to failure. O'Shaughnessy found in his earlier research that a portfolio of the highest-yielding stocks, tested back to 1952, produced lower returns with more risk than the market as a whole. A high-yield can indicate that a company is headed for a skipped dividend — or for bankruptcy.

The reason the Dogs system works is that it is applied to the 30 Dow stocks, all of which are solid citizens. They can fall out of favor with Mr. Market, but they usually have the balance sheets and management talent to survive and prosper.


So picking the 10 stocks with the highest yields is a classic value, or bargain-hunting, strategy. But it's difficult to put into practice; thus, the search for new wrinkles.

The first was the Dow Five: Find the 10 Dow stocks with the highest yields. Buy the five with the lowest prices. Repeat each year. Next, the Gardeners came up with the Foolish Four: Drop the lowest-priced stock in the Dow Five (on the theory that it is in serious trouble), double-up on the second-lowest-priced and buy the third, fourth and fifth stocks.

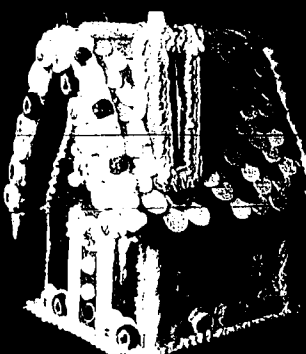
Now, they have revised it, to reduce risk. In the new variation, you still buy four stocks, but double-up on none. You drop number-one only if it is both the highest-yielding stock (begin ital) and (end ital) the lowest-priced. Otherwise, simply buy the four lowest-priced stocks.

I have never been fond of the low-price formulas since I can't see a good rationale for them. Still, the high returns are undeniable. Last month, Ann Coleman of the Motley Fool analyzed various Dow systems over the past 25 years. Against a benchmark of the full Dow's annual average return of 13.6 percent, she found that the Dogs returned 17.4 percent, the Dow Five returned 19.4 percent, the original Foolish Four returned 23.2 percent and the new, lower-risk Foolish Four returned 21.9 percent.

So far this year, none of the systems beating the Dow is the Dow Five and the original Foolish Four are beating the full Dow.



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James K. Glassman wrote this analysis for The Washington Post.

MONEY

# Merger wave continues; market hits new peak

The Associated Press

Investors undoubtedly gave thanks as the Dow Jones industrial average reached a new record high, buoyed by a wave of corporate mergers. But while dozens of companies agreed to combine, OPEC delegates couldn't agree on anything at all, and cut their year-end meeting short.

### Merger wave swells

From high finance to home improvement, businesses cast off any lingering worries about the global economy and agreed to merge. Monday, companies announced at least 10 mergers of advanced negotiations for deals worth at least \$36 billion.

A severe downturn in the stock market this summer and financial crises overseas put a damper on new stock offerings and mergers. But with the market roaring back, global economies settling down and President Clinton's impeachment worries receding, U.S. companies are once again in a mood to merge.

Before the dust had settled from Monday's mergers, rumors of a deal between oil giants Exxon Corp. and Mobil Corp. began to spread.

Friday, the companies con-

### Business week in review

firmed they are in talks. At a price near Mobil's current value of \$67 billion, it could be the richest merger ever.

A combined Exxon-Mobil would vault past Royal Dutch-Shell Group of Cos. to become the world's biggest energy company, and would surpass General Motors Corp. as the largest U.S. company. It would also reassemble two pieces of the Standard Oil Trust empire pulled apart by the Supreme Court in 1911.

Analysts have long anticipated industry consolidation in the face of slumping oil prices. But OPEC oil ministers trying to address that issue in Vienna this week proved powerless to halt the slide.

The Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries adjourned a sporadic session after failing to agree on production cuts that could keep prices from falling any further.

OPEC agreed in June to slash its daily production quota by 2.6 million barrels a day, to 25 million barrels. Many expected that OPEC would extend the cuts until the end of next year. Instead, it decided to revisit the issue in March at the cartel's next scheduled summit.

### A new record

Extending a nearly nonstop rally that began less than two months ago, the Dow Jones industrial average, the Standard & Poor's 500 index and the technology-rich Nasdaq set new highs for the first time in four months.

The Dow finished Friday at 9,333.08, closing the week 173.53 higher, but about 40 points below the record of 9,374.27 set on Monday. The previous record had been a high of 9,332.97.

The S&P set a high Monday, then topped it Friday, rising to 1,192.33. Also on Friday, the Nasdaq composite index finished

at 2,016.44, topping the July 20 record of 2,014.50.

Analysts chalked up the gains to a steady stream of good economic news, confidence, which rebounded in November after four months of losses.

Those billion-dollar deals didn't hurt, though. "Merger mania makes everybody feel good," said Alfred E. Goldman, director of market analysis at A.G. Edwards & Sons of St. Louis. "It's a sign that acquiring companies have more richly valued currency to use in bargaining."

### Channel targets women

Farmer Nickelodeon boss Geraldine Laybourne's Oxygen Media is teaming with Oprah Winfrey and "Roseanne" producer Marcy Carsey's company to create a cable channel aimed exclusively at women.

The deals ... AMP Inc. ditched its hostile buyout offer from AlliedSignal Inc. and will accept a \$1.3 billion bid from Tyco International Ltd.

Fleet Financial Group Inc. is acquiring the U.S.-based commercial finance unit of Sunam Bank Ltd. of India for \$700 million. Paper giants International Paper and Union Camp Corp. will merge in a deal valued at \$6 billion.

Unum Corp. is buying Provident Companies Inc., for nearly \$5 billion in stock, creating the dominant company in disability insurance. Former tire maker BFGoodrich Co. will buy Coltec Industries for \$2.2 billion.

Dover Corp. will sell its elevator business operations to Thyssen Industrie's Thyssen Elevator unit for \$1.1 billion. AES Corp., an operator of power plants, will acquire Cincorp Inc., a Midwest utility holding company, for \$857 million. Home-improvement retail chain Lowe's Companies Inc. is buying Eagle Hardware & Garden Inc. for \$1 billion.



Joe Talento, second from right, of Stern and Kennedy, conducts a transaction Tuesday on the floor of Wall Street.

# Corporate America buys into Wall Street rebound

NEW-YORK (AP) — If it was getting hard to believe that stocks can be worth so much now when they were so little just last month, corporate America is still buying into it.

Buying companies, that is, and paying with their stock rather than cash.

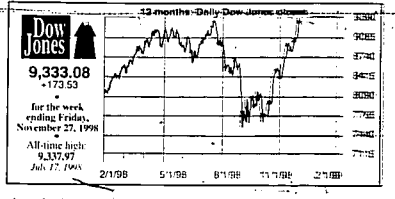
It's not so surprising, of course, when a company thinks its stock is as good as currency.

But when you sell a company and take payment in shares of another company, it would stand to reason that you think the stock you are getting is worth at least as much as Wall Street is paying for them.

Keeping in mind that many stocks have now surged 30, 40 and 50 percent in less than two months, this week's spurt of merger activity would seem to be quite a vote of confidence in the market's lightning-quick rebound.

The timing couldn't have been better. Much like Citicorp and Travelers Group energized the market back in the spring with their merger plan, Monday's barrage of takeover talk sparked a rally in a market that had been looking rather sluggish after an incredible six-week rebound.

There were at least eight major deals announced and confirma-



tion of talks between Deutsche Bank and Bankers Trust and between America Online and Netscape Communications, a deal that was sealed by Tuesday.

The Dow Jones industrial average surged 214 points on Monday to set a new record — 9,374.27 — for the first time in four months along with the Standard & Poor's 500.

"It's certainly a more positive endorsement of the market's levels when we get more deals done for stock than cash," said Bob Dickey, managing director of technical analysis at Dunn Rauscher Wessels in Minneapolis.

There are, of course, concerns that all the pomp and circumstance is a convenient excuse to ignore a still shaky outlook for the global economy and corporate profits.

"I think corporate managers here and abroad are going to be playing this takeover candidate game, particularly because they can use their stock as currency at these revalued prices," said Robert Szwed, president of Stowell's equity firm, Szwed & Co.

"These companies may have growth concerns in 1999. They're trying to take attention away from the bottom line, and focus it on top-line potential," said Szwed. "If they have sluggish earnings, they can say 'we're digesting the takeover.' That is the strategy going into 1999."

As the week wound down, the merger fires still were being stoked as Exxon and Mobil confirmed that they, too, were considering joining forces.

On Friday, the Dow rose 29.30 to 9,333.08, closing the week 173.53 higher.

### Los Angeles Times

At Applied Materials in California's Silicon Valley, laying off workers has become almost routine as dumping old hardware.

The manufacturer of chip-making equipment fired 2,000 employees — 15 percent of its work force — in August, only three months after firing 1,500.

Applied Materials is hardly alone. U.S. companies announced in October plans to cut 91,500 jobs, the most in nearly three years. In the first 10 months of this year, job cuts totaled \$23,000, nearly all of them domestic.

That's 200,000 more than the number of jobs eliminated in the same period last year, according to Challenger, Gray & Christy, a Chicago outplacement firm that tracks job cuts.

The Challenger numbers show that downsizing continues unabated even though the unemployment rate has remained less than 5 percent for 16 consecutive months.

If the economy remains robust, why are hundreds of thousands of workers still losing their jobs? For many corporations, downsizing has become a strategy that

is used in good times and bad. Senior managers, under pressure from stockholders to increase profits, often take the easiest way to boost employment.

"Because of pressures from Wall Street, companies are paying unprecedented attention to their bottom line," said Diane Swick, deputy chief economist at Bank One in Chicago. "Companies are being asked to produce not just good profits but extraordinary profits."

Like at Applied Materials, which — two weeks before the August job cuts — reported profit of "only" \$70 million for its third quarter this year, down from \$145 million for the same period in 1997. Even in the best of times, the Santa Clara, Calif., company has sent workers home. In 1996, the company fired nearly 10 percent of its work force, despite posting a record profit of \$600 million.

Applied's periodic layoffs are controversial in an industry that practices just-in-time employment, according to Jeffrey Pfeffer, a Stanford University management professor who has studied hirings and firings by semiconductor companies.

"There are some companies that wouldn't hold workers one

minute more than they're needed," Pfeffer said. "They will build inventories of goods for a long time, but they don't want to hold inventories of people."

The latest figures confirm what workers already knew: that there is little long-term job security, and your ability to retain your current job is beyond your control. "I'd like to see Peter Cappelli, head of the management program at the University of Pennsylvania's Wharton School."

A pull released in September by Shell Oil Co. found that more than half of all working Americans have been downsized, have worked for a company that has merged or been bought out, or have moved to a different city because of their job.

That might explain why workers' commitment to their employers is declining. More than half of U.S. workers — 55 percent — said they would switch their jobs for a pay increase of 20 percent or less, according to a survey of 2,020 workers conducted by Aon Consulting, a unit of Chicago insurance company Aon Corp. And many workers are figuring out that the best defense to a layoff announcement is having another job lined up.

## Be a success at corporate parties

The Associated Press

The holiday season often means going to a work-related party, situations ripe for mistakes, gaffes and other embarrassing incidents.

Executive Communications Group, a consulting firm, has some tips for people who want to leave a party feeling better than when they first arrived. Prepare for the party as if you were going to a business meeting.

Know your audience and what their point of view will be.

Plan to chat about something besides shop talk, but avoid the no-nos like religion, politics and whether or not there'll be a corporate downsizing in the coming year.

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# Scientists make broccolini

Plant is a hybrid cross between broccoli and kale

PHOENIX (AP) — Another helping of broccolini, Mr. Boss? For those like the former president who can't stomach broccoli, scientists have cooked up broccolini — a cross between broccoli and Chinese kale that resembles asparagus and tastes milder and sweeter than broccoli.

And in perhaps one of the century's greatest scientific achievements, broccolini's promoters say the hybrid veggie won't smother the whole house when cooked like broccoli does.

"It's very tender and kind of has just a hint of sweetness to it," said Larry Boyd, senior breeder and consultant for Mann Packing Co., which started shipping broccolini to grocery stores around the country last summer.

Sukata Seed of America Co. in Morgan Hill, Calif., spent 10 years developing broccolini. Mann Packing, the nation's largest broccoli grower based in Salinas, Calif., and Sanbon Inc. of El Centro, Calif., hold the distribution rights to broccolini in North America.

San has grown and marketed the crop from Merced, Calif., for the past five years. Said Sanbon owner Bruce Sabinowitz, "Sanbon markets the vegetable in supermarkets under the name Asparagum."

Nutritionists have long touted broccoli, kale and other leafy crops as vitamin-filled wonders that are proven cancer fighters. But many people are turned off by broccoli. Americans consume only 5.5 pounds of the chewy stalks per capita annually.

But marketers insist broccolini will appeal even to the toughest palates of tough-tongue kids.

"I know children like this better because it's sweeter," said Gina Nucci, a Mann Packing spokeswoman and nutritionist.

Broccolini costs more than broccoli because it's more labor intensive to produce. Broccolini usually retails for \$1.99 a bunch, compared to broccoli at 89 cents a bunch, Nucci said.

Promoters see broccolini as a "delicious" vegetable, appealing more to upscale consumers and gourmet cooks rather than a regular fixture on the dinner table.

Ken Bingham, one of two 3-acre farmers each growing 200 acres of broccolini for Mann Packing, says the new vegetable tastes better and is easier to grow than broccoli.

"I've got mixed emotions at this point," said Bingham, general manager of J.V. Farms. "There's a lot of labor involved. Broccolini



Top: Larry Boyd, desert grower consultant for Mann Packing Co. of Salinas, Calif., checks Nov. 13 the progress of a broccolini plant. Bottom: This broccolini plant resembles asparagus in taste and look, but it isn't. It's a cross between broccoli and Chinese kale.



is a cross between broccoli and cauliflower. Five years ago we saw potential to create the world's most profitable crop. A total of 500 acres are planned for the year."

But Ted Corwell, executive chief of Bally Queen's Riverside in Murmur, Calif., is an enthusiastic broccolini supporter. Corwell says the small grower isn't out of his mind, says them into a heated game and adds a dash of it. Broccolini, says for an appetizer that isn't "bitter."

# Bark beetle spurs plans for logging

COEUR D'ALENE (AP) — More than 25,000 acres of national forest land in northern Idaho and eastern Washington may be logged in an attempt to reduce the largest bark beetle outbreak in 40 years.

The beetle kill is hitting Douglas fir in recently-logged areas and old-growth forests that have never been logged, the Forest Service said.

"The beetles bore under the bark and lay eggs. The young then hatch and eat their way out of the tree."

"The first thing our scientists told us is that the bark beetle infestation is so widespread, there is not much we can do to control or stop it on a large scale," said David Wright, supervisor of the Idaho Panhandle National Forest.

That has prompted the Forest Service to consider doing nothing. The agency also is considering logging areas five acres or larger. Money from the timber sales would be used to deal with other unrelated national forest problems, such as roads. The funds would be used to obliterate or relocate roads and replace culverts.

The outbreak is being blamed on decades of logging, fire suppression and other problems that have left the area's national forests with twice as much Douglas fir as normal. In addition, ice, snow and wind from the winter of 1997-98 and this year's early summer have made the trees more susceptible to the beetles.

The unusually high concentration of Douglas fir, especially near cities and towns, has the Forest Service worried about fire danger.

"In areas where beetle-infested trees are adding to the already high amount of forest fuels, especially where private lands border beetle-infested stands in national forests, dead and dying trees," Wright said.

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# Professor's online tutorial goes global

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In addition to other topics, English associate professor Chuck Guilford offers information on how to organize ideas, the mechanics of writing, documentation procedures and how to write informal and argumentative essays.

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## Ex-staff: Cook is a liar

Former aides say deny accusations by Utah lawmaker

SALT LAKE CITY, AP — Two Utah lawmakers' former aides say they were misled by the congressman's statements and grant themselves unauthorized pay raises, said Friday the newspaper's staff.

Janet Jensen and David Irvine, whom Cook blames for news leaks about temper tantrums and accusations he's mentally unbalanced, accused the two-term Republican of a "years-long" news release of a "malicious smear" to discredit them.

"Basically, what we're saying is everything that Merrill says is a lie," Jensen and Friday told her home near Washington.

Neither Cook nor his spokeswoman returned telephone messages left at his Utah and Washington offices.

Cook on Wednesday broke a two-week silence over allegations that he's prone to profanity-laced tirades.

Cook said he got depressed and breaks from reality to someone Irvine and Jensen, both attorneys, says, "I'm stressed, irritable, angry and blackmail."

Cook also insisted he would not seek criminal charges. He kept Jensen on staff until the day after his 100th birthday party, but not taking leave from Cook's payroll while on duty as a cadet in the Army Reserve.

Cook also insisted his accusations were not tied to leaks of inflammatory e-mail messages written by Irvine to others on Cook's staff in the days after she resigned warning that the congressman had suffered a "psychic break."

Jensen insisted that Cook did not seem to realize he had become Democratic Lily Ekshen following the Nov. 3 election. "Merrill has taken up permanent residence in whacko land, and we are all in serious jeopardy" of being fired, she wrote. "I'll be able to fix his underwear to the speaker's office, please just do it."

Cook, a 53-year-old millionaire employe manager, and Irvine supporters said those writings were filled with half-truths and hyperbole and were intended to be leaked for revenge. Jensen denied leaking them.

Cook on Wednesday provided House documents showing that Irvine and Jensen had been given pay raises he insisted he knew nothing about. The documents bear Cook's signature, which he said was forged.

On Friday, Jensen and Irvine provided their own set of pay documents, each they said bearing Cook's own signature or initials, indicating the congressman was aware and approved of how much they were being paid.

Cook, they said, went over and personally approved his staff's payroll every month.

Jensen acknowledged that she had signed Cook's signature on some documents, "as had numerous others in his office." "It's a common practice," she said, "it's done with the congressman's knowledge and approval. It's the only way to get things done when he speaks half his time in U.S."

Cook alleged Irvine and Jensen had been hired in January 1997 at salaries of \$53,000 and raised them that spring, confidentially and without his knowledge, by forging his name.

However, Irvine or Friday produced a memorandum to Cook dated September 1997 that listed Irvine's salary as \$108,500 and Jensen's as \$95,000.

Jensen also produced House payroll certificates of her own signature of the congressman's name, showing the higher salaries in effect.

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# Thousands of off-roaders cut loose in the desert

Thrill-seekers love it, despite hazards

GLAMIS, Calif. (AP) — Dust is rising from the dunes again, a sure sign that the winter season's off-road vehicle invasion is on the roll.

It's the time when fast-moving jolies turn to folies, and nurses joke that the emergency room at Pioneers Memorial Hospital looks like a combat ward.

Thanksgiving began eight months of all-terrain-vehicle fever in the southeastern corner of California.

During the long weekend, an estimated 100,000 enthusiasts from across the Southwest — 20 percent of the seasonal total of a half-million people — converge on the Imperial Sand Dunes Recreation Area, a 125,000-acre finger stretching from the desolate Chocolate Mountains toward the Mexican border.

Mobile homes and tents fill campsites and line roadsides as the off-roaders double the population of Imperial County, making the dunes the most-used public land in the nation this week-end.

Motorists are the motivators: three-wheelers, four-wheel runabouts, motorcycles, little-looking sand runners and modified Volkswagens career across the desert. Some are kid-sized buggies run by children barely old enough to walk.

Conversations are shouted over engine noise. Dust stings eyes, and people use their car headlights at noon. At night, the dunes glow with campfires and reddish-tinted embers by the nighttime racers.

Great fun, say the off-roaders or more accurately: "Yee-ho-hoahh!"

"I like to get out here and drive as fast as I can, blow that stress away, even if it's only for two days," said Mike Vintre, who remembers decades ago when Model-T dune buggies roamed. "Whenever I sit in traffic, I say Gosh, I wish I was back in Glamis, where I could cut loose and go where I wanted."



Neil Hamada, with the Bureau of Land Management, waves goodbye last week to a group of off-roaders near Gecko Road in Imperial Sand Dunes Recreation Area in California. Hamada was making the rounds to keep in touch with people and hand out new maps of the area.

Violette, a house painter from Temecula, likes to feel the power of an engine and hoot at the moon as he heads for places like China Wall, Lizard Hill, Oldsmobile Mountain and valleys large enough to swallow Dodger Stadium.

Injuries aside, however, officials from the Bureau of Land Management say that as the sport has grown so have robbery, assault and theft arguments fanned by alcohol sometimes and

in gunplay.

Conservationists complain that the annual pilgrimage is altering the fragile desert, decimating already-endangered species — mainly Tule and sagebrush. Off-roaders say they sometimes feel like an endangered species.

"All this talk about lizards and beetles," said Barbara Ranselonsen. "The world was made for people, not creepy-crawly things."

"It's a wonderful sport," said Dana Bell, Western states representative for the American Motorcycle Association.

Said off-roader Jim Ranselonsen: "Once in a while, somebody falls down and breaks an arm. Big deal. They can do that at home."

To Rick Goldsberry, it is a big deal. The 42-year-old medical technician still has nightmares about his ambulance trips down Highway 78 with one broken body after another.

Pioneers Memorial is the nearest hospital, 25 miles away in Brawley. Goldsberry drove the

route for 16 years, sometimes in races against death. Sometimes death won.

"You've got too many people out there in the desert," he said. "Add alcohol and speed and carelessness and you're going to have terrible injuries."

Goldsberry recently decided he'd had enough. He moved from ambulances to an education office at Pioneers.

Between October and the return of summer scorch in May, as many as a dozen people are killed on the dunes; another 800 are injured, local hospital statistics show. Of those injuries, between 80 and 100 involve serious spinal cord breaks.

Thanksgiving weekend is the worst by far. Once, emergency room staffers, with typical emergency room humor, showed up in military fatigues.

"It's like working in a MASH unit," said nurse Robyn Atadero, veteran of 11 Glamis invasions. "All the injuries — it's a war zone."

Over three days during Thanksgiving 1997, three people died and 390 were treated for injuries at the Pioneers emergency room.

This Thanksgiving, administrators hadn't even begun the casualty count. The administrator who could provide the best estimate was tied up in the emergency room, hospital secretaries said Friday.

For 1998, the hospital has doubled the size of its emergency room to 16 beds. Doctors will treat most emergencies on another floor, to leave the emergency room open for the off-road trauma.

"The people who say this is a safe sport weren't there in my ambulance," Goldsberry said. "They didn't see that little girl with the missing leg who died before my eyes, even though I was driving over 100 mph."

"I've still got the scars," he adds, pointing to his head and heart. "Here and here."

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## The Treasure State may be ready to draw the line on mines

The Washington Post

LINCOLN, Mont. — This small town near the headwaters of the spotted Blackfoot River may turn out to be the place where Montana drew the line and broke its long-standing bonds with the mining industry.

Over a decade ago, geologists found the richest gold deposit in the state here and began mapping plans for an open-pit mine that would have left a 1,200-foot-deep hole a half-mile from the Blackfoot, the setting for Norman Maclean's story "A River Runs Through It." But the proposed McDonald Mine, which would use a weak cyanide solution to precipitate several million ounces of gold out of 450 million tons of low-grade ore, instead became a battleground between an industry that says the state desperately needs the jobs such a mine would provide and environmentalists who say the risk to a cherished angling river is too high.

In an otherwise ho-hum Nov. 3 election, Montana voters struck what may be a final blow against the mine, approving by 53 percent to 47 percent a statewide initiative that bans any new gold or silver mines using the cyanide heap leach mining technology planned here. "That's it for McDonald," said Bill Snoddy, a spokesman for Canyon Resources Inc., the Montana, Colo. company that has been pursuing approval of the giant mine that would create nearly 400 new jobs, a \$13 million payroll and \$10 million a year in royalties and taxes to the state.

But in a state where mining still has plenty of political and economic muscle, it is too early to write an obituary for the McDonald Mine. Not only by the mining industry filed suit to overturn the vote, but its allies are vowing to undo it when the legislature meets this winter.

"We haven't buried them yet," said Jim Jensen, the executive director of the Montana Environmental Information Center, the sponsor of anti-mining initiative I-137.

Passage of I-137 has sent a shiver of fear through the mining

industry, which sees heap leach mining — currently in use at only one large mine in Montana — as its future.

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— Jill Andrews, Montana Mining Association

employees just 3,500 people but dig minerals worth \$1 billion a year showed that it can still win at the ballot box. With a threatening clean-water initiative on the ballot, mining companies spent \$2.4 million and killed it.

"But at the same time, another ballot measure, largely ignored, was approved. That one prohibited any corporation from contributing to state-wide ballot question campaigns, and its passage came back to haunt the mining industry this fall in the battle over I-137. Although the funding prohibition was overturned in court 11 days before the Nov. 3 election, there was not enough time for the industry to mobilize fully against the mining initiative.

"We are confident we would have prevailed if we'd had time to get the word out," said Jim Volberding, project manager of the McDonald Mine.

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industry, which sees heap leach mining — currently in use at only one large mine in Montana — as its future.

"I think it will end gold and silver mining in Montana," said Montana Mining Association executive director Jill Andrews. "It's that severe. Environmentalists say we can use other methods to process ore, but it is just not true. We have low-grade ore that you have to leach."

First used on a large scale in the 1970s, heap leach mining for some mines to coax microscopic gold flecks from low-grade ore. It has been a huge boon in the U.S. gold-mining industry. In a typical heap leach operation, enormous quantities of rock are crushed and piled atop clay and plastic liners in huge decks. A weak cyanide solution is then dripped onto the pile. As the solution seeps through the rock layers, it teases the gold out of the ore and is collected at the bottom and processed further.

The technique poses a number of environmental challenges. Because heap leach mines chew through so much rock, they can dramatically alter the landscape. And because the liners can leak, it is not unusual to have spills of cyanide solution and heavy-metal laced water that can contaminate groundwater.

The Montana Environmental Information Center, in its campaign for I-137, reported on more than four dozen spills in Montana since 1982, including a release of 50,000 gallons of cyanide solution at the Zortman-Landusky Mine in north-central Montana that contaminated a public drinking water supply for the town of Zortman.

Two years ago, the mine's owner, Pegasus Gold, paid \$37 million to settle state and federal lawsuits for water-quality violations.

"It doesn't seem to matter where they do it," said Jensen. "Whether it is in Turkey, Colorado, Montana or Kurdistan, these mines fail. They fail in three ways: They poison the water, they significantly diminish private-property values, and they put taxpayers at risk of paying for the reclamation when they go bankrupt."

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# Police Officer In the Aisles

## Boise program keeps cops in the community

BOISE (AP) — Amid the din of Albertson's shopping carts and recorded reminders to buy refined beans at sale prices, Officer Rob Berrier is policing his territory.

As the city of Boise enlists area after acre of rural land, patrol officers move farther and farther afield from the central station and become increasingly anonymous in their enclaves. Berrier, a new neighborhood contact officer, is resurrecting the old notion of the cop in the beat, which in this case is a strip mall near the Meridian city limits. The grocery store has a video outlet, a pharmacy and now — a precinct of sorts.

"There's a myth that I'm an Albertson's security officer," he said. "Actually, our ultimate goal is to make citizens feel like they have an officer in their area that

if they have a neighborhood problem or question they have someone to relate to."

The six-year veteran has served as firearms instructor and a roving patrolman on a mountain hike.

The department is recovering from 20 months of police-involved shootings in 1996 and 1997, which left eight men dead, including Officer Mark Stall.

It split the community. Police departments blamed the deaths on a lack of respect for authority. Cities called for cleaning houses in the department. Berrier said a subsequent opinion poll showed a lot

of support for the department. "They liked the police but didn't really know any officers," he said. "We decided, let's put out a high profile."



Boise police officer Rob Berrier is on duty Friday inside the Albertson's supermarket in west Boise. Berrier is taking part in the Boise Police Department's new "Police and Community Partnership" program at the store. The program provides office space inside the store which keeps Berrier in the community he serves and saves him from leaving the area during his shift.

Taking a tip from Phoenix and Spokane, Wash., the department has moved to divide Boise into sections and install a neighborhood office in each under its Community-Oriented Policing Services.

Nine officers and four civilians are committed to the program. "COPS is a trendy repackaging of old tested, tried-and-true ideas in municipal policing," said Lt. Larry Jones, patrol section commander. "In many ways,

our officer-friendly, on-the-beat personality increasingly yielded to pressing calls for emergency service.

"We cannot succeed in the police mission without the eyes, ears and cooperation of the public. The combined creativity of citizens and officers work together is greater than either is alone," Jones said.

The Albertson's location is the hub for officers who do their paperwork and use the telephone

there rather than commuting back to the city headquarters.

They are closer to crimes of offenders on the west side of town.

Substations are open in other areas of town, but the Albertson's setup is a little different. Since people are moving through it all the time, the department opened the kiosk that will eventually be manned by civilians to answer resi-

dents' questions or take their complaints.

A coordinator is also being hired to help train civilian volunteers throughout the department.

Boise is still homogeneous enough that no one neighborhood is overly crime-ridden compared with others.

"Likewise, even new residential areas have their share of drug-trafficking locations or party houses," Berrier said.

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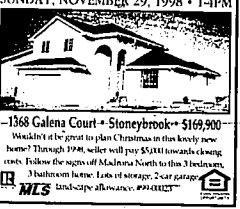
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## Thanks a lot for all the stuff

This Thanksgiving season we have lots of new "stuff" to be thankful for. Especially technological "stuff."

I just received a mailer about something called CatFinder Plus, and I don't even have a cat. This nifty little gadget allows you to press buttons on a palm-sized transmitter and follow a beeping receiver right to Sylvester's hiding place.

Last week, I received notice of a new kind of telephone with a built-in security system. This product — known as TA2000 — has an infrared motion detector that activates a 100-decibel alarm when an intruder walks within 25 feet of your phone. Then it calls for assistance by playing a pre-recorded message of your voice pleading for help.

Yes! Setting this one up sounds kind of spooky. Besides, I haven't even sprung for a cellular phone yet.

Maybe I should. As we approach the new millennium, the technological possibilities seem endless.

Clearly, we are all thankful for the products that make our lives easier and allow us more free time. And we are thankful for the scientific advances that are helping us live longer and healthier lives.

I recently read that the average American now plans to retire at age 62 and live to be 84. It was seldom like that in my parents' era.

They didn't have all those new inventions that sound useful, though a bit unnerving, either.

The 1999 Almanac from Yankee Publishing contains information about bank ATMs that can scan your iris instead of asking for a password — and a flashlight that can see through a concrete wall by using a beam of microwaves. (Beam me up, penit!) There are also stories about a really "unique" service for people whose beloved dogs are getting older and who would like to have their dogs' puppies in residence, but not right now. Get ready for this one: You can bank your dog's sperm. No joke. It's supposed to be becoming a big deal, even with a \$300 price tag attached.

You can also look forward to what the Institute of Food Research in Norwich, England, is calling "turbocharged vegetables." These vegetables of the future will hold all of the phytochemicals a person needs to fight heart disease and cancer.

I like the health benefits, but Super Veggie?

Imagine the movie ad: Super Veggie explodes and take over the world... I've been broccolied!

If that's not scary enough for you, the Almanac has a section about the Year 2000 Problem — the computer glitch everyone's been writing about. Now there's even an acronym for it: Y2K.

The Almanac refers to an issue raised by Michael A. Coffino in a letter to the *New York Times*. While Coffino asks for answers to the Y2K problem in order to keep all our computers functioning, Coffino suggests we start thinking now about the Year 9999 Problem.

"Computer users in the year 10000 will probably be upset to learn that the only people who understand the code needed to fix the decemillennium bug have been dead for 8,000 years," Coffino wrote.

I'm getting confused.

Maybe it's time to look beyond the technological aspects of our pilgrimage toward the 21st century and think about what's always mattered most — people and relationships, kindness and love.

Those daily small acts of kindness do matter, and I do see many people who are moving in the right direction. But let's face it. Morality and fidelity and goodness are not exactly the Big Three in today's crazy, mixed-up world.

Almost every day, we still hear about children who are beaten and about families who are shattered by addictions. We are burdened with the problems of drugs and crime.

Just before Christmas, I read about a convenience store chain that chalked up record numbers of hot dog sales — because people would stop by during the holidays just to have someone nice to talk with, and they would not dogs will be visited.

Once, I even read about a service where you can pay \$7 an hour to have someone sit with you while you are dying.

There is still plenty of work to do. There are still BIG problems that technology alone can't solve.

There are people in every arena of life who are spending way too much time bickering and fussing and fussing.

When my maternal grandmother died, I remember several people at her funeral saying, "I never heard her say a bad word about anyone."

That's a wonderful — and unusual — legacy to leave the world.

This Thanksgiving, I'm thankful for the people who leave a legacy like that.

Denise Turner is assistant features editor at *The Times-News*.

# saying NO



Kids know how to pull all the levers of parental guilt during the holiday season; keep in mind what's really important.

## 10 ways to draw the line at holiday excess

1. **Set limits.** Your love for your children isn't measured by the size of your January Visa bill. Consider spending more time and less money on them this Christmas.
2. **You do mind, don't you?** Exercising your right to refuse and giving your time to evaluate requests are both active ways to protect your resources. When those resources is your energy, time or love, knowing how to protect them is vitally important to your happiness.
3. **Be realistic** about the consequences of doing one more thing. Time is finite when you overcommit, you're overdriving your account.
4. **Don't let your eyes say yes when your lips say no.** If the answer is no, say so — and look the other person in the eye when you say it.
5. **Practice saying no to yourself.** It could be that not everything you're trying to crowd into your life is really that important.
6. **Don't duck the question.** "I'll think about it" is short-hand for "I don't want to do it, but I don't want to tell you so." If you mean no, say no.
7. **A promise is a promise.** Think long and hard before saying yes, because once you do, you're morally committed. If you tell Junior you're going to get him a Furby this Christmas, you'd better deliver.
8.  **Lose the alibi.** "My car was in the shop" or "My alarm didn't go off" sounds phony to the person you stood up and only serves to make you feel guilty.
9. **Simplify your life.** Impose a "shutdown" rule on commitments as a school crossing guard, do it for six months — and then decide whether you want to do it for another six months.
10. **Perspective, perspective, perspective.** Keep in mind why you celebrate the holidays in the first place — faith, family, tradition. Everything else is just trinsel, and if you let the glitter get in the way of the substance, you're shortchanging yourself and your family.

## For Ketchum mom, saying 'no' is lifesaver

**By Steve Crump**  
**Times-News** — Limits aren't a luxury for Danielle Kennedy. The mother of eight and CEO of her own Blaine County-based sales and motivational training company, Kennedy has learned the hard way to say no.

"One Halloween morning, I had to make a presentation in upstate New York," says Kennedy, author of "Balancing Acts," a book about real working mothers and the choices they make. "I agreed to do it because, due to the time change, I thought I could get back to California to treat-or-treat with my children ..."

"The flight was due to take was canceled, and I couldn't get out of New York until late that afternoon. I had several hours to kill, so I went to a coffee shop. At about 3 p.m., while sipping my second cup, I looked out the window on an especially clear and colorful fall day. First grade kids in costumes were marching past the window with their teacher on the way to the bus stop.

"My heart sank," she continued. "I got so homesick for my twin- or-treaters, I started to cry. I made a

commitment that day to 'just say no' if my work left me alone and homeless on a future Halloween night."

From Kennedy's perspective, picking and choosing commitments is an expression of self-respect and love for the important people in her life.

"Today, over 90 percent of all U.S. mothers are doing double duty," she writes. "More than ever, young women need role models who have traveled down this road."

Kennedy quotes television anchor woman Vikki Vargas, gender role about making priorities. "I don't limit myself to those things — really I care about," she said. "Like her daughter."

Danielle Kennedy's "Balancing Acts," which was published by New York's Berkley Books last summer, sells for \$12 and is available in many south-central Idaho book stores.

## Keep your sanity, integrity during the holidays

- The Times-News**
- ✓ **Pick and choose.** Go to only the Christmas parties that you really want to go to: two is a sensible limit. Volunteer for only the worthy holiday causes that are near and dear to your heart; one is reasonable.
  - ✓ **Supperpops die young.** If the supermarket is selling the same cookies you've spent two hours decorating, your mothers are out of whack.
  - ✓ **Don't borrow stress.** It's free this time of year.
  - ✓ **Don't play the expectations game.** If you tell your kids that they're only going to get a certain number of toys this Christmas, don't play with them to gifts at the last minute with even more elaborate presents.
  - ✓ **Remember that kids can count.** If they're over 6, your children aware that your family has a budget. Don't try to get them into shopping if it's the last day of Christmas.
  - ✓ **Do the same thing when you're the parent.** If you do, they'll grow to expect it — and do the same thing when they become parents.
  - ✓ **You don't work for Muttal.** The best time to make the holidays a happy time for you is to see how many toys you can buy.

## What to do when your kids start to lie

Model honesty. Lying comes easy. Even for parents. A survey of 1,000 parents reported in the book, "The Day America Told the Truth," found that 91 percent lie routinely, and 59 percent admitted lying regularly to their kids.

Children learn that dishonesty is acceptable through their parents' example. A creditor calls and you say your husband is not home as he sits channel-surfing in his recliner. You gloss that the drive-through cashier overpaid you a dose of bucks.

Show appreciation for honesty. Say your child confesses to smearing chocolate on your vanilla sofa. It may be natural to become incensed, but ranting discourages children from ever again claiming responsibility.

Parents need to control their emotions and treat incidents in a businesslike manner. Squelch your anger and applaud the child's honesty. Of course, confession doesn't absolve him of appropriate consequences. Explain the need for consequences, and follow through. For instance, you might have the child give the sofa a good scrub.

Tether your child to the real world. When your child spins a compelling yarn about flying elephants bumping his tree fort, listen and enjoy the tale. Do not say anything punishing or humiliating, but show him that you know he is merely flexing his creative muscle. A simple statement, like "Son, you sure can tell some thrilling stories," should suffice.

Help your child make the connection between his words and reality.

## Join us on toy tour

**The Times-News**

The sixth annual *Times-News* Toy Tour will be held on Saturday, Dec. 5.

**How's it work?**  
The *Times-News* features staff will take 12 kids along on a tour of three Twin Falls discount variety and toy stores. Participants tell us what they think of the toys they see and we write up their observations in the Weekend section on Friday, Dec. 11. Then we take everybody out for pizza at Piza Hut.

**Who can go?**  
Any kid between the ages of 6 and 12 who lives in *The Times-News* circulation area. Send us a postcard (it has to be mailed, not dropped off at the TVN office). We'll take the first six young-

sters from Twin Falls County whose cards we receive, and the first six from outside Twin Falls County.

**When does it start?**  
Next Saturday at 2 p.m. at the TVN office, 132 Third St. W., Twin Falls. Parents will need to pick participating kids up at 4:30 p.m. at Piza Hut.

**How to enter**  
Send your postcard to Toy Tour, Features Department, *Times-News*, P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls 83303. We'll be the participants know that they were selected by Tuesday or Wednesday of reality week.

**Questions?**  
Call Steve Crump at 733-0931, Ext. 223, or 1-800-658-3853, Ext. 223.

## Parents can help teens balance activities

**Knight Riddor News Service**

WICHITA, Kan. — Sidnee Dyke, a high school junior, gave volleyball, dance, piano and martial arts to participate in cheer leading, soccer and her church youth group. All along, her parents made it clear that if her grades fell, so would something else.

For sophomore Scott Mitchell, chess country and soccer went out over hockey and football. Scott, 16, wants to play basketball, too, but the season overlaps spring training for baseball, which he loves even more.

Sidnee and Scott are among thousands of teens who have resumed the perennial juggle of school, sports, band, after-school academic competition, volunteer work, part-time jobs, Scouts, 4-H ... the list is never-ending.

But no teen can do everything, and families find they must make hard choices. Like others who value exposure to a variety of activities, the Dykes and the Mitchells structure their children's lives with a healthy balance of work, play and rest.

"School comes first, always," said Sidnee Mitchell, Scott's mom. "If the grades aren't there, then something's got to go. So far, it's just a matter of having enough time to do several things at once."

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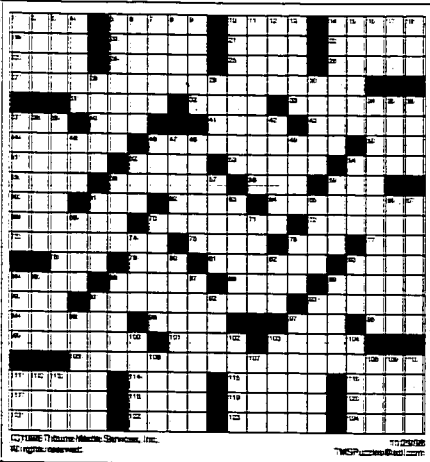
**FRANK HOMAGE**

By Edgar Fontaine,  
Dighton, Massachusetts

**THE Sunday Crossword**

Edited by Wayne Robert Williams

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2 Down: Name in leading article  
3 Across: Sort of "The Grapes"  
4 Down: Actress' former name  
5 Across: Dress of new  
6 Down: Actor  
7 Across: Name wearing fur  
8 Down: Schizophrenic  
9 Across: Name in "The Grapes"  
10 Down: Warm and travel  
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| 37 Across: Cow                    | 38 Down: Play in       | 39 Across: "U.S. Musical" |
| 40 Across: 70A standard           | 41 Down: Pub choice    | 42 Across: Greek part     |
| 43 Across: Summer wage            | 44 Down: Substitution  | 45 Across: Abandoner      |
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| 55 Across: Ancient city in Turkey | 56 Down: 86            | 57 Across: 107            |
| 58 Across: 1968 film starring 70A | 59 Down: Ocean north   | 60 Across: 108            |
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**FAMILY LIFE**

**REVIEWS OF NEW MOVIES FROM A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE**



**Combined wire services**

• **"A Bug's Life" (G) — Twin Cinema, Jerome Cinema, Century Cinema of Burley, Sun Valley Opera House**  
Best for: Kids age 5 to adults  
What it's about: Filk (voiced by Dave Foley) is an ant with ideas, determination and enthusiasm for making things better around the colony. The problem is they always turn into a calamity. Atta (voiced by Julia Louis-Dreyfus) is the future queen whose insecurities keep her from being the leader the current queen (voiced by Phyllis Diller) knows she can be. The greedy gang of grasshoppers and their evil leader, Hopper (voiced by Kevin Spacey), threaten to terrorize the colony for more food. Filk sets out to find bigger bugs to defend them. He unknowingly stumbles upon a group of circus performers and, thinking they're warrior bugs, enlists their help. As the time approaches for Hopper's return, Filk and the circus bugs come up with a plan that will save the colony and rid them of Hopper.

have improved the film, and the performance could have been much more compelling.  
**Offensive language:** Yes  
**Sex:** There's a sexual situation with implied nudity between the two lovers.  
**Violence:** A min is hit by a car.  
**Parental advisory:** Despite the fact that younger audiences will want to see Pitt in this PG-13 movie, it contains adult themes not suitable for a young teen audience.  
**Entertainment value:** B  
— also —  
• **"Antz" (PG) — Woody Allen is Z-1915 in this computer-animated film about a worker ant who doesn't like his place in life. With a sophisticated sense of humor and a smattering of bad language, "Antz" is aimed at children's and adults alike. The animation is beautiful, and both young and old will probably be entertained. (83 minutes.) (Twin Cinema, Liberty Theater in Halley)**

What's it about: The animation team at Pixar and Disney take computer animation storytelling to a new level. The dialogue is clever and witty enough for adults, the story is straightforward and the concept is creative. Although "A Bug's Life" is similar in story line to "Antz," the difference is in the comedy and adult appeal.  
The movie's Hopper and his band of bullies are the main characters, and there are only a few scenes of them terrorizing the others. The only other character that huns at an adult theme in dialogue and overall message is the ladybug that turns out to be a guy. Surprisingly there are a few jokes and references made about "getting in touch with his feminine side." He's embraced by a group of young ants who make him their leader, and his effeminate behavior is mixed with a macho personality. It's not that any of that is serious; it just wasn't necessary to the story.  
**Offensive language:** None  
**Sex:** None  
**Violence:** There are a few intense scenes with Hopper and his men terrorizing the ant colony and ultimately Hopper meeting his fate.  
**Parental advisory:** This is a movie all ages will enjoy.  
**Entertainment value:** A  
• **"The Rugrats Movie" (G) — Twin Cinema, Jerome Cinema, Century Cinema of Burley**  
Best for: All ages who enjoy the "Rugrats" cartoons (yes, there are adults who watch, too).  
What's it about: The Pickles family welcomes a new baby brother named Dylan (Dil), but big brother Tommy and his pals decide to take him back to the "happi-cradle" where he came from. He enlists the help of Chuckie, Phil, Lil, Angelica and Spike the dog, and soon the gang find them-

• **"Meet Joe Black" (PG-13) — Twin Cinema, Burley Theater, Magic Lantern of Ketchum**  
Best for: Mature teens to adults  
What's it about: When wealthy tycoon William Parrish (Anthony Hopkins) almost suffers a heart attack, he's visited by Death in the form of a young man named Joe Black (Brad Pitt), who decides to stay for a while and experience life. Joe proceeds to not only fall in love with Parrish's beautiful daughter, Susan (Claire Forlan), but also to change the way Parrish views his family, his business and ultimately his life.  
**The good:** This is a movie with a powerful statement about a man's perspective on his life and how he loves and gives love to those around him. Hopkins is cast in a role he's embraced by (the sophisticated intellectual), but he does it so well the audience feels the importance of a father's relationship with his family. Pitt (who at times acts like a young Robert Redford) plays the role of Death with an enlightening and will hopefully open doors for other parents to share with their children. The story's approach to death isn't necessarily spiritual, so much as it just makes you consider your own life and your worth in the eyes of those you love and who love you.  
**The not-so-good:** Aside from the fact that it explores a heavy subject, parts of "Meet Joe Black" make it an adult drama and romance. Some missing elements and simply a better script might

• **"Be Home For Christmas" (PG-13) — Young fans of "Home Improvement" alumnus Jonathan Taylor Thomas should savor this film about a worker ant who doesn't like his place in life. With a sophisticated sense of humor and a smattering of bad language, "Antz" is aimed at children's and adults alike. The animation is beautiful, and both young and old will probably be entertained. (83 minutes.) (Twin Cinema, Liberty Theater in Halley)**  
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• **"A Night at the Roxbury" (PG-13) — This is a movie with a powerful statement about a man's perspective on his life and how he loves and gives love to those around him. Hopkins is cast in a role he's embraced by (the sophisticated intellectual), but he does it so well the audience feels the importance of a father's relationship with his family. Pitt (who at times acts like a young Robert Redford) plays the role of Death with an enlightening and will hopefully open doors for other parents to share with their children. The story's approach to death isn't necessarily spiritual, so much as it just makes you consider your own life and your worth in the eyes of those you love and who love you.  
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**Your child's school fear is real, but you can help to control it**

Q. My 5-year-old daughter was so nervous on the first day of school that she threw up shortly after getting there. Since then, she's been crying every morning about having to ride the bus. She weeps on the way to the bus stop, weeps while she's waiting, and I have to almost literally push her on it when it arrives. I have to admit I've given in and taken her on several mornings. Every time, she promises me that I'll take her "just one morning," she won't cry again. No such luck. When I ask her what she's afraid of, she can't tell me, and her teacher says she's fine by the time she gets to school. A counselor friend of mine says my daughter's manipulating me. What do you think?



**JOHN ROSEMOND**

turned over the first morning ride ride it. In this case, her fear would need to take affirmative action of some sort.  
The second kind of really scary involves either a) a fear of something that has never happened and has a slim-to-none chance of ever happening, or b) a vague, undefined feeling of fear that the child can't put words to ("I'm just afraid").  
I'm reasonably certain your daughter's fear falls under (b). She's obviously not afraid of school itself, as the teacher would be seeing a problem if it hasn't already, the bus driver will probably tell you your daughter calms down by the time she reaches the next stop.  
I'm sure you've said everything you can possibly say to your daughter about her fear. You've done what you can to help her solve the problem, and now it's her turn. In fact, the only person who can solve it is your daughter. Believe me, an otherwise emotionally healthy 5-year-old is completely capable of getting a fear of this sort under control.  
Tell your daughter that she has to ride the bus every morn-

ing. As usual, you'll walk her to the stop and wait with her until you have the time, but you will not drive her to school again, regardless of promises she might make. Assume that that's all right to cry, that sometimes crying helps people get over fears of this sort.  
Don't promise her anything special if she doesn't cry, and don't make a big deal of it on the first morning she's able to successfully "suck it up." On that suspicious day, just tell her you're proud of her and let that be it. After all, getting on the bus without tears is no big deal.  
If your daughter sees firm resolve on your part concerning this matter, it, too, will pass within a relatively short time.

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**The Wilkins 50th Anniversary**  
Friends and relatives are invited to call from 2 to 9 p.m. in the Blue Lounge Room at the Moon Room in Twin Falls.  
Wilkins and McFormis Murphy were married Nov. 29, 1948. The event is being given by their children, Kathy, Kay, Christine, Marna, Maylene, Leslene, Lynn and their families.

# COMMUNITY

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## CHEMISTS REVEALS MAGICAL SECRETS



The 2nd-grade students at Kimberly Elementary School enjoyed the "Magic of Chemistry Show" put on by the College of Southern Idaho Chemistry Professor Carol Cox and Student Assistant Sarah Nelson. Cox is seen here causing a flame by lighting hydrogen.

## SCHOOL LUNCH MENUS

<p>Only main dishes are listed. All schools serve milk with meals.</p> <p><b>BUHL</b>                  Breakfast: Juice served every day.                  Monday: Breakfast pizza.                  Tuesday: French toast                  Wednesday: Waffles and gravy                  Thursday: Waffles                  Friday: Donuts                  Lunch: Salad bar every day.                  Monday: Chicken sandwiches                  Tuesday: Vegetable beef stew                  Wednesday: Pepperoni pizza                  Thursday: Baja chicken                  Friday: Beef tacos</p> <p><b>CASTLEFORD</b>                  Breakfast: Orange juice, applesauce and milk every day.                  Monday: Blueberry muffins                  Tuesday: Scrambled eggs                  Wednesday: Scones                  Thursday: Donuts                  Friday: Cinnamon rolls                  Lunch: Self-serve salad bar every day.                  Monday: Chili                  Tuesday: Lasagna                  Wednesday: French dip sandwiches                  Thursday: Baked potato bar                  Friday: Pizza</p> <p><b>FILER</b>                  Monday: Chicken sandwiches                  Tuesday: Spaghetti                  Wednesday: Hot dogs                  Thursday: Soup and sandwiches                  Friday: Pizza</p> <p><b>HANSEN</b>                  Breakfast: Cold juice and milk every day.                  Monday: Cereal and toast                  Tuesday: Cream of wheat                  Wednesday: Pancakes                  Thursday: French toast sticks                  Friday: Long johns                  Lunch: Milk served with all meals.                  Monday: Tuna salad pizza                  Tuesday: Chicken nuggets                  Wednesday: Spaghetti                  Thursday: Pizza                  Friday: Stromboli</p> <p><b>IMMANUEL LUTHERAN SCHOOL</b>                  Monday: Chicken nuggets                  Tuesday: Turkey gravy over mashed potatoes                  Wednesday: Italian dunkers                  Thursday: Ham and cheese wraps                  Friday: Beef and cheese pizza</p> <p><b>KIMBERLY</b>                  Breakfast served every day.                  Lunch: At elementary school, main line menu is served each day; fifth grade will be offered salad bar on Tuesdays; fourth grade will be offered salad bar on Thursdays. At middle school and high school, choice of main line menu or chef salad each day.                  Monday: Nachos                  Tuesday: Turkey sandwiches                  Wednesday: Hamburgers</p>	<p>Thursday: Chili                  Friday: No school</p> <p><b>MAGIC VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL</b>                  Monday: Rib-b-que sandwiches                  Tuesday: Chicken fried steak                  Wednesday: Nachos                  Thursday: Chicken nuggets                  Friday: Steak tacos</p> <p><b>MURTAUGH</b>                  Monday: Spaghetti                  Tuesday: Hamburger gravy over potatoes                  Wednesday: Tacos                  Thursday: Chef salad                  Friday: Chicken nuggets</p> <p><b>ST. EDWARD'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL</b>                  Monday: Tacos                  Tuesday: Chicken nuggets                  Wednesday: Chili                  Thursday: Baked potato bar                  Friday: Pizza</p> <p><b>TWIN FALLS ELEMENTARY AND JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOLS</b>                  Breakfast served every day.                  Monday: Cereal and toast                  Tuesday: Pancakes                  Wednesday: Cereal and granola crackers                  Thursday: Scrambled eggs and ham                  Friday: Cereal and toast                  Lunch: Junior highs have a choice of main line or second line menu. Salad bar, soup and sandwich bar, taco bar and potato bar available on alternate days.                  Monday: Baked potatoes                  Tuesday: Rib-b-que sandwiches                  Wednesday: Nachos                  Thursday: Chicken nuggets                  Friday: Steak tacos</p> <p><b>TWIN FALLS HIGH SCHOOL</b>                  Breakfast served every day.                  Lunch: The high school has a choice of main line, hamburger bar and salad bar each day, taco bar on Wednesdays and potato bar on Fridays. Main line menus everyday.</p> <p><b>VALLEY</b>                  Breakfast served every day.                  Lunch: Milk served with all meals.                  Monday: Chicken chunks                  Tuesday: Barbecue beef on a bun                  Wednesday: Chicken fillet                  Thursday: Corn dogs                  Friday: Potato soup</p> <p>6 School lunch menus are printed as a public service. To have the lunch menu (breakfast menu if desired) printed with the menu in Sunday's paper, send the menu to <i>The Times-News</i>, P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls, ID 83303, or fax it to 734-5538, attention: Lunch Menus. Deadline is noon Wednesday for publication Sunday.</p>
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## COMMUNITY EVENTS

### Official offers financial aid help

**KIMBERLY** - A financial aid night will be held from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Monday in the Kimberly High School library, located in the circle building.  
 Colin Randolph from the College of Southern Idaho will explain how to fill out the Federal Application for Financial Student Aid form.  
 For more information, call Debbie Jung at 423-5541, Ext. 3111.

### Vigil recognizes AIDS day

**TWIN FALLS** - A candle light vigil will begin at 6:15 p.m. Tuesday near the bandshell at the Twin Falls City Park.  
 Everyone is invited to bring a candle and come celebrate World AIDS Day. Extra candles will be available. Singing, silent prayer and a speaker are highlights of the evening.  
 The event is sponsored by the Southwest Chapter of the American Red Cross, South Central Idaho AIDS Coalition and the Office of Southern Idaho Divorce Council.

### CSI team hosts debate tourney

**TWIN FALLS** - The College of Southern Idaho Speech and Debate Team is hosting a high school debate tournament Friday and Saturday at the CSI campus.  
 The CSI team will participate in the Point Loma Nazarene Tournament in San Diego, Calif., in February 1999.  
 For more information, call Cheryl Bragg at 733-6534, Ext. 2553.

### Helpers seek items for baskets

**HAZLETON** - The Valley Community Helpers are collecting items for this year's Christmas baskets.  
 Items requested by the group this week are toiletries, such as toothpaste,

soap, shampoo, etc.  
 For the week of Dec. 6, cans of fruit and meat such as tuna fish, chicken, pork, etc. are requested.  
 During the week of Dec. 12, community members are asked to donate hot and cold cereals and pastas such as noodles, macaroni and spaghetti.  
 Drop-off locations are the U.S. Bank, Valley Assembly of God Church, Valley Presbyterian Church, LDS Church and Valley Services Chevron, all in Hazelton; and L&L Market and the Silver and Gold Senior Center, both in Eden.  
 For more information, call Jan Crumrine at 625-5662.

### Square dancers offer lessons

**JEROME** - The final session of beginning square dance lessons sponsored by the Burns and Bows Square Dance club is planned for 8:30 p.m. Monday at the American Legion Hall on North Lincoln.  
 Experienced dancers will meet at 7 p.m.  
 For more information, call Jane Custer at 733-5235.

### Historian sells Idaho book

**JEROME** - A new book written by well-known Idaho historian Virginia Ruckers is hot off the press and available for purchase.  
 "Then and Now in Southern Idaho" has 102 accounts of events from Idaho's history that were printed in *The Times-News* and 30 stories from the North Side News. The newspaper columns tell the unique history of south-central Idaho and are available in book form. Pictures accompany most of the stories.  
 Introductions to the book written by *Times-News* Publisher Stephen Harpuz and North Side News Publisher Pamy Nance give readers an overview of the author and content.

Headlines from some of the columns are "Old Church Building Offers Glimpses of Twin Falls History," "Hailey Bears Out Bellevue," "Rocky Bar for Courtthouse," "Oregon Short Line Ends 104 Years," "First Phone Comes to Area Before Jerome Was Born" and "Major League Pitcher 'Chick' Fraser Helped Settle North Side Project."  
 Cost of the book is \$24.95 plus tax and \$2.50 for shipping. Orders should be mailed to: Clair Ruckers, Falls City Publishing, 516 E. 300 S., Jerome, ID 83338.  
 A book signing is planned for 1 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at the Jerome County Historical Museum, 220 N. Lincoln. Books will be available at the signing.  
 For more information, call 324-2017.

### Blunck earns Eagle Award

**KIMBERLY** - Ryan Don Blunck has earned an Eagle Scout Award through the Boy Scouts of America. The award will be presented to Blunck during a court of honor set for 7 p.m. Wednesday at the Kimberly 2nd Ward LDS Church, 222 Birch St. S.  
 Blunck completed 21 merit badges, for his Eagle project, he built two bookcases for the SME Center line, a nonprofit youth organization. Blunck is a member of Troop 88, sponsored by the Kimberly LDS 2nd Ward and led by Duane Crane. He is a senior at Kimberly High School, where he is an honor-roll student, participates in football and is listed with "Who's Who Among American High School Students." His parents are Don and Marcene Blunck of Kimberly.



Ryan Don Blunck

## CLASS

### Jerome Rec District opens exciting classes for kids

**JEROME** - The Jerome Recreation District is offering a new class for kids this month.  
 Make It and Take It for Kids will be taught in two sessions for different age groups.  
 Children ages 10 and up will make a holiday birdhouse flower arrangement in a class set for 10 a.m. to noon Dec. 12. A scented holiday wreath will be the product of the class for ages 7 and up to be held from 1 to 3 p.m. Dec. 12. Cost is

\$7 (\$10 for out of district), which includes instruction and materials, for each class.

Youth basketball registration begins Dec. 7, and rosters for women's basketball leagues are due by Dec. 18. Aerobics classes are held at 6 a.m. Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays and 6 p.m. Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays.  
 Pre-registration is required for all classes.  
 For more information, call 324-3389 or stop by the Jerome Recreation District office, 2444 S. Lincoln.

## BUILDING A BRIGHTER FUTURE



The Boys and Girls Club of Magic Valley held a Halloween carnival on Oct. 30. The event was open to the public and more than 500 children and their parents enjoyed the fun. The club would like to express its appreciation to the service groups and those at the College of Southern Idaho who worked hard to make the event possible. The Boys and Girls Club is dedicated to the prevention and solution of community problems by establishing a community youth center which offers guidance, is non-profit and non-sectarian and is committed to the intellectual, social and physical development of all youth.

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# SENIORS

## Women in their 50s are healthier than ever

The Gazette

The 50s are fraught with pitfalls. Especially for women. Suddenly, your waist looks thicker in the mirror. You have to think twice about the hair color you claim on your driver's license. You're having lunch with a 50-ish friend and, suddenly, she starts rubbing a glass of ice water all over her face and neck. Here's a hot flash for you: If you're a woman in your 50s, your body goes through the biggest changes of its life. Divorce is rampant, serious diseases may first appear, your skin can no longer defy the aging process and diets don't work very fast — or at all, if you don't exercise, too. What is new?

Not so, says Judy Mandell, author of "What to Expect in Your Fifties" (Dell, \$12.95). Mandell, 59, interviewed 55 doctors for the recently published book, which, in question-and-answer format, addresses everything from arthritis to Alzheimer's, diabetes to cosmetic surgery. Women like First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton, 52, who take care of themselves and approach this fifth decade with a positive attitude don't need to dread it.

Yes, there are pitfalls in the 50s, Mandell said. But there's an upside, too: a new freedom, a wisdom that comes with maturity, and powerful friendships with other women. Mandell writes from experience. "I loved writing this book," says Mandell, who has a journalism background. "And I couldn't have written it as well if I'd still been in my 40s. I wouldn't have 'gotten' it. I wouldn't have asked the right questions."

The biggest change in being 50 today as opposed to the generation ahead of that? "The attitude toward aging has changed dramatically because of baby boomers. When our mothers went through menopause, it was hush-hush. Now it's openly discussed and women are comfortable talking about it."

Today there are more women physicians who are, presumably, more attuned to the problems and needs of women patients, and there are health centers devoted entirely to midlife women, she adds.

And, because of improvements in diet and health care, women in their 50s today



First lady Hillary Rodham Clinton is America's most famous healthy, successful fiftysomething woman.

are about as young, in many ways, as their mothers were in their early 40s, Mandell says.

Vieta Diamond, executive director of the American Cancer Society for southern Colorado, is, at 49, hovering on the cusp of 50. She sees it as an age where she finally has time for herself.

"If you use sense regarding your health, and follow a healthy routine, there's no reason you can't be as viable and beautiful as you were in your 30s," Diamond says. "I don't want to look matronly, but I don't want to try to look like something I'm not, either."

Her approaching birthday in April doesn't faze her, in fact, she welcomes it.

"In my job, I see so much illness and loss — death — that I feel very lucky to be healthy and 50," Diamond says. "Being an empty nester... is like being given a second chance. There's so much I still want to do."

A chieftly dressed executive and perpetual motion machine of a woman, Diamond carries her age well — and she won't lie about it, either.

"I'd rather tell the truth and have people say, 'Wow! You look good for your age!' than lie about it and have them say behind my back, 'Boy, she looks a lot older than that!'"

## Give practical gifts to seniors

**DEAR ABBY:** I fondly tossed out your column on what to give seniors for Christmas, thinking I knew what to give my parents. However, this summer I married a man several years older than myself, and now I could use some suggestions about what I can buy for my elderly in-laws. This is my first Christmas in the family, and I want to be sure to give them something they can use and enjoy. Help!



**DEAR ABBY**  
Abigail van Buren

—MELISSA IN MINGO JUNCTION, OHIO

**DEAR MELISSA:** I'm pleased to help. When buying gifts for seniors, keep in mind that most seniors have more than their share of dusting powder and aftershave, and have run out of room for bud vases and bird feeders. Some practical alternatives:

- Postcards or lined stationery with a generous supply of postage stamps.
- A gift certificate for their favorite

grocery store, deli or pharmacy.

• An assortment of greeting cards for birthdays and anniversaries, as well as get-well and condolence cards.

• A "paid in advance" certificate for 10 lawn mowings or snow shoveling by a neighborhood youngster.

• A "certificate" for a service you can perform that is difficult for them — a thorough house cleaning, a month's laundry, or a handyman visit for home-safety inspection and minor repairs.

• An offer to rewrite their address book in large, more legible print.

• A month of Sunday drives to church,

or to the country, the museum or the park.

• If the person on your list is on a limited income, a check in any amount will be appreciated.

• A subscription to their favorite magazine or the daily newspaper.

• A basket of goodies assembled especially for them: cans of ham, tuna, chicken, hearty soups, chili and stew; instant coffee and tea bags; crackers; instant soupmixes.

• A selection of their treasured, tattered photos retouched and placed into a new album, with captions.

• A drive to see the Christmas lights and decorations, as well as store windows.

If a senior says, "Please don't give me anything," that usually means, "I have more things than I need." However, a gift of your time will be appreciated and remembered long after the holiday has passed and the material gifts are stored away. Trust me.

## Raising children should not be taken lightly

Almost everyone wants to have children.

Of course there are a few people who don't, and that's all right too. In fact I wish that some people who have children and do not take proper care of them would have been incapable of having children at all. But, of course, those decisions are not anyone's business in a free country like our own.

Raising children, however, should not be taken lightly, and it certainly should involve some thought before the decision to bring them into this world is made. Unfortunately there often is no thought at all as to how having a child will affect one's lifestyle, and, once they are here, they are sometimes raised willy-nilly, hoping that everything will somehow turn out all right.

The amazing thing is that, at least some of the time, it does. What we all need to remember, perhaps, is that children are like baby ducks. Never be around a duck nest when baby ducks are hatched, or you'll find out immediately what I mean, because, you see, baby ducks automatically assume that the first living thing they see is



**AFTER GLASS**  
Gay Petersen

Mama, and if you are there you are Mama, and they will follow you anywhere.

We once had a neighbor who put duck eggs under a hen. The hen hatched them and raised them as her own. They followed her everywhere.

But when she first discovered water and hopped in, she frantically ran up and down the bank of the stream squawking, believing, I'm sure, they would drown.

And when they started to fly, the poor hen almost lost her mind.

Now, my point, and really there is one, is this: Those of us who raise children or have a part in influencing them, must always remember that children, like baby ducks, follow the first examples they see, so those influences had better be good ones.

The old saying, "Do as I say, not as I do," will not work, because children learn by example, and, if parents or grandparents are constantly doing things they would prefer their children not do, then they had just better change their ways, because very often their children will imitate their poor examples.

If you did a study of men who abused women, for example, there would be only a tiny percentage who had not been raised in an abusive home. The same could be true of any of those who degrade our society.

So, if we want our children or grandchildren to be outstanding citizens, good marriage partners and good parents, it is we who must show them the way. Good parenting leads to good parenting; it has been proven over and over.

We can influence all children in our care for good or for evil.

What a tremendous responsibility, and one we must take seriously, because the continuation of society as we want it to be may depend upon our actions.

Gay Petersen is a retired schoolteacher who lives in Wendell.

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