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The reign of Reinke

Head of juvenile corrections wants greater cooperation among state agencies, continued rapport with counties



Brent Reinke

By Gregory Hahn
Times-News writer

BOISE — Governor-elect Dirk Kempthorne asked Brent Reinke for three things last month: a resume, a letter of intent and a letter of resignation.
His resume has never been his strong point — but it's better than it was in 1997, when the Twin Falls County commissioner was named head of the state Department of

Juvenile Corrections.
The letter of intent contained what the enthusiastic and devoted that helped him land the job in the first place.
So his letter of resignation never materialized.
Recently, Reinke was among several department heads approached by Kempthorne to lead Idaho into the next century. Kempthorne has decided to retain a 57-year-old who earned his way into state government

with a high school diploma and a positive attitude.
"Mr. Reinke," explained retiring Gov. Phil Barr, "has taken a fledgling program and molded it into a highly effective vehicle for handling juvenile offenders."
The department Reinke was handling so badly to lead was in trouble in 1997. Less than 20 months after the state had created the department

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SHOP 'TIL YOU DROP



BOISE (AP) — The Times-News

The traditional after-Christmas sale brought out more bargain hunters Saturday than shoppers returning Christmas gifts, several store directors said. The half-off holiday decoration aisles at Fred Meyer were an especially busy area.

Big bargains abound, but store managers report fewer returns

After-Christmas shopping nets deals for customers

By John T. Huddy
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Debbie Horton already was shopping for next Christmas, just one day after this year's holiday. The reason

was simple — bargain, lots of them.
On a day traditionally recognized for after-the-holiday returns — when two store managers say have decreased this year — some were just as eager to jump on bargains.
"There's pretty good shopping the day after Christmas," said Horton as she gazed at a car full of Christmas decorations at Fred Meyer Saturday afternoon. "I guess we're starting our Christmas shopping."
Horton's mom, Lee Thompson, peered behind her as she walked through the aisles, checking out discounts on Christmas lights, wrapping paper, talking Santa and

other decorations for next year.
"We can't resist a good buy," Thomas laughed. "That's why we're here."
Discounts, especially half-priced ones, were too hard to pass up, said Neva Blake, a Fred Meyer customer.
"You wouldn't believe the amount of Christmas lights I've bought today," she said. "People are buying all kinds of Christmas decorations that are 50 percent off. I can't think that far ahead. I have a car payment to make next week."
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President Clinton hopes for a better outcome now that the impeachment has moved to the Senate.

President hopes 'the upper body' marches to a different drummer

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Thirty years before the Civil War, Alexis de Tocqueville, the observant Frenchman who wrote a book explaining what makes America work, peered around the Senate and the House and concluded that the former was superior.
He was "struck by the vulgar character" of the House, he wrote in "Democracy in America," but thought the Senate was "composed of elevated characters, distinguished generally, well-informed, and statesmen of note."
At any given time, there are probably at least 100 people — all members of the U.S. Senate — who agree.
Bill Clinton, having been impeached by narrow and partisan votes in the House, a sharply among those who urge the Senate marches to a different drummer: the Bill the Senate, in its wisdom, to ignore

"The Senate is a club, and the House a fraternity."

Donald Ritchie,
Senate historian

... or, if it can't work that out, to acquit him and keep him from becoming the nation's first elected president.
Senators like to see themselves as above the fray, as reasoned and deliberate. They see themselves members of the "upper body."
It is considered bad form for a House member to refer to the Senate in debate as "the Senate" or for a senator to speak of "the House." Instead, each refers to the

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IDAHO'S YEAR IN REVIEW

Election, cop killing top 1998 headlines

The Associated Press

BOISE — A lackluster campaign did not dampen Idaho's political interest in the November election and its aftermath, making the advent of a new governor, survival of a schools superintendent and ouster of a congressman who admitted an adulterous affair the top story of 1998.



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Controversy swirls around species law on anniversary

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — It's been called the noblest and most powerful of environmental laws, and also the most despised and feared.

When the Endangered Species Act became law 25 years ago, few lawmakers imagined the controversy it would unleash: fights pitting the protection of plants and animals against the rights of humans to own and manage their land, perform their job and meet the needs of a growing population.

"It's the most visionary environmental law that has ever been passed," says Interior Secretary Bruce Babbitt. "Yet even as they celebrate the law, Babbitt and many environmentalists agree new ways must be found to address the natural conflict between landowners and species."
Passed by Congress with hardly any opposition — 92-0 in the Senate and 355-4 by the House — the law protecting imperiled species was signed by President Nixon on Dec. 28, 1973.
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The numbers

In his nearly 2,200 species are listed as endangered in the United States, the number of species on earth is anybody's guess.
Scientists have named 1.7 million species, nearly half of them insects, and 250,000 plants. Only about 4,000 are mammals.
Although biologists began classifying species more than 200 years ago, they still do not know how many exist. Estimates range widely.
In 1995, the United Nations Global Biodiversity Assessment put the number of species at 13.6 million, but the actual number could be many times that. Some scientists suspect there may be 30 million tropical insects alone. Each year thousands of species, mostly microscopic organisms, die added.

THE REGION

Comas Prairie

High 34 Low 23
Mostly cloudy with a chance of morning snow showers. Increasing clouds tonight; windy and warmer Monday. Rain or snow likely.

Treasure Valley

High 42 Low 36
Mostly cloudy with a chance of morning snow showers. Increasing clouds tonight; windy and warmer Monday. Rain or snow likely.

Sawtooth Mountains/Wood River Valley

High 34 Low 22
Mostly cloudy with a chance of morning snow showers. Increasing clouds tonight; windy and warmer Monday. Rain or snow likely.

Eastern Idaho

High 37 Low 26
Mostly cloudy with a chance of rain or snow showers today, tonight and Monday.

Northern Idaho

High 37 Low 28
Mostly cloudy with a light chance of showers. Cloudy tonight with a chance of snow. Breezy Monday with rain or snow likely.

Northern Utah

High 34 Low 19
Snow likely today. Mostly cloudy tonight and Monday with a chance of snow.

Northern Nevada

High 42 Low 29
Chance of snow or rain showers throughout the day. Snow level 5,000-5,500 feet.

MAGIC VALLEY FIVE-DAY FORECAST

Today

High 40 Low 32
Mostly cloudy with a chance of morning showers.

Monday

High 48 Low 35
V-brisk and warm. Breezy with a chance of rain.

Tuesday

High 48 Low 30
Partly cloudy.

Wednesday

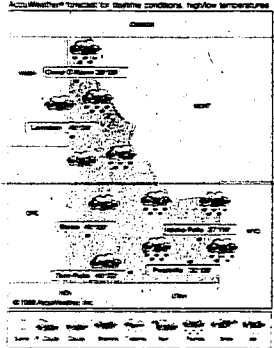
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Thursday

High 49 Low 30
Partly cloudy.

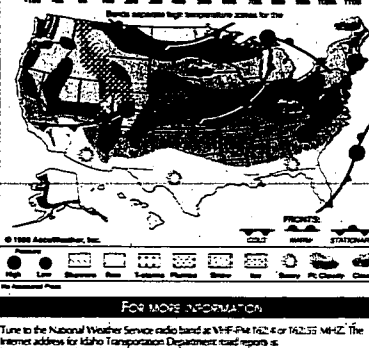
Idaho weather

Sunday, Dec. 27
AccuWeather's forecast for daytime conditions, high/low temperatures



National weather

The AccuWeather's forecast for noon, Sunday, Dec. 27



YESTERDAY'S WEATHER

Twin Falls	Precipitation
Yesterday 43-33	Yesterday in Twin Falls .07
Last year 39-21	Normal to date: .48
Normal 39-21	Month to date: 1.69
	Water year to date: 1.87
	Normal year to date: 2.92

Idaho

City	Max	Min	Pcp	Idaho: High/Low
Boise	44	34	10	degrees at Lewiston.
Barley	42	34	03	Low, 17 degrees at
Fairfield	m	m	m	Idaho Falls.
Hagerman	m	m	m	Nations: High, 83 at
Idaho Falls	35	17	07	Miami, Fla. Low, 18
Jerome	m	m	m	at Williston, N.D.
Lewiston	49	33	01	
Malay	37	m	m	
Malia	25	00	m	
McCall	35	28	02	
Pocatello	38	30	01	
Salmon	36	18	m	
Stanley	32	27	m	
Sun Valley	m	m	m	

The Nation

City	Max	Min	Pcp
Albuquerque	50	23	.....
Atlanta	48	18	.....
Boston	35	23	.....
Chicago	28	22	.....
Dallas	48	15	.....
Denver	48	24	.....
Des Moines	27	23	.....
Detroit	30	23	.....
Honolulu	80	70	.....
Los Angeles	64	48	.....
Indianapolis	35	19	.....
Kansas City	41	19	.....
Las Vegas	45	28	.....
Los Angeles	66	46	.....
Memphis	43	24	.....
Minneapolis	25	20	.....
Milwaukee	25	20	.....
Nashville	45	20	.....
New Orleans	45	41	.....
New York	34	17	.....
Oakland	40	20	.....
Omaha	33	14	.....
Phoenix	66	41	.....
Portland, Me.	33	13	.....
Portland, Ore.	55	27	.....
Reno	58	27	.....
St. Louis	38	25	.....
San Antonio	55	25
San Francisco	50	38
Seattle	44	41
St. Paul	37	28
Washington	34	23
Yuma	69	44

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Toronto	29	25
Vancouver	39	33

Grandparents head off to battle in war on drugs

BOSTON (AP) — In its war against drugs, the government has enlisted drug-sniffing dogs, SWAT teams and the military. Now it's calling on even more powerful weapons: grandpas and grandpas.

The Office of National Drug Control Policy has launched an ad campaign to coax grandparents into talking to their grandchildren about the dangers of drugs. It's part of a long-term effort to get adult role models of all sorts to teach kids about addiction, AIDS and drug use.

"There is an air of urgency that comes through in a relationship between a child and their grandparents," said Leigh Lewis, outreach spokeswoman for the New York-based Partnership for a Drug-Free America, which is co-sponsoring the campaign.

A nearly full-page advertisement ran this month in the Boston Globe featuring a photo of a young boy looking intently at an elderly woman, his hand on her shoulder.

"Grandparents are cool. Relaxin'," the ad states. "They're not on the firing line every day. Some days a kid hates his folks. He never hates his grandparents."

Levinthal said talk between children and grandchildren about drugs should be part of an ongoing dialogue about everything in their lives — hobbies, school-work, friends.

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Bargains

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"That's enough for me."

Others were content to exchange or return, instead of spending more cash.

"About 75 percent of returns come on the five day after Christmas," said Mark Ehlers, store director at Fred Meyer. "But there hasn't been as many returns this year."

Jim Godwin, store director at J.C. Penney in the Magic Valley Mall, agreed with Ehlers about mellow after-Christmas returns.

"I think the snow has slowed people down a bit this year," Godwin said. "There's not many returns this year so far."

Godwin declined to give information about sales revenue but said it has remained about the same as last year and the year before.

Especially that will change, he said.

"There's more transactions a week after Christmas than before," Godwin said. "We're grateful for the rush."

Of more than 100 full-time and part-time employees at J.C. Penney, 60 percent will work each day during the after-Christmas rush, Godwin said.

Idaho: Saturday saw more unsettled weather over Idaho. Satellite imagery and surface reports showed that cloudy to mostly cloudy skies were observed across the state.

Furthermore, regional radar showed steady precipitation over the state on Saturday. These conditions were the result of minor upper-level weather disturbances crossing the state.

Elsewhere: Partly cloudy skies and southerly winds brought cool temperatures to New England. The mid-Atlantic states were driven by partly to

Rain showers fell across eastern North Carolina, eastern South Carolina, southeastern Georgia and Florida. Freezing drizzle and sleet appeared in some areas.

Snow showers drizzled over parts of the Great Lakes. Minnesota enjoyed subzero temperatures in the morning. The Southern Plains were mostly clear with temperatures reaching the 60s.

Skies were clear across the Desert Southwest and much of the Great Basin. California had partly cloudy skies.

— The Associated Press

Reinke

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by severing off chunks of the Department of Health and Welfare and the Department of Corrections, the new department was reeling from a controversy that ended in his predecessor's ouster.

Reinke was a restaurant owner, county commissioner and then a farmer. His City Council member work had no experience in juvenile corrections — but experience from traveling from state hearing to hearing around the state when the department was created.

"But working kids for 15 years in business," he said, "we got involved in a lot of lives."

In the end, his commitment to and knowledge of county government swayed all but one member of Bur's selection committee, who in turn lobbied Reinke as a close second.

Around 23 percent of Juvenile Corrections' budget goes directly to counties. Its goals include a continual push for county-based facilities and programs within the state. The state hopes to keep 40 percent of its incarcerated juveniles in county programs.

Kemphorne wants continued funding. Reinke can see the big picture and reach out to counties. Kemphorne said. That's where the talent is, and where ideas will come from.

Reinke agreed and talks constantly of innovation and hard work changing lives around the state.

He pointed to Mindoka County, which has brought school officials together with Magistrate Judge Larry Duff and juvenile probation officers in "Parent Project" classes. In a district that averaged around 50 arrests a year, Reinke said, there has yet to be one this year.

"They're equipping their teachers," he said. "Great things are happening."

But the state plays an important role — several roles, actually. And Reinke hopes Kemphorne will help him achieve a personal goal: getting state agencies together to create a comprehensive "crime prevention strategy."

The juvenile and adult corrections departments, law enforcement, and the departments of Health and Welfare and Education all are integral to Idaho's fight against crime. The departments must cooperate and use their resources wisely.

"I need to understand that," Reinke said. "I need to understand what Health and Welfare is doing, what Education is doing."

Reinke said he wants to see how Idaho needs to focus more on prevention and intervention.

especially with drug- and alcohol-related crimes. Reinke said 85 percent of the juveniles arrested in Idaho are under the influence of drugs or alcohol. Unless prohibition works, it can't help a child's home life and school life, Reinke said, "they're going to fail."

Kemphorne wants to emphasize early-childhood development, and that's where Reinke believes much of the work can be done. Through intervention, prevention and "aftercare" — helping teens readjust to their communities — many of the department's goals can be accomplished.

But an infrastructure is needed. A juvenile sex offender facility, which could be housed temporarily in Gooding, is a top priority. The department also is addressing its increasing numbers of female offenders and of children with mental health problems.

The state wants county-based programs strong enough to keep teens from progressing through the system.

"We've got to get services out in the counties," Reinke said, "long before they get to us."

Reinke also wants to extend the process into the community, reaching the victim while rehabilitating the offender. It's a key directive in the Juvenile Corrections Act that created the department.

One idea he's pursuing is called "blended sentencing." A program earning acclaim elsewhere, in which violent teen-age offenders are given a juvenile and an adult sentence. If they complete the juvenile sentence and can't be brought back into the community, the adult sentence is dropped eventually. The department will pursue the idea to the Legislature in 1999.

Reinke's a long way from Mr. B's Fine Foods — although he's back at his booth every year for the Twin Falls County Fair. He earns around \$63,000 a year with an agency with a \$36 million budget and responsibility for thousands of young Idahoans.

Reinke said he has 440 teens were in custody in the state. Reinke needs the number will rise. On average, 5,500 Idaho children are on probation every day. Methamphetamine use continues to explode.

But 40 American cities have larger populations than the state of Idaho, Reinke said.

"We can do this," he said. "In this whole field, the jury's still out," he added. "I think there's some good news out there. I think we're on the right track."

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President

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The Senate, by contrast, comprises 100 individuals, assessing themselves whenever they want to, each able to stop the proceedings at will by simply standing up and speaking.

As a result, the Senate operates by majority rule, pure and simple. The Senate must operate by accommodation and compromise or not at all. There are no backbenchers there.

Republican Mike DeWine of Ohio spent eight years in the House before he moved over to the Senate four years ago. He had barely arrived when he missed an I-75 exit and was involved in a rain-soaked highway. He opposed lifting the speed limit.

"So I walked on the floor," he

recalled in an interview. "Five minutes later I was in the debate. That's more difficult in the House."

He didn't prevail, but he got his two cents' worth in.

DeWine says the very act of running statewide — and, in his case, representing 11 million people — tends to give a senator a broader outlook, to make him aware of the diversity of his state.

Except for about 30 or so swing districts, House districts are more homogeneous, usually safely Republican or safely Democratic, notes political scientist James Thurber. So representatives need very scant need to view other than those that prevail in their districts.

"I see the Senate as an institution that moderates the House," says Thurber. "I see senators as the adults, inasmuch as they are more insulated, more mature."

The founding fathers intended for the Senate to be more deliber-

ative. At any time, two-thirds of its members are four or six years away from having to face the voters, long enough for passions to cool. George Washington is said to have compared the Senate to a saucer into which issues, hot from the House, are poured and get a chance to cool.

Even though senators since 1913 have been elected directly by the voters — in Tennessee's day they were elected by state legislatures — they can take a more distant view than House members, who are never more than two years from having to face the voters.

The difference was deliberate, says Senate historian Donald Ritchie. "The House was designed to reflect public opinion and the Senate, with six-year terms, was supposed to be removed from prevailing winds."

"The Senate is a club," he says, "and the House a fraternity."

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NATION

Gore ties his fate to Clinton's

Vice President's loyalty may help in next election

WASHINGTON (AP) — Loyalty is in the job description, and Vice President Al Gore is providing loyalty plus as President Clinton's vice-presidential pick in the impeachment struggle. It is a stand-up role that not only serves Clinton but may also boost Gore as he seeks the Democratic nomination for the White House in 2000.

The vice president won't talk about his obvious candidacy, saying it is too early for that. Now, the issue is impeachment of his boss and the Senate trial or censure just ahead. Gore, who jokes about his earned reputation as a strait, stiff political figure, is a veteran of the impeachment defense. He said he is fighting hard at the way House Republicans pushed the near party-line votes for impeachment. And he sometimes acts it.

But he carefully defers to the sensitivities of the Senate, where he served before Clinton chose him for vice president in 1992. Gore said there will be no attempt or buttonholing of senators to seek support against the conviction and ouster of the president, which would take an improbable 67 votes. That is a low to Senate elders who insist that there must be no jury tampering, as Sen. Robert C. Byrd, D-W.Va., put it, and no White House role in shaping any censure settlement to avoid trial.

But, in an interview published Saturday, Gore said he will feel free to consult with senators who seek out his views. And, since the vice president also serves as president of the Senate, Gore told the

ANALYSIS

Walter R. Meears

Los Angeles Times that he may be the best breaking news on issues such as admissibility of evidence.

Clinton has invited censure; Gore said it is the penalty Americans think appropriate in the Monica Lewinsky scandal, and he denounced House GOP leaders for refusing to permit a vote on it there.

At the same time, Gore speaks in his TV interviews and other forums to quash the notion that the president might resign, as House GOP leaders said he should. "He has been a great president," Gore said in a CNN interview. "He is not going to resign." For emphasis, he said it again, five times in the same interview.

When House Democrats rallied to Clinton at the White House after the impeachment votes, and when Rep. Bob Livingston, who would later become the speaker, stepped aside because of his own affairs and said the president should do the same, Gore told them.

"What America needs is not resignations, but the renewal of civility, respect for one another, decency toward each other." At this point, a good defense would seem to be good politics, too. The public opinion polls show record-rate job approval for Clinton, although the same surveys mark him low for personal conduct and honesty. They show that most Americans think it best that he complete his elected term, two more years. And a survey on attitudes toward the Republicans in Congress put their standing at a

14-year low amid the impeachment turmoil.

Obviously, that could change. So, too, could the prospering economy, a boon to Clinton in his troubles, and to Gore as his partner and chosen successor. There may be other problems. While Gore has been spared a special prosecutor investigation into his fund-raising conduct for the 1996 campaign, the broader case is not closed.

"I've got a big job as vice president," Gore said in the CNN interview. "The year 2000 is still a long way off."

But not so long that he hasn't started lining up his organization for the presidential campaign. He'll also have to raise funds in 1999 for the burst of early season presidential primaries in 2000, a task at which the vice president and Clinton will have an advantage over Democratic rivals.

His stand with Clinton will be an asset with the Democrats who vote in primaries, and with prospective donors.

Still, it is not a simple role. There were complaints among his supporters when Gore declared himself proud of Clinton the day after the president admitted the Lewinsky affair after seven months of deceptive denials.

As a candidate, Gore will have to step behind the man two steps behind the president at White House proceedings, and reestablish his own, independent identity.

That emergence is vital for a vice president seeking to be promoted. And balancing it with loyalty to the boss is not simple.

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

Doctors overcome first serious complications for octuplets

HOUSTON (AP) — Six of the world's only living octuplets were breathing on their own Saturday, leaving only two of the tiny infants on ventilators.

All six girls and two boys remained in critical condition at Texas Children's Hospital's neonatal intensive care unit. All weighed less than 2 pounds at birth and are expected to remain in the hospital through February.

Them, like the others, had been placed on ventilators after birth. Odera was on 100 percent oxygen. Based on her low birth weight, some experts have estimated Odera's chance of survival at as low as 20 percent, compared to more than 60 percent for her siblings.

Their mother, Nkem Chukwu, 27, is expected to leave St. Luke's Episcopal Hospital early next week, said Dr. Brian Kirsborn, her obstetrician.

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Power returns to some homes in icy South

The Associated Press

Lights and heat switched back on Saturday for many customers who had been shivering since an ice storm snapped power lines across the South.

The odds were, however, still had no electricity since the pre-Christmas ice storm pulled down power lines and snarled highway and airline travel.

And as well with some 2,000 utility workers laboring to reconnect broken power lines, some customers in Virginia may be in the dark until the middle of the week, Virginia Power spokesman Jim Norville said.

"It's the combination of ice and it forcing trees down into our power lines. Just a lot of hard manual work," Norville said. An estimated 180,000 residential and business customers of Virginia Power still had no power on Saturday.

Utilities said about 45,000 customers were still blacked out Saturday in Mississippi, along with nearly 43,000 in Tennessee, more than 17,000 in Louisiana, and fewer than 4,000 in North Carolina.

"We're making good progress. Unfortunately, there will still be some out over the weekend," said Ron Stewart, vice-president of cooperative services for the Electric Power Associations of Mississippi.

In Manchester, Tenn., Jim and Jean Kennedy spent Christmas night in the Coffee County Center shelter. It was their third night there, and they ate Christmas dinner cooked by the staff at the jail next door.

"This is by far the strangest Christmas I've had," said Jim Kennedy. Nathan East of rural Bossier Parish in northwestern Louisiana was in the dark from Wednesday to Christmas, and then turned to helping out friends who still hadn't been reconnected.

"We got 'em up some butane heaters and a little fish cooking to keep 'em warm and some oil lamps for lights," he said. "It's a lot like the old times but they're making out all right."


Virginia's Williamsburg area was among the hardest hit. Only one gas station was open in the city Friday night, and customers had to wait an hour for gasoline for cars and emergency generators.

At the University of Chamberlaine, a senior community in Williamsburg, had to evacuate 20 assisted-living clients and were directed to the Williamsburg Hospital House, reportedly the only hotel in the city with heat and electricity.

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WORLD CHALLENGES

Winning and losing in the Year of the Tiger

The Anniversary Press

In the drowned villages of China and Central America, along the rocky coasts of California and Peru, man met nature in 1998 and came out a loser. It was, by one reckoning, the deadliest year on record for weather disasters.

But when it came to man vs. man in 1998, the contest between war and peace, right and wrong, mankind sometimes, in small ways, looked like a winner.

That was the look on Good Friday in Belfast, when a new beginning was found for Northern Ireland. It was the long one, the moment of maturity in Rome, when western negotiators put the last touches to a new global court for war crimes. And it was the look after an October slaughter because "Osama bin Laden, where he is, and Palestinian nudged each other a few more steps down the road to peace."

"There has been enough destruction, enough death, enough waste," Britain's King Hussein said that day. "... We are moving in the right direction."

The right direction — in small ways, in some places. But in many others, in 1998, there seemed no limit to death and destruction.

Terrorism in Africa

One Friday in August, twin bombs struck at safe spots in London's anti-terrorist armor. Beside the U.S. embassies in Kenya and Tanzania, killing 24 people.

Washington retaliated with cruise missiles against suspected terrorist targets in Afghanistan and Sudan, and pushed a \$5 million reward for the alleged mastermind of the embassy bombings, Saudi cleric Osama bin Laden.

Four months later, in December, the United States unleashed its missiles again, this time in a five-day air campaign against Sudanese aircraft.

In the Balkans, in the eighth year of a bloody decade, it was Kosovo's turn to bleed. Serbia was in the attack against Albanian separatist guerrillas in that Serbian province, filling the buses and highways with covering refugees.

And in other war-torn corners of the world, from Algeria to Burma to long-suffering Sri Lanka, the strife of religion or "tribe" tilted the balance once more, in 1998, against peace.

Deadly technology

Death came, too, from man's wits in another arena, mastering his own technology. Ninety-six people were killed in the crash of Germany's fastest train, and 225 perished in the loupain, burning and unexplained demise of a Swiss jetliner into the cold sea of Nova Scotia.

The Year of the Tiger was to have been a year of "supernatural



Muslim militant Osama bin Laden speaks to reporters in southern Afghanistan Thursday. The United States blamed bin Laden for the bombings of U.S. embassies in Africa and posted a \$5 million reward for the alleged mastermind of the terrorist attacks.



An emotional President Clinton and first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton watch the arrival of 20 flag-draped coffins of Americans killed in the bombings at the U.S. Embassy in Nairobi, Kenya, during a memorial service on Aug. 22.

and energy." But the forecast that mattered in 1998 came not from the Chinese zodiac, but from the weatherman.

Nature's wrath

From the year's first days, severe storms spawned by the El Nino phenomenon raked the eastern Pacific rim. In California, houses slid down muddy hillsides and crops were total losses.

Peru was hardest hit. Floods and mudslides drove hundreds of thousands of Peruvians from their homes and washed away vast swaths of farmland. "I'm waiting for the earth to open up and swallow Peru. It's the only thing that hasn't happened," said one farmer.

Nature then shifted its fury to China.

Armies of sandbaggers could not hold back the Yangtze and other flooded rivers as they inflicted catastrophic damage through the summer. More than 5.6 million houses were destroyed and almost 64 million acres of land swamped, an area the size of Colorado or Italy. More than 3,600 people were reported killed.

A deadlier event was still to come, halfway around the world, where a hurricane dubbed Mitch meandered through the Caribbean and finally settled over the Honduran coast, to sit and torment the people of Central America with an unimaginable scourge of rain — up to 25 inches a day.

Swollen brown torrents flooded towns. Collapsing hillsides engulfed villages. Bridges and highways vanished, and national economies dissolved in the muddy

runoff. More than 9,000 people died.

Even in Bangladesh, homeland of misfortune, 1998 was extraordinary: Flooded rivers displaced one-quarter of its 124 million people. In India, a cyclone and tidal wave swept away up to 14,000 people, many of them destitute salt workers who lived — and died — beside the Arabian Sea.

Weather-related disasters in 1998 caused at least \$89 billion in economic losses worldwide, the Washington-based Worldwatch Institute estimated. It was the most, by far, in two decades of recordkeeping.

Delicate negotiations

While weather afflicted the masses, climate troubled the leaders.

Envoys from 160 nations, aware of projections that 1998 would be the planet's warmest year on record, met in Argentina and took further small steps toward carrying out a year-old accord to combat global warming.

In other meetings in other corners of the world, some of the century's "intractable" problems grudgingly gave ground.

A negotiating marathon in Belfast produced "a bloody miracle," in one participant's words, a deal to end decades of violence by giving the Irish Republic a voice in governing Northern Ireland. In Maryland, the bay-side Middle East talks, brokered by President Clinton, led to new Israeli withdrawals from Palestinian land.

But U.S. efforts elsewhere proved less satisfying. American brinkmanship did

pressure Serbia into pulling back troops from Kosovo, and twice forced Iraq to back off in confrontations over U.N. weapons inspections.

But in a third Iraq showdown, in mid-December as Clinton himself stood on the brink of impeachment, the U.S. commander-in-chief took the next step and sent cruise missiles and warplanes against Iraqi targets, damaging Iraq's advanced-weapons program and inflicting untold casualties.

For all the diplomatic and military might deployed, both challenges — in Iraq and Kosovo — looked sure to flare anew in 1999.

The world confronted a nuclear challenge as well in 1998. First India, then Pakistan exploded test bombs at secret desert sites, defying the U.S.-led nonproliferation regime.

Hope for the future

In other ways, however, 1998 was a year for cooperation — for building, brick by brick, structures for the next century.

In the U.S. Senate and elsewhere, NATO parliaments began giving final approval to opening the alliance to Eastern Europe in 1999. The European Union cleared the way for its new continental currency, the euro, in the new year. And global powers teamed up, through billions in new loans, to contain an economic crisis that had impoverished millions, almost overnight, in East Asia and Russia.

For the human rights movement, the year was topped off with the unexpected. A Spanish warrant alleging genocide and

terrorism snared the aged ex-dictator of Chile, Gen. Augusto Pinochet, as he visited London. Depending on its outcome, the case could turn this century's "untouchables" into wanted men in the next.

More of those untouchables fell in 1998, including one of the most durable authoritarians, Indonesia's President Suharto, who stepped down under the relentless pressure of economic collapse and bloody rioting.

"We don't know if this means democracy or freedom, but it means change," said one happy Indonesian. "And change is good."

The right direction — in small ways, in some places. Even, at times, in the age-old contest of man and nature.

Some such steps were coarse — when scientists, for example, finally unlocked the genetic secrets of tuberculosis, one of the great human killers.

And some were nicer — like the blastoff of the Eric pieces of the International Space Station, a 16-nation research platform that should help define the century age, and from whose lofty perch, vintage 1998, man may someday look down and reflect: That last to be a winning year.

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Strangely, it received only scant attention at a time when the country was gripped with an environmental hysteria that had been threatened with abandonment.

It seemed only right to protect an array of dwindling birds and animals, the way the law could, the powerful enemy, the creature whooping, crying, and howling with 10-foot wingspan and a beak that would pierce steel.



'It's time to take care of property rights.'

—Rep. Helen Chenoweth

Few realized it also would curtail the small dam, the dam that built fly, black-spotted miller and the much-maligned Arizona lewiscowbird to flowering plants in a Maine.

When Nixon signed the bill, there were 109 species that needed protection. Today there are 117 species under the law's umbrella, six of over 30 in the plant kingdom.

But while the number of protected species has grown astronomically, only a handful have recovered or are even moving toward recovery. Only 27 species have been removed from the list, and most of those in disappearance had been listed by mistake.

These numbers have been cited by critics as evidence of the law's failure.

"This law is being used by intentions and not by results," argues Rob Corbett, founder of the National Wilderness Institute, which advocates property rights.

But most environmentalists maintain the recovery figures are an accurate barometer of success. The law, they say, has prevented the disappearance of hundreds of species and changed public attitudes.

"It's been the catalyst for a fundamental change in how we view and treat the land," says Alan Van Patten, president of the National Wildlife Federation.

Roder Schickel, a member of the House of Representatives, a senate staffer when the law was passed, marvels at its impact. "I demanded that species be protected on the basis of science, not politics, and asked to protect them on ecological harm future generations that don't vote today."

In its history, the law has lost more than a few occasions, the blood of those in its line of sight.

"It's done violence to property rights," says Rep. Helen Chenoweth, Idaho, who considers the law unconstitutional. "When it passed Supreme Court, it was a number of times."

It was only a few years after the virtual unanimous endorsement by Congress that the law's first strike emerged — in the fight over a Tennessee dam and the mill dam.

The Tennessee Valley Authority was building a dam on the Tellico River in 1977 when the project suddenly was blocked by an endangered species — the snail darter — found in the river. Congress overrode the law and eventually the dam was finished.

But no longer was anyone making the decision that the law was

meant to protect only grasslands and vernal pools.

"It was not the best poster child for the Endangered Species Act," says conservationist Van Patten. The administration "gave an image of an indefensible act."

In 1982, Congress gave flexibility to the law. It allowed landowners an opportunity to get a permit for "incidental" killing of species on their habitat on a case-by-case basis.

Nevertheless, over the years the law has been criticized to some extent by the government.

In the Northwest the battle was over the spotted owl, an endangered species. Logging was halted across vast stretches of forest and some blamed the law for loss of jobs.

Environmentalists argue the restrictions helped protect valuable old-growth forests, including the Pacific Yew, whose medicinal value in treating certain cancers.

But when scores of homes were destroyed by wildfires in southern California, some said the homes were lost because of the kangaroo rat, which the law protects.

Homeowners, the word was, were prevented from cutting down trees near their homes, starting the fires. Investigators also said the fires, driven by 80 mph winds, were so intense they would have destroyed homes even if the trees had been removed.

Today, along the New Mexico-Arizona border, attempts to reintroduce endangered Mexican gray wolf have been blocked by what conservationists believe is systematic killing. So far five of the first 11 breeders have been shot and another disappeared.

In 1991, 10,000 "Mill Mountain" in Indiana, residents set fire to three buildings and ski lifts this fall to protest the loss of habitat on the site, a small bobcat being reintroduced for protection. Although nature's environmental groups denounced the fire, a small band of militants claimed responsibility.

Since 1983, Babbitt has sought ways to negotiate with landowners on contractual agreements that would allow development of land, but still provide species protection.

Babbitt's "habitat conservation plans" allow landowners to harm some species and habitat while they use the land. In turn, the landowner agrees to set aside land and develop plans to protect certain species.

Currently there are 243 such agreements, covering 6.2 million

Facts about the Endangered Species Act

- Enacted: Signed by President Nixon on Dec. 28, 1973. Passed by Senate 92-0, by House 355-4.
- Purpose: Protect imperiled species from becoming extinct. Covers all mammals, birds, reptiles, amphibians, fishes, clams, snails, insects, arachnids, crustaceans, flowering plants, conifers, ferns and others.
- Requirements: Anyone may petition to have a species listed as either threatened or endangered. If listed, species is protected from being killed or its habitat destroyed. Government must designate critical habitat and develop a habitat recovery plan.
- Exceptions: Government may issue a permit for "incidental taking" of a species as part of land use or as part of a specific habitat conservation plan.
- Number of species on list: 1,177 (475 animals, 702 plants).
- Endangered species recovered: 11 (brown pelican, Gulf and eastern populations; Pallas dove; Old World flycatcher; Pallas owl; American alligator; Rydberg milk-vetch; gray whale, eastern, North Pacific populations; Arctic peregrine falcon; eastern gray kangaroo; red kangaroo, western gray kangaroo (range in Australia, but had been protected in United States for import purposes).
- Habitat conservation plans: 243 (range in size from half acre to 1.6 million acres).

size such assurance because of the uncertainties that might develop years from now.

But Babbitt argues the plans are a way to avoid train wrecks. "There is flexibility and strength in the law, and it can be made to work," he insists.

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Victims of bus crash rode often

Casualty juries ponder struck tip line deaths

NEW YORK (AP) — So late in the year, the Department of Transportation was still investigating the crash of a bus carrying 25 people to spin out of control, crushing and maiming a young woman on the Garden State Parkway.

Nightmare and confusion struggled to understand how the Christmas Eve trip could have ended so tragically.

They all knew each other and they traveled together. It's just terrible tragedy," said Jennifer Geller, who knew several people on the bus.

They have been identified as: Mrs. Steven, Mrs. Hamilton, Mrs. Elizabeth, Mrs. Ewell, Mrs. Shirley, Mrs. Michael, Mrs. Grace and Paul Kelly, All from New Jersey.

The National Transportation Safety Board was working on a final report on the crash, and examining the driver, several of his driver's relatives, and a record of speeding complaints.

About a dozen people remained hospitalized Saturday, with at least one in critical condition.

Mrs. Hamilton and Mrs. Geller were arrested for the speeding, but the "money" was said by Virginia Perazzo, Mrs. Geller's neighbor in the Pleasanton apartment complex.

Neighbors said the bus was believed to be in the rear lane 500, made the trip over. Others who made the trip regularly, describing of quick crash on or a change from the theory.

Mrs. Elizabeth, a 70-year-old retired bookkeeper, made the trip twice a week, traveling herself on the bus to work. She was the driver of the bus on the day of the crash, she said.

She often was joined by her husband and three children, a 15-year-old retired photographer who died in a black and white. Geller, a neighbor, Mrs. Geller, survived the accident and was listed in stable condition.

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NEW YORK (AP) — Big bargains lured shoppers to stores Saturday, pleasing retailers who hope a binge of after-Christmas buying will invigorate disappointing holiday sales.

While some consumers returned unwieldy gifts, many sought out deals on items they didn't get for Christmas or did some last-minute gift buying. Discounts were spotted on everything from cashmere sweaters to television sets.

"It isn't really a mall person, but 50 percent off makes it worth getting up and coming out," said Gwendolyn Kelly, who was spending the day at Atlanta's upscale Lenox Square.

Even with the strong economy and the boom on Wall Street, holiday season sales have fallen short of expectations, especially at department stores.

One reason was warm weather, which not only hurt sales of coats and sweaters, but also made people more eager to be outside rather than in a mall.

Last year, big sales began after Christmas saved the season. Whether that holds true this year isn't known until most retailers release holiday sales figures on Jan. 7.

"The weather was just playing tricks on everybody this year," said Britta Monaco, marketing director at Laketree shopping center in Gaithersburg, Md. "Now, the merchants see the days after Christmas as a big opportunity."

Many discounts were deeper than a year ago. The biggest price cuts came in apparel. At Macy's in Stamford, Conn., the same cashmere sweater that was selling for \$79 days ago was on sale for \$45. Fleece shirts at the Modell's sporting goods store in Philadelphia were 50 percent off.

In Boston, Ann Nolan found a pair of shoes at Filene's department store for \$15, marked down from \$65. For coats at Rich's department store in Atlanta were drastically reduced, including a mink that was \$7,500 marked down to \$3,749.

Many shoppers turned their thoughts to next Christmas, picking up decorations, wrapping paper and cards. Lines running 50 people long were reported at Hallmark

stores around the country.

Even stores that fared well this Christmas — like discounters and those carrying home furnishings, computers and electronics — were offering steep discounts.

More than 150 people were waiting for a Target store to open in suburban Minneapolis, while most shoppers were buying rather than returning gifts at a Wal-Mart in Merrill, Wis.

And there were shoppers who decided to splurge on themselves after Christmas. "Everybody else was taken care of before Christmas," said Gloria Layne, who was shopping at Lord & Taylor in Paramus, N.J. "Now, it's about me."

Investigations continued Saturday. The driver, 33-year-old, was cited for driving on the wrong side of the road. The bus was cited for exceeding the weight limit. The driver was cited for exceeding the weight limit.

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Shoppers flock to stores seeking after-Christmas bargains

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While some consumers returned unwieldy gifts, many sought out deals on items they didn't get for Christmas or did some last-minute gift buying. Discounts were spotted on everything from cashmere sweaters to television sets.

"It isn't really a mall person, but 50 percent off makes it worth getting up and coming out," said Gwendolyn Kelly, who was spending the day at Atlanta's upscale Lenox Square.

Even with the strong economy and the boom on Wall Street, holiday season sales have fallen short of expectations, especially at department stores.

One reason was warm weather, which not only hurt sales of coats and sweaters, but also made people more eager to be outside rather than in a mall.

Last year, big sales began after Christmas saved the season. Whether that holds true this year isn't known until most retailers release holiday sales figures on Jan. 7.

"The weather was just playing tricks on everybody this year," said Britta Monaco, marketing director at Laketree shopping center in Gaithersburg, Md. "Now, the merchants see the days after Christmas as a big opportunity."

Many discounts were deeper than a year ago. The biggest price cuts came in apparel. At Macy's in Stamford, Conn., the same cashmere sweater that was selling for \$79 days ago was on sale for \$45. Fleece shirts at the Modell's sporting goods store in Philadelphia were 50 percent off.

In Boston, Ann Nolan found a pair of shoes at Filene's department store for \$15, marked down from \$65. For coats at Rich's department store in Atlanta were drastically reduced, including a mink that was \$7,500 marked down to \$3,749.

Many shoppers turned their thoughts to next Christmas, picking up decorations, wrapping paper and cards. Lines running 50 people long were reported at Hallmark

stores around the country.

Even stores that fared well this Christmas — like discounters and those carrying home furnishings, computers and electronics — were offering steep discounts.

More than 150 people were waiting for a Target store to open in suburban Minneapolis, while most shoppers were buying rather than returning gifts at a Wal-Mart in Merrill, Wis.

And there were shoppers who decided to splurge on themselves after Christmas. "Everybody else was taken care of before Christmas," said Gloria Layne, who was shopping at Lord & Taylor in Paramus, N.J. "Now, it's about me."

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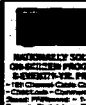
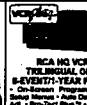
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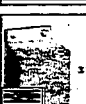


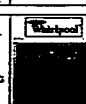
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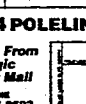
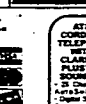
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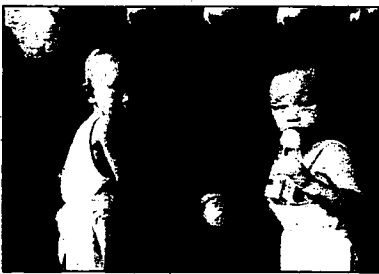
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Two youngsters stand in front of a gateway before entering the Temple of Heaven in Beijing Aug. 5. Rising juvenile crime and suicides among the very young have many Chinese questioning the wisdom of limiting urban families to having only one child.

China agonizes over youth crime, suicides

BEIJING (AP) — The writer called himself the "rotten kid." His appeals to the Beijing Evening News struck a nerve among Chinese disturbed by the rise in problem juveniles, prompting letters from worried parents and anguished children.

"I'm one of those so-called good kids because my schoolwork is pretty good," one youngster wrote. "After school, I smoke, drink and get into fights, but nobody punishes me because I'm a good student. I know I'm a bad kid, but my parents can't handle by my good grades. I hope someone will come save us."

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"The one-child policy is a method, but it is a hopeless method. The cost is very high," said Chen Yiyun, an expert on families at the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences. "But we are also having the same problems as in the West, so we can't blame everything on the one-child policy."

The rising juvenile crime rate — minors account for at least two-thirds of all those arrested — and the gravity of crimes committed by children barely into their teens has shocked many Chinese.

The tendency of parents and grandparents to pamper and overprotect their single offspring long has prompted jokes about teenagers who don't know how to wash their own backs, let alone do laundry.

Reports in the official media reflect more alarming trends. A gang of more than 30 teenagers in the central city of Xi'an committed dozens of armed robberies and rapes over the past few years. The youngest, an 11-year-old, participated in 11 gang rapes, police said.

The boy was "cute and lovable, with a very sweet smile," according to a report in the state newspaper Legal Daily. He also belonged to the gang's core, partly because he had access to a car. Another gang member was the son of a government official and a student with excellent grades who extorted money from his classmates.

The gang members' status as only children was just one factor behind their behavior, Gao Chengge, a psychologist at the Yifu Hospital in Xi'an, said in a telephone interview. Rising divorce rates and intensifying economic pressures that keep many parents too busy with work to spend time with their children appear to blame, she said.

China's ban on private gun ownership has helped prevent widespread firearms use like that which has plagued American cities, but state media report many killings by children.

In one case, a 14-year-old was charged with strangling his 10-year-old cousin after kidnapping the boy to demand ransom from his uncle in order to pay a debt of about \$1,500.

In another, a 15-year-old slammed a brick on the head of an 11-year-old druggie, set into his house, and beat her before dumping her in a manure pile, where she suffocated.

A 16-year-old was beaten to death by five boys in a fight over 10 cents worth of soda and gum. The chief suspect is a 13-year-old elementary school dropout.

Parents expressed their frustrations at not knowing how to communicate with their children, or how to get them to study. Children poured out their trou-

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— from a letter written by a Chinese youth

bles with parents who have no time to talk or who are overly preoccupied with school grades.

Schools are trying to counter the problem with ethics and morality classes for children and by promoting awareness of mental health issues among parents and teachers.

"People need to pay attention not only to intelligence but to other qualities, such as a sense of responsibility, confidence and independence," said Fang Ge, an education psychologist.

In many cases, problems arise not because of a lack of attention, but because parents tend to be overprotective, said Fang Ge, a psychiatrist who often counsels families.

"The children are too cherished. Each parent believes, 'My child must be the best,' and loads too many expectations on the child," Fang said.

Rebels press toward Freetown

FREETOWN, Sierra Leone — Fearing an impending rebel assault on Sierra Leone's capital, angry residents surged through the streets Saturday and burned alive at least two men accused of being rebel spies.

The rebel Revolutionary United Front, meanwhile, reported it had killed 60 Nigerian soldiers belonging to a West African intervention force while capturing the town of Makani, 60 miles east of the capital, Freetown.

Fighting has intensified in recent weeks in the West African nation that is slightly smaller than Indiana. The country, with a population of 4.7 million people, was settled two centuries ago by freed slaves from the United States, Britain and Jamaica.

The rebels, who controlled Freetown after a bloody May 1997 coup, are seeking revenge for their ouster from the capital in February.

But commander Sam Bockarie said Saturday his forces dodged the bodies of the dead Nigerian soldiers through the streets of Makani with an armed car "as an example to everyone."

But the government denied that Makani had been captured and the Nigerian-led forces, known as ECOMOG, continued to battle rebels for the town. Troops remained firmly in control of the country, the Information Ministry said in a statement.

2 Khmer Rouge leaders defect; general in hiding

PENOM PENH, Cambodia — The defections of two key Khmer Rouge guerrilla leaders Saturday left only the brutal, one-legged general Ta Mok holding out in Cambodian jungles.

Known as "The Butcher," Ta Mok is hiding with less than 100 die-hard loyalists, said a military official in Thailand, which closely monitors Khmer Rouge activities. "The Cambodian government's attitude is to let him (Ta Mok) grow old and die by himself. It's not worth the money to chase him," Thai Maj. Gen Wiwat Samran said.

The two Khmer Rouge leaders who defected to the Cambodian government included Khieu Samphan, who for decades posed as a moderate front man for a gang counted among history's worst killers.

The other leader was Nuon Chea, once the second-in-command to the late Khmer Rouge leader Pol Pot.

The defections came weeks after the surrender of the last large fighting force of the Khmer

World in brief

Rouge, a force that has been breaking up over the past two years and no longer posed a serious threat.

Mexican prisoners set free hostages, surrender

MEXICO CITY — Three inmates released hostages they had held for more than 20 hours in a Mexico City prison and surrendered Saturday, a prison official said.

The siege at the Reclusorio Sur prison ended peacefully at about midday, the official said, speaking on condition of anonymity.

Prison officials still had no information about how many hostages had been held. News reports gave varying figures, ranging from eight to more than 20.

Congolese rebels, Kabila meet

KIGALI, Rwanda — Congo's president and the rebels fighting

to oust him were in Libya, where Libyan leader Moammar Gadhafi was mediating efforts Saturday to end Congo's five-month civil war.

It wasn't immediately clear if Congolese President Laurent Kabila met face-to-face with rebel leaders, although a rebel source said the two sides were expected to engage in a series of "discreet" meetings.

Kabila is demanding the withdrawal from Congo of troops from Rwanda and Uganda, who have supported the rebels since they took up arms in August to oust Kabila, whom they accuse of mismanagement, corruption and ethnic warring.

Iraq says allied aircraft struck air defense unit

BAGHDAD, Iraq — Iraq said Saturday that "enemy" planes flying from the airspace of Kuwait and Saudi Arabia attacked an Iraqi anti-aircraft unit and were driven off.

The report from the official Iraqi News Agency did not identify the nationality of the aircraft, but it usually uses the word "enemy" for the United States and Britain.

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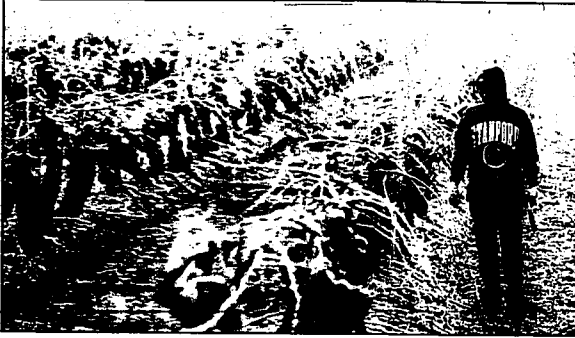
SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — The ice is starting to melt on California orange and lemon trees, and growers are cautiously optimistic that the worst of a freeze that has hobbled California's citrus industry is over.

Early morning temperatures Saturday hovered around 30 degrees in central California after a week in which they bottomed out at a frost-killing 21 degrees.

With industry officials considering the region's 530 million lemon crop a total loss, the challenge comes in finding salvageable fruit hanging among oranges that are frozen through, their juice sacs burst.

Growers were banking on a slow warm-up to allow some tangle branches to heal and save them from a profuse season.

"I think everyone is still holding out hope that some fruit will be good," said Terry Barker, who believes he lost almost his entire crop of navel oranges in



A farmer walks through a vineyard near Fresno, Calif., that is covered with frost earlier this week. Three straight nights of freezing temperatures have caused at least \$522 million in damage to California's citrus industry. It is a grim number that is expected to grow.

Woodlake.

"Some guys just shut off their (wind) machines and gave up," Barker said Saturday after get-

ting his first full night's sleep in several days.

But "you'll find people in farming are basically optimists. You

hate to lose a crop, you really do. You plan on it. You realize these things happen and you just have to go on."

Pace of illegal moose killing in northern Idaho nears record

COEUR D'ALENE (AP) — Poachers in northern Idaho and Washington are illegally gunning down record numbers of moose this winter, continuing a five-year trend.

"It is waste at its worst. Most shooters do not even bother taking the antlers.

Northern Idaho threatens to set a record. Twenty-two moose have been illegally killed this year. If it continues, 1998 will surpass 1995, when there were 28 unlawful moose shootings.

"If we could eliminate all of the illegal taking of moose, we could significantly increase the number of permits we provide," Phil Cooper of the Idaho Department of Fish and Game said.

Washington has good poaching news this winter. Wildlife offi-

cials are aware of only six cases. But the killing season is far from over if history is any indication.

Experts say a slowly growing moose population that is colliding with a rapidly expanding human population is contributing to the increase in poaching.

There are more roads and more homes being built in prime moose habitat. And moose are largely undomesticated by humans.

Hunter frustration also may play a role in the poaching, Cooper said.

"I don't think these people leave their houses in the morning and say 'I'm going to poach a moose,'" Cooper says. "I think it's Gee, I've been hunting for six days. I haven't seen a thing. I've been carrying around this loaded gun, and I see it and want to shoot it."

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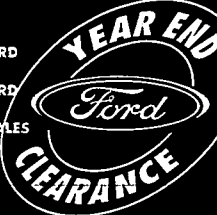
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How hot do you burn the wood in your wood stove? If it's too hot, you may be setting the stage for a chimney fire. If it's too cool, you may be polluting the air and building dangerous creosote levels in your chimney.

In an effort to help improve the air quality in the area, the Idaho Energy Division and the Division of Environmental Quality have joined forces with the Times-News, the city of Twin Falls, KMYT Television, KEZJ Radio, TCI Cable Television and the Condar Company to bring the Burn Clean Burn Smart campaign to Twin Falls between Dec. 27 and 31.

Office of the Mayor

City of Twin Falls, Idaho

Proclamation

for
Burn Clean Burn Smart Program

WHEREAS, clean air is important to the residents of Twin Falls; and

WHEREAS, improper wood stove operation can contribute to air pollution including particulate matter in our community; and

WHEREAS, it is better to prevent than to clean up air pollution; and

WHEREAS, financial assistance for upgrading wood stoves and educational materials on proper wood stove operation are available; and

WHEREAS, the use of wood as a renewable energy resource and an alternative fuel furthers the bioenergy goals of the state of Idaho; and

WHEREAS, the Burn Clean Burn Smart Program is an opportunity for individuals and the citizens of Twin Falls to work toward a clean and healthy environment

THEREFORE, I, Gale Kleinkopf, Mayor of the City of Twin Falls, hereby proclaim December 27 through December 31, 1998, to be

Burn Clean Burn Smart Week

in Twin Falls and encourage all citizens to join in this observance by practicing clean wood burning techniques this week and every week.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and the seal of the City of Twin Falls, Idaho, this 27th day of December, 1998.
Gale Kleinkopf
Mayor

"The campaign is a major renewable energy and air quality public awareness program designed to encourage responsible wood stove use and improve air quality in the area its conducted," says John Crockett, bioenergy specialist with the Energy Division.

Wood stoves provide an alternate type of heat for hundreds of households in the valley. Officials from the Energy Division encourage people to use clean-burning techniques to get more heat and less smoke.

"Proper wood stove use is vital whether it's your primary heat source or a backup to another type of space heating," says Crockett.

As part of the campaign, free wood stove thermometers are available to wood stove users throughout the Magic Valley. The thermometer, which serves as an energy meter, indicates when the stove is being operated at the recommended temperature, crucial to proper clean wood-burning techniques.

The easy-to-use thermometer, only 2½ inches in diameter, fastens magnetically onto the flue pipe to measure the surface temperature. The thermometer can be mounted permanently with a screw that's included in the kit. For owners of more than one stove, it can be removed and used on any other wood stove.

The thermometers are manufactured by the Condar Company of Garrettsville, Ohio. As a co-sponsor of the campaign, Condar Company has provided the thermometers for the project at a greatly reduced price as part of the company's on-going corporate commitment to environmental issues. This is a \$10 value being provided free by the Burn Clean Burn Smart sponsors.

How can you get one? The thermometers are available from most of the sponsors, including DEQ on Pole Line Road, KMYT Television, KEZJ Radio, Twin Falls City Hall and the Times-News while supplies last. You can receive one in the mail by sending your name and address to: Wood, 1301 N. Orchard, Boise, ID 83706, or calling the Idaho Energy Hotline, 1-800-334-SAVE.

HOT HINTS FOR HEATING WITH WOOD

Choosing the wood:

- When buying by the cord, stack it. A full cord is 128 cubic feet — a pile 8 feet long, 4 feet high and 4 feet wide.
- A standard pickup holds one-third to one-half cord — beware of dealers who sell "about" a cord and deliver it in a half-ton pickup.
- The harder the wood, the higher the heat value — find out if the wood is considered a hardwood or softwood. Hard woods are denser and give off more heat.
- Burn only dry "seasoned" wood in your stove. Moist "green" wood produces more smoke than heat and contributes to creosote buildup in your chimney.
- To verify the dryness of the wood, check the ends of several pieces — seasoned wood will have cracks on the ends caused by shrinkage from losing moisture.

Operating your wood stove:

- Burn only wood or condensed wood logs in your wood stove. Never burn railroad ties, trash, plastic or colored paper.
- Regularly check for creosote buildup in your chimney. Have the chimney and stove cleaned before each heating season and on a regular basis during the heating season.
- Unless your wood stove is the sole source of heat, refrain from using it during clear, calm, cold days or high pressure periods to avoid cold air inversions.

Your home improvements may qualify for tax deductions

Idaho taxpayers who update their homes with energy conservation improvements or install clean-burning devices to replace existing units may qualify for a tax deduction.

If your home was built prior to 1976, you can claim a tax deduction from your taxable income for the purchase price and installation costs of insulation, thermal or storm windows and doors, caulking and weatherstripping for your principal residence.

In addition, you can deduct the purchase price and installation costs of alternative energy devices such as solar, wind or geothermal. Under limited circumstances, an alternative energy device also includes either a natural gas or propane heating unit as well as wood and pellet stoves.

If you buy a new stove, pellet stove, natural gas heating unit or propane heating unit to replace an old, uncertified wood stove, you can receive a tax deduction. Fireplaces are not included.

To receive a tax deduction for installing a clean burning device, specific guidelines must be followed:

- the new wood stove is certified by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency,
- it is for your residence,
- it replaces an old wood stove that does not meet EPA requirements,
- the purchase and replacement occur within the same year, and
- the old wood stove is taken to a DEQ-authorized location.

To receive proof that your old wood stove was taken to a DEQ-authorized location in the Magic Valley area, the stove should be taken to Pacific Steel and Recycling. Be sure to remove the fire brick lining before taking it to the recycling center. Notify the drop-off site attendant that you are participating in the state's tax deduction program and ask for a DEQ receipt. Provide pertinent information and ask the attendant to sign the completed form. Keep this copy of the tax receipt for your tax records.

EPA-certified devices contribute less to air pollution. If the stove was purchased new in 1988 or later, it likely meets EPA standards. Stoves older than that may not be certified under current Idaho state standards.

To find out more about energy tax deductions, call the Idaho State Tax Commission at 1-800-972-7660. For more information about deductions for installing clean-burning devices, call the DEQ office in Twin Falls, (208) 736-2190.

Buying a new wood stove?

If you're considering the purchase of a wood stove or pellet stove, you may qualify for a low-interest loan from the Idaho Energy Division.

Five-year loans are available at 4 percent interest for either first-time or replacement stoves. Besides stoves, the residential loan covers ENERGYSTAR® windows, insulation, heating systems and water heaters.

To find out if you qualify, or to request an application, call the Idaho Energy Hotline, 1-800-334-SAVE.

Let's clear the air with clean-burning habits

On most days residents of the Magic Valley are very fortunate to be able to breathe clean, healthy air. And good air clarity is essential for those breath-taking views of the mountains, plateaus and valleys that make the area such a spectacular place to live.

"But it seems like more and more people are telling us that the haze which sometimes hangs over Twin Falls is getting worse," says Steve VanZandt, air quality science officer at the state Division of Environmental Quality in Twin Falls.

"Although we've never registered a violation of the National Ambient Air Quality Standards anywhere in south central Idaho, it doesn't take much particulate matter (smoke and dust) to make the air congested," VanZandt adds. "And, of course, the higher the air pollution levels, the more people begin to experience respiratory problems and other adverse health effects."

During the winter, wood smoke from stoves and fireplaces is a major contributor to elevated particulate concentrations around cities and towns, especially when there are temperature inversions.

"You wouldn't believe what the filters in the division's monitors can look like right here in Twin Falls," says VanZandt. "Occasionally, even the air in Rupert and Ketchum looks pretty bad."

VanZandt is responsible for conducting the air quality tests in the Magic Valley area. The tests are conducted for 24 hours five times each month at three monitoring stations. Occasionally, the filters, which start out pure white, are almost black with soot and smoke.

"In cold weather the filters usually smell just like wood smoke," says VanZandt.

Even though Magic Valley's air quality is still quite good, VanZandt believes that citizens should think and act pro-actively to improve the air quality.

"Improving the way wood stoves are operated is one thing citizens can do on their own to make a difference," he says. "Such simple tasks as burning dry, seasoned wood and periodically having the stove and chimney cleaned can make a lot of difference."

DEQ encourages wood stove users to request a free wood stove thermometer to monitor how hot the fire is in their stove. To find out more about Magic Valley's air quality, contact VanZandt at (208) 736-2190. Free information is also available from the Idaho Energy Division on operating wood stoves to help eliminate unnecessary smoke.

How can I get a thermometer?

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YEAR END

Who was who: Those who bid adieu in 1998

A multitude of talent, attitude and pizzazz left the world's stage

The Associated Press

The Voice, Chairman of the board. Mr. Richard King, 78, died of cancer.

Frank Sinatra left us in 1998, perhaps the greatest exponent of the American popular song, the man who made singing ballads of love and loss an art form.

On the political side, we lost some of the famous — former Arizona Sen. Barry Goldwater, who lost a bid for the presidency but helped shape the GOP, and former Tennessee Sen. Albert Gore Sr., a key Southern liberal who lived to see his son become vice president.

And the infamous — Pol Pot, architect of Cambodia's "killing fields." We lost former Alabama Gov. George Wallace, lost of segregationists, victim of a throat cancer, and, from the same populist who reached out to those blacks who were mistreated. And, from that same turbulent era, James Earl Ray, who pleaded guilty to killing Martin Luther King Jr. He then recanted. With his death are doubts the truth will ever be known.

Here, then, a roll-call of some of those who drew our farewells in 1998.

JANUARY

Sony Bono, Cher's former sidekick who turned to politics and became a well-loved member of the California legislature. Age 32. Killed in a car crash. Jan. 5, 1998.

Shinichi Suzuki, Japanese educator. Jan. 15, 1905-85. Stroke. Jan. 15, 1998.

FEBRUARY

Karl Wilson, founding member of the Beach Boys. Feb. 6, 1931-81. Cancer. Feb. 6, 1998.

MARCH

Henry Steele Commager, prolific American historian. March 2, 1895-97. Stroke. March 2, 1998.

APRIL

Tammy Wynette, the "first lady of country music" with hits including "Stand by Your Man" and "D-I-V-O-R-C-E." April 5, 1937-98. Stroke. April 5, 1998.

MAY

Edwidge Cleaver, fiery Black Panther union minister whose prison book "Soul On Ice" became seminal work. May 1, 1929-98. Stroke. May 1, 1998.

JUNE

Shirley Povich, whose biting column set standard for sports writing in career of more than 75 years at the Washington Post. June 4, 1932-98. Heart attack. June 4, 1998.

JULY

Sid Luckman, Hall of Fame quarterback who led Chicago Bears to two NFL championships in 1960. July 5, 1921-98. Heart attack. July 5, 1998.

AUGUST

Lord Rothschild, last of English peer barons who built a billion-dollar media empire. Sept. 1, 1873-98. Heart attack. Sept. 1, 1998.

SEPTEMBER

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OCTOBER

Gene Autry, who parlayed \$5 million order guitar, charts and smooth voice into career as Hollywood's first singing cowboy. Oct. 2, 1907-98.

NOVEMBER

Bob Kane, creator of "Batman." Nov. 17, 1916-98.



Frank Sinatra, Tammy Wynette, George Wallace, Octavio Paz, Roddy McDowall, Gene Autry, Dr. Benjamin Spock, Milla Murdasova, Barry Goldwater, James Earl Ray, Kwame Toure, Alan Shepard Jr., Edwidge Cleaver, Linda McCartney, Roy Rogers, Shari Lewis, Jerome Robbins, Tennessee Williams, Sammy Davis Jr., and Lloyd Bridges.

viewers as all-knowing dad on "Father Knows Best" and compassionate "Marcus Welby, M.D." July 21, 1917-98. Heart problem.

Alan Shepard, one of original seven astronauts who became first American to fly in space and fifth human to walk on the moon. July 21, 1918-98. Leukemia.

William Goldeney Martin, who guided Federal Reserve policy during economic golden age in 1950s and 1960s. July 27, 1901-98. Respiratory failure.

Jerome Robbins, choreographer and director whose career carried him from Broadway of "West Side Story" and ballet classics like "Fanny Brice" to "Julius and Ethel." July 29, 1918-98. Cancer.

Shari Lewis, who enchanted baby boomers and their children with a spirited, spookily-voiced sock puppet named Lamb Chop. Aug. 1, 1916-98. Heart attack.

Jack Brickhouse, baseball Hall of Fame broadcaster. Aug. 6, 1912-98. Cardiac arrest.

Chalmers Wylie, retired 13-term Republican congressman from Ohio. Aug. 14, 1914-97. Heart attack.

Jim Murray, Los Angeles Times sports writer who was Pulitzer Prize. Aug. 16, 1918-98. Cardiac arrest.

Dorothy West, one of last living fiction writers of Harlem Renaissance literary movement, known for novels "The Living Is Easy" and "The Wedding." Aug. 18, 1903-98.

E.C. Marshall, Emmy Award-winning character actor. Aug. 24, 1904-98. Charles Diggs Jr., Michigan Democrat who served 26 years in Congress before being ousted by the House in 1980. Aug. 24, 1913-98. Stroke.

Lewis F. Powell, retired Supreme Court justice who for 15 years played pivotal role in shaping American law. Aug. 25, 1910-98. Pneuonia.

Fredrick Reines, Nobel Prize-winning University of California physicist known as father of neutrino physics. Aug. 26, 1918-98. Parkinson's disease.

Floyd Haskell, former senator from Colorado whose opposition to Vietnam War propelled him to office in 1972. Aug. 25, 1902-98. Pneuonia.

Lord Rothschild, last of English peer barons who built a billion-dollar media empire. Sept. 1, 1873-98. Heart attack.

Allen Drury, Washington correspondent who drew on his own knowledge to write tales of political intrigue. Sept. 2, 1900-98. Heart failure.

Dr. Jonathan Mann, pioneer in fight against AIDS as outspoken head of U.S. program on the disease in the 1980s. Sept. 3, 1931-98. Crash of Serravallo Flight 11.

Kira Kuroswawa, whose hauntingly poetic vision, innovative style and stunning technical virtuosity in films such as "Seven Samurai" and "Rashomon" made him Japan's most celebrated director. Sept. 6, 1910-98. Stroke.

John Holliman, CNN correspondent known for coverage of Gulf War from Baghdad. Sept. 12, 1940-98. Car crash.

George C. Wallace, former Alabama governor who declared "segregation forever" then underwent amputation, and survived an assassin's bullet that paralyzed him during 1972 campaign for presidency. Sept. 17, 1917-98.

Reynold B. Johnson, inventor at IBM known as father of computer disk. Sept. 15, 1902-98. Cancer.

Darry Anderson, author and lecturer. Sept. 19, 1917-98.

Susan Barrantes, mother of Britain's Duchess of York. Age 61. Car crash.

78 Leukemia.

Kwame Toure, who as Struggle! Caricatured music theme "black power" a rallying cry of civil rights activists of 1960s. Nov. 15, 1921-97. Pneuonia.

Webb Pierce, NFL coach. Nov. 17, 1901-98.

Esther Rader, who played twice resulting in 1960s. "Mama," Nov. 17, 1907-98. Had suffered from diabetes.

Alan Patullo, movie director. Nov. 25, 1904-98. Car crash.

Tennys Fujita, a University of Chicago meteorologist known as "Doc" Ferris. Nov. 25, 1918-98.

Wm. Wm. first successful black actor of a TV show. Nov. 25, 1941-98. Cancer.

John Stanford, football coach and superintendent. Nov. 26, 1901-98. Leukemia.

Dante Fascell, Florida Democrat in Congress for 28 years. Nov. 26, 1912-98. Colon cancer.

DECEMBER

Albert Gore Sr., vice president of the United States. Dec. 3, 1902-98.

Martin Rudolph, who won a Nobel Prize in 1954 for research into protein structure molecule cellular activity. Dec. 8, 1907-98.

Leslie Murre, charismatic former light heavyweight boxing champion. Dec. 9, 1914-98. Heart trouble.

Samuel Blatoff, chemist who made indelible mark on cosmetics industry by inventing hair-product fixative. Dec. 9, 1904-98. Stroke.

Thurlia Gov. Lavinia Childs, a fully Southern Democrat dubbed "Walkin' Lavinia." Dec. 12, 1868-98. Heart attack.

Sumner B. Hays, a 30-year Democratic congressman from Arizona. Dec. 12, 1876-98. Parkinson's disease.

Alan Blighnighan Jr., retired federal appeals judge who was one of the nation's most influential black judges. Dec. 14, 1901-98. Stroke.

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Review

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A campaign that otherwise produced few surprises and little excitement gave Democrats their first major victory in three elections when political unknown Marilyn Howard, a Moscow elementary school principal, defeated incumbent Republican Schools Superintendent Anne Fox.

Howard stomped throughout the state, taking full advantage of the dissonance Fox had engendered among voters by his use of his fundamentalist views that included tuition relief for private school students and among conservatives for failing to embrace even more of their agenda.

At the same time, two congressional races the party believed it had a solid chance of winning went the other way. Former Democratic Congressman Richard Stallings failed to overcome the strong Republican partiality of southern and eastern Idaho, losing to GOP House Speaker Michael Simpson.

And Dan Williams came up even shorter in his rematch with Republican U.S. Rep. Helen Chenoweth, who easily won her third and final term in office, even after admitting an illicit six-year affair with a married business partner years before.

Voters also picked their first Supreme Court justice for an open seat in three decades, selecting former Republican Attorney General Wayne Kidwell in an unusually partisan race for the nonpartisan office.

Murder screamed from the front pages and over the airwaves on June 18 with the first reports of Idaho state Police Trooper Linda Huff being killed in a shootout in the parking lot of the Coeur d'Alene district office. The 33-year-old mother of three was the first woman officer in Idaho to be killed in the line of duty and only the second state trooper.

No motive has been revealed yet, but the state is seeking the death penalty against Scott David Sager, 34, of Rathdrum, who is scheduled to stand trial for first-degree murder starting Jan. 25.

Lockheed Martin Idaho Electronics Co. closed out the year in the tone that marked its operations at the Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory for much of 1998 — under a smattering of a cloud.

For the first time since it took control of the site over four years ago, the company failed to earn a semiannual profit. It had been averaging \$8.3 million in annual profits, but a fatal accident last July played a key role in the unsatisfactory rating it received for the spring and summer.

Investigators cite a lack of commitment to safety and budget cuts as critical factors.

That and other problems, led by the company's failure to meet customer deadlines at the DOE's so-called Pit 9, prompted the government last fall to announce it was not renewing the contract with Lockheed Martin next fall. The new contractor will have to show it can meet cleanup deadlines.

At the same time, however, technology companies continue to spin off from DOE. Two state officials are plotting to create a satellite launch pad there to take advantage of the multibillion-dollar demand for that service.

Leaders like Kempthorne see that project, the blooming of Albertson's Inc. with its \$11.8 billion acquisition of American Stores and other events as offering a lift to an economy that is slowing from the explosive growth of the early 1990s.

Depressed agriculture markets depressed by the Asian economic flu and restructuring that is eliminating hundreds of Idaho jobs at Boise Cascade Co. and Ore-Ida Foods has driven state revenue growth to its lowest level since the near-depression of the 1980s.

Salmon recovery also posed economic as well as ecological questions as environmentalists ended the year claiming ever-increasing justification for breaching the four lower Snake River dams.

But with the National Marine Fisheries Service making recommendations to Congress in 1999 on a salmon restoration strategy, official sentiment in Idaho continues to favor breaching. Experts say it would still take almost a decade and hundreds of millions of dollars before one drop of water bypasses any dam. And the economic impact of losing the Port of Lewiston and the need for more Idaho water in its aftermath remain major issues.

Breaching picked up steam last spring when the Idaho Fish and Game Commission endorsed a naturally flowing river as the best biological solution to salmon survival even though the commission could not muster the votes to formally back breaching.

The state did pick up a financial windfall that begins paying off in 1999 when it reached a legal settlement with the tobacco industry. Idaho will be getting more than

1998 IDAHO DEATHS

The Associated Press

Here is a list of notable Idaho people who died in 1998.

JANUARY
Retired University of Idaho professor Boyd Martin, who helped draft the original United Nations charter, he was 96.

R.H. "Bill" Young of Nampa, a former speaker of the Idaho House of Representatives, president pro tem of the Idaho Senate and clerk of the Idaho Supreme Court, he was 81.

FEBRUARY
Henry Ferdinand "Ferd" Koch of Boise, a former majority leader of the Idaho House of Representatives who helped found what is now the Association for Retarded Citizens of Idaho, he was 84.

Kesley Edmo, a former Shoshone-Bannock tribal chairman who worked to protect treaty and water rights, he was 78.

Miriam Booth Beckersidge, a Twin Falls rancher who donated hundreds of acres of land to the College of Southern Idaho and was the founding president of the CSI Foundation, she was 82.

MARCH
William Zensabik and Jeffrey Johnson of Boise and Zensabik's four children, all in the crash of a light plane.

APRIL
Arco businessman Charles "John" Traugott, a leading water advocate for the Lost River Valley who accused the government of permitting the river to be drained for agriculture, he was 66.

Magic Valley rancher William J. Lanning, who served 16 years as a member of the state House of Representatives and the last as a speaker, he was 90.

Leroy the mule, the white animal with the lopsided right ear that cast off his yoke to become a star of the paintings of internationally known "Tennessee mule"

artist Bonnie Shields of Sandpoint, he was 42.

JUNE
Dr. John Richards Martin, the pioneering Sun Valley physician for whom the resort city's Moritz Community Hospital was named, he was 92.

Longtime community activist Norma Dobbler, who represented Latah County in the state Legislature for 14 years and engineered creation of the displaced homemaker program to train young women for the workplace and keep them off welfare, she was 81.

George Granata Jr. who served almost two decades as a district court judge in the Magic Valley, he was 52.
Golds Lucille Jester, the wife of former Associated Press Boise Correspondent Earl Jester, she was 87.

Longtime businessman and Caldwell City Council member Chuck Hoochins, he was 64.

JULY
Dwight R. Brown, the former editor and publisher of The Morning News in Blackfoot, he was 91.

Air Force Lt. Gen. David J. McCleod, former commander at Mountain Home Air Force Base, he was 51.

Linda Huff, the Idaho State Police trooper gunned down in a shootout in the Coeur d'Alene district office parking lot, she was 33.

Julianne Prudhomme, who received five organs in one transplant operation in March 1997, she was 5.

AUGUST
Patsie Lois Stephens Nafziger, former two-term Democratic state representative from Wendell who crusaded for anti-smoking campaigns in Idaho schools, she was 68.

Myrtle Kelly, known as "The Zoo Lady" for keeping countless stray animals in her Rupert home despite complaints from neighbors and the city, she

was believed to be in her late 70s or early 80s.

SEPTEMBER
Dick Potts, anchorman at KTVB-TV in Boise in the 1970s and 1980s, he was 55.

Joan Hartsch, former mayor of Pocatello, she was 63.

OCTOBER
Jack Carter, a Moscow scientist and editor of four daily newspapers including the Lewiston Morning Tribune and press secretary for Democratic Congressman Compton White Jr., he was 85.
Lawrence Arpa, a Coeur d'Alene entrepreneur and actor best known for his talent as a stonemason, he was 72.

Wayne Cross, former Canyon County Republican Party chairman and the husband of state Rep. Dolores Cross who chaired the House tax-writing committee, he was 77.

Edward Benoit, the Twin Falls attorney who served on the state Board of Education and on the first state Lottery Commission, he was 77.

Compton I. White Jr., who represented northern and western Idaho as Congress from 1953 through 1986 after he had represented the district for 16 years, he was 70.

NOVEMBER
Loren H. Galbo, prominent Boise attorney who served the state Bar in numerous capacities, he was 72.

F. William Call, Idaho Falls civic leader and longtime owner of Fair Candy Co., he was 76.

Marriage and family specialist Herbert Langens, who headed the sociology department at Idaho State University in the 1970s, he was 65.


DECEMBER
Oakley businessman Ernest Blain, whose two-decade legislative career included four years as chairman of the House Education Committee, he was 75.

drive issue of abortion dominated the legislative session last winter.

The outcome was the same as in 1990 — no real change. Since a restriction on abortion procedures was blocked by a federal judge and a parental consent require-

ment was voted as unnecessary and potentially harmful by retiring Gov. Phil Batt.
But fallout at the polls was nonexistent this time, and Kempthorne promised to work with the religious activists pressing legislation for an acceptable compromise this winter.
Kempthorne also drew criticism for engineering federal legislation

clearing the way for the Mountain Home Air Force Base training range expansion that environmentalists have been fighting for over a decade. He defended his involvement, pointing out that the Clinton administration was pushing the project and came up with the nearly \$800,000 compensator package for rancher Bert Braddock.



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EDITORIAL

Is sexual fidelity too much to ask of our politicians?

The anguish of political giants over the fate of a fallen comrade is enough to raise a person weep.

Speaker-elect Bob Livingston's announced retreat "is a terrible capitulation to the negative forces that are consuming our political system and our country," moaned House Democratic Leader Richard Gephardt.

No one standing in the House today can pass a puritanical test of purity that some are demanding that our elected leaders take.

Gephardt concluded, "We need to stop destroying important people at the altar of an unobtainable morality."

Ironically, listening to Gephardt, you would think national leaders were being dragged for unpaid parking tickets.

But let's be clear about the Livingston flap. Just when the House was taking an impeachment of a philandering and (more importantly) lying president, the speaker-elect was uncovered as a philanderer himself.

Livingston's resignation is not an act of heroism, as some Republicans have suggested. He was willing to be speaker until he was found out.

Rep. Livingston's display of old-fashioned shame was a refreshing response in D.C. these days.

Contrary to Gephardt's rhetoric, no one has suggested a "puritanical" test of purity. Purity peccadilloes are not destroying political careers. Remember,

Idaho's Helen Chenoweth was re-elected this year after confessing an affair with a married man.

Livingston's case is larger. First, he was speaker-elect. Second, he admitted that he had strayed from his marriage "on occasion." What exactly does "on occasion" mean? Once a year? Twice? Only on federal holidays? Only during months with R's in their names?

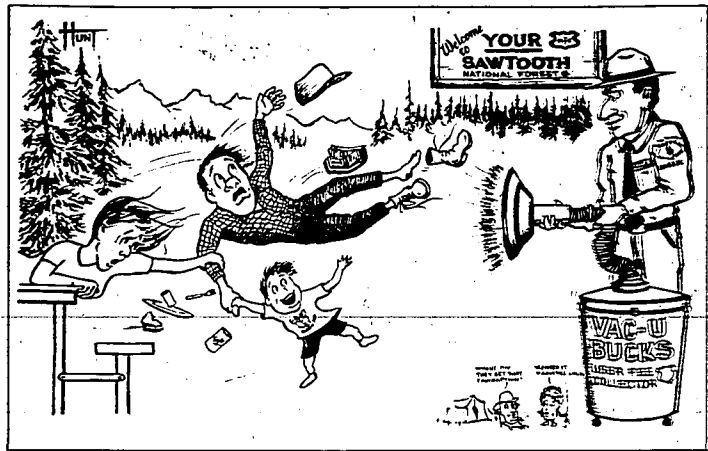
The strong suggestion was that Livingston has been a habitual chaser of bimboes. During this particular impeachment proceeding, a speaker with such a history would be a liability people at the altar of an unobtainable morality.

So he quit. Thus does shame serve a positive political purpose.

No one has prescribed a specific moral standard for congressmen and presidents. The rules are vague and inferential, the electorate fickle. But the practical standard appears to be far less puritanical than President Clinton's Democratic apologists would have us believe.

Here, let us try to define it: America deserves politicians who are as decent and as honorable as most voters - and if possible, a little better. National leaders need not be angels, but they should not be chronic liars and uncontrollable sexual adventurers.

If that standard is unobtainable, then America's moral troubles extend far beyond Bill Clinton's tawdry little scandal.



Political unrest fuels economic crises

With all the focus on the economic crisis sweeping world markets in 1998, little attention has been paid to another critical political unrest.

Indonesia, one of the first countries affected by the Asian financial crisis, also underwent a political upheaval. President Suharto was ousted in May after 32 years in power, and more than 1,000 people died in the preceding and ensuing riots.

In Malaysia, another country infected with the economic contagion, Prime Minister Mahathir Mohamed arrested his closest political rival, former Deputy Prime Minister Anwar Ibrahim - a move followed by massive street protests.

In these two cases, political unrest came hard on the heels of economic turmoil. But is there a larger trend here? Is a country's political atmosphere significantly linked to its economic status? asked? This is one of the questions explored by the "Index of Economic Freedom," an annual survey of global economic freedom published by The Heritage Foundation and the editorial page of The Wall Street Journal.

The Index measures economic freedom based on such factors as tax levels, trade barriers, wage and price policies, laws of government, property rights, and regulatory restrictions.

The 1999 edition of the Index, just published, examined whether economic freedom bears any significant relationship to economic growth. At first glance, the link seems unclear. After all, includ-

BRYAN T. JOHNSON

ed on the list of the 10 countries with the world's freest economies are such politically unfree countries as Hong Kong, Singapore and Bahrain.

But a closer look seems to support the premise that political freedom and economic freedom are intertwined.

In my analysis, I compared the economic freedom scores from the Index with the political rights and civil liberties scores published annually by Freedom House, which has charted global political freedom for more than three decades. In 64 percent of the cases studied, a change in a country's economic freedom score was accompanied by an equivalent change in its political rights score. In general, when economic freedom goes up, political freedom goes up, and when economic freedom goes down, political freedom goes down.

When the Index's economic freedom scores were compared with Freedom House's civil liberties scores, the two moved in the same direction 69 percent of the time. The conclusion: Countries with the most economic freedom also tend to have more political rights and more civil liberties.

While in any such analysis there are exceptions, in this case there are many examples that confirm the rule. Consider the following: Cuba. Ranked as one of the most economically re-

pressed countries in the world on the Index, Cuba also scores as "not free" in both political rights and in civil liberties. North Korea: Tied with Cuba as one of the world's most repressive economies. North Korea also scores among the worst in political rights and in civil liberties.

On the other hand, consider Switzerland. Ranked as the fifth most economically free economy in the world, Switzerland also receives the best possible scores in political rights and civil liberties. Peru: Ranked as a "mostly free" economy in the Index, Peru receives a roughly analogous Freedom House score of "partly free" in political rights and civil liberties.

This is not to deny that some economically free countries are less than masters of political freedom. But the larger principle holds true: countries with higher levels of economic freedom generally have high levels of political freedom.

Indeed, it is entirely likely that our nation's economic liberty, a country must also embrace political liberty. In the events of this year demonstrate, when authoritarian rulers led free to crack down on economic activity - as we've seen in Indonesia and Malaysia - most political expression can also suffer.

The lesson is simple: economic freedom and political freedom go hand in hand.

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Give locals choice, but don't force term limits statewide

The Times-News editorial, "Local option term limits: A safe bet for counties," characterized me and Citizens for Term Limits as "finally getting the picture" of the need for a local option on term limits. Where has The Times-News been?

I testified before the House State Affairs Committee last February - eight months before last November's election - against passage of legislation allowing individual counties, cities and school districts to opt out of local term limits.

Our approach was endorsed by Gov. Batt but his 1998 state-of-the-state address was the same. "I compliment the citizens who passed the initiative for indicating a willingness to work with us to improve it. Legislation now being prepared would give the local folks an option to remove their limits." It was our original intent to be complimentary and our legislation that he was endorsing.

We warned legislators that, in a statewide vote, voters in favor of term limits in larger counties would swamp voters in smaller communities. But they didn't listen. They quickly killed our legislation. Now following a statewide vote, the problems in some communities with local term limits are still with us.

We are again working for passage of legislation allowing individual communities to opt out of term limits on a county-by-county, city-by-city and school-district-by-school-district basis. On Dec. 4, we met with the Idaho Association of Counties Legislative Committee. We also hope to meet with groups of legislators who have a stake in the legislation.

The Times-News would like to see the Legislature repeal all term limits. There are no reasons this shouldn't happen. First, there's no justification for repealing term limits of state legislators. The

fact is, under our current term limits law, a state legislator may spend years and years of winters in Boise.

Term limits apply to individual "offices." House and Senate seats are different "offices." So in 2004, those in the House can run for the Senate and vice-versa. We won't lose experience or suffer a loss of institutional memory in our Legislature.

But competition for seats will increase and we'll have more choice in elections. This past year, 38 of 105 state legislators ran for re-election. More than 70 percent of them were unopposed in primary elections. In November's election, 54 of 105 legislators ran unopposed. Term limits will change their term limits - and that is the Idaho Advisory question" passed to keep term limits on Idaho's Legislature.

There's a second important reason why the Legislature shouldn't repeal their term limits - and that is the Idaho Constitution. We have an initiative and referendum process in our state Constitution. The people of Idaho passed term limits by initiative in 1994 and passed a referendum on that law in November's "advisory question."

If our existing term limits law is to be amended in any way, it should rightfully be amended only by those who enacted it. The Idaho Legislature. The Legislature should give the people of Idaho that opportunity with a local option on local term limits.

Donna L. Weaver of Hayden Lake is the chairman of Citizens for Term Limits.

Write to us

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Tell Kempthorne how it ought to be

Gov.-elect Kempthorne is making appointments and determining how he can best govern the state of Idaho. Now is the time for Idahoans to speak out on issues of importance to Idaho.

The federal government, by the end of 1999, must decide the fate of Idaho's salmon and steelhead. If we lose these magnificent creatures due to the shortsightedness of our nation's politicians, Idaho will suffer. The state will lose commercial and recreational fisheries and the large and small businesses that support them. A restored fishery will cost \$500 family wage jobs and bring more than \$150 million annually to rural Idaho.

Please write immediately to Gov. Kempthorne, Transition Office, P.O. Box 83720, Boise, ID 83720-0032. Ask him to make saving Idaho's salmon and steelhead a priority of his administration. Ask him to listen to the Idaho Department of Fish and Game and the latest scientific reports and tell us his plans for our fish.

ANN L. CHRISTENSEN
Ketchikan

Hypocrites cast stones at Clinton

Here we are watching lawyers and Congress trying to impeach a president for a sin. Now let's look at the Bible. It says he who has not sinned may cast the first stone. So show me a politician or lawyer who can throw the first stone. So what gives them the right to destroy a person's life for something they have all done. This case should have not even gone anywhere. The tape Tippi brought as evidence was taped illegally. Monica was put under pressure by Starr from her own side, so she couldn't be charged for a lie she told under oath. Remember on the tape, she said she did not have sex with Bill Clinton.

The place that needs to be cleaned out is Congress and too many lawyers in the United States. I ask before it is too late, we should take Congress to court to see if for fraud and misuse of funds from our Social Security. That is

a lot more important than whether somebody had sex or not.

A U.S. citizen and taxpayer,
FRANK REASCH
Jerome

Christians deny the ugly truth

First off, I would like to thank Mr. Gabriel and Mr. Eames for their letters of support. Unfortunately, but predictably, the rest of the responses have spoken of the hatred and persecution of those who follow the Christian faith as well as something called a true Christian.

This was not unexpected, as it is a common defense of the Christian community that when faced with the ugly truth about the history and teachings of their religion to first deny it and then vilify those who would speak these truths - first, by accusing them of misinterpretation of the scriptures and then by accusing them of hating and persecuting other individuals.

I will now debunk these excuses and charges. To begin with, just what is a true Christian? Is a true Christian a Catholic, a Protestant, a Lutheran, a Baptist, a Mormon or one of a hundred, maybe thousand, different sects? The Christian faiths have been slaughtering each other for almost 2,000 years, trying to prove that they alone are the true faith.

As for the charge of misinterpretation of the scriptures, this excuse is pitifully weak. What makes mine or anybody else's interpretation of the scriptures less valid than yours? Again, you people have been slaughtering each other for years over the interpretation of the Bible. This is also why there are so many Christian religions.

Though not addressed above, another defense of some who follow the Christian faith is that your God doesn't condone killing. What about Leviticus 20:13 and Romans 1:26-27. These passages call for the killing of homosexuals. Then we have Deuteronomy 13:6-9 and Peter 2:12. These passages call for the killing of those who would attempt to convert an individual to another religion. I could reference even more passages, but I think you get the point.

Finally, for the charges of hatred and persecution: These again are false. First one do not hate, nor do I wish to persecute anyone who does not share the Christian faith. I have, in fact, stated that you have the right to believe as you will. I do just refuse to have a belief system that I find to be homicidal/robust/anti-progressive. I consider you to be a human being, and I will speak out against it when someone attempts to do just that.

This is my right and I will exercise it regardless of whom it offends.

MIKE GREENEWS
Twin Falls

Buhl deserves more credit

This is a letter to Dennis Turner, the writer of the guide to the brightest Christians in Idaho locally.

First of all, Dennis, I just have one question: You didn't actually name Buhl, did you? Because if you did, you would have noticed more than just "a truly excellent" Buhl in your list. That is an insult and a slap in the face to the great people of Buhl, especially to those who live along Highway 20 just as you come into town, who have spent a lot of time and money in education, providing a breathtaking sight show to visitors and residents as they pass by. And even in the heart of the city, there are other houses festively decorated with an abundance of lights that turn the night into day.

Now I know that Buhl is not all that big of a town, probably not worth your time and effort to venture into a name that to account all of the houses with brightly lit ornaments and figures standing out in the lawn and igniting phrases like "Bumpy Buhl days." I am sure that you had a beautiful time to be out that time, and that's the essence. I just hope that next year Buhl will get a better critique and that the hard work of the great people of Buhl will be noticed and acknowledged.
BOBBY HAINLINE
Buhl
Editor's Note: The Times-News did not publish an account of the Christmas lights in the Magic Valley. Buhl was mentioned on descriptions previously by newspaper readers.

OPINION

Senate bows to public opinion before House

Many cynics are really sentimentalists wallowing in their disappointments. Washington fancies itself hard-bitten but actually is easily unnerved, and as the impeachment spotlight shifts to the Senate, the city is reassuring itself by bathing the Senate in sentimentality.

World's Greatest Deliberative Body, as the Senate fancies itself, will, say people who evidently have slept through the 20th century, be an elevating force, "as the Founders intended."

Before examining that peculiar expectation, consider a puzzle. There has recently been an eruption, in unlikely quarters, of reverence for the Founders' intentions.



GEORGE F. WILL

Many professors, serving as President Clinton's poodles, say the Framers' meaning of the constitutional phrase "high crimes and misdemeanors" is perfectly clear and absolutely binding today. Many of these professors usually say the Constitution is a "living," "organic," "evolving" document that means whatever contemporary consumers want it to mean — as, for example, when a right to abortion is suddenly discovered in it.

Now, about the idea that the present Founders designed a Senate splendidly suited to the modern world, there is today an impediment unpleasantness. The theory, wonderfully contradictory, is: The Senate will be judicious about impeachment because, being more insulated than the House is from public opinion, the Senate is made for intellectual sobriety and moral independence. And the Senate will demonstrate judiciousness by correcting the House's reckless disregard of public opinion.

This theory about the Senate's inclination toward distemperance is slain by a slew of facts, one of which is that the Senate today is a more "popular" body — more controlled by public opinion — than the House.

This is so because almost all Senate seats can be closely contested, while about 65 percent of House seats are not, thanks to the natural political homogeneity of many districts amid an increasingly sophisticated gerrymandering.

No Senate seat is inherently out of reach of either party. But analyst Charles Cook says that in the 1998 House races, 75 winning candidates were unopposed; that is, they faced no major party opposition) and only 62 of the 435 races were competitive.

Cook defines "competitive" to mean this:



Without stretching plausibility too far, you could imagine either major party candidate winning. Even though the Senate re-election rate is rising, and is approaching that of the House, that reflects the role of money and incumbents' advantages in raising it.

A fortuitous consequence of Clinton is that his scandals have stimulated sales of the *Federalist Papers*. They describe the Senate as the somewhat aristocratic component of the Republic's constitutional order.

The Founders hoped that because senators were indirectly elected — by state legislatures rather than by popular elections — and serve six-year terms, senators might be largely insulated from the importuning public and, anyway, would be the sort of people not easily impurged.

Unfortunately, 85 years ago the 17th Amendment produced popular election of senators. And because so many Senate elections are competitive, Senate campaigns, particularly the fund-raising dimensions, are six years long.

Besides, the Founders, being realists, only stipulated the kind of virtues suited to the different branches. They did not say what kind of people the representatives, senators and judges would actually be. Instead, they said what kind of people each body required. Consider, for example, the judicial branch. Alexander Hamilton considered it the "least dangerous" branch (*Federalist 78*).

because it supposedly is the least responsive to opinion. But it has become the most dangerous, in part because it is the most susceptible to gusts of opinion.

It does not bend only, or even primarily, to public opinion, although such opinion does cause lightweight judges to swirl like snowflakes. In 1937 political winds caused the Supreme Court radically to change the course of constitutional law in one morning, ending the Court's obstruction of New Deal measures. The other branches cannot so easily make U-turns, if only because they are so large and cumbersome.

But the judiciary is even more blown about by opinion than that is more volatile, and often less sober, than the opinion of the public — that of the intelligentsia. Change the academic culture of six law schools — Harvard, Yale, Columbia, Michigan, Chicago, Stanford — and the intellectual content of the judiciary will follow, quickly.

When delivering prompt action to appease public opinion, the Senate can be as nimble as a pony, and its thoughtful Senate rules are rife with blocking mechanisms, but the polls are speaking to the polls, who may quickly combine together a censure motion as a way of liquidating the public's impatience over Clinton's crimes.

George F. Will is a Washington Post columnist.

World must keep eye on Russia's nuclear weapons

A world attention focuses on Iraq and its weapons of mass destruction, another proliferation crisis is brewing.

Six years of steady improvement in the security of Russia's nuclear stockpile threatens to unravel under the crushing blow of that country's current economic crisis. Not since the collapse of the old Soviet Union has the situation been so dire.

The realities are alarming. Weapon guards leave their posts to forage for food. Non-payment of bills results in the shut-off of electricity for high-tech security systems needed to protect weapons uranium and plutonium. Young, under-trained security guards go on shooting sprees at nuclear plants and submarines.

Under these conditions, security cannot be assumed or assured.

The United States has a significant stake in this problem because of the danger that nuclear weapons and materials could easily be stolen or misappropriated, causing a worldwide proliferation nightmare.

Remember, Iraq spent billions trying to produce a nuclear arsenal. It should not be permitted a shortcut by seizing the opportunity to purchase diverted materials or components.

So far, a combination of U.S.

KENNETH N. LUONGO & MATTHEW BUNN

financed security programs and remarkable patriotism and devotion to duty under deteriorating circumstances by Russia's nuclear workers and military professionals have prevented catastrophe. But the situation in Russia is worsening and it requires a swift, targeted response to preempt possible disaster.

In the short term, the U.S. should take two actions.

First, it should insist that Russia spend a substantial fraction of the income that it will soon get from U.S. uranium purchases to pay guards and nuclear workers. Congress has set aside \$325 million toward its agreement to buy direct uranium from Russian weapons.

To supplement this step, the U.S. should, on an emergency basis, provide food, warm clothing for guards, and back-up power supplies for security systems.

Second, the U.S. should underwrite a low interest line of credit that Russia can draw on specifically to support and improve its nuclear security forces and measures. The use of

the money should be verified up front so profiteers do not divert the funds. This would allow impoverished facilities to pay their electric bills and guards through the coming winter, while discussions on future permanent remedies take place between governments.

As a first step in that larger dialogue, the assumptions and planning for projects already under way must be re-examined.

More importantly, these discussions must focus on moving U.S.-Russian nuclear security cooperation to a new level by tackling some very tough issues. These include: professionalizing the guard force; consolidating weapons materials into a much smaller number of facilities; arranging for the purchase of the many small, vulnerable stockpiles of highly-enriched uranium that exist; and grappling in a serious but socially

acceptable way with the inevitable downsizing and conversion of major parts of the vast Russian nuclear complex.

The Clinton administration and key members of Congress have traditionally been responsive to the need to work with Russia on the issue of nuclear security. Rapid action in support of this goal is now as urgently needed in Russia as it is in Iraq.

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Matthew Bunn, a former adviser to the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy, is a member of RANSAC and assistant director of Harvard University's Science, Technology and Public Policy Program.

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Unpleasant resolutions: as you should three decades from now (or clearly haven't). (I mean you if you say yes, and if you aren't. They're always the way.)

Element: "Does this dress make me look fat?" is a really common question in your closet.

"Oh memories."
"Yes" memories.
"I don't know" memories.
"It doesn't matter" memories.

The hardest: "What if I pause for a moment to speak to you?"

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1998: A Magic Valley diary



A reflection inside a camera lens creates a rainbow of color from the sun setting over a field.

The news in review

January

7: Donald N. Mull pleads guilty to voluntary manslaughter in the May 1997 slaying of Raymond Wilford Urban, 73, who was found bludgeoned to death at a Rock Creek campground in Cassia County. Mull is later sentenced to five to 15 years in prison.

8: LeMar Sanchez, 17, of Heyburn, dies of a gunshot wound at a Rupert party. Friends said he had been playing Russian roulette; his death would later be ruled accidental.

February

6: Twin Falls County commissioners pass a resolution authorizing evaluation of proposals for affiliation, lease or sale of Magic Valley Regional Medical Center. Several suitors would eventually express an interest in the county-owned hospital.

11: Former Blaine County resident Picabo

Street wins an Olympic gold medal in women's super-G in Nagano, Japan.

24: Michelle Baldwin of Hailey is arraigned on a first-degree murder charge stemming from the suspected baby-sitting death of Jerome toddler Anthony Nordrup in 1997.

March

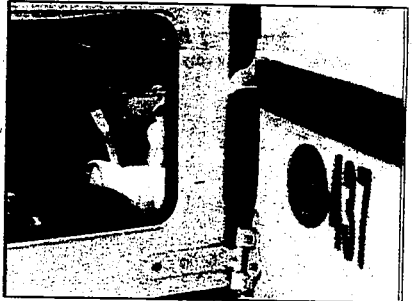
2: The Twin Falls City Council OK's hiring six new cops at a cost of \$250,000.

State names Department of Health and Welfare building after Idaho Secretary of State Pete Centurioni, a Coeur d'Alene who has worked for the state as an elected official since 1990 - an Idaho record.

4: William Black, 42, of Kimberly, and Joseph R. Ware, 35, of Twin Falls die in an explosion at a shop near Kimberly.

10: U.S. Air Force approves the Juniper Butte bombing range in Owyhee County.

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A student is removed from a wrecked bus after three school buses collided on Twin Falls' Eastland Drive in October. Although more than a dozen students were taken to the hospital, none were seriously hurt.



Wendy Granata comforts her daughter Gina Granata Taylor during the funeral for District Judge George Granata Jr. in June.



Shaysa Lieb of Coeur gets a wild ride on a sheep during the Blaine County Kid's Rodeo in August. Barry Dalton, right, and Shaysa's father, Shams, keep her from getting hurt.



1. How much is that?
2. What's your name?
3. Should I stop?
4. Does it matter?
5. Are you talking to me?
6. What are you saying?

If the answer, "No," is by far the most useful because it invites your spouse to restate the question in a more understandable way to you.

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"Rough! She's tapping on my arm! She wants to wear the blue dress, and now you're saying she's wrong!"

The response: "That's no matter you look much better in blue." (I mean you're fine for miles on the highway - and quite possibly even on your own driveway.)

Instead, simply receive your husband and tell her that you just dress looks better. This is a way to move on less off the hook, and if you just don't say anything, when she decides that the blue dress is better after all.

But on all occasions, remain flexible. "What are you saying?" may not be the best response. If she asks, for example, whether you love her more than the Green Bay Packers.

"You my dear, may well think so, but I cannot possibly comment."

"Did you know that I love you more than I love the Packers?"

That's as such, "I'm not sure, but I love your fishing gear." (I mean, you're not the only one.)

"Time now to wrap your arms around the moment."

"How much is that?"

Times-News features editor: Joyce Crump also thinks all in us: writes shoes for both the men.

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SERVICES

Oro C. Marcrott of Shoshone, 1 p.m. Monday at Demaray's Shoshone Chapel.

Mary E. Yost of Wendell, memorial service at 3 p.m. Monday at White Mortuary Chapel in Twin Falls.

Uthnah Kirkman Anderson of Prescott, Ariz., and formerly of

Twin Falls, 11 a.m. Tuesday at Myers Mortuary Chapel, 845 Washington Blvd. in Ogden, Utah; friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. Monday and 9:45 to 10:45 a.m. Tuesday at the mortuary.

Lucille F. Nusbaum of Boise, memorial service at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Relyea

Funeral Home, 318 N. Lincoln in Boise (Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home in Twin Falls).

Betty Claire Mae Rainey of Rancho Bernado, Calif., and Clayton Idaho, memorial service at 2 p.m. Jan. 4, 1999, at the Hales LDS Chapel (Older Elder Chapel in Hales).

MARGARET F. THOMAS

RUGPERT - Margaret Frances "Fran" Irma Thomas, 76, of Rupert, died Friday, Dec. 25, 1998, at her home of an extended illness.

The funeral will be held at 11 p.m. Wednesday at the Elmore Mortuary, Rupert, 7700 Sixth St., with Bishop Charles Gunning. Friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday and one hour before the funeral Wednesday at the chapel. Burial will follow at the Paul Cemetery.

DEATH NOTICES

Maye Stanley
MURLEY - Maye Stanley of Burley, died Thursday, Dec. 24, 1998, at the Wright Care Center in Reedsport, Ore.

Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Payne Mortuary in Burley.

John Banner

HEYBURN - John Banner, 75, of Heyburn, died Friday, Dec. 25, 1998, at the Cassia Regional Medical Center in Burley.

Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Payne Mortuary in Burley.

Thomas R. Gunnell
MURTAUGH - Thomas R. Gunnell, 79, of Murtaugh, died Thursday, Dec. 24, 1998, at the Cassia Regional Medical Center in Burley.

Arrangements are pending and will be announced by White Mortuary in Twin Falls.

HOSPITALS

CASSIA REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER

Admitted
Vera Bott of Rupert; and Riley Rightor Malta.

Released
Margaret Justesen and Ermin Hall, both of Heyburn; Alpha Roy; Kelly Hawkes of Murtaugh; and Cedar Knudsen of Malta.

MINIDOKA MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

Some names are omitted at patients' request.
Admitted
Darius Burela and Julia Arzopka, both of Rupert; and Melissa Page of Jerome.

Released
Melissa Page of Jerome; Barbara Johnson of Rupert; and Melissa Clark and baby girl of Twin Falls.

New medical examiner hopes to avoid coroner's controversies

SPOKANE, Wash. (AP) - As Spokane County medical examiner, Dr. George Lindholm says he hopes to be practically invisible. That would be a radical shift. Lindholm, a forensic pathologist, replaces Coroner Dexter Amend, whose term is expiring after a tumultuous four years in which the 77-year-old retired typologist was fined for unprofessional conduct and sued by relatives of those whose bodies underwent autopsies.

The change that takes effect Friday was approved overwhelmingly by voters two years ago amid widespread controversy over Amend's anti-homosexual comments and death investigations.

"It makes Spokane the fourth county in the state, following King, Pierce and Snohomish, with a full-time medical examiner. Lindholm was hired by county commissioners after 13 years of performing autopsies for the county."

"This medical examiner system gives the county a sophistication level it hasn't had before," he said. "My goal is to conduct an office so that people won't even know I exist."

The county has been hit by at least five lawsuits seeking a combined \$4 million in damages on claims of coroner misconduct or invasion of privacy.

One suit claims Amend asked the mother of a 16-year-old murder victim if she would consent to a gunshot wound to the head, but had sodomized by gang members. He denied asking the question.

Amend said he asked if an 11-year-old fire victim ever masturbated to determine why the boy would sleep overnight in an unheated shed in subfreezing temperatures.

He also announced publicly that a 9-year-old murder victim in 1995 had been sodomized for years and went on to conduct homosexuality, citing the Bible and a medical dictionary.

A recall attempt was killed by a judge in 1996, but the state Medical Examiner's Commission subsequently fined Amend \$1,000, ordered him to take sensitivity classes and ruled that he had released autopsy findings prematurely without considering the emotional impact on survivors.

"Dexter just talked too much," county Commissioner Phil Harris said. "Dexter was a good doctor, but it took him a long time to realize he needed to keep his opinions to himself about homosexuality and other things."

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paying about \$874,000 and the state the rest.

Amend's current operating budget is about \$500,000.

Lindholm stands to receive \$350,000 a year, including about \$160,000 in salary and benefits — almost three times what Amend got. The rest covers administrative costs and other expenses.

Lindholm may continue performing autopsies for other counties in Eastern Washington and northern Idaho at \$1,020 per exam, of which he gets \$270 and Spokane County the rest.

"It's more expensive to set up a medical examiner system at first," said Dr. Norman Thiersch, Snohomish County's medical examiner, "but it's cheaper in the long run when you consider alternatives."

The main benefit will be having an expert witness who can help the evidence from a crime scene to a defendant, Thiersch said.

"The master of how one maintains chain of evidence, of how carefully one follows accepted standards when doing death-scene investigations, all that extra care and professionalism will pay off when some of these criminal cases are taken to court," he explained.

Amend authorized about 30 autopsies last year. Lindholm expects to conduct 380 to 540 annually, covering about 10 percent of deaths in the county.

The two clashed several times on whether to conduct autopsies, especially in cases of apparent suicide.

Lindholm said medical examiners may notice things other doctors miss, as in 1996, when a King County medical examiner's investigator provided the first alibi to a drug-tampering case involving Tylenol.

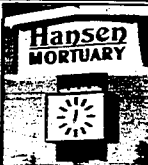
"It came down to an investigator doing an autopsy who smelled cyanide," Lindholm said.

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GOODING



Milton Staley Cheney
Milton Staley Cheney, 85, a Gooding resident, died Tuesday, Dec. 22, 1998, at the Gooding Rehabilitation and Living Center. He was born June 2, 1913, in Buhl, the first son and second child born to Samuel Milton Cheney and Anna Maud Staley Cheney. The family moved to Upton, Utah, in 1920 and then to Borer, Wyo., in 1925 where he spent the next 16 years. He attended school at a one-room school house, grades one through eight, after which he attended high school at Coreville, Wyo. He learned a lot of hard work well, growing up on a large livestock ranch.

KIMBERLY



Avis L. Allen
Avis Lee Allen, 84, of Kimberly, returned home Christmas Eve, Dec. 24, 1998, in Twin Falls. Avis was born Oct. 11, 1914, in Healdsburg, Mo., the first of four children to Joy Ann Thomas and Nora Mae Fitzgibbon Allen. He graduated from Westlake High School and moved to Kimberly in 1936. He was a gifted musician playing the guitar and piano in live performances and on the radio. Avis was an avid sports fan and participant, excelling especially in basketball which culminated in playing in several pro leagues in his earlier years. Avis served in the Army Air Force during World War II for four years before returning to Kimberly, where he met and married his wife, Sudweeks. They were united through March 15, 1947, in Boise. She preceded him in death on Feb. 14, 1986.

Church, with Service Director Debra Ann Hutchins, will follow at Sunset Memorial Park. Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 29, 1998, at White Mortuary, 801 N. Central Church in Kennewick, and one hour before the service Wednesday at the church. The family suggests memorials be given to the Primary Children's Regional Medical Center, in care of the Dept. of Surgical Anesthesiology, 500 S. St. Luke Lane, UT 84143.

KAYVILLE, UTAH

Charles Rupert (C.R.) MORRIS

Charles Rupert Morris, age 82, passed away on Thursday, December 24, 1998, a resident at Heritage Park Care Center in Roy, Utah.

C.R. was born Oct. 18, 1916, in Provo, Utah, the second of five children born to Leland Rupert and Zella May Allen Morris. Most of his young years were spent at the family farm in Kimberly, Idaho, where he learned to love and care for animals, especially horses and cattle. He attended Utah State Agricultural College for a time, where he studied animal husbandry. He also enjoyed acting in plays.

C.R. married Fay Farm. They were later divorced. They were parents of four children. Some of his moving to Kayville, U.C. and Ellen Dale Farm, they were married on Dec. 18, 1945, in Kayville, Utah. The marriage was very harmonious in the Ogden LDS Temple.

After retiring from Albion Laboratories, C.R. started a horse business and for several years the health forced a complete retirement. He was an avid and a hobbyist for several years. He really loved the children and helping them, and they returned that love.

C.R. loved his children, he especially enjoyed teaching them how to care for horses and how to ride properly.

He always called for the grandchildren and always wanted to see in any way he possibly could. He received much joy from others and never wanted anyone to grieve for him.

Surviving are his wife, Ellen of Kayville, Utah; Paul, 52, of the City of Torrance, Wash.; and Charles E. (Charley) of Victor, Idaho, all children; Charlene, Grant of Proffers, Calif.; and Zella Rieger Garman of Natick, Ohio, all granddaughters; Larsen D. (Ruth) of Arvada, Colo.; and Gary M. (Ruth) of Kimberly, Idaho, all grandsons; and Charles E. (Charley) of Victor, Idaho, all grand-grandchildren; he was preceded in death by a sister, Emma Marie, and a brother-in-law, Marvin Armstrong.

The funeral will be held at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 29, 1998, at the Kayville LDS Tabernacle, 136 W. Center St., with Bishop Michael Lewis officiating. Friends and family may call from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday at the Kayville Mortuary, 402 W. Main and from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday at the Kayville Tabernacle. Interment will be at Kayville Cemetery.

He was a member of the LDS Church and served as a missionary in 1938 for 2 1/2 years in South Carolina and in 1952 he served a second mission in Montana. He served in the State presidency in Ely, Nev., and as bishop of the Gooding Ward, here in Gooding. He married Helen Hunter on Nov. 26, 1939, in the Salt Lake City Temple. She preceded him in death on March 20, 1978. He married Naomi Bullock on Jan. 13, 1989.

Staley is survived by his wife, Naomi of Gooding, three children, Robert of Buhl, Gay Anne Cheney of Gooding and Bryce Cheney of Caldwell, three step-children, John Bullock of Shelton, Wash., John Bullock of Renton, Wash., and Kay Field of Vancouver, Wash. 11 grandchildren, 16 great-grandchildren and six great-great-grandchildren, one of which preceded him in death. He is also survived by four brothers, Lester Cheney, Willie Cheney and Victor Cheney, all of Gooding, and Dale Cheney of Caldwell, and one sister, Halley Spencer of Twin Falls.

The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 29, 1998, at the Gooding Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Burial will follow at the Elmwood Cemetery in Gooding. Friends may call from 10 a.m. until service time Tuesday at the church. Arrangements are under the direction of Demaray's Gooding Chapel. The family suggests memorial contributions be made to the Primary Children's Medical Center, 400 N. Main, P.O. Box 58249, Salt Lake City, UT 84158-0249.

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Boise man gets prison sentence for bank robbery

IDAHO FALLS (AP) - A Boise man has been ordered to serve 1 1/2 years in prison nearly a year after he robbed a bank of over \$24,800 and fled on a snowmobile.

Brian Rasmussen, 22, was sentenced at the U.S. District Courthouse in Pocatello for the 1997 Christmas Eve robbery of the East Idaho Federal Credit Union in Idaho Falls.

A federal jury found Rasmussen, a former eastern Idaho resident, guilty in October after a three-day trial. He was sentenced Tuesday.

Rasmussen was also ordered to complete five years supervised probation and pay the amount he stole in restitution.

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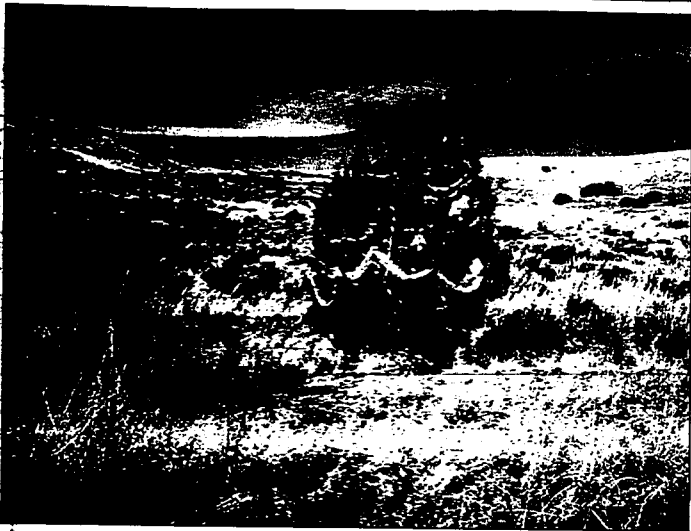
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Burley doctor remains in stable condition in SLC hospital

The Times-News

SALT LAKE CITY — Burley physician Homi Vania remains in critical but stable condition at LDS Hospital in Salt Lake City Saturday, after a high-speed snowmobile accident in Fremont County Tuesday, a hospital spokesperson said.

Vania suffered multiple fractures to his back and chest when he lost control of his snowmobile while traveling 75 to 80 mph on Elk Creek Trail at about 2:30 p.m. Tuesday.

Vania hit several small trees, the report said. He was transported to Elk Creek station and air ambulated to LDS Hospital.

The trauma Vania suffered to his chest has caused a buildup of blood, which doctors are working to treat, said hospital spokeswoman. Vania is expected to recover from the accident, they said.

Police chief appoints citizens to board of review

IDAHO FALLS (AP) — Police Chief J. Kent Livsey has appointed eight residents to a board that reviews the actions of officers in an effort to help the board better evaluate community safety.

“These people have an important stake in this issue,” Livsey said. “I really take serious their safety, and I really take serious the professionalism of the police department.”

In the past, the board has been made up of just officers who helped the chief determine if their peers followed department policy in cases where officers used force or got involved in high speed chases.

Smog testing program wins support

KAYSVILLE, Utah (AP) — The centralized emission-testing program that at first was labeled a nuisance and a government power grab is rapidly gaining converts among Davis County motorists.

Less than a year into the controversial program that stripped a hefty share of pollution testing from neighborhood auto repair shops, nearly a quarter of the county's inspectors business comes from motorists who prefer to bring their vehicles to the government testing center.

With any luck, the county's attempt to clean its air to the Environmental Protection Agency's satisfaction will work by 2001, and the county can start sending business back to private enterprise, said Richard Harvey, director of the Davis County Environmental Health Department.

But the centralized testing is an unmitigable but worth motorists.

The prime attraction at the county's testing center is one-stop convenience, allowing motorists with a clean emissions and safety check to register on the spot instead of making the certificate to the county courthouse and standing in line.

At most, the whole process takes 30 minutes, Harvey said.

Dropout rates fall in Idaho for third straight year

But administrators say significant improvements will take time

By Kurt Friedemann Times-News writer

BURLEY — It's a problem that has plagued educators and parents from the beginning: how to keep teens in school.

5,018 students out of a total of 88,893 left school. That's down from the previous school year, when 5,419 students left — or 6.21 percent of 87,365 enrolled.

Statistics from the Oregon Department of Education show a Hispanic dropout rate almost double the overall statewide rate, and Washington's Hispanic dropout rate is almost as high as its neighbor state's.

But all the numbers still don't explain why students seem to be leaving high school at an alarming rate.

Shelley Merrill, Minico High School counselor, said one reason could be that a high school diploma doesn't mean as much as it used to.

“There are a bunch of reasons, including pregnancy, falling behind in credits and alternative education,” she said. “But staying in high school and graduating doesn't get you much more than what you would have without a diploma.”

School administrators and high school counselors profess there never has been any easy solution, usually because young people's reasons for getting aside education are so varied.

But dropping out of high school isn't very hard to do.

“I believe the rate is closer to a 22 to 25 percent,” he said. “I think the problem is a lot bigger than we recognize.”

Idaho State Superintendent Anne C. Fox acknowledged the numbers may not be completely accurate but said dropout rates certainly are declining.

“We are a service industry,” she said. “If a customer is not happy, then we try to address the service problem. We don't change the rules, but we ought to make kids happy to be there.”

Fox cited two reasons for Idaho's declining rates: a program called “Schools Within a School” and a law passed in 1996 which requires anyone younger than 18 to be enrolled in school to keep or acquire a driver's license.

Recent statistics from the Idaho superintendent of public instruction's office indicate the high school dropout rate in Idaho has slowed for the third year in a row.

“We are gaining on it,” Fox said. “But I wish we had more to combat this problem.”

Fox said another program called Limited English Proficiency is helping and will receive \$212 per participating student for the next school year, an increase from \$186 per student last year.

The LEP program targets the Hispanic section of the student population. Hispanics have more dropouts on both the state and national level.

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Merrill said alternative education has become increasingly popular. Over the past 10 years the percent of students obtaining alternative certification both in Idaho and nationally has increased.

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Beth Lambert, with 2-year-old daughter McKayla, said she considered herself lucky that a birch tree caused only minor damage to the roof of their Kimberly home during a windstorm in the last week of July.

North central Idaho hospitals won't sign with Blue Cross

LEWISTON (AP) — North central Idaho hospitals have refused to sign a new contract with Blue Cross of Idaho, which means some federal employees could end up paying more for their hospital care or traveling to a hospital out of the region.

The new contract, which was offered to hospitals by Blue Cross this fall, proposed to pay lower prices for hospital services. The contract is scheduled to take effect Jan. 1.

"It had significantly higher discounts than under the former arrangement," said Douglas Johnson, chief financial officer at St. Joseph Regional Medical Center in Lewiston. "We didn't think it was a fair way to do business, so we rejected the contract."

Hospitals in Grangeville, Cottonwood, Orofino and Moscow also refused to sign the new Federal Employee Plan contract, according to a list Blue Cross sent to federal employees participating in the plan.

But the prices offered are the same as those that other Idaho hospitals have agreed to as negotiated, said Blue Cross spokesman Rich Wright.

Federal employees still will receive hospital benefits but the difference is with the co-payment, Wright said.

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Review

- Continued from B2
- 16: Gov. Phil Batt signs a partial-birth abortion bill.
 - 26: Jerome School District bond issue fails, for the third time.
 - 29: Newborn Cannaan Repp Barnett is reported kidnapped from Burley-Wal-Mar.
 - 30: Batt vetoes an Idaho Family Forum-backed abortion bill that would have required minors to receive parental or judicial consent.

April

- 3: Clear Shield National Inc. in Twin Falls begins making sprocks, marking the beginning of local production.
- 4: Cannaan's body is found in a shallow grave near Duerksen; his stepfather, Michael Geissman, is charged with second-degree murder.
- 6: Cannaan's mother, Cynthia Grissom, is charged as accessory to second-degree murder.
- 7: Movie star and part-time Blaine County resident Bruce Willis completes filming of "Breakfast of Champions" in Twin Falls.
- 11: Jimmie Varel Thomas is arrested in Reno, Nev. He is charged in connection with the November 1997 shooting death of Eden-area resident Steven Louder. 34: Thomas faces a March 1999 trial.

May

- 12: A former Twin Falls couple — Alicia Nicole Duryngan and Richard Dale Cheatham — is charged with first-degree murder in connection with the 1997 death of Wayne C. LaFerry, 47, of Twin Falls. They face a Jan. 23 trial date.
- 13: Eric Thomas Ferrer, of Twin Falls, is charged with two counts of first-degree murder in connection with the March 1996 slayings of Walter Jesse James Ellison, 19, and Jaira Sumaya, 25, both of Twin Falls.
- Other suspects are Esequiel "Junior" DelaCruz, who faces one count of first-degree murder and one count of aiding and abetting a first-degree murder; Clarence DelaCruz, charged with two counts of aiding and abetting first-degree murder; their sister, Idolina DelaCruz, charged with two counts of accessory to murder; and their mother, Susan McLaws, charged with two counts of accessory to murder. Trials are pending.
- 21: The J.R. Simpson Co. pulls out of a Wells, Nev., fertilizer project that promised to create 200 jobs.
- 26: In primary elections, Democratic Marilyn Howard barely wins primary against well-known Wally Hedrick in state schools chief race. Controversial schools Chancellor Susan Owens' Republican nomination amid splintered vote in four-way race; local candidates included Cassia County superintendent Thomas Mintley and Rep. Ron Black. 6: Twin Falls, Rep. Mark Stearns, 6: Twin Falls, Idaho GOP congressional nomination to Idaho House.



Speaker Mike Simpson.

In local primary races, an Idaho County bond issue to finance new jail fails, a Minidoka recreation district fails, votersoust Cassia County commissioners John Adams and Lyle Woodbury, and Jerome County Commissioner Roy Proctor survives a challenge.

June

- 3: Fifth District Judge George Gemma Jr., 52, Burley, dies from a myocardial infarction that entered his lungs and bloodstream.
- 15: Twin Falls County commissioners approve livestock ordinance — three years in the making — that limits the size and density of operations and involves the public.
- 25: U.S. Supreme Court overrules *Stansberry* veto — bringing new power to local farm cooperatives that had been directly attacked by a presidential veto. The U.S. Senate passes a Mountain Home Air Force Base renaming, name amendment proposed by Sen. Dirk Kempthorne.

July

- 6: Twin Falls County announces 2.5 percent budget addback to pay for the heavy cost of municipal trials.
- 7: A \$5 billion, 250,000-head big farm is proposed for state land 25 miles south of Glenn Ferry. By year's end, developers would consider a range of other sites in southern Idaho.
- 15: Jerome Invercup, 23, dies in a fire by shooting in El Mirador in Twin Falls; Jerome County teens Nicholas Garcia, Antonio Garcia and Albert Cruz Jr. are charged with first-degree murder in connection with the shooting. Nicholas and Antonio Garcia face a Jan. 8 trial. Cruz has pleaded guilty to aiding and abetting second-degree murder.

August

- 3: Idaho-based Albemarle's Inc. announces an \$8.3 billion purchase of American Stores Co., making Albemarle's the largest grocery store chain in the country.
- 5: Edward "Red" Gillette, 53, a longtime Ketchikan resident,

A. music-conventioneer Gage of Shoshone gets a laughing welcome from "house" James Hoffman of Shoshone after Gage's announcement to come at the meeting during Shoshone's "Our Annual Reunion Days."

full-time adventurer — is found dead in an apparent botched robbery in Palouse.

12: Jerome County charges are dismissed against Michael and Cynthia Grissom in Cannaan's death.

19: The state begins release of Magic Valley sex-offender registers, with lists released for Cassia, Jerome and Minidoka counties.

Twin Falls attorney Monte Carlson is named new district judge, replacing Gramata.

September

- 2: Christian A. Lindel pleads guilty to second-degree murder in the June 1997 slaying of Gene Harwig, 46, of Hansen. Lindel is later sentenced to 15 to 25 years in prison.
- 9: Congresswoman Heide Chenoweth admits to an affair with Vern Ravenscroft amidst a national debate — spurred by the Clinton sex scandal — over personal character.
- 11: Special Prosecutor Ken Starr's report is released calling for Clinton's impeachment and containing lurid details of the president's sexual relationship with former White House intern Monica Lewinsky.
- 16: The Department of Energy says it will open Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory contract to bids.
- 17: John Ruppman is ousted as MYRMC administrator after 23 years on the job.
- 22: Jerome girl Liz Wieseman, 11, dies after a public battle with leukemia.
- 23: Lockheed Martin announces it will not seek INEEL contract renewal.
- 24: A leak at Milner Dam prompts permit but breach is quickly repaired.

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Meyer Inc. for \$8 billion, bumping Albertson's from its short-lived designation as the country's largest supermarket chain.

7: The body of Meta M. Jones, 46, is retrieved from Millner-Gooding Canal; Sandra Jones, of Bellevue, and her teenage daughter, Andra Ross, of Jerome County, are charged in connection with her death. Jones faces an April 1999 trial; Ross later pleads guilty on a charge of accessory to murder.

November

3: In Idaho elections, voters select Kempthorne Idaho's next governor, Rep. Mike Crapo as his replacement in the U.S. Senate, and Simpson as Crapo's replacement in the U.S. House of Representatives. Howard defeats Fox.

9: Local races, Twin Falls County Commissioner Marvin Hempleman narrowly wins reelection, but voters hammer a proposed county tax to pay for murder trials.

10: Michael Grissom is served a warrant on first-degree murder charge, stemming from infant Gannaway's death. Investigators say Michael Grissom bragged to fel-

low inmates that he had killed the baby and got away with it.

15: A Haley jury can't reach a verdict in the Baldwin first-degree murder trial. The case is scheduled to be retried in April 1999, this time in Minidoka County.

December

3: Rep. Bruce Newcomb, R-Burley, is elected speaker of the House; Rep. Wendy Jaquet, D-Ketchum, and Sen. Clint Stennett, D-Ketchum, are elected minority leaders in their respective houses.

5: Michael B. Ellison, of Orlando, Fla., is convicted of involuntary manslaughter in the September 1997 death of Jerome toddler Zachary Nolan.

7: Brent Dame's controversial 3,600-sow hog operation proposal is put on hold by Twin Falls County commissioners; Dame considers locating in Cassia County.

16: United States and Britain order air strikes on Iraq for its failure to comply with United Nations weapons inspections.

19: Clinton becomes second president in history to be impeached.

Incoming speaker of the house Bob Livingston resigns after admitting to extramarital affairs.



Jason Lowry watches over 100-year-old Tyler Lutz as the young gymnast performs a series of flips on the Sage Gymnastics float during Twin Falls' Western Days in May.

New theory on underground water flow may help cleanup

IDAHO FALLS (AP) — A scientist from the Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory is working with a research team from the Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory has unraveled the mystery of water flowing through the earth.

The new theory may help to better explain how water, and waterborne contaminants, seeps from the earth's surface to the water table below.

Berkeley hydrogeologist Boris Faybishenko and researchers from the INEEL spent last summer working in a lava field outside Idaho Falls. The data they collected will help other scientists model the way water moves through fractured, or heterogeneous, soils.

Current modeling methods can predict water movements

through uniform soils, or homogeneous, such as sand. But many sites with radioactive or organic contaminants, such as the INEEL, sit on heterogeneous, or fractured, soil.

"Heterogeneous soils are the rule rather than the exception," said Faybishenko.

In this type of soil system, water flow processes are nonlinear, or chaotic. Small differences in the system's initial conditions can lead to large differences later on. Gasoline stations, waste burial pits and many toxic spills are governed by the same properties that the group now is learning to characterize using the chaos theory.

The data collected by Faybishenko and the INEEL team now may help to guide waste remediation efforts and environmental modeling.

INEEL's laser system may replace ultrasonic imaging

IDAHO FALLS (AP) — A new Laser Ultrasonic Camera developed by researchers at the Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory soon could replace current ultrasonic imaging systems.

The new system produces a holographic image of ultrasonic vibrations as they occur on the surface of an object. The pattern of vibrations can reveal an object's thickness, stiffness and identify any imperfections.

Current systems must scan an object and perform a point by point analysis. The process is slow and does not have the high degree of resolution that the new camera will have, the INEEL said in a press release.

The new camera works by splitting a laser beam in two. One beam is sent out as a reference beam, and the other shines on the sample object. The beams then bounce off mirrors to meet again inside a holographic crystal. There, the beams interact and produce the image.

The effect is similar to that of a strobe light, the press release said.

The camera may be used for diagnostics of large and small objects. It would allow the imaging of the structural integrity of a

bridge in the same manner as that of a ball bearing.

The camera also could be used to monitor production processes in adverse environments such as the high temperatures involved in producing ceramics and molten metals.



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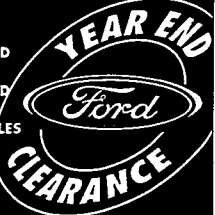
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Canadian company searches Cassia County for gold deposits

OAKLEY (AP) — A Canadian exploratory company has been doing work in Cassia County to determine how much gold the county's mountains hold.

Latitude Mining Corp. of Vancouver, B.C., was in the Blue Hill Creek and Cold Creek area of southern Cassia County during the summer, drilling test holes

and looking at the amounts of gold still remaining in the mountain drainages around Cassia County's historic Vipood Mine.

Latitude Minerals has entered into agreements to acquire a 100 percent interest in the Cold Creek deposit in Cassia County.

The new acquisition is located four miles north of the company's

Blue Hill Creek gold deposit, which was discovered in 1985. The deposit is at least 5,000 feet long and up to 1,000 feet wide. Earlier testing indicated a sizable gold resource.

Officials at the company said testing does not mean they have plans to do any immediate mining in the area.

Regulators claim ore mill stores unauthorized radioactive waste

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Unauthorized low-level nuclear waste is being stored at the White Mesa uranium mill in southeastern Utah, according to Utah regulators.

In documents filed this month with the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, state attorneys argued federal officials should not have been allowed to accept 40,000 tons of mildly radioactive dirt from a New York hazardous-waste cleanup site.

The state claims the material doesn't contain enough uranium to make processing it economically feasible and the only reason to ship it to White Mesa was for low-cost storage in the mill's tailings pond.

But Earl Hoellen, president of the Denver-based International Uranium Co., owners of the mill, said federal regulations allow the mill to process, or "recycle," the material in question, and the NRC gave written authorization to accept it.

Company officials expect the mill to extract enough uranium from this dirt to meet the energy needs of a city of 40,000 to 50,000 people for one year.

They contend the material is similar to the uranium ore it normally processes and that it poses no unusual risks to workers or the environment.

Acceptance of "alternate feed materials" such as the New York material also helps keep the mill running during periods of depressed uranium prices. It is "pans beans on the table" of 84 employees, said mill manager William N. Deal.

The state has no direct control over what happens at the mill, but, like any citizen or special-interest group, it can challenge federal regulatory decisions.

In this case, the state is asking the NRC's Atomic Safety and Licensing Board to overturn the NRC staff decision allowing White Mesa to accept the New York material. The state also wants White Mesa to stop processing any material stockpiled at the site.

About 35,000 tons of the New York material already have been shipped to the mill, and part of that has been processed, said Deal. An additional 4,000 to 5,000 tons are being readied for shipment to Utah.

This is the latest episode in a nine-year struggle between the state and various owners of the White Mesa mill over the types of material processed at the

facility, about five miles south of Blasing.

Issues being raised today are almost the same as when the debate started in 1989, although the players and federal regulations have changed.

In the past, the state's complaints resulted in some limits on the types of material accepted at the site. But today, IUC appears — at least for now — to have the upper hand and the support of federal regulators.

"We are not — I repeat — we are not thumbing our noses at the state," Hoellen said. "We have worked with the state for many years and IUC continues to work with the Utah Department of Environmental Quality. Sometimes we agree and sometimes we don't. But we are not going to subject ourselves to unfounded regulatory authority."

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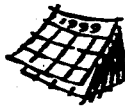
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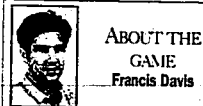
Section 10

Vandals' hopes lie in putting Humanitarian on the map

It may be the bowl with the blue field, the one that leaves the rest of the country scratching their heads and adjusting their television sets, but this year's Humanitarian Bowl might just surprise a few folks around the country.

Southern Mississippi and the University of Idaho will square off against one another Wednesday at Bronco Stadium in Boise and it's safe to say that no two teams have traveled a stranger road to reach the college postseason than Idaho and Southern Miss.

Idaho (8-3) started the year ranked No. 112 out of 112 Div. I teams, while Southern Mississippi (8-3) was ranked No. 21 in the preseason poll.



ABOUT THE GAME
Francis Davis

After starting the season at 2-2, the Vandals won seven of their last eight and claimed the Big West Championship with a thrilling 36-35 overtime win when coach Chris Tormey made a gutsy call to go for two points and the win in a game that people in Idaho will talk about for years to come.

In Idaho's bowl media guide, Tormey said the Vandals set the tone for the season in the second week with a come-from-behind win against San Jose State and a competitive road game against LSU two weeks later.

The Vandals lost to the Tigers 53-20, but Tormey said the key was not getting blown out in the then-ranked Tigers in front of 50,000 fans.

Southern Miss, on the other hand, dropped three of their first four games, including big losses to national powers Penn State 34-6 and Texas A&M 24-6.

After a road game at Southwestern Louisiana 13-17, 55-0, the Golden Eagles lost to Tulane 21-7, but then won six of their last seven games, including a big win over bowl-bound Louisville 56-21.

The two teams have met only once before — 30 years ago.

The Vandals won 31-21 in 1969 in Mobile, Ala. behind two guys some old-timers may fondly recall.

Vandal quarterback Steve Olsen threw for 363 yards, many of them to receiver Jerry Henderson, who hauled in a whopping 17 passes.

This time around, the Vandals, who are two-touchdown underdogs, aren't going to win through the air.

Vandal running back Joel Thomas makes Idaho go.

He rushed for 1,229 yards and 16 touchdowns this season and was named Big West Conference Player of the Year by Football News.

Southern Miss is a more well-rounded team than Idaho with a 2,000-yard passer at the helm in Lee Roberts, and a receiver and runner back who each broke the 1,000-yard mark in Sherrod Gideon and Derrick Nix.

Freeze out

Mark Twain said the coldest winter he ever spent was a summer in San Francisco. It's safe to assume the legendary author never made it to Idaho — a trait many of the Southern Miss players probably share — so the Vandals would be wise to try to use the cold as a psychological advantage.

The best hope for the Vandals may be freezing out the Golden Eagles in front of a huge partisan crowd.

That field should be frozen for the game and the fans from Southern Miss won't be used to playing in such conditions.

The Vandals most likely will keep the ball on the ground, avoid turnovers and keep the Southern Miss players can't accommodate the frigid conditions.

Bud Grant, an old-school coach who led the Minnesota Vikings during the '70s, would not allow heaters fans on the Viking bench.

He spruced the comfort of the heaters so his players wouldn't be thinking of the warm sidelines when they were on the field.

The no-heater rule also provided a psychological edge to his team by making the opposition think the Vikings were natural winners.

Maybe the Vandals don't want to go as far as taking away the heaters from the sidelines, but how about short sleeves all around for the players from Idaho?

Whatever it takes, one thing is for sure, an Idaho win against Southern Miss might just make the rest of the country sit up and take notice of the Humanitarian Bowl.

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Vikings post record season

Minnesota poised for 'serious' Super Bowl bid

The Associated Press

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — The Minnesota Vikings are going into the playoffs in record fashion.

Randall Cunningham and Gary Anderson added two field goals at the Vikings beat the Oilers 26-16 Saturday, becoming the highest-scoring team in NFL history.

"We wanted it a great deal," night end Andrew Glover said of topping the 1983 Washington Redskins' mark of 541 points with 556.

"We were very aware of what it took to make those historical marks. We're very elated to go down in history, but at the same time, we have a lot of unfinished business."

That wasn't all that the Vikings accomplished. Minnesota (15-1) also tied the 1985 Chicago Bears and the 1984 San Francisco 49ers as the only teams with 15 victories in a season.

And Anderson became the highest-scoring kicker in a season while extending his record of consecutive field goals to 40 over two seasons.

"Fifteen and one is truly phenomenal," said Vikings coach Dennis Green. "That means that you really had a blessed season. Hopefully, that will give us momentum going into the playoffs."

Anderson became the first NFL kicker to finish a season with a perfect record — 25-of-25 on field goals and 5-of-59 on conversions.

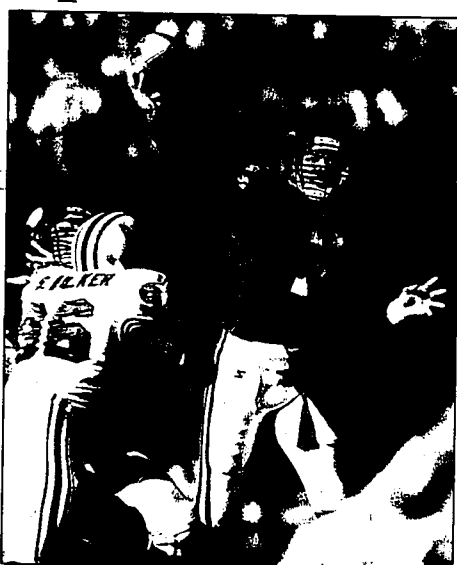
He sealed the victory with a 39-yard field goal with 1:10 left.

That gave him 164 points this season, topping Mark Moseley's 161 with Washington in 1983.

The loss ruined Tennessee's final game as the Oilers.

That gave him the nickname will be the Titans next year after 39 seasons as the Oilers in Houston and Tennessee.

Trailing 23-16, Tennessee (8-8) had



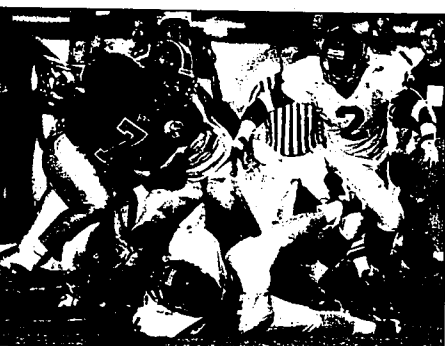
Minnesota Vikings quarterback Randall Cunningham (7) fires a pass in the second quarter of the Vikings' 26-16 win over the Tennessee Oilers Saturday in Nashville, Tenn.

one last chance at ending the Vikings' seven-game winning streak. Cornerback Darryl Lewis intercepted Cunningham with 2:46 left, giving the Oilers the ball at their 16.

Steve McNair hit Vance Johnson on a 15-yard pass, but he couldn't move

them any farther with a sprained index finger on his passing hand. His pass to Derrick Mason on fourth-and-10 bounced short.

Anderson provided Minnesota's only offensive points in the first half with field goals of 39 and 23 yards.



Missouri quarterback Corby Jones breaks a tackle attempt by a West Virginia defender Saturday as he scores from seven yards out during the Insight.com Bowl in Tucson, Ariz.

Tigers beat WVU 34-31

The Associated Press

TUCSON, Ariz. — West Virginia couldn't quite keep up with the Joseases in Saturday night's Insight.com Bowl.

Corby Jones rushed for three touchdowns and Julian Jones intercepted a pass and blocked a punt for a safety as No. 23 Missouri (6-4) held on to beat the Mountaineers 34-31.

West Virginia's Marc Bulger completed 34 of 51 passes, both Insight.com Bowl records, for 429 yards and

four second-half touchdowns to bring the Mountaineers back from a 21-point deficit.

Bulger's four Insight.com Bowl touchdown passes tied an Insight.com Bowl record. His leading receiver, Sean Foreman, caught an Insight.com record 11 passes for 189 yards.

Bulger's 9-yard scoring pass to Amos Zereoue cut Missouri's lead to 31-24 with 10:27 to play, and his 1-yard touchdown toss to David Saunders made it 34-31 with 2:11 to play.

But Missouri's Dwayne Blakeley recorded the outside kick attempt and the Tigers ran out the clock.

West Virginia (8-4) lost its eighth consecutive bowl game, losing South Carolina's NCAA Division I record.

South Carolina's skid ended with a victory over West Virginia in the 1995 Carquest Bowl.

Corby Jones and Devin West, in their

final collegiate game, led a 76-yard, 14-play fourth-quarter drive that consumed 6:43 before stalling at the West Virginia 1. Brian Long's 18-yard field goal with 3:44 to go put the Tigers up 34-24.

West, the No. 5 rusher in Division IA who was held in check most of the night, pounded West Virginia's defense for 46 yards in 12 carries in the critical drive.

He finished with 125 yards in 31 attempts. Zereoue, the nation's No. 6 rusher, managed just 32 yards in 22 carries.

Special teams dominated much of the game. Missouri's Jeff Marriott blocked the field goal attempt and Carlos Posey returned the ball 70 yards for a score.

West Virginia's Boo Sensabaugh blocked a punt to set up a Mountaineers' kickoff, then Ricardo Rhodes returned a kickoff 60 yards to set up a Missouri touchdown.

The Tigers, who appeared in their first bowl game in 13 years last season, won a possession game for the first time since the 1981 Tangerine Bowl.

Missouri took a 7-0 lead with 9:17 left in the first quarter when Marriott blocked a field goal try for the second time this season, a 48-yard attempt by West Virginia's Jay Taylor, who had been bothered by a hip injury all year.

Posey scooped up the ball near the sidelines and raced untouched for the score.

On West Virginia's second possession, Bulger's pass bounced off of wide receiver Khori Jay's hands and was intercepted by Julian Jones at the Missouri 42. It was the first career interception for Jones.

Forget March Madness! Louisville upsets Kentucky

Banned from postseason play, Cardinals take big 83-74 win in stride

The Associated Press

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — A lot of people were surprised by Louisville's upset of No. 3 Kentucky. However, none of them played for Louisville.

"There was no doubt in my mind we could beat them," forward Tony Williams said after the Cardinals beat the Wildcats 83-74 Saturday at Freedom Hall. "We all knew we could do this. This is our house and we're going to protect our house."

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Vaunted Vikings

teams that finished the regular season 15-1 and how they fared in the playoffs:

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Most Points in Season: Team

- 1984 San Francisco 49ers — 5,000
- 1985 San Francisco 49ers — 4,800
- 1986 San Francisco 49ers — 4,600
- 1987 San Francisco 49ers — 4,400
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- 1992 San Francisco 49ers — 3,400
- 1993 San Francisco 49ers — 3,200
- 1994 San Francisco 49ers — 3,000
- 1995 San Francisco 49ers — 2,800
- 1996 San Francisco 49ers — 2,600
- 1997 San Francisco 49ers — 2,400
- 1998 San Francisco 49ers — 2,200

Most Points in Game: Team

- 1984 San Francisco 49ers — 56
- 1985 San Francisco 49ers — 54
- 1986 San Francisco 49ers — 52
- 1987 San Francisco 49ers — 50
- 1988 San Francisco 49ers — 48
- 1989 San Francisco 49ers — 46
- 1990 San Francisco 49ers — 44
- 1991 San Francisco 49ers — 42
- 1992 San Francisco 49ers — 40
- 1993 San Francisco 49ers — 38
- 1994 San Francisco 49ers — 36
- 1995 San Francisco 49ers — 34
- 1996 San Francisco 49ers — 32
- 1997 San Francisco 49ers — 30
- 1998 San Francisco 49ers — 28

Most Picks in a Game: Team

- 1984 San Francisco 49ers — 13
- 1985 San Francisco 49ers — 12
- 1986 San Francisco 49ers — 11
- 1987 San Francisco 49ers — 10
- 1988 San Francisco 49ers — 9
- 1989 San Francisco 49ers — 8
- 1990 San Francisco 49ers — 7
- 1991 San Francisco 49ers — 6
- 1992 San Francisco 49ers — 5
- 1993 San Francisco 49ers — 4
- 1994 San Francisco 49ers — 3
- 1995 San Francisco 49ers — 2
- 1996 San Francisco 49ers — 1
- 1997 San Francisco 49ers — 0
- 1998 San Francisco 49ers — 0

Most Consecutive Field Goals

- 1984 San Francisco 49ers — 13
- 1985 San Francisco 49ers — 12
- 1986 San Francisco 49ers — 11
- 1987 San Francisco 49ers — 10
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- 1993 San Francisco 49ers — 4
- 1994 San Francisco 49ers — 3
- 1995 San Francisco 49ers — 2
- 1996 San Francisco 49ers — 1
- 1997 San Francisco 49ers — 0
- 1998 San Francisco 49ers — 0

The Vikings also got a safety on Tennessee's opening possession: writer officials ruled McNair threw the ball away as he headed into the endzone.

The Oilers led 13-6 at halftime on two field goals by Al Del Greco and a 2-yard TD run by Eddie George.

Cunningham, playing with a broken bone on his left hand, got untracked in the third quarter, completing four 10 passes for 107 yards and two TDs.

He hit rookie sensation Tatum, Miss., in the end zone for a 5-yarder on the Vikings' first possession, putting Minnesota ahead 16-13.

Cunningham connected with Curtis Carter on a 38-yarder on the next drive.



Kentucky's Heathman Murray Evans Saturday in Louisville, Mo. Murray scored 24 points and dished out 10 assists in the 83-74 win.

"Louisville certainly played a great game and really executed when they had to," said Kentucky coach Tony Smith, who did not make his players available for interviews after the game.

"We had some breakdowns in our offensive pressure and they were able to capitalize. Their quickness hurt us and their pressure was very effective."

The Cardinals forced Kentucky to 28 turnovers and held the Wildcats to 49 percent shooting from the field, including only 2-of-15 from 3-point range.

Scott Padgett led Kentucky with 22 points. Michael Bradley had 22 and Wayne Turner and Ryan Hagan each had 12.

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Mailman's dream home set right

The Associated Press

SALT LAKE CITY — Structural defects in Utah Jazz forward Karl Malone's "dream home" have been largely remedied, though the Mailman's attorney says a lawsuit could be in the works.

"Five months ago, the west wall of Malone's 26,000-square-foot home cracked and began pulling away from the rest of the rock and log structure."

It took 30 metal pins anchored up to 70 feet deep to secure the foundation.

Now, the million-dollar home, which sits on a 1 1/2 acres at the top of the Avenue in Salt Lake City, is solid.

It also may soon be at the center of a lawsuit, though attorney Randall Call said Malone won't be a player in any civil action.

"Basically, what happened is that there was geotechnical work done on the lot by our contractor and the contractor performed in accordance with the engineer, and in fact went beyond, and then went ahead and built the home," Call said.

"It just so happens the home is in a gully that appears to be the cause."

Builders apparently didn't anticipate, four inches of June rain that saturated the desert-like soil.

The water appears to have collected in a gully that bisects the home.

"The theory was that the water was running through the subsoil and carrying the sand out and leaving water — that's why it collapsed," said Mike Wheelwright, a planner for Salt Lake City who supervises the city's development review section.

YEAR IN SPORTS

A hot '98 in the Magic Valley

By Jeff Thomas and Debbie Clark
Twin Falls staff writers

Jan. 3 — 1998 Twin Falls High School sophomore Myrona Lambert built 28th consecutive points for Southern Utah women's basketball team, setting a new NCAA Division I record.

Jan. 10 — Former Boise State coach McQuay wins two-time national title at the end of a second overseas stint at the College of Southern Idaho Golden Eagles' game. Salt Lake Community College.

Jan. 31 — Katherine Switzer Van Ort, a 33-year-old retired Alpine ski racer, qualifies for the Winter Olympics in Nagano, Japan, in cross-country. She finishes there in a time of 2:59:02, 12th overall, on Feb. 3.

Feb. 10 — Former Boise County resident "Kinky" Strain wins an Olympic gold medal in women's super-G in Nagano, Japan.

Feb. 10 — Nike wins a 24-0 record poem written by Peter Dinklage, a junior at the Ketchikan High Valley Community School, as part of its Winter Division television advertising campaign.

Feb. 16 — The first women's girls' high school basketball game off game at Kama High School, between Brunson and Thurston, dedicated to Brunson senior and former marriage counselor Sara Cameron, closes the night before an anniversary service.

Feb. 21 — The Jerome High girls' basketball team finishes second at the state A-2 tournament.

Feb. 27 — Twin Falls High School bowler Ceaira Lopez claims an individual state wrestling title. Her opponent, Stephanie Bruns, by 22 points, for an overall team win.

Feb. 27 — The CSI men's 10-point second fall rally at Orem in the Golden Eagle series, sponsored by the Roberson Club, a crucial 78-73 victory.

Feb. 28 — Participation of 12 wrestlers in the top six places of their respective weight classes. Buhl captures the state A-2 wrestling championship.

Feb. 28 — Dixie captures the state A-3 wrestling title in the first round.

Feb. 28 — In Twin Falls, Sara Garner and Anton Justice claim individual wrestling titles at the state A-2 tournament.

Feb. 28 — CSI men's wrestling Snow 78-76 to claim the State West Athletic Conference Championship.

March — Paralympic team from the winter games. Sara Valley's cross-country skier Muffy Davis scores bronze medals in the Winter Paralympics for two events — skeleton and para-biathlon.

March 12 — Boise State coach Kelly Wardell charges into first place in benchback benchmarking at the Dodge Career Network's Career Readiness Challenge.

April — CSI basketball establishes an endorsement in memory of the late Leo Sorace, longtime Golden Eagles star.

April 8 — CSI hosts fourteenth basketball players' anniversary day. Greg McQuay signs with Purdue, Joe Maxwell signs with Mississippi State, and Matt Millham commits to the University of Tennessee.

April 10 — Terence McCutcheon agrees to play at Nicholls State.

April 28 — Witt Strawn, Cluge striking out 8 batters in five innings, leads the State School basketball team, beating Mimico for the first time in four seasons, 31-15.

May 9 — Senior West Virginia Division champion, CSI beats Eastern Utah 5-3 to take the Region 18 basketball title. Quarter falls in the final, 4-0 to Orem.

May 11 — Golden's Bennett Thompson wins second round of A-3 girls' state golf at Canyon Springs despite double bogeying No. 15.

May 12 — Kimberly's Kitz Powers, state golf, to finish a pre-state tournament, beating the Bulldog boys would save their place. The Kimberly girls, meanwhile, take second.

May 13 — Four CSI basketball players named All-Americans — 11-1 pitcher Craig Foster, catcher Graig Merritt, outfielder James Close, and outfielder/center Matt Silver, who hit for a .500 batting average.

May 15 — American Men's at Twin Falls High School takes their place at the state golf tournament in Cour d'Alene.

May 17 — Jerome's first Equipe places six in state competition and Kurt McDonald and Sunny Mize, take first in doubles at the Idaho Class 4 state tennis tournament.

May 23 — Albert Colletta wins the NAIA Baseball World Series beating Indiana Tech 6-3.



Nov. 25 — CSI volleyball nets an unprecedented sixth-straight NCAA title in Orem, Utah, beating Miami-Dade Community College 15-6, 15-12, 15-6

Aug. 30 — Eden's Ted Black captures the AKI Hovey Wide Open at Candleridge Golf Course in Twin Falls.

Sept. 3 — In the final scheduled meeting of two longtime A-2 high school football rivals, Buhl edges Jerome in a bonafide thriller, 23-20. The Tigers, now in A-1, will play only A-1 foes next year.

Sept. 4 — Highland beats the

Hernandez to win the Theisen 2-Person Best Ball.

Sept. 24 — After nearly seven and a half hours of volleyball, Murrumbidgee Carey to win its home tournament.

Sept. 26 — Alan Newton of Boise and Twin Falls' own Holly Fleming take first among the men and women respectively at the Rim to Rim running race.

Oct. 3 — With college football



March 7 — Declo's Willie Christensen launches the shot seen round the world — a desperation heave from deep at the opposite end of the basketball court that somehow goes in, and the Hornets grab the state A-3 championship, defeating Kimberly a 72-71 overtime loss.

mance on the Bengal gridiron, Idaho State University fires athletic director Ivo Cross and football coach Tom Walsh, with the football season not yet concluded.

Nov. 6 — The Twin Falls High School football team exacts revenge on Boise State, defeating Pocatello, beating the Indians 33-23 in an emotional home quarterfinal showdown to advance to the semis.

Nov. 14 — CSI volleyball beats Utah Valley State College for the Region 18 title, and prepares for the national tournament.

Nov. 14 — CSI cross country finishes fourth at national meet in Kansas City, Kan.

Nov. 14 — Cowboys Kelly Wardell of Bellevue, Jeff Rupert of Jerome and T.W. Parker of Wendell claim titles at the Wilderness Circuit Rodeo Finals in Ogden, Utah.

Nov. 20 — The Bruins get another crack at Highland, but the Rams are ready once again. Twin Falls loses the semifinal heartbreaker at Holt Arena 51-26.

Nov. 20 — The A-4 Bergerman Pirates, hoping to avenge the previous football season's title game loss to Mackay, fall to the Miners again in the championship game — this time, 46-8.

Nov. 21 — Unbeaten Carey High School edges defending champ Desary 44-42 in the 8-man championship at Holt Arena — the Panthers' second state title of the 1990s.

Nov. 21 — Idaho nips Boise State 36-35 in a memorable overtime college football game.

Nov. 22 — Idaho State University hires Washington State University football assistant Larry Lewis to replace ousted Bengals coach Tom Walsh; still no decision on a permanent successor to fired AD Jay Cross, however.

Dec. 5 — In a rematch of the 1998 A-3 state boys' basketball championship, Kimberly unleashes revenge on Declo, winning 77-76. This time, a last-second Christen shot misses the mark.

Dec. 11 — The College of Southern Idaho men's basketball team loses 62-54 to Treasure Valley Community College — the Golden Eagles' sixth straight loss.

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Dec. 20 — The Golden Eagles drop the championship game of the Arctic Circle Classic at Bossier Parish, La. and sit at 87 at the holiday break.



Aug. 4 — After besting Marsh-Vally in Twin Falls to secure a spot in the American Legion Class A baseball tournament, the Burley Bobcats fall twice to the same Eagles in Idaho Falls to end a stellar season.

star Joel Thomas running 19 times for 168 yards, the Vandals of Idaho rock Idaho State University 52-3 in Moscow.

Oct. 11 — Tracy Frank and Terry Spackman break a five-way, first-day tie and walk off with the Budweiser 2-Person Best Ball title at Twin Falls Muni.

Oct. 22 — With only two seniors and no player more than 5-foot-7, the Valley Vikings volleyball team twice defeats Declo in one day for the 1998 A-3 District 4 championship.

Oct. 26 — Eight players on the Twin Falls High School football team are kicked off the squad for allegedly drinking at a party held here after the Bruins lost at Pocatello several days earlier.

Oct. 31 — The CSI men's and women's cross country teams place third at the Region 18 championships in Orem, Utah.

Oct. 31 — Wood River High School enjoys a special state championship — the Wolverines win the A-2 state soccer title on a well-placed penalty kick.

Nov. 5 — Cling subpar perfor-

Golf Course pro Mike Hamblin claims the Idaho Open — and \$5,500 for his effort — Aug. 10 — Semi-professional football makes its debut in southern Idaho with the formation of the Mini-Cassia Bulldogs.

Aug. 9 — Jerome professional Mitch McDowell sets a new Firebird Raceway track record of 273.47 mph in 5.6 seconds gunning to a first-place finish at the Pepsi Night Fire Nationals in Boise.

Aug. 12 — Ex-CSI pitcher Scott Eyre (1991-92) tosses five shutout innings for the Chicago White Sox en route to a 2-0 win.

Aug. 22 — Unseeded Jerome native David Perry wins the Magic Valley Open tennis tournament.

July 12 — Basketball Congress International Team Idaho, comprised of outstanding girls' basketball players from across the state, beats defending champ San Jose 75-65 in overtime.

July 12 — Kendra West scores state points, Tiger Cyria Warner posts seven, and Buhl's Lisa Moore sets one.

July 15 — A field of golf amateurs beats its professional counterpart to capture the Carter Cup in Twin Falls.

July 23 — Tim Flovid, who managed the Idaho Vandals from 1986-1988 before leaving for a job at Iowa State, is named to replace Phil Jackson as coach of the Champions Bulls.

July 25 — Laraine CSI assistant Kevin Jones is named head coach of the Golden Eagle men's team. The fourth CSI coach in five years, Jones replaces Jim Thrane, who leaves for an assistant position at Purdue.

July 27 — Twin Falls Municipal



May 16 — Raft River sweeps the A-4 state track championships, winning the boys' and girls' team titles, and the Jerome girls run to an A-2 title.

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1998: A year of crowning achievements, toppled records and, of course, controversy

The Achievement/Prize

Jan. 2 — **Conventino** (Michigan, behind: Brian Gagne) captured the MVP award, beating Washington State 2-1 from the Rose Bowl to clinch the season (12-0).

Jan. 2 — **Veronica** easily beat **Emilee** 7-2 in the season with a 12-0 record, a 10-0 record. Michigan won the national title. Michigan was declared No. 1 in the Associated Press poll. Veronica was No. 1 in the coaches' poll, representing the national championship for the first time in the 1990s.

Jan. 23 — **John Elway** became the youngest player in the NFL to be drafted by the Denver Broncos.

Jan. 23 — **John Elway** won the Heisman Trophy, beating Green Bay Packers quarterback Brett Favre with 18.5 points in the 1997 season.

Jan. 23 — **Sammy Sosa** (Chicago) won the MVP award, leading the Cubs to a 103-59 record.

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Jan. 25 — John Elway and the Denver Broncos won a Super Bowl for themselves and the AFC, beating the Green Bay Packers 31-24. It gave the 37-year-old quarterback his first victory in

revenge for second-place finishes in the Kentucky Derby and Preakness, denying Real Quiet the Triple Crown by a nose in the Belmont Stakes.

Jan. 6 — **Jason Lane's** grand slam capped a five-run ninth inning as Southern California won its first NCAA title in 20 years, beating Pac-10 rival Arizona State 21-13 in the College World Series.

Jan. 6 — **Aranxa Sanchez-Vicario** beat Monica Seles 7-6 (7-5), 6-6, 6-2 in the French Open for her third women's title and first Grand Slam.

Jan. 7 — In an all-Spanish final between day-clay specialists at the French Open, Carlos Moya defeated Alex Corretja 6-3, 7-5, 6-3 to win his first Grand Slam tournament.

Jan. 9 — **Members of the Bowl Championship Series** decided that, in addition to the traditional polls, they would use three computer rankings and a strength-of-schedule formula to make

July 5 — **Pete Sampras** won a record-tying fifth Wimbledon title, beating three-time runner-up Goran Ivanisevic 6-7 (2-7), 7-6 (11-9), 6-4, 3-6, 6-2.

July 6 — **Se Ri Pak** became the youngest U.S. Women's Open champion after hitting an 18-foot birdie on the 20th extra hole to beat amateur Jenny Chuasiriporn in the longest Women's Open in history.

July 7 — **Coors Field** lived up to its billing as a hitter's haven and a pitcher's house of horrors as solo homers by MVP Roberto Alomar and Alex Rodriguez helped the American League beat the Nationals 13-8 in the highest-scoring All-Star game.

July 8 — **France** advanced to the championship game of the World Cup for the first time, ending Croatia's historic journey with a 2-1 victory.

July 9 — **Jack Nicklaus** pulled out of the British Open because of his ailing left

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Nov. 8 — **Jeff Gordon** won the **NAPA** 500 to close out 1998 with his 13th victory. It matched the modern-era NASCAR record for season wins set by Richard Petty in 1975.

Nov. 16 — **Toronto's Roger Clemens** won his record fifth **Cy Young Award** in a unanimous vote, a day before Tom Glavine won his second Cy Young in Atlanta in the National League.

Nov. 18 — **Juan Gonzalez**, who had three RBIs in the AL in 49 years and led Texas to its second AL West title in three seasons, was voted league MVP for the second time in three seasons. Gonzalez hit 318 with 45 homers and 57 RBIs.

Nov. 19 — **Chicago's Sammy Sosa** won the NL MVP with 30 of 32 first-place votes and 438 points in balloting by the Baseball Writers' Association of America. Mark McGwire, who set the home run record with 70, got the other two first-place votes and 27 points.

Nov. 26 — **Pete Sampras** became the first player to finish six consecutive seasons as No. 1, wrapping up the spot when Chile's Marcelo Rios withdrew from the ATP Tour Championship.

Dec. 10 — **The IOC** opened a high-level investigation into what one Olympic official described as "bribes" paid by the Salt Lake City bid committee to help win the 2002 Winter Games.

Dec. 12 — **Ricky Williams**, the Texas star who broke Tony Dorsett's career rushing record, was a landslide winner of the Heisman Trophy.

Dec. 13 — **The International team** won its first Presidents Cup as the United States had its worst match-play loss ever, a 20 1/2-11 1/2 decision.

Dec. 15 — **Tim Murray** won a record seventh all-around title in the National Finals Rodeo.

Dec. 22 — **The American Basketball League** folded midway through its third season, unable to compete with the rival WNBA.

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SPORTS

From A to Z, 1998's sports had its lighter side

It might have seemed confusing, but the '98 Sports Year really was as simple as ABC, which, no, does not stand for Another Basketball Canceled.

All-Timer: In 13 seasons, he's never on the All-Star ballot, never appears in a playoff game and never has an everyday job. But baseball josh a memorable one in July when Rex Huder retires. In his final at-bat, at Triple-A Buffalo, he is hit by a pitch—in the neck.

Brawl: A college basketball game between Rhode Island and St. Joseph's is marred by a fight between the schools' mascots. The Rhode Island Ram is ejected for sticking an inner tube over the St. Joseph's Hawk. This is the same Hawk who, three years earlier, had a fistfight with the Temple Owl.

Cut: Elva Dryer, the defending champion at the 5-kilometer Freerunner Run for Women, pulls out of the race after injuring herself finding a Nike commercial.

Divorce: Wayne Huizenga finally finds a buyer for his abandoned Florida Marlins baseball team. In tribute, we recall his comment: "Turner and I are attending a meeting with the guys, other owners. 'Dealing with these guys,' Huizenga said, 'is like having 27 ex-wives.'

Exposed: Members of the gold-medal winning U.S. women's hockey team begin cashing in on their celebrity in May when six of them pose for Rolling Stone magazine covered by only an American flag. One of the players not in

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the photo is Colleen Cooney. Yes, that's pronounced coo.

Fore: Kerr-Packer says something more memorable with a golf club in one day than Greg Marter manages in all day. The Saints wide receiver announced during training camp after using a baton to attack a man at 2:30 in the morning. A police report states that all those involved had "no odor of marijuana."

Genie: Dolphins cornerback Patrick Surran, speaking in his business-speak, says, "It was hard to get in any pants, but we have a good chance to win."

Honey: In an interview with Playboy magazine, boxer Mike Tyson says sports-writer Wallace Matthews, "He called me a 'spice teacher.'" Tyson says, "I'm not a teacher."

Inmate: At baseball's All-Star Game, they trigger a brawl among the fans. In Shea Stadium, security guards use force to protect them. 24 hours a day. "The Internet, some are sold for close to \$5,000. All this for Bernie Barnes, which are produced in China for about 10 cents apiece."

Jumbled: Angels pitcher Chad Finner throws with his left hand and writes with his right, pants with his left leg and locks with his right. The cut pipe tennis with extra back. Finner is 36 years old and, he says, "still trying to figure out

which one is my dominant eye." Benchtop: McDonald's introduces the Bushell Burger in Jacksonville, Fla. It's named after the Jaguars' 6-foot-7 linebacker Tony Bushell. It features three beef patties at a price of \$1.39, only one problem: The restaurant has a hard time finding enough 6-foot-7 buns.

Legend: Singer Garth Brooks takes singing practice and homers both right-handed and left-handed. "He has power, potential from both sides, and he can swing the anthem," Philadelphia general manager Ed Wade says. "But I don't think we can afford the \$30 million a week he makes."

Muscle: The International Olympic Committee does not ban creatine after declaring the substance is "food." Prince Alexandre de Merode, an IOC executive, says, "You can get 30 if you take too much creatine, but if a person stuffs himself with 30 eggs or a kilo of foie gras, he'll damage his liver, too." Good point. A warning: Some yank intake of goose pate-to-kill a kid.

Naked: A streaker runs across the field at a Rockies home game in April and is arrested and fined \$500. Darren Sorensen, 30, later explains that he did it for a pure reason: He figured it would be a great way to meet women.

Ones: Tennessee's Al Del Greco complains that he and not Denver's Jason Elam should be the AFC's kicker in the playoffs. Elam had a 63-yard field goal this season, and Del Greco didn't run on the field for a 49-yard try in the final seconds, costing the Oilers a

chance to tie Chicago. Hmmm, tough choice.

Pessimist: The Rams fumble, and the Saints pick up the ball and carry it into the end zone for a touchdown. "This," St. Louis broadcaster Gary Bender says, "is scary." The play occurs exactly three minutes into the Rams' season.

Queen: The NFL fines the Vikings John Rader \$10,000 for excessive face paint.

Radar: Illinois' football team, which has dodged 18 games in a row, is scheduled to leave from Decatur for a trip to Washington State, but the plane is three hours late. Why? The pilots thought they were picking up a team in Decatur, Ga., and were halfway there before realizing their mistake.

Splash: The Packers are on a 12-hour flight to Tokyo for an exhibition game. One of the movies shown is "Hawaii." Fullback William Henderson says, "The boat's going down, and I'm thinking, 'Yeah, this is the perfect move for us to be on top of this trip, especially with all that water down there.'"

Time: The Angels have games delayed by a locked bullpen door, a mascot showing T-shirts into the crowd and a rake. Closer Troy Percival asks for ground maintenance before starting the ninth inning, and it takes almost five minutes to get the right tool.

Unreal: Quarterback Neil O'Donnell is paid \$5.15 million to be the backup QB for the Bengals. Ridiculous? O'Donnell made \$17 million during the past three seasons, \$2.3 million more than Troy Aikman.

Virgin: Denver receiver Justin Armour is a guest on the TV show "Politically Incorrect" despite the fact he hasn't caught a pass since 1995. Why? Because, at 25, he has never had his. He shares the stage with Kristin Davis, an actress from a show called "Sex and the City."

Wanted: Berlyngers break into Cheryl Miller's apartment in Phoenix and steal four championship rings, a VCR and three Miller Lite. Also on this particular May day, she blows a tire on her bike, and her brother Reggie's team, the Indiana Pacers, loses Game 5 of the Eastern Conference Finals.

X-ray: Angels pitcher Allen Watson misses time after cutting his wrist while opening a beer bottle. Diamondbacks pitcher Brian Anderson hurts his arm riding in a cab. Neither injury, however, is as goofy as the time Kevin Mitchell pulled a muscle throwing out.

Yummy: Demetrius Felder, a high school basketball player in Virginia, is suspended from school for eating a sandwich. High for biting an opponent's face.

Zany: After four seasons of retirement, baseball welcomes back Rex Huder when he agrees to become a broadcaster for the Angels. "I'm so prepared," he says, "I asked them if they have a seat with a seat belt. He is asked about his goals. 'I just hope,'" he says, "I don't make the people nauseous."

So, you see, it was as simple as ABC, which, no, does not stand for Another Bogs Column.

Jeff Miller writes for the Orange County Register.

Missouri cornerback misses bowl

TUCSON, Ariz. (AP) — Missouri cornerback Wade Perkins, who led the Big 12 with six interceptions, was suspended and sent home before the Insight.com Bowl on Saturday night.

Perkins, a senior, returned home to Las Vegas, Nev., on Thursday night for what coach Larry Smith termed "violations of team policies and regulations." A school spokesman said he did not know the specifics of Perkins' problems.

Perkins was replaced in the lineup for the game against West Virginia by sophomore Julian Jones, who is listed as a three-safety but is Missouri's top reserve at all four secondary positions. Jones, making his first career start, also was the Tigers' special teams MVP.

Jones intercepted a pass and blocked a punt for a safety on Dec. 23. Missouri (5-4) held on to beat the Mountaineers 24-21. The switch was only the fourth defensive lineup change

Missouri has made all season. Smith also gave Aaron Cromston, a redshirt freshman, his first career start ahead of senior Chris Marlowe. Marlowe started all 11 regular-season games and was expected to play, however.

Cromston, 6-foot-4 and 289 pounds, played seven series at Ohio State when eight tackles and eight interceptions had him cramp. Cromston also played an extra- and field-goal attempt and in other backup situations.

Fighting Irish quarterback Jarious Jackson works out for Gator Bowl

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. (AP) — Notre Dame quarterback Jarious Jackson went through practice without any problems Saturday, although coach Bob Davie said it was too soon to tell if he would be able to play in the Gator Bowl.

"What if we geared up for Jarious to play and he goes out after five plays? That can take all the air out of your balloon."

"He ran and threw, did everything we asked," Davie said. "Tomorrow will be more telling. We'll be in full pads, there will be more contact. And we'll know more as the week progresses."

Bob Davie, Notre Dame coach

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had 11. But the Wildcats' trio of seniors — Patrick Turner and Heshmu Evans — shot a combined 14-of-30 from the field and 0-of-7 from behind the 3-point line.

Wayne Turner's penetration, Heshmu Evans' lay plays and Scott Padgett's shooting. After building a 28-6 lead with 4:56 remaining, Louisville failed to make a field goal the rest of the way. However, the Cardinals' special teams MVP, Jones, intercepted a pass and blocked a punt for a safety on Dec. 23. Missouri (5-4) held on to beat the Mountaineers 24-21.

Crum said, "We played pretty darn good, and I think we could play that way every night, we'd be a pretty good team."

With Arnez Battle at the helm the next week, the Irish lost 10-0 to Southern California and saw its hopes dashed for a bid into the Bowl Championship Series.

Georgia Tech coach George O'Leary said he had few complaints about his team's workout or its overall health.

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Cards hope to end 16-year playoff skid

By Dave Goldberg
The Associated Press

When the Cardinals moved from St. Louis to Arizona 11 years ago, more than 100,000 people claimed the rights to season tickets at 73.27-seat Sun Devil Stadium.

But they were quickly turned off by inexpensive and high ticket prices and the only time the place has been sold out since has been when Dallas comes to town and Cowboys fans buy tickets.

They might as well head for Houston if they don't sell out today, when the Cardinals have only to beat San Diego to make the playoffs for the first time since 1982. When they were in St. Louis,

As the NFL enters its final weekend, there is only one play-off berth at stake, the last NFL wild card. Arizona (7) cannot win a win and the Cardinals are in, leaving Tampa Bay (7-6) and the New York Giants (7-8) out.

So Jacksonville can continue to rest Mark Brunell's sprained ankle and play rookie Jonathan Quinn, who was battered in the 30-10 loss in Minnesota last week.

The other two teams in contention made the playoffs last year but were caught in the playoff mess entering the season — some even picked the Bucs to go to the Super Bowl.

The Giants have won three straight and four of five with Kent Graham at quarterback in place of Danny Kanell. Included is the \$20.7 million, four-year deal that includes a \$15 million signing bonus.

But to make it, the Giants have to win at Philadelphia (3-12) and hope both Arizona and Tampa Bay lose.

The Bucs started 4-7, then won their season, but blew a game at Washington last week. They made their playoff chances problematic. They must win at Cincinnati (3-12), the Cardinals must lose and the Giants must win. That would put the Bucs in a three-way tie that they win.

As far as coach Tony Dungy is concerned, the Bucs were eliminated by last week's loss. "I felt like we were going to have to win out to get in and I don't feel like we'll get in now," he said.

Miami (10-5)
at Atlanta (13-2)

The Dolphins have the incentive — a win and they're guaranteed a home game in the first round of the playoffs. The Falcons, locked into the second seed in the NFC, could rest key players.

There's a "win one for Dan," mentality working for the Falcons. Dan Reeves, back in the hospital after heart surgery, gave them a pep talk by speakerphone during the week.

Green Bay (10-5)
at Chicago (4-11)

St. Louis (4-11)
at San Francisco (11-4)

If the Packers win early, then the 49ers will fly late. That's because while the Packers and 49ers know they'll play each other in the first round of the playoffs, they're not sure when. Right now it would be at San Francisco, but if they both finish 11-5, it would be at Green



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Chiefs avoid letdown, scalp Raiders 31-24

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) — Even though they're among the NFL's biggest disappointments this season, one thing hasn't changed for the Kansas City Chiefs — their dominance of the Oakland Raiders.

Derrick Thomas returned a fumbled 44 yards for a score and Tony Gonzalez caught a 30-yard touchdown pass to break a fourth-quarter tie as the Chiefs defeated the Raiders 31-24 Sunday in their season finale.

Kansas City has won 17 of its last 19 games against the Raiders, who lost two quarter-backs to groin injuries in the contest and finished the game with a third quarterback who has missed most of the season with a groin injury.

Sam Morris had two 1-yard touchdowns and an 11-yard score. Sorocynovich added a 30-yard field goal for the Chiefs (7-9). Eric Grubbs was his first start since Nov. 8, was 20-of-32 for 254 with two interceptions and the scoring was on Gonzalez.

Jett George had a 15-yard scoring pass to James Jett and Wade Wilson threw a 15-yard touchdown pass to Eric Grubbs for the Raiders (8-9), who have not had a winning season since 1994 — the year before they returned to Oakland from Los Angeles.

Sam Morris had a 10-yard scoring run and Greg Davis kicked a 44-yard field goal for Oakland, which lost six of its last eight games.

Wilson threw a 23-of-38 for 127 yards before hurting his groin while dropping back to pass early in the third quarter. He was replaced by Donald Hollas, who also hurt his groin and was replaced by George after just 11 plays.

George, who has not played a full game since late September because of a groin injury, was 9-of-18 for 138 yards.

Wilson completed five straight passes, covering 29 yards, as the Chiefs made a 7-0 lead midway through the first period on the scoring zone to Brown in the corner of the end zone.

An interception by Charles Woodson in the fifth of the season for the Oakland cornerback led to Jett's scoring run and a 14-0 lead.

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NBA: Desperation begins

NEW YORK (AP) — Union director Billy Hunter, anxious to close a deal but fearful of getting burned by the NBA lockout, says he will not return to work until the lockout ends.

Hunter, speaking by telephone from Oakland, Calif., said he plans to return to work today in New York.

"Once I get back, I'll reach out to David (Stern)," Hunter said, adding that the next negotiation session probably will include only one or two representatives from each side.

He said he has been held since Wednesday night, when Stern and Hunter met in a meeting in Los Angeles at the office of agent Leonard Armato.

There was an expectation that talks might resume this weekend, but nothing ever came to fruition.

"There's nothing new," deputy commissioner, Russ Granik said Saturday.

Stern hasn't commented publicly in more than a week, but Granik used a familiar line after the Los Angeles meeting in saying the discussions "went nowhere."

"Nowhere Man was right," Hunter said.



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Grubbs's passes of 29 and 14 yards to Derrick Alexander led the Chiefs on their first scoring drive, culminating in Morris' dive over the middle of the line early in the second quarter.

The Chiefs tied the game early in the third period on Morris' second scoring run, following a pass interference penalty on Woodson in the end zone.

After a field goal by each team, Leslie O'Neal sacked Hollas and forced a fumble that Thomas scooped up and returned for a TD and a 24-17 Chiefs lead.

The Raiders tied the game with 9:17 remaining on Jett's scoring reception, the first touchdown pass by George since Sept. 27 at Dallas.

But the Chiefs responded with a 76-yard drive, capped by the scoring pass to Gonzalez with 5:36 left.

The attendance of 52,679 was about 10,500 short of a sellout. The Raiders did not sell out a single home game this season, and have been blacked out on TV in northern California for 15 straight games.

Day 179

A look at the NBA lockout through Saturday:

- Total days of season missed: 54
- Games lost: 13
- Total games missed: 373
- Earliest estimated start date: Jan. 22
- Negotiations: David Stern and Billy Hunter did not meet Saturday, and nothing was scheduled for Sunday, with the league having set a Jan. 7 deadline to cancel the season.
- Projected player salary losses: \$480 million
- Owner's best canceled game: Houston at Los Angeles Lakers, 7:30 p.m. MST. The speed and fadeaway jumper of Rockets center Hakeem Olajuwon meets the power of the Lakers' Shaquille O'Neal.

"We basically spent a lot of time covering old ground and restating what our concerns were."

SPORTS IN BRIEF

Local 9-year-old nails hole-in-one in Hawaii
KONA, Hawaii — Nine-year-old Cory Steelman used a driver on the 97-yard 17th hole at Kona Country Club Christmas Day and became the youngest golfer to ever score a hole on the course.

Steelman was playing with his father, Ken, his brother, Kerry, his grandfather, Bob Latham Sr., and George Asio.

Burley Trap Club continues gobble shoot
BURLEY — The Burley Trap Club is holding a "Turkey Shoot" starting at 11 a.m. today at the trap range, 905 W. 30 S. on Miller Dam road.

The cost is \$4 per shoot and turkey guarantee cards are available. Participants shoot against shooters of the same ability. The public is welcome.

Hansen Alumni game set for Tuesday
HANSEN — The Hansen High School Alumni basketball game is set for Tuesday at 7 p.m. in the Hansen gym.

Graduates of Hansen High School are invited to participate and attend. For more information, contact Brad Meyers at 423-4070.

Parks and Rec revises open-gym slate
TWIN FALLS — Open gym sessions, sponsored by Twin Falls Parks and Recreation, will continue to be held through Dec. 3 at Robert Stuart Junior High — with a few revisions.

Dates and times are today from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Sunday from noon to 4 p.m.; Monday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., as well as later in the day from 6:30 p.m. and Jan. 3 from noon to 4 p.m.

TVCC hosts basketball camp Dec. 28-30
ONTARIO, Ore. — Treasure Valley Community College is hosting a youth basketball camp for boys and girls age 6-12 Monday through Wednesday.

Cost of the camp is \$35, and sessions will be held from 2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. daily. Participants will be given a camp t-shirt and instruction from TVCC men's coach Jason Fiege, assistant Bus Gomez and several players on the Chukar men's and women's squads. For more information, call (541) 889-6453, Ext. 265.

Southern wins 5th Heritage Bowl crown
ATLANTA (AP) — Bethune-Cookman's Wildcats were flying high when they began their first post-season game in 21 years. Southern University's Heritage Bowl veterans brought them crashing to earth.

Ryan Lewis cast 57 yards and 13 yards for third-quarter touchdowns, and Southern went on to a 25-7 victory Saturday in its fourth straight Heritage Bowl appearance in the Georgia Dome.

"They came out sky high and we were calm and cool," said offensive lineman Chris Williams. "They came out too high."

Bethune players had been talking big in the days leading up to the battle of historically black colleges. Southern senior running back Steve Wofford compared the Wildcats to a balloon that swells too big until it pops.

"That's what we did — we popped 'em," Wofford said. He totaled 119 yards on 27 carries, including an 11-yard scoring run in the first quarter. But he was replaced in his last game by his heir-apparent, Lewis.

"Southern has a tradition of great running backs," said Lewis, who finished with 84 yards on seven carries. "I just have to fill those shoes and keep it going."

The Jaguars (8-3), the Southwestern Athletic Conference representatives, won for the fourth time in five Heritage Bowl appearances.

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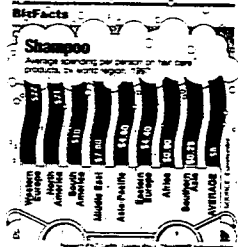
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BRIEFLY IN MONEY

IRS seeks to revoke tax exemption of Utah's IHC

SALT LAKE CITY — The Internal Revenue Service wants to revoke the tax exempt status of Utah's largest health maintenance organization — IHC Health Plan.

The agency contends the plan operates like a commercial managed-care company and should be taxed like one.

In a preliminary finding this month, the IRS said that being owned by a nonprofit health-care provider is not justification for a managed-care company having tax-exempt status. IHC Health Plan is owned by Intermountain Health Care, a nonprofit organization of hospitals, doctors and clinics.

"The preliminary ruling has no effect on the tax-exempt status of IHC's hospitals and clinics, said company vice president and general counsel Doug Hammer. The corporation is planning to meet with IRS officials on the issue next month."

"Because of the way we are organized and the way we operate, we should qualify for an exemption," said Hammer.

Lockheed Martin issues warning of lower earnings

BETHESDA, Md. — A disappointing year for Lockheed Martin Corp. grew even darker Wednesday as the aerospace giant warned investors its earnings will be lower than expected for the fourth quarter, the year and even 1999.

The company's stock dropped like a lump of lead, closing down 10 1/2 at a 52-week low of \$4 1/2.

"They've had a lot of problems, and this is a crowning blow at the end of the year," said financial analyst Paul H. Nibbet of JSA Research Inc.

Expectations were already down because of a similar warning the company issued last month, but the situation is even worse because of lagging commercial space business and delays in rocket launches and deliveries of C-130J military transport planes.

To top it off, acting Air Force Secretary F. Whitten Piers said Wednesday that Lockheed has not met its contract to purchase the company's production plant in Marietta, Ga., by purchasing C-130Js sooner than planned.

Online seller Amazon.com surpasses Sears on NYSE

SEATTLE — Sears, Roebuck & Co. familiarized Americans with mail-order catalogs, added the famed Sears Tower to the Chicago skyline and is so well-known on Wall Street that it goes only by the letter "S."

But in one important way, the retailing empire built by Richard Sears is now sharing the limelight with a new contender: the online bookselling empy dreamed up by Seattle's Jeff Bezos.

Amazon.com, the Seattle-based online retailer of books, music and videos, Monday surpassed Sears in market value as its stock price jumped to \$318.75 a share, up \$32.03 from Friday's close. It closed up another \$3.25 a share Tuesday.

Satellites, Internet may bring radio down to Earth

A threat from above is aiming to bring radio down. Not to mention this thing called the Internet, a technology called "streaming" and talk of being able to listen to Radio Moscow in the comfort of your car, far away from any terrestrial transmitter.

The digital revolution is about to give terrestrial radio more competition than it has ever faced. And while not even the preachers' prophet of digital progress is predicting radio's demise, most projections point to a pretty fight on the horizon.

Byadcast.com, formerly AudioNet, is to Internet broadcasting what Amazon.com is to Internet book shopping. Each company has become a household word, at least in households where Internet is a household word.

Roughly 600,000 people a day are logging on to Broadcast.com. The company recently conducted a survey of office workers that found 5 percent have IVs at their desks, 30 percent have radios and 60 percent have computers, Cuban says.

The country's largest satellite pay radio and TV carriers are those competitors. At last count, the company had 177 radio and 38 TV clients.

Compiled from wire reports

1998 YEAR OF THE MARKET SEES A WALL STREET



A trader on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange pokes his head out of a booth to look up at a screen Thursday. Despite a summer sag, Wall Street ended 1998 with a bang.

Monster-caps deliver huge returns amid NYSE chaos

While Internet darlings such as Amazon.com Inc. and eBay Inc. have been getting most of the attention this year, the real stars of the market have been the biggest stocks. Nothing subtle, just big.

Across the board, the monster-caps have triumphed. The 10 biggest stocks at the beginning of 1997 have returned 53 percent this year. Meanwhile, the Dow Jones industrial average, which once represented the biggest U.S. firms but

now has embarrassing omissions, has returned just 14 percent.

Big used to be dumb and muscle-bound. Now big can be smart and beautiful. In fact, if large companies aren't nimble, they fall from grace very swiftly in the company's viciously competitive environment.

"As a result, the largest stocks today — as measured by market capitalization (or the total value investors place on their shares) — don't include behemoths of the past such as General Motors Corp. or AT&T Corp. They don't include huge manufacturers such as Boeing Co. or even consumer-products giants such as Procter & Gamble Co.

Instead, the list stresses innovation, brainpower and marketing savvy — and, as always, great brand names.

The leader is Microsoft Corp. (symbol MSFT), the software giant, which earlier this year streaked past General Electric Co. (GE) to become the country's largest stock, with a market cap of \$345 billion. Microsoft's price has more than doubled this year despite antitrust prosecution by the Justice Department.

Since few investors set out to buy the biggest stocks (it's too easy), you can't find mutual funds that concentrate in them. See RETURN, Page C7

Market ups and downs

The stock market set a new standard for volatility in 1998, as well as a new standard for unpredictability. A look at four major market indexes:

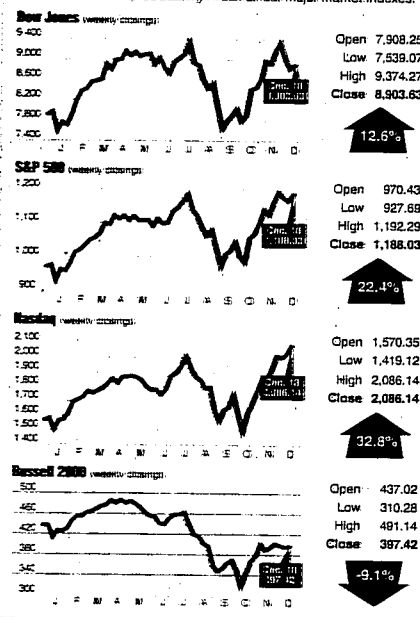


Exhibit A in case for diversification

By Chet Carter
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Now that we've seen 1998, it's easy to understand why mutual-fund investors are always urged to keep diversified.

Keeping your money spread out, through funds, among a wide variety of stocks helped cushion the bumps in a

volatile year in which performance varied hugely from one sector of the market to another.

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Wall Street defies odds, ends 8th year of expansion

A year that was expected to end with a whimper seems instead to be ending with a bang, despite reports of disappointing holiday sales. And more bangs could be ahead in the new year.

Where consumers are concerned, the current economy is similar to what astronomers are finding about the universe, that it is ever expanding and may continue to be so, and why worry about it.

Now in its eighth year, the expansion has slowed but not stopped, and nothing seems able to ever bring it to a standstill, not to mention a recession, which often follows a long period of growth.

It has defied the odds — the collapse of trade partners, military actions, presidential scandal and impeachment, corporate mergers and antitrust suits, global warming, floods, drought, quakes and killer bees.

It has held recession at bay, raised wages, inflated finances, lowered interest rates, put to work a greater percentage of Americans than ever before, lowered poverty, raised home ownership, balanced the budget.

And it has confused economists who thought they knew it all since they were paid accordingly. Now, for the new year, they caution about lower executive confidence, lower capital spending, Plans, and consumer safety.

In fact, they have their pick of problems areas: manufacturing is weakening, job growth slowing and profits slumping. Stocks are vulnerable, consumers have big debts, the military situation is a question mark.

And so, and predictably, even forecasts that foresee a pretty good year have escape clauses. Typically: "While we expect continued growth, one can forecast a recession. And some forecasts are plain negative."

To an optimist's eye, the bleakest outlook is from The Levy Institute, an independent think tank that states "the

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Turn to Internet to find long lost pals, family

By Joe Kilsheimer
The Associated Press

On the Internet, as Martha and the Vandellas would say, you have "nowhere to run to, baby, nowhere to hide."

Just ask Norma Mott Tillman, author of "How to Find Almost Anyone, Anywhere" (Rutledge Hill Press, \$14.95). A private investigator for more than a decade, Tillman thinks the Internet is the world's greatest tool for locating anyone in the United States.

As a guidebook, Tillman has an enviable record. Over the years, the resident of Nashville, Tenn., has located more than 1,000 missing persons by conventional methods: poring over courthouse records, knocking on doors, wearing out shoe leather.

But the Internet, Tillman says, can turn anyone into a cyberspyrite eye —

Online

from the comfort of his own living room. Virtually everyone in the United States leaves some kind of paper trail. Old and more, those paper trails are finding their way into computer databases, many of which can be accessed via the Internet.

Before anyone gets worked up over the issue of the Internet and privacy, let me acknowledge that there have been many legitimate concerns.

But the tips that Tillman offers aren't for people who want to peek around in someone's private life. They're for people looking for long-lost sweethearts, old military buddies or missing relatives.

In abbreviated form, here's Tillman's guide for finding people using the Internet:

• First, determine whether the person in whom you are searching is alive or dead. You can do that at the Ancestry Web site —

<http://www.ancestry.com> — which maintains free access to the master Social Security death index. Anyone with a Social Security number, who has died since 1940, is listed.

• If you have an exact name and an idea where an old friend might live, try a Web site called 411 Locate — <http://www.411locate.com> — which searches for people by name and state. It can even produce a map with driving directions.

• If you're "playing around with the spelling of the name you're looking for," Tillman said, "Sometimes, their name simply could have been typed in wrong by whoever was doing the data entry."

• If you don't know the state, try a

Web site called Unclaimed Property. It has links to state agencies throughout the country that keep tabs on unclaimed property valued at more than \$100.

This site might not tell you where someone is, Tillman says, but it can tell you where they've been.

• Check out free-based Web sites, such as Merin Data. This site contains court records, business license records and marriage records that you search for free. Costs range from \$1 to \$15 per downloaded record.

• Address: <http://www.merindata.org>.
• When all else fails, Tillman says, consider hiring someone schooled in the ways of Internet databases. There are dozens of such companies throughout the country. You can find them by doing a Yahoo search on the term "information broker."

POOR

Monster mergers

The record year in mergers produced startling alliances that promise to change the face of corporate America. From coal to comics to the Internet, industry leaders joined together in magnitude that not long ago seemed unimaginable. Here is a sample of some noteworthy deals.

British Petroleum-Amoco

The BP-Amoco merger creates the world's No. 3 oil giant.

Merger value: \$40 billion
Announced: Aug. 11

Comcast-Norfolk

The union would surpass General Motors as the world's biggest company with \$200 billion in annual revenue.

Merger value: \$73.7 billion
Announced: Dec. 1

Chiquip Inc. - U.S. largest U.S. financial services company

Chiquip Inc. is the biggest U.S. financial services company with 100 million customers and \$751 billion in assets.

Merger value: \$38.9 billion
Completed: Oct. 7

Warner Bros. Entertainment - Time Warner

The merger created the country's first entertainment conglomerate.

Merger value: \$10.2 billion
Completed: Sept. 28

Time Warner - Turner Broadcasting

The latest giant in merging by joining the world's biggest entertainment company.

Merger value: \$10.2 billion
Announced: May 27

SBC-Amtrak

The combination would create a phone giant with \$7 million phone lines, or nearly one-third of the nation's total.

Merger value: \$57 billion
Announced: May 11

Bell Atlantic-GTE

The deal will create the nation's second-biggest phone company with 63 million local phone lines and revenue of \$53 billion.

Merger value: \$52 billion
Announced: July 28

AT&T-TCI

The nation's No. 1 long-distance company plans to use TCI's cable lines as the conduit for state-of-the-art phone and Internet service.

Merger value: \$31.7 billion
Announced: June 24

Walt Disney - ABC

With a million new subscribers and a 1997 Disney Channel AG as the world's 7th largest radio company.

Merger value: \$23 billion
Completed: Nov. 22

World's largest online services - America Online

The world's largest online services will own the company whose revenue plummeted.

Merger value: \$6.2 billion
Announced: May 28

The values of pending deals based on day of announcement

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them. But here's the next best thing: the Douglas Theory, a simple system developed by Leslie Douglas, partner in the venerable Washington investment firm Folger Norton Fleming Douglas Inc.

The guts of the system is picking monster-caps on the Nasdaq Stock Market, which includes some of the country's largest and fastest-growing companies. The formula: Put equal amounts in the five most valuable (that is, largest-cap) stocks on the Nasdaq at the start of the year, hold for 12 months, repeat.

The system returned an annual average of 33 percent from 1991 to 1997, beating the Dow, which returned just 17 percent. This year, the Douglas Theory has gone through the roof. The five stocks are up an incredible 122 percent. Microsoft, of course, leads the list, followed by Intel

Corp. (INTC), the semiconductor maker; Cisco Systems Inc. (CSCO), which dominates the market for computer networking products; MCI WorldCom Inc. (WCOM), the long-distance and Internet telecommunications firm; and Dell Computer Corp. (DELL), direct-order PC.

By the way, the Douglas Theory list remains the same for 1999, the first time since 1993 there hasn't been a change.

While Microsoft is the largest stock on U.S. exchanges, Intel ranks third, and, as Tuesday anyway, Cisco was 10th. Second-place GE, traded on the New York Stock Exchange, is a brilliantly managed conglomerate with interests that include jet engines, light bulbs, broadcast and finance.

GE has had a decent year as well, returning 36 percent and boosting its market cap to \$323

billion. While Microsoft almost may pay a dividend, GE just increased its payout by 17 percent, to \$1.40 a year.

Next in the current top 10 is Intel, which languished during the first half of the year and since then has nearly doubled since the recession in Asia. Its market cap is \$29 billion.

As of Tuesday, the next seven stocks were Exxon Corp. (XON), at a market cap of \$182 billion (the merger with Mobil Corp. will move the company into third place), the only company still in place, the only company on the list; Merck & Co. (MRK), the pharmaceutical house, which has surged another 42 percent this year, at \$176 billion; Wal-Mart Stores Inc. (WMT), which has doubled in 1998; Coca-Cola Co. (KO), that this year after firing up 362 percent in the previous year; and International Business Machines

Corp. (IBM), up 72 percent in 1998. Pfizer Inc. (PFE), up more than 50 percent on sales of Viagra and Glaxo.

What is remarkable about these monster-caps is that two of the top three are off the top 10. It's worth noting that the 30 stocks of the Dow, which is beginning to get cranky with age.

Another way to buy large-caps is through the Rydex ITC Fund (R10X-0000), whose portfolio is constructed to mimic the S&P 500. As an index that is heavily weighted toward the first stocks of the Douglas Theory, its fund, Microsoft, Intel, Cisco, MCI WorldCom and Dell make up 62 percent of the value of the fund, which has returned 85 percent this year.

James K. Glassman is a financial analyst. He wrote this column for The Washington Post.

Expansion

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domestic outlook is for recession, modest deflation and serious financial consequences."

That should give a lift to anyone seriously contemplating a big financial move in 1999. And it may be worse for the rest of the world, according to Levy. In fact, "the worst year in the past half-century."

But the pessimists more often were wrong than right in 1998, and that includes Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan, who for most of a year thought the coming big battle would be over inflation. It didn't come.

The stock market pessimists thought they were right about the market collapsing, but after the big October dip it came right back. And the jobless rate kept falling when pessimists said it could go no more.

But now, at the close of 1998, even the moderate optimists concede that the 1998 press is back-

that it may have only delayed the eruption of pressures building within and beyond the U.S. economy.

The economy, they say, is a fragile construction, built up by architects, engineers and skilled craftsmen coordinating their efforts, but by the hopes, dreams and will of individuals with varying goals.

The question, therefore, is how well the structure can withstand the economic gales and quakes

that almost certainly will blow and shake, and whether alterations, such as the Y2K fix, can be accomplished.

In the view of many economists it could happen. But economists have a poor record of calling the big economic trends. The consensus, meanwhile, says as if it's built to last beyond this century, and another.

John Carrif is a business analyst for The Washington Post.

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ing reappraisal.

The way the stock market started out this year, climbing to new highs in the spring and early summer, very few people correctly anticipated that it would nose-dive in the third quarter, suffering losses of 20 percent or more in a few weeks' time.

The way the market tumbled between mid-July and early October, even fewer people correctly anticipated that it would come on strong again by late November to reach new record highs.

While all this was going on, different types of bond funds, which had been plodding along on almost parallel courses, suddenly diverged. Top-quality bonds prospered, and lesser-quality bonds suffered, as investors engaged in a "flight to quality."

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That's nothing like the 20 percent-plus bonanza you might have been hoping for, inspired by all the excitement build up on Wall Street over the past several years of a mighty bull market. But it's also nothing like the calamity you might have feared from hearing accounts of a global financial crisis.

THE LIGHT TOUCH

by Craig Smith

Next year 4,500,000 kids will turn 16, and 3,000,000 parents will turn 40.

An expert is someone who knows no more than you do, except he's better organized and uses slides.

You get out of life what you put into it. That's the trouble.

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CNBC issues ethics rules to stop analysts from cashing in

The Associated Press

CNBC issued new ethics rules to ensure investment professionals don't use their appearances on its programs to favor their work, following a controversy about a guest analyst.

The Dow Jones industrial average finished a shortened week by climbing for a sixth-straight session to close Thursday at 9,218.

With just four sessions left in 1998,

Business week in review

The Dow is now up 16.6 percent, while the S&P 500 is up 26.4 percent and the Nasdaq composite index is 37.7 percent.

Apparently satisfied with the state of the economy, the Federal Reserve held off on cutting interest rates again.

Generic drug manufacturer Mylan

Laboratories was accused by the government of eliminating competition through an exclusive deal with a key supplier that caused prices of two widely prescribed tranquilizers — lorazepam and clonazepam — to skyrocket.

The American Medical Association called on the Justice Department to block a planned merger between Aetna Inc. and Prudential Insurance Co.'s health care business. The AMA said Aetna's bid to become the largest HMO

in the country would harm patients.

Levit: Furniture Corp. announced it would close about a third of its stores and cut 2,000 jobs, or one-quarter of its workforce. The nation's No. 3 furniture retailer is struggling to emerge from bankruptcy.

Apple Computer Inc. has returned back into the personal computer market. Its ill-fated iMac No. 1 spot in retail sales of personal computers last quarter, account-

ing for 7.1 percent of all PCs sold in the United States said market research firm PC Data Inc.

A winter freeze has destroyed most of California's sweet oranges and lemons. Prices could triple in supermarkets across the country. Industry losses were put at about \$600 million.

NBA announced a no play, no pay policy for its high-priced National Basketball Association players sidelined by a labor dispute.

Retailers count on post-holiday buying to lift sagging sales

NEW YORK (AP) — It was tucked in a corner. Christmas sales today as retailers tried to make up for a disappointing holiday season by offering shoppers deep discounts.

Many shoppers arrived before dawn, hoping to take advantage of steep markdowns that could be spotted everywhere — from giants like J.C. Penney and Macy's to small mom-and-pop shops.

In Boston, anxious bargain-hunters waited for the Filene's department store to open at 7 a.m. Once the doors opened, signs promising discounts up to 60 percent topped nearly every rack in the store.

"I tried off buying a lot of things because I knew this would happen," said Carol Brown, who was weighted down with shopping bags after an hour in the store.

Merchants no longer look at the days following Christmas just as a time for returns or exchanges, but now count on a burst of post-holiday buying to boost the bottom line.

"After Christmas is becoming a much bigger portion of our business," said Michael Gould, president of Bloomingdale's. "Shoppers think 'If I don't get it before Christmas, I know it will be cheaper after Christmas.'"

Expectations were high for this holiday season with many believing it would be one of the best in recent years because of the strong economy and the boom on Wall Street.

But Santa didn't bring many retailers what they wanted. Sales, especially at department stores, fell short of expectations. One reason was warm weather, which especially hurt sales of coats and sweaters.

"It just didn't feel like Christmas," said Mary Kane, of Quincy, Mass. "It didn't put me in the spirit."

Left with a glut of inventory, many merchants planned big after-Christmas sales to clear store shelves and make room for new merchandise arriving in early January.

Newspapers today were filled with store ads announcing bargains — some running as high as 70 percent. This year, more merchants also offered extra discount coupons, which entitle shoppers to additional savings on already marked down items.

FCC sets new anti-slammng rules for phone companies

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — The Federal Communications Commission will adopt on Thursday new rules to protect consumers against "slammng," the illegal practice of switching customers' long-distance telephone companies without their permission, staffers said.

In an attempt to make slammng unprofitable, the FCC plans to approve a rule that would oblige customers to pay their first month's bill to companies they did not authorize to be their long-distance telephone carrier.

Staffers said the commission also will require long-distance companies to adopt tougher verification procedures to make sure customers have, in fact, agreed to switch carriers.

"We've got to have rules in place so anyone who even thinks of slammng will know there's no way to make a buck out of slammng," FCC Chairman William Kennard said Wednesday. "This is an area where consumers are being ripped off, and we are sending a message to the industry in the very strongest terms that this has got to stop."



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DAVE BARRY LOOKS BACK ON 1998

This was the year that was



Last year, when I wrote my annual Year in Review, I looked at the events of 1997 - in which the two most culturally significant events both involved famous men biting people - and I concluded that there could not possibly ever again be a year as pathetic as that one.

Boy, was I a moron. All bad, that year of 1998 was. But there were some moments that made us feel good about ourselves. Mark McGwire hitting that 62nd home run was certainly one such moment. And then there was ... Let's see ... OK, how about Mark McGwire hitting that 63RD home run? THAT certainly makes us feel good about ourselves.

In fact, if we had any brains at all, as a nation, we would have demanded that Mark McGwire and Sammy Sosa be allowed to continue hitting home runs right on through December. Because they were pretty much the lone highlight in a year that otherwise made us feel, as a nation, as though we were living in a gigantic unflushed commode.

The main reason why we felt bad about ourselves, however, was the story that totally dominated the news of 1998 - the story that at first fascinated us, but that later hypnotized us so relentlessly by the shrieking, hysterical, obsessive news media that we finally just wished it would go away. It was called GO AWAY so we could get on with our lives. I am referring, of course, to the last episode of "Seinfeld."

And that is why I am hoping, in sincerity, that you have a barf bag handy as I begin my review of the year we just went through, starting with ...

January

... which begins on an upbeat note. The economy is sizzling, and millions of small investors, recording their fear of getting burned in the stock market, are being lured by the siren call of Wall Street.

"Here little investor!" calls Wall Street. "Don't be afraid! C'mon boy! Here I'll 'vestor 'vestor' year!"

The year starts to go downhill in mid-January when word leaks out of a shocking development in an ongoing investigation by special prosecutor Kenneth Starr, who has by this point traced the Whitewater scandal back to the administration of William Howard Taft. News reports leak out that a woman named Linda Tripp has provided Starr's office with compelling evidence that she has her hair styled by angry weasels. Also she has reportedly recorded telephone conversations with a former White House intern named Monica Lewinsky who claims that, for a period of nearly two years, she reportedly worked on the president's schedule.

Meanwhile, the actual members of the public quickly lose interest in the scandal, choosing instead to spend the month of January at movie theaters weeping as Leonardo DiCaprio is tragically transformed into the Human Popsicle in the blockbuster movie "Titanic."

In sports, Disney pays an astronomical \$2 billion for the rights to broadcast NFL games. In the Super Bowl, the Denver Broncos defeat the Green Bay Goofys.

And speaking of goofy, in ...

February

... the burgeoning national sex scandal worsens when word leaks out that, after she left the White House, Monica Lewinsky was apparently given an unusu-

al amount of high-level help in her search for a job. A White House spokesperson vehemently denies this charge, insisting that "literally hundreds of other former White House interns were also offered the opportunity to pilot the Space Shuttle."

On the housing front, Danbury, Conn.

In other alarming news, astronomers announce that they have detected a large meteor that could strike the Earth in the year 2028, killing as many as 1.5 billion people. Responding swiftly, the U.S. Department of Transportation orders that Earth be equipped with "a really big air bag."

The national sex scandal worsens as former White House aide Kathleen Willey tells "60 Minutes" that when she went to the Oval Office seeking job help, the president made an aggressive effort to feel her hair. The White House denies this allegation, issuing a statement asserting that "the president has nothing but the greatest respect for Mrs. Willey, who by the way is a deranged slut."

But the big development is the anti-impotence drug Viagra, which is finally approved by the federal government following the delivery of what

later, India's archbishop, Pakistan sets off a nuclear device of its own, and then a few days after that, Earl & Crabbich of East Orange, N.J., who according to neighbors "doesn't get along with anybody," sets off EDS nuclear device.

In a related story, Internal Revenue Service Commissioner Charles Rossotti, testifying before a Senate committee investigating IRS abuses against citizens, apologizes to the public and vows to rein in overzealous agents. Hours later, his lifeless body is found under an estimated four inch mat of brachyons, entitled "Your Taxpayer Rights."

Hundreds of millions of TV viewers tune in to the immensely hyped final episode of "Seinfeld," which features guest appearances by Keith Hernandez, Yoko Ono, Stephen Hawking, the Pope, the Rockettes, Beethoven and Harry Truman.

And in yet another indication of the declining educational standards, the

National Spelling Bee is won in a record four minutes by Illinois' Frank Flack, who is only contestant not stomped by "car." And speaking of declining standards, the big story in ...

June

... is the visit by President Clinton to China. Although the president is unable to get the Chinese to agree to any major concessions on human rights, he is able to obtain what a high-level State Department source describes as "a real nice sentence of a yak."

Chicago Bulls, led by the seemingly inhuman Michael Jordan, win the Stanley Cup. Meanwhile the biggest sports tournament of them all, the World Cup, gets under way in the host nation France, which gets guests from all over the world with a veritable festival of work stoppages. But things are under control by ...

July

... when the coveted World Cup, in a major upset, is won by the lightly regarded team from Iraq, whose players wear gas masks and whose opponents wind up writhing on the field, wracked by mysterious illnesses. Meanwhile, suspicions mount that performance-enhancing drugs are being used in the Tour de France bicycle race when an Italian cyclist is clocked going uphill at 158 miles per hour.

On the presidential scandal front, a federal judge deals a blow to the Whitewater probe, tossing out an indictment against Walter Hinkley on the grounds that "it appears like he has two last names." But the special prosecutor's office wins a big round in court when it is awarded custody of Monica Lewinsky's coveted blue cocktail dress, which, according to a high-level source in the prosecutor's office, "looks terrific at

least." And in another legal blow to Bill Clinton, Secretary Vasser, unimpaired by the charges to testify before the grand jury, reveals that the president's Secretary Grace Malone, who he thought up himself, is "Dead One."

The citizenship debate continues as it leaves Miami, but does so as presented by quick thinking passengers who disseminate to an estimated 30,000 gallons of panna cotta, nearly a third of the ship's supply.

And speaking of immigration, ...

August

... the new-legendary Monica Lewinsky testifies before the grand jury, and an unprecedented 30,000 gallons of panna cotta, nearly a third of the ship's supply, ...

The drama reaches a climax on Aug. 17 when President Clinton testifies before the Starr grand jury for seven hours. The hours of which are taken up by the president's carefully worded response to the question "What is your name?"

On a more positive note, the U.S. Treasury Department announces that its new, updated version of the SBI bill will be signed a permit of 329 million.

In a secret blow to U.S. intelligence gathering efforts, a top-secret, million-dollar U.S. spy satellite explodes spectacularly shortly after launch. In a Congressional speaking tour all over the place, Secret defender dogs are found at his own as Alabama. And speaking of massive screw-ups, in ...

September

... the national scandal gets completely out of hand with the publication of the Starr Report, which features explicit language and a glibly other member of the Starr Report, who reveals in her questionnaire that her "members are wearing thongs, and formulating educational policy." Witness clips, Enlowwood has plans to release the report in a major surprise move, naming Brad Pitt as the president and John Galliano as Linda Tripp.

The worldwide economic gloom deepens with the announcement that both Asia and Latin America are now completely broke and unemployed and have temporarily turned to work Europe until

they can find a cheaper place for their own. U.S. stock prices continue to plunge, with most financial experts advising small investors to "panic, sell your stocks at a huge loss and invest the meager proceeds in junk."

Speaking of jerks, in ...

October

... the Nevada State Athletic Commission votes to reinstate Mike Tyson's boxing license, thus clearing the way for the long-anticipated grudge rematch between the former heavyweight champion and across Robin Givens.

On other news involving arch-enemies, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat meet with President Clinton at the secluded Wye Plantation in rural Maryland. After a week of exhausting, round-the-clock meetings, the three leaders are finally able to reach a liquor store that will deliver to their location. After that it takes them approximately 15 minutes to come up with a historic peace agreement, which is rushed by military jet back to the Middle East to be broken.

The beginning of the National Basketball Association season is canceled when the players and owners are unable to agree on whether the players should be allowed to wear shorts that are longer than their actual legs.

But the most uplifting story of the month comes from the U.S. space program launches 77-year-old John Glenn into space. The mission costs \$2.3 billion, but Glenn receives a \$25 million pension discount, and through his experiments in orbit NASA is able to obtain invaluable information about how weightlessness affects older people. "Apparently," NASA reports, "it causes them to float around."

And speaking of incredible, in ...

November

... elections are held nationwide, giving the Republican party a landslide. Fluffy Marmoset, Where Bob Dole Cants From?) a chance to show its fiscal skill. With every poll showing that the public is overwhelmingly sick of the sex scandal and not want to sit well with the estimated 93 Americans who actually vote in the election, they resoundingly reject the Republican message.

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The president finally settles with Paula Jones, who gets \$30,000 and a two-year appointment as Secretary of Education. Meanwhile Kenneth Starr is grilled before the House Judiciary Committee, which finally concludes, after 12 hours of testimony, that it has a sore butt.

In another presidential scandal, tests of DNA taken from descendants of Thomas



California starts an innovative new program that involves building expensive new homes on cliffs and then immediately shoving them down the slopes and covering them with mud, so that homeowners do not have to spend three weeks waiting for this to happen naturally.

Things are heating up in the Middle East, specifically Iraq, where suspicions are aroused that Iraq might be manufacturing illegal weapons of mass destruction when U.N. weapons inspectors spot Saddam Hussein at a building dedication ceremony cutting a ribbon and stating, "I hereby declare this factory for making illegal weapons of mass destruction open!"

The Winter Olympics in Nagano, Japan, draws a U.S. television viewing audience estimated at 7 people. Nevertheless the games produce some memorable moments, most notably the finals of a new demonstration sport, Sumo Wrestler Ski Jumping, which is won by 600-pound Takatana "The Blowfish" Takatana with a record leap of nearly one meter. Nineteen spectators are killed in the resulting avalanche.

Oprah Winfrey successfully defends herself against a lawsuit brought by Texas cattlemen angered by an Oprah show in which beef was linked to "Mad Cow" disease. Enraged by the verdict, the cattlemen go on a rampage, bellowing, snorting, knocking over furniture and pooping all over the courtroom.

Speaking of crazy, in ...

March

... suspicion grows that Saddam Hussein may be violating the terms of the latest weapons agreement when a team of U.N. inspectors, having requested permission to view a suspected chemical-weapons facility in Baghdad, is escorted by Iraqi officials to what is later determined, by computer-assisted intelligence analysis, to be a Dairy Queen in

described as a "courtesy trial sample," consisting of seven tons of the blue pills, to the home of influential Sen. Strom Thurmond (R-D.S.C.). Viagra is an immediate sensation, both in pill form and as an additive to the water supply in retirement communities.

Meanwhile, in ...

April

... the Historic Tobacco Agreement of 1997 collapses when it is discovered that there is still one American lawyer, believed to be located in North Dakota, who is not going to get any money out of it.

Speaking of sex, the White House gets some good news when a federal judge throws out the Paula Jones sexual harassment lawsuit on the grounds that, quote, "her nose looks totally different." In other scandal news, Kenneth Starr grills first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton for five hours in front of a grand jury, but is unable to link her to a series of convenience-store robberies in Newark, N.J.

A huge crowd gathers in Las Vegas to watch as the famous Aladdin Casino crumbles to the ground in a massive dynamite blast set off by demolition experts, who then have a hearty laugh at their own expense when informed that there is a nearby gas station that has demolished the historic Caesar's Palace Casino. And speaking of mistakes, in ...

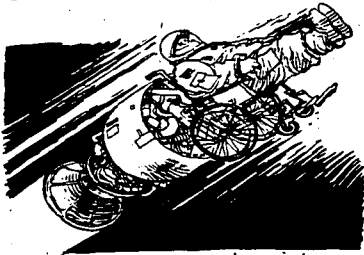
May

... Special Sex Prosecutor Kenneth Starr, becoming increasingly excited as he senses that he is nearing the climax of his investigation, accidentally subpoenas himself.

But the scariest international news comes from India, which shocks the world by setting off three nuclear ground nuclear blasts. Fears that India's action will trigger a new arms race are soon realized when, 17 days

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BY TOM BRADY



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Jefferson prove that the third president of the United States did, indeed, as many historians have long suspected, have sex with Monica Lewinsky.

But the big story of November occurs on the international front, when the United States finally gets sick and tired of having its chain smacked by Saddam Hussein and decides to take care of him once and for all, using military force. After Iraq repeatedly refuses to allow weapons inspections, a determined President Clinton orders U.S. bombers into the air. Just as they reach the Iraqi border, the president receives an urgent fax from Saddam stating: "NO, REALLY, I MEAN IT THIS TIME!" So the president orders the bombers to turn back. Then he receives another urgent fax from Saddam stating: "NOT!" So he orders the bombers to turn around and head for Iraq again. Then he gets ANOTHER urgent fax from Saddam stating: "NO, REALLY, I MEAN IT THIS TIME!" So he orders the bombers to turn around again, but by this time they have run out of fuel and are forced to ditch in the Persian Gulf. The White House bills this as a major foreign-policy

cy victory and the president celebrates by inviting Katarina Witt to the Oval Office. And speaking of celebrating, in...

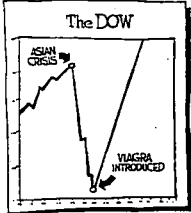
December

... NASA, elated over the publicity generated by the John Glenn shuttle mission, announces plans to send up the Space Girls.

Ross Perot, in a move that has major implications for the next presidential campaign, confirms published reports that he is the voice of the

announcement that they are merging into one single gigantic company with a name so long that nobody will be able to read it without going blind. This exciting news propels stock prices to record levels, and financial experts agree that they will probably keep going up forever and make everybody rich, especially small investors who jump in now. "Here I'll restor" they say. "C'mon in'l restor" vector vector...

And thus 1998 goes out pretty much the way it came in, leaving us to face 1999, which is the year in which we need to fix the Y2K "Millennium Bug" problem, or at midnight on Dec. 31 all the computers in the world are going to go insane and civilization will collapse. Although I'm not sure anybody would notice. Anyway, happy new year.



the impeachment process, a grim-faced Bill Clinton goes on television to announce that, in response to repeated and flagrant defiance by Iraq, he has ordered massive air strikes against the offices of Kenneth Starr.

Taco Chihuahua. The Nevada Athletic Commission issues a boxing license to Charles Manson.

But December's biggest story involves foreign affairs. On the evening of December 16, in a move that White House spokes-

persons insist has nothing at all to do with

Elsewhere in the Middle East, Israeli and Palestinian leaders observe the one-month anniversary of the signing of the latest historic peace accord by formally setting it on fire.

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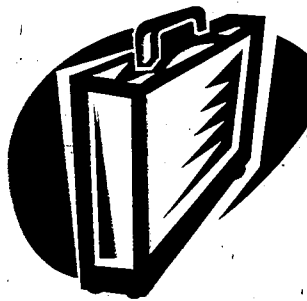
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THENCE North 81°09'38" West 1496.40 feet along the south right-of-way of the Eastern Idaho Railway (Union Pacific Railroad) to the west boundary of said Section 23;

THENCE North 00°23'23" East 1076.54 feet along the west boundary of said Section 23 to the northwest corner of said Section 23 and the Point of Beginning (containing 60.9 acres) and all public streets, highways, alleys, and public rights-of-ways adjacent and within this description.

SECTION 12. That the real property described in Section 11 heretofore and the same is hereby annexed into and declared to be a part of the City of Twin Falls, Idaho. A parcel of land located in the SW1/4 of Section 14, Township 10 South, Range 17 East, Boise Meridian, Twin Falls County, Idaho, more particularly described as follows:

COMMENCING at the southwest corner of said Section 14 and the centerline intersection of Eastland Drive South and Kimberly Road;

THENCE North 00°01'52" West 550.01 feet along the west boundary of Phillips Commercial Subdivision to the northwest corner of Lot 1 of Block 1 to the Point of Beginning;

THENCE South 89°11'52" East 160.00 feet along the north boundary of Lot 1 of Block 1, Phillips Commercial Subdivision to the centerline of Aspenwood Drive;

THENCE North 00°15'32" West 487.50 feet along the centerline of Aspenwood Drive to a tangent curve;

THENCE Along a curve to the right 110.87 feet, said curve having a radius of 225.20 feet, a chord bearing of North 14°03'35" East, a chord distance of 109.85 feet, along the centerline of Aspenwood Drive to a point of reverse curve;

THENCE Along a curve to the left 209.01 feet, said curve having a radius of 219.45 feet, a chord bearing of North 00°51'50" East, a chord distance of 201.20 feet, along the centerline of Aspenwood Drive to the centerline intersection of Aspenwood Drive and the north boundary of Phillips Commercial Subdivision #1;

THENCE North 89°06'37" West 189.83 feet along the north boundary of Phillips Commercial Subdivision No. 1 to the northwest corner of said subdivision;

THENCE South 00°01'52" East 775.55 feet along the east boundary of Twin Falls Cemetery to the northwest corner of Lot 1 of Block 1 and the Point of Beginning (containing 3.08 acres) and all public streets, highways, alleys, and public rights-of-ways adjacent and within this description.

SECTION 15. That the real property described in Section 13 heretofore and the same is hereby annexed into and declared to be a part of the City of Twin Falls, Idaho. A parcel of land located in the SW1/4 of Section 14 and the NW1/4 NW1/4 of Section 23, Township 10 South, Range 17 East, Boise Meridian, Twin Falls County, Idaho, more particularly described as follows:

COMMENCING at the southwest corner of said Section 14 and the centerline intersection of Eastland Drive South and Kimberly Road;

THENCE South 89°11'52" East 1469.83 feet along the north boundary of Section 14 and the centerline of Kimberly Road;

THENCE North 00°01'52" West 575.01 feet along the centerline of Aspenwood Drive, Lot 1 of Phillips Commercial Subdivision No. 1, to the centerline intersection of Aspenwood Drive and Hugu Lane, also the Point of Beginning;

THENCE North 00°01'52" West 442.50 feet along the centerline of Aspenwood Drive to a tangent curve;

THENCE Along a curve to the right 110.87 feet, said curve having a radius of 225.20 feet, a chord bearing of North 14°03'35" East, a chord distance of 109.85 feet, along the centerline of Aspenwood Drive to a point of reverse curve;

THENCE Along a curve to the left 209.01 feet, said curve having a radius of 219.45 feet, a chord bearing of North 00°51'50" East, a chord distance of 201.20 feet, along the centerline of Aspenwood Drive to the south boundary of said Section 14;

THENCE South 89°08'37" East 189.83 feet east of the northwest corner of Phillips Commercial Subdivision No. 1 and the southeast corner of Greenacre Estates South Subdivision;

THENCE South 89°08'37" East 411.52 feet along the south boundary of Greenacre Estates South Subdivision to the southwest corner of Eastgate Subdivision;

THENCE North 00°04'45" West 0.68 feet along the east boundary of Greenacre Estates South Subdivision to the southwest corner of Eastgate Subdivision;

THENCE South 89°09'16" East 700.71 feet along the south boundary of Eastgate Subdivision to the centerline of Carriage Lane;

THENCE South 89°08'40" East 1302.18 feet along the north boundary of Wistar Subdivision to the northeast corner of Wistar Subdivision;

THENCE South 00°03'51" West 662.02 feet along the east boundary of Wistar Subdivision to the northeast corner of said subdivision;

THENCE North 89°11'52" West 501.15 feet along the south boundary of Wistar Subdivision to a point on the centerline of Trotter Drive;

THENCE South 00°03'51" East 80.00 feet along the centerline of Trotter Drive to the south boundary of Wistar Subdivision;

THENCE North 89°11'52" West 800.48 feet along the south boundary of Wistar Subdivision to the southwest corner of Wistar Subdivision, also being the centerline of Carriage Lane;

THENCE South 00°01'52" West 25.00 feet to the centerline of Hugu Avenue;

THENCE North 89°11'52" West 1141.44 feet along the centerline of Hugu Avenue to the centerline intersection of Hugu Avenue and Aspenwood Drive and the Point of Beginning (containing 40.36 acres) and all public streets, highways, alleys, and public rights-of-ways adjacent and within this description.

SECTION 16. That the real property described in Section 15 heretofore and the same is hereby annexed into and declared to be a part of the City of Twin Falls, Idaho. A parcel of land located in the SW1/4 SW1/4 of Section 14 and the NW1/4 NW1/4 of Section 23, Township 10 South, Range 17 East, Boise Meridian, Twin Falls County, Idaho, described as follows:

BEING all of the southeast corner of said Section 14;

THENCE North 00°05'00" West 431.50 feet along the west boundary of said Section 14, also the centerline of Eastland Drive;

THENCE North 89°55'00" East 25.47 feet along the east right-of-way line of Eastland Drive;

THENCE South 00°05'00" East 131.34 feet along the east right-of-way line of Eastland Drive;

THENCE North 89°55'00" East 15.00 feet;

THENCE South 00°05'00" East 150.00 feet;

THENCE South 49°52'00" East 152.00 feet to the north right-of-way boundary of U.S. Highway 30;

THENCE South 89°12'00" East 497.78 feet along the north right-of-way boundary of U.S. Highway 30;

THENCE South 00°02'10" West 47.00 feet to the south boundary of said Section 14;

THENCE Continuing South 89°02'10" West 47.00 feet to the north right-of-way boundary of U.S. Highway 30;

THENCE North 89°11'52" West 847.62 feet on a line 47.00 feet south and parallel with the south boundary of said Section 14 to the west boundary of Section 23;

THENCE North 00°20'41" East 47.00 feet along the west boundary of said Section 23 to the northwest corner of said Section 23 and the Point of Beginning (containing 1.84 acres) and all public streets, highways, alleys, and public rights-of-ways adjacent and within this description.

SECTION 18. That the real property described in Section 17 heretofore and the same is hereby annexed into and declared to be a part of the City of Twin Falls, Idaho. A parcel of land located in the SW1/4 SW1/4 of Section 14 and the NW1/4 NW1/4 of Section 23, Township 10 South, Range 17 East, Boise Meridian, Twin Falls County, Idaho, more particularly described as follows:

COMMENCING at the southwest corner of said Section 14 and the centerline intersection of Eastland Drive South and Kimberly Road;

THENCE South 89°11'52" East 1300.84 feet to the Point of Beginning;

THENCE North 00°01'52" West 550.01 feet along the east boundary of Phillips Commercial Subdivision to the northwest corner of Lot 1, Block 1 of said subdivision;

THENCE South 89°11'52" East 160.00 feet to the centerline of Aspenwood Drive;

THENCE North 00°01'52" West 25.00 feet along the centerline of Aspenwood Drive to the centerline intersection of Aspenwood Drive and Hugu Avenue;

THENCE South 89°11'52" East 1141.44 feet along the centerline of Hugu Avenue;

THENCE North 00°01'52" East 25.00 feet to the southwest corner of Wistar Subdivision;

THENCE South 89°11'52" East 60.00 feet along the centerline of Trotter Drive;

THENCE North 00°03'51" East 80.00 feet along the centerline of Trotter Drive;

THENCE South 89°11'52" East 501.15 feet along the south boundary of Wistar Subdivision to the southeast corner of Wistar Subdivision;

THENCE South 00°01'52" West 501.15 feet along the south boundary of said Section 14, said point being North 89°11'52" West 1301.15 feet from the southeast corner of Section 14, Township 10 South, Range 17 East, Boise Meridian;

THENCE South 00°14'02" East 50.01 feet to the northeast corner of Gem Industrial Subdivision;

THENCE South 00°14'02" East 435.39 feet along the east boundary of Lot 1 of Block 1, Gem Industrial Subdivision to the southeast corner of Lot 1 of Block 1 of said subdivision;

THENCE North 89°12'01" West 293.57 feet along the south boundary of Lot 1 of Block 1, Gem Industrial Subdivision to the southwest corner of Lot 1 of Block 1 of said subdivision;

THENCE Continuing North 89°12'01" West 30.00 feet to the centerline of Deere Street;

THENCE South 00°14'02" East 154.61 feet along the centerline of Deere Street to a point on the extended north boundary of Lot 3 of Block 2, Gem Industrial Subdivision;

THENCE North 89°12'01" West 979.34 feet along the north boundary of Lot 3 of Block 2, Gem Industrial Subdivision, to the west boundary of said subdivision;

THENCE South 00°03'17" West 523.78 feet along the west boundary of Gem Industrial Subdivision to the southwest corner of said subdivision;

THENCE North 00°03'17" West 329.25 feet to a point on the south boundary of Eastern Idaho Railroad (Union Pacific Railroad);

THENCE North 89°09'16" East 263.06 feet along the south boundary of Eastern Idaho Railroad (Union Pacific Railroad) to the northeast corner of Valley Industrial Subdivision No. 2;

THENCE North 81°09'39" West 680.20 feet along the south boundary of Eastern Idaho Railroad (Union Pacific Railroad), also being the north boundary of Valley Industrial Subdivision No. 2;

THENCE North 00°23'41" East 1332.58 feet to a point on the centerline of Kimberly Road, said point being the north boundary of Section 23;

THENCE North 89°11'52" West 181.26 feet along the centerline of Kimberly Road and the north boundary of Section 23 to the Point of Beginning (containing 0.2 acres) and all public streets, highways, alleys, and public rights-of-ways adjacent and within this description.

SECTION 20. That the real property described in Section 18 heretofore and the same is hereby annexed into and declared to be a part of the City of Twin Falls, Idaho. A parcel of land located in the NW1/4 of the NE1/4 of Section 14, Township 10 South, Range 17 East, Boise Meridian, Twin Falls County, Idaho, more particularly described as follows:

SECTION 21. That the following described real property be and the same is hereby annexed into and declared to be a part of the City of Twin Falls, Idaho. A parcel of land located in the NW1/4 of the NE1/4 of Section 14, Township 10 South, Range 17 East, Boise Meridian, Twin Falls County, Idaho, more particularly described as follows:

BEING all of the north quarter corner of Section 23, said point being South 89°11'52" East 2601.87 feet from the northwest corner of said section;

THENCE South 89°12'01" East 1300.94 feet along the north boundary of Section 23, according to the recorded plat of Gem Industrial Subdivision;

THENCE South 00°14'02" East 50.01 feet to the northeast corner of Gem Industrial Subdivision;

THENCE South 00°14'02" East 435.39 feet along the east boundary of Lot 1 of Block 1, Gem Industrial Subdivision to the southeast corner of Lot 1 of Block 1 of said subdivision;

THENCE North 89°12'01" West 293.57 feet along the south boundary of Lot 1 of Block 1, Gem Industrial Subdivision to the southwest corner of Lot 1 of Block 1 of said subdivision;

THENCE Continuing North 89°12'01" West 30.00 feet to the centerline of Deere Street;

THENCE South 00°14'02" East 154.61 feet along the centerline of Deere Street to a point on the extended north boundary of Lot 3 of Block 2, Gem Industrial Subdivision;

THENCE North 89°12'01" West 979.34 feet along the north boundary of Lot 3 of Block 2, Gem Industrial Subdivision, to the west boundary of said subdivision;

THENCE South 00°03'17" West 523.78 feet along the west boundary of Gem Industrial Subdivision to the southwest corner of Lot 4 of Block 2 of said subdivision;

THENCE South 89°23'55" East 1304.51 feet along the south boundary of Gem Industrial Subdivision to the southeast corner of Lot 3 of Block 1 of said subdivision;

THENCE North 00°14'02" West 674.00 feet along the east boundary line of Gem Industrial Subdivision to the southeast corner of Lot 2 of Block 1 of said subdivision and the Point of Beginning (containing 16.76 acres) and all public streets, highways, alleys, and public rights-of-ways adjacent and within this description.

SECTION 22. That the real property described in Section 21 heretofore and the same is hereby annexed into and declared to be a part of the City of Twin Falls, Idaho. A parcel of land located in the NW1/4 NW1/4 of Section 23, Township 10 South, Range 17 East, Boise Meridian, Twin Falls County, Idaho, more particularly described as follows:

COMMENCING at the northwest corner of said Section 23, also the centerline intersection of Washington Street South and Orchard Drive;

THENCE South 89°11'52" East 523.10 feet along the north boundary of Section 23 and the centerline of Orchard Drive;

THENCE North 00°03'37" East 317.38 feet along the east boundary of Section 23 to the Point of Beginning;

THENCE Continuing South 01°03'37" East 1019.32 feet along the east boundary of Huerta Vista Subdivision to the southeast corner of Lot 7 of Block 7, Huerta Vista Subdivision, and the northwest corner of said subdivision;

THENCE South 89°20'13" East 351.65 feet along the north boundary of Vista Vista Subdivision No. 2;

THENCE North 00°03'42" East 1019.59 feet;

THENCE North 89°20'13" West 370.68 feet to the Point of Beginning (containing 6.45 acres) and all public streets, highways, alleys, and public rights-of-ways adjacent and within this description.

SECTION 23. That the real property described in Section 23 heretofore and the same is hereby annexed into and declared to be a part of the City of Twin Falls, Idaho. A parcel of land located in the SE1/4 of Section 29, Township 10 South, Range 17 East, Boise Meridian, Twin Falls County, Idaho, more particularly described as follows:

COMMENCING at the southwest corner of said Section 29;

THENCE North 00°00'00" West 680.48 feet along the east boundary of Section 29, also the centerline of Washington Street South, to the Point of Beginning;

THENCE North 00°00'00" West 1498.41 feet along the east boundary of said Section 29 and the centerline of Washington Street South;

THENCE Continuing North 89°29'00" West 290.02 feet along the north boundary of said subdivision to point 60.00 feet north of the northwest corner of Lot 13 of Block 1 of said subdivision;

THENCE South 00°00'00" West 867.36 feet to the centerline of Southwood Avenue;

THENCE North 00°00'00" West 6.90 feet along the centerline of Southwood Avenue;

THENCE South 00°00'00" West 141.70 feet to the southeast corner of Lot 13 of Block 7 of said subdivision;

THENCE South 31°59'46" West 113.59 feet along the east boundary of said subdivision;

THENCE South 00°00'00" West 395.93 feet along the east boundary of said subdivision to the southeast corner of Lot 13 of Block 7 of said subdivision;

THENCE North 00°00'00" East 289.10 feet to the east boundary of the SE1/4 of Section 29, also the centerline of Washington Street South and the Point of Beginning (containing 11.81 acres) and all public streets, highways, alleys, and public rights-of-ways adjacent and within this description.

SECTION 24. That the real property described in Section 23 heretofore and the same is hereby annexed into and declared to be a part of the City of Twin Falls, Idaho. That the Area of Impact and Zoning Districts Map for the City of Twin Falls, Idaho, be and the same is hereby amended to reflect the newly incorporated real property as hereby zoned R-4.

SECTION 22. That the City Clerk immediately upon the passage and publication of this Ordinance as required by law certify a copy of the same and deliver said certified copy to the County Recorder's office for indexing and recording.

PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL, December 23, 1998.

SIGNED BY THE MAYOR December 23, 1998.

Mayor Gale Klunkopf

Attest: Jody Hall, Deputy City Clerk

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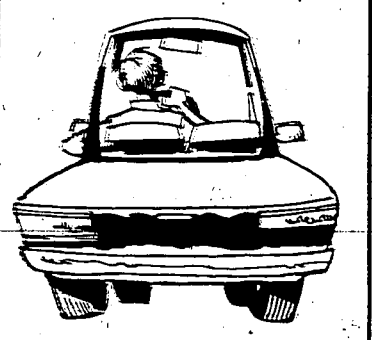
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- Jerome-GREAT INCOME PROPERTY! Junction Hwy 93/25 w/ approx 5.56 acres. Shop w/ 14' door, shop w/ 10' door. Leased restaurant, 2 bdrm house, 5 trailer rental spaces. Could purchase addn'l 2 acres w/ doublewide mobile. \$330,000. B. J. ROSS 324-4249. #96-02335
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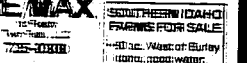
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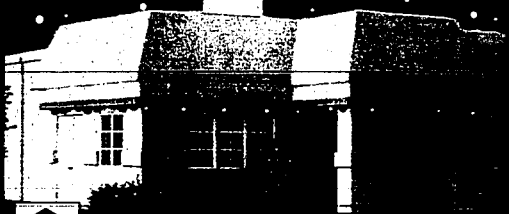
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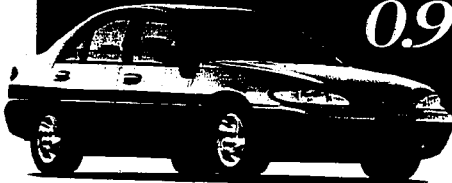
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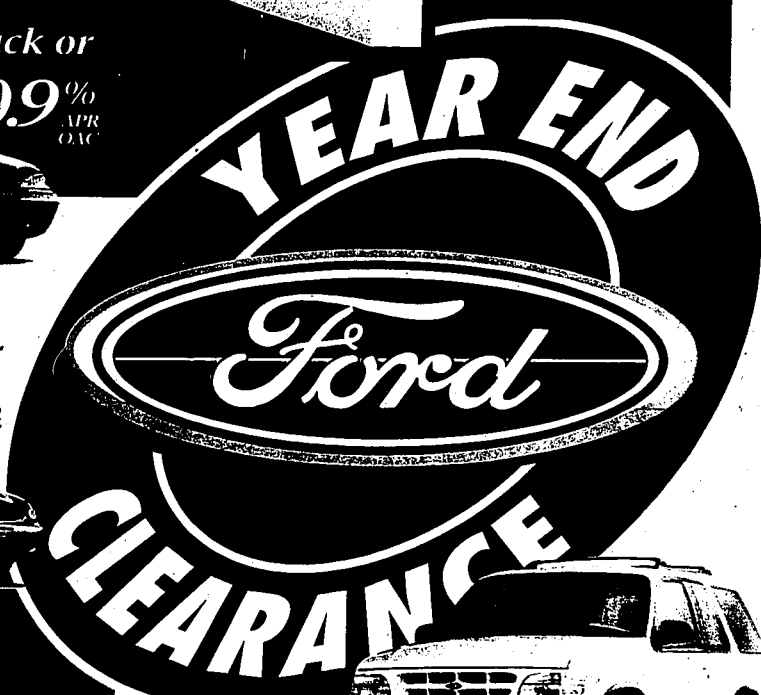
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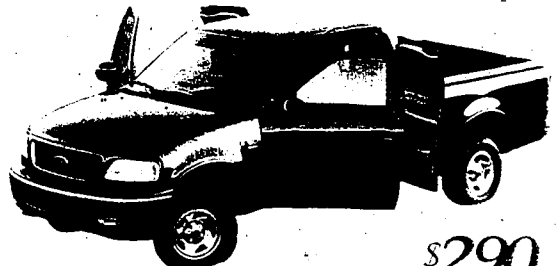
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Post-Christmas tree legends and lore

The presents are unwrapped. The aroma of turkey and pecan pie is fading fast. The Christmas tree is starting to look lonely.

Just when I was beginning to think about taking down the tree, I happened upon a book written by a man named Billy Romp, the ultimate Christmas tree expert. He wrote the book, "Christmas on Jane Street," about his experiences selling Christmas trees in New York City.

For the past 10 years, Billy Romp, with his wife and their three children, has journeyed from his Vermont farm to Greenwich Village to set up shop outside a tiny camper atop the family pickup truck. It is a great adventure. The last a month and has made the Romp family dear to the hearts of New Yorkers.

No small feat. According to a recent press release, New Yorkers leave the tree with the Romps and offer them access to apartments, and meter maids forget to tick the Romp camper.

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Meanwhile, Billy Romp matches people with the trees that are perfect for them—because Billy Romp believes that every tree has a unique personality and story to tell. This makes me look at my Christmas tree a little differently, more like I did when I was a kid.

One Christmas, when I was about 7 years old, I cried so hard when my mother tried to take down the Christmas tree that I talked her into leaving it up until Feb. 1. It was a live tree, and I think the needles have moved beyond dry into molded by the time the tree came down.

Today, just thinking about that recipe for disaster scares me to death. After I grew up and had my own kids, I guess I allowed the Christmas tree magic to wane. I started thinking of the Christmas tree as something that dropped pine needles onto the carpet—or as something to hold my favorite ornaments until someone in my immediate or extended family decided it was time to play "grenade."

I read about Martha Stewart's theme dress and thought, "If her she doesn't have one that would blend in with the carry-out pizza box and the gym shoes on the living room floor and my daughter's posters of Leonardo DiCaprio."

A few years ago, I clipped out a magazine article with 20 letters to Santa. One, written by an 8-year-old boy, requested a tank, a jet fighter, 20 toy soldiers and a bazooka gun, "so I can plan a surprise attack on my brother."

Talk about real life. And yet, I think I am ready to consider the more pleasant aspects of Christmas trees once again.

In checking a few references, I have discovered the idea of decorating the tree dates probably back to ancient Rome, but Christmas trees as we know them have their "roots" in 16th-century Germany.

According to a book titled "Traditional Holiday Recipes" by Green Trees, because the popular in Pennsylvania in the late 18th century, but, before that, different trees were brought home to decorate.

One of these trees, the Grischendampioje (let's call it *Grinch*), was actually a Christmas maypole made out of the limb of a mountain laurel. Another tree, the Oblaten, was a cluster of branches hung from the ceiling.

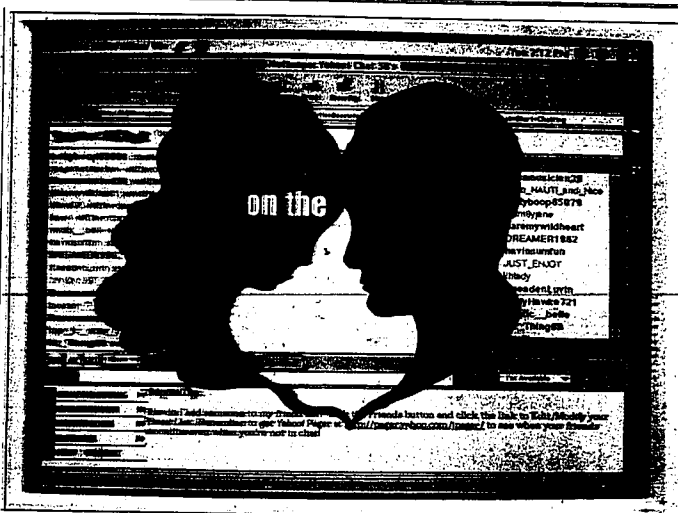
Now let's check out some facts from "Traditional Holiday Recipes" and other sources to see how much you know about the Christmas tree.

- QUESTIONS:**
1. True or false: You should use corn syrup, vodka or 7UP to keep your tree fresh.
 2. Who decorated the first Christmas tree in New England?
 3. Who introduced glass ornaments to America?
 4. Christmas is one of the oldest traditional Christmas tree decorations to come out of Germany?

ANSWERS:

1. You can if you want. Or you can buy one of the commercial tree-freshening products on the market. Tree experts say there's no real evidence that any of this does much good, but it doesn't seem to do any harm either.
2. According to legend, a German teacher at Harvard was the first New Englander to cut a Christmas tree, bring it in and decorate it. The year was 1817, and the diary account describes how he was holding 84 wax tapers, boxes of apples, gilded eggshells and paper cornucopias filled with sweets and toys.
3. It was F. W. Woolworth, in his store across near the center of the 19th century. He got the idea from a glassblower in Germany, who started making ornaments for his family sometime during the 1800s.
4. Pretzels—hold the mustard.

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Hollywood notwithstanding, cyber romance merits safeguards, suspicion

By Steve Crump
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Jane Street is a town, there was a town named TWIN FALLS and it had a named Shepp.

They did in love, not the internet, survived their first date, an account and made a 25th million in internet-wide, the last their service website.

"You're Got Mail!" recently the New York Times, the country, man, Tom Hanks and Meg Ryan, appeared in the work of the internet.

It's a bit of a far from...
Hanks and Ryan gave their hearts away in "You've Got Mail." Real-life cyber romance doesn't always have a happy ending.

Computer service: three, estimated, taken, according to John Hamman, a British researcher who monitors cyberspace.

And Hamman comments that 10 to 15 percent of the users of AOL — the largest online service — are having cybersex.

That's a definite passion, and that's just the tip of the iceberg, according to John Hamman, a British researcher who monitors cyberspace.

It's ironic, says Hamman, a psychologist, syndicated columnist and newspaper author of "Dating on the Internet" (IDG Books, \$19.95).

"Online is a dangerous place. It's the illusion of intimacy while still being in a room. When you meet face-to-face, think of all those interactions. At least with a third date, you know that you don't have to be careful — and realize that when you're getting into."

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No every chat room community website — and these are thousands — is dedicated to stranger, or at the night. Some are frequented by individuals looking for pen pals, or just someone to talk to. Others have everything, no to webcams, and nothing to do with romance.

But some are in the middle, populated.



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by the lonely and the tentative. "Honesty" is an oft-used word on such websites. "No games" is a popular term: "You think you know much more than you really know, and that's really troubling," Browne said.

What you should know is that anyone is free to say just about anything on the internet. It's virtually unregulated.

That means that you're just as likely to be chatting with a convicted sex offender as you are with the man — or woman — of your dreams.

"Pretty much everyone thinks that bad things won't happen to them," Hamman said in an interview published in the online journal Cyberpsychology.

"They think they've just heard about it, and other end is really another guy or another woman and that they won't make that mistake themselves."

You should also know that online correspondents are predominantly male, although that's changing slowly.

"I think that the gender ratio you see online is mainly due to who has access to computers," Hamman said. "... I think it will be a number of years until we see an equal number of women online."

Although ugly incidents from cyber-dating have been publicized, they're relatively rare given the number of people involved.

Share your stories

Do you have love stories or horror stories to tell about romance on the internet? Share them with us. We'll plan a follow-up article on love on the World Wide Web, and we'd like to hear from readers who've experienced it — for better or worse. Call Steve Crump at 733-9651, Ext. 223, or e-mail at scrumpt@magvalley.com. And, yes, we will need your real name.

In fact, most online lovers never meet. Nonetheless, experts caution precautions until you're ready to meet your cyber soulmate.

- **Protect your identity.** If you want total control of the information available to your online correspondent, don't use your personal or work-related e-mail. (And remember that chances are good that if an experienced hacker has your personal or business e-mail address, he has your name.) Anonymous e-mail accounts are available; call your Internet service provider.
- **Don't give out your phone number** (and don't call from home or work; he or she might have Caller ID). You can verify that the other person's phone number belongs to whom it's supposed to be by calling directory assistance.
- **Don't say where you work, who you live next door to, where you bank or what companies you have credit accounts with.**
- **Listen.** You can find out a lot about a person by listening to him or her on the telephone.

Above all, don't give your heart away to someone you've never met.

"Your online correspondent can and will tell you things they would never reveal to you face to face, for better or worse," Browne writes in "Dating for Dummies." "This type of intimacy is misleading. You feel as though you know this person better than you do. Even if they've been completely honest, it's a very partial picture."

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On that first date ...

- **Chilly everybody's expectations.** Making dates a relationship or friendship is more than just conversation. If you are both on the same wavelength, you will have lots to get back. If you are not on the same wavelength, it's best to wait until you are.
- **Use common sense.** Just because you have known someone online for some time, don't let down your guard any more than you would with a traditional first date.
- **Be polite if possible.** Your best friend is going for the details anyway, so it's better to get back a friend to come along.
- **Always conduct early dates in very public places.** Go to a restaurant in a mall. Go to a club at a hotel. Always be near other people. If you want to take a walk, have a friend with you in the mall.
- **Avoid relying on your date for transportation.** If you want to end the date for some reason, don't let the date take you to the car. If you need to end the date for some reason, don't let the date take you to the car.
- **Be polite and kind.** In some instances where you think and the situation is so you know where you can get help if needed. Acknowledge some things, and praise your date.
- **Don't mention your phone number.** Tell someone who you are going to be with, including your date's phone number. If it's necessary, write your date's phone number around and leave the information on your desk or in a safe place. If you can't call home, or to call someone to let them know you will be late.

When to dump your online love

- **Be honest about having the date but not on a cyber romance if the subject of your affection is exhibiting any of the following behaviors:**
- **Be honest about having personal information about your past and current relationships.**
- **Be honest about having the other sex.**
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NEW MOVIES FROM A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE



Family flicks

Entertainment value: A

"You've Got Mail" (PG) - Tim Allen, Meg Ryan. A giant bookstore chain owned by Joe Fox (Tom Hanks)...

"The Not-so-Good" - This is a milder coarse language, and a couple of scenes imply that the dating couples sleep together (pg 14)...

"Babe: Pig in the City" (G) - The appeal of Babe, the sweet-natured talking pig, remains constant. While the new film lacks the original's endearing simplicity...

the delights of watching a variety of animals speak their minds. (36 minutes) (See Theater of Tim Falk, Liberty Theater of Emery)

"A Bug's Life" (G) - The second animated inspection of life in an ant colony is more kid-friendly than the sophisticated "A Bug's Life" (96 minutes) (Trent Gunn)

"It's a Wonderful Life" (PG-13) - Young fans of "Home Improvement" alumnus Jonathan Taylor Thomas should stress this silly family comedy about a college kid in Santa suit trying to get home for Christmas without ID or money. The movie features some mild language and rude jokes, but it has a generally good-hearted, affirmative message. (86 minutes) (See Theater of Tim Falk)

"Jack Frost" (PG) - If your children are mature enough to understand adult themes like the death of a parent, feeling neglected by a parent, or dealing with grief or the loss of a parent, I strongly recommend this movie. The positive themes of family love and parents appreciating their children are what will affect you and your child and will make this a movie you can laugh at, cry over and enjoy together. Entertainment value: A (76 min) (Trent Gunn)

"Meet Joe Black" (PG-13) - This leisurely romance features excellent period-to-period music, but the three-hour length and the death-related subject matter will challenge even the most mature teens. Read Fitch stars, and there's one scene featuring partial nudity. (117 minutes) (Trent Gunn)

"Pleasantville" (PG-13) - Older teens will enjoy this comedic blend of idealism and cynicism, but younger children will be confused. When two kids of the liberalized '60s are sent into a conservative, repressed '50s, there's an abundance of sexual talk. (110 minutes) (Trent Gunn)

"The Rugrats Movie" (G) - Kids, particularly those expecting a new sibling, should get a kick out of this feature either seen as a remarkable franchise that's already a hit on television, stage and local bookshelves. Amid the wisecracks, perpetual 1-year-old Tommy Pickles learns to like his new brother, Dil - after getting lost in a jungle surrounded by circus monkeys, of course. (85 minutes) (Trent Gunn)

"Star Trek: Insurrection" (PG) - Not much in this latest intergalactic adventure to worry about. The crew, including the alien crew fight to stop the destruction of a peaceful colony. There are some fiery battle scenes and a couple of cartoonishly grisly acts of violence. Other than that, the chosen cast movie gets to work. (90 minutes) (See Theater of Tim Falk)

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Motherhood comes with many surprises

"When I stopped seeing my mother with the eyes of a child, I saw the woman who helped me give birth to myself." - Nancy Friday

Chicken Soup for the Soul

By Julie Shafer-Tenney

Motherhood took me by surprise. One day I was a single woman living at the beach with a 10-year career as a flight attendant, and the next a wife and mother of four. And it happened almost that quickly.

I met and married my husband within a month. I had gone to visit my grandfather in the hospital and was introduced to her surgeon, my soon-to-be spouse. I had learned a year before meeting him that I was not able to have children of my own. When he mentioned he had two sons, I would be moving in with us, life seemed like an episode from "Ozzy & Harriet" (updated to include my keeping a solid career).

His sons were 9 and 10 when their mother put them on an airplane from the East Coast and "shipped" them to the West Coast, never to have contact with them for the next eight years. Ironically, no sooner had I married my husband than I became pregnant with our own child. The day after his sons Chris and Jon moved in with us, our son was born in month early. Three children I gave two days! Two years later, I gave birth to our second son.

I remember times when I would be so overwhelmed that I could only tell myself over and over, "One day they will thank you." I don't remember much of those tumultuous years. There was a lot of chaffeurage to and from Little League games, a lot of getting up at 3 a.m. to get us ice hockey practice by 5, but quiet, PTA meetings and "short-order" cooking.

I remember witnessing the

'Chicken Soup's' bottomless bowl

Los Angeles Times

"Chicken Soup for the Woman's Soul," "Chicken Soup for the Country Soul," "Chicken Soup for the Per Lover's Soul" With more than 21 warm-and-fuzzy, self-help titles now in bookstores, celebrities and regular folks who are paid a few hundred dollars for their tales.

The phenomenon began when Florida-based Health Communications Inc. published "Chicken Soup for the Soul" in 1993. Look for "Chicken Soup for the Couple's Soul" and "Chicken Soup for the Goller's Soul" in the spring.

growing pains of two young men going through adolescence. Their father was often away, their biological mother was completely out of the picture, their two half-brothers often felt like an annoyance to them, and their stepmother never seemed able to meet their needs. I knew in my heart that on day they would look back and realize that I did love them as my own and that I did my best.

When the older stepson, Chris, graduated from high school, his biological mother finally decided to pay a visit. The graduation ceremony was held outside at dusk, and my husband and his ex-wife stood together and watched with pride as "their" son received his diploma. My other stepson stayed by their side. I stood off a slight distance away with "our" two sons.

There was a strange twist to this graduation ceremony. The principal of the high school delivered a speech that included a theme of "giving a rose to the person who has meant the most to you in your life." I found that odd, but each graduating student held one red rose. Upon receiving their diplomas, each student walked up to the important person and handed him or her the rose. To this day, I will never forget the feeling of holding that rose in my hands.

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"The Prince of Egypt" (PG) - Tim Allen, Meg Ryan. A giant bookstore chain owned by Joe Fox (Tom Hanks)...

Best for: All ages, but parents may need to explain a few pieces to younger children.

What it's about: This animated film charts the life of Moses (voice of Val Kilmer), who was raised by the Pharaoh (Patrick Stewart)...

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The good: This well-written, well-acted, romantic comedy lets us laugh at how modern technology meets old-fashioned romance. The chemistry between Hanks and Ryan is better than ever, and they reminded me of the legendary screen couples of Hollywood's golden age...

The not-so-good: There is mildly coarse language, and a couple of scenes imply that the dating couples sleep together (pg 14)...

14-16: Younger Poles is the only character who has crude dialogue.

Violence: None

Parental advisory: This is a character-driven romantic comedy with situations and dialogue adults will relate to and enjoy. It's not that your children shouldn't see it or won't enjoy it, but they might be bored.

Entertainment value: A

Also -

"Babe: Pig in the City" (G) - The appeal of Babe, the sweet-natured talking pig, remains constant. While the new film lacks the original's endearing simplicity, it should have enormous appeal for older kids. Younger children could be frightened by some of the more intense moments, while succumbing to

Knight Rider News Service

WICHITA, Kan. - When she was about 9 months old, Chelsey Register clearly wanted to talk. Her mother says...

She began to point. She gestured with her hands and body. She became frustrated if her parents didn't understand that she wanted another cracker, or a drink, or to read her favorite book.

The problem is, most 9-month-old babies' verbal development does not match their desire to communicate. Chelsey and her mom, Linda Register, began using sign lan-

guage - baby signs, to be exact. About a month later, Chelsey was signing words such as "book," "dog," "ball" and "more," and she was even saying "trilled."

"It's almost like she was just looking for the opportunity to communicate," Linda Register said. "She clearly had something to say, and she was just looking for the means to do it."

Baby signing is a relatively new phenomenon that has earned widespread appeal since the 1996 publication of "Baby Signs: How to Talk with Your Baby Before Your Baby Can Talk" by Linda Acredolo and Susan Goodwyn.

The authors, psychology profes-

sors in California, spent more than a decade researching the effects of baby signing.

Their book is a step-by-step guide for teaching children baby signs at home.

The basic idea is that infants want to communicate well before they develop verbal skills.

All too often, however, parents stop there," the authors write, "never realizing their infant's full baby sign potential."

Families

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information, call 763-9554. End 2655. The center will be closed New Year's Day.

Every Sunday, 7 to 10 for Families faces over an entertainment events throughout anti-central Idaho. To get an invite email to the calendar, send it to: Families Department, The Times-News, P.O. Box 3458, Teton Falls 83429. Deadline is noon Wednesday.

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THE Sunday Crossword

Edited by Wayne Robert Williams

Crossword puzzle grid with numbers and some filled-in letters.

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Reception deception leaves father doubting son's word

DEAR ABBY: My son was married last month. Before the wedding, he asked me if I would contribute financially to the reception. I offered to pay for the drinks, and he and his fiancée seemed appreciative. The bride's parents are divorced, but they too have each contributed several thousand dollars to the reception. A few days before the wedding, my son informed me that the total cost of the beverage bill came to nearly \$3,000. I wrote a check for that amount.



DEAR ABBY: I agree with you. There is the ethical issue of honesty. You were right to let your son and his bride know they couldn't "pull the wool" over your eyes.

My son's bride told my wife and there would be some extra charges, so I telephoned the accountant at the hotel to get the account at the hotel to get the extra amount. The accountant informed me that there were no extra charges, and the total bill was less than half the amount I had contributed. My son refused to discuss the matter, so I sent the invoice from the hotel to him and his wife two weeks ago. Since then, there has been total silence on their end, and it looks like a child relationship is developing. My wife says I should forget about the extra \$2,000, since they probably needed the money for other expenses. I maintain there's an ethical issue here that shouldn't be swept under the rug. What do you think?

DEAR ABBY: I have been married for 18 years and have three children. Last spring, my husband moved out to "find himself" and promised he would be back. Well, he found a lady "friend" with whom he's been spending a lot of time, drinking and partying. He never did this before.

When he went camping alone with this woman, it was more than I could take. He said nothing happened. I didn't believe him and filed for divorce. He has nothing to do with me now, and

not much to do with the kids. I know it's probably over, and I'm having a hard time accepting it. I have very little self-esteem. Do you think I should try to get him back or accept the situation and get on with my life?

He has changed so much that I don't really like him anymore, but I want to do the right thing for the kids' sake. He refuses to give up this woman — she even comes before the kids.

Abby, what do you think? — HURTING IN FARM, N.C.

DEAR HURTING: After 15 years, you know your husband very well. Since he refuses to give up the woman, and he wants to revive the marriage, you have no choice but to go on with your life.

During a long marriage, sometimes it's hard to distinguish between where you leave off and your spouse begins.

It's important that you not allow time for yourself. The better you become reacquainted with yourself, and the more independent you become, the more your self-esteem — and your life — will improve.

If the going gets rough, talk to your friends, your minister or a counselor. Although it's hard to start over, and it will take some time, you will get over this unpleasantness and emerge stronger for it. — Trust me.

FATHER-FAITHER-IN-LAW IN WISCONSIN

WISCONSIN, Wis. (AP) — Bill Head dialed on his television and saw an evening news report that was chillingly familiar — scenes of marital friends and family members describing a pattern of bullying, a photo of a smiling man-age boy.

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The youth was dying, punched by a student who had been taunting him.

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The tragedy being played out just a few miles from Head's home triggered terrible memories of a few years earlier, and a telephone call that signaled a transformation of his life.

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A co-worker of his wife, Rita, told him to come to her office, that she had matter.

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Racing there, he saw an ambulance and a sheriff's cruiser. A knot tightened in his stomach as the sheriff approached.

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Those who have studied bullying — defined as chronic and systematic verbal and/or physical tormenting — say it seems to be growing and worsening in its impacts. And even in a time of greater societal attention to issues such as child abuse, bullying often is tolerated as a by-product of growing up.

Greed, fed by parents, causes siblings to bicker at each other

If I had to choose, I'd rather talk to grandparents than parents. I'm sure the fact that I'm a grandfather myself — albeit a relatively young one at 52 — has a lot to do with it.



much, you ain't got much to lose. In which case, sharing is not a problem.

Today's grandparents represent the last generation to rear children according to tradition as opposed to New Age psychology. They tell me stories, these venerable elders of ours, of the way "it" used to be and still can be. If we'd heed their stories, that's all we'd need.

PARENTING John Rosemond

But the more material things you acquire, the more likely you are to resent it when someone else acquires something you don't have.

One of the more consistent things grandparents tell me is that although a certain level of rivalry between siblings is nothing new, the almost constant bickering, name-calling, tattling and even downright fighting typical of today's siblings is new indeed. This makes grandparents sad, because the siblings in question are their grandchildren.

than a little assistance from grandparents, turn their children into greedy little materialists by buying them toy after toy after gadget after gadget after vehicle after gizmo, beginning before they're born and lasting forever and ever, amen.

The more likely you are to feel that other person's good fortune isn't "fair." The more likely you are to be jealous, envious and covetous, and those are the themes around which today's high levels of sibling conflict spin.

How could things have changed so much in so short a period of time? I have a theory. But it's one most grandparents aren't going to like, because if I'm right, today's grandparents are part of the problem. My theory: The force driving most sibling rivalry is greed.

Because today's parents feed the narcissistic spark that resides in the heart of every newborn, it grows into a flame, then a fire, and then a raging inferno. By age 4 or 5, the typical child is infected with King Midas syndrome — he's a greedy little hoarder who can't share unless forced to do so.

Take note, parents. Stop buying your children so many things. Stop throwing fuel on the fires of narcissism and materialism. At a certain relatively low level, "things" become a drug that anesthetizes the spirit. Make strong your children's spirits by making, and keeping, them "poor."

Today's parents, with more

When I was 5, I had five toys I could call my own. Most people my age say I'm between none and 10. According to our parents — today's grandparents — we didn't fight much over toys. That's pretty much a cause-and-effect relationship between a line from Kris Kristofferson's country-rock classic, "Me and Bobbie McGee," when you ain't got

Now, need I repeat myself for the benefit of the grandparents in the audience?

Colorado Springs, Colo. It's like hearing stories about Bill Gates paying too much in taxes; about Cindy Crawford lending off to too many admirers; about Michael Jordan running out of fingers for all those championships rings.

Today's parents, with more

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Nobody wants to bear about the burdens that bright kids face in school — burdens like sitting through classes that are mechanical or boring, rote, scholastic performance can backfire. Instead of inspiring them to perform better, compliments can get them hung up on grades, not the learning experience.

ple," says 12-year-old Allison MacWilliams-Brooks, an Irving Middle School seventh-grader who has been part of gifted and talented programs. "At first, I was sort of like depressed. Then I realized they were jealous."

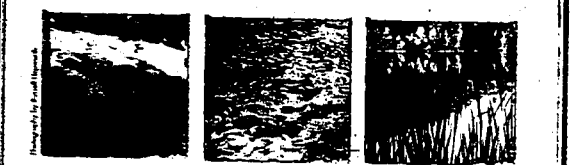
"I think what we're surprised you should worry about positive labels, too," says Carol Dewok, a Columbia University psychology professor who oversees the program.

And then there's the teasing. "We were made fun of a lot — like, 'Oh, there's a smart peo-

A kid upset about being called smart? Well, a recent study of fifth-graders in Indiana and New York City suggests that the label actually carries some pitfalls. The researchers discovered that complimenting kids on their intelligence or good scholastic performance can backfire. Instead of inspiring them to perform better, compliments can get them hung up on grades, not the learning experience.

"My research just says what our kids are interested in stretching themselves. My research says there's a danger in keeping kids caught up in being smart."

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EVENTS ELSEWHERE



From left to right, Paul Hamlett Ammon Fife, Sean Darrell and Ben Hamlett on how to become better leaders at this year's annual Boy Scout banquet and training conference. In addition to learning how to become better leaders, the boys learned about parliamentary procedure and how to make meetings exciting.

Square dances plan workshop

TWIN FALLS - The Burnes and Bove Square Dance Club will hold a workshop for area dancers at 7 p.m. Monday at the American Legion Hall on north Lincoln in Jerome. Experienced dancers start at 7 p.m. New Year's Eve dances will be held at 8:30 p.m. A special New Year's Eve dance will be held at 8:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 31, at the Anderson Campground. Pre-rundals will start at 8:30 p.m. and Squares at 9 p.m. Bring finger foods.
For more information, call June Casper at 733-5235.

Blood drive comes to Buhl

BUHL - A Red Cross blood drive will be held from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesday at the Buhl Moose Hall, 3028 Main St.
Donors must be over age 17, weigh at least 110 pounds and be in good health.
Buhl Red Cross Chairman, Barbara Wisecover said, "During the holidays is a very special time to share the gift of life with others. Your gift can make a difference in the life of someone who needs it to celebrate the new year, so please join us on Tuesday."
Appointments or inquiries can be made by calling Wisecover at 543-2327.

LDS group sponsors dance

TWIN FALLS - The LDS singles and alumni are sponsoring a New Year's Eve dance at 9 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 31, at 667 Harrison St. Admission is \$4 per person. Finger foods will be provided. Music by Top Hits.

Couples who are not alumni are invited to join us and bring your friends.

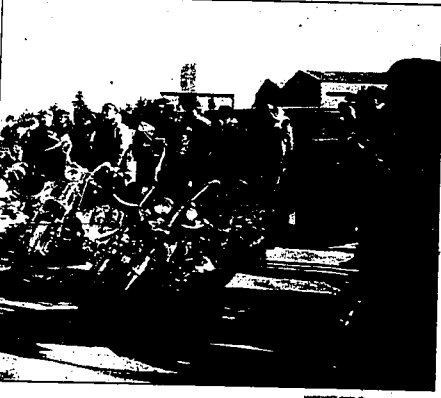
Class teaches welding skills

SHEL - Learn the principles and practices of using oxy-acetylene, arc and MIG (wire feed) welding) for farm or small shop use from 7 - 9 p.m. Tuesdays starting Jan. 5 at the Buhl High School Vo-Ag shop. The class runs for seven weeks. Cost is \$39, plus \$5 for materials. Coveralls and welding gloves are required.
For more information, call Connie Gumbler at 543-4653.

Old car help lung association

BOISE - One great way to get a tax deduction is to donate an old car, van, bus or other vehicle to the American Lung Association of Idaho. In many cases, the car's fair market value is worth more than selling it or trading it in.
Proceeds from the Vehicle Donation Program help fight asthma and other lung disease through a wide range of support services. Lung disease is the third leading cause of death in the United States.
Simply call the American Lung Association of Idaho at (888) 300-LUNG and the vehicle will be towed within a matter of days, free of charge.
The American Lung Association is the oldest voluntary public health agency in the United States dedicated to preventing lung disease, promoting lung health, teaching on asthma education and tobacco control.

Harley riders make cold trip to Hansen



Area Harley riders gathered in Kimberly to help the East End Providers with their Christmas collection.

By Margaret Jones
Times-News Correspondent

KIMBERLY - Kimberly Police escorted 19 Harley motorcycles and their riders through Kimberly to visit the community Christmas tree in Hansen. The group roared to a stop behind a van which was filled with toys to be presented to Gailie Griffith who represented the East End Providers.

Five Harley enthusiasts, Nancy Wallace, Laurie Hoffmeister, Bill Hopkins, Annie Everett and Judy Keamer discussed how the businesses were approached time and time again for donations at Christmas time.

They decided to see if they could help by placing cansisters at various businesses. In five days, enough money was donated to buy the van full of toys bought at a discount from the Twin Falls Kmart's store.

Before any Harley lover could earn the honor of riding and freezing in the car van he had to donate a toy toy. Wallace said the group was surprised at the response it received on such short notice.

The group plans to make this an annual event however, Wallace said it would be done earlier in the season next year in an effort to avoid cold riding conditions.

The group was hoping the event would also give people a different impression of bikers. One of the group members commented that people think that Harley riders are "a group of bums that don't work." To own a \$30,000 Harley you have to work, he said.

IN THE SPIRIT OF GIVING



Michael Griggs places a box of food near the Christmas tree at Kimberly Middle School. When the school had a contest to see which classroom could provide the most food, Michael's eighth-grade language arts class donated 902 items. The school gathered a total of 3,326 items to help needy families in the community.

SERVICE NEWS

Knutz finishes deployment

Navy Airman Brandon R. Knutz, son of Jim A. Knutz of Castleford, recently completed a six-month deployment to the Western Pacific and Indian oceans and Arabian Gulf with Fighter Squadron 31, embarked aboard the aircraft carrier USS Abraham Lincoln.

While deployed in the Arabian Gulf, the squadron aided multinational interception operations in prohibiting contraband transporters to and from Iraq.

Knutz is a 1993 graduate of Newberg High School of Newberg, Ore. He joined the Navy in September 1994.

Muerger tours with Blue Angels

Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class Kevin D. Muerger, son of Larry D. Muerger of Twin Falls, recently completed an eight-month tour season with the Navy's Flight Demonstration Squadron, the Blue Angels. Muerger is one of 120 squadron members who travel more than 140,000 miles to 36 cities.

The 1989 graduate of Kimberly High School, was designated an Enlisted Surface Warfare Specialist while serving aboard the guided missile frigate, USS Carter, homeported in San Diego.

Boyer graduates from basic

Navy Seaman Recruit Eric Boyer, son of Martin and Janet Boyer of Elko, Nev., recently completed U.S. Navy basic training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Mich.

Tyler completes basic training

Navy Hospitalman Apprentice James R. Tyler, son of James R. Tyler Sr. and Diana Paredes of Twin Falls, recently completed U.S. Navy basic training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Mich.

Lewis completes basic training

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HONOR ROLL

REPORT - The first trimester honor roll at East Mission Junior High School has been announced. Students who earned high grades are listed below.

FRESHMEN
High Honors: Erica Barras, Tyler Berry, Clare Bodenstener, Chelsea Bossert, Heidi Clayville, Brian Cotton, Tod Crane, Natalie Eames, Brenda Farnsworth, Jennifer Fisher, Carly Garro, Rebecca Gillespie, Angelica Gonzalez, Brian Grimm, Ryan Gurney, Brian Hansen, Christal Hansen, Jamie Hansen, Lindsey Haynes, Shandra Holbrook, Lacey Jackson, Damon Jentsch, Barbara Johnson, Roryn Kaiser, Krystal Koyle, Jessica Kunz, Nathan McKenney, Kara Mickelson, Ashley Newcomb, Krystal Pletcher, Heather Ruddington, Stephanie Reed, Leslie Rich, Whitney Robinson, Jeremy Sibbert, Jamie Smith, Kimberly Sundebrand, Kent Tarbet, Kimberly Tate, Natalie Thompson, Afton Webb, Dominique Wilson, Shannon Woodman, Crystal Zimmerman.
Honors: Amanda Cook, Pearl Garza,

Sophomore
High Honors: Justin Partin, Connie Rembursch, Devin Torres, Jordan Weeks, Samantha Antonina, Camille Baker, Nicole Baird, Karyn Beutner, Kimberly Child, Jennifer Crane, Taylor Duncan, John Fennell, Ryan Gurney, Jamie Kovic, Kristopher Larson, Alyssa Schut, Jessica Miller, Zach Nelson, Araceli Macias, Jessica Martin, Laci Neeson, Estrada, Sydney Grace, James Joseph, Tracy Sampson, Shaile Grifone, Rachel DeGroot, Collin Flake, Cody Freiberger, Ashley Overholt, Crystal Rucker, Barbara Steuber, Steven Tanner.

SEVENTH GRADE
High Honors: Madeline Bradshaw, Carissa Cameron, Amy Crane, Nicholas DePittipis, Marka Ferenc, Krystal Felt, Maryn Gillespie, Becky Hansen, Kara Nichols, Emily Poteet, Jenny Steyer.

Honors: Jason Christensen, Alicia Benschneider, Aaron Leonard, John Lovelace, Kristi Montgomery, Anna Sauer, Hailey Stevens, Courtney Alzborn, Brian Elias, Stacy Garner, Marla Hatten, Kasey Johnson, Christine Jones, Kimberly Mond, Martin Oakeberry, Kourtney Baker, Brandi Tait.

FOSTERING A LOVE OF LEARNING



Twin Falls #45 Masonic Lodge members Dick Wackmayer and Brent Westroy are proud to present a contribution from the lodge to the Scottish Rite Learning Clinic to help support the clinic's educational program for children. Photo by Alan Lawson. Clinic coordinator, is seen here accepting the donation from Wackmayer and Westroy.

We want your news

If it's news to you, we want to hear about it. It's in my job to fill this page with the news about:

- Community meetings.
- Charities.
- Social events.
- Business.
- Individual accomplishments.
- Your kids and their activities.

I also want to publicize your pictures of special events to the life of the community that are important to you.

Please send your news and photos to: Community Editor, Karina Brumbach

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Deadline for the Sunday page is noon Wednesday. Deadline for the Monday page is noon Tuesday. Deadline for the Wednesday page is noon Friday.

Karina Brumbach

ENGAGEMENTS

BECKSTEAD-HIGBEE

TWIN FALLS — Robert and Kristen Beckstead of Pocatello announce the engagement of their daughter, Maran Beckstead, to Daniel Higbee, son of Dale and Sharon Higbee of Twin Falls. Beckstead is a 1995 graduate of Pocatello High School. She is attending Idaho State University in Pocatello, majoring in dental hygiene.



Daniel Higbee and Maran Beckstead

Higbee is a 1994 graduate of Twin Falls High School. He served a two-year LDS mission in the Brazil Florianopolis Mission. He is currently studying pre-med at ISU. The wedding is planned for Saturday in the Salt Lake LDS Temple. They will be honored at a reception Jan. 8 in Pocatello.

KLEINKOPF-FRAILEY

TWIN FALLS — Patricia Kleinkopf announces the engagement of her daughter, Deanna Lynn Kleinkopf, to Aron Frailey, son of Ken and Audrey Frailey of Tooele, Utah. Kleinkopf is the daughter of the late Eugene Kleinkopf.



Aron Frailey and Deanna Kleinkopf

Kleinkopf graduated in 1993 from Twin Falls High School and received her associate of science degree in 1996 from Utah Valley State College. She served an LDS mission in the Russia St. Petersburg Mission. She will graduate from Utah State University in May of 1999. Frailey graduated from Tooele High School and served an LDS

LAWLEY-NELKIN

TWIN FALLS — Gene and Marge Lawley of Twin Falls announce the engagement of their daughter, LaNel Lawley, to Maksim Nelkin. Lawley is a graduate of Colorado Christian University and currently teaches in Linton, Colo. Nelkin is a Russian citizen of the Republic of Lithuania. He formerly worked as a translator for the CIA. The wedding is planned for Monday in Tylet, First Baptist Church in Twin Falls.



LaNel Lawley and Maksim Nelkin

ANNIVERSARIES

THE HENNMANS

TWIN FALLS — Mr. and Mrs. Dale Henman of Twin Falls will be honored at an open house Saturday for their 60th wedding anniversary. Friends and relatives are invited to attend from 1 to 3 p.m. at the First Christian Church in Twin Falls. The couple requests no gifts, please. Henman and Virginia Brooks were married Dec. 31, 1938, in Twin Falls. They met while working at the Idaho Department Store and have lived in Twin Falls their entire married years. The event is being given by their daughter, Janice Edwards,



Dale and Virginia Henman and the extended family.

THE AUTHS

TWIN FALLS — Mr. and Mrs. Philip Auth of Twin Falls will be honored at an open house Jan. 3 for their 50th wedding anniversary. Friends and relatives are invited to call from 1 to 4 p.m. at Our Lady of Guadalupe Church, 650 Park Ave. in Twin Falls. No gifts, please. Auth and Marilyn Schmotzer were married Jan. 8, 1949, in Cleveland, Ohio. They lived in Bloomington, Ill., before moving to Twin Falls in 1972. The event is being given by their children, Philip (Suzanne) Auth and Joseph (Lillian) Auth, all of Twin Falls, Marc Auth and



Philip and Marilyn Auth

Christopher Auth, both of Boise, Eric (Paula) Auth of Champaign, Ill., and Lisa (Grady) Gerber of Snohomish, Wash. The couple has 12 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Anniversary or wedding planned? Let us know soon

The Times-News welcomes wedding, engagement and anniversary 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 party, please let us know by 5 p.m. Tuesday. Questions? Call Ramona Jones at 733-0931, Ext. 262.

PADILLA-BUTLER

TWIN FALLS — Elmer H. and Elva R. Padilla of Twin Falls announce the engagement of their daughter, Rose Elaine Padilla, to Timothy Daniel Butler, son of Jacki S. Swartz and Lee Swartz of Green River, Wyo. Padilla is a graduate of the College of Southern Idaho. She is employed at Deb at the Magic Valley Mall in Twin Falls. Butler is attending CSI and is employed at Sears in Twin Falls. The wedding date is not set yet.



Timothy Butler and Rose Elaine Padilla

WINDSOR-MUCHOW

TWIN FALLS — Ben and Connie Windsor of Twin Falls announce the engagement of their daughter, James Windsor, to Ryan Muchow, son of Craig and Patricia Muchow of Gooding. Windsor is a 1995 graduate of Twin Falls High School and a 1997 graduate of the College of Southern Idaho. She attended the University of Nevada Reno. She is employed by Windsor's Nursery. Muchow is a 1995 graduate of Gooding High School and attended CSI. He is employed by Airpower Unlimited. The wedding is planned for



James Windsor and Ryan Muchow

Tuesday at the Twin Falls Reformed Church.

FOX-SANFORD

SHAW — Louise Diane Fox and Filner Michael Sanford announce their engagement. Fox is the daughter of Janice Fox of Filer and the late James Fox. She attended Filer High School and Boise State University. She is employed by the Filer School District. Sanford is the son of Melvyn and Donna Sanford of Rexburg. He attended Rexburg High School and is employed by Swift Transportation. The wedding is planned for Thursday. The couple will reside in Filer.



Shawn Sanford and Louise Fox

STALLINGS-HATCH

TWIN FALLS — Mr. and Mrs. J. Dan Stallings of Twin Falls announce the engagement of their daughter, Rebecca Rose Stallings, to Eric Rossen Hatch, son of Dr. and Mrs. Gary M. Hatch, of Logan, Utah. Stallings graduated in 1993 from Twin Falls High School and served an LDS mission on the Toronto East and Mississippi Jackson Mission. She will graduate in 1999 from Utah State University in English.



Rebecca Stallings and Eric Hatch

Hatch graduated from Logan High School and served an LDS mission in the California Riverside Spanish-speaking Mission. He will graduate in 1999 from Utah State University in

ISTROK-UDY

MILITA — Congressman and Mrs. Ernest Istrok Sr. of Okla. announce the engagement of their daughter, Amy Alana Istrok, to Clint Udy, son of Lance and Kess Udy of Malta. Istrok is a graduate of Rocky College in Resaca. She is majoring in elementary education at Brigham Young University in Provo, Utah. Udy graduated from Utah State High School and Rocky College. He served a two-year LDS mission in the Tennessee Knoxville Mission. He is currently studying history and political science at Idaho State University in Pocatello, where he competes on the track and field team.



Clint Udy and Amy Istrok

The wedding is planned for Monday in the Salt Lake LDS Temple in Salt Lake City, Utah. A reception to honor the couple will be held from 7 to 9 p.m. Tuesday at the Elba LDS Church in Elba.

PRESCOTT-MCFARLAND

HEROME — Roy and Judy Prescott of Jerome announce the engagement of their daughter, Joanna Marie Prescott, to Shawn McFarland, son of Tom and Christine McFarland of Idaho Falls. Prescott is a student at the

University of Idaho in Moscow. McFarland is a graduate of the University of Idaho. He is employed by Blount Co. in Lewiston. The wedding is planned for Saturday.

Custody arrangements become creative

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Since her parents separated, Carra Chisolm, 6, has spent half her time with her mother and half with her father. But the law does not always reflect how she has grown up in. It's her parents who do the moving.

Each Sunday evening, Mike and Rebecca Chisolm pack their bags and trade places. One moves into the house in Reston, in suburban Virginia, with Carra, and the other returns to an apartment a half-mile away. Carra will Rollerblades with her friends on the neighborhood's cul-de-sac and plays with her dog, Wizard, every day. The only obvious sign of the dramatic change in her family life is the highlighting on the kitchen calendar that shows her parents' weekly shifts — "Mom's time" is in yellow and "Dad's time" in red.

"We wanted to keep our daughter's life as much the same as possible and keep our adult difficulties separate," said Mike Chisolm, 49, explaining the arrangement that has been in place since he and his wife, 43, decided last summer to divorce. "We didn't think it was fair to make our daughter do the switch back and forth. This way she gets to live on her surroundings, her toys, her friends (and her routine, and we put the burden on switching where it belongs."

The Chisolms' arrangement is unusual but not as rare as it used to be. More divorced couples are rejecting conventional custody agreements in favor of plans designed to make divorce less disruptive and traumatic for their children.

Some, like the Chisolms, move in and out of the same home. Some live on the same street. Others decide who will be in

charge on a given day, based on who is closer to a child's soccer game or music lesson. Some change their custody agreement as their children grow, gradually, as the growing research on what works best for children at each

age level. "Although not one-size-fits-all, the trend toward lawyers, judges, mediators, therapists and single-parent communities all say they have noticed an increase in divorce plans tailored to children's

needs. "Parents are doing wonderfully unique and customized kinds of arrangements for the benefit of their children," said Jay Fahlberg, dean of the University of San Francisco School of Law, whose specialty is joint parental custody.

Magic Valley Wedding Planning Directory

A wedding is one of the single most important events in a person's life...the following businesses can help make it a memorable occasion.

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- FAMILY NEWS YOU CAN USE -

No obstacle to divorce

The barriers you think will stop you from going over the edge into divorce do not. "Once people begin to suspect their marriage may be in trouble, concern about children's welfare, fear of losing children, religious beliefs, financial concerns, and worry about what family and friends will think do not deter divorce," says Penn State researcher Chris Knoetzer.

Just saying no

Encouraging news on the young and the restless: Teenage boys are saying no to sex more often, in part because they are becoming more con-

servative and in part because of fears about AIDS. The percentage of young men ages 17 to 19 who said they have had sex with a woman stood at 75 in 1988, but dropped to 68 in 1995, says a study by the Urban Institute.

Lasting damage

Please, please get the lead out! The damage that lead exposure is known to cause to learning ability in early childhood may be only partly reversible, Australian researchers report in the Journal of the American Medical Association.

Compiled from wire reports

SENIORS

Thoughts for the New Year

For some reason, the year, 1961 always sticks in my mind. Perhaps it is because it was the first time I really considered myself an adult and the first time I ever thought seriously about my own mortality.

Our first daughter was due to be born in May, and, though I looked forward to the event with great joy, I also felt some trepidation, knowing all the responsibilities that came with raising a child, and wondering whether I was capable, particularly in the 60's, with all its hippies, love children and commutes.

What was the good coming to, I wondered to myself, and would we survive all the weirdness that was part of that particular generation?

Now here we are getting ready to enter 1999, and we not only survived the 60's, but also the 70's and the 80's, and our children are grown and happy with their lives. I'm sure, worries about their own children that are similar to those I had in the 60's.

Somehow, in spite of us, the world goes on from year to year, time and the human race, in spite of itself, goes on too, and hopefully, in the end, the good outweighs the bad and the joys outweigh the sorrows.



AFTER CLASS
Gay Paterson

I think, as I look back over the years, that this era has been very interesting. We have advanced in ways our forefathers one hundred years ago would never have imagined.

Technology, of course, far outweighs everything else in contributing to that advancement, and, as a result of that technology, our lives have become easier, our health has improved, and we are living longer.

But there is also an unpleasant side to this advancement. We are using up more of our natural resources, and, perhaps, our lives are more stressful than was true in the past because technology has allowed us to pile up more "things" "faster" than ever before.

As always, then, there are tradeoffs in all aspects of our lives.

As we look forward to 1999 I want to concentrate for a

moment on those tradeoffs.

Let's look ahead, and consider some things:

"Have we prepared our careers for a possibly very fast and less certain future?"

"Have we been so self-absorbed that we have often excluded those we care about?"

"Have we prepared money, or pension, or whatever we think is important, with such zeal that other, more important things have fallen by the wayside?"

New years are always full of resolutions — most of which aren't kept.

But perhaps we might all resolve this year to be wiser, more serene, more positive, instead of concentrate ourselves down and making the best of our lives — doing the best we can to help correct our shortcomings, to stand up for what we believe in, and caring, happily, lovingly.

I believe that if we keep these resolutions we will feel less stressed and better about ourselves. And, if all of us will have done so, this year, improving our little corner of the world.

Happy New Year!

Gay Paterson is retired Wendell school teacher. Write to her at paterson@compuserve.com.



Charles Jackson comes away at ice on his sidewalk Tuesday in Portland, Ore., as most of the city cleans up from December's snowfall. The city received a dusting of between one and two inches of snow.

Staying healthy, and safe, all through the wintertime

The Healthcare Corner

To make sure you stay healthy and safe through winter, start preparing now. One of the best ways to do this is to take steps to prevent both indoor and outdoor falls in the best places to start.

The National Institute on Aging says falls are the most common cause of injury in older adults.

Each year thousands of senior citizens are disabled, sometimes permanently, by falls that result in broken bones and other injuries.

Lindsay Appel, director of rehabilitation at the Mission Geriatric Center, says, "Senior citizens are the most vulnerable to falls because they are often taking medications that make them dizzy or lightheaded. They are also often taking medications that make them dizzy or lightheaded."

Because of thinning bones, falling is one of the biggest health hazards seniors face.

"Most seniors know to walk with a cane when the weather's bad, but aren't going out to get the cane. All the best weather or walk the dog can be dangerous if it's slippery."

Key winter safety tips include: Check the structure of any stairs, steps or walkways. Secure hand-

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— Lindsay Appel, rehabilitation director

right by the door so you can scatter before you step out.

When you do leave home on foot, use special caution walking on wet and icy pavements. Take plenty of time when crossing roads in bad weather.

A cane or walking stick can help maintain balance. If you do drive, watch for slippery pavement when getting in or out of the car.

Not all winter falls happen outdoors. Because people spend more time indoors during colder months, Appel says, paying attention to inside accident prevention is equally important.

"Folks will bundle up on the couch and stretch the phone over when they're sitting or they'll put down small rugs because the floor is cold," Appel said. "Then when they get up, they forget and take a tumble."

To keep your home safe, make

sure stairways, hallways and pathways are well-lit and clear of clutter.

If you've added small carpets or scatter rugs be sure they're well-secured to the floor or on non-skid mats.

Maintaining a regular program of exercise throughout the winter, says Robin Aborick, director of the Senior Health and Wellness Center at St. Frances Hospital and Medical Center in Connecticut, is important.

Supportive, well-fitting, low-heeled shoes and boots are also crucial to winter safety.

"Exercise helps you maintain strength and muscle tone. Something as simple as doing ankle rolls while you're watching TV can really make a difference. If you do start to trip, you'll be better able to catch yourself."

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"Women may be tempted to slip on their husband's boots if they're just going out to get something out of the car or for the mail," Aborick said.

"If your foot or shoe isn't securely anchored in your boot, you increase your risk of a fall."

Splitting assets among children

Family troubles are a result of such actions



NEXT STEPS
Jan Collins & Jan Warner

Q. My wife and I own a business that we have operated for nearly 35 years. We are both 64, and recognize that we must begin making plans to retire. But how to split assets to our son and daughter has caused their own concern. Our son (age 32) works in the business with us and is getting ready to marry for the first time. Our daughter (age 27) has been divorced three times, lost custody of her children, has had drug problems, and is getting ready to jump into a fourth ill-advised marriage.

Although we want to treat our children equally, we do not want our business — which is our major asset — sold out from under our son who works with us, or divided by some divorce court between our daughter and yet another ex-spouse. We have been to an old lawyer friend who could not come up with any reasonable solutions. Could you give us some pointers? We really don't know where to start.

A. In days past, wealth passed from one generation to another in an easily-identifiable form: land that did not change character or form. Today, however, wealth can take many forms that can change and lose their identity very quickly. Coupled with new laws that make it increasingly difficult to pass wealth to the next generation, no one can guarantee that the benefit will always be enjoyed by the intended beneficiary.

For example, the application of the term "matrimonial property" to gifts or inheritance received by one marital partner can cause chaos.

If you can't find this somewhat rare combination, then hire an estate and tax lawyer who can consult with a knowledgeable matrimonial lawyer. But be forewarned that whatever you do, there can be no guarantee that you will avoid the matrimonial theories of commingling, transmutation, and personal effort that might be applied by divorce courts to the properties, you transfer by gift or will.

Taking the NextStep: Here are what we perceive as your problem areas, along with some suggestions as dealing with your son and daughter require entirely different planning techniques.

1. If you intend to share your wealth with your son, do it before

in marital property to voluntary tax, and control issues, you may choose to place your business into a family limited partnership. In this way, you can give only property to a business and make sure your son receives it, but all to establish a discretionary value for estate tax purposes. Certain assets, such as a company, can be passed to your daughter — and her spouse past and present — and her spouse should be encouraged to sign a prenuptial agreement with this spouse.

2. Your daughter is another story. Although she is not married, a court might force her to divide her former spouse's trust for the child's support. It is paying. And, based on what you tell us, giving her a company, or making her sure you're worth it, may be the sure way to watch money be thrown away.

3. That's why you may want to consider using a lifetime or testamentary trust. These trusts are irrevocable trust structures that your trustee would make discretionary distributions of income and principal based on your daughter's need.

4. Remember that income and assets reserved from non-marital property that is transferred to family use may well be treated as marital property — the result you want to avoid — but to a lesser degree.

5. Finally, these suggestions will put you and your wife on your way to having the experts who may be able to help in your case. If you need more information, you can contact:

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Speaking man to man, most guys have lost that hugging feeling

The Dallas Morning News

The holidays are upon us, and good will toward men takes center stage. But does that have to include a hug?

"It's definitely the hugging season," says Greg Williams, co-host of the testosterone-fueled afternoon sports talk show on KTKC-AM in Dallas. "You have to brace up for the mother hugs and the girlfriend hugs. But I don't think I'll be hugging any of my guy friends."

Why not? "I'm just not a hugger at all," he said. "I don't think I could give you a reason. It's just something that's very uncomfortable. It shouldn't be an issue, but it is."

Williams, whose show is called "The Ball Game," no doubt speaks for a lot of men who want to keep the touchy-feel world at arm's length.

"People need physical contact with other human beings," says Stan Jones, a professor of professional studies at the University of Colorado and author of *The Right Touch*. "We are a contact species."

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But most men just aren't comfortable with it, unless it's an attractive woman.

There are, of course, lots of exceptions to the rule, as the accompanying photos illustrate. From the encounter groups of the 60s to the latest feel-good philosophies at the bookstore, hugs have been extolled as an unlimited, life-enhancing resource.

Male athletes do it all the time. Religious groups such as Promise Keepers are full of them. When they're not beating drums or sitting in sweat lodges, sensitivity groups in the "Iron John" movement are hugging one another like crazy.

Southwest Airlines chairman

Herb Kelleher is renowned as an enthusiastic serial hugger. Additions to his number of hugs are not. Unfortunately, he could not be squeezed for comment on this story.

"It's a hugger man's hugger," notes an official company spokesman.

Nonetheless, says spokesman Williams, check out any state-of-the-art hugger.

"You see a good-looking girl — there's a hugger," he says. "It's a son and mother. It's a guy and a woman. But if it's two guys, they're not hugging. They're just sitting there, hand toward each other. They get 2 feet away from each other, their hands for a shake."

"You just put the hugger up," he says. "It's like a hugger hugger point."

With a trace of regret in his voice, Jones concurs. The professor, who has spent years researching and promoting hugs, has just come from a reception honoring a retiring colleague.

"When I left, you know, I hugged Jones," he says. "And he hugged me back. You're going to hug me, too?"

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