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GOP leaders bar censure

Livingston Gingrich won't allow Democrats' option; House will debate 4 articles this week

WASHINGTON — A front-and-final article of impeachment calling for the removal of the president passed the House Judiciary Committee Saturday. And in a crucial move, Republican leaders there announced they would block a vote on a similar measure alternative, leaving President Clinton at a precarious position with an impeachment vote by the full House just days away.

Republican House Speaker Bob Livingston of Louisiana and chief floor speaker, New Gingrich of Georgia, said they would not permit a vote on censure — a written reprimand favored by some Democrats and many in the public. Their move, lawmakers will face the stark choice between impeachment and letting Clinton off with no punishment.

The House "should not consider censure," Livingston wrote in a letter sent to Judiciary Committee Chairman Henry

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Republican-dominated committee, but Democrats had held out hope that such a stern censure — it said Clinton had "egregiously failed" to set high moral standards, for instance — would be given consideration on the House floor.

Hyde of Illinois late Saturday. Committee Democrats spent half of Saturday pushing a harshly worded resolution censuring Clinton as their preferred alternative to impeachment. The resolution was defeated by the

president without voting to remove him. And that likely would have deprived the impeachment effort of enough votes to pass.

Now there is a distinct possibility that at least one of the four articles of impeachment will pass in the full House, triggering a Senate trial of the president, a momentous and disruptive proceeding that has occurred but once in U.S. history.

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Dame opposes corporate hog farms

Hog producer says he, others pay for sins of few large facilities

By N.S. Nolden
Times-News writer

WASHINGTON — The man in the center of a southern Idaho controversy, a much-discussed plan for a hog farm, doesn't see himself as a major hog producer.

He says he would join local opposition to large-scale corporate hog farms. He said other hog producers like him are paying the sins of the few large operators that have made people hear even small operations.

"They damage it for everyone," said Bruce Dame of Kimberly.

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Bruce Dame shops for a Christmas tree with his sons Mitchell, 9, and Nicholas, 7. Dame has been the central figure in a controversy over his proposed hog farm in Twin Falls County.

Two-thirds of the nation's hog production is concentrated in a few large facilities, says a livestock industry spokesman.

Dame's proposal for a 200-sow operation about 20 miles south of Twin Falls was issued a setback last week. The plan was approved by the Twin Falls County Planning and Zoning Commission in September. But neighbors opposed the location, and on Monday, county commissioners kicked the proposal back to planning and zoning.

Dame also has applied for a permit at a site in Cassia County, commissioners there are scheduled to discuss the idea Monday.

A question of size

Large hog operations across the country have been in the spotlight in the past few years, raising fears about odors, effects on property values and the potential for polluted stream and groundwater.

Dame emphasizes that his would be a family operation, much smaller and nothing like the corporate hog operations depicted in the news.

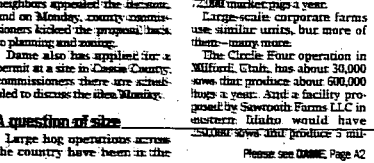
Bill activists Bill Chisholm said Dame portrays himself as a small guy, but he is asking for a permit in excess of 1,000 animal units, which some consider an industrial operation. It sounds like a small facility, says Chisholm, but it is not.

The difference is in scale. Dame's proposal would consist of three, 1,000-sow units, housed in barns equipped to prevent the spread of disease. The whole operation would produce about 72,000 market pigs a year.

Large-scale corporate farms use similar units, but more of them — many more.

The Circle Four operation in Milford, Utah, has about 30,000 sows that produce about 500,000 pigs a year. And a facility proposed by Southeast Farms LLC in eastern Idaho would have 100,000 sows and produce 2 million pigs a year.

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Waste disposal method on Indiana operation reduces offensive stink

By Joe Boyle
For The Times-News

ALBION, Ind. — For years, hog farmers have faced a nasty problem: how to reduce the stink of pig waste.

But a waste disposal method used by an Albion farm, and now being used in places as far away as Korea, can lessen the odorous offensiveness of hog urine and feces.

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Mike Lammon describes his methods of disposing of swine waste that minimize odors on his pig farm north of Albion, Ind. Kimberly developer Bruce Dame has proposed using a similar system for a hog farm in south-eastern Idaho.



Photo by Mike Lammon's farm near Albion, Ind.

FOI business booms, but with mixed results

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Over 47 years and 1,875 pages, the FBI kept tabs on one of the 20th century's most riveting figures: Frank Sinatra. When its documents were finally released last week, they cast a huge sun — but barely lit — new about Ol' Blue Eyes.

"No surprise, then, according to people familiar with such FBI Freedom of Information releases. Those 'classified' documents often turn out to be unclassified changes, useless minutiae and old newspaper clippings, they say.

A lot of stuff turns out to be completely bogus," said Larry "Raso" Siman, author of the Abbie Hoffman biography "Sneak This Dream," who interviewed bits of the 1960s radical's exten-

sive FBI file into his book, "Misinformation in FBI files?"

Siman, Mr. Hoover.

But Henoff, the nationally known author and columnist, remembers that his 200-plus-page file contained mention of a trip to Cuba to meet with pro-Castro agitators. Henoff, no fan of Castro, said it was fiction.

"Our (Hoffman) former head of the Black United Front, a civil rights group, knows the feeling," Henoff says. "The accusations began at the late '50s, discovered reports that he'd spent two weeks in Beirut at a 1971 seminar on anti-Semitism, was 'a fringe member of the Black Panther Party,' and that associated with Panther leader Stokely Carmichael.

The sins, according to Henoff, now president of the National

Head Start Association. There was no Beirut trip. He was not in the Panthers. And Carmichael was more acquaintance than associate.

The FBI does have the option of withholding information for a variety of reasons: national security, involvement of other parties, documents originating in another government agency.

Katy Herndon, Henoff and Sinatra all requested and received their files after post-Watergate amendments to the Freedom of Information Act made public access much easier. They weren't alone.

The FBI bureaucracy is booming, according to the FBI. Its FOI staff has grown from a 1973 skeleton staff of the current crew of 400, and they've handled over 300,000 requests in the last 23 years.

The FBI refused comment on its exact number of files, but estimates are that it could be more than 6 million. The agency has long maintained that its era of surveillance for political purposes is over, reflecting changes that followed Hoover's death in 1972.

The cost of collecting your own file: 10 cents per page, with an estimated 100 pages free. At that rate, Sinatra's file cost him \$117.50. Files become public domain after a person's death; prior to that, an individual is the only person with access to their file.

The high demand for certain files led to their posting on the FBI's internet site, allowing visitors to peruse files on John Wayne, Mickey Mantle, Errol Flynn, Lucille Ball, Marilyn Monroe and John Lennon.

Christmas in City Park

The Times-News

Twin Falls third installment of Christmas in City Park will be held tonight, featuring the Vera C. O'Leary Junior High School Jazz Band.

The 5 p.m. concert in the City Park bandshell is free. The Twin Falls Soporistics sponsor the event each Sunday night through the Advent season.



Photo by Mike Lammon's farm near Albion, Ind.

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THE REGION

Combs Prairie

High: 40 Low: 25 Partly cloudy in the morning with increasing clouds in the afternoon. Brisk winds and colder on Monday. High around 30.

Treasure Valley

High: 48 Low: 35 Mostly cloudy, breezy and mild with a chance of rain. Breezy and colder on Monday with highs in the mid-30s.

Sawtooth Mountains/Wood River Valley

High: 37 Low: 22 Mostly cloudy and milder with a chance of snow or rain showers late in the day. Colder on Monday with highs near 30.

Eastern Idaho

High: 40 Low: 23 Partly cloudy and milder with increasing clouds in the afternoon. Highs in the mid-40s. Chilly with scattered snow showers on Monday.

Northern Idaho

High: 55 Low: 36 Rain likely, and south winds 10-20 mph. Mostly cloudy on Monday with a chance of rain. Highs in the lower 40s.

Northern Utah

High: 27 Low: 23 Partly cloudy with morning fog increasing. Clouds bright with a chance of snow. Snow likely on Monday.

Northern Nevada

High: 47 Low: 29 Partly cloudy, with increasing clouds. South winds increasing to 10-20 mph.

Method

Continued from A1. That same technology also is proposed by Brent Dame of Kimberly—who has applied for permits from Twin Falls and Cassia counties to establish a 3,600-sow operation with a capacity to produce 72,000 market hogs a year.

Dame

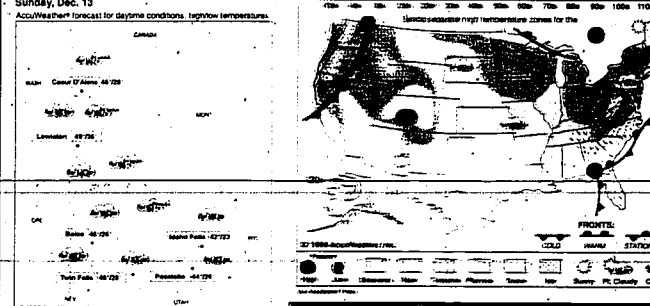
Continued from A1. Rotary Club and other presentations in town, he said. Dame says there is also a difference in attitude toward employees and the environment. Newcomer Dame was born in Owensboro, in western Kentucky, in 1958, and was raised on the family farm south of Calhoun, not far from Owensboro.

MAGIC VALLEY FIVE-DAY FORECAST

Today: High 46 Low 28. Monday: High 36 Low 22. Tuesday: High 36 Low 22. Wednesday: High 36 Low 22. Thursday: High 36 Low 22.

National Weather Service

The Magic Valley Forecast for noon, Sunday, Dec. 13. The forecast is for the Magic Valley area.



Forecast for the Magic Valley area. Includes details on wind direction and speed, and temperature ranges.

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SKYWATCH

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THE NATION

Thompson ranged over parts of Oklahoma, Kansas, the Ohio Valley, nearly all of Tennessee, Kentucky and much of Mississippi. A few snowflakes fell in Wichita Falls, Texas and eastern Virginia.

Wong TV listing

Some Times-News readers received our TV Weekly with the Sunday afternoon schedule missing. We've printed the schedule on D5 of this edition of the paper.

IDAHO ROAD REPORT

BOISE (AP) — Here are Saturday evening road conditions from the Idaho Department of Transportation.

Dame's resume — and his move

Dame lived in Twin Falls in the mid-1980s; while working for Daniel Wallace, circulation manager for the Times-News.

YESTERDAY'S WEATHER

Table with columns: Twin Falls, Yesterday, 45-22, Last year, 37-19, Normal, 41-21.

Highs/Lows

Table with columns: Location, High, Low. Includes Boise, Burley, Hagerman, Idaho Falls, Jerome, Malad, etc.

The Nation

Table with columns: Location, High, Low, Precip. Includes Albuquerque, Albuquerque, Austin, Dallas, Denver, etc.

Canadian Cities

Table with columns: Location, High, Low. Includes Montreal, Toronto, Vancouver.

NATION

President announces farm aid, pushes for more crop insurance

WASHINGTON (AP) — Nearly \$2.4 billion in emergency aid is headed to farmers still reeling from a year of flood, drought, crop disease and collapsing Asian markets.

President Clinton used his weekly radio address Saturday to detail how the aid, included in a \$7 billion farm aid package passed by Congress, will be disbursed.

About \$400 million will be used to provide incentives — discounts of up to 25 percent — for farmers to buy more and better crop insurance.



President Clinton and his daughter Chelsea depart for Tel Aviv, Israel. Earlier on Saturday, in his weekly radio address, Clinton spoke of a farm aid package of \$7 billion.

"Far too many farmers don't have crop insurance at all, or only buy the bare minimum — not enough to withstand a really devastating year," Clinton said in his speech, taped Friday.

The remaining \$2 billion will go to farmers with losses from such causes as floods and crop disease. Nearly \$3 billion in aid for farmers hurt by low grain prices already has been distributed.

America's farmers are the backbone of our economy and the lifeblood of our land," the president said. "We can't afford to let them fail."

Sign up for the money will begin in two months and farmers will be limited to \$80,000 in direct aid or \$60,000 in crop insurance incentive.

Farmers are eligible for either single-year losses for the 1998

Clinton's return to health care in his administration has said it plans to make a priority next year.

insurable crop will be compensated at 65 percent of the five-year average price, compared by the National Agricultural Statistics Service.

Under the multi-year provisions, the Agriculture Department will compensate insured farmers with an amount of 25 percent of the insurance claim payment made during that period. Farmers with non-insurable crop also will get an extra payment of 25 percent of what their noninsured crop disaster assistance program payments would have been.

By making the crop insurance issue, Clinton is getting a head start on a subject the administration has said it plans to make a priority next year.

Republicans said Democrats agree that the crop insurance program needs overhauling. Republicans see it as a replacement for all disaster assistance. Democrats have said they also will continue to push to restore price supports for farmers, which were phased out as part of the 1996 farm bill.

Poll asks which way Santa Claus votes

The Associated Press

Democrats and Republicans are always recurring friends in high politics, but Santa Claus would probably consider himself an independent, a poll suggests.

Almost two-thirds of American voters think Santa Claus would consider himself an independent, while 9 percent said he would be a Democrat and 6 percent said he would be Republican.

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Republican calls for Social Security reform

WASHINGTON (AP) — A recent statement on Social Security got participants talking about the fund's problems, but President Clinton must lead a bipartisan effort to find a reform proposal by spring, a Republican senator said Saturday.

In the weekly Republican radio address, New Hampshire Sen. Judd Gregg credited Clinton for convening a White House conference this week on the future of Social Security and bringing together lawmakers from both parties.

But he said the meeting was "only partially" successful.

"It is a long way from there to having an actual solution in place," said Gregg, co-chairman of the Senate Republican Leadership Task Force on Social Security.

The fund is expected to go into financial collapse around 2030, after the generation of baby boomers enter retirement.

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FOCUS: INVESTIGATING THE PRESIDENT

Options dwindle as vote nears

Clinton's escape routes seen as risky, or grim

WASHINGTON (AP) — Now that President Clinton has suggested "cessure and rebuke" as a punishment, his few remaining escape routes are risky or grim. He may have unwittingly put himself one step closer to impeachment.

"I don't see any way out of this," Roger Davidson, University of Maryland political science professor, said Saturday as the House Judiciary Committee approved a fourth and final article of impeachment. "He's just watching the train speeding down the tracks toward him."

Clinton's advisers struggled to plot his next move, as the president began a four-day diplomatic mission to the Middle East.

One option is to offer more concessions to Republicans, particularly the two dozen or so moderates who hold Clinton's fate in their hands. Few wavering lawmakers were moved by the president's Rose Garden address Friday, in which he apologized for his conduct and said he would accept congressional censure.

To their dismay, Clinton stubbornly refused to give any ground on charges that he lied under oath. The closer he came was a weak third-person reference: "It's hard to hear yourself called deceitful and manipulative on the news."

On Saturday, the House Judiciary Committee rejected a call from the Democrats for censure.

Many Republicans insist Clinton must come clean to avoid impeachment.

Rep. Rick Lazio, N.Y., one of two undecided Republicans touring the Middle East with Clinton, said aboard Air Force One that "it would be an important statement" if Clinton admitted to lying.

"He has had numerous opportunities to confront the reality of what he has done and missed those opportunities. It's not too late, but it's very late in the game," Lazio said.

Yet few members of the president's inner circle are willing to predict he will go so far. A confession would increase Clinton's exposure to criminal charges after leaving office, and would set GOP demands for more conces-



Rep. William Delahunt, D-Mass., talks with members of the House Judiciary Committee Friday during the impeachment hearing.

sions, they say.

"The only thing he hasn't done is played dead to a crime. If he does that, they'll say he should be impeached because he pleaded guilty to a crime," said Lanny Davis, a former White House speechwriter and former adviser.

Davis said he wished Clinton had cancelled the Middle East trip to ease his burden.

He suggests the president should attack House Majority Whip Tom DeLay, making the conservative nicknamed "The Hammer" a lightning rod for anti-impeachment sentiment. In pure political terms, the party's target was outgoing House Speaker Newt Gingrich.

"I hope the president starts to fight," Davis said. "The time for apologies is over."

The aggressive approach is an emerging Democratic tactic. White House lawyer Gregory Camp said Saturday a House veto on impeachment would "divide the country, paralyze the government and defy the will of the people."

After the White House was accused of applying political pressure on GOP moderates, Judiciary Committee member Barney Frank, D-Mass., fired back: "Any

discussion of pressuring ... that leaves out the name of Tom DeLay is equivalent to debating impeachment without mentioning Monica Lewinsky."

Frank's sister, White House communications director Ann Lewis, said Clinton's team also will begin to sound alarms about what the House is poised to do. The strategy is to rally the majority of Americans who still pollsters they don't support impeachment. But it will be a chore.

Though six out of 10 say they oppose impeachment, the number who want Clinton ousted has grown slightly. In one recent poll, nearly 90 percent of people surveyed said Clinton lied under oath.

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Starr denies charges of misconduct

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — In a written exchange with Judiciary Committee Democrats, independent counsel Kenneth W. Starr denied several specific allegations of misconduct by his prosecutors in their first approach to Monica S. Lewinsky last Jan. 16.

Starr's letter to the committee, written Friday and released Saturday, said Lewinsky had not been kept from contacting her lawyer the day his lawyers and agents accosted her at the Pentagon City Ritz-Carlton. He denied that his lawyers had tried to force her cooperation in their investigation of President Clinton.

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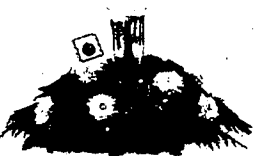


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INVESTIGATING THE PRESIDENT

Impeachment

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 The fourth article passed Saturday accuses the president of abuse of power for giving false information to Hyde, R-Id., during the course of the impeachment investigation. It is thought to stand the least chance of passing, according to GOP vote counters.
 Three other articles passed Friday, accusing Clinton of perjury before the grand jury investigating the Monica Lewinsky affair, perjury in his deposition in the Paula Jones case, and obstruction of justice in both cases.
 The full House is scheduled to take up these four articles Thursday at 10 a.m.

full House membership next week," said Rep. Rick Boucher, D-Va., the author of the censure resolution.

Hyde opposes this and Jate Saturday sent Livingston a letter stating: "It is my view that a resolution of amendment proposing censure of the President in rules of impeachment violates the rules of the House, threatens the separation of powers, and fails to meet constitutional muster."
 Current House Speaker Gingrich also concurred with this in a letter released late Saturday. "I plan to follow your advice with respect to this matter," he wrote Hyde.

Both Gingrich and Livingston said censure is both unconstitutional and against House rules.

Censure of the president would violate the careful balance of separation of powers.

—Bob Livingston, incoming House Speaker

While the committee was wrapping up its work, President Clinton landed in Israel for a three-day trip—during which he will meet with Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat. He made no comment on the House committee's action.

But at the White House, Gregory Craig, the president's special counsel, released a statement calling the action of the judiciary committee unfair and partisan.

"While the goal of the partisan-majority committee is to impeach the president and remove him from office, the certain result will be to divide the country, gridlock the government and defy the will of the people," Craig said.
 The mind of the committee Saturday was clearly on the censure battle. For weeks Hyde had said he would not allow a vote on censure but, days ago, he relented. Democrats appealed to Livingston to do likewise.

"I am confident that the same sense of evenhandedness, balance and fair play that led you, Chairman Hyde, to make the censure debate in order here, will also be employed by the leadership of the House so that the censure alternative will be available to the

Clinton's pastor presents his views in new book

Los Angeles Times


WASHINGTON — The president's attorneys say he has sinned and no one knows that better than the three pastors helping Bill Clinton atone for his transgressions.
 Two of the three are shunning media attention.
 The third, the Rev. J. Philip

Wogaman, minister at the church the president attends in Washington, not only has given dozens of nationally televised interviews; he also has written a book that is expected in stores just in time for last-minute Christmas shoppers.
 The country has heard little about Clinton's spiritual recovery effort since the summer, but


Wogaman says the president continues with the process of repenting for his sins and changing his behavior to "good man."
 In Wogaman's view, with the president and Monica Lewinsky's tell any well-worn, destructive patterns of behavior to the president's case, a difficult childhood — with an abusive stepparent in the house — may

have played a role, the minister suggests.
 "I don't want to speculate much on Monica Lewinsky, but some aspects of her behavior are pretty familiar in American life... where celebrities are involved," Wogaman said in a recent interview in his office at Foundry United Methodist Church.

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Boucher's defaced resolution, which Clinton would have had to sign if passed, stated in part "violated the trust of the American people" and "made false statements concerning his reprehensible conduct."
 The final article of impeachment adopted by the committee is considered perhaps the least significant of the four but was one of the most inflammatory for Republicans.
 The Democrats did have a few small victories with the fourth article of impeachment, when Republicans agreed to drop three provisions that accused the president of lying to the American public, using his lawyers to shield himself from Independent Counsel Kenneth Starr's investigators and misleading his staff and Cabinet about his affair with Lewinsky.
 Finally, about 6:30 p.m., Hyde rapped his gavel one last time, and the third-ever Judiciary Committee hearings on the impeachment of a president began their fade into history.

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GOP bulldozes forward Polls don't play in impeachment hearings

By Steven Thomas
Bozeman Press-Scimitar

WASHINGTON — In poll after poll, the American people have said for months that they don't want President Clinton impeached. Now the Republicans who control the U.S. House apparently aren't listening.

Is a simple answer? Are they listening to their hatred of Clinton? Could they be bent on political suicide?

That's what Clinton aides and congressional Democrats argue, but the will of the people has been expressed in national polls and again in November's congressional elections and that the message is loud and clear. Don't impeach him.

But the polls and the pundits aren't the only people who think that simple.

First, national polls mean little to members of the House, who answer only to the people who vote in their own districts. Second, Democrats may have been ecstatic that they did much better than expected in the last election but in the end, Republicans still won more seats, and many who were vocally pro-impeachment. And third, even if there is a backlash among Republicans, they think they will still have plenty of time to recover before the 2000 elections.

Public opposition to impeachment will certainly make some difference. Clinton aides are trying to win over some undecided moderate Republicans by pointing out that the voters in their districts supported Clinton's 1996 election.

Clinton allies such as the Democratic National Committee and the American People for the American Way are trying to rally supporters to call Congress. But so far, the forces being raised the loudest tend to belong to those who want Clinton impeached.

Capitol Hill switchboards were overwhelmed with calls Friday as the Judiciary Committee started approving the first articles of impeachment. While there was no way to measure how the calls arose, congressional offices in recent days reported that the majority of calls supported impeachment.

Members of Congress hear



The South Carolina Council of Conservative Citizens, Alex Halpin, poses with a sign Saturday which states her feelings about President Clinton's possible fate.

from the more politicized elements of their parties, and there you find much stronger support among Republican activists for impeachment," said Andrew Kohut, a pollster and director of the Pew Research Center for the People & the Press. "That's why you have this difference."

Indeed, there can be a sizable gap between what the Republicans in Congress hear and what the rest of the country is saying.

From the first news of scandal in January through the admission of an extramarital relationship in August to the conclusion in December that he did lie under oath and abuse his power, about two out of three Americans have

said they do not want Clinton impeached and removed from office.

As late as Friday, Clinton looked to the public to save him, making his last appeal on national television and putting his fate "in the hands of the American people and their representatives in the Congress." Democratic allies in the House Judiciary Committee as well have invoked the will of the people to stop the impeachment.

But they misread the effect of public opinion as measured by national polls. As political scientist George C. Edwards III put it: "You don't fear the popularity of Bill Clinton in California if you're representing a district in North Carolina."

Democrats argue that public opinion is critical in impeachment because the process unfolds at the will of the people as expressed in the presidential election.

Republicans insist that they are basing their decisions on the facts of the case against Clinton, and argue that they cannot and should not be swayed by public opinion or polls.

"A thousand historians and a swarm of public opinion polls and a gaggle of media programs and talk shows, nothing, none of these things can change the vital facts in this case," said Rep. George Gekas, R-Pa.

If Clinton and the Democrats misread how national public opinion would affect the impeachment effort, they also misjudged the effects of the November elections.

When Democrats did better than expected in the congress-

ional elections, gaining five House seats, Democrats pronounced it a victory.

But Republicans still won a majority of the House races in that election. And while the party was shaken by its loss of five seats, most members were re-elected by voters who knew the members probably would vote for impeachment, said Steven Smith, a political scientist at the University of Minnesota. "They're feeling pretty com-

fortable about impeachment," said Smith. "Most had expressed a view about what they intended to do and they got re-elected."

There is still a possibility that the public will have some say in the impeachment hearings.

Clinton hopes to win over some of the moderate Republicans who have not yet decided with an argument that the people in their districts support Clinton.

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House panel polarizes in impeachment vote

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Perhaps it was inevitable that the House Judiciary Committee would finish its impeachment deliberations mired in unseemly partisan deadlock. Could ideological opposites ever hope to agree on "high crimes and misdemeanors" when the evidence was the fallout from a presidential sex scandal?



Henry Hyde

But it was Chairman Henry J. Hyde, R-Ill., himself who repeated countless times that the Democrats would have to vote for it, and they put the Democrats on the defensive immediately," OrNSTEIN said. "They tried from the get-go to exploit this for partisan advantage."

The November elections brought losses for the GOP, virtually unheard of in an off-year, spelling the end of Gingrich's House career. But Speaker-designate Bob Livingston, R-La., has refused to take charge, and the decision on how to proceed was left entirely up to Hyde.

Now the committee has left the scene, and the audience is left to ponder the outcome. In the face of widespread opposition, not only from Democrats but from a majority of the American public, committee Republicans passed four articles of impeachment and sent them to the House floor, where a razor-thin majority of House Republicans will attempt to pass them this week.

How did this happen? That the debate was partisan came as no surprise. "Given the case, it's hard to see how the play could have turned out different," said Clarence M. Measna, a political scientist. John J. Pitney, Judiciary is a highly partisan committee having a debate after a highly charged election. It was obvious the committee would play out this way."

But American Enterprise Institute scholar Norman Ornstein blamed the GOP leadership for setting the stage, by deciding in September to publish the report of independent counsel Kenneth

According to OrNSTEIN, Hyde dropped the ball.

"If you're going to be bipartisan, you try to get some Democrats together with some Republicans to make them part of the decision-making process," OrNSTEIN said. "It's incumbent on the majority to bend over backwards."

The inclination was there. Committee Republicans Asa Hutchinson (Ark.) and Lindsey Graham (S.C.) and Democrats William D. Delahunt (Mass.) and Zoe Lofgren (Calif.) formed a working group to build a bipartisan bridge within the committee, "but that never works without encouragement from the top," OrNSTEIN said. Hyde never gave it, and the working group was a non-factor.

But once in committee, others said, Hyde had an almost impossible situation on his hands. "It was tough," Pitney said. "He's in the position of a dean of faculty whose job description is herding cats. He's done okay, but sometimes his exasperation shows."

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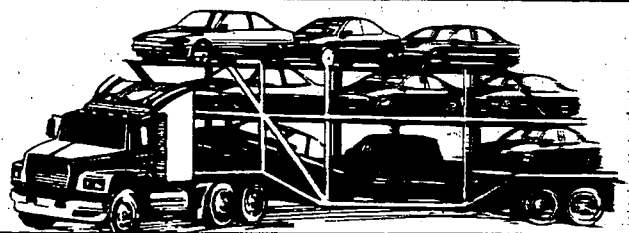
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Astronaut Jerry Ross, right, attached to space shuttle Endeavour's robot arm Saturday, works with astronaut James Newman to attach a tool bag to the side of the new International Space Station in this image from television.

SPACE CENTER, Houston (AP) — A pair of space-age astronauts made a third and final excursion out into Endeavour's open cargo bay Saturday to finish their share of space station construction work.

Among the wrap-up chores for Jerry Ross and James Newman: lashing a large mailbox to the international space station, flexible-chickling cables and opening a jammed antenna.

All that remained following the spacewalk was Saturday afternoon's release of the station's 35-ton complex, finally sealed and confirmed by the visiting shuttle crew.

"We've come a long way," said Newman. Robert Cabana observed.

Working nearly 2 1/2 miles above Earth, Ross and Newman tugged out a 2-foot-by-5-foot bundle containing 20 wrenches, ratchets, change-back fasteners, teethers and other tools. They attached the package to the top of Unity, the American-made

side of the station.

The mailbox looked like a picnic cooler. "The hungry, what's in the refrigerator?" joked Newman.

"Nothing edible," Ross replied. The tools will be used by future spacewalkers. The next construction team goes up in May.

Ross also was going to try to pry open a stuck Russian antenna, using a 10-foot pole so he wouldn't be struck by the unfurling 4-foot antenna. It was the same method that Newman used to fix another jammed antenna during spacewalk No. 2 on Wednesday.

Chicago Tribune columnist Joan Beck dies at 75

LAKE FOREST, Ill. (AP) — Chicago Tribune staff writer and columnist Joan Beck, the first woman to sit in the newspaper's editorial chair, has died. She was 75.



Joan Beck, who had been diagnosed with ovarian cancer several years ago, died Thursday at a Lake Forest hospital, physicians said.

Her columns have successfully supported on the opinion pages of The Times-Herald.

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IOC official talks about vote-selling

Olympic board investigates SLC bid

LAUSANNE, Switzerland (AP) — A top IOC official made emphatic allegations Saturday of widespread Olympic corruption, saying agents demand up to \$1 million to deliver votes in the selection of host cities.

Marc Hodler, a senior member of the International Olympic Committee executive board, alleged malpractices in the bid campaigns for the games of 1996, 1998, 2000 and 2002.

In unprecedented allegations by an IOC official, Hodler said he believes that 7 percent of IOC members have violated their oaths. There are currently 115 IOC members.

Hodler said a group of four agents, including one IOC member, have been involved in promising votes for payment. He declined to identify them.

"The four agents try to make a living out of this," he said. "I missed a chance to be a rich man. Some of the agents do the following: they say, 'I can offer this or that number of votes.'"

"The price would be between \$500,000 and \$1 million for a number of votes, a bloc."

Hodler added that the agents then charge the city winning the bid something like \$3 million to \$5 million.

Hodler, an 80-year-old Swiss lawyer, said there is one agent who boasts "that no city has ever won the Olympic Games without his help."

"No one can prove that," Hodler said. "It could be possible."

He said he believed agents had been buying and selling votes for the past 10 years.

"There are four agents we know," he said. "One is an IOC member. He promises he will give enough votes so (the bidding city) can win."

Asked whether all Olympic votes are tainted, Hodler said, "I know of so many times. There is a good chance it is always the case."

Hodler said losing cities have told him there is a list of IOC members who can be bought. Hodler said he hasn't seen the list.

"What I got is the number of people that clearly, regularly asked for financial support," he said. How many members were involved? "For me, I always said it is about 5 to 7 percent of the membership," he said.

IOC president Juan Antonio Samaranch immediately dissociated himself from Hodler's allegations.

The only official spokesman for the IOC executive board is (director general) Francois Carrard, Samaranch said. "All the other comments are personal comments. They are not official comments."

Later, the IOC put out a written statement saying the "executive board dissociated itself from



International Olympic Committee Vice President Marc Hodler, right, stands earlier this year with other IOC executive members at the end of the meeting of the IOC executive board in Lausanne, Switzerland. Hodler Saturday made unprecedented allegations of malpractices in bid campaigns.

allegations made by one of its members with the Olympic bid process.

Hodler's allegations, made to a group of reporters, came as the IOC continued investigations into alleged financial misconduct by the Salt Lake City group which won the bid for the 2002 games.

Hodler has described as a "bribe" the \$500,000 scholarship fund set up by Salt Lake which benefited the relatives of six IOC members.

Asked whether Atlanta's victory in the vote for the 1996 games was clean, Hodler said, "Certainly not."

John Krimsly, deputy secretary general of the U.S. Olympic Committee, disputed Hodler's assertion.

"There is no basis for the charges against Atlanta at this point," Krimsly said. "All these issues should be put to the IOC review commission."

Congressman adds fraud to allegations

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Congressman Merrill Cook, after having away from sending two former top staffers for forgery, has resurrected the accusations and added an allegation of fraud, a newspaper reported.

In a copyright story published in Saturday's Salt Lake Tribune, Cook acknowledged raising accusations of forgery against his former chiefs of staff Janet Jensen and David Irvine.

The two were critical of Cook's emotional outbursts following his Nov. 3 re-election, and his subsequent firings of Jensen and Irvine, Director Robert Jeppesen.

In recent interviews, Cook claimed he was misquoted and denied accusing Jensen and Irvine of forgery, which he said the pair obtained unauthorized pay hikes.

But on Friday, the 52-year-old Republican repeated his forgery claims to the newspaper.

The congressman insisted subsequent denials that he used the word forgery were the result of an honest mistake and he downplayed it as "hair-splitting" over legal terms.

"To me it's not a big issue," Cook said.

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UI grad to pilot space mission

Powerful X-ray telescope on board to study potential universe origin

BOISE (AP) — A University of Idaho alumna is headed into space with a specialized telescope that can shed light on the origins of the universe.

Jeff Ashby, who graduated from the Moscow school in 1976, will pilot the space shuttle Columbia into orbit in the spring, carrying the largest, most sensitive X-ray telescope ever put in space.

In the past two years, he has struck up a new relationship with his alma mater.

Students who major in engineering, like Ashby did, will be watching a friend and a mentor.

"I am very inspired by Jeff Ashby," said Kent Vanderhoff, 22, an electrical engineering major who dreams of a career in the space program.

"He ignited me." Ashby, 44, a Navy captain from Colorado, has kept his eyes on the heavens since gathering around a television with fellow workers and customers at a lunch counter to watch the first men walk on the moon in 1969.

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He said reaching a goal like space is a series of steps. Step one was getting a four-year ROTC scholarship to Idaho.

Step two was becoming a pilot, which included flying 33 missions over Iraq during the Gulf War.

Step three: He became a test pilot and then an astronaut. Ashby was selected to pilot the shuttle Discovery in 1997. But he backed out because

his 23-year-old wife was battling cancer, said Elizabeth Ashby, Jeff's mother.

She later died.

Ashby will guide Columbia into orbit next year, carrying a telescope called AXAF, which is 50 times more powerful than any previous X-ray telescope.

He currently is landing a Gulf Stream, corporate jet about 10 times a week to simulate landing the shuttle.

Ashby had nearly lost contact with the university until two years ago, when he learned students from Idaho were coming to the Johnson Space Center to conduct experiments in zero gravity.

"I missed classes at that point, and it has been a neat reconnection," he said.

The astronaut returned to Moscow in May and plans to visit again.

Ashby will carry a medallion from the university during his space trip.

"I'm hoping to return that in person after the flight," he said.

Man receives at least 30 years, escapes death penalty

IDAHO FALLS (AP) — A local man convicted of rape and murder has escaped the death penalty, turning the attention of authorities to building a case against a Nevada resident for the 1996 murder of Angie Dodge.

"I am not the monstrous animal everyone thinks I am," Christopher Tapp told 7th District Judge Ted V. Wood on Friday. "I'm a kind and caring person."

Tapp, 22, was convicted in May on charges of first-degree murder, rape and using a deadly weapon to commit both crimes for the 1996 slaying of Dodge. Wood sentenced him to a minimum of 30 years in prison for the murder and 10 years for the rape.

Bonneville County Prosecutor Kipp Manring had sought the death penalty for Tapp, who confessed to a detective that he held Dodge down as she was attacked and killed by another man, and that he cut her chest with a knife.

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WHEN WAS THE PLAN ADOPTED? Every two years the City Council develops and approves an update to the City's strategic plan. The current update was approved in February 1998.

WHY WAS THE PLAN ADOPTED? To address the issues and opportunities that are critical to maintaining our long term quality of life and to setting funding priorities.

HOW WAS THE PLAN DEVELOPED? The City Council and City department heads used the 1997 community survey in a structured process to develop the plan.

WHAT WERE THE RESULTS? The following are the nine topics addressed in the strategic plan objectives for 1998-1999:

1. WATER
2. CRIME
3. PLANNING THE FUTURE
4. WASTEWATER
5. QUALITY CITY WORK FORCE
6. LIMITS TO PROPERTY TAXES
7. TRAFFIC
8. PARKS
9. INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

HOW ARE WE DOING? The following provides information on each objective and its status as of November 30, 1998.

WATER

Does Twin Falls have sufficient water supply to take care of projected needs for the next 15 to 20 years?

We don't today...but by this time next year we will. Projects currently under design will increase our water supply by 37 percent. Those projects include:

- additional development at our largest water source which is located near the Blue Lakes Country Club in Jerome County;

- new wells in the southeast part of town near Hankins Road and Kimberly Road; and

- new wells at the Washington Street South reservoir.

Storage for emergencies and fire flow is also a concern. Next summer you will see a 5,000,000 gallon reservoir constructed near the Washington Street South reservoir.

If you live in the southeast part of town, you know about low water pressure. By the middle of next summer low water pressure should be a problem of the past. We are creating a water pressure district for the area bordered by Addison Avenue East, Hankins Road, Kimberly Road and Eastland Drive. This area and new industrial land to the south will be served with three new wells and a 2,000,000 gallon reservoir.

We are also looking very long term... A group of your fellow citizens will be presenting a final study to the City Council in January 1999 that will address water needs through the year 2050. Alternatives under consideration include:

- a pressurized irrigation system for new development using Twin Falls Canal Company water;
- recharge of our well fields' aquifer; and
- conservation.

CRIME

Do we have a property crime problem in Twin Falls? Do we have a drug problem in Twin Falls? Are the two connected?

Yes, we do have both property crime and drug problems in Twin Falls and they are related. What are we doing about it? In the last year we have:

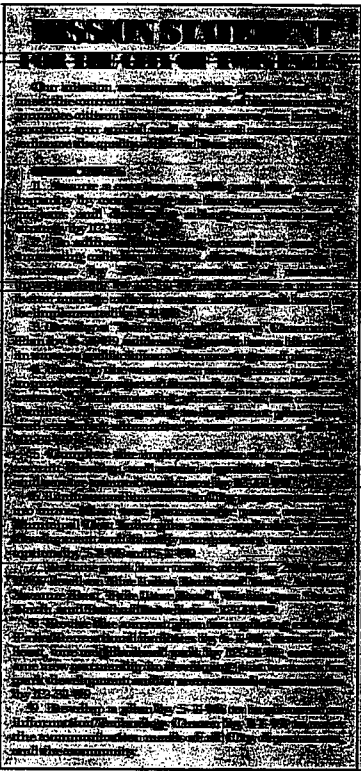
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What are the results of this effort? It is too early to tell, but following the first six months of increased enforcement, narcotics arrests increased by 52 percent and property crime fell slightly.

PLANNING THE FUTURE

What is your vision of the City of Twin Falls in the next century?
You can help decide the future of the City!
The City will prepare a Twin Falls 2nd Century plan

during 1999. As we prepare the plan starting in January, there will be many opportunities for the public to help with its development. There will be neighborhood meetings, surveys, and open houses. A citizens committee will be formed to help our consultants assess the plan. The public will be asked to help us determine the Twin Falls of the next century and develop the means to assure that the vision becomes a reality.



WASTEWATER

Should we be concerned about water quality in the middle Snake River?

Absolutely! Water quality in the river affects habitat for area wildlife, recreation opportunities for fellow citizens, scenic canyon resources and water resources for future generations.

What are we doing to improve water quality?

In 1996, the City committed all the resources capacity in its sewer treatment plant to reduce pollution in compliance with new federal regulations. As a result we are now operating the plant above its design capacity. To assure compliance with water quality standards and restore lost capacity, we are assuming in expansion of the treatment plant. Construction of this expansion will take place in 1999 and 2000 at a cost of approximately \$7 million. Funding comes from increased sewer rates established by the City Council in 1998. The expansion of the treatment plant should take care of our needs for approximately the next seven years.

Storm water flowing into the river also causes pollution. We are now finalizing a permit to collect and divert City storm water before it enters local drains into the Snake River. Implementation of the plan will reduce the amount of sediment, debris and associated nutrients that enter the river each year in storm water. While the plan is being finalized, local developers are voluntarily incorporating storm water management practices in their developments.

QUALITY CITY WORK FORCE

How do we provide the best City services to our customers?

It is done by the people employed by the City. A high quality work force is necessary to provide the best service at a reasonable cost. Our goal is to recruit and retain highly qualified people in City employment. This strategy is working to attract the best people to the City.

employees per 1,000 population. Today we have six employees per 1,000 population. During this same time period demand for all services and the number of City owned facilities have increased significantly. We are working to refine recruitment, selection and training strategies, recognize extraordinary performance and improve the working environment.

LIMITS TO PROPERTY TAXES

Did you know that the City has a self-imposed cap on property tax and has actually dropped rates?

Since 1990 the City has reduced its property tax rate by almost 25 percent. The rate has dropped from \$9.40 per \$1000 of taxable value to \$7.00. This results in an annual dollar tax that is now over \$200,000 below what State law allows.

Your City utility rates have been kept at their lowest possible level, too. From 1990 through 1997 water rates did not increase. From 1989 through 1997 sewer rates also did not increase. Revenue from increased usage was sufficient to cover operating and capital costs. In 1997 and 1998 water rates were increased and in 1998 sewer rates were increased to fund improvements to the water and sewer systems.

Sanitation and landfill charges have been increased only as the service providers have increased their fees to the City.

TRAFFIC

Is it possible to reduce peak hour traffic on heavily traveled streets such as Blue Lakes Boulevard North?

This is a major challenge for the City. Because we are a trade center with significant commuter traffic, traffic in Twin Falls far exceeds that normally found in a community of 34,000 residents. On a typical day our population increases by 40 percent. To reduce peak hour congestion the City is moving ahead with the following projects:

- the intersection at Eastland Drive and Addison Avenue East will be widened to four lanes in 1999;
- Pole Line Road west from Blue Lakes Boulevard North to Fillmore Street will be widened to six lanes and additional turn lanes will be added in 1999;
- The intersection of River Avenue and Washington Street North will be widened to four through lanes on Washington Street North in 1999 with other widening on Washington Street North projected to occur from 2002 to 2005; and
- traffic signal coordination is occurring with all signals in the City to move traffic efficiently through busy corridors.

PARKS

Have you walked the new Snake River Canyon Rim Trail?

Completed in October 1998 this mile long trail provides spectacular views of the Snake River Canyon and Perrine Falls.

Parks add significantly to our quality of life. In addition to the Snake River Canyon Rim Trail the City is making the following improvements to our park system:

- a neighborhood committee is currently helping to design a new 8.5 acre park to be built in 1999 east of Washington Street South and south of Orchard Drive;
- Dierke's Lake Park will receive new restrooms and a completed trail around the lake in 1999;
- a new bike route on Falls Avenue East to the Shoshone Falls grade will be completed in 1999;
- a new bike route will link the west side of the City to the CSI campus; and
- amenities such as volleyball courts and picnic shelters are being added to several parks.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Does the City use information technology to increase efficiency?

- Of course!
- Like most businesses the City is becoming increasingly dependent on communications and computer technology to deliver services to our customers. Ongoing projects in this area include:
 - upgrading our computer network operating system;
 - consolidating and integrating software to one common package;
 - establishing a replacement schedule for all computer equipment;
 - addressing the potential of Year 2000 problems;
 - development of an internet web site; and
 - expanding our phone system to improve communications with our customers.

The Twin Falls City Council would like to know if you feel we are going in the right direction. We can be reached by writing to any or all of the following council members at:

City of Twin Falls, P.O. Box 1907, Twin Falls, Idaho 83403-1907; or by calling us at the telephone number listed after our names—Mayor Gale Kleinkopf, 423-6666 (w); Vice Mayor Howard Allen, 733-6087 (h); Lance Clow, 734-8009 (w); Art Frantz, 733-0084 (h); Tom Miksel, 733-1559 (w); Elaine Steele, 733-0586 (h); Chris Falkington, 532-4117 (w).

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The Twin Falls City Motto is "People Saving People."

IDAHO/WEST

New crop reflects changes in public land management

BOISE (AP) — The Boise National Forest's Lucky Peak Nursery has harvested its first major crop of native riparian plants and shrubs, reflecting a growing emphasis on protecting and restoring watershed health. About 9,000 native plants and shrubs of several species were harvested, including blue elderberry, woods rose, golden currant and syringa — Idaho's state flower. They have been shipped to the U.S. Department of Defense for use at a training center in Yakima, Wash.

Boise National Forest officials said the plants will be placed along streams to prevent soil erosion, to provide shade for fish and to provide food and shelter for birds and other small animals.

Growing native riparian plants and shrubs is a relatively new endeavor for the Lucky Peak Nursery.

"Traditionally, the Forest Service and other public land management agencies emphasized the production of commodities, such as timber and forage for livestock," nursery culturist Kay Beall said. "But over time, we've realized that protecting the health of riparian areas, wetlands and other special-places is also very important."

The Lucky Peak Nursery historically has produced primarily conifer tree species, growing about 5-million-pouderosa-pine, lodgepole pine and Douglas-fir seedlings each year.

The trees are used by the Forest Service and other agencies to replant areas in southern Idaho, Utah, Nevada, western Wyoming, Arizona and New Mexico that had been harvested, burned by wildfire or damaged by insect attacks, disease or storms.

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WEST IN BRIEF

Longtime logger falls tree, dies in accident

IDAHO FALLS — A longtime Idaho logger was killed when a falling tree hit him as he worked in a remote Wyoming canyon. Darwin Payne, 48, was killed Thursday, several miles from the small town of Auburn, Wyo., which borders Idaho.

"It looked like he cut a tree down, and the tree hit another tree and the top snapped back onto him," Lincoln County Sheriff's Deputy Tim Heggester said.

Payne died from upper body injuries before an ambulance could reach him, Heggester said.

Ousted magistrate fails to regain position

BLACKFOOT — DaLon Esplin failed to win back his job as Bingham County magistrate following a day of interviews witnessed by more than 200 people.

Ryan Boyer was chosen Friday to replace the fired Esplin.

The Seventh Judicial District Magistrate Commission picked the Idaho Falls attorney over 11 other applicants, including Esplin, who gave a speech and received a round of applause from an audience of friends and family.

Boyer said he could heal the wounds left by Esplin's dismissal. He has been in private practice in Idaho Falls since 1990.

Esplin was dismissed in October amid complaints about how he handled case loads, treated court personnel and sentenced criminals.

McCall receives \$500,000 grant

BOISE — McCall will use a \$500,000 federal grant to help pay for downtown improvements in the resort city.

The funds, awarded through the Idaho Community Development Block Grant program, will help pay for new sidewalks, curbs, gutters, storm drainage, street lights, water and sewer improvements, building renovation and parking.

Gov. Phil Batt announced the award Friday.

The grant money will be matched with more than \$1 million from local and private sources and \$383,535 from the Idaho Transportation Department and Federal Highway Administration.

Rapist, 5-time parolee receives life

SALT LAKE CITY — Michael Blake Jensen, a convicted sex offender and admitted pathological liar, was once claimed a friendship with Gov. Mike Leavitt that may have led to his early parole, has been sent back to prison — perhaps for the last time.

Jensen, 37, had been paroled five times before he raped a real estate agent last year. He was sentenced to up to life in prison on Friday, and Salt Lake Deputy District Attorney Marsha Alden said she would write a letter to the Board of Pardons asking that Jensen never be released.

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EDITORIAL

Some do's and don'ts for next INEEL contractor

Finish it. In two words - remarkably terse for a federal agency - the Department of Energy offers unmistakable advice for the companies that want to run the INEEL.

When it comes to cleanup, the Energy Department says in a written request to bidders: "The broad goal is to finish it in accordance with agreements with the state and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

Easier said, even by a federal bureaucracy, than done.

But that's the big job facing the company, or team of companies, that will take over at the Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory in October 1999.

It's fitting that the next contractor will take the site into a new millennium. It needs new projects and ideas.

The new boss would be smart to steal some of the best ideas from the old boss, Lockheed Martin Idaho Technologies, and fix some of the things Lockheed did wrong.

Lockheed did something we hadn't seen before at the INEEL - it did more than just stick "Idaho" into its company name, then proceeded to pay lip service to the state.

Lockheed sunk some real money into Idaho economic development - such as the \$50,000 the company has pledged to Twin Falls' Business Plus II economic development program.

But Lockheed's failures were too glaring to overlook. The Pit 9 cleanup job has proven an embarrassment to Lockheed and everyone else with a stake in the problem. The company's safety record also came under fire - especially after a fatal

accident at the site in July.

Lockheed was something of a wild card just four years ago - a corporate heavyweight, but with little experience working with the Energy Department. It's no surprise that the companies extending the next INEEL contract have extensive Energy Department experience: the word-on-the-street front runner, Battelle, is an old hand at running the department's labs.

A new contractor, hopefully one with more experience, could take on the two biggest challenges facing the INEEL:

- **Finish it.** The INEEL won't be completely cleaned up during the five-year span of this next contract. But the next contractor has serious deadlines to meet in this decades-long process.
- **The Magic Valley's future.** Our groundwater is on the line. We can't afford an accident that contaminates our aquifer - or an environmental product scare that hurts our farm economy.
- **It's the DOE's job** to hire a trustworthy partner in cleanup.

The Magic Valley's future is at stake in the search for another INEEL contractor. Our groundwater is on the line.

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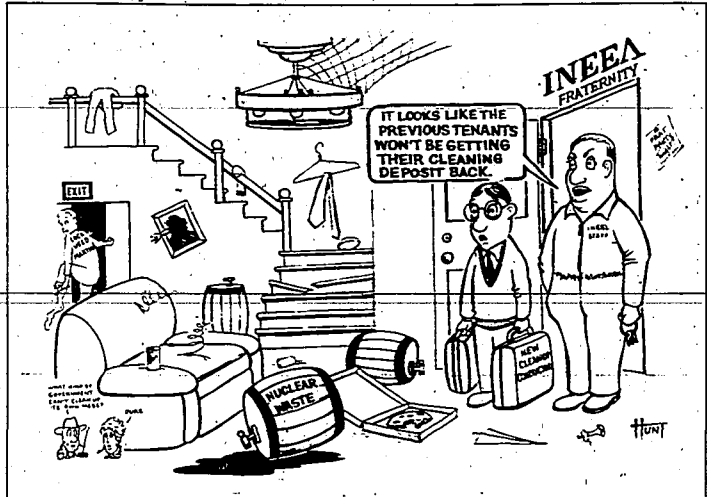
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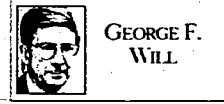
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Senate sits still as Clinton rapes Constitution

Capitol Hill shares guilt for unlawful appointment



GEORGE F. WILL

"I have done my best to work with the United States Senate in an entirely constitutional way. But we had to get somebody into the Civil Rights Division."

— President Clinton, Dec. 15, 1997

A year has passed since President Clinton accompanied his appointment of Bill Linn as assistant attorney general for civil rights - as "acting" assistant attorney general in perpetuity - with that breezy acknowledgment: "The appointment was not entirely constitutional."

This year the nation has become used to the mingling language by which Clinton describes his lawlessness. However, it is worth remembering that even last December there was nothing memorable about that day.

There was no indignation about Clinton's offhand admission that he considers respect for the law, including the Constitution and his oath of office, as merely optional. There was virtual silence from the Senate, silence that, 12 months later, has special pertinence. The Senate, which soon may be a jury judging Clinton's illegality, was - is - fully complicit in the lawlessness of the Lee appointment.

Indeed, the Senate is the most culpable party. The Framers counted on the constitutional order being preserved not just by the virtue of the political class. Rather, the Framers counted on countervailing rivalries and jealousies within that class.

They assumed the system of separation of powers would be preserved by each institution's prickly vigilance in defense of

its prerogatives. Which is why Justice Joseph Story said "no serious abuse of power can take place without the cooperation of two coordinate branches of the government."

Instead, in a disregard of law more lasting significant than Clinton's criminality, the Senate acquiesced like so many sheep - well, sheep with a capacity to stamp their little hooves and pour - in the erasure of its power to advise and consent to presidential appointments.

On July 21, 1997, Clinton submitted Lee's nomination to the Senate. Lee's expansive interpretations of civil rights laws were unacceptable to the Judiciary Committee. On Nov. 13, 1997, the Senate adjourned without the committee having voted on the nomination. Lee's supporters had blocked a vote to avoid a formal non-confirmation to the full Senate. Clinton could then have given Lee a recess appointment, but it would have expired at the end of the next congressional session. Instead, in a series of maneuvers that were as sly as they were dishonest - does this remind you of Clinton's grand jury testimony? - Clinton placed Lee in office. He did so despite the fact that the Vacancies Act, the only law that empowers presidents to appoint temporary attorneys general, prohibits Lee from serving even a single day.

For a full explanation of this murky, tawdry transaction, see Steven J. Duffield and James C. Ho, "The Illegal Appointment of Bill Linn Lee," in the Texas Review of Law & Politics. But regarding the basic fact of its anti-constitutional nature, see Clinton's comment above.

In 1989, President Bush nominated William Lucas, a black conservative, to the position Lee now occupies. When the nomination died in the Democratic-controlled committee, Bush considered a recess appointment, but decided to respect the Senate's constitutional role.

West Virginia's Sen. Robert Byrd, only the third senator ever elected to seven six-year terms, presents himself as Horatius at the bridge, defending Senate prerogatives. Displaced by the Lee episode, he has helped tighten the Vacancies Act. But when Byrd thought President Reagan was using recess appointments to vitiate the Senate's advise-and-consent powers, Byrd was more forceful: He blocked many nominations and promotions until Reagan promised to sin no more.

The Senate's refusal to insist upon its rights regarding Lee is just one more reason for rank-and-file Republicans to wonder why they are Republicans, and why they should care deeply about keeping the Senate Republican. It also is a reason for all Americans to recognize the senselessness of recent events.

Last Dec. 15 was a busy day for Clinton, who, when not "entirely" respecting the Constitution, was receiving from Paula Jones' lawyers a request for documents "related to communications between the President and Monica Lewinsky." This was the first discovery request to mention Lewinsky's name.

Sixteen days before this low, dishonest year dawned, Clinton, in the Lee case, cheerily announced his contempt for law. This was before his glandular fire reduced him to exercising that contempt in defense of his endless adolescence. Those who say his sex-related perjuries are "private" matters should consider: His low crimes of the last year flow from the same character displayed in his public behavior regarding Lee.

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GOP should play it smart and go for official censure

After nearly a year of smash-mouth tactics, the Clintonians launched a passive-aggressive this week. The irony is that Bill Clinton's last-minute maneuvering may benefit his Republican enemies almost as much as they benefit the president himself.

Just three weeks ago, Clinton lawyer David Kendall cross-examined independent counsel Ken Starr into the night in their face-off before the House Judiciary Committee. Yet, on Tuesday, the new White House legal piece, Greg Craig, adopted a different tone. Clinton's behavior was "wrong" even "sinful," he said at the outset. Although Craig is a year younger than Kendall, his grayer hair and calmer demeanor made him more telegraphic than the snarly Kendall, whose oddly asymmetrical eyebrows seemed to have a staccato tone of their own.

"Open your heart," Craig implored, perhaps unconsciously echoing a 1986 Madonna tune, which continued, "I'll make you love me! It's not that hard if you just turn the key." Yet even as Craig was playing to his audience, the legal stonewall beneath the lyrical style was as hard as ever.

On Wednesday, after hours of pro-Clinton testimony from hand-picked panelists, another White House lawyer, Charles Ruff, came to split hairs, but not spit nails. With a subdued Kendall on the bench behind him, Ruff declared that his client had "betrayed" the trust of his family and the country. But even the soft-edged Ruff was bold enough to instruct the committee.

"Your historical duty... is to vote against the Monica Lewinsky case."

Which proves that the White House strategy has changed little since the president's televised admission on Aug. 17 of "improper," but not illegal, activities by the Monica Lewinsky case.

To be sure, the White House has to look closely at both forms of its legal and political dilemma: It has been more worried about being legally sore; rumors are rife that Starr has already indicted Clinton and sealed the

charges until he leaves office.

As for the political front, Clinton can probably make it to that sharp point. After belatedly realizing that impeachment had regained momentum following Clinton's 51 non-answer answers to the committee, the White House orchestrated a procession of prominent Republicans - including former Massachusetts Gov. William Weld, who testified Wednesday - to remind that Clinton was "already impeached," enough.

And while Clinton's new strategy is unlikely to change the committee's impeachment bent, it could well sway the House as a whole. Smart GOPers know that impeachment backlash costs them big in the mid-term elections, that explains why neither Speaker Newt Gingrich nor Speaker-to-be Bob Livingston is interested in chairing any House proceedings. So if the Clintonians are willing to bargain, they can almost surely beat back impeachment on the House floor next week.

That would disappoint many impeachment-savvy Republicans. But it would please the vast majority of the House majority. Every poll shows that Americans oppose impeachment by 2:1; also, the president's approval rating dwarfs that of Congress. In other words, if the Republicans don't change course, the same dynamic that hammered them in '98 could hit them again in '00.

Moreover, if the House Republicans set their phasers on "impeach" and yet fail to dig their target, it's possible that the H-Ruffuck option of censure will disappear, and Clinton will walk away undisputed.

There aren't many win-win situations in politics, but this is one: If Clinton can save himself from historical humiliation, he also could be saving the GOP from electoral suicide.

James P. Pinkerton is a columnist for *Washington*.

Canyon city trail is first-class

The city of Twin Falls should be congratulated. The public access trail on the canyon rim is first-class. The design of the canyon viewpoints are dramatic in how they emulate the theme of the Perrine Bridge. The viewpoints themselves were placed to provide wonderful views of waterfalls and of the canyon that were not otherwise possible.

Improvements such as this access path set apart a great place to live from just a place to live. If this path now were to connect to the east to Shoshone Falls and to the south via Grandview Drive and Fliter Avenue to Rock Creek Park, truly it would rival the Sun Valley trail system.

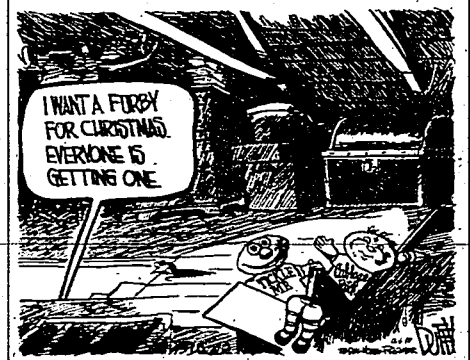
SUSAN ROY
Twin Falls

Peace on Earth? Don't count on it

Peace on Earth. Impossible? Today, our neighbors can't even get along with each other. When are they going to learn to let people be people? They are too concerned and worry about what the neighbor is doing or might do. It's not mentally healthy to worry. They just burn their brains out in the process. No wonder this world is filled with stress.

Some have found peace within their church. Many others use the church for the wrong reasons. Many use it for status. Many use it for social reasons. Sad, but true. Some churches are engineered for a profit and political power. Here is the time of the year to honor

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the man that gave us the good guidelines and excellent standards to live by. Instead, they use this event to commercialize and reap a healthy profit. Oh dear, what am I going to get for so and so. How about giving some love?

The good news is there are few that still remember what this event is really for. I have much respect for them and wish more will remember. Merry Christmas, and remember

what it is really for.

FRED NYER
Glenns Ferry

Live animals, food don't mix well

Am I the only one who thinks that live reindeer in the food court at the Magic Valley Mall is disgusting?

NANCY BOWMAN
Twin Falls

OPINION

LETTERS

Read Mormon handbook

The Times-News' Dec. 5 issue carried a front-page story titled "New Mormon handbook says family size is up to parents, God."
I would suggest anyone interested in this matter read the section on tithing and the section on man becoming (Gigged and how this topic of how many children relates to this church's beliefs of man becoming (Gigged and their practices of tithing.
DONALD L. ROBINSON
Hazelton

Waterfowl pollute creeks

I keep reading about people who want to eliminate pollution on our streams. They keep referring to cows and horses that live on pastures and fields near streams as the biggest problem. They don't consider what is probably the largest contributor to pollution. I am referring to ducks, geese, pelicans and other water fowl that spend the fourth of their lives swimming and excreting in our streams.
It has been proven that a duck will excrete in a day's time more live bacteria than a cow. Therefore to clean up the streams, it seems to me that they should eliminate ducks, geese, pelicans and even fish that use our streams as their homes.
ROBERT J. COINER
Twin Falls

People deserve privacy

I was surprised and pleased at something Kelly Walton said in his December letter. He said: "Whatever anyone wants to do in the privacy of their bedroom is their business." That statement is really something coming from Walton. (I wonder whether Pat Robertson agrees.)
If Walton is sincere (and I hope he is because it will be the first thing we've agreed on), then I invite him to join the fight for nationwide repeal of sodomy laws. All of us, heterosexuals and gays, would benefit from the repeal of such archaic laws. As it now stands, it is extremely rare for heterosexuals to be prosecuted under sodomy laws, but as long as the laws are on the books, the possibility is there.
If Walton chooses not to get involved, then I will be inclined to believe that his statement was just tricky and probably another scatological blast of Christian Coalition fanulence.
Walton claims that homosexuality is not natural and is a result of a choice between oppo-

site-sex and same-sex sexuality. He never has explained how he arrives at this idea. I've never, in my nearly 60 years, had the desire for same-sex and believe that I'm a fairly typical male. Perhaps Walton has had different experiences than I have had and is thus able to state that some persons can and do choose their sexuality. Of course, a person able to choose between heterosexual and same-sex couplings surely would be bisexual and not homosexual or heterosexual. (Anyone who believes from experience and not theory that persons can choose their sexuality, please contact me.)

Keeping in mind that "sex" refers to our anatomical parts, "gender" is a category of self and/or social identification and "sexuality" is a term used to refer to sexual desires. Walton's ideas run headlong into a brick wall. He needs to explain or define "desire." I use a simple definition of the word: "sexual appetites and passion." So, if a person has a desire for a same-sex coupling, can we realistically say that the desire is unnatural? I don't believe we can. All desire is natural. What we have to discern is what expressions of desire are unacceptable. (Desire is a mental and emotional state. Thoughts should not be prosecutable, though I vividly remember getting whipped by the Jesuits when I was a youngster for foolishly admitting to having impure thoughts.)

JOHN WALSH
Berley

Brin booster works hard

I can't express enough thanks for recognizing the Brin Booster Club.
We're an organization that works hard to support athletic

endeavors at Twin Falls High School. Our goal is 100 percent participation by parents with student athletes at TFHS. Participation is essential for the continued success of athletics. Our membership is not limited to parents of athletic participants. We actively encourage members of the community and local businesses to join. Some of our best supporters come from the community at large.

We believe that community cohesiveness and character is reflected in our commitment to our children's education. We, as a community, need to support not only athletic endeavors but all the other extracurricular activities offered at the high school. All of these programs contribute to the best education possible for kids.

We support the tenet that a strong body is a prerequisite for a strong healthy mind. Brin Boosters only can fill a small niche in the big picture. With funding for extracurricular activities being redirected on an ongoing basis, we need to step forward and help where help is needed. We must never forget that our future leaders are out there participating on the athletic field, in the classrooms and on the stage. Let's give them the best chance to be successful - get involved.

I would like to thank Mr. Hobbs for his most gracious letter. But I must point out that there are many Brin Boosters that have made the fall of 1998 successful. Just to name a few: Dan and Peggy Orr, Donna Deboer, Ann Standly, Jim and

Julie Brady, Gary and Kim Quessnell, Bill and Lami Pallani, Eric and Jackie Turner, Fred and Blossom Matthews, Gelesce and Bob McMillan, Steve and Debbie Garner, Fernando and Diane Salinas, Margaret Burks, Jennifer Orr, Jenny Sucka and John, Ed Howe, Carla and Rex Williams, Jim and Sandra Kuykendall, Carl and Kim Joslin, Mary Lou Crane, Brent and Sandra Jessel, John and Ann Boyajian, Steve and Andrea Henna, Jim and Patsy Paxton, Jim and Marilyn Thompson, Barb Hurlburt, Marlene York, and Gene and Sheila Ferberio.
Last of all, the organizer - my co-president, C.T. Burks, who made it all work smoothly.
Don't forget: It's great to be a Brin - "Brum in."
DOUG BURKS
Co-President,
Brin Booster Club
Twin Falls

Visit farm; smell for yourself

Hog farm smells!
In response to the lady, Darlene Kirsch, I would suggest to her to visit a pig farm and enjoy the aroma; put herself in the position of the close neighbors in the proposed location of the hog farm and see if it still smells funny.
I've lived near a hog farm, drove by hog farms and had trucks pass me on the road hauling hogs, and it all smells the same.
I do like my bacon and ham, however!
JOE MILLER
Twin Falls

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Monday, December 14, 1998, 6:00 p.m.
City Hall Council Chambers
321 Second Avenue East, Twin Falls, Idaho

For the Purpose of Hearing Public Comments Regarding the Increase in GOLF SEASON PASS RATES AND CART RENTAL & CART DRIVE-ON RATES Beyond the Limits Prescribed by Idaho Code Section 63-1311A

The Proposed Fees Exceed 105% of the Fees Last Collected
Notice is hereby given that the City Council of the City of Twin Falls, Idaho, will hold a public hearing for consideration of a proposed fee increase, said hearing to be held at City Hall, Twin Falls, Idaho at 6:00 p.m. on December 14, 1998.

The City of Twin Falls has proposed to increase the golf season pass rates and the drive on cart rental rates by an amount that exceeds one hundred five percent of the current fee. The proposed increases would have the following impact on current fees:

SEASON PASS FEES	CURRENT RATE	PROPOSED RATE	% INCREASE
Adult	\$350.00	\$515.00	147.14%
6y. Children	\$50.00	\$115.00	81.11%
By Cart	\$450.00	\$500.00	111.11%
College Student	\$100.00	\$125.00	25%
High School Student	\$100.00	\$125.00	25%
*Adult & Children	\$700.00	at least \$470.00	at least 12.5% INCREASE
2 Adults & Children	\$550.00	at least \$655.00	at least 19.64% INCREASE (at \$2.00 per person)
Senior	\$50.00	\$55.00	10%
Senior/Disabled	\$45.00	\$50.00	11.11%
Child	\$15.00	\$17.50	16.67%
Child Employment/Adult	\$25.00	\$27.50	10%
Child Employment/Family	\$25.00	at least \$31.25	at least 25.00% INCREASE (at \$2.50 per person)

CART FEES	CURRENT RATE	PROPOSED RATE	% INCREASE
Cart (Maximum)	\$100.00	\$150.00	50%
Cart Storage & Cart Rental	\$20.00	\$26.00	30.00%

This change is estimated to increase golf course revenue to the City by approximately \$31,400 per year.

The increased revenue is necessary to cover costs of operation and maintenance of the golf course, making improvements to the golf course and managing the arid water system to provide for better playing conditions and more economical maintenance of the course.

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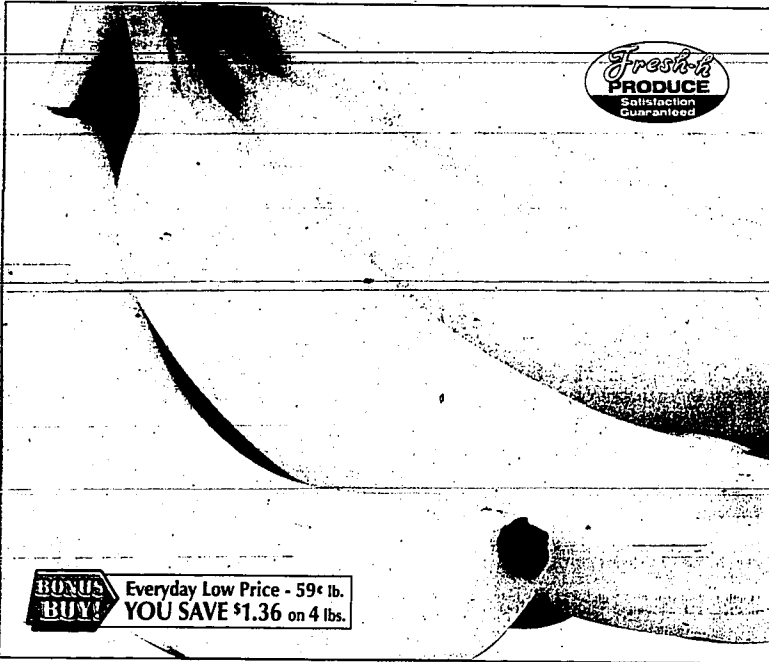
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It's Christmas: Let's make an awful noise

Consider the songs that you're listening to this holiday season:

A ballad about an unadorned reindeer with a grotesque nasal disfigurement who is forced to fly over on a foggy Christmas Eve in order to silence the taunts of his British companion.

A ditty ("Jingle Bells") about a muse who deliberately stages a sled accident in order to force his attentions upon Miss Fanny Bright.

A Prozac-fueled anthem about reindeer or decorators ("Deck the Halls") that consists of 1,000 "Ho, Ho, Ho" "fits" and exhortations to both arson ("See the blazing Yule before us") and homophobia ("Don't we now our gay apparel").

A nonsensical little elegy to "chess nuts boasting in an open foyer."

A song that strongly suggests that while Claus ("He must be a liar, check it twice") supports the discredited notion that good behavior, not sin, is the basis of eligibility of prepubescence.

But worst of all is the saga of a young percussionist who will not stop playing so the Christ child can get some sleep.

"The Little Drummer Boy" has been played so often that he can't stop. It's repeated over and over and over until shoppers literally flee the malls.

Then they get into their cars and play it all the way home.

Why? This 40-year-old dirge is far less interesting than, say, Hank Snow's "Please, Daddy, Don't Get Drunk This Christmas," but people seem to like it so much that it's sort of an incantation, one repeated, to ward off Dickens' Ghost of Christmas Future, who must have figured out by now that he hasn't made it to the top of the mountain.

See, I'm convinced that "no-nonsense" is really Aramaic for "forgive us our tedium." But you and I both know that "The Little Drummer Boy" isn't the only Christmas carol that would never make it as a Top 40 tune.

"Away in the Manger" has one section that goes with two different tunes. The one they play is always the one you don't know.

And don't you think "We Three Kings of Orient Are" is an odd odd number for a bunch of camel-riding psychics from Babylon?

But it's no wonder that "Carol of the Bells," which is neither singable nor playable on any instrument, is in a collection of empty beer bottles.

See, the dirty little secret of many Christmas carols is that they're musical atrocities. The "Carol of the Bells" is in the grade in a two-room country school in Arbon Valley, my mother - who taught fourth through eighth grade - was put in charge of the Christmas program.

The chairman of the School Board decided he'd really like all the kids to sing "O Holy Night" as a finale.

Uh-huh. First of all, sheer music for the evergreen choir was impossible to get in rural Idaho in the '50s, but nobody in the choir could have reached the high notes of the piece anyway - not without really tight underwear.

So my mom sat down and extrapolated, moving the whole song down to a level where the kids could sing the only copy of the music, she drilled us all starting in September.

By Thanksgiving, the choir sounded profoundly ugly. Honest. Calves on neighboring farms were stillborn when we sang.

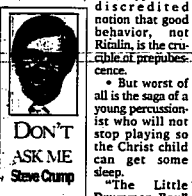
So Mom decided that the high parts were to be instrumental only. To kids, that was "Twelve Days of the Night of Our Dear Savior's Birth," and skip the "O night divine!" fulcrum.

Worked out fine until Dickie Moppa began a can't stop on the keyboard of the piano just before the concert.

Strategically, the melted caramel from the apple seeped between the keys, and when Mom reached for C, she saw a muffled thud instead.

She turned the color of the poinsettia that was sitting on top of the upright, then with a flash of genius leapt to her feet and shouted.

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Activist pushes for moratorium

Buhl man wants governor to halt permits on new livestock operations

By N.S. Nottke
Times-News writer
TWIN FALLS - Buhl activist Bill Chisholm has asked the state to block permits for new large confined livestock operations until state regulations can be amended to recognize the difference in size.

Chisholm wrote to Gov. Phil Batt asking for a moratorium on permits for new operations until state regulations can be amended to define such operations and establish regulations and procedures to assure protection of health, safety and general well-being.

Chisholm has long pushed for stricter environmental regulation on large-scale livestock operations. Recent proposals for factory hog farms have intensified his effort.

He asked particularly for differentiation between family farm operations and large operations with more than 2,000 animals and recognize the increased potential for environmental damage.

Home tour touches Valley House shelter

By Gregory Hahn
Times-News writer
TWIN FALLS - At first glance, a small tree in the corner of Valley House likely will be one of the least impressive Christmas decorations on the entire Junior Club tour of homes today.



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It's just a couple of feet tall, and the handmade ornaments of Disney characters won't stand up to the beautifully crafted finery bound to grace the eaves-gables at the more elegant stops on the tour.

But as visitors hear the story behind the tree - it was decorated by the nine homeless children now living at the shelter - and see the wrapped presents addressed simply to "Boy" and "Girl," the humble display could become the most memorable aspect of the afternoon.

Although the tour itself promises to deliver a pretty nice Christmas present - last year's netted \$5,000 - the shelter always can use holiday charity.

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More than 1,000 people have come through Valley House since it opened. Director Roger Wyatt said. And the operation is run solely through community donations.

Some members of the Junior Club didn't realize this even as they were setting up this year's tour. Organizer Heather Shultz remembers speaking with Wyatt about the shelter's clients.

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MV election campaign spending varies widely

By Gregory Hahn
Times-News writer
MOUNTAIN HOME - New Idaho Rep. Sher Sellman says he was really in charge of campaign finances closely this year.

The Republican and her volunteer helpers did most of their printing on personal computers. She said she and her husband and the 25 people helping out paid for their own gas - no small expense in one of the biggest legislative districts in a state of big districts.

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News 55 gets new programming

But don't expect local news soon

By Steve Crump
Times-News writer
TWIN FALLS - KIDD has cast its lot with a Florida-based family programming service.

24-hour, seven-day-a-week schedule since September. "It's high-quality family-oriented programming with a minimum of violence, sexual themes and no foul language."

Progress include "Touch of an Angel," "Dr. Queen, Medicine Woman" and "Diagnostic Murder." Original programs include "Flippers," "New Adventure," "The Meringue," "Women's Day." There's also a package of children's shows.

Planning commission members train

Cassia volunteers talk about their role

By John T. Huddy
Times-News writer
HEYBURN - Joyce Ward has cut back on her Christmas shopping this year, to give her more time to study.

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Forest Service wants to freeze payments

Federal timber payments to western states

Table with 2 columns: State, Federal timber payments. Includes California (\$31.5 million), Washington (\$28 million), etc.

County commissioner in western Oregon. 'Don't hold us hostage in this debate...'

that are roughly \$140 million lower than they were in 1989, due to a sharp decline in federal logging...

ORV group appeals ruling that closed Canyonlands Park route

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — A Utah offroad vehicle group has appealed a federal court ruling that closed a popular route in Canyonlands National Park...

Kimball ruled last June that the park had violated the National Park Service's Organic Act...

Hansen Mortuary advertisement with logo and text: 'Our Family Serving Yours'.

Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home & Twin Falls Cemetery advertisement.

WASHINGTON, AP — Voters want more federal funds made for water flood-bank insurance...

Environmentals cheer the idea, saying it would remove an incentive to log federal forests...

In a situation typical of several western areas, Forest Service land covers 80 percent of Skamania County...

The Forest Service wants the rest of the counties to be able to get the same arrangement...

New airport rules anger small-plane enthusiasts

A new, more restrictive lease and increased enforcement of a number of regulations under new rules...

Mike Madejovsky, a mechanical engineering professor at the University of Utah and owner of a rental agreement...

Agency grudgingly accepts funding for ski resort road

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — The Utah Transportation Commission accepted \$15 million from the federal government...

Community Memorial Service Help For The Holidays advertisement for Reynolds Funeral Chapel.

DEATH NOTICES

Earl W. Sack - TWENTY SEVEN - Earl Vernon Sack, Sr. in Burbank, Cal. and formerly in Twin Falls, died Tuesday, Dec. 11, 1998...

Eldon A. Turner - GOODING - Eldon Arthur Turner, 88, of Gooding, died Saturday, Dec. 12, 1998...

Nolan Jeffs - BURLY - Nolan Jeffs, 82, of Burley, died Friday, Dec. 11, 1998...

HOSPITALS

WALTON VALLEY REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER - Some names are omitted at patients' request.

MINDOKA MEMORIAL HOSPITAL - Some names are omitted at patients' request.

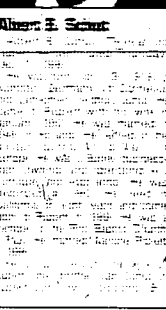
Margaret Thomas, Tamara Robinson, and Rozan Egan and baby boy, all of Rupert.

OBITUARIES



Sumner of American Falls and also Sumner of Honolulu, Hawaii, died in the street in the city...

Eden, our precious husband, dad and grandpa, went to be with the Lord on Friday morning, Dec. 11, 1998...



Albert is survived by his wife, Edna of Eden, one son, John Burton of Eden, two daughters, Laura McGinn of Tonasket, Wash. and Elizabeth Rovig of Palmer, Alaska...

Albert was a loving husband, father and a very special grandpa and great-grandpa...

Complete Funeral Packages advertisement with image of a funeral home building.

WHITE Mortuary & Crematory advertisement with logo and contact information.

Brothers keep family business legacy alive

By **Christina D. Rodriguez**
Times-Herald Correspondent

BURLEY — When Eldon Stokes and Sam Stokes Sr. opened their first store in Burley in 1968, the store was small.

The store was small, with shelves built out of cedar blocks and plywood. The store was stocked with tissue paper, and Sam Stokes to make it look full.

Eventually, the Stokes built a family-run chain, with stores in Preston, Nampa, Boise, Twin Falls and Pocatello. John Stokes Sr. was making plans to open new stores in Idaho Falls and Marsquite, Nev., when he and flight instructor Travis Tilly were killed during flight training Feb. 18, 1982, in Burley.

John Stokes Sr. left behind a wife, six children and a legacy business named after him. "The family" decided to sell their stores, except the Stokes Food Center store in Burley.

"I couldn't stand to part with something that John Sr. worked so hard on putting together. He wanted it to be part of his children's legacy," said store owner Dennis Brown of Salt Lake City, John Stokes Sr.'s widow.

John Stokes Jr., now 24, began working in the grocery store when he was 9 years old, and has worked there ever since.

He graduated from Brigham Young University in 1995 majoring in finance and accounting. With education and job experience, he and his brother, Steven Stokes, run the store.



John Stokes Jr., left, and Steven Stokes sit atop the shelves of the Burley grocery store named after the family.

as Albertson's and Smith's.

The big stores in the area have their own grocery warehouses, John Stokes Jr. said, but independent stores such as Stokes Food Center own part of Associated Foods.

"With over 900 private store owners in a co-operative warehouse, we have the buying power to purchase groceries at lower prices," John Stokes Jr. said.

Steven Stokes, now 26, said he began working with his father at age 11.

"I cleaned the parking lot, the back room, and I worked my way up to boxboy, produce and eventually became checker," he said.

Connie Paoli, an employee for eight years at Stokes Food Center, worked for John Stokes Sr. and now for John Stokes Jr. and Steven Stokes. The brothers

were thrown into the business, Paoli said, but they are heading in the right direction.

"The boys are doing a wonderful job," said Paoli, one of the Stokes's 55 employees. "They didn't have the experience their father had, but they're doing a great job in keeping the store together."

Roberta Stone began her career with Stokes in 1976 as a checker; she now coordinates store orders and prices. She remembers John Stokes Sr. as a hard worker who worked 18-hour days. John Stokes Jr. and Steven Stokes have also worked 18-hour days to make the store operate smoothly.

These days, they have time to take some days off during the week and work eight hours a day.

"They're learning and getting better all the time," she said. "They're really trying to make it work."

"It's been a transition. We're learning from the school of hard knocks," John Stokes Jr. said. "I wish my dad were here. He was on top of everything."

John Stokes Jr. and Steven Stokes want to expand their father's legacy by opening stores throughout Idaho.

"I want to leave part of my father's legacy to my son," Steven Stokes said. "That's what my father would have wanted."

Times-Herald correspondent Christina Rodriguez can be reached in Burley at 677-4042.

Regents may look at idea of merging 2 Utah colleges

SALT LAKE CITY, AP. — Some members of the state Board of Regents said Friday they are willing to consider a merger between St. George's Dixie College and Cedar City's Southern Utah University.

A campus would remain in each city, but one administration would oversee both institutions. The cities and schools are about 50 miles apart.

"It's an option that we ought to explore," regent David Jordaz said at the board's monthly meeting. "I don't know whether it's a good idea or a terrible idea. But we won't know until we do a detailed analysis."

But the regents may not have time. Rep. Bill Hickman, R-St. George, is drafting a bill that would sidestep the board and boost Dixie's mission from a two-year community college to a four-year institution.

The governor-appointed regents are charged with managing the state's nine public colleges and universities, and the 36-member board is preparing a detailed master plan for the entire system. Some regents are wary of addressing the future of Dixie as an issue separate from the rest of the system.

Chenoweth to hold hearings on road closures

IDAHO FALLS (AP) — U.S. Rep. Helen Chenoweth is bringing her forest subcommittee to eastern Idaho next year, this time regarding road closures in the Douglas National Forest.

Keith Rupp, Chenoweth's chief of staff, confirmed Friday the Forest and Forest Health Subcommittee will conduct at least one hearing in town. No date has been set.

The Forest Service proposes closing 284 miles of roads in the Douglas. About 465 miles would be eliminated to protect grizzly bear habitat, elk range and other

vent erosion. About 1,672 miles would be left open.

Several rallies have been held by opponents to the closures, saying they cut off access to the forest for hunters, snowmobilers and other recreationists.

Proponents of the closures accuse Chenoweth of burning in before a public hearing process is

completed, and of intimidating Forest Service officials.

The Blue-Ribbon Coalition, promoting motorized vehicles, and Citizens for a User Friendly Forest sued. Last week, they got a judge to order the Forest Service to modify some of the barriers and put up warning signs for snowmobilers.

Targh Forest Supervisor Jerry Reese said he has no objection to Chenoweth's hearings.

"We're certainly open to discussing anything we've done with the congressman if that's what she chooses to do," he said.



Helen Chenoweth

Livestock

Chisholm from Ft. that even prescribe," Bait said in a Nov. 2 letter to Chisholm.

Chisholm disagreed, saying what he is asking is not "unreasonable, but rather prudent and well within the reasonable expectations of the citizens of the state of Idaho that the public interest be served."

Through state law, however, grants the governor the power to issue executive orders, nothing in this law grants the governor the authority to issue a moratorium, the governor's office said.

"The problems need to be addressed at some point in the future, the manner in which is up to the Legislature and the new governor," Bait said through his

spokesman Edward Lodge. State land-use rules include oversight by federal agencies, Bait wrote to Chisholm.

But Chisholm complained that state officials say it's a county problem, and county officials say it's a state issue. But state laws written before the advent of large livestock operations limit counties' control over agricultural activities on agricultural lands, he said.

The Federal Environmental Protection Agency regulates facilities that discharge waste from a single point. And the agency can fine a livestock operation that discharges waste from the owner's property.

The state Department of

Agriculture regulates dairies and can suspend a dairy's permit to sell milk if it doesn't comply with waste regulations.

But the state has no rules governing land application of animal waste. The state Division of Environmental Quality can respond only if waste runs off an operation other than a dairy into a stream.

State law requires DEQ to approve waste-management systems that must conform in style and quality to regularly accepted engineering standards. And the law specifically exempts livestock operations from a provision that may require some plans to be certified by registered professional engineers.

Train

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Bruce Beck, who owns a farm in Burley, says he doesn't mind the studying and the hours of training.

"It's our job to see if changes need to be made in terms of zoning, planning and development," said Beck, who also manages a bean warehouse in Burley.

Beck, like others on the commission, were approached by county commissioners in October to help serve on the new board.

Each member has knowledge about land issues, either by owning a farm or being involved in

some way, Hurst said.

The commission has met only twice so far, but will meet several more times before the start of the new year.

For now, Ward said, life is easier for commission members. "I'll really do some intensive studying after the first of January," she said. "We've got some work cut out for ourselves."

But despite the seemingly end-

less rules and restrictions, Ward said she's happy to put in the hours studying the material — hoping to better the community and the county as a whole.

"It's important to try and help people survive," said Ward, who said her role on the board stems from her empathy towards fellow ranchers and farmers who want to expand their property or farm new land.

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She left the Christmas pageant to the other teacher, Mrs. Druckmeyer. Mrs. Druckmeyer never complained; the next year, she even sang a solo.

Mrs. D. asked my mother to be her accompanist. Mom said no, and ever after, she listed to pop

music during the holidays.

Until, of course, Brenda Lee's "Rockin' Around the Christmas Tree" made the Hit Parade.

Times-Herald features editor Steve Crump reminds you that had God intended for Christians to sing carols, he would have made us talented.

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FOR THE RECORD

The Times News

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Drunken-driving sentencings

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Tribes unite to oppose English-only bill

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Leaders from Utah's eight American Indian tribes agreed Friday to oppose legislation that would make English the state's official language and restrict the use of other languages in state government.

"Utah is our native language," said Roland McCook, a member of the Ute Indian tribe's governing business committee. "It's obvious that English is the dominant language, but to say our language cannot be recognized is ludicrous."

At a meeting organized by the Utah Division of Indian Affairs, tribal leaders voted unanimously to oppose the measure as an "attack on traditional languages, culture and traditions."

The bill, sponsored by Rep.

Tammy Rowan, R-Orem, would prohibit state agencies from conducting government business or printing information in any language except English.

The bill makes exceptions for foreign-language and English as a Second Language classes in public schools, foreign-language books in libraries, court interpreters, law-enforcement and emergency personnel who work with non-English-speaking communities, and tourism and economic-development programs.

The bill has been killed in committee in the past two sessions of the Legislature. Rowan launched a successful petition drive to guarantee that the issue will be voted upon during next year's Legislature.

Rowan said American Indian

tribes should not be concerned about her bill.

"Utah currently does not offer any services in Native American languages," Rowan said. "So my bill won't even affect them."

But the tribes are not alone in their criticism. Leaders from nearly every ethnic minority community in the state have opposed the legislation as divisive and potentially harmful to their communities.

Instead of "English-only," the city councils in Ogden and Salt Lake City have adopted "English-plus" resolutions that recognize English as the nation's common language, but encourage residents to learn second and third languages. The resolutions also oppose Rowan's legislation.

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Theodore Leah Salazar, 42, 312 Third Ave. W., Twin Falls, possession of a controlled substance with intent to deliver, misdemeanor and/or misdemeanor, pleaded guilty, four to eight years in probation; Judge Roger Burdick.

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Felony dismissals

John Garcia, 41, 2948 N. Hill St., Coeur d'Alene, possession of a controlled substance, nonprobationary, dismissed by prosecutor, Magistrate Judge Roger Burdick.

Christina Lee Lamm, 41, 2222 Kimberly Street, Twin Falls, third in receiving/possessing stolen property, dismissed by prosecutor, District Judge Roger Burdick.

Theresa Lee Lamm, 41, 2222 Kimberly Street,

Tina Fals, cover 1, manufacturing a controlled substance while a child in present, and cover 2, failure to allow car usage, dismissed by prosecutor, District Judge Daniel Mead.

Juvenile arraignment

Barth A. Moore, 14, 915 Addison Ave. W., Twin Falls, permit that public defender appointed, continued arraignment hearing Friday, in custody of juvenile detention center.

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The Times-Herald

Jerome County

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

Arraignments

Richard James Abbott, 29, 224 Madison Blvd., Harlow, burglary; jury trial pending; change-of-bond hearing; District Judge R. Barry Wood.

Joe Marie Arriaga Jr., 30, 730 14th St., No. 11, Harlow, driving under the influence; jury trial vacated; motion to suppress hearing; District Judge R. Barry Wood.

Alan Clayton, 38, 214 W. 200 N., Jerome, level contact with child under 16 (two counts), \$410 bond; preliminary conference Jan. 25, jury trial Feb. 10, count 1 (felony); dismissed, count 2 (felony); status hearing; District Judge R. Barry Wood.

Arvey Lawrence Cropp, 37, 148th, Twin Falls, motion to revoke probation for possession of controlled substance, only granting with trial set; District Judge R. Barry Wood.

Gregory Dale Dett, 33, 2125 Ashy Circle, Twin Falls, motion to revoke probation on violation of conditions; admitted violation; plea hearing; District Judge R. Barry Wood.

Kathy R. Durgan, 22, 607 N. Fillmore, Jerome, motion to revoke probation on felony conviction; admitted violation; disposition hearing; District Judge R. Barry Wood.

Armando Flores, 46, 713 E. 200, Jerome, possession Jan. 11, frequenting public building; substance is used; defendant to attend alcohol school and pay \$50 bond; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Burrows.

John Van Gordon Clark, 15, 218 E. 300 S., Jerome, aggravated assault; \$7,500 bond; preliminary conference Jan. 25, jury trial Feb. 3, District Judge R. Barry Wood.

Abel Gonzalez, 42, P.O. Box 488, Wendell, felony battery; \$10,000 bond; jury trial vacated; change-of-bond hearing set; District Judge R. Barry Wood.

Vergil James Heck, 24, 312 Van Buren St., Twin Falls, burglary; admitted public-harassment; Magistrate Judge R. Barry Wood.

Raymond Ray Jones, 44, 10720 Idaho Highway 20, Burley, judgment, preliminary conference Mar. 25, District Judge R. Barry Wood.

Terry J. Kingston, 41, 1829 Ninth Ave. E., Twin Falls, motion to revoke probation on aggressive assault; only granting with hearing; Magistrate Judge R. Barry Wood.

Timothy Jay Kite, 20, 117 East Drive, Twin Falls, motion to revoke probation on felony; only granting with hearing; District Judge R. Barry Wood.

Rocky Alfredo Martinez, 36, 208 Boise Ave. W., No. 5, Burley, defendant controlled substance; possession of controlled substance; pleaded guilty; District Judge R. Barry Wood.

Melvin Arthur McCabe, 41, P.O. Box 306, Twin Falls, grand theft; burglary; order returned to magistrate division; preliminary hearing; District Judge R. Barry Wood.

Ryan Leroy McFadden, 31, 318 E. 530 S., Jerome, grand theft; continued arraignment; Magistrate Judge R. Barry Wood.

Luis Narro Nava, 24, 318 E. Fourth Ave., Jerome, aggravated assault; \$1,000 bond; preliminary conference Jan. 25, jury trial Feb. 10, District Judge R. Barry Wood.

Julio Ramirez, 15, 515 W. Ave. F, Jerome, possession of controlled substance; perjury; controlled substance is used; defendant to attend alcohol class and pay \$50 bond; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Burrows.

Debra Gaylyn Riddle, 35, 18049 U.S. Highway 20, Snows 43, Harlow, grand theft; possession of a forged check; \$1,000 bond; District Judge R. Barry Wood.

Ismael Robles-Zamora, 18, 419 Fourth Ave. E., Jerome, public intoxication; preliminary conference Jan. 11, frequenting place where controlled substance is used; defendant to attend alcohol school and pay \$50 bond; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Burrows.

Edward Paul Simpson, 26, 561 Addison Ave., Twin Falls, theft by receipt; possession of stolen property; preliminary hearing; District Judge R. Barry Wood.

Robert M. Scott, 42, 1520 Co. Road, Ames, Neth, theft by unauthorized access; perjury; only conference Dec. 28, jury trial Jan. 13, District Judge R. Barry Wood.

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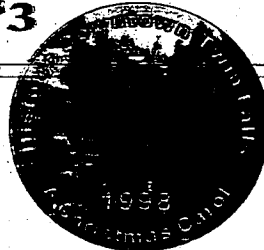
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Section C

Sunday, December 13, 1998

The Times-News

What would Paul Brown say about the 'Dirty Bird'?

The great Paul Brown, legendary football coach of the Cleveland Browns and Cincinnati Bengals, once said he expected a player who scored a touchdown to act like he's been in the end zone before.

Boy, what would Mr. Brown think about what goes on today when the pros reach practice?

Each year brings a new variation to the traditional touchdown jiggle. This year's new dance is the Dirty Bird - the ersatz chicken dance introduced by Falcons running back Jamal Anderson.

The Dirty Bird and all its arm flapping is hands-down ugly, but it scores big points originally. It also reminds me of the Elvis of all touchdown dancers - Billy "White Shoes" Johnson.

Johnson shined in the modern era of the scoring celebration with his knee-slapping dance in the mid '70s. The former Oilers and Falcons is among the NFL's all-time leading return men, but he's most famous for what he did after he scored.



ABOUT THE GAME
 Francis Davis

What sports fan over 30 can forget the image of the sprightly legged Johnson taking a kick or punt and weaving his way through a bevy of defenders to reach the end zone?

And once there, the real show would start.

Johnson would rise up on his toes, his white shoes gleaming, and with one hand holding the ball high, he would begin to wobble like a mis-placed flapper.

Johnson's dance was perfect for its time, inspired as it was from the disco era of the '70s. Others, like Anderson, have tried to top it, but for my money, Johnson's act will always be No. 1

Memorable celebrations

Here are some other memorable end zone celebrations - their good points and their bad:

- Forty-cincher Merton Hanks' head-bobbing dance scores points for originality, but loses just as many because it's so damn scary.
- Marten's trademark Ken Norton Jr. gives his ex-husband father a nice tribute every time he reaches the end zone by using the goal post as a punching bag, but the linebacker rarely reaches payday.
- Denver's Terrell Davis' "Mile-High Salutes" gets a 10 for efficiency and respectability, but it's a tad boring and even Davis seems weary of it by now.
- Green Bay's Lambert Leap is great for the fans, but isn't it just a matter of time before a happy Packers jumps into the stands and it is never heard from again?
- Going back a ways, Washington's Fun Busch and Denver's Three Amigos would have to rank up there for inspiring team unity, but each were fans that faded too quickly.

Cris Carter: Properly humble

The end zone gemification is properly humble and has worked well for all-time Vike TD leader Cris Carter, but it always seems a bit out of place in the violent world of football.

The dunk over the goal post, employed by former 6-foot-3 Eagle David Carmichael, scores well for athletes, but loses it because it smacks of basketball.

Deshaun Foster's infamous toe-dragging entry into the end zone during the Super Bowl was full of bravado, but loses out for bad sportsmanship.

Finally, the cliche-but-goodie spike is really the least. Jerome Bettis does it every now and then, but a particularly satisfying version into play dirt, but dancing is definitely the vogue these days.

And though all the end zone antics probably has Brown rolling over in his grave, he might just be worried about the current state of NFL officiating to take notice.

But that's another story.

Times-News sports editor Francis Davis can be reached at 733-9321, Ext. 233.

Ricky Williams wins Heisman by 4th largest margin in history

The Associated Press

NEW YORK - Ricky Williams ran away with it all - the rushing records, the recognition and finally, overwhelming, the Heisman Trophy on Saturday night.

Williams, who broke Tony Dorsett's career rushing record in grand style and set dozens more records along the way, was a landslide winner over Kansas State's quarterback Michael Bishop, winning by 1,563 points - the fourth-largest margin in Heisman history.

The 6-foot, 225-pound San Diego, Calif., freshman, pierced throat and Mickey Mouse tattoo, ran for 2,124 yards and 27 touchdowns in one of the most sensational seasons in college football history.

Not only did Williams win nearly every other individual award - the AP College Player

Widest margins for Heisman trophy

- 1988 - 1780, O.J. Simpson, USC, over Larry Rife, Purdue, 2853-1173
- 1981 - 1522, Charlie West, Florida State, over Heath Shuler, Tennessee, 2310-888
- 1984 - 1574, Desmond Howard, Michigan over Casey Weston, Florida State, 2077-503
- 1998 - 1563, Ricky Williams, Texas, over Michael Bishop, Kansas State, 2285-722
- 1986 - 1541, Vinny Testaverde, Miami, over Paul Palmer, Temple, 2213-672

of the Year and Walter Camp, Maxwell and Doak Walker awards - he also carried the

Longhorns to an 8-3 record and a berth in the Cotton Bowl.

Williams set or tied 16 NCAA and 44 schools records, including career marks for yards (6,379), scoring (452 points), touchdowns (73) and all-purpose yards (7,206).

Williams collected 714 first-place votes and 2,355 points from the 928 Heisman voters in winning college football's most prestigious prize. Bishop had 41 first-place votes and 792 points.

UCLA quarterback Cade McElown was third with 696 points, Kentucky's Tim Couch was fourth with 527 points and Syracuse quarterback Donovan McNabb fifth with 232 points.

The largest margin of victory in the Heisman was in 1968, when Southern California's O.J. Simpson beat Purdue's Leroy Keyes by 1,750 points.

The closest vote was in 1985, when Auburn's Bo Jackson



Heisman trophy winner Ricky Williams poses Saturday next to a portrait of recently deceased Doak Walker, the 1948 Heisman trophy winner. Williams dedicated the season to Walker.

edged Iowa's Chuck Long by 45 points.

In 1993, Florida State's Charlie Ward won the Heisman by 1,624 points over Tennessee's Heath Shuler; and in 1991, Michigan's Desmond

Howard won by 1,574 points over Florida State's Casey Weston.

Central Florida quarterback Dante Culpepper was sixth, followed by Georgia's all-purpose See HEISMAN, Page C2

Jerome girls ignite offense in 4th to stop Minico 55-51

By Jeff Rosen
 Times-News writer

JEROME - Calm as the high debut at sunrise, Jerome junior Becky Thibault shook off a trio of Minico defenders, set with two good looks to the basket and nailed back-to-back 3-pointers in the final period Saturday night to lead the Tigers past the Spartans, 55-51.

Jerome (7-3) and Minico played to a halftime tie, 26-26, before Minico embarked on a 12-7 tear through the third quarter.

The Spartans pressed relentlessly, forcing 15 Jerome turnovers entering the final eight minutes. Senior Tigers post Melissa Green scored four of her five points to launch the fourth quarter, however, and after junior forward Nikki Martens made one of two free-throw attempts to pull Jerome within two points, Thibault went wild.

She nailed one from downtown, swatted away and stole the Spartans' subsequent inbound pass, then set and knocked down another.

Fueled on the following play, she hit one from the line to complete a 7-0 Jerome run - all of her making - on the way to a 14-point night, with 11 in the fourth period alone.

"I think I only tried one or two (3-point shots) the whole first half," she said. "But I didn't want to lose."

Thibault's final two free throws put the Tigers ahead 49-46 with two minutes remaining, but Minico positioned itself for a final chance to win the game.

After two buckets by high-scorer Martens, who finished with 19 points, leading Spartan scorer Shalet Crystal nailed two free throws of her own to pull the visitors to 51-48.

Sophomore Tiger Dusty Schavenski was twice fouled, but hit one of two tries this time.

Spartan sophomore guard Ashley Jolley brought the ball down court with a half-minute left, passed off and took the ball back just beyond the arc, and drained an improbable but true-of-balance 3-pointer.

Martens cut the Minico rally cold, though, with two strikes from the line to complete Jerome's win.

Jolley finished with nine points and eight boards - tied for the high-rebounding total for the night with Jerome's Camille Brittain - and the Spartans' feisty defense with two steals to complement



Jerome's Cynthia Bell is pinned between a pair of Minico defenders as she bails down a rebound. Spartan Lisa Patterson, right, was called for a foul on the play.

Crystal's three. Senior Jennifer Child added five points and three boards before fouling out.

Minico's defense kept it in a contest in which the opposing team was deadly from the line. Jerome made 25-of-37 tries.

Three practices leading up to a game this week - a first for the Spartans this heavily-scheduled end of the season - aided Minico's game greatly.

"That's the story right there - they shot 37 free throws and we lose, by just four points,"

Minico coach Jodie Mills said. "But I'm happy with the way the young kids performed. They did what was expected of them."

Minico (1-3) enjoys nearly a week off before jumping back into the fray. The Spartans play Bonnevile Friday, Blackfoot Saturday, and Skyline Monday - all at home - before hitting the road Tuesday to play at Hillcrest.

"In my opinion," said Jerome

coach Michelle Skyles, "Minico played its best game of the season tonight. We wanted to win, but I'm happy with the way the young kids performed. They did what was expected of them."

The Tigers, meanwhile, set action Thursday at Twin Falls - early. The varsity game should start around 5:30 p.m. instead of 7:30 p.m.

Jerome 55, Minico 51

Score
 Time
 Fouls
 Rebounds
 Points
 Free Throws
 Three Pointers
 Shooting %
 Passing %
 Steals
 Blocks
 Turnovers
 Total Points

Cody Ohl wins 2nd straight world calf roping title

The Times-News

LAS VEGAS - Cody Ohl didn't place in Sunday's \$4.2 million National Finals Rodeo, but still clinched his second straight world championship in calf roping.

Ohl, of Stephenville, Texas, had a 10.7 second run, but because second-place Fred Whitfield didn't win the round, Ohl could not be caught. He has \$169,295 in season earnings entering Sunday's final round.

and is also first in the NFR average (worth \$32,512).

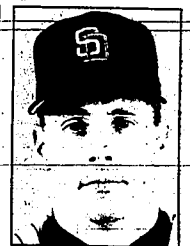
"Last year was a great year, but this year knocked it right off the map," Ohl said.

Ohl won the calf roping coming into the NFR and won the first three go-rounds. He also

won the seventh go-round and finished second in another.

"I'm riding a good horse, and that's been the main difference," Ohl said. "When you know you've got good calves, it's not that hard to place."

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Kevin Brown Signs for \$108 million

\$100 million man

Dodgers make Brown 1st player to break barrier

The Associated Press

NASHVILLE, Tenn. - Thanks to Kevin Brown and the Los Angeles Dodgers, baseball set a new magic number - \$105 million - when it sparked an immediate firestorm.

Brown became the first baseball player to break the \$100 million barrier, agreeing Saturday to a seven-year contract with the Dodgers. The contract is full of other perks, plenty to lure the free-agent pitcher.

"We feel like we logically evaluated the marketplace," Dodgers general manager Kevin Malone said. "I understand we will be criticized. It didn't even take 10 minutes."

"This is an affront to baseball," Sandy Alderson, one of baseball's executive vice presidents, said after attending an announcement. "This just accentuates the problems we've been talking about, the supplement between small-market and large-market teams."

The deal means teams now have spent more than \$1 billion on this year's free-agent class since the World Series record spending spree. Six of the richest clubs - Anaheim, Arizona, Baltimore, Los Angeles and the New York Yankees and Mets - have shelled out \$716 million for just 25 players.

Brown's signing overshadowed everything else at the winter meetings, including trade rumors about Roger Clemens and a discussion by team doctors and trainers about anterodromedone, the supplement used by Mark McGwire (See story, Page C6).

There was, however, this interesting development: control over umpires, held by the

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SPORTS

Talks break off after one half hour

NEW YORK (AP) — Lasting less than 30 minutes, NBA labor talks ended abruptly Saturday.

It was a sign that the 1998-99 season could be in more serious jeopardy than ever as the sides fight over the terms of a new collective bargaining agreement.

Commissioner David Stern, deputy commissioner Russ Granik and their lawyers ended four days from the union's law office after the meeting, which was one of the shortest in length since the lockout began 5 1/2 months ago.

"We're getting nowhere," Granik said. "The commission thought that basically nothing was hanging at all."

The breakup came after the union told the league where it was willing to make some movement, a union attorney said. But the offer was not good enough to keep the sides at the negotiating table.

No new talks are scheduled. "The reality is that the issues that we raised were extremely significant and pertinent, but they continue to be intransigent," union director Billy Hunter said.

NBA lockout Day 165

- A brief look at the NBA lockout through Saturday.
Total days of season missed: 39.
Games lost Saturday: 11.
Total games missed: 252.
Earliest estimated start date: Jan. 15.
Negotiations broke off after a 45-minute meeting Saturday at New York.
Projected playoff seeding: Phoenix, 5-20; Chicago, 11-31.
Today's best canceled game: Phoenix at Detroit, 5 p.m. MST. With only two games on the schedule, this one gets the nod of suspension over Grizzlies-Knicks.

It was the second meeting between the sides in three days, and the site was meant to be a secret. Stern, Granik and their attorneys were among the attendees for the league, while the union was represented by Hunter, Patrick Ewing, Herb Williams and at least two lawyers.

All were surprised to see a handful of reporters awaiting their arrival and the same media members were represented by Hunter, Patrick Ewing, Herb Williams and at least two lawyers.

"If it was worth it, we would have stayed," Stern said. "We have to go back and report to ownership that we're quite far apart."

"We explored where we can go, they felt that it wasn't enough and the meeting ended," Ewing said. "I think that there will be a season. It's my best interest to allow the season up. The repercussions of them doing that would be severe."

Union officials would not say where they were willing to make movement, but it was believed they were prepared to grant further concessions on limiting the amount of money the highest-paid players could make.



NBA Commissioner David Stern speaks to the media before heading into a second negotiating session with Billy Hunter of the players' union Saturday in New York.

Heisman

cast star, Champ Bailey, North Carolina State wide receiver Terry Edman, Ohio State quarterback Joe Germaine and Tulane quarterback Shaun King.

In receiving the highest percentage of first-place ballots in Heisman history, Williams easily won all six voting regions. Three points are awarded for a first-place vote, two for second and one for third.

Williams' Heisman-defining moment occurred against Texas' biggest rival—Texas A&M—in the final regular-season game. Scouting 11 yards to top Dorsett's record late in the first quarter, Williams was looking to break a big one.

He left a tackler at the line of scrimmage, shed another a few yards later and roared down the field to score a 64-yard touchdown. Williams stood and screamed in delight. Near the goal line, cornerback Jason Webster caught him, but Williams dragged him the final yards to complete a record-smashing 60-yard touchdown run.

On the sidelines, Dorsett, Earl Campbell and even A&M's own John David Crow — Heisman winners all — cheered along with everyone else. They knew the run would be worth a lifetime of memories.

"I was exhausted," said Williams, who ended up with 259 yards in the 25-24 upset of the Aggies. "I came to the sideline and I couldn't breathe and I was trying to say help, but I couldn't get anything out."

Williams, fifth in last year's balloting but upset by water errors inverted to the ceremony, nearly passed on returning to Austin. Just when it looked like he would leave for the riches of the NFL, though, he changed his mind, saying he was coming back to win games, have fun and break some records.

Williams, who has a twin sister, Snow, and another sister, Cassie, who are both students at Texas, earned the season needing 1,928 yards to break Dorsett's 22-year-old record.

Edman seemed impressive. The Longhorns, with a new coach in Mack Brown, had one of the nation's worst defenses in giving up 4.7 last season and had just experienced an quarterback.

Roping

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Johnny Emmons of Grandview, Texas, was first Saturday with an 8.5 second run. Herbert Theriot of Poplarville, Miss., was second at 8.9 seconds and Joe Beaver of Huntsville, Texas, was third in 9 seconds.

Theriot's second leg him alive in the all-around race behind first-place Ty Murray of Stephenville, Texas. Going into Sunday's final round, Theriot is \$36,504 behind Murray, but has the potential of winning \$72,432 on the final day between calf roping and steer wrestling grounds and NFR average prizes.

"I'd like to lose (Murray)," Theriot said. "But I think Ty's a great competitor. When I first came out here, I thought 'No way. There's no way Ty would have this bad a final.'"

Murray has yet to win a go-round in either bull riding or saddle bronc riding. He has won \$43,742 through nine go-rounds.

In bull riding, Mike White of Lake Charles, La., had an 87 to win the round. Brian Herman of Victoria, Texas, was second with an 85 and Murray was third with an 83.

In bareback riding, Eric Mouton of Weatherford, Okla., won the round with an 83. Percy Hawkins of Weatherford, Texas, was second at 81 and Eric Schmidt of Belle Fourche, S.D., and Eric Swensen of Bonham, Texas, tied for third at 79.

Rod Warren of Canada won the saddle bronc go-round with an 81 score. Rod-Hay of Canada was second at 80 and Craig Latham of Texhoma, Texas, and Canadian Glen O'Neill tied for

third with 79s.

Serve Dabon of Sonora, Texas, won the steer wrestling with a 3.7 second run. Tommy Cook of Hockley, Texas, and Brad Gleason of Troup, Wash., tied for second at 3.8 seconds.

Friday's results:
Steer Wrestling: 1. Tom Cook, 3.7; 2. Brad Gleason, 3.8; 3. Tom Cook, 3.8.
Saddle Bronc: 1. Rod Warren, 81; 2. Rod-Hay, 80; 3. Glen O'Neill, 80.
Bull Riding: 1. Mike White, 87; 2. Brian Herman, 85; 3. Ty Murray, 83.
Bareback Riding: 1. Eric Mouton, 83; 2. Percy Hawkins, 81; 3. Eric Schmidt, 79; Eric Swensen, 79.
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Million

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AL and NL for a century, will soon be transferred to Alderson at the commission's offices, a high-ranking source told The Associated Press.

Umpires came under heavy criticism during the postseason.

That, plus the different umpiring styles in the leagues, prompted baseball to seek greater control. The move is set to be finalized when owners meet in mid-January.

In other player moves, the Cincinnati Reds signed infielder

Mark Lewis to a one-year deal and former NL MVP Terry Pendleton retired at age 38.

Brown's deal, facilitated by money from Rupert Murdoch's broadcasting empire, set up a great opening day matchup next April 5 at Dodger Stadium -

Brown signed to a \$52.4 million deal by the Arizona Diamondbacks to president.

As part of the deal, the Dodgers will give Brown the use of a private plane 12 times per season to commute to Los

Angeles from his family home in Macon, Ga. — in fact, the deal goes so far to specify how long the coast-to-coast trip must take.

He also gets a no-trade clause, plus a hotel suite for road games.

SCORES AND STATS

IN THE BLEACHERS By Steve Moore



"Out" whining, David. Of course he squirted you with a smelly discharge. He's a stinkbug. It's his only means of defense."

Table with columns: Team, W, L, Pct., Home, Road, Streak. Lists various MLB teams and their records.

HOCKEY NHL Standings table with columns: Team, W, L, T, Pts., GF, GA, Streak. Lists NHL teams and their records.

ON THE AIR TELEVISION

Table listing TV broadcasts for Pro football, NFL, NBA, and Pro football, Jets at Dolphins.

MONDAY'S LOCAL SCHEDULE GIRLS' HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL

Table listing Monday's local schedule for Girls' High School Basketball, including games like Cary at Oakley and TPCA at Hansen.

HIGH SCHOOL WRESTLING

Two Falls at Mountain Home

Table listing wrestling scores and statistics for various teams.

BASKETBALL Men's college basketball scores

Table listing men's college basketball scores and statistics for various teams.

WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL Scores

Table listing women's college basketball scores and statistics for various teams.

SOFTBALL

Table listing softball scores and statistics for various teams.

GOLF

Presidents Cup

Table listing golf scores and statistics for the Presidents Cup.

TRANSACTIONS

Table listing sports transactions, including player movements and trades.

FOOTBALL National Football League

Table listing NFL scores and statistics for various teams.

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

Table listing national conference scores and statistics for various teams.

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Table listing softball scores and statistics for various teams.

SKIING

Table listing skiing scores and statistics for various teams.

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SPORTS

Crazed Broncos fans ride blue-and-orange bandwagon Team receives star treatment on path to history

AP/WIDE WORLD PHOTOS - The throngs of blue-and-orange are showing their devotion to the Denver Broncos...



Denver Broncos fan Tim Martinez grasps a sign as he joins thousands of other Broncos supporters Jan. 26 in greeting the defending Super Bowl champion in Denver's Mile High Stadium.

and showed him aside as he guided the quarterback through the mud.

"It was crazy," fullback Howard Griffith said. "It was nuts. Really nuts. But it's something you want. Let's be honest. When you're young, you want people pulling on you and trying to get a hold of you. It's like you're sharing what you're doing."

And the attention will only intensify as the season winds down, especially if Denver stays unbeaten and becomes the first perfect team since the 1972 Miami Dolphins. Nonetheless, the Broncos haven't increased their security.

Members of the '72 Dolphins already are planning news conferences and photo opportunities in the week leading up to the Broncos' game at Miami on Dec. 21.

The old-timers also plan to roam the Miami sideline during the game in hopes of intimidating Elway and distracting running back Terrell Davis. It will be a far

One more for the record

With a victory today against the New York Giants, the undefeated Denver Broncos will become the first team in NFL history to win 19 games in a row.

- Longest NFL winning streaks (including regular-season and playoffs)
18 Denver Broncos, 1997-98
18 San Francisco 49ers, 1969-80
18 Miami Dolphins, 1972-73
18 Chicago Bears, 1941-42
18 Chicago Bears, 1933-34

Source: Elias Sports Bureau



AP/WIDE WORLD PHOTOS - Elway

different atmosphere from what the Broncos have seen on the road so far.

"There's a few new people in every team, and everybody seems to know everybody's name," defensive end Harold Haselbach said. "It's pretty impressive when you come to a hotel and you get that kind of reaction."

"When our team was being introduced (in San Diego), the cheering was every bit as loud as when San Diego's players were introduced. That shows what the power of winning can do."

Haselbach, who won the Canadian Football League's Grey Cup while with the Calgary Stampeders in 1992, said the Broncos bandwagon started rolling Jan. 25 after Denver's win over Green Bay in the Super Bowl.

A Canadian radio station woke him with an early morning call the next day, putting him live on the radio and on the spot. The phone calls and interview requests have not slowed since.

"After games, it seems like we have a media person for each player," running back Derek Loville said. "We'll have like 56 people in the locker room, and it gets pretty hectic in there when you're trying to get in and out of the shower."

The ranked truth is the Broncos are the only top sports stories of 1998, threatening to rival the passion that accompanied baseball's historic home-run derby between Mark McGwire and Sammy Sosa.

"Hey, we're undefeated. People notice," linebacker Keith Burns said. "Everybody wants to see Sammy and Mark, and everybody wants to see the Broncos."

Lost in the frenzy is the fact that Elway is expected to retire after this season, and who would name him if the Broncos cap a 19-0 season with their second straight Super Bowl title, in Miami on Jan. 31.

With Elway, the Farewell to Elway's Arise Tour has several Sundays remaining.

The Meadowlands hosts game before 'The Game'

Denver faces Giant test before the real work begins in Miami

The Associated Press - The 99 percent of the nation's football fans, the New York Giants, are set to play the Denver Broncos before the Meadowlands next week in Miami.

The return of instant replay?

If instant replay returns under the current proposal, coaches would be allowed to challenge an official's call on the field. A referee's discretion could be used in the last two minutes if a coach is out of challenges or timeouts.

Table with 5 columns: Year, Games, Challenges, Reversals, %

Source: National Football League, ESPN

were all hurt by the bad call that gave the Jets their win over Seattle last week and Buffalo was robbed by the zebras in New England the previous week.

The Dolphins-Jets game is the big one, probably bigger than Miami. The Dolphins lost the first meeting 20-9 at the Meadowlands and finish with the Broncos and Falcons, a combined 2-2.

On the other hand, here's Jimmy Johnson sounding like Casey Stengel. "They all count one. As we've seen in past years, some of the ones that we didn't think were that significant counted one, and unfortunately they counted one against us. So you need to win as many games as you can win."

The same, of course, goes for Buffalo, New England and Oakland.

- Atlanta (11-2) at New Orleans (6-7) Pittsburgh (7-6) at Tampa Bay (6-7) Arizona (6-7) at Philadelphia (3-10) Detroit (5-8) at San Francisco (10-3) (Monday night) Here's the difference between the AFC and NFC. If the playoffs started this week the Steelers, who have lost three of four because their offense has deserted them, would be out at the AFC. At 7-6, they're in a three-way tie with the Raiders and Oilers for the seventh spot and probably have to win their final three to make it. But in the NFC, the Cards, in a

'The Game'

starters for the playoffs. Chicago (3-10) at Green Bay (8-5)

The realists: Packers are Dorsey Levens and Derrick Mayer, who have missed a combined 16 weeks with leg injuries. But they play the Bears in two of their last three games, and need to win only one to clinch a playoff berth.

Minnesota (12-1) at Baltimore (8-5) The Vikings haven't clinched home field in the NFC. They have a seven-game advantage over the Falcons, but can also have a break and can clinch home field if they win and Atlanta loses.

Green their injuries, that's a plus. Jake Reed is out until at least the playoffs and Robert Smith at least until next week. Kris Carter may miss this game, too, but Randy Moss proved last week he's still dangerous without the team's other offensive weapons.

Dallas (8-5) at Kansas City (5-8) Despite their dismal loss in New Orleans last week, the Cowboys can clinch the NFC East with a win here.

The Chiefs can't clinch anything, but are playing better - two weeks ago they broke a six-game losing streak and last week gave Denver's its closest game of the season.

Cincinnati (2-11) at Indianapolis (2-11) Washington (4-9) at Carolina (2-11) San Diego (5-8) at Seattle (6-7)

The second most notable thing to happen with these teams recently was Cincinnati's release of Lee Johnson. So punter for Cincinnati's last game, he was out of the team before he was out.

The most notable, of course, was Seattle's loss to the Jets when head coach Earl Frazier mistook Vince Testaverde's helmet over the goal line for the football, while Frazier felt behind it.

Other notes: The Redskins are 4-2 after starting 0-7. A couple of wins early and they'd be in the wild-card race.

June Jones, San Diego's interim coach, took the head coaching vacancy at the University of Hawaii, which was 0-12 this season.



Western Illinois' Aaron Stecker (27) rushes downhill against Georgia Southern Saturday during the Division I-AA semifinals in Statesboro, Ga. Georgia Southern won the championship 42-14.

Tiny colleges with mighty hearts take home championships

SALEM, Va. (AP) - Ho hum, Mount Union did it again. These straight Division III national titles, four in six years, 42 victories in a row.

Gary Smeek passed for 307 yards and three touchdowns and Adam Marino caught seven passes for 131 yards as Mount Union defeated Rowan 42-14.

But the Purple Raiders were down by eight late in the third quarter and felt the streak might come to an end.

"We were down 24-16 and showed poise and composure," said Purple Raiders coach Larry Kehres. "It was a particularly strong trait of this team, and that's why they are national champions. The more close games you play, the more it will mean to the players."

Mount Union (14-0) has the longest active winning streak and is five games shy of the NCAA record set by Oklahoma in the 1950s.

While Mount Union tied Augustana's record with its fourth Straight Bowl victory, Rowan (10-3) has lost four straight games - including earlier losses to Mount Union in 1993 and 1996.

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NW Missouri completes journey to Div. II title FLORENCE, Ala. - Chris Greisen, a senior who redshirted his freshman year during a 0-11 season senior, threw two touchdown passes Saturday to lead Div. II Northwest Missouri State to a 24-6 win over Carson Newman and give the Bears their first national title in any sport.

Georgia Southern jumped into a 14-0 lead before the game was six minutes old, surpassing the average allowed by Western Illinois (11-3) during the regular season.

Windy City mayor says Raiders can blow into town

CHICAGO (AP) - Mayor Richard Daley says he has "great interest" in bringing the Oakland Raiders to Chicago, a move that would give the city a second NFL team.

"I'd love to have them," Daley said. "New York supports two teams. I think we can."

It wouldn't be the first time Chicago had two professional football teams. The Cardinals left Chicago for St. Louis in 1960 and then moved to Phoenix in 1988.

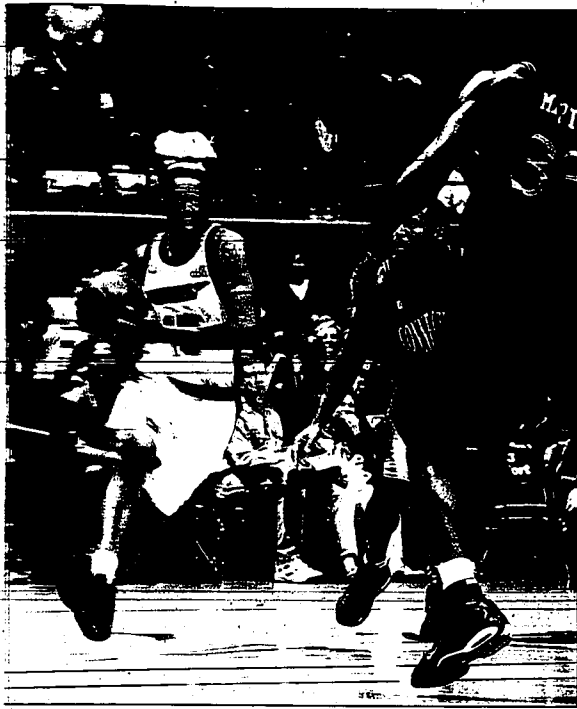
A spokesman for the Raiders said the team was flattered by Daley's interest but had little more to say.

"I'm not aware of any conversations with Chicago," said Al LoCasale, executive assistant to Al Davis, owner of the Raiders, who have already moved to Las Angeles once and back to Oakland.

The Raiders are embroiled in lawsuits with the city of Oakland and Alameda County, Calif., over their stadium lease.

Daley has suggested remodeling Comiskey Park, where the Chicago White Sox play, as the Bears could play there, too. Bears could play there, too. Bears could play there, too. Bears could play there, too.

- New York Jets (9-4) at Miami (5-4) New England (6-5) at St. Louis (3-10) Oakland (7-5) at San Francisco (10-3) The Browns, Oilers and Bills



Perth Fury coach Percy Miller, better known as rapper 'Master P,' drives to the basket Nov. 22 during the first half of the game against the Central Coast at the Memorial Coliseum in Fort Wayne, Ind. Fury coach Keith Smart, who played 10 years in the NBA, Europe and CBA, said his rapping/punk guard isn't on the court as a celebrity but as a player.

Rapping isn't his only game

Well-known rap star makes leap from street to the CBA

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) — At the moment, there's little to separate Percy Miller from his teammates on the CBA's Fort Wayne Fury.

Although his style is a little more street, he can hold his own with the other 10 men hoping to play in the NBA on Monday.

But like all the other players, he has to prove himself on the court. Miller said he's not a rapper on the court, but a player.

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Rice has practiced with the team on occasion. But Fury coach Keith Smart, who played 10 years in the NBA, Europe and CBA, said his rapping/punk guard isn't on the court as a celebrity but as a basketball player.

"He's not Master P here. He's Percy Miller. When you're Percy Miller, you can learn because you know you haven't done anything," Smart said.

"I just said I want to be here and show people I'm serious about this and build my talent and then go to the NBA. I'm growing, I'm growing and getting better. ... You know, it ain't no thing."

—Percy Miller, a.k.a. Master P, on playing basketball in the CBA

Despite the gold and glitter Miller wears at practice, Smart said the rapper's lack of polish on the court has been apparent, though his talent is promising. In 65 minutes on the court this season, Miller has 24 fouls, about one for every 2.7 minutes, something that Smart attributes to the flying elbows and grabbing that are common in street ball.

Miller also is averaging 1.6 points a game, worst on the team, but he had his best game of the season before he left last week to shoot a movie — eight points and four rebounds in 13 minutes while shooting 4-of-6 from the floor.

When Indiana won the national championship in 1987: "I don't know how serious he is about it," Bailey said of Miller. "I don't know if he's going to dedicate a part of his life to the game. But I think if he says, 'I want to be a basketball player, and he works at it, I think he could be a pretty good player."

It's his other careers that sometimes are a distraction. Miller claims to be dedicated to making his way to the NBA, but he left the Fury after the Dec. 4 game to make an action movie titled "No Tomorrow" and isn't expected back until sometime in January.

While he's gone, he's been dropped to developmental status with the team, which means he can practice with the Fury but can't play in games.

Fury spokesman Fry Brown said it's uncertain whether Miller will be returned to the active roster once he returns.

He's also still running his No Limit rap label and No Limit Sports Management, which represents several NBA players such as the Cleveland Cavaliers' Derek Anderson and the Boston Celtics' Ron Mercer.

Smart compared Miller's foray into the CBA with Michael Jordan's brief stint in minor league baseball.

And, like Jordan's return to basketball, Smart said Miller will probably one day go back to what he does best.

"I think he will look at himself and say, 'OK, how long am I willing to give this thing to play pro basketball and one day make it in the NBA?'" Smart said.

"He has to see that it's a tough transition trying to go from nowhere to try and play in this league. I broke it for 10 years, and it's a tough job to try and make that transition."

Older hunters don't sit idle during season; they're out bagging trophies

The Idaho State Journal

POCATELLO — Cecil Dodge is 79 and too busy to think about getting older. "I do as much as I used to," acknowledged the lifelong outdoorsman. "That grieves you. But you just do what you can anyway. I was always physically active to start with."

Small-framed and wiry, the retired gun store owner chases mountain lions, hunts elk and has decorated his home with his trophy mountain goats and bighorn sheep.

Verla Byrne is 83 and said she does anything and everything from hunting to quilting, photography and collecting rocks.

"Aging has never bothered me," said the stout, white-haired retired nurse and rancher.

Each year as a new autumn unfolds, Dodge and Byrne feel rejuvenated as they pursue one of their lifelong passions: hunting with friends and family.

Wandering in the outdoors and watching wildlife are elixirs that keep them young in spirit if not in body.

Byrne is proud that she shot a moose permit once in a lifetime. She made a 120-yard shot with a 308-caliber rifle.

"It was a huge shot. I didn't ruin a bit of meat," Byrne said. "The bullet went through the ribs and out the other side. He'll be real good eating."

Even though the moose wasn't a trophy animal according to Boone and Crockett antler standards, it was to her. She plans to have the moose mounted and is deciding where to hang it in her home.

"The kids were as excited as I was," she said.

She and her children and grandchildren had scouted for moose several times before she picked the one she wanted. They helped her quarter the moose and haul it home.

Byrne and her late husband, Ray, rode horse and hunted together for decades. Now instead



Verla Byrne, 83, a retired nurse and rancher, who shot her first moose permit Oct. 1. Byrne loves to ride her 4-wheelers hunting or just touring the mountains. The grandmother bagged a moose this season.

of a horse, she rides a four-wheeler but still gets out. "I love to go to the mountains," said Byrne, who grew up in the Teton Basin before moving with her husband to farm at Mud Lake for more than 45 years. "I can't stand just sitting around. I've got to get up and do something."

Dodge can't stand to sit around either. He can't imagine a time when he won't hunt birds or elk or chase mountain lions.

He said he'll keep going "until they nail down the lid, and I'll probably still try to go then. I've hunted everything we've got around here."

Before retiring, Dodge owned the Pocatello Gun Shop, where he met his mountain lion-chasing partner, Arnell Jepsen, 54, an operator at J.R. Simplot Co.'s summer plant.

"He was like a cocker spaniel," Dodge said. "I couldn't run him off. He was really persistent."

Jepsen was about 21 at the time. "I was crazy about guns. Now," he keeps dragging me along."

And though they've hunted lions together for decades, they have not killed one in 25 years, but have treed quite a few, Dodge said.

Dodge has a drawer filled with close-up, color photos that Jepsen has taken of the mountain lions they've cornered in

the mountains. Dodge and Jepsen would hunt together, but Jepsen has other big game because it's so difficult to find and track the elusive and powerful animals.

"It's not difficult, it wouldn't be any fun," Dodge said.

People think you turn a dog loose and chase after it, he said, but it's a little more complicated than that.

"When you hear your dog bark, it's a thrill," he said. "It's exciting. You like to see a dog you trained work well."

Dodge is as proud of his wife's shooting accomplishments as any of his dogs and his big game trophies.

His wife, Vera, and their shooting partner, Marvyn Goswami, are a National Rifle Association member. She is a rifle team coach. Although she was a sharp shooter, she is a hunter at heart but supports her husband's interests.

"She did a little better some of the places he goes," she said.

Jepsen will hear the shrill whistles worry because the animal her husband stays together, and "I'm a deer in a crowd."

"I like animals," he said. "I'm a gunner. I'd like a future across most anything."

It's no time to give up, said the hunters.



Skiers Doug Strick, left, Tani Iwashita, right, and snowboarder Lisa Hodgson, are all members of Portland Mountain Rescue. They are carrying equipment Tuesday after coming off the slopes at Government Camp, Ore. The group is involved in rescue efforts that help adventurers who get in over their heads while seeking the ultimate outdoor experience.

'Gladiators' create rugged rescue operations for Oregon-based team

GOVERNMENT CAMP, Ore. (AP) — Far from the crowded slopes of Mount Hood, the teen-age snowboarder ventured off the trail for the thrill of untracked snow, deep powder and steep ravines.

For rescuers called in when he got stranded, it became an extreme experience of a different kind: an exhausting night trudging through waist-deep powder in an avalanche zone.

"We call it the 'gladiator syndrome,'" said Tani Iwashita, a member of Portland Mountain Rescue who searched for the teen earlier this month. "They're 25 and under and they think they're invincible. It's the glory of untracked snow. But they go in totally unprepared."

One by one, they dropped into a deep ravine before realizing they were surrounded by creeks and had no way out except the way they came: a steep slope that even their powerful late-model machines could not conquer.

Exhausted and hearing delirium after hiking aimlessly for five hours, the men spent the night in a makeshift shelter, warmed only by a small fire fueled by their wallets, credit cards and cash.

They survived below-freezing temperatures to make it back to the trail the next afternoon.

where they were spotted by rescuers. "We just got into a mess and we were surrounded by snow. It was like that to us," he said.

But he said the experience won't deter him from venturing off the beaten track. "It's something that you can't get anywhere else."

These thrill seekers often find themselves in the backcountry, lured by false confidence and the latest equipment that can get them into areas most accessible to only the most experienced mountaineers.

"It's about trying to do something no one has done, climbing as high and fast as you can, crossing areas that no one else has," said Wayne Inman, search and rescue coordinator for Deschutes County.

Know the score?
Read The Times-News sports pages to see how your favorite team is doing.

SPORTS



The Cuero Gobblers football team battles after a practice Wednesday in Cuero, Texas. Football was the last thing on the minds of most townspeople when raging floodwaters inundated Cuero. But the flood couldn't steal the spirit of the Gobblers, half of whom lost their homes and possessions in the October disaster. The high school team, backed by a supportive, enthusiastic community, played for the Class 3A Division I state championship Saturday.

Texas town rallies 'round its favorite footballers

Community ravaged by October floods finds comfort in team

CUERO, Texas (AP) — Football was the last thing on the minds of most residents when raging floodwaters inundated this South Texas town.

Lifelong possessions were destroyed. Houses were ripped apart or swept away. Residents found the world they once knew — but the flood couldn't steal the spirit of the Cuero Gobblers, half of whom lost their homes and belongings in the October disaster. The high school football team — cheered on by an enthusiastic community — was heading to the Class 3A Division I state championship.

"It's a real special thing," said Cuero coach Mickey Finley, whose Gobblers (11-3) met Aledo (12-1) Saturday night in the Astrodome in Houston.

The championship game is especially special for Cuero not only because of the hardships of the flood but because of numerous player injuries.

"I can promise you there's never been a high school football team go through what we've been through this year and play for a state championship," Finley said.

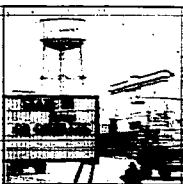
When the Guadalupe River moved over its banks after record rainfall upstream the weekend of Oct. 17, it swallowed about 1,000 homes in this town of 7,000 people, located about 40 miles southeast of San Antonio.

School was canceled for a week. Instead of practicing, players sifted through flood debris at their homes or those of their friends.

The Gobblers' game against Luling that Friday was postponed for two days.

The brick house where running back Albert Wade and his family live was gutted by fast-rising water.

"It got flooded out bad," Wade said. "I was there. I just got some



A sign announcing support for the Cuero High School football team in the Texas city's downtown Wednesday.

of my clothes."

The family is waiting for assistance from the Federal Emergency Management Agency as the house can be repaired in the meantime, Wade said, he turns his frustrations on the field.

"I just let all my anger out in the football," Wade said. "I'm going to care. I'm ready to play, give it all out."

Linebacker Justin Carter also was hit by the flood.

"We lost everything. It's hard to get your stuff back together, but we're doing it," Carter said. "The water was so fast, it moved our house across the street."

As he does before every game, Carter's devout father said a prayer before the football stadium crowd at the Luling game.

Carter said he knew there was disappointment in Cuero but he urged the community to laugh a bit and to think about something besides the destruction.

"After I said my prayer, people were crying," Carter said. "The Gobblers beat Luling 23-1 that night, and the game was a welcome diversion for many at their homes."

"Our teachers, our townspeople, our ball players, when they walk away from their homes with only the clothes on their back ... it (football) gives a chance to take your mind off it," said Cuero principal Ray Kieley.

Some in Cuero believe the flood was the catalyst for the

Gobblers' teamwork and success.

"They (the football players) have gelled together so much and they have gone farther than anyone would have anticipated," said Marsha Bauer, an avid fan whose daughter, Chandra, is a Cuero cheerleader.

At her store on Main Street, Bauer is the headquarters of sorts for green and white Gobbler paraphernalia. She sells football jackets, sweaters, sweatshirts and cheerleader accessories. She can't stay stocked with enough of the colored "glass chalk" fans are buying to write Gobbler messages on sweatshirts and vehicles.

At Carmuna's Hair Co., where many on the football team have their hair cut, co-owner Manuel Carmuna Jr. said the state championship game is an important event for the whole town.

"It's something good comes out of all the bad," Carmuna said. "I can see the headlines: 'Homeless Football Team Wins State Championship.' It's a pretty neat deal."

At the high school, coaches were trying to keep their excited players concentrating on the game.

Aledo's players were aware of the adversity Cuero has faced, but they spent the week of preparation trying to think about their own play, said coach Tim Buchanan.

"We talked about what (Cuero) had to overcome. ... They really understand, had some compassion," Buchanan said. "One of the things we talk about is there's only one thing you can control — that's how well you play."

For Cuero, the contest was another step in the town's recovery.

"When our players came back, we talked with them about taking a leadership role in bringing this community back," Finley said.

Apparently, the message got through.

"You can see smiles on people's faces after a big win that probably haven't been smiling in a long time," he said.

DiMaggio fights for his life as Hall-of-Famer stuns docs

Joe D.'s condition shifts from day-to-day

HOLLYWOOD, Fla. (AP) — Just when it seemed a comatose Joe DiMaggio had run out of swings, he was sitting up in bed Saturday, talking with friends and family, shaking hands and shrugging off a life-threatening illness like it was no big deal.

That's Joe D. for you. It was just one more comeback, the most dramatic one of all, for the hero of a generation of Americans.

"It's an unbelievable improvement," Dr. Earl Barron said. "He was awake and he was talking to us. He is back to where he was on Thanksgiving Day."

After seeing DiMaggio Saturday afternoon, Barron said his patient remained in critical condition but was "clearly improved."

"We need another 24 hours of the same," he said.

Barron said DiMaggio was out of bed, sitting in a chair. "He wants to talk but we don't want him to use too much effort," the doctor said.

Barron said the 84-year-old Hall of Famer's condition improved dramatically when doctors began administering his medication intravenously instead of orally after realizing that the medicine was not being absorbed into DiMaggio's bloodstream.

"If this discovery had not been made, we would not be talking about a live person," Barron said. DiMaggio has been down this road before.

At least twice, he has had last rites of the Roman Catholic church administered when it seemed he was slipping away. Both times he rallied.

"He received rites," an upbeat



New York Yankee Joe DiMaggio, right, stands next to Ted Williams of the Boston Red Sox as they prepare to start the first game of the 1950 AL season at Fenway Park in Boston. DiMaggio slipped in and out of a coma Friday and is day-to-day in his recovery from pneumonia.

Barron quipped. "But they weren't the last ones."

Last weekend, DiMaggio's family was summoned when he took what Barron called "a significant and serious turn for the worse." Again, he improved overnight, leaving doctors stunned by his resiliency.

"Don't ask me how or why," Barron said on Tuesday as he tried to explain the latest turn.

"He's a tough guy." DiMaggio has needed every bit of that toughness through this grueling two-month siege. He entered Memorial Regional Hospital on Oct. 12 and underwent surgery for lung cancer two days later. Then he developed pneumonia, setting the stage for an almost unbelievable series of peaks and valleys.

Daily medical updates frequently sounded grim, and at one point when longtime friend and attorney Morris Engelberg found DiMaggio's bed empty, he thought the Hall-of-Famer

had died. No way.

Joe was just down the hall, watching television.

Another time, when Barron briefly readjusted a breathing tube in DiMaggio's throat, allowing him to speak, the patient said, "I just want to get the hell out of here and go home."

He even conspired with his brother, Dom, to do it on his own, cooking up a scheme to sneak out a side entrance with a family car, its engine running, waiting for the getaway.

The plan was scrapped when DiMaggio's condition deteriorated again.

Finally, this week, DiMaggio twice seemed near death, his condition so serious that Barron held a news-conference update that was ominous in its tone.

Not to worry. Joe D. had another comeback in him and left Barron and his associates stunned by it on Saturday.



International Presidents Cup golfer Craig Parry of Australia, right, rushes to celebrate with his playing partner Japanese golfer Shigeki Maruyama Saturday, after Parry had chipped in from off the green to defeat the American pair of Tiger Woods and Fred Couples 2 up during the second day of mixed foursomes at the Royal Melbourne Golf Course in Australia.

G'day mate! International team socks it to Americans

MELBOURNE, Australia (AP) — Jack Nicklaus crouched behind Fred Couples and squinted his eyes on the 14th hole, reading the line on the 25-foot birdie putt but looking more like he wanted to take it himself.

The way things are going for his U.S. team in the Presidents Cup, it wouldn't have made much of a difference.

No matter where Nicklaus was or whom he was watching Saturday in the second day of matches, the result was the same — an international player dropping a crucial putt, the Americans falling hopelessly behind.

At the end of the day, the International team had a 14 1/2-5 1/2 lead and needed only two victories out of the 12 remaining matches today.

"This International team, they came ready to play. There's no doubt about it, they've taken these matches very seriously and I think that has led to their performance. I don't see any other secret involved in it."

— Peter Thomson, International team captain

Melbourne Golf Club as well as Nicklaus, who has played there dozens of times.

More importantly to these matches, no American knows

record in these matches. Shigeki Maruyama has won two of his four matches paired with Parry.

"I hit where Mr. Parry told me to hit," Maruyama said. Nicklaus did what he could.

When the morning alternate-short matches were over, a look at the scoreboard made the Americans feel numb.

The International won four of the five matches and split the other, with a balking putter behind just about every U.S. loss.

That's when Nicklaus got out of his cart and went onto the greens.

"Our guys have not been able to get anything in the hole, so I went out and watched ... so I could help the guys with the green a little bit," he said. "However, every green I go on, I seem to see 20-footers going in for the International side. They were absolutely brilliant."

After Nicklaus helped Couples with his line on the 14th, the pivotal hole in a pivotal best-ball match, the birdie putt came up a few inches short.

MLB decides to study andro

Whether or not to ban supplement will be announced next year

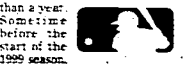
NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Major league baseball commissioner Peter D. Ueberroth said Tuesday that he had ordered a study on the effects of androstenedione, the muscle-building supplement used by Mark McGwire and other players.

John Finkelshtein and Benjamin Levin told a gathering of team doctors and trainers at baseball's winter meetings Saturday there is not enough evidence yet to determine its overall effect on athletes.

"They said it looks like andro does raise testosterone levels," said Dr. Jack Failla, the team doctor for the Pittsburgh Pirates.

"But they stressed that it is a small study right now and they need more time to definitively answer that question."

Baseball began its inquiry into andro shortly after The Associated Press reported in August that McGwire had been using it for more



than a year. Some time before the start of the 1996 season, baseball expects to announce its decision on whether to ban andro, discourage its use, or allow it to be taken unchallenged.

The International Olympic Committee, NFL and Nicklaus already prohibit the supplement.

Officials are concerned about the supplement's potential performance-enhancing ability and that players are risking the long-term effects associated with prolonged steroid use, including a higher incidence of heart and liver disease.

"We still need to determine what andro does, whether it is the same effect as testosterone and anabolic steroids," Failla said.

"We know that anabolic steroids, which are banned, do enhance performance. We are not certain with andro and more importantly we don't know the side effects."

Champion Nutrition Inc., the company which supplies McGwire with andro, estimates at least 100 ballplayers in the majors and minors use andro.

The company would not release names, but Colorado's Dante Banchetta and Tampa Bay's Jose Canseco acknowledge using andro.

The two researchers, along with Dr. Robert B. Millman, medical adviser to the commissioner's office, and Dr. Joel Solomon, the union's medical director, made presentations Saturday.

Millman stresses that research is still in the early stage.

"This was just an educational session," Millman said. "There was no policy discussed. We need to wait until we can get more evidence."

Before finalizing its policy, baseball will consult with the IOC and the medical directors of all the major professional sports.

But the only way to effectively ban andro would be to implement a random drug-testing program similar to the NFL.

Cameras in the Canyonlands

Film crews use Utah landscape in movie production

MOAB, Utah (AP) — Big guys chased good guys up and down the Moki Dugway switchback into Mexican Hat for three weeks in November, all because of a highly unstable poisonous substance that could kill millions.

It was up to Tim Mason to get the substance into the hands of military personnel before it reached 50 degrees Fahrenheit. That was the promise he made to his good friend, scientist Richard Long, on his death bed.

But it was all make believe. It's the fictitious murder of Long that triggers the first scene of "Chill Factor," a movie that publicist Joan Eisenberg calls "a high-octane thriller."

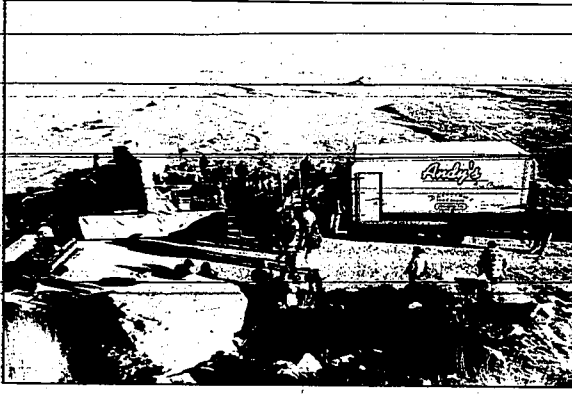
When it hits the big screen late next year, moviegoers will be led to believe the setting of the story is Montana, not the Valley of the Gods.

But Morgan Creek Productions filmed the mid-budget movie for Warner Bros. in the Utah locations — Canyonlands outside Moab, the Flaming Gorge Dam down Vernal and on Moki Dugway. The first and last shots, movie trailers, were filmed in South Carolina.

Actors Cuba Gooding Jr., who won an Oscar for best supporting actor in "Jerry Maguire," and Sissy Spacek take on the roles of elites entrusted to transport the volatile substance. The movie also stars Peter Firth, David Putney and Hudson Leick.

The Moab to Monument Valley Film Commission promotes the splendor of southeastern Utah's canyon country to the film industry. That it also helps keep the peace between Hollywood's dramatic visions and the everyday needs of local residents.

Amid the burnt steams of the Valley of the Gods, the



The opening movie "Chill Factor" is being filmed at the Moki Dugway zigzags in the Valley of the Gods in Mexican Hat, Utah.

Moki Dugway zigzags on Utah 261 at an elevation of 6,425 feet. Filming "Chill Factor" there created a bit of chaos at first.

"Originally they closed the Moki Dugway down for two hours, not realizing that that is not the way to do that," Moab commission executive director Kami Murphy said. "They did that for the first two days, and that will not happen again."

In Vernal, the movie crew also shut down a road for two hours. Murphy said she got calls on that one.

Promoting the pristine beauty of Utah's geological wonders is another charge of the commission. But like many action films, "Chill Factor" is full of explosions, gunfire, high-speed chases and special effects.

"Directors don't quite understand how sensitive we are ecologically here, so that's something that we always stress," Murphy said. "I've never had a problem with any of them not understanding that you can't blow up a certain area, because we have to keep it natural so the next person can come in and see it and not realize a movie was even filmed here."

The nonprofit commission has a claim to fame as the longest ongoing film commission, she said. In 1949, director John Ford selected Moab as the location to film "Wagon Master." That was the beginning of movie stars in Moab — and of the commission. "This year will be our 50th anniversary," Murphy said. "In Monument Valley, they filmed in

1921, but they don't have an ongoing film commission. And in all reality, there are film commissions that are older than we are, but they're not continuous."

The 1991 movie, "Thelma & Louise," starring Susan Sarandon and Geena Davis, took in views of the area's Arches National Park.

"Thelma & Louise" was probably our most popular movie to date," Murphy said.

The film industry around Moab has cooled a bit, however.

"Last year was a really, really big year for us," Murphy said. "But this year we've done two partial films and about 50 commercials." The commission normally collects permit fees for three or four films and 70 commercials a year, she said.

Partner in planned E. Idaho hog farm gets mixed reviews

LAS ANIMAS, Colo. (AP) — Six miles south of town, on the almost treeless southeastern Colorado prairie, are clusters of steel barns. Each house 5,000 to 6,000 square feet and their own spring.

Hog producers who want to expand into Idaho as Sawtooth Farms L.L.C. conducted tours last week for eastern Idaho farmers and elected officials to see a model operation.

Sawtooth Farms' Idaho facility eventually would have 250,000 hogs and 3 million pigs.

That's much larger than a hog farm proposed by Benton Dome in Twin Falls or Cassia county, which would have 3,500 sows and produce about 72,000 market pigs a year.

Initially suggesting a hog farm on state land in Owyhee County in southwestern Idaho, Sawtooth Farms now is considering tracts of private ground in eastern Idaho.

One of the partners in Sawtooth Farms is Bell Farms, a modest-sized hog raising and genetics company with operations in seven states, including Colorado.

Bent County officials talked about the state land in Owyhee County in southwestern Idaho, including 130 new jobs since Bell Farms moved in two years ago. But not everyone has welcomed the new neighbors.

"They promised as it wouldn't stink but they do," said rancher Sam Cook, who lives two miles away. "When it's foggy and there's a lot of moisture in the air, it stinks."

It is not a flower shop, farm workers say, but the aroma is not bad for a hog farm. A quarter-mile away the smell, a mixture of an old swimming pool and pigs, is entirely obvious unless the wind hits right.

"We don't think this is an objectionable odor level," Sawtooth Farms President Rick Anderson said.

His company wants to differentiate itself from hog farms elsewhere, which have spilled manure into rivers and polluted groundwater. Even industry crit-

ics say the technology Bell Farms uses to control odors and pollution, the same system Sawtooth Farms envisions, shows promise if properly maintained.

Bell Farms is not one of the worst players in the industry," said Dave Carter of the Rocky Mountain Farmers Union, which supports stronger hog farm regulations in the state.

Colorado voters last month backed an amendment requiring hog facilities to get environmental permits, post cleanup bonds and cover waste ponds.

The Bell Farms pigs are kept in barns, and the manure is flushed into a lagoon. The pond is covered with black plastic to minimize odor and keep out rain that causes overflows.

The manure breaks down and flows into an open holding pond. From there, the nutrient-rich waste is evaporated or applied to farm fields as fertilizer.

The lagoons are lined with clay to prevent polluting the groundwater.

Bell Farms operates the 25,000-sow operation. It is permitted to house 50,000 sows, which produce a million piglets each year. That is the same starting point Sawtooth Farms envisions for Idaho, but wants it to grow to 250,000 sows, making it one of the top 10 pork producers in the country.

Bell Farms is one of the few hog companies in Colorado that has voluntarily covered its lagoons, said Derald Lang, state feedlot inspector.

"From that standpoint, they're ahead of the game," Lang said. However, "from what I saw, there needs to be some fine-tuning to make that thing efficient."

The new hog farm, along with a new prison located in Bent County, has been more positive than negative, local officials say. The number of families on public assistance has dropped from 83 to 32, and the hog producers pay about \$400,000 a year in property taxes, officials said.

The county plans to spend \$3,000 a year monitoring groundwater in nearby wells. The first round of tests showed no contamination from the hog operation.

Kempthorne may have business to do

Lawmaker has not made up his mind about Clinton matter

BOISE (AP) — He wanted to be governor to start wielding some of the power he helped transfer to the states, but Governor Mike Kempthorne may still have some unfinished business in the U.S. Senate.

The New York Times reported on Saturday that New York Gov. George Pataki said he favors Clinton over impeachment for President Clinton, offering the chance for moderate Republicans in Congress to find political cover behind a GOP governor for something less than removing the president from office.

But no such help will be coming from fellow Republican Kempthorne.

He said he has not made up his mind about Clinton because he still might have to be a juror if



Mike Kempthorne

the case goes to the Senate before he becomes governor Jan. 2.

The House Judiciary Committee on Saturday approved a fourth and final Republican-drafted article of impeachment against the president. That raised speculation to vote expected Thursday on the House floor.

It would be the first presidential impeachment case to get that far since Andrew Johnson set in the White House in 1868.

Kempthorne, watching the proceedings unfold as he forms an administration, now prepares to succeed retiring GOP Gov. Phil Barr, said he would not comment in detail on the case.

"I don't know what purpose it serves for others outside of Congress to make these recom-

mendations. We are in the midst of a congressional action following a prescribed constitutional process," he said.

"This is one of those very tough personal decisions that each member is going to make. No one can determine what the outcome will be."

"But no juror could with good conscience go in and sit in judgment having said, 'I don't matter what I hear, I've made up my mind.'"

Kempthorne said he has gotten no sense from Senate leaders that they want to expedite the process, but that some lawmakers have indicated the desire to have the 105th Congress put the matter to rest.

"There are some that are suggesting that it would be far better for the 106th Congress to have this over and done with so they can start fresh," he said.

"There has been some discussion of, 'Do you want this to be the first order of business for a brand new Congress?'"

County complies with jury decree

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — San Juan County has substantially complied with a 1996 consent decree designed to produce jury selection lists that more accurately represent the county's Navajo population, a judge ruled Friday.

3rd District Senior Judge David Roth said the county's only significant deficiency was its failure to keep the court informed of developments.

Utah Judicial Council attorney David Wright hailed the decision as an affirmation of the county's efforts to achieve a long-term solution to the Navajo Nation.

"We have accomplished what we set out to accomplish," Wright said.

The issue was brought back to court by the ACLU and attorney Eric Swenson of Monticello, whose 1993 class-action lawsuit on behalf of the county's American Indians forced the 7th District Court to change the way it picked jurors.

According to Swenson, the county's jury questionnaire lists contain data, including the 1990 Census, and the county's refusal to employ scientific sampling techniques, he said.

Agents search for clues in fireworks explosion

OSSEO, Mich. (AP) — On the back dirt roads of this rural community, federal investigators on Saturday began picking through the debris of a devastating fireworks explosion that likely killed seven people.

Though six women and one man were injured, they were not officially listed Saturday as missing. Identification will take some time, the U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms said.

Osseo, population 1,000, is a farming community in Hillsdale County, about 90 miles southwest of Detroit.

"Everybody's going to probably know somebody that's affected," said Tom Henson, 43, owner of M.T. Hardwoods outside of town. "Things will go back to normal, but it's certainly never to be forgotten."

After explosives experts deemed the 160-acre site safe, cadaver dogs were sent in to sniff for remains. Professional fireworks building Friday afternoon. All that remained was the foundation, surrounded by the scorched hulks of cars that had been parked nearby.

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case could take a week to 10 days.

In the one-story wood building that exploded, workers placed fireworks with black powder and wrapped the explosives with a wallpaper-like paste.

"It's pretty sad what happened here, and it's surprising to be a happy side of town," said Phyllis Van Bruskirk, manager of

the neighboring D&S Restaurant and Lounge. "Everybody pulls together in a time like this."

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Aerospace-age bachelor pad

Engineer to call vintage 727 his new home

HILLSBORO, Ore. (AP) — Bruce Campbell spent the first night in his new home shivering beneath piles of blankets — and sprawled across seats A, B and C in row 24.

But for the 49-year-old electrical engineer and self-proclaimed nerd, one bad night's sleep is just part of transforming an old Boeing 727 into his very own studio apartment with wings. When he's done ripping out the faded blue seats and overhead compartments, Campbell will have 1,066 square feet, plenty of room for his TV, stereo and tuxedo. And no one will be around to tell the lifelong bachelor to stow his belongings or return his tray to a locked, upright position.

"This is a fixer-upper," Campbell explained as he gave a grand tour of the blue and white fuselage, which is temporarily parked in a muddy field on the county fairgrounds west of Portland.

Campbell's primary goal is to make the plane comfortable, at least as comfortable as a 155-foot-long by 12-foot-wide metal tube can be. Then again, the plane typically accommodated about 150 people.

The floor plan will be open, with a living space and bedroom. The cockpit will be an office, with computer monitors where gauges used to be. One of the two tiny bathrooms will be made into a laundry room, and the alcove that used to hold beverage carts will be a modest kitchen.

But even as he plans the move, he is stepping up from the "old, derelict, disgusting" trailer he lives in now.

Campbell was inspired by retired Mississippi hairdresser Jo Ann Essary, who two years ago bought a 1971 Continental Airlines jet for \$2,000 and transformed it into a three-bedroom, 1 1/2-bath dream home she calls "Little Trump," after Donald Trump's multimillion-dollar jet.



Top, Bruce Campbell assists a neighbor in carrying a row of airline seats Tuesday that the man had purchased from Campbell's Boeing 727 that is parked in Hillsboro, Ore. Campbell is in the process of converting the airliner into a home. Bottom, Campbell sits in the cockpit of his Boeing 727 Tuesday. He bought the plane for \$100,000 and plans to move the plane 24 miles to his property.



"It's some of the finest materials that mankind fabricates, and why chop them up into scrap metal when they can be used?" he said.

"I don't know quite when, but at some point I felt like, 'Gee, nobody's using those, why can't I have one?'"

He also was drawn to the romantic idea of flying and the sky.

"When you go into any other building or a common home, you get an everyday kind of essence. When you get into an aircraft,

you get an essence of a higher order of things," he said. Campbell paid \$310,000 for a salvage company for the 325 seat liner, which had flown 43,000 flights for Okanogan Airways of Grange. He then shelled out \$25,000 to move the aircraft across the street from the airport, and it will probably cost another \$45,000 to haul it 24 miles — through downtown — to his 11-acre property near the airport.

The wings will come off for the move, but will be reattached later.

For now, Campbell is getting rows of used airliner seats as a housing development and maybe someday a airport to take over.

"I hope that, should I meet someone with the right chemistry and the right spirit, that they'll find it reasonable attractive and we'll be able to combine it as our own," he said. "Who knows? Maybe it will turn out to be as small for me as you'd go to Alaska."

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Trended up 10% in 1998; 1999 forecast: 12% increase. Accounts can be costly. What \$1,000 would be worth in today's market.

Average fee, no. interest checking	INTEREST RATE	VALUE IN 5 YEARS
No-interest checking	0%	\$1,000
Checking	0%	\$1,000
Interest checking	1.5%	\$1,077
Money market	2.8%	\$1,148
Five-year CD	6.25%	\$1,282

SOURCE: Fidelity Personal Group
FINANCIAL RESEARCH CORPORATION
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BRIEFLY IN MONEY

New TF company offers cash-flow solutions

TWIN FALLS—A new local company says it offers innovative cash-flow solutions.

When health-care providers are forced to wait two to three months or longer for reimbursement by third-party payers, their "cash flow jam" can wreak havoc upon medical facilities that need working capital to meet payroll, purchase equipment and other overhead costs, said Valerie J. Burke, a nurse and chief counselor.

Burke and her husband, Jon F. Burke, a clinical psychologist, said they have developed a cash-flow management company called McKinley Cash Flow Solutions to meet this need. Until now, there had been no program to offer health-care facilities a cash advance against their accounts receivable, they said.

McKinley Cash Flow Solutions also offers a variety of other programs for non-health care products and services, including a mortgage payoff acceleration program which it says enables homeowners to pay off mortgages nine to 12 years sooner without refinancing or increasing monthly payments.

For more information, call 735-9232 or visit the website at <http://www.valburke.com>.

CSI program for new businesses moves offices

TWIN FALLS—The College of Southern Idaho Incubator Program has moved to 120 Main Ave. N.

The program was created to provide assistance to start-up businesses by offering affordable rent, flexible space and lease options, business services and consulting in the areas of management, bookkeeping, marketing and financing. The incubator also provides an opportunity to "network" with other businesses who share space in the facility.

Three businesses occupy the incubator.

- Desktop by Design is a desktop publishing/print business specializing in the design of graphics, business forms, presentations, business cards and stationery, color copies, scanning, software training and technical support. Owner Shaanah Gnesa provides pickup and delivery service and can be reached at 734-5164.
- Imaginables is a creative business owned by Marya Duncan who serves specialized clothing to order. Her number is 733-1704.
- Image Alternatives is owned by Sarah Benton who offers a wide array of alterations, mending jobs and redesign of fabric items. The number is 733-1704.

Cleaning service receives accolades as No. 1 franchise

MEMPHIS, Tenn.—In the November 1998 issue of "Success" magazine, ServiceMaster Franchise and Commercial Services, a nationally franchised cleaning services company, was named the No. 1 best-run franchise company in the country. ServiceMaster has one franchise in Twin Falls.

Each chain has to meet the magazine's rigorous standards that fall into four categories: financial performance, corporate management, growth and stability, franchisee/franchisee relationship and opportunities for growth.

Zions Bank Small Business Index for Idaho declines

SALT LAKE CITY—The Zions Bank Small Business Index for Idaho declined to 106.5 during November, as compared to a revised 107.2 percent in October. Idaho's small business conditions from the viewpoint of the small-business owner or manager.

A lower index number is associated with less favorable business conditions. The index shows 100.0 for calendar year 1997 as its base year.

The most heavily weighted component again continued to be the Idaho unemployment rate—declined to 4.8 percent in November from 5 percent in October. Idaho's small business conditions have experienced tight labor markets during the past few years and have found it difficult to attract and retain employees.

Idaho ranked the nation's 10th highest percentage jump in bankruptcy filings in the year ended Sept. 30, said the American Bankruptcy Institute. Idaho's bankruptcies rose 14.2 percent during that period. Hawaii's 32.7 percent jump in bankruptcies was the highest.

Based on current trends, more than 7,000 Idaho residents will file for personal bankruptcy during 1998, a new record. Rising personal bankruptcies are a detriment to small businesses. Many of these businesses are forced to write off funds owed to them by those filing for bankruptcy, the index said.

Compiled from staff and wire reports

WATERING HOLE

Couple bottles water to benefit Yellowstone, Tetons

The Associated Press

JACKSON, Wyo.—If you could bottle and sell the air from barely unspoiled places like the great Yellowstone area, you'd probably make a lot of money. A Salt Lake City couple has yet to figure out how to market air, but they are bottling the next closest element: water.

Tom and Debbie Korrisson haven't made a million yet, but they hope they will. And in an interesting twist, they plan to send all profits back to the two national parks at the core of the Yellowstone region.

The business is a sort of hobby and personal quest for the couple, who have spent the last four years building the bottled water business. They distribute two products regionally: Grand Teton Alpine Spring Water and Yellowstone Springs Spring Water.

A native of West Yellowstone, Mont., Tom Korrisson said he wanted to establish a private business that generates revenue for national parks, which he believes have been underfunded in recent years.

"Business can do more for the National Park Service than anyone can," he said. "We're going to try to build an asset base that will continue to provide revenue for the parks year after year."

Korrisson, a petroleum industry consultant, said his idea developed in 1993 while on a trip to Grand Teton and Yellowstone. During the visit he saw numerous problems with park facilities, and said he had been hearing about park budgets shrinking relative to their needs.

"After that trip the conversation was that the parks needed help," Korrisson said.

The idea of bottled water came from Korrisson's hometown of West Yellowstone, where he knew the water was of extremely high quality. After searching the region for natural springs and testing the water quality from numerous possibilities, the couple settled on one near Teton, Idaho, where the water showed an extremely pure water.

The Korrissons said they spent the last four years building the business with their own money to the point that it is now on the brink of being able to turn a healthy profit. They said they have been aided in that regard by regional distributors that work with the parks to make a direct contribution back to the park, and numerous other Salt Lake City businesses that donate everything from design ideas to labels and other graphics to office space in an effort to help the parks.

Linda Olson, the interim director of the newly formed Teton Park Foundation, a group that solicits private money for park projects, said the idea of a private com-



Tom and Debbie Korrisson of Salt Lake City, proprietors of Grand Teton Alpine Spring Water and Yellowstone Springs Spring Water hold bottles of the product in Jackson, Wyo., recently.

pany set up solely as a fundraiser for protecting natural parks is an entirely new concept.

"It's real different to have a private company own their own water," Olson said. "As far as we're concerned, it's one of those win-win situations. And we're going to continue to talk with him and see if the money to donate via the incubator now that it is in business to donate directly to the park, that's good."

"It does end up for the good of the park, who would object to that?" Olson said the idea is perhaps being tested by the public here, as the couple has the concept of fundraising private investment in national parks as endorsed by recent Congressional action sponsored by Sen. Craig Thomas.

Tom Korrisson said after four years and numerous start-ups the bottling operation has just recently started operating in the black, and the first profits

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— Tom Korrisson, entrepreneur

— about \$1,000 for Yellowstone and \$500 for Grand Teton — were deposited in accounts for the parks in Jackson and Bozeman, Mont.

He said whether funds are donated through a park foundation directly by the couple, his or political agenda with the donations, Korrisson said he

wants the money to be available for whatever on-the-ground projects park managers deem necessary, but not salaries or administrative costs.

The Korrissons also see the concept as being useful in a much broader context than bottled water. In fact, the bottled water idea is only one of the things Tom Korrisson considered possible under a broad concept the couple is forwarding, which they are calling Partners in Parks.

With this plan, the Korrissons hope to increase businesses' involvement in giving money back to the parks.

"The Partners in Parks concept can be a very broad concept," Tom Korrisson said. "It's not restricted to bottled water. That is one product that is linked to the quality of the environment. But we have all kinds of ideas."

Attitudes on estates shift, say analysts

The Dallas Morning News

DALLAS — An Ann Allen, a 73-year-old retired accountant in the Oak Cliff section of Dallas, might leave something to a son upon her death. But, she said, "if I spent every dime I've got, that's fine. I was the one who worked for it."

In contrast, Doris Robertson, 70, of Dallas places a greater importance on leaving a nest egg for her daughter. "It's natural to want to leave your child something that will help them," she said.

Charlotte Flynn, 79, has a third opinion. She wants to see her three grown children enjoy their parents' money while she lives. She says her husband bands regularly give their cash gifts. Some have used the money to fix up their homes.

"Some (parents) are interested in preserving a legacy for their children," said Flynn, of Austin, Texas. "There are others who feel like they earned it and they want to spend it. And we have a halfway position on that."

These differing philosophies reflect a subtle shift in attitudes toward the age-old concept of inheritance, according to financial and estate planners.

Once, an inheritance consisted of the family business or family farm. Many families expected their children not only to enjoy the fruits of their labor but to carry on their work.

That expectation is less common as family members scatter across the country and children, with more education and more options, go their own way.

"Estates were very important when the guy who owned the cattle had to leave it to his son to take care of the family," said Stephen M. Pollan, a New York financial adviser and co-author of "Die Broker" (HarperBusiness).

"Today, there's no reason for it," he said. "We acknowledge that the expectation of an inheritance does damage to a family. What does it do to your soul to have a stake in the death of a loved one?"

It's not as if there's nothing to bequeath. Today's retirees — inheritors of the Great Depression who came of age during World War II — have amassed a significant, perhaps historic, amount of wealth. Sparing stock and real estate values have helped many create large nest eggs — more than \$10 trillion by one estimate.

"They remember the Depression, and they're holding on tight (to their money)," Carrie Coghill said of her clients. "Their children have substantial inheritances coming," said Coghill, vice president of the Pittsburgh investment firm D.B. Root & Co.

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Small Internet search portals prove that size matters

By Dan Gillmore
Knight Ridder News Service

Portals and search pages rank near the top of popular World Wide Web sites, and the reason is clear enough: They're useful.

"The also cheap and rapidly in part because their biggest strength — massive size and reach — can also be a drawback. Even the best of the wide-ranging portals, such as Yahoo, can't catalog every relevant site for every topic. Unless you're an expert at searching, even the best search engine, such as AltaVista, can overwhelm you with too many results that too often are irrelevant or out of date.

As the major portals and search sites evolve, new competitors are arriving on the scene, mostly at the edges. Meanwhile, the rest of us are pulling the best ideas into our own operations — or we should be.

Online

The most interesting trend in the growing scene of national sites, a movement that governing a simple policy can be more powerful — and specific — than trying to cover the entire universe. Sometimes, less really is more.

That notion of limits is another of the Web's most interesting trends, but it's a remarkably simple truth of the world.

These days the major portals offer a smorgasbord of services, including e-mail, electronic commerce and discussion

groups. They're also morphing into megasearch sites or forming partnerships with the search companies. But for many customers, their core value is in the way they began as directories that serve as entry points to the Net.

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already have recognized the limits of size when it comes to their original function. That very structure — the hierarchy of branches winding ever farther down into the ether — creates what amounts to mini-portals that grow more and more topic-specific. But they can't do it all, and they know it.

Given the logic of smaller, more focused portals, where are they? Everywhere.

I've created my own portal, an amalgam of sites I use most frequently. Once this was just a selection of Netscape or Internet Explorer bookmarks. Now it's a Web page, which I load when I run my browser. It's functional, fast and plain (OK, ugly), because for this purpose I rate utility higher than aesthetics. If you really want to see it, I'll put it on my home page (address below) — but I promise it's more interesting to me than anyone else.

The megaportals recognize

their potential vulnerability here, and they're moving to make their sites more useful in several ways. Their biggest breakthrough is self-personalization, giving individual users a way to create their own customized pages with up-to-date news-and-other information.

All of these sites, big and small, have something essential in common. They display plain text for the most part along with easy-to-understand navigation — not fancy but slow-to-display graphics and complicated navigation. When people are hunting for information, they want a well-organized site that operates simply and quickly.

Corporate Web sites typically fail that rudimentary test. They should look to the portals and search engines for tips on what works.

Dan Gillmore writes for the San Jose Mercury News in California.

MONEY

BURLEY - Brian W. Polven has received A-plus Service Technician Certification by the Computing Technology Industry Association...



Brian Polven Julie Fanselow Randy MacMillan Scott LaPatra

TWIN FALLS - Regence BlueShield of Idaho has appointed David Snelson as general agent for its Twin Falls region.

BUHL - Clear Springs Foods Inc. has announced the promotions of Randy MacMillan to the position of vice president of research and environmental affairs...

MacMillan joined Clear Springs as director of research and development in August 1990. He has held several local and national leadership positions...

In his new expanded role, MacMillan will be responsible for the research and development department, quality assurance, technical services and management of company environmental affairs.

LaPatra joined Clear Springs as a staff research scientist in July 1990. He received a bachelor of science degree in biology and a doctorate in microbiology from Oregon State University in 1979 and 1983, respectively...

TWIN FALLS - Julie Fanselow has been included in the 1999-2000 edition of "Who's Who of American Women," recently published by Marquis Who's Who.

Fanselow, a former Times-News features writer, has been self-employed since 1991. She has written three travel guidebooks: "Traveling the Oregon Trail," "Traveling the Lewis & Clark Trail" and "Idaho Off the Beaten Path"...

Most recently, she cautions the "Wild West" guidebook from Lonely Planet and a "Wild West" guidebook to be published by AP/Insight in conjunction with the Discovery Channel.

Fanselow is a member of the American Society of Journalists

Snelson recently owned the Twin Falls branch of White Cloud Consulting and Personal, where he managed the daily operations of the employee leasing and personnel business...

Regence BlueShield is a member of The Regence Group, headquartered in Lewiston with offices in Boise, Coeur d'Alene, Idaho Falls, Pocatello and Twin Falls.

AROUND THE WATERCOOLER

Business practices, laws vary widely overseas

Companies and entrepreneurs looking to expand overseas need to be familiar with business practices and laws that can vary widely from one country to another.

In Australia, they're often completed in a matter of days. And if you go to court in Mexico on a case that requires invoices and documents, be sure you bring the originals...

Male business travelers tidy as often as females

HomeVod Suites says it has gathered information about hotel guests that should punch holes in some commonly-held stereotypes about men and women.

The company commissioned a survey of 500 business travelers and found that while women are believed to be neater in general than men, male guests are just as likely as females to tidy up their hotel suites before leaving for their appointments.

If they're in suites equipped with kitchens or cooking facilities, men are more likely than women to prepare their own food while traveling. And men are just as likely as women to call friends as a way of feeling more at home when they're on an extended trip.

Survey: Public relations industry needs PR help

People who work in public relations feel good about their profession, but they believe that others don't have the same positive image of the business.

A survey of the more than 900 members of the New York chapter of the Public Relations Society of America found that 93 percent say they like at home and 68 percent feel proud when they describe what they do.

But 67 percent believe that public relations does not have a good image and 65 percent believe they don't have the same respect as members of other professions.

Huh? Inc. magazine says get rid of customers

Inc. magazine is putting forth what might seem an unthinkable proposition for entrepreneurs and young companies: Get rid of customers if you want to grow. In its December issue, Inc. tells the story of Custom Research Inc., a small company that found it was

spending too much time on customers that weren't profitable enough. So it decided to cull its customer list, focusing on the ones that would bring it the highest returns.

Some companies try new recipe for success

Forget roughing it. Rejecting

once-popular outdoor leadership programs, companies are offering less strenuous venues, including the kitchen, to build teamwork. The Wall Street Journal reports, A number of West Coast firms are sending workers to study with a top San Francisco chef.

Over budget over the Year 2000 bug?

Businesses are spending more than they expected to fix their computers as the year 2000 draw closer. The cost of fixing the dreaded "Y2K" bug keeps going up. The "Record of Entitlements, Inc." and Citigroup appears to top the list for Y2K costs, estimating their bills will be in the neighborhood of \$800 million to \$225 million.

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Advertisement for 'Thank You' section in The Times-News. Includes contact information for advertising and circulation departments, and a form for submitting tributes.

Earnings spook, but don't terrify

Companies issue early warnings but they tend to do that every year.

NEW YORK (AP)—The earnings pre-announcement season, which occurs at the end of every quarter and hit full stride this past week, is a bit like going to a horror film.

Investors know they're going to be scared by companies saying their upcoming earnings reports aren't going to be great. But they don't yet know who the knife-wielding guy in the shower is, and they don't know when he'll

This quarter, the thrill seekers are getting their money's worth. A steady stream of high-profile multinational companies have warned that the recession in Southeast Asia and economic instability in Latin America have depressed overseas sales, and, by extension, fourth-quarter and 1998 earnings.

"This is typical," said Bob Dickey, managing director of technical analysis at Dain Rauscher Wessels in Minneapolis. "I don't see any more surprises before the quarter ends, we have some companies that are preparing investors for a little negative surprise, and that kind of spooks people into looking for bigger problems out there."

It would be difficult to find bigger problems. Four companies in the Dow industrials announced this week they couldn't meet earnings expectations.

Wall Street week in review

On Friday, Coca-Cola pegged its fourth quarter earnings at 24 cents to 25 cents a share, below analysts' expected 30 cents, because of slower sales in Europe. On Thursday, Swedish telecommunications giant LM Ericsson AB, said 1998 sales and profits would disappoint.

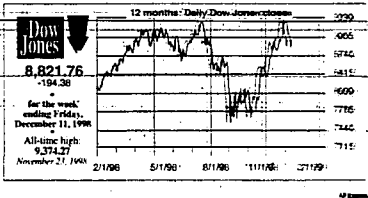
On Wednesday, J.P. Morgan & Co. said fourth-quarter operating earnings will be lower than in the third quarter, when it earned 58 cents a share, well below analysts' expectations of \$1.03 a share.

On Tuesday, it was chemical maker Union Carbide Corp.'s turn. It issued a four-quarter earnings warning for the second time, having already said on Oct. 26 that poor sales in Asia would crimp fourth-quarter results.

Recessions abroad cut demand for U.S. exports, injuring sales of multinationals, Hill noted. They also prompt those countries to try to export their way out of their recession by flooding the U.S. market with relatively cheap



Traders watch the monitors on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange Friday. Most stocks fell Friday, extending a Monday rally.



Charles Hill, director of Research at First Call Corp., is one analyst who believes investors should be worried about corporate earnings.

Recessions abroad cut demand for U.S. exports, injuring sales of multinationals, Hill noted. They also prompt those countries to try to export their way out of their recession by flooding the U.S. market with relatively cheap

imports, Hill said. "We see container ship companies coming back from Asia that lower their own prices to meet cheap foreign competitors, at the same time that an extremely low 4.4 percent unemployment rate prevents them from lowering wages. The result, Hill said, is a powerful engine for earnings and profit to earnings.

More layoffs, mergers, alliances

Business week in review

Big business was merely spending, making new alliances and acquisitions, or partnering off non-core businesses in the background, however, were announcements of plans to lay off thousands of workers.

A look at what happened in business this past week: **BIG DEALS**

The largest, and possibly most controversial deal was ScotchBrite's \$7.9 billion bid to buy U.S. electric company PacificCorp in what would be the first foreign takeover of an American utility.

It approved, the deal would create a company with 7 million customers in Britain and the United States and 23,500 employees.

Elsewhere, Eli Lilly and Co. bought the rights to a new and improved version of the depression drug Prozac for \$90 million plus sales royalties.

Astra and Zeneca, two mid-sized European drug makers, became the latest in a string of pharmaceutical companies to merge in a \$37 billion deal. It would create one of the leading drug companies in the world, with annual drug sales of about \$11.5 billion.

Astra Ltd. bought the struggling health care business of Prudential Insurance Co. of America. The \$1 billion deal that will make Astra the nation's largest health maintenance organization with 9.7 million members.

AT&T Corp. agreed to pay International Business Machines

GOOD WITH THE BAD
Good news was quickly followed with bad when Merck & Co. and Coca-Cola made big announcements this week.

Coca-Cola said it will pay \$1.85 billion for overseas rights to Dr. Pepper, Crush and other brands from Cadbury Schweppes.

The weak outlook persists even as the world's largest drug company released data from human testing that showed its much anticipated drug Vioxx relieves pain associated with arthritis, meniscus and surgery while curbing the risk of ulcers.

LAYOFFS
And there was more bad news in the face of increasing competition and the global economic turmoil announced thousands of job cuts.

Telecommunication company LM Ericsson AB blamed the Asian financial crisis for expected disappointing year-end results. It said it could force it to eliminate some 10,000 jobs.

The merger of Astra and Zeneca pharmaceuticals will result in the loss of about 6,000 jobs. Another 5,000 jobs will be lost through two newly completed mergers one between PolyGram and Seagram Co. and the other between MCI and WorldCom, which created MCI WorldCom.

Being disinherited can leave deep scars

Knights Rider News Service

"And to (fill in your own name), I leave one dollar."

Those are not words you want to hear at the reading of a parent's will.

For most of us, that means being disinherited, which equates with being disowned.

Very few cases just about money," says Jim Harnett Jr., Dallas lawyer whose practice includes will disputes. "They are also about stature in the family, recognition and respect."

For a lot of kids, being disinherited is their parents reaching up out of their graves and slapping them one more time.

But as baby boomers begin to come into their inheritances, many are feeling that slap, say probate court judges, lawyers

and other experts.

"More and more, folks are making wills that completely disinherit their children or leave them only a cash bequest," says Barkley Miller, who has practiced law for 22 years and is a former chairman of the probate, trust and estate section of the Dallas Bar Association.

"Often the parents are in a new marriage or have health problems, and they don't feel their adult children have been responsible to their welfare," says Miller. "In some cases, the kids haven't accepted new spouse, so (the parent) gets exasperated and says, 'To heck with them.'"

Other reasons for disinheritance or unequal treatment of siblings include disapproval of a child's lifestyle and a desire to "equalize" money gifts when one child has already received substantial financial help or one

child is simply needier, perhaps because of a disability.

Whatever the reason, losing out at will-reading time can cause lasting scars.

Shirley, a retired schoolteacher who asked that her last name not be used, says her sons were 19 and 21 when their father died, leaving everything to a new wife. "It was 14 years ago," she says, "but they still talk about it."

Some disappointed heirs hire attorneys.

"A lot more wills are being contested today," says lawyer John Norris, who tries many will contests. "People aren't afraid of the courthouse anymore."

But lengthy will contests can deplete estates, divide families and alienate friends. The family secrets may get aired in open court.

Janice, a 41-year-old North

Dallas woman, and two brothers contested her mother's will, which gave a new stepmother control over an estate valued at more than \$40 million.

The struggle began in 1982, almost immediately after her father's death, and lasted eight years. It was so painful that Janice only speaks to him about it if her ex-husband won't attend.

"I might say something that would cause someone to see me, and I could live through another lawsuit," she says. "It destroys families."

In the end, Janice, children, she and her brother came out with less than if they had contested the will that would let her inherit after the stepmother's death.

"The suit was settled five years ago, and today I still just understand what happened," she says. "It's so complex, unless you have gone to law school."

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But most agree that this won't be the case for the average inheritor.

"Because of more healthful lifestyles and better medical care, many retirees are living longer than their predecessors. They're spending their savings in their own needs, bringing to mind a popular bumper sticker seen on RVs headed to Florida: 'I'm spending my children's inheritance.'"

"The wealth is there," said William Sterling, head of global equities for Credit Suisse Asset Management in New York. "The question is: How much will they spend, and how much will they pass on to their kids?"

Growing disinterest about inheritance issues stems in part from anxiety that some baby boomers are feeling as their parents' generation enters its twilight years.

"More and more boomers are gripped with the emotional and financial complexities of inheriting their parents' property after ineffective planning. Divorce and remarriage also have complicated the process."

"My advice to people doing estate planning is: Don't be secretive," said Margaret, a 42-year-old librarian. She asked that her last name not be used because of

the turmoil her family experienced in dividing her parents' estate. "The whole thing has been full of feelings and misunderstandings, with blame thrown at one another."

"It's a difficult subject for most families. There are still very few lawyers who do what's necessary (in estate planning)," said Michael Wald, a Richardson, Texas lawyer. "Things are going OK, and they're not taking the time to be as proactive about it as they should."

"I think that the legal system we have set up is counterproductive in getting people to take action," he said. "We have to remain committed to our client (by keeping matters confidential). The children then feel like — they're not part of the decision making. They feel cut out."

Many, of course, still view leaving an inheritance as one of their goals in life. "It's something I had in mind before my daughter was born," said Robertson of Dallas, who retired as an administrative assistant in the Department of Defense.

Others are more circumspect. "I don't think if (an inheritance) is really important," said Allen, the retired accountant. "He (her son) can make it on his own. I got him the education that got him where he is. What more do I owe

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MONEY

Bringing home the bacon gets easier

Many product costs decline and the nation's inflation rate is lowest in three years

By George Hager
Washington Post staff writer

The fact that more than 2 million people are going to meet their maker is hardly good news to the hog; but that record rate of business at U.S. slaughterhouses is driving down the cost of ham and bacon and helping ease the nation's inflation rate about as low as it has been since the Johnson administration.

The fate of the nation's pigs is just one of the reasons for increases on prices paid by consumers, whose every purchase is affected by factors as disparate as the weather in Brazil, economic conditions in Taiwan and the number of prospective workers leaving U.S. prisons or the market acumen of American hog farmers.

For the past two years, those factors have been combined to keep prices down. Overall, consumer prices are rising a tepid 1.5 percent a year, according to figures from the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

That is the lowest rate since 1986 and one of the smallest increases in the past three decades. Since the 1970s there have been two years in a row when prices rose at less than 2 percent a year, and they have done this year and last.

But it's just an overall figure — not all prices are down or rising slowly. For instance, if all you did was watch cable TV, buy women's dresses, smoke cigarettes or your car in a two-car garage and eat apples, potatoes, butter and oranges, the average increase — your own personal index of consumer prices — would have been whopping 17 percent in the first nine months of the year. The prices for all those items went up sharply from the beginning of the year through October, according to figures from BLS that detail changes for specific spending categories.

On the other hand, if all you did was buy computers, eat tomatoes and eggs, drink coffee, buy gasoline and talk on your cellular phone, your personal consumer price index would have dropped more than 14 percent during the same period, according to calculations based on the BLS figures that show prices for all those items down.

BLS's official, nationwide consumer price index tracks changes in the price of a "market basket" of goods and services that seeks to represent purchases by the average American. Based on a monthly check of about 7,000 items at 22,000 outlets, the basket includes items as varied as TVs, automobiles, beach vacations, college tuition and Barbie dolls.

Over the first nine months of the year, prices for the thousands of items in the market basket have been all over the place, ranging from huge increases for citrus fruits (up almost 62 percent) to sharp drops for computers (down more than 14 percent).

Behind every one of those price changes is a story.

For example, prices for prescription drugs rose more than 4 percent during the first nine months, in part because drugmakers have stocked the demand for expensive name-brand drugs with slick TV commercials and inactivity by the FDA, according to Hemant Shah, a drug industry analyst at HKS & Co. in Warren, N.J. "Pharmaceutical companies have done a wonderful job in creating brand loyalty," Shah says. That

Up and Down Prices

Consumer	Percent change from December 1997 through September
Overall	1.5%
Consumer prices are rising just 1.5 percent a year — but you can see varying price changes. Some products with the biggest price increases and decreases:	
-1.1%	New vehicles
-2.5%	Hair
-3.2%	Sports equipment
-4.7%	Leisure
-4.9%	Toys
-6.4%	Coffee
-11.5%	Gasoline
-12.3%	Eggs
-18.4%	Tomatoes
8.1%	Personal computers

SOURCE: Bureau of Labor Statistics
The Washington Post

gives them a cushion for raising prices.

For women who are wondering why the prices of their suits and dresses are generally up — at about four to six times the rate of inflation — one reason is that women's clothing retailers have gotten better at predicting their customers' behavior and managing their inventory. Retailers "are doing a better job of guessing what the consumer's going to buy, so that at the end of the season, they have fewer goods to mark down," explains Ken Gassman, a retail industry analyst with Richmond-based Davenport & Co.

There is particularly bad news for smokers: Cigarettes have jumped about 15 cents a pack over the past year or so as tobacco companies raised prices to help pay for their huge lawsuit settlements with various states.

And that's not the beginning. In the wake of the new, \$206 billion settlement with dozens more states, Philip Morris Inc. and R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Co., the nation's two largest tobacco companies, announced two weeks ago that they are raising cigarette prices by 45 cents a pack. Other tobacco companies are expected to follow suit.

Meanwhile, though, there is good news for car buyers: New vehicle prices were down about 1.1 percent in the first nine months of this year, according to BLS. Although the car market is "on fire," according to auto industry analyst Christopher Codergrass, rebates are being held in check by the enormous availability of recent-vintage used cars — particularly cars turned back at the end of two- or three-year leases.

Codergrass, an analyst with the consulting firm Nextrend, said the flood of "off-lease" vehicles — which dealers often recondition and equip with warranties — offers buyers an attractive alternative to buying a new car. "The bottom line is, would you rather have a 2-year-old Explorer (on a brand-new Escort)," he says, comparing Ford's wildly popular sport-utility vehicle with its leading subcompact car.

Other reasons for rising or falling prices have more to do with broad economic forces, such as the Asian economic crisis, which has depressed demand and weakened currencies in that

David Wyss, of Standard & Poor's DRI. "The big drop in unemployment is among high school dropouts, mainly because every body has lost a job."

That means that goods and services that rely heavily on workers — parking garages, nursing homes and delivery services, for example — have gone up in price.

Another factor helping drive up some prices is lack of competition. This explains, in part, the increases in domestic airline fares, which were up 5.7 percent in the first three quarters. The six largest airlines have established "fortress hubs" that allow them to dominate some of the key regions they serve, spurring competition on many specific routes.

And finally there is food, which is always among the most volatile items in the BLS measure. Hostage to weather and crop cycles, food prices have tumbled in some of the most dramatic increases and decreases of any items this year.

Oranges and other citrus fruits led every other item in price increases during the first nine months of the year, shooting up 62 percent as Florida suffered from heavy, El Niño-driven winter rains, followed by unusually dry spring and summer weather that produced devastating wildfires that shrank the orange crop by more than one-fifth and provoked Tropicana to announce that it would raise wholesale prices by 10 percent for its Pure Premium orange juice, according to company spokesman Mark Gutsch.

Sometimes food price increases have nothing to do with weather. Take pigs, for example. In 1996-97, hog prices were high. That led hog farmers to expand production, which led to an over-supply, which led to record slaughter rates, which led to prices going through the floor, according to Keith Collins, chief economist for the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

From \$55 per 100 pounds in 1997, hog prices sank to just \$18 per 100 pounds on Nov. 13. Hog farmers are now sending more than 2 million hogs a week to slaughterhouses, a record rate, Collins notes. At the grocery store, that has translated into lower prices for pork chops and other pig products.

But those layoffs are an isolated event so far in an otherwise extremely tight U.S. job market, where workers-turned-businesses have gone so far as to hold job fairs in prisons to recruit the somewhat-unincarcerated.

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Anne Perry's 'Cater Street Hangman' comes to TV

By R.D. Holderness
Knight-Ridder News Service

Although it took close to 20 years to get Inspector Pitt off the printed page and onto the screen, novelist Anne Perry is happy with the result. "I really do feel as if they've made my dream, my vision come to life," she said at a news conference - last summer in Pasadena, Calif.

Pitt, a police inspector in late 19th-century England, has been featured in 18 of Perry's books from 1979's "The Cater Street Hangman" to this year's "Brunswick Gardens." A movie adaptation of the first book premieres on A&E at 7 p.m. MT today.

The movie begins thriller-style, with the latest in a series of murders and Pitt (played by Eoin - pronounced Owen - McCarthy) pursuing the case. Making a "later" entrance is Charlotte Ellison (Keeley Hawes), who opens the book and whose strained upper-middle-class, Victorian life is as interesting to Perry as murder.

"My whole idea for 'The Cater Street Hangman' came when my stepfather suggested who Jack the Ripper might have been," Perry said.

When you have these fearful, terrifying crimes happen. And people think, I passed by that street corner... I might have seen the man. He might be somebody I know... Oh, God, he might be somebody in my family... Most of us can behave well when it's easy," Perry said. "How well do you behave when it's not easy? When you're going to have to pay a price?"

In keeping with Perry's writing, the book is not simply a whodunit but a portrait of a society and the people in it. But the same could be said of other A&E mystery telecasts, such as the British version of "Cracker."

And Perry said: "A mystery can be anything you want it to be. It can be totally trivial and light-hearted and just entertainment. It can be as dark and as profound as Dostoevski. It can be in any time and place."

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by Craig Smith



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A midseason report card on the new TV season

By Virginia Rohan
The Record

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Needless to say, the heavens are only figuratively dropping in Timeslowtown. What's literally plummeting are the Nielsen ratings, which have been in what one veteran producer labels a "free fall" for awhile now.

This season has been so dismal that two of six broadcast networks opted to replace their programming chiefs with executives who were trained at cable networks.

In early January, Comedy Central's Doug Herzog will take over for Peter Roth as Fox Entertainment president. And in the next month, NBC bumped longtime top programmer Warren Littlefield for Scott Sassa, who made his name at TNT.

Last week, Sassa made his first major scheduling changes, radically revamping the Monday and Tuesday night lineups - among other things, moving the seriously sagging "Mad About You" to 9 p.m. ET Mondays, beginning Dec. 14.

Creatively, almost everyone is suffering from the blahs. Only a handful of new shows are semi-good to very promising. And nothing is generating the buzz of last year's newcomer, "Ally McBeal" - not even the WB's heavily hyped "Felicity." Even worse, some old favorites have started to fizzle.

There's also been some strange karma off-screen this fall. "However, it's not all Chicken Little fodder. There are a few things to smile about.

Three months into the new season, here's a little report card on some of the most striking highs, as well as lows.

Best new series: "Sports Night." Some people say this is remark-

ably unfunny for a comedy, but fans of this ABC series - such as this writer - see it as the snuggest, wittiest, most unstickumlike series to come along in awhile. The cast is great, and so is the writing. Let's just hope the creator, playwright Aaron Sorkin, never gets boxed into the usual TV formula.

Other new series to keep an eye on: NBC's "Will & Grace," which had a very funny episode last week; CBS' "The King of Queens," and ABC's "The Hughleys."

Worst new series: "The Secret Diary of Desmond Pfeiffer." Black activists found the premise - a black man who's serving as unwitting confidant and butler to President Abraham Lincoln during the Civil War - offensive. Beyond that, this was just a wretched and ill-conceived sitcom, about as funny as a re-enactment of the Battle of Gettysburg. Mercifully, it was swiftly axed, destined to become only a minor footnote in TV history.

Most disappointing new pedigree series: "Encore! Encore!" Nathan Lane's sitcom from the creative team behind "Frasier," has failed to catch on in the ratings - or improve its comedic footing. It returns from hiatus Dec. 16, and who knows? Maybe we'll be pleasantly surprised. So far, though, it's a case of a lot of talent with little to show for it.

Freshest new face: Keri Russell. WB's "Felicity." There's something absolutely angelic-looking about the wide-eyed, luminous Russell. And it's definitely refreshing to see a TV ingenue who doesn't look as if she had done, seen, and nipped and tucked it all by the age of 15.

But while WB has already picked up Russell's "Felicity" for the full season, the show has failed to live up to the enormous hype that preceded its debut. There's also been some growning about Russell's Felicity Porter character - a 17-year-old college

freshman who impulsively abandoned her original educational plans to follow a high school crush. Ben Corington, cross-country to a New York sitcom.

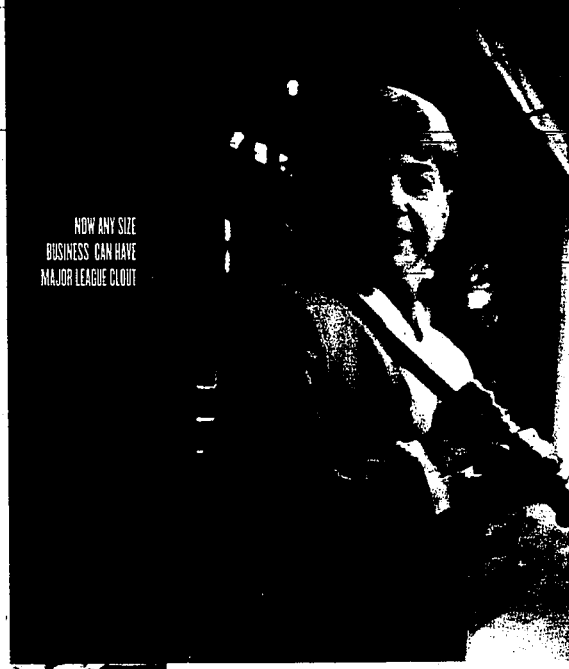
Best returning series: "Everybody Loves Raymond." This dysfunctional family fest is becoming the most bankable sitcom since "Seinfeld" (although it's also occasionally too badly they're hiding the real-life pregnancy of actress Patricia Richardson). As the elder Barones, Denis Roberts and Peter Boyle are giving Frank and Estelle Costanza a run for their money.

Most disappointing old favorite: "Frasier." The agonizingly forced and wacky story line about Frasier Crane's unemployment - which began in last year's season finale - has been frustrating and baffling. This was supposed to be the time when "Frasier" proved how much it deserved the "Seinfeld" time slot.

Instead, this long-great, multiple Emmy-winning sitcom did a creative nose dive, possibly because its creators were so busy trying to turn "Encore! Encore!" into a hit. Word to the wise: Tend to your golden egg before you've got two failed sitcoms on your hands. (As it is, there are rumors that "Frasier" might be moving back to Tuesday nights.)

One piece of good news: Frasier will reportedly get back his old radio station job in one of the episodes that airs this month.

Crudest new offering: Fox's "Cosella." Fortunately, this is already gone and almost forgotten, but still a somewhat painful memory. This sitcom about a South Boston bartender of Irish-American descent (Gene Cosella, who hails from South Boston) was remarkably dispositive. The pilot had been shouting "where" at another woman, and examining the walls and ceiling of the bar's men's room for public hair. It was no credit to the Irish - or the caliber of today's comedy writers.



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Investigation begins into Thai airliner crash

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The jetliner was still missing as search teams, police and army officials said. The bodies were found in the river.

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Volitives of victims of a Thai Airways jetliner crash griefs Saturday after identifying the body of their loved ones at a hospital in Surat Thani province. Over 100 people were killed in the crash.

One of the victims' relatives said they were affected by food shortages in the southern part of the nation, a relief official said.

A ship carrying 825 short tons of dry goods and 250 crates of cholera medicine docked at the port town of Merca, said U.N. World Food Program official Khadija Ahmed Abukar. Merca is 65 miles south of the capital, Mogadishu.

Officials said 25 people — most of them children — have died in the past two weeks in the Middle Juba region, where alternating periods of drought and flooding have destroyed crops.

Meanwhile, fighting between rival clans erupted in Somalia's key southern port of Kismayo, and unconfirmed reports from the town said as many as 20 people were killed and 40 wounded.

Kidnapped U.N. official set free in Russia
MOSCOW — A French U.N. official kidnaped in southern Russia more than 10 months ago was set free Saturday and flown to Moscow, Russian news reports said.

Vincent Cochetel, 37, who headed the regional office of the U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees in North Ossetia, was seized by three masked gunmen in the region's capital of Vladikavkaz on Jan. 29.

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Palestinians quell violence for Clinton visit

BETHLEHEM, West Bank (AP) — Whips of tear gas enveloped a banner wearing President Clinton on Saturday in the West Bank, where Palestinian protesters briefly clashed with police and Israeli troops.

Seven protesters were injured before Palestinian police quelled the violence in Bethlehem hours before Clinton's visit — a sign of Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat's determination to smooth the president's trip.

Clinton's visit was meant to celebrate the U.S.-brokered Oslo peace agreement achieved at Wye River in October. But the president will now try to salvage the Israeli and Palestinian accords across each other of violating the deal.

Palestinians strung a banner across the entrance to Bethlehem Sunday, 2000 people gathered in Bethlehem. "In a name above the banner, a family decorated the banner for Christmas.

But the scene changed when Israeli troops entered the city. "Live Palestine" began lobbing stones and firebombs at Israeli troops guarding the city entrance. The troops responded with rubber bullets.

The Palestinians are angry because they say Israel has not



A Palestinian workers puts up a line of U.S. flags Saturday in Gaza.

Tarawneh.

The Palestinian protesters in Bethlehem said they were not opposed to the Clinton visit.

"I'm protesting by throwing stones so that my brother will be released from prison," said 18-year-old Khaled Dakakta, single-shot in hand. "This is not timed for Clinton."

The highlight of the visit will be Clinton's attendance at a meeting of the Palestine National Council on Monday evening. The council is to remove clauses from the Palestinian charter that call for Israel's destruction.

He is also to light a Palestinian Christmas tree in Bethlehem's Manger Square on Monday.

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has said he will not go ahead with a planned withdrawal from further West Bank territory unless the clauses are removed by vote. But Arafat said that a formal vote is not necessary.

Although he likely has a majority behind him, Arafat may be backing off a vote because he could lack a two-thirds quorum at the 600-member council's meeting.

On Saturday, 104 dissenting members said they would not attend and Israel has refused to

allow some other council members to attend.

Arafat said he had accepted a U.S. proposal to meet with Israeli and American officials after the council convenes — but that Israel had yet to respond.

Netanyahu is unlikely to attend unless he is satisfied with the council's actions.

Meanwhile, in a pamphlet published Saturday, the militant Islamic group Hamas called Clinton "an enemy of the Arabs" who is arriving to "personally supervise in the direct way the destruction of the Palestinian charter."

Hamas demanded Arafat release its leader, Sheikh Ahmed Yassin, from house arrest by Dec. 25 and threatened attacks against Israel if he does not.

Also Saturday, two Palestinian protesters killed in clashes Friday in the Palestinian-administered town of Qalqilya were buried. About 10,000 people attended one of the funerals, many carrying Palestinian flags and chanting "Revengence."

After the violence in Bethlehem, residents resumed preparing for Clinton's visit — and for Christmas. Municipal workers used a cherry picker to hang tinsel and colored bulbs

S. Korean workers, students, police clashed planned to swap or more than 100,000 South Korean workers and students in an effort to become more mutually competitive.

Thousands of workers in two of the nation's top conglomerates — Daewoo and Samsung — have staged daily rallies since Tuesday to oppose the change.

PROPERTY TAX REMINDER

December 20th is the last day for payment of the 1st installment of 1998 Real Property, Mobile Home & Personal Property Taxes. Payments will be accepted through Monday, December 21.

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Puerto Rico again looks at statehood

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico (AP) — Divided, edgy and somewhat confused, Puerto Ricans are debating whether to petition for U.S. statehood after an acrimonious campaign that has highlighted their pride in being a distinct nation.

A victory for the statehood movement — even by a mere plurality of votes — would be their first and would begin the long and arduous journey to becoming the 51st state. A defeat, the second in five years, could bury the movement for many years to come.

Last-minute polls showed a photo finish between statehood and "none of the above," the option backed by the movement that supports keeping the current "commonwealth" status.

Statehood had been ahead in most polls to date, supporters argued the most visible and energetic campaign, and it appears to have the more determined voters. Gov. Pedro Rosselló, who has made statehood his crusade, predicted "a big triumph."

The campaign has played on Puerto Ricans' pride in their culture — and their fear that the melodies of Spanish and rhythms of salsa might be further eroded in a statehood stampede of fast food, MTV and imposed English.

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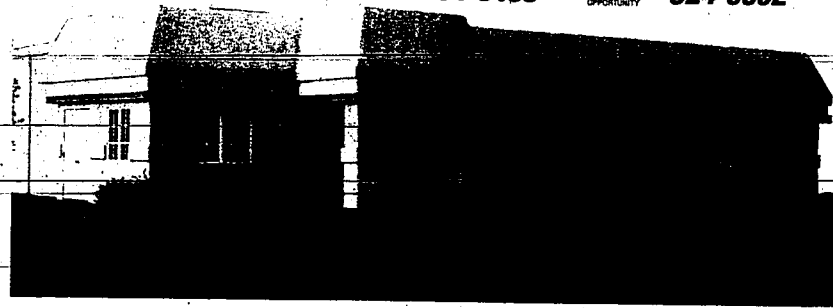
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Pampered pets and other Christmas joys

Just in time for Christmas - a company in Missouri has come up with the K-9 Biscuit Kit...



LIFE AND TIMES Denise Turner.

In fact, according to a new book titled 'Traditional Holiday Recipes'...

Cats lag a little behind in the dog-receiving department. About 58 percent receive Christmas gifts...

Wonder where the pets are going to get the jobs to make the money to buy the stuff...

It's not enough anymore that our kids basically take over the house the minute we give birth...

Another idea is to use party Please see JUVS, Page F2

The day care dilemma

How to choose who cares for your child when you're not there

There is just no substitute for spending time in your kid's shoes

By Steve Crump Times-News writer

1 Look. Begin by visiting several child-care homes or day-care centers. On each visit, think about your first impression...

2 Go back. Visit a day-care provider's home or day-care center more than once...

3 Listen. What does the child-care setting sound like? Do the children sound happy...

4 Count. Count the number of children in the group. Then count the number of staff members caring for them...

5 Ask. Most parents hire day-care providers by word of mouth, but you need to do more than that. Ask for references...

6 Know the law. Idaho state law contains provisions for the safety of children in day care.

You can find out the details by calling the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare's Bureau of Family and Children's Services at (208) 334-5691...

7 Shop around. Be clear about what you're buying before testing, education or enrichment. There's a fair amount of variability in child-care rates...

8 Think clean. Day-care centers teem with microbes, no matter how fastidious the operators are. Young children share contagious diseases...

9 Think safe. Are there smoke detectors and fire extinguishers clearly visible in the day-care center? Is someone cooking on the premises...

10 Get it in writing. Ask for either a written policy or a letter of agreement with your child-care provider, detailing the parent and day-care provider responsibilities.

Source: University of Nebraska Cooperative Extension Service, Idaho Department of Health and Welfare, Child Care Action, Carnation Foods, American Academy of Child & Adolescent Psychiatry



Devin Little, 2, hangs out on the play equipment at Teddy Bear Child Care Center in Twin Falls...

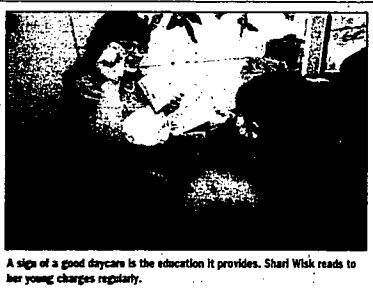
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First-day tips

Plan to spend extra time getting to work and child care. Pack your child's supplies the night before...

Plan to stay a while the first several mornings. Have another person your child knows stay if you can't...

Call if you will be late in picking up your child. Tell your spouse you will be on the last parents to pick up...



A sign of a good daycare is the education it provides. Sharel Wisk reads to her young charges regularly.

Not time to go home yet. Suggest the provider play a game, read to you, or do a special activity with the last few children...

telling you that he or she needs time to get ready to leave. You can show that you think this is a good place to be by spending time there...

Source: Pat Tweedie, Oklahoma State University

A day care checklist

The National Network for Child Care has developed a checklist for parents to assess day-care centers or family providers...

Physical facility, health, safety
Floors are carpeted or have non-slip cover.

Electrical outlets are covered with safety caps. Toys and equipment are in good repair, with no sharp edges, splinters or loose parts.

Treat your kids to holiday ballet

This week TWIN FALLS - The Eugene, Ore., Ballet Company will present Peter Tchaikovsky's 'The Nutcracker'...

to do for families TWIN FALLS - The Herrett Center's Faulkner Planetarium presents two shows this month...

10 tips for shopping with children

1. Shop early, before naptime, and before the late-afternoon crankies set in. 2. Take frequent breaks. Shopping 'til you drop may be fun for big folks...

Etc... 6. Have fun. Sometimes the best part of the trip can be people-watching and window-shopping...

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Know holiday lights? Let us know

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The National Museum of Women's History in Washington, D.C., celebrates the historic suffrage movement...

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Art is sometimes seen as one of the most direct connections to the colorful palette of human emotions...



Be a 4Kids Detective

What does Web site find the answer, then go to this... What was the historic president of Nicaragua in 1997?



AskAmy@4Kids.org. Dear Amy: Where's the best place to get some... Dear Ethan: I like to check in to DevDad's... Dear Catherine: I've never seen the World War...

Dealing with Alzheimer's disease at holiday time

The holiday season can bring out unusual or inappropriate behavior in people with Alzheimer's disease.

recognize people. This behavior can be disconcerting to friends and families if people with Alzheimer's are stressed for caregivers.

to prepare visitors for changes in the person with Alzheimer's. The second contains tips for friends and family...

Adults expect to spend more than \$1,000 on holiday, survey finds

Scanning your list of holiday expenses, you swallow hard as the dollars quickly hit the 1,000 mark.

The survey of 800 consumers pinpointed other gender differences, shopping-wise.

Checklist

- Caregiver competence
Enough caregivers are with the children so that individual attention can be given if needed.
Children enjoy an another smile at each other, hold hands, hug, help each other more than they fight or argue.

Idaho child care by the numbers
Number of children, 0-5: 108,600
Number of children, 6-12: 132,200
Total population under 18: 365,509

- Caregivers encourage listening and talking through planned activities such as storytelling, word games, puppets, doll play and show-and-tell.
Children are encouraged to take care of and put away materials.
Caregivers encourage boys and girls to play with all of the materials...

- Menus and snack menus are posted so that parents know what the children are eating at the center.
The menus are nutritious and contain food your child likes.
If possible, ask what the caregivers do if a child does not like a certain food being served.

Price point
The average holiday budget will look something like this, according to the national opinion survey: \$915 on gifts, \$161 on entertainment, \$141 for travel, \$61 on decorations and \$64 on miscellaneous holiday expenses.

Joys

noise-makers or squirt guns to scare kitty away from the tree. Of course, you have to sit by the tree all night and shake the noise-makers or squirt the water...

like it if someone named you Black and Decker? I also know a woman who fully expects her black little puppy to become a great watchdog some day...

kennel. She made this declaration after she started finding garden snakes in the kitchen cupboards. Then she started feeding them...

type it except the fact that your pet's like your kids are part of the family, and the way they bring nutrients the packages - most of the time...

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MCCURDY-HEIDER

TWIN FALLS - Terry and Judy McCurdy of Twin Falls announce the engagement of their daughter, Wendy McCurdy, to Brent Heider, son of Lee and Jean Heider of Twin Falls. McCurdy is a graduate of Twin Falls High School. She is a student at Utah State University in Logan, Utah. Heider is a graduate of Twin Falls High School. He is a student at Ricks College in Rexburg and is employed by Grocery Outlet in Idaho Falls. The wedding is planned for



Wendy McCurdy and Brent Heider. Friday at the LDS Temple in Logan.

GRUPE-HANSEN

JEROME - Steve and Brenda Grupe of Twin Falls and Kathy and John Curtiss of Jerome announce the engagement of their daughter, Lauren Anne Grupe, to John Wydan Hansen, son of Gary and Judy Hansen of Jerome. Grupe graduated from Jerome High School in 1995, attended Snow College in Utah and graduated from the College of Southern Idaho in 1998. She is employed at the dental office of Dr. Kevin Hamblin in Twin Falls. Hansen graduated from Jerome High School in 1995 and served a two-year mission in San Francisco, Calif. He is employed at Gary



Lauren Grupe and John Hansen. Hansen is employed at Gary Hansen Painting in Jerome. The wedding is planned for Saturday in the Jerome LDS Stake Center. The couple will reside in Jerome.

THE ARRELLANOS

JEROME - Mr. and Mrs. Joe Arrellano will be honored at an open house Dec. 20 for their 50th wedding anniversary. Friends and relatives are invited to call from 2 to 5 p.m. at the Jerome Public Library, 100 First Ave. The couple requests no gifts, please. Arrellano and Rita Trujillo were married Dec. 24, 1948, in Jerome. He is retired from the military and as a building contractor. He spends time cutting gemstones, hunting and fishing with his grandson. She worked for St. Benedict's Family Medical Center for 34 years and is now retired. She also spends time making special jewelry and crafts. She is an active



Rita and Joe Arrellano member of the Church of God in Jerome. The event is being given by their son, Tony (Julie) Arrellano and four grandchildren.

RICHARDS-EVANS

BURLEY - Gay Richards of Redlands, Calif., and Craig Richards of Draper, Utah, announce the engagement of their daughter, Kimberly Anne Richards, to Erion Jones Evans, son of Edward and Terry Evans of Burley. Richards graduated from Jordan High School in Draper, Utah. She is attending Utah State University in Logan, Utah, majoring in early childhood education. Evans is a 1993 graduate of Burley High School. He served a two-year LDS mission in the Italy Padova Mission. He is attending Utah State University, majoring in biology with a minor in business and Italian. The wedding is planned for Saturday in the Salt Lake LDS Temple in Salt Lake City, Utah. A



Kimberly Richards and Erion Evans reception to honor the couple will be held from 7 to 9 p.m. Saturday at the Sweetwater Manor, Overland Avenue and 42nd Street. The couple will make their home in Logan while continuing their education.

STANDER-STANDIFER

TWIN FALLS - J.R. and Linda Stander of Twin Falls announce the engagement of their daughter, Michelle Stander, to R. Jason Standiford, son of Ron and Paty Standiford of Highland, Utah. Stander is a 1993 graduate of Twin Falls High School and is attending Utah State University in Logan, Utah, where she will graduate in the spring 1999. She served an LDS mission in the Argentina Buenos Aires Mission. Standiford is a 1991 graduate of American Fork High School and a 1997 graduate of Boston College. He served an LDS mis-



Michelle Stander and Jason Standiford. Standiford is employed by Price Waterhouse Coopers in Denver, Colo. The wedding is planned for Friday in the Mount Timpanogos LDS Temple.

THE PECKS

BURLEY - Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Peck of Burley celebrated their 61st wedding anniversary enjoying boating, water skiing and swimming at a family reunion Sept. 10-13 in McCall. Peck and Dorothy Bell were married July 4, 1937, in Declo. The marriage was later solemnized in the Ogden LDS Temple in Ogden, Utah. The couple lived in Twin Falls for 18 years before purchasing a livestock auction in Moses Lake, Wash., and lived in St. Anthony before moving to Burley in 1958. Over the years, he worked as a cattle and farm-raised pig and an auctioneer at the Moses Lake auction, he ran the livestock auction in Rupert. She worked 17 years as a secretary for the Farm Bureau. Since retiring, the couple spend



Dorothy and Darrell Peck summers as campground hosts with 10 years at Red Fish Lake and two years at Yellowstone. Their children are, Doree (Marjorie Peck) of Twin Falls-Bandie (Lucky) Koyle of Albion, Jerry (DeAnna) Peck of Salt Lake City, Utah, and Jeff Peck of Burley. They have 12 grandchildren, 17 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

POULOS-WIGGINS

CASTLEFORD - Michael and Kris Poulos of Lemoore, Calif., announce the engagement of their daughter, Catherine Nicole Poulos, to Jon Scott Wiggins, son of John and Mary Wiggins of Castleford. Poulos is a 1994 graduate of Lemoore High School and a 1998 graduate of Brigham Young University with a bachelor of science degree in chemical engineering. She is employed as a reservoir engineer at Exxon in Houston, Texas. Wiggins is a 1994 graduate of Buhl High School and is attending Brigham Young University in Provo, Utah, where he will graduate in May 1999 with a bachelor of arts in English and political science. He served a two-year LDS mission in the Latin Riga, Estonia-speaking Mission. He is employed by the Missionary Training Center in Provo, teaching Estonian and is a volunteer with Guardian Ad Litem, working



Jon Wiggins and Catherine Poulos as a court-appointed special advocate. The wedding is planned for Saturday in the Oakland LDS Temple. A reception will be held that evening in Lemoore, Calif., and on Jan. 9 in Buhl. After a honeymoon trip to Puerto Vallarta, the couple will reside in Houston, Texas.

MAXFIELD-GOODWIN

PAUL - Ward and Judy Maxfield of Paul announce the engagement of their daughter, Cherish Maxfield, to Mitchell E. Goodwin, son of Gene and DeAnn Goodwin of Heyburn. Maxfield is a 1991 graduate of Minico High School and is attending the College of Southern Idaho. Goodwin is a 1994 graduate of Minico High School and is attending Idaho State University in Pocatello. He is employed at an independent living center in Pocatello. The wedding is planned for Saturday in the Bountiful LDS Temple in Bountiful, Utah. A



Cherish Maxfield and Mitchell Goodwin reception to honor the newlyweds will be from 7 to 9 p.m. Dec. 26 at the Emerson 2nd Ward LDS building. The couple will live in Pocatello and continue their education.

Anniversary or wedding planned? Let us know

The Times-News welcomes anniversary, engagement and wedding announcements. Deadline to get them into Sunday's Family Life section is noon on Wednesdays, although we also publish them on other days of the week. But because space on the weekday Family Life pages is limited, we can't guarantee to get engagements and anniversaries into the paper before the event unless we receive the information at least four days in advance. For example, if you have a Saturday wedding or anniversary planned, please let us know by 5 p.m. Tuesday. For more information call Ramona Jones at 733-0931, Ext. 262.

ON-THE JOB

Be charitable to collectors
Don't go blaming professional debt collectors. Citing charity, fund-raising and community service work, Jon Dunn, president of American Collectors Association, says: "Collectors are responsible business professionals that provide a vital service to the community. People need to be aware of all of the good things that our members do, and respect the collection industry as an important profession."
Send in the clones
Now you can leave survivors a little something to remember you by - your DNA. Federal DNA are beginning to collect DNA samples from the dead - not just to preserve a genetic record that could provide medical information. "I imagine every funeral home will have this service in the future," one funeral director says.
- Compiled from wire reports

WEDDING

NELSON-DOBBS

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. - Leslie C. Nelson and Gregory L. Dobbs were married Oct. 18 at the home of the bride's sister and brother-in-law, Linda and Clair Haakenson of Albuquerque, N.M. Officiating was the Rev. Jeff Lust of the St. Stevens Methodist Church. Lindsey Haakenson sang "The Church is the Body of Christ." The officiant, Marie Hawkins sang and played the guitar. The bride is the daughter of Marvin and Shiraz Paterson of Albuquerque, N.M. Parents of the bridegroom are Wesley and Janet Dobbs of Twin Falls. Nan Wilcox, friend of the bride.



Gregory and Leslie Dobbs served as the bride's maid of honor. Bridesmaids included Sue Panimer, sister of the bride; Cindy Miller and Marie Hawkins, friends of the bride.

How to form a commitment that will endure for a lifetime

Knight Rider News Service
MINNEAPOLIS - Joelle Priestley, 23, and Erin McGuire, 24, knew almost immediately that they wanted to be together forever. Within hours of their first date almost one year ago, they felt like best friends. Within two months of meeting, Priestley, a computer programmer, and McGuire, a computer firm, moved into the same home. And, within six months of dating, they found themselves shopping for rings. On Nov. 7, McGuire and Priestley married at the Chapel of Love at the Mall of America in Bloomington, Minn., as a small group of their friends and family watched their vows. "We just felt so comfortable together from the beginning," McGuire said. "We're both set in our careers, and we just felt it was a good time to get married." The McGuires could serve as models for Steven Cartier's new

Letting go
In his book, author Steven Cartier offers these suggestions:
- **Stop blaming:** "Every relationship has two responsible parties," Cartier says. "The way we blame one another creates a vicious cycle of anger for the lack of commitment in your life, you will not have a relationship and you will not grow."
- **Stop worrying:** "You create the finances, tax laws, or spouses, parents and siblings can all affect our ability to succeed. Cartier says."
- **Fight for and set yourself:** "Until you fight against attention to your lack of self-awareness, lack of self-respect, lack of 'self-care' and lack of self-love, you will not move forward," Cartier says.

Stay grounded in reality: "A life led in fantasy (whether the fantasy is yours or someone else's) may bring temporary pleasures of love, but it doesn't lead to a life you can trust," Cartier says.
- **Define a new path:** Stop waiting for a better one and of course to let a better one. Change begins when you decide that you are capable of acting differently in relationships and creating a relationship that is.
- **Handle your anxieties:** As a relationship develops, it's normal to feel a loss of freedom. Don't give into that fear of intimacy. Change begins when you assure yourself that you are bigger than your phobias."
- Source: St. Paul Pioneer Press

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Treasure those valuable friends

When I think of friendship, I think of many fine attributes. I think of someone who is always pleasant and smiling, who always greets you as though it was the most important thing in the world for them to see you at that time, who makes you feel warm and happy, who always gives the best for you — someone who truly cares about you and your life.



AFTER CLASS
Gay Petersen

change from being dependant to being real people with whom you can have a deep and fulfilling relationship.

Grandchildren are the icing on the cake. Friendship with brothers and sisters ranks a close third with me. Through all the growing-up years when it seems we will never really see eye to eye, to becoming adults and realizing how much we really care for one another, brothers and sisters grow ever more dear.

Knowing that you have siblings who will always be there for you, willing to do anything to help in any situation is invaluable beyond words. There is a steadfast love and friendship that never fails.

Fourth, but certainly of almost equal importance, are the friends we have acquired in our lives that are the long-lasting permanent kind.

They may be relatives or friendships that are the result of people who just happen in on our life's journey, but who choose to stay. They are extremely important in our lives and grow only more dear, as years pass.

A true friend is a rare treasure. The value of friendships cannot be measured.

They bless and sustain us, make our lives more rich and fulfill a basic need. In seeking friendship we should remember that the old maxim will always apply.

"To have a friend, be a friend."

Gay Petersen is a retired teacher who lives in Wendell.

Mothers and their mothers

Right-Blender News Service

It's the mother of all inferiority complexes for many women — but they have nothing to feel inferior about. So says a Parenting magazine survey of 1,000 mothers, which found

that women today feel they're doing a much better job of mothering than their own mothers. The only two areas where '90s mothers think their own mothers surpassed them was having children who are well-behaved and rarely getting angry at their children.

The flip side of the above survey is one done by KPMG Peat Marwick's job-recruiting Web site, which found that 81 percent of college students feel they will be more successful than their parents and will retire before the age of 50.

The Times-News
Simply For Seniors

SENIORS BEWARE - SWINDLERS ARE CALLING

Most telephone sales calls are made by legitimate businesses offering legitimate products or services. Unfortunately, wherever honest firms search for new customers, so do swindlers. Everyone who has a phone is a prospect - be careful you don't become a victim.

1. Don't allow yourself to be pushed into a hurried decision.
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SOCIAL SECURITY Q&A

Right-Blender News Service

Q: A friend of mine said I should apply for Supplemental Security Income (SSI) because I'm disabled and have little income and resources. But I do have money set aside for burial expenses. Will this money be counted as a resource?

A: Funds set aside for funeral and burial expenses usually do not count as part of the income and resources in determining a person's eligibility for SSI. To find out more and to apply for benefits, call Social Security's toll-free number, 1-800-772-1213.

Q: I've been reading and hearing about "Saving Social Security" and how demographic shifts are driving the need for changes in Social Security. Can you explain this to me?

A: Increasing life expectancies and decreasing birth rates are resulting in an older population, which in turn puts pressure on the Social Security system. Improvements in life expectancy have allowed retirees to receive benefits for longer periods. In addition, 77 million baby boomers will also begin retiring in 2010, and in about 30 years, there will be nearly twice as many older Americans as there are today. At the same time, the ratio of retirees to workers is expected to decline from the current about three workers per retiree to two workers per retiree.

This column was prepared by the Social Security Administration. For fast answers to specific Social Security questions, contact Social Security toll-free at 800-772-1213.

FAMILY NEWS YOU CAN USE

Setting tough standards

Sale does count... when it comes to your TV. A Consumer Reports guide calls 19- and 20-inch sets "small and fairly sound," 25-inch models "basic, but nice," and 32-inch sets "the entrenched big-screen sets." Back when TVs were first finding their way into American homes, there was a black and white set with a screen that was just a few inches across was a big deal.

A cry for help

Barred babies cannot speak out about their abuse, but changes in their brains could help tell the tale. Researchers at the University of Pittsburgh Medical School have identified a biochemical signature that can help distinguish between brain injuries caused by accidents and by abuse. New Scientist magazine reports.

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