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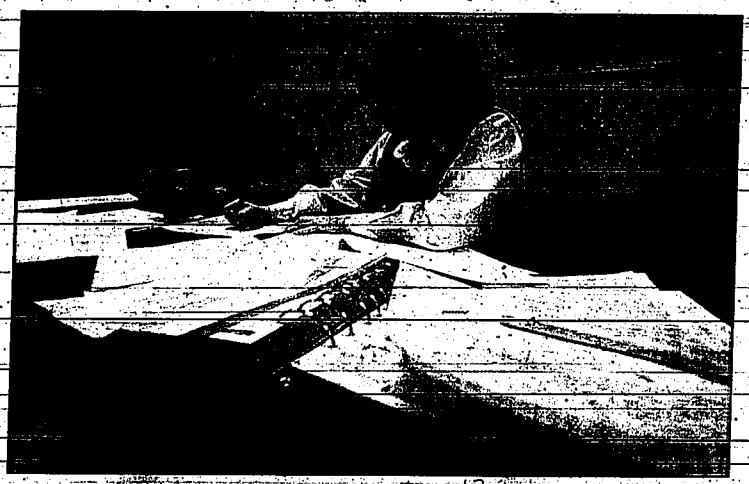

Sharon LaBrecque, a planner for the Sawtooth National Forest in Twin Falls, discusses with forest fisheries biologist John Lloyd revisions in standards and guides set for southwest Idaho.

Tight budget keeps forest workers out of forest

By M.S. HARRAWOOD
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Sharon [illegible] works on the road on a motorcycle. For a while, she was working 12 to 13 hours a day.

Jeff Cabardi puts in extra hours every week and spends one-third of the year on the road.

Both work for the U.S. Forest Service in Twin Falls. They are covering more territory and taking on added responsibilities as their colleagues retire and tightening budgets leave their positions open.

Forest Service budgets have been at the center of several resource issues in southern Idaho in the past couple of years – most recently a controversial user fee on a portion of the Sawtooth National Forest, and before that, a streamlined grazing enforcement policy.

Critics say the agency is spending more time and money on process and not enough on the things that need to be done on the ground. On this point, Sawtooth forest officials and employees might agree. They're increasingly tied up in travel and red tape, spending more time on the road and in the office and less time out on forest lands.

The total Forest Service budget, and budgets for the Intermountain Region and the Sawtooth forest, have stayed nearly constant from 1993 through 1997.

Meanwhile, fixed costs have risen steadily, tightening budgets. The bulk of those fixed costs is salaries. To balance the equation, the forest is trying to cut the number of permanent employees, Supervisor Bill LeVere said.

The number of employees on the Sawtooth peaked at 141 in 1993. In 1996 the Sawtooth, in conjunction with the Boise and Payette forests, decided to cut back 149 positions – 25 of them on the Sawtooth.

Since 1996, the number of employees on the Sawtooth has dropped to about 118.

But the workload hasn't decreased. If anything, public expectations and federal requirements have increased.

On the job

LaBrecque started with the Sawtooth forest in 1990 as an assistant planner. In 1992 her boss retired and she was moved up to planner. For four to five months she also worked as acting ecosystems staff officer, and as acting deputy ranger of the Sawtooth National Recreation Area.

She now is working on a forest plan revision in conjunction with the Boise and Payette forests. By working together on common issues, the forests have reduced the number of people working on the revision. But it means she has to travel more.

"It's pretty tough for those of us that end up having to travel a lot," she said.

As another administrative officer gets ready to retire, she will take on some of his duties as well, either adding more work or [illegible]

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U.S. Forest Service budget changes

This breakdown shows how U.S. Forest Service budgets changed – and how the money comes to the field.

The national budget gets passed on to regions, such as Region 4, headquartered in Ogden, Utah. The Ogden office passes on money to individual forests, such as the Sawtooth National Forest, which in turn funds the Sawtooth National Recreation Area.

Year	National	Region 4	Sawtooth	SNRA
1993	2,904,722,000	191,125,000	12,458,000	4,440,000
1994	2,793,544,000	188,156,000	11,372,000	2,922,300
1995	3,023,754,000	215,777,000	11,275,000	2,574,000
1996	2,647,669,000	868,793,000	10,795,000	3,065,500
1997	2,802,140,000	206,673,000	11,251,000	2,253,000

The shrinking Sawtooth

How a national forest's budget and how it affects you

Today: Long hours, tight money.

Monday: Users' perspectives

Idaho seeks natural disasters

INEEL hopes to become disaster-simulation capital of the world

Chicago Tribune

IDAHO FALLS — This dusty, desolate plain in the middle of an 892-square-mile desert in southeast Idaho is nearly 2,000 miles from the Atlantic Ocean. Yet in a few years, it could be the site of some devastating hurricanes.

Tornadoes and earthquakes may also strike, ripping apart homes and other buildings that would be erected on the land.

Fortunately, the disasters would be man-made, not the natural variety. If all goes according to plan, they would be part of an ambitious project aimed at establishing the world's largest disaster-simulation facility at the Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory.

Though it could be a movie director's dream, the proposed facility has a more serious intent: to provide scientists, researchers and engineers an how houses and other buildings could be better constructed to withstand the ravaging fury of hurricanes, tornadoes and earthquakes.

Officials are attempting to finance the $200 million project almost entirely with money from the insurance and construction industries.

Construction experts, the insurance industry, federal emergency officials and other proponents say the project is increasingly important in light of the growing cost — and human toll — of such past disasters as Hurricane Andrew in 1992 and the Northridge, Calif., earthquake in 1994 as well as the recent hurricanes in the southeast. They assume that tornadoes and airplanes endure significant [illegible] as they should if houses undergo similar trials under adverse conditions.

"If you had a choice of buying a house that was tested and validated (to withstand natural disasters) and didn't cost significantly more, you would push everybody out of the way to have it," said Bart Kreuser, former vice president for engineering at Lockheed Co.'s facility in Calabasas, Calif.

Kreuser, who oversaw the new

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Snow, ice storm shuts down Midwest travel

The Associated Press

A huge snowstorm blew across the Midwest on Saturday with whiteout conditions and drifts up to 8 feet high, canceling hundreds of airline flights, forcing motorists off roads and keeping mail deliverers from their appointed rounds.

"I knew it was going to be here one way or another," said snowplow driver Kerry Morris in Des Moines, Iowa.

By Saturday afternoon, the storm had dumped 17 inches at Chicago's Midway Airport, it was 13 inches deep in western Indiana's Parke County, and 10 inches of new snow had fallen in southwestern Ohio and Eldora, Iowa. Up to 15 inches was forecast in Missouri, and two feet was likely at Marquette, Mich.

Wind gusting to 40 mph created blizzard conditions and northern Indiana's LaGrange County pulled its plows off the roads because snow was drifting 5 to 8 feet deep.

Icy roads contributed to more than a half-dozen deaths throughout the region.

"It's nasty. I wouldn't want to have to go out," Vickie Berkey said from her home near Angola, Ind. "There's a drift in front of the garage and it just keeps getting bigger."

More than 50 of Indiana's counties and cities declared snow

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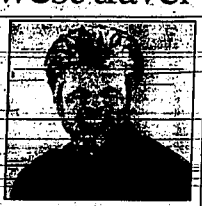

AP photo

Jim Leonard of Ann Arbor, Mich., shows off his snowy face after sledding on Saturday. A huge snowstorm blew across the Midwest with whiteout conditions and drifts up to 8 feet high, canceling hundreds of airline flights and forcing motorists off roads.

More on the storm – A10

Kicking the fat

Health clubs see membership boost with resolutions

By Brian Haynes
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Janelle Gilson didn't know what she was getting into.

It wasn't an aerobics class. It wasn't a self-defense class. It was both.

For an hour she kicked, punched and elbowed along with more than a dozen other people in sweats and spandex at the aerobic kickboxing class at the Twin Falls Fitness Center.

A few sets of sit-ups and stretching and the workout is complete. Only a few dozen more to go.

"I've never sweat so much," said Gilson, who signed up at the Twin Falls Fitness Center for Christmas.

But sweating was a good thing Saturday, the second day of 1999. It was a day to take the first step toward completing her New Year's resolution of losing weight.

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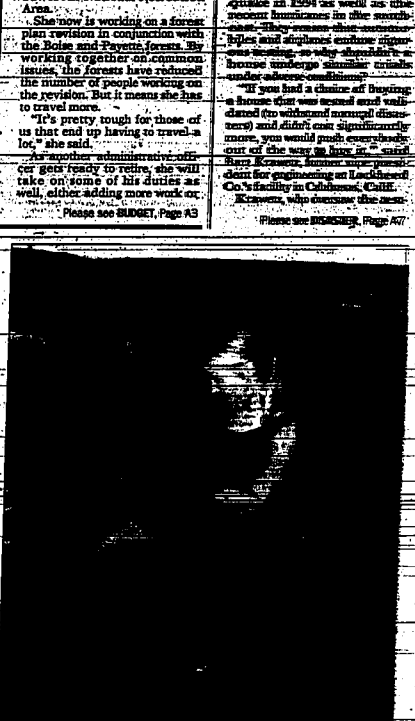

Lynsey Nutting, front, and Sherri Andersen try out aerobic kick boxing for an after-holidays workout.

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The Region

Camas Prairie

High: 28 Low: -2
Mostly sunny and mostly clear tonight. Mostly sunny on Monday.

Treasure Valley

High: 30 Low: 18
Mostly sunny with light winds. Mostly clear tonight. Mostly sunny on Monday.

Sawtooth Mountains/ Wood River Valley

High: 28 Low: -20
Mostly sunny with patchy morning fog. Variable high clouds tonight. Mostly sunny on Monday.

Eastern Idaho

High: 30 Low: 22
Mostly sunny with morning clouds in the afternoon. Winds out of the southwest from 5-15 mph. Partly sunny on Monday.

Northern Idaho

Partly sunny with light wind and morning fog. Partly cloudy tonight. Variable high clouds on Monday.

Northern Utah

High: 33 Low: 5
Partly cloudy today and tonight. Partly cloudy on Monday.

Northern Nevada

High: 43 Low: 10
Mostly sunny with clear skies tonight. Mostly sunny on Monday.

Magic Valley five-day forecast

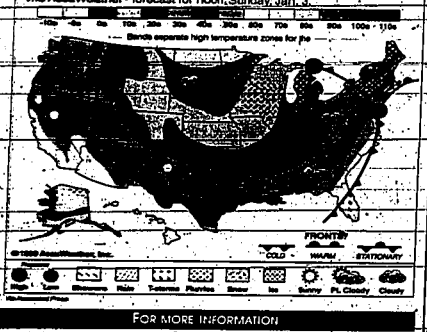
Today	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
High: 35 Low: 17 Patchy morning fog and mostly sunny in the afternoon. Mostly clear tonight.	High: 35 Low: 17 Mostly sunny.	High: 40s Low: 20s Partly cloudy with slight chance of snow.	High: 30s Low: 0 Partly cloudy and colder.	High: 30s Low: 0 Partly cloudy and colder.

Idaho weather

Saturday, Jan. 4

National weather

The AccuWeather® forecast for noon, Sunday, Jan. 5



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Tune to the National Weather Service radio band at VHF-FM 162.4 or 162.55 MHZ. The Internet address for Idaho Transportation Department road reports is:

Yesterday's weather

Twin Falls

Precipitation

Yesterday	.37	.27
Last year	.49	.35
Normal	.32	.10

Yesterday in Twin Falls .....
Month to date: 0.0
Normal mo. to date: .09
Water year to date: 2.05
Normal year to date: 3.12

Idaho

	Max	Min	Pcp
Boise	38	23	.....
Burley	36	26	.....
Fairfield	m	m	.....
Hagerman	m	32	.....
Idaho Falls	31	24	.....
Jerome	m	m	.....
Lewiston	32	27	.....
Malad	m	m	.....
Malta	m	22	.....
McCall	29	4	.....
Pocatello	31	28	.....
Salmon	28	16	.....
Stanley	18	-5	.....
Sun Valley	m	7	.....

Highs/Lows

Idaho: High, 40 degrees at Lowell. Low, -5 degrees at Stanley.
Nation: High and low temperatures are unavailable.

Comfort factors

Noon humidity: 61%
Noon barometer: 30.27

The Nation

Due to problems with the National Weather Service, U.S. temperatures are unavailable today.

Canadian Cities	Max	Min	Pcp
Calgary	25	-2	.....
Montreal	2	-11	.....
Toronto	16	4	.....
Vancouver	44	31	.....

Idaho road report

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

Interstate 84 — Oregon line-Glenns Ferry, dry; Glenns Ferry-I-84/I-86 Junction, wet; I-84/I-86 Junction-Utah line, icy, broken snow fleet; Interstate 86 — Raft Lake City-Raft River, wet; Raft River-Interstate 84/Idaho Falls-Pocatello, dry.

Interstate 15 — Utah line-Idaho Falls, dry; Idaho Falls-Dubois, icy, broken snow fleet; snow fleet Monida Pass, icy spots.

Interstate 90 — Washington line-Coeur d'Alene, dry; 4th of July Pass, dry; Cataldo-Lookout Pass, wet, icy spots.

Idaho 55 — Boise-Horseshoe Bend, dry; Horseshoe Bend-Donnelly, icy spots, icy; Donnelly-McCall, dry; wet, Knoxbear Lake Pass; icy spots, icy, broken snow fleet.

Idaho 21 — Boise-Idaho City, dry, icy spots; Idaho City-Lowman, dry, icy spots, broken snow fleet; Lowman-Stanley, closed.

Idaho 75 — Ketchum-Stanley, dry, wet; Ketchum-Lake Pass; icy spots, icy, broken snow fleet.

U.S. 20 — Interstate 84-Ashton, dry; Ashton-Stanley Junction, dry, wet, broken snow fleet.

Idaho 75 — Ketchum-Junction U.S. 20, wet; Junction U.S. 20-Ketchum, icy spots; Ketchum-Galena, broken snow fleet; Galena-Clayton, icy spots; Clayton-Challis, icy, broken snow fleet.

U.S. 93 — Nevada line-Carey, dry; Carey-Craters of the Moon, wet; Craters of the Moon-Arco, dry; Arco-Jct. U.S. 20, wet, slush; Belmont-Jct. U.S. 20, dry, wet, broken snow fleet; Shoshone-Twin Falls, dry, wet.

U.S. 91 — Dry.

U.S. 30 — Idaho-Burley, wet; McCammon-Wyoming line, dry.

U.S. 26 — Blue Shoshone, icy spots; Junction U.S. 20-Wyoming line, dry.

Idaho 51 — Dry.

Idaho 21 — Wet.

Across the nation

Idaho: An upper ridge of high pressure off the west coast continued pushing variable high clouds over the state Saturday afternoon.

By afternoon, lingering low clouds in the southeast valleys began to decrease, but low clouds and patchy fog was expected to return again late Saturday evening lasting through the morning hours.

Nation: A strong winter storm smacked the Midwest and Southeast on Saturday with heavy snows and freezing rain.

Heavy snow fell across areas of Iowa, Minnesota, Wisconsin, Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, and Ohio. A strong squall line of thunderstorms and strong winds and isolated tornadoes exceeded from northern Mississippi southeastward along the Gulf Coast of Texas.

A line of freezing rain made very tricky across southern Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, and northern Kentucky.

The Northeast sat under a cold dome of high pressure with very chilly temperatures across the area.

-The Associated Press

Resolution

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"I've never lost the baby fat after two years," she said. "I'm tired of feeling fat."

Gilson was one of the millions of Americans who resolved to lose weight in 1997, and whose optimism is a boon for health clubs, which see a sharp rise in new members when a new year comes.

"We've had so many people come in and sign up," said Donna Hall of Twin Falls Fitness Center.

The club signed up 25 new members one day last week, and the rush will continue through the next few weeks as people resolve to get fit, she said.

"Isn't that everyone's New Year's Resolution, to get in shape by summer?" prospective club member Karen Petersen said. "Then you splurge and lose it by winter."

The 49-year-old cross-country skis and bicycles occasionally, but that's not the same as committing to an workout three times a week, she said.

Petersen was considering joining the club, because of the deal it's also been recommended to exercise regularly.

Sherri Anderson came to the fitness lingering to get in shape and lose some weight.

She brought along her 15-year-old cousin, Tammy Ewing, who was looking to get fit for summer boarding.

"It's a way to make you feel better," Ewing said.

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Killings decline, but gun-deaths rate climbs

WASHINGTON (AP) — The nation's murder rate fell in 1997 to a level last seen 30 years ago, but young Americans with firearms still are killing each other at a relatively high rate, the Justice Department reported Saturday.

The nation's murder rate was 6.8 per 100,000 people, or 18,209 murders, about the same as rates during the late 1960s and the lowest since 6.2 per 100,000 in 1967. The 1997 rate was down from highs of 10.2 per 100,000 in 1980 and 9.8 in 1991. In 1950 the rate was 4.6 per 100,000.

"Our cities are now the safest they have been in a generation," the White House said in a written statement. "A variety of studies show that crime, and especially homicide, should continue to decline into the next year, and that is good news for Americans in 1998."

The Clinton administration attributed the declines to a 1994 crime law strong supported by the president.

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The Justice Department's statistical arm, the Bureau of Justice Statistics, released its analysis of FBI crime data for 1997 showing that while city dwellers remained more likely to be murder victims, much of the decline in the murder rate was posted in the nation's largest cities. In cities with populations above 1 million, the murder rate fell from 35.5 per 100,000 in 1991 to 20.3 per 100,000 in 1997.

The sharp increase in killings in the late 1980s and much of the subsequent decline are attributable to a rise and fall in gun violence involving young people, the report said.

Still, while firearm killings by 25-year-olds and older plummeted by roughly half to about 5,000 between 1980 and 1997, gun-killings by young people 18 to 24 increased from about 5,000 in 1980 to more than 7,500 in 1997.

Other findings:

- Americans 18-24 were the most likely murder victims in 1997, with a rate of 33.2 per 100,000 people.
- Murder rates generally were higher than the average in the South and on the West Coast and lower in New England and the Rocky Mountain states.
- Men are most likely to be the killers and the victims. Men were more than nine times more likely than women to commit murder, and both men and women killers are more likely to target male victims.

Storm

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emergencies, banning unnecessary travel; Indiana Gov. Frank O'Bannon declared a state of emergency.

"The roads are impassable," said Pam Bright of the Indiana Emergency Management Agency.

The Postal Service even quit delivering mail in the Indianapolis area. Rain, slush and freezing temperatures made it too dangerous for carriers to walk their routes, said Postmaster Mike Lamborne.

Many Chicagoans said the storm brought back memories of the "Blizzard of '79," which dumped about 19 inches of snow on the city and other parts of Illinois.

Mayor Richard M. Daley said more than 200 pieces of snow-fighting equipment would be deployed. The city's delay in plowing away the 1979 snowfall was blamed for Jane Byrne's defeat in her re-election bid.

Thousands of travelers found themselves without a ride as hundreds of flights through major airports were canceled or delayed.

"It's been a completely hectic madness," said Sue Skelton, a worker at a coffee shop in Ohio's Port Columbus International Airport, where one of the two runways was shut down. "Lots and lots of people, waiting around, waiting around."

AWAS canceled nearly 400 morning flights at St. Louis, its main hub, at Chicago's O'Hare International Airport. American canceled all flights through mid-night Saturday, and United shut down everything after midafternoon.

United spokesman Mary Tracy said anyone planning to fly out of O'Hare should wait until Monday — or Tuesday.

There are no more delays and cancellations elsewhere across the country, including Denver and New York City's three major airports. Northwest Airlines shut down about 150 flights systemwide and Delta canceled dozens of flights to the Midwest.

Detroit's Metropolitan Airport planned to stay open through the storm, said spokesman Mike Cassidy. Cross skies down one of the three runways at a time to clear away snow, while thousands of travelers inside the terminal scrambled to rebook canceled flights.

Even hardy Minnesotans were grounded by the weather. The University of Minnesota basketball team's game at Purdue was called off because of the weather in West Lafayette, Ind., and the team was stuck at a hotel in Indianapolis because the city's airport closed.

All trips out of the Greyhound Bus station in Milwaukee were canceled Saturday. One of the stranded travelers was 20-year-old Frank Ramos, who had ridden a bus from New York City and was trying to get to Appleton, Wis., 100 miles north of Milwaukee, to give his girlfriend an engagement ring and meet her parents.

"I'm trying to have a good attitude," Ramos said. "I don't know when I'm going to get there. If I have to go walking I probably will."

Blizzard conditions resulted in two car pileups on Wisconsin highways Saturday, killing one person. A 10-year-old Iowa boy was killed Friday when he sledded in front of a truck. Two people were killed in car accidents in Missouri on Friday. Nebraska and Arkansas each had two storm-related traffic deaths Friday. Illinois had one storm-related death.

Smithsonian gets out and about

WASHINGTON (AP) — In its Washington home, the Smithsonian Institution reflects all stone and brick and permanence. But on the road it turns into a pretty spry outfit.

Fine art traveled from junction to junction by rail in one mobile Smithsonian show, the train becoming the art gallery. Highbrow glass creations sparkled at the Silver Dollar City amusement park in Branson, Mo.

The flash of Broadway, the forlorn prairie schoolhouse, the murky mysteries of the Florida manatee all are being celebrated in shows moving from the National Mall to a shopping mall near you.

Or to a library, school, museum, theater or historical society.

Those places range from Miami to Menomonie, Wis., both planning to play host to "Red, Hot & Blue," a salute to Broadway and Hollywood musicals. No fewer than three exhibitions about quilts and the people who make them have been on tour this year.

The traveling exhibits vary in size as much as the venues do.

The Smithsonian has been taking exhibits out of Washington since 1952, but venues traditionally were large urban museums and foreign embassies until the 1976 bicentennial. That's when the institution began fanning out far and wide and into smaller places.

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Correction

A story Friday gave the incorrect figure for the amount of money raised by Freeze on Skis in 1998. The correct amount was more than $10,000.

The Times-News regrets the error.

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Budget

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figuring out things not to do. There is no budget for overtime, and many employees end up donating several hours a week, she said.

Gabardi, a mining engineer with the Sawtooth, has taken on responsibilities over a broader area that includes all of southern Idaho and much of Nevada. He also reviews paperwork from projects in other states. The job keeps him on the road about 100 days a year.

"We're getting spread pretty thin," he said.

He moved over from Pocatello about six years ago. Like LaBrecque, he has taken over some responsibilities from staffers who retired but were not replaced.

He was willing to take on additional responsibility to give him some security and stay with his family in the Magic Valley, but he's working more hours.

Food chain

LeVere likens the Forest Service's budget process to a food chain. And the ranger districts are at the low end.

The agency develops a budget with the help of officials across the country and presents it to Congress.

Congress then appropriates money to Forest Service headquarters in Washington, D.C., which funds its own operations and national priority projects. What's left goes to 10 Forest Service regions around the country.

The Intermountain regional office in Ogden, Utah, in turn, funds its operations and projects with a regional priority. The rest goes to the region's 13 forests.

Typically, Forest Service budgets have favored natural resource industries – logging, mining and grazing, said Mike Fragnito, director of national forest programs with The Wilderness Society in Washington, D.C.

Fifty to 70 percent of the budget has gone to those uses, with 30 to 45 percent going to recreation, wildlife, watershed protection and other non-commercial uses, he said. But the agency seems to be starting to recognize the values of recreation and other uses.

"Extraction is no longer what people are demanding for the forests," he said.

The Sawtooth, like other forests across the country, funds its own operations and priority projects. The ranger districts and the Sawtooth National Recreation Area get the rest.

LeVere has little discretion over where the money goes. Most goes to fixed costs and national and regional priorities.

Less money reaches projects on the ground, said Stefany Bales, spokeswoman for the Intermountain Forest Industry Association.

Nationally, the agency is stuck "more political than priorities are set by Congress and the administration. And the agency increasingly spends money on analysis for the sake of analysis," Bales said.

Forest supervisors have virtually no control, she said. Many would like to fund local priorities, but they don't have the money at their control.

Clark Collins of Pocatello, executive director of the Blue Ribbon Coalition, a motorized off-road vehicle recreation group – targeted recreation money doesn't get the sort of projects his group is interested in.

Most of it ends up in wilderness areas, or other areas not open to motorized recreation, or it's eaten up in the bureaucracy, he said.

It used to be that there was enough money that no one complained much, LeVere said. But with budget cuts and rising costs, "there's not as much left any more."

One example is the recent listing of bull trout as a threatened species. The listing means the forest has to analyze all activities within the fish's habitat to keep the cows out there, to keep the campgrounds open and to keep loggers cutting trees, LeVere said.

This year the paperwork took two people – one from the SNRA and one from the Fairfield Ranger District – most of the year, about $300,000.

"There's no additional money that comes with that listing," he said.

And in January, federal employees will get a 3.6 percent pay increase, but the Sawtooth doesn't get any extra money to pay the raises.

Sen. Larry Craig, R-Idaho, chairman of the Senate Energy and Natural Resources subcommittee on forests, is concerned about priorities, spokesman Will Hart said. Forest health in particular needs a higher priority.

Craig wants to take a closer look at the entire agency during the upcoming session of Congress – both management and budget, Hart said.

Timber and other budget priorities

But Congress never reviews one-third to one-half of the agency's budget, Francis said. The Forest Service gets to keep a portion of the revenue from timber sales.

A tightening budget creates an incentive for forests to cut timber to get money, he said. But nationally, the timber harvest is dropping considerably.

In 1989, 12 billion board feet of timber were cut on national forest lands. By 1997, that had dropped to 3.6 billion board feet. That means a two-thirds drop in that section of the agency's income.

Timber revenues have never been a big budget factor on the Sawtooth, where the predominant uses are grazing and recreation. But other policies have had a definite effect.

- Local budgets have been effected by an increasing reliance on computers.

During the past few or five years, the Forest Service has invested in computers, and dissolves have gotten equipment instead of some of their money.

- The machines have helped keep up with increased requirements as the work force has dropped. And they have helped forests under increased pressure to back up decisions with factual data.

- Money also gets siphoned off at the regional level for some big projects, such as the environmental review of management of 75 million acres of public land in the interior Columbia Basin.

The project is costing federal agencies $30 million to $40 million, but the local contribution is maybe $50,000. It's that much less money for Sawtooth forest projects, but the information gathered can be used in required updates and amendments to forest plans. In the end it's probably a worthwhile investment, LeVere said.

- With the 2002 Winter Olympics on the way to Salt Lake City, the Ogden office wants to beef up recreational facilities in the Wasatch Front, to accommodate the expected increase in foreign visitors over the next few years.

"We are the non-priority," LeVere said.

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Sawtooth National Forest payroll

118 permanent full-time and part-time employees – $4,943,364

Position	Number	Salary
Forestry technician	32	$18,781-$45,024
Wildlife biologist	4	$37,215-$68,882
Forester	6	$37,215 to $48,310
Telecommunications/tape specialist	1	$38,283-$42,483
Motor vehicle operator	1	$12,738
Support services clerk	8	$21,783-$33,886
Civil engineer	2	$41,358-$52,465
Information receptionist	1	$18,815
Rangeland management specialist	5	$38,278-$48,310
Supervisory support specialist	1	$50,871
Realty specialist	1	$43,736
Purchasing agent	2	$24,975-$30,955
Computer assistant	2	$24,975-$32,155
Engineering equipment operator	5	$33,579-$37,749
Landscape architect	3	$43,374 to $58,592
District rangers and supervisor	6	$48,284-$77,865
Mining engineer	1	$55,508
Budget and accounting officer	1	$48,238
Maintenance worker	1	$14,868
Personnel assistant	1	$28,338
Accounting technician	1	$27,812
Hydrologist	2	$48,834-$67,899
Interpretive assistant	1	$19,443
Construction inspector	2	$31,881 to $38,675
Budget analyst	1	$34,024
Facilities manager	1	$38,132
Engineering equipment operator manager	1	$18,238
Land and planning specialist	1	$42,422
Fisheries biologist	1	$55,508
Timber management assistant	2	$22,455
Office automation clerk/typist	3	$15,361-$22,455
Information assistant	1	$24,932
Property accounting clerk	1	$23,869
Supervisory rangeland management specialist	1	$62,337
Secretary	1	$29,722
Wastewater technician	1	$38,238
Supervisory lands specialist	1	$50,881
Range technician	3	$25,884-$33,640
Biological science technician	1	$29,549
Civil engineering technician	1	$38,238
Resource clerk	1	$23,158
Supervisory civil engineer	1	$58,238
Administrative officer	1	$50,135
Minerals management specialist	1	$59,389
Rural development specialist	1	$35,088
Public affairs specialist	2	$34,684-$38,135
Outdoor recreation planner	1	$43,736
Seasonal employees earn $7.39 to $9.82 per hour.		

Budget study

The Government Accounting Office, the investigative arm of Congress, is working on a study of the U.S. Forest Service budget. The study – at the request of Sen. Larry Craig, R-Idaho, the chairman of the Senate Energy and Natural Resources subcommittee on forests – should be released in March.

Newslink

AP photo

Muslim militant Osama bin Laden, shown here Dec. 24, 1998, in southern Afghanistan, used religious references that seemed an admission he promoted the August bombings of two U.S. embassies in Africa.

Bin Laden says in interview he instigated terrorist attack

NEW YORK (AP) — Exiled Saudi billionaire Osama bin Laden appears to admit in a Time magazine interview that he instigated the terrorist bombing of two U.S. embassies in Africa.

The interview seems to be the closest that bin Laden has come to admitting a role in the deadly attacks. He has previously denied any role.

Time said the interview was conducted Dec. 22 at bin Laden's secret encampment in Afghanistan. He was specifically asked if he was responsible for the embassy attacks, and he couched his response in religious references like he did with most questions.

"If the instigation for jihad (holy war) against the Jews and the Americans... is considered a crime, then let history be a witness that I am a criminal," bin Laden said in the Jan. 11 issue of Time magazine. "Our job is to instigate, and by the grace of God, we did that, and certain people responded to this instigation."

On Dec. 24, a Pakistani news agency had quoted bin Laden as saying he was "not involved" in the bombing "but I don't regret what happened there."

U.S. officials have indicted bin Laden on charges of masterminding terrorist bomb attacks on American embassies in Kenya and Tanzania Aug. 7 that killed 224 people, including 12 Americans. He also is suspected in terrorist attacks on U.S. targets in Saudi Arabia and other incidents.

The United States retaliated 13 days later with cruise missile raids on bin Laden's mountain hideout in northern Afghanistan, and a plant in Khartoum, Sudan, that was suspected of making nerve gas components for bin Laden.

Asked if he knew two men in custody in the United States in connection with the bombings, bin Laden replied: "What I do know is that those who risked their lives to earn the pleasure of God are real men. They managed to rid the Islamic nation of disgrace."

Clinton's ambitious new defense spending plan includes big raises

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Clinton proposed a six-year infusion of $100 billion in new Pentagon spending Saturday, his answer to criticism of the armed forces' readiness to satisfy expanded commitments abroad despite aging weaponry and falling recruitment.

The proposal, which would end 1 1/2 decades of nearly flat defense spending, includes the largest military pay raise since 1982.

From Capitol Hill came immediate cries that Clinton's plan was insufficient to reverse the military's deteriorating readiness.

"Our troops continue to execute complex and dangerous missions far from home with flawless precision, as we've just seen in the Persian Gulf," the president said in his weekly radio address.

"Our challenge is to retain the ability to do this as we carry out our entire defense strategy."

Clinton's proposed $12-billion increase for the next fiscal year would combine $4 billion in new money and $8 billion made available from the Pentagon budget by lower-than-forecast inflation and fuel prices. It would mark the first time since 1991, the year of the Persian Gulf War, that Pentagon spending rose above the level of inflation.

It also would be the largest increase since President Reagan's Cold War buildup of the mid-1980s.

Plotted over six years, the Clinton administration's proposal would commit $100 billion additional funds to shoring up the Pentagon. The president's Defense Department request for the budget year beginning Oct. 1 would bring total military spending to $268.2 billion, a $10-billion increase over levels earlier planned for that fiscal year, administration officials said.

But Republican Sen. John Warner, incoming chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee who has long been critical of Clinton's treatment of defense spending, noted the military's joint chiefs testified to Congress last fall that they needed sums as high as $12.5 billion per year to repair readiness alone.

Because Clinton's proposed numbers lump in a pay raise and other benefits, Warner said, "It leaves very few funds for readiness and procurement and training expenses."

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NATION

For lawmakers, now the battle is over procedure

Key vote could come as early as next week

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — When Congress comes back to work this week, its first order of business will be the impeachment trial of the President of the United States, resuming a divisive process which has already brought months of anguish to both the nation and its leaders.

But as the venue changes from impeachment-ridden House to trial in the Senate, so, too, does the nature of the conflict. Before the Christmas intermission, the battle was joined on almost purely partisan grounds, as House Republicans, with minimal help from the Democratic minority, voted two articles of impeachment against President Clinton.

Now the fight is within the Republican Party itself, with Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott, R-Miss., trying to forge a bipartisan compromise on trial procedure in the face of opposition from the House prosecutors, some conservative senators and the conservative interest groups who form much of the party's political base of support.

It is still unclear how Lott's dilemma, a crucial test of his own and possibly his party's political future, will be resolved. In addition to consulting with his colleagues, Lott has been talking with House Judiciary Committee chairman Henry J. Hyde, R-Ill., about ways to proceed. There are likely to be many twists and turns — and other alternatives vetted — in a process that has been tested only once before in U.S. history, and in that case 130 years ago.

"We're all in uncharted territory here," Rep. Charles T. Canady, R-Fla., one of the House impeachment managers said in an interview last week.

Lott has indicated that he will formally convene the trial as early as Jan. 11. Under the Constitution, Supreme Court Justice William H. Rehnquist will preside, and will swear in the senators as jurors.

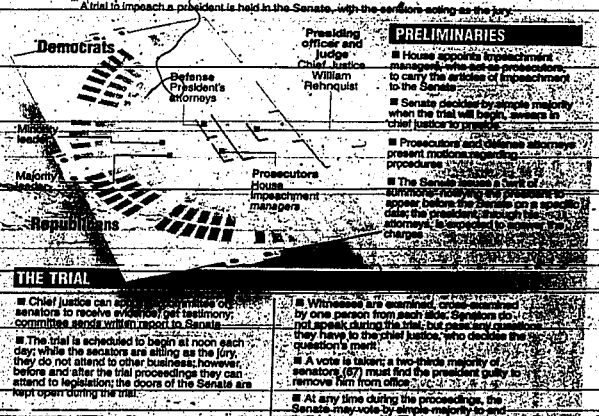
The Constitution gives the Senate virtual carte blanche on how it wishes to conduct the trial. Also, any senator may move to end or suspend the trial at any time, and needs only a simple majority, or 51 votes, to accomplish it. Rehnquist would break ties.

Both this reality — and the knowledge that it takes a two-thirds majority to convict a president and remove him from office — are motivating Lott to seek some sort of compromise that both Democrats and his own conservative colleagues can stomach.

Lott's plan, apparently supported by most Democratic senators and an uncertain number of Republicans, envisions a procedure in which senators, after initial arguments from both sides, would vote almost immediately on whether the alleged offenses committed by Clinton during his involvement with former White House intern Monica S. Lewinsky, rose to the level of removal from office.

The trial would proceed only if two-thirds of senators agreed. Otherwise the Senate would move immediately toward consideration of some kind of resolution censuring the president for his alleged misconduct.

By contrast, the House prosecutors, known as "managers," argue that only with a full-scale trial, complete with witnesses, will the Senate be able to make an informed judgment in the case and comply with its obligations under the Constitution. Such a trial would make it likely that the nation for the first time could see and hear direct testimony on the Senate floor from Lewinsky, her former friend Linda Tripp and other figures in the perjury and obstruction of justice case against Clinton.



Here is how the two leading options might be put into effect, as well as what might happen should the Senate, as is frequently the case, fail to reach quick consensus on a course of action:

The Lott Plan

Lott's office has emphasized that there is nothing final about his proposal, first conceived by Sens. Slade Gorton, R-Wash., and Joseph I. Lieberman, D-Conn., as a bipartisan method of quickly disposing of impeachment while giving both sides a fair opportunity to present their cases.

Under the plan, the House managers would present their case for conviction and removal from office on Monday, Jan. 11, and the White House would present its defense Tuesday. On Wednesday, the Senate would ask questions of the two sides, by passing them to Rehnquist, as the Constitution requires, who will read them. On Thursday, the Senate will vote on whether the offenses alleged rise to the level of conviction and removal from office.

With no Democrat now known to support removal, it appears unlikely that the measure will receive anything close to the two-thirds majority necessary to resume a full-scale trial. At that point, the likeliest outcome is that the Senate will close the trial and consider a censure resolution.

This procedure responds to an early proposal by Sen. Orrin G. Hatch, R-Utah, that a "hard count" to determine senators' views be taken early in the proceeding. It would serve as evidence to support the view expressed by many senators that the nation not be treated to an unseemly public discussion of the president's sexual habits when the votes to convict do not exist.

Many sources say, however, that Lott would be unlikely to press forward with his plan unless he could get a majority of the senate's 55 Republicans to support it, along with what would likely be almost all of the 45 Democrats. If the plan is dropped, sources point out that an early straw poll of sorts could be conducted in any number of other ways.

Any senator could immediately move to end the trial, or the White House could move to dismiss the proceeding on grounds that the alleged offenses did not rise to the level of conviction. In either case, the Senate would vote on the measures, and if two-thirds of senators did not oppose them, the results could be regarded as de facto evidence that there is not enough support for conviction.

If the Lott option, or something similar, succeeds, the Senate would then quite likely begin debating censure, an idea that presents its own set of difficulties. A fine or other concrete punishment presents difficulties because of a constitutional ban on "bills of attainder," sanctions against a single individual. This restriction could, perhaps, be circumvented, if Clinton agreed to the punishment beforehand.

The Senate must also decide whether a censure proposal would require Clinton to admit he lied under oath, a demand of many Republicans and one the president has so far resisted.

Formal, Full-Scale Trial

House managers say they are sympathetic to the public desire to finish with impeachment as rapidly as possible, and maintain that a full-scale proceeding need not consume the country for months. Rep. Asa Hutchinson, R-Ark., last week suggested the trial could be over in two to three weeks, even with testimony from 10-15 witnesses.

Some say that's overly optimistic. Under Senate rules, the White House must be given a significant period of time to respond to the charges read by the managers. Faced with the prospect of a full-scale trial it seems unlikely that the president's counsel would forgo this preparation period — probably 30 days — or that the House managers would forgo the subsequent two weeks allowed by the rules for them to prepare their own response.

And once the trial begins, it is difficult to see how the calling of witnesses could fail to prolong it. Democrats have long warned of looming gridlock should all three branches of government be preoccupied with a months-long impeachment trial.

In the absence of the Lott plan, however, the Senate has infinite ways of controlling the proceeding, probably by passing a resolution or resolutions governing procedures.

Other Possibilities

Even if the Lott plan leads to an early determination that the trial should not continue, senators may choose to suspend the proceedings, rather than end them, with the assumption that it could resume if the White House fails to cooperate on censure.

But what if the Senate cannot agree on censure details? There are some Democrats, including Sen. Tom Harkin (Iowa), as well as some Republicans, like Sen. John Ashcroft (Mo.), who don't like censure. Sen. Arlen Specter, R-Pa., has said censure "isn't worth a tinker's damn," and if enough senators agree with him, Clinton could end up with the Senate inflicting no punishment whatever.

Lott's proposal to shorten inquiry splits Republicans

Trent Lott

WASHINGTON (AP) — When the 106th Congress convenes on Wednesday, the Senate will open more than just another legislative year.

First on the agenda are the perjury and obstruction of justice charges the House passed last month against President Clinton.

Under pressure from conservatives to both hold a full-fledged trial and complete the GOP's legislative agenda, Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott has proposed a truncated trial to start the week of Jan. 11.

The proposal has come under fire from Republicans who want a full hearing of the evidence against Clinton. Many logistical questions — such as how long the trial will last and whether to discuss censuring the president — remain to be answered, likely after Republicans and Democrats caucus privately on Wednesday. Shortly beforehand, however, they will be sworn in. When the trial opens, the articles of impeachment will be read and Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist, who would preside over the trial, will be sworn in. Then, all 100 senators would swear to a special oath as jurors.

Clinton's defense team will then have an opportunity to answer the charges.

At any time, senators could overrule Rehnquist's rulings with a simple majority vote.

Lawmakers widely believe, however, that the two-thirds majority doesn't exist to remove Clinton from office.

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California Gov. Pete Wilson will leave office after two terms with a mixed legacy of economic rebirth, social conflict and the start of a hoped for renaissance in education.

California governor departs with a mixed legacy of service

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) — As his tumultuous eight years as governor draw to a close Monday, Pete Wilson leaves a mixed legacy — economic and educational rebirth amid social conflict.

Wilson began with a reputation as a moderate Republican as mayor of San Diego and in the U.S. Senate. But he may be remembered most for the backlash against him by Hispanics, who felt that Proposition 187, his 1994 attempt to curtail state benefits for illegal immigrants, was racially motivated.

Wilson has insisted he had fairness, not racism, on his mind when he backed Proposition 187. He also said he wanted to end racial discrimination — not perpetuate it — when he sponsored Proposition 209 in 1996 to abolish racial preferences in state jobs, contracts and college admissions.

But Hispanics, a growing political force in California, remain alienated by what Democratic Gov.-elect Gray Davis describes as Wilson's "divisive eight-year era of wedge issue politics." And overwhelming Democratic victories this past year in California are a result.

"There has been an unceasing effort to sell Pete Wilson as a false image," Wilson said in an interview. "It is not only unfair to me and Republicans, it is grossly unfair to them, because they have been — deceived and misled, persuaded that they are surrounded by racists."

But the 65-year-old Wilson, who briefly sought the Republican nomination for president in 1996 and hopes to run again in 2000, can't escape all responsibility for that impression.

In the battle to repeal state preferences, Wilson relished going toe-to-toe in the national media against civil rights leader Jesse Jackson.

And the most lasting image of his political career is a grainy black-and-white television commercial in 1994 showing illegal immigrants running frantically through a border crossing while an announcer warns, "They keep coming."

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Under Wilson, however, the state regained 800,000 jobs it lost in the recession, plus 900,000 more. Today, California's economy is stronger, more diverse and thriving despite turmoil in its biggest export markets in the Far East.

Wilson also reformed a fraud-plagued workers' compensation system to both increase employee benefits and reduce premiums, making California companies more competitive with business in other states and nations.

"Economic recovery brought higher state tax revenues, which Wilson directed into targeted tax cuts to encourage more business development and improve the schools.

He reduced class sizes by one-third for more than 1 million children in early elementary grades, increased spending per pupil by 32 percent and supported a successful $9.2 billion education bond in 1998 — the largest in the history of any state.

And no other California governor faced as many serious crises. The state was in the grip of its most severe drought in a generation when he took the oath of office in 1991. The state also suffered billions of dollars in damage from drought, floods, mudslides, an earthquake, devastating fires and other natural disasters during his term.

Other crises were manmade: the national recession, exacerbated in California by post-Cold War military base closures and cutbacks in defense contracts. Wilson faced deficits of $14 billion in his first budget and $10 billion in his second.

Mark DiCamillo, director of the Field Poll, notes that since Proposition 187, the Republican share of new registrations among California Hispanics has been cut by more than one-third. However, he said, Wilson's overall record resonates positively with voters as his governorship ends.

"More people are giving him an excellent or good job performance rating," DiCamillo said. "He is getting some credit for the robust nature of the economy and the general perception that California is on the right track."

Some of President Nixon's actual, innermost thoughts come to light

WASHINGTON (AP) — Richard Nixon used to grumble that he didn't get enough credit for working through lunch hours and into the night. He felt that 99.9 percent of government people had nothing to contribute and referred to junior aides as "little boys."

Those candid views of the 37th president come from one of the few people outside the National Archives to have heard some of the still-secret tapes and Dictabelts the government seized when Nixon resigned in 1974.

In a report entered as evidence in a lawsuit, appraiser Steve Johnson wrote that Nixon turned "earthy and mildly profane" when having to confront the distasteful. And when Nixon tried to make a joke, his humor "might be characterized as corny," the appraiser said.

On the other hand, Nixon was a hard worker, Johnson wrote. "He can discuss any detail precisely, without preparation, even with the specific staff person within the bureaucracy who is working on the matter."

Johnson was hired by the late president's estate to appraise the recordings for its lawsuit against the government seeking $210 million in payment and interest for materials Nixon left behind. His estate used the report to show that the tapes were valuable historic documents.

The government argues that paying anything would "convert a national legacy into a national embarrassment."

Johnson reported that Nixon felt "that 99.9 percent of government people have nothing new to add to anything" and "routinely refers to the non-senior staff members as 'little boys.'" He added, "On one occasion he makes a statement warning that 'Some of these little boys should not hear the kind of talk we will be doing to plan this speech.'"

Previously released tapes dealt mostly with Watergate, while Johnson's summaries offered a first glimpse into unreleased tapes among the 3,700 hours of Nixon recordings in the archives.

In Nixon's words

The quotes words come from the report of Steve Johnson, who was hired by attorneys for the Richard Nixon estate to appraise the value of the Nixon tapes:

- Oct. 10, 1969: Nixon complained he got no public relations exposure about working through lunch hours without eating and late into the night.
- Dec. 11, 1970: Nixon directed aide H.R. Haldeman to divide the staff between liberals and the faithful and "to use liberals for their talents but keep them separately."
- April 6, 1971: In a phone call, Nixon asked the secretary of agriculture if a bug existed that would eat the plants that produce opium and other drugs. When he repeated about that such a bug is called a screwworm, his assistants are heard laughing.
- April 7, 1971: Nixon commented to adviser Henry Kissinger that his Vietnam speech that night was a work of art. Kissinger replied that Nixon was saving the country.
- April 17, 1971: Nixon recalled a question from a group of editors asking what came into his head when he woke up in the middle of the night. Nixon had replied that he pondered achieving world peace, but privately told aides he wished he told the truth: that he thought about going to the bathroom just like everybody does when they get up at night.
- May 18, 1971: Nixon ordered aide John Ehrlichman to fire the director of the National Institute of Mental Health for calling marijuana offenses as minor as traffic violations.
- May 28, 1971: Nixon wondered about bugging Democrats in search of improprieties, saying that it may be the wrong thing to do but was necessary in order to answer campaign attacks later.
- June 23, 1971: In a tape which captured the noises of a thunderstorm outside, Nixon advised aides to protect their places in history by writing memos and recording important conversations.
- Sept. 28, 1971: Nixon said he attended the funeral of liberal Supreme Court Justice Hugo Black over his better judgment. Sounding bitter and upset, he bemoaned that the eulogist, the Rev. Duncan Howlett, made remarks critical of Nixon.
- Nov. 16, 1971: Nixon expressed reluctance to address a union convention, saying he does not want to appease labor leaders "the lowest people on the totem pole."
- May 3, 1972: Nixon discussed infiltrating Sen. Edward M. Kennedy's inner circle with "people who are mostly Catholics."
- July 20, 1972: Nixon commented that Nelson A. Rockefeller's mother had died and "nobody had told the president to send a letter."

Storms may delay launch

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — Thunderstorms may delay NASA's planned launch today of a Mars lander.

Forecasters said Saturday that storms would move into the area overnight, reducing the odds of acceptable launch weather to a scant 30 percent. Much better weather is expected Monday.

The Mars Polar Lander is scheduled to take off aboard an unmanned Delta rocket in midafternoon and arrive at the red planet in December, setting down on three legs near the planet's South Pole.

The Polar Lander will scoop up and analyze Martian soil to see if any water ice is present. It's the companion to the Mars Climate Orbiter, some 4 million miles from Earth following a launch last month.

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Author criticizes Oklahoma grand jury

The Tulsa World

OKLAHOMA CITY — A man who claims to have been indicted for allegedly attempting to influence a grand jury that probed the Oklahoma City bombing criticized the jury for not uncovering a bombing conspiracy or finding a John Doe No. 2.

David Hoffman, author of "The Oklahoma City Bombing and The Politics of Terror," maintains that he was named in an indictment issued by the grand jury on an allegation that he sent copies of his book to jurors head during the course of their investigation. Hoffman, who contacted The Tulsa World by telephone on Friday, would not say whether the allegation was true.

The grand jury filed a final report on its investigation Wednesday and returned a sealed indictment. The charge would not be made public until an arrest was made, authorities said.

The jury complained earlier of one or more people who "took the outrageous step of anonymously contacting one or more of our members at their homes." The jury said it was offended by "improper and perhaps illegal attempts to exert influence on the outcome of our investigation."

Hoffman, 38, of Oklahoma City said he has been "on the road" for the past few days and does not plan to surrender to authorities immediately.

He said he is on a deferred sentence on a stalking charge and was concerned that the latest charge could result in a lengthy stay at the Oklahoma County Detention Center. "If I can't work out some reasonable terms with the district attorney, I am not sur-rendering," he said.

Hoffman said his attorney is Oklahoma City lawyer John Michael Johnson, who could not be reached for comment Friday.

"Hoffman's book deals with various conspiracy theories and allegations of the federal government having prior knowledge of the April 19, 1995, bombing of the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building. The bombing killed 168 people.

In its final report, the grand jury said it found no credible evidence of prior knowledge or of a government cover-up. Jurors also found no evidence of an unidentified suspect in the bombing, nor did it find evidence of explosives used in the bombing outside of the rental truck that was filled with ammonium nitrate and fuel oil.

"For them to render a decision like this is absolutely ludicrous," Hoffman said. "For them to indict a reporter (Hoffman) is insane."

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Rockin' to the beat of a new director

Rock hall's latest chief brings memorabilia passion, taste to present position

CLEVELAND (AP) — Its attendance falling, the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and Museum hopes yet another new director — one familiar with superhero feats — can resurrect the money-losing shrine.

Terry Stewart, 52, is a former top executive of Marvel Comics. He'll be the fifth director of the hall since it opened Sept. 1, 1995 at a cost of $97 million.

Stewart, who starts Monday, is an avid collector of rock-'n'-roll memorabilia himself. He has some 200,000 vinyl records, 5,000 compact discs, dozens of rare concert posters and 20 jukeboxes.

"I guess you could say I'm a fanatic," Stewart said.

The museum said it lost $1.37 million as attendance fell from 867,000 in 1996 to 615,000 in 1997. The 1998 attendance was about 560,000.

Stewart wants to push those numbers back up by luring return visitors with concerts, commemorations and more memorabilia.

He supports a proposal by Jann Wenner, the hall's co-vice chairman and Rolling Stone magazine publisher, to boost interest by building a rock library and archive center.

The tricky part will be coming up with new ways to market the museum without making it too commercial, Stewart said.

"We don't want to turn it into Disneyland or use theme restaurants," he said.

That approach is markedly different from one he took while at Marvel Entertainment Group from 1989 to 1997.

He oversaw the comic book company's entry into theme parks and developed Marvel-themed restaurants under a joint venture with Planet Hollywood.

The market for comic books took a nosedive in the early 1990s, eventually forcing Marvel to seek bankruptcy protection.

"The blame can't all be placed on Terry even though he was at the helm," said Alexander Paris Jr. of Barrington Research Associates Inc. in Chicago.

Stewart was a "fun, enthusiastic sort of CEO" while at Marvel and his office was filled with gigantic toys and a jukebox, Paris said.

"I was struck by his boyish enthusiasm for the company," he said.

"He'll do well as head of the rock museum."

Stewart remembers being fascinated with records owned by a friend of his mother when he was growing up in the small town of Daphne, Ala., barely old enough to walk.

"I'd toddle over and ask him to play the bejesus out of them. He got so tired of hearing the records that he told me to take them home," Stewart said.

When he got a little older, he would travel 40 miles every week to Mobile, Ala., to spend part of his $5 allowance on records.

That passion grew in the 1960s, thanks to bargains at yard sales, junk shops and flea markets.

"The first day I went into a junk shop, there were mounds and mounds of records. I had a box of 45s in my hands and got it for just $1," he said.

"That was the beginning and I haven't found an end to it."

Stewart has already decided on his first donation to the museum: a rare 1953 poster of the rhythm and blues group the Swallows. How he'll decorate his office is a tougher decision.

"It seems kind of overkill to bring a bunch of memorabilia in. Maybe a jukebox because I'll need a stereo. Some posters would be nice," Stewart said. "There's so much to choose from."

AP photo

Rock and Roll Hall of Fame director Terry Stewart stands under the looming Pink Floyd 'Wall' at the museum Dec. 15 in Cleveland, Ohio. The former Marvel Comics executive and self-described "rock-n-roll fanatic" hopes to bring a needed spark to the 3-year-old pop music shrine.

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–Terry Stewart, new Rock and Roll Hall of Fame director on discovering his early passion for the music

Labor of luck lands upon pregnant woman

The Washington Post

Like thousands of others in the Washington, D.C. area on New Year's Eve, Monica Droddy was visiting friends, awaiting the arrival of 1999, when she suddenly had a different kind of arrival to contend with.

Not yet eight months pregnant with her second child, she began experiencing labor pains just before midnight. Droddy, 33, had become a candidate to deliver one of the region's first babies of the year.

Except it would not be that simple.

Droddy quickly left her friend's house in suburban Prince George's County, Md., in search of her mother, who lived nearby. But Mom was not home. Droddy, of Leonardtown in Southern Maryland, then decided she would try to drive herself to the hospital.

Within five minutes, however, she said later, "the pain got so bad I couldn't move."

Pregnant, she spotted a house with lights on, dashed as best she could from her car and banged on the door. "I was screaming, 'I'm having a baby. Help!'" she said.

Droddy was in luck. Among those at the house was Dianne Minter, 35, of Lynchburg, Va., a nurse who specializes in labor and delivery nursing. She sprang into action, delivering a 4-pound, 13-ounce boy at 12:46 a.m. in a hallway of the house. Other household members, including Minter's brother-in-law, onetime medic Bale Myers, supplied towels and sheets, called 911 and comforted the new mother.

"God must have taken me to that house," Droddy said in a telephone interview from her bed at Southern Maryland Hospital Center, where she was admitted after the delivery. The baby, named Jacob Nicholas Dennis Campbell after his father, was recuperating in the hospital's neonatal intensive care unit, according to hospital spokesman Lloyd Dieckmann.

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Lost jewelry just a part of marriage, Travolta says

NEW YORK (AP) — John Travolta and Kelly Preston's marriage has survived a lot of lost jewelry.

"I lose so many wedding rings that every time I see her it's a new one," Travolta says in the January issue of Harper's Bazaar.

But Preston isn't threatened by his absentmindedness.

"I know he's not fooling around or anything," she said. "It's just that he goes to the spa and loses them. He gets in the car and loses them. He loses them on the set, or at dinners. Sometimes we find them again. He has a box of them by the bed."

Travolta's many credits range from "Saturday Night Fever" to "Pulp Fiction" and "Primary Colors."

His latest film is "A Civil Action." Preston's credits include "Twins," "Jerry Maguire" and "Addicted to Love." Her latest movie is "Jack Frost."

AP file photo

Actor John Travolta walks with his wife, actress Kelly Preston, in this March 1998 photo. Travolta says his marriage has survived a lot of lost jewelry. "I lose so many wedding rings that every time I see her it's a new one," he says in the January 1999 issue of Harper's Bazaar magazine.

People in the news

'The Nanny' could use some help these days

NEW YORK — In "The Nanny," Fran Drescher is the help. In real life, she needs a lot herself.

Drescher produces and stars in the sitcom, now in its sixth season. She is also writing a sequel to her book "Enter Whining," and developed the comedy series "The Dogtrippers" for MTV.

"I'm very organized and detail-oriented, and when I was a struggling young actress, I did it all myself," Drescher says in the January issue of InStyle magazine.

Now, she relies on "a loyal group of disciples, each on a 24-hour pager. Running an empire is hard.

Alone now after separating two years ago from her high-school sweetheart husband, Drescher credits her success with emotional independence to more outside help — psychotherapy four times a week.

"I got a lot of satisfaction out of being the best," she said. "But when you reach what you've been striving for and you're still not happy ... well, I realized I was totally out of touch with my own feelings."

Springer says TV show isn't evil, just not good

NEW YORK — Jerry Springer doesn't think his trashy talk show is evil. Still, don't expect him to spend a lot of effort defending its virtue.

"I would argue against it being bad, but there's certainly nothing of sustaining value," Springer says in the January issue of Esquire magazine.

"It's chewing gum. I could hardly with a straight face say anything else. I don't think I could even concoct a speech saying this is important for America to watch."

Springer, the son of German-Jewish Holocaust refugees, came to the United States from England when he was 4 years old.

The lawyer-turned-politician became mayor of Cincinnati before turning to television.

His talk show that often features spurned lovers, cross-dressers and meddling relatives is known for onstage fighting between guests.

"It's kind of funny, because I've never been in a fight in my life," Springer said.

"I mean, Phoebe Nelaboff pushed me into the bushes in third grade on the way to school. But short of that, I honestly don't remember being in a physical fight in my life."

Actress Gwyneth Paltrow puts family above acting

NEW YORK — Gwyneth Paltrow made her dream come true by becoming a movie star. Now her dreams are more mundane.

"Acting isn't everything to me," Paltrow says in the January issue of InStyle magazine. "My family ... that always comes first."

Paltrow's life has always been elite. The daughter of actress Blythe Danner and producer Bruce Paltrow grew up in New York City, where she attended an exclusive private school. Once romantically linked with Brad Pitt, her boyfriend now is Academy Award-winner Ben Affleck.

Still, despite her privileged background and success in recent films like "Sliding Doors," "A Perfect Murder" and "Shakespeare in Love," Paltrow wants more — like more control over her life.

"You get to a point where you're thinking, 'Where do I want to live, what kind of life do I want?'" she said. "One day I hope to have the power to determine my own destiny."

San Francisco reopens earthquake-damaged City Hall

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — San Francisco's worst earthquake prompted creation of its glittering City Hall. The latest deadly temblor brought its restoration.

The landmark crowned by a golden dome taller than the U.S. Capitol's reopens Tuesday, nearly a decade after the Loma Prieta quake put cracks in the French Renaissance-style building, forcing its closure in 1995.

The regal hall was first erected as a monument to San Francisco's rebirth after the city was leveled by the huge 1906 quake.

"City Hall looks gorgeous," said city supervisor Barbara Kaufman. "It really is the people's place, and I think San Franciscans will be so proud when they see how it has been restored to its former beauty."

Dulled by fog and salty ocean breezes over the years, the building's dome is back to its original lustre, thanks to more than $400,000 in gold filigree. The restoration project, which cost $293 million, also refurbished stately marble and oak interiors.

Included in the price — which was about $100 million more than originally planned — were 600 rubber and stainless steel bumpers installed deep in the bowels of the building to help it withstand an earthquake up to magnitude 8.

Mayor Willie Brown, who was elected after it was closed, will move into a spacious office paneled in dark oak, with wooden parquet floors and a decorative fireplace. It's the same office all his predecessors have occupied since 1915.

"Every citizen in San Francisco will be proud of their new City Hall," he said. "Equally important is that it's a working City Hall with full service capabilities for all of its citizens."

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Disaster

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ing of aircraft for the company, came up with the idea to put buildings through disaster testing after his home was badly damaged in the Northridge earthquake. Krawetz now heads the Idaho national laboratory, a department of Energy operation run by Lockheed Martin and the site of the proposed disaster-simulation facility. Lockheed Martin will manage the new project.

"An enormous amount of information can be gleaned (from the disaster-simulation facility) to guide contractors and governments to build much safer houses at an affordable cost," he added.

Since the Idaho national lab opened in 1949, officials here have been at the forefront of the nuclear age, designing components for nuclear submarines during the Cold War, building reactors for nuclear power plants and storing thousands of tons of spent fuel at the sprawling desert site in the Snake River basin. With the nuclear power movement out of favor, the lab officials are attempting to reinvent the operation.

In recent years, the lab has switched to developing decidedly less controversial, more publicly acceptable technologies. For instance, engineers are working on a metal detector that would not only distinguish car keys from weapons, but would show security guards exactly where a firearm is hidden; and biologists are perfecting a recipe for an environmentally safe pesticide made of ground malt.

But by far the lab's most grandiose plan is the disaster simulation center, officially called the HomeSavac Project. Though other disaster simulation centers exist in Japan and at the University of California at Berkeley, the Idaho site apparently would be the largest and the first to simulate both hurricanes and earthquakes.

Lab officials assert that the ramifications of the project could be lower insurance rates, higher quality building materials, lower rehabilitation costs and, most important, more lives saved.

During the last 10 years, hurricanes, tropical cyclones and earthquakes in the U.S. have caused more than $85 billion in damage.

Addressing the problem is particularly important, lab officials say, given that 36 million people live in hurricane-prone areas and a fifth of the nation's population resides in earthquake country, according to experts at the lab.

Currently, houses and buildings receive limited testing under adverse conditions. For instance, roofing shingles often undergo extensive wind testing, but not always on a building. And engineers often test small models of buildings in wind tunnels.

For the most part, according to experts, engineers use calculations and computer models to develop building products, that they still don't know how they would stand up to a real disaster. They get most of their data about how structures react to disaster strikes.

"An awful lot of our test methods don't have the right physics. They bear no resemblance to reality," said Tim Reinhold, an associate professor at Clemson University's department of civil engineering and a disaster expert.

"In the real world, the wind blows and you're dealing with the pushing on a wall, the pulling on a roof, not just one force at a time," he added.

After Hurricane Andrew hit, public building codes in Dade County, Fla., began requiring homeowners and developers to retrofit houses with costly devices such as hurricane straps, hurricane shutters and reinforced windows. A realistic test, some experts say, could perhaps give manufacturers more reliable information that could help them produce the materials less expensively.

"We require the manufacturers to give us windows, doors and shutters that can take 50 pounds of pressure per square foot (of house)," said Charlie Danger, director of the Dade County Building Code Compliance Office. "What if we need only 30 pounds of pressure? That could lower the price of the material and perhaps lower the price of the house."

The insurance industry also is interested in saving money and protecting houses against disasters. The huge payouts from Hurricane Andrew and the Northridge earthquake have pushed numerous insurance companies into bankruptcy, jeopardizing policy holders who weren't involved in the disaster. Insurance companies raised their premiums while shrinking their coverage.

Having proven data about what safety devices work could spur insurance discounts, similar to those offered to consumers who install smoke detectors in their homes.

"If you can prove what works and incorporate that into houses ... the logical extension is that those folks ought to get a significant break in their insurance policy premiums because their house is less at risk," said Clark Williams, former HomeSaver Project director who now serves as president and chief executive officer of the Chicago-based Impact Forecasting LLC. The company provides catastrophic planning for insurance firms and government agencies.

Idaho lab officials have worked up a model that illustrates what the disaster center would look like.

The facility would resemble an amphitheater with a wide opening where houses and other buildings would be erected. Aimed at the opening would be a bank of 24 fans, designed to blow gusts of up to 200 mph. The facility also would be rigged to simulate driving rain and flying debris.

Lab officials later would construct "shaker tables" to mimic the aftershocks of an earthquake. The facility also would be capable of simulating tornadoes, hail, lightning and snow.

The construction industry "is looking to use the facility," said Cheryl O'Brien, acting manager for the project. "They want to use it as a sort of seal of approval."

Police see rise in stolen cars

OGDEN, Utah (AP) — Car owners in Utah are now twice as likely to have their car stolen than they were just five years ago, an increase police attribute to a rise in juvenile and drug-related crime.

In 1993, 4,438 vehicles were reported stolen by the Utah Bureau of Criminal Identification. By 1997, that figure climbed to 8,979 cars with an estimated value of more than $41 million. Police recovered about $26 million worth of those vehicles.

But the percentage of cars and trucks recovered has declined over the years as the caseload burden on police departments have increased.

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Passengers walk away from crash

EAST FARMINGDALE, N.Y. (AP) — Talk about a brush with death.

A single-engine plane crash-landed in a cemetery Saturday, knocking over a few gravestones but leaving the pilot and his passenger unhurt.

"It looks like it just fell short of the runway," said Chief Charlie Crimi of the East Farmingdale Fire Department. "It took out some headstones and the tops of trees, but all in all it was a pretty good landing."

The single-engine Beechcraft Sierra propeller plane came to a stop at 9:45 a.m. in Mount Ararat Cemetery.

The cemetery is about a half-mile from the landing field of Republic Airport, said John Lauth, operations manager at the airport.

The crash was about 35 miles east of New York City.

The two men, who were not identified, were able to walk away from the accident but were taken to Nassau County Medical Center for an examination, Lauth said.

AP photo

An FAA official examines a small plane that crash landed in Mount Ararat Cemetery in East Farmingdale, N.Y. Saturday. Two passengers on board escaped with only minor injuries, officials continued. "It took out some headstones and the tops of trees, but all in all it was a pretty good landing," Fire Chief Charlie Crimi said.

Zealots, PC geeks cross at millennial center

BOSTON (AP) — In a small office on the Boston University campus, the interests of religious zealots, UFO fans, survivalists and computer-aficionados bracing for the Y2K computer bug intersect.

With less than a year to go until the arrival of 2000, the Center for Millennial Studies has emerged as an academic clearinghouse for people pondering how society will make the shift to the 21st century.

"We want to be the place where, in the next few years and far beyond, anyone who wants information about what occurred will look in our computers, at our files," Richard Landes, the center's founder, said in Saturday's editions of The Boston Globe.

Last week, Landes, 49, a medieval history professor at BU, traveled to Jerusalem to spend New Year's Eve interviewing a group of fundamentalist Jews awaiting the arrival of the Messiah.

He plans to also be in the holy city on Dec. 31, 1999, when thousands of pilgrims from all over the world are expected to come in anticipation of salvation, destruction or the arrival of celestial beings.

Religious zealots and mainstream believers alike attach great significance to the arrival of the 21st century, although they disagree on exactly what will happen.

Much attention has been given to the Y2K problem, the term coined to describe computers' inability to deal with dates after Dec. 31, 1999.

For example, there is a group in Indonesia hunting out witches to prevent them from doing any millennial mischief.

Cutting-edge research 'plays God' in a test tube

Science aims to bridge gulf between lifeless molecules and living entities

Knight Ridder News Service

WASHINGTON — Almost 200 years ago, in 1818, British author Mary Shelley entranced readers with her novel about Frankenstein, the mad scientist who created a living monster in his laboratory.

That was fiction. But now, researchers in dozens of labs around the world are struggling to create rudimentary forms of life in a test tube. They are retracing the baby steps of evolution, coaxing atoms — like carbon, hydrogen and nitrogen — to assemble themselves into more and more complex chemical strings and networks.

Their hope is to evolve biological structures that will be able to survive, grow and reproduce on their own without human intervention.

"We are going into the laboratory and playing God," said David Morrison, space director at NASA's Ames Research Center in Mountain View, Calif., which is coordinating the search for life on other worlds.

Unlike Frankenstein, these scientists have a profoundly serious purpose.

They are trying to figure out how life got started on Earth and perhaps elsewhere in the universe.

Employing the newest tools of microbiology, they are trying to bridge the enormous gulf between a spoonful of lifeless molecules and the simplest living organism.

Even if they don't succeed, they believe their work may lead to better understanding of diseases like cancer, Alzheimer's and AIDS.

This venture into the tangled frontier between science and theology is sometimes known as "artificial evolution" or "evolution in a test tube."

The goal is to "find structures simple enough to have formed spontaneously by molecular self-assembly, yet complex enough to have evolved into life as we know it," said Jack Szostak, a molecular biologist at the Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston. "The ability to evolve is what distinguishes systems that are alive biologically from prebiotic (not yet alive) chemical systems."

Evolution, as outlined by Charles Darwin, consists of three steps, repeated over and over:

- Reproduction, by which populations of organisms make copies of themselves.
- Mutation, tiny copying errors that lead to variations in the population.
- Selection, in which superior individuals beat the competition and pass on their advantages to their offspring.

By imitating this natural process, researchers have already passed a number of way stations on the path from lifeless chemistry to living biology.

For example, Szostak's lab is using artificial evolution to develop a "replicase," a complex molecule that can direct other molecules to replicate themselves.

"The first cell probably had only one gene, the replicase," Szostak said.

At the Scripps Research Institute in La Jolla, Calif., Gerald Joyce and Martin Wright enticed biological structures called ribozymes to reproduce indefinitely in a test tube. Mutations that accumulated during later generations improved the rate of replication. Populations doubled four times in the space of an hour.

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—Jack Szostak, molecular biologist

Over the course of many cycles of continuous evolution, only the fastest and most fecund ribozymes survived," biologist Andrew Ellington of the University of Texas in Austin wrote in a review of Joyce's work. "It is clear that the ribozymes have evolved in much the same way as their bacterial or human counterparts — by the accumulation of mutations."

He fed a slow-acting poison to a batch of the common intestinal bacteria E. coli. The poison sickens the little creatures and usually kills them after three generations.

But a few of Ellington's bacteria developed mutations that enabled them to cope with the poison. This group multiplied rapidly, creating a new species of life on Earth.

"The effectiveness of Darwinian evolution should not be underestimated — whether operating in nature or the laboratory," Joyce declared.

Much of the evolution-of-life research is focused on RNA, a simpler and more primitive form of DNA that performs certain essential functions in every cell.

At the Whitehead Institute for Biomedical Research in Cambridge, Mass., biochemists David Bartel and Peter Unrau used test-tube evolution to create an RNA molecule that can synthesize some of its own building blocks.

Their success supports the widely accepted theory that an early stage of life on Earth might have been an "RNA World," where RNA, instead of modern DNA, contained the genetic instructions for making an organism.

In an experiment announced in September, Bartel and Unrau mixed trillions of random organic molecules in a chemical solution, allowed them to mutate and selected the fittest specimens.

After repeating the process for many generations, they came up with three sets of artificial ribozymes capable of manufacturing a short stretch of RNA, but not yet the complete structure.

How scientific theories about life's origin have developed

In developed over time:

- **1864** — Louis Pasteur disproved spontaneous generation — by boiling liquids to kill microorganisms.
- **1924** — Alexander Oparin proposed that one-celled life forms might have arisen from organic molecules in the atmosphere of early Earth.
- **1953** — Stanley Miller sent electric sparks through a mixture of hydrogen, ammonia, methane and water and got complex organic compounds, including amino acids, the components of today's proteins.
- **1968** — Francis Crick and Leslie Orgel proposed that RNA (ribonucleic acid) was the first molecule of life.
- **1968** — Carl Woese, Frederick Dobzhansky and Francis Crick discovered that RNA can help to carry genetic information. Walter Gilbert invented the phrase "RNA World" for the time before DNA became the blueprint of life.
- **1968** — Thomas Cech discovered that RNA can bring about chemical reactions.
- **1969** — Jack Szostak showed that RNA can replicate itself.
- **1982** — Gerald Joyce developed a method for RNA evolution in a test tube.
- **1987** — Martin Wright and Gerald Joyce created a population of RNA molecules capable of continuous test-tube evolution.
- **1988** — Peter Unrau and David Bartel found an RNA molecule capable of making a nucleotide, one of the four building blocks of RNA and DNA.
- **1998** — Claudia Huber and Günter Wächtershäuser allowed that amino acids would link up in chains around undersea volcanoes, forming complex molecules needed for life.

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Health-care appeals panel gains new life

Proposal would give recourse to people who have complaints about health plans

Los Angeles Times

WASHINGTON — When Americans complain about managed health care, they complain the most about having no reliable recourse if their plan denies them a treatment or a procedure.

So far, health reformers and policymakers have been unable to agree on a solution for them.

But recently, new data from a little-noticed part of the Medicare program have focused attention on one possible answer: a special appeals panel that would review denied treatments and be fully independent of the health care companies.

The idea has been raised before, but been stymied by concerns that it would only lead to a tangled mess of grievances and lawsuits.

Now, the surprising information on an appeals process inside Medicare has suggested otherwise and provided a jolt of energy to efforts to pass new protections for patients in the upcoming session of Congress. The data indicates that one of the most serious issues pitting families against the huge health care concerns might be resolved amicably without major new bureaucracies, extensive new regulations or lawsuits.

"The Medicare experience provides a good pilot program for people to look at in seeing how these appeals work," said Diane Rowland, executive vice president of the Kaiser Family Foundation, a non-profit health policy think tank based in Palo Alto, Calif.

The key to the panel's success is that it is independent — "that's the heart of what makes it attractive to patients," said Carol Gronin of the Department of Health and Human Services.

The new data come from The Center for Health Care Dispute Resolution, a private organization in Rochester, N.Y., that handles the appeals for the 6.5 million Medicare patients who are enrolled in managed care plans.

About 16 percent of Medicare's overall membership belong to such plans.

For years, health officials paid little attention to the appeals panel's record because few patients actually used it.

But recent reports indicate that increasing numbers of Medicare's managed care patients now have begun taking their complaints to the independent group. The information suggests the patients consider the process fair and are able to get quick dispositions of their cases. The records also suggest the process is deterring unreasonable rejections by companies.

To be sure, it would be a giant leap to extend the small-scale Medicare panel to the 150 million people with private insurance. Still, since 17 states already have programs to handle at least some managed care appeals, it would be possible to build on the state systems, according to experts. Funding and training would have to be increased so that reviewers could evaluate appeals from an array of different insurance plans, rather than just a few.

But if that could be done, both patient advocates and health plan representatives say, the nation's expanding managed care system might finally glimpse what has long eluded it — a way of resolving disputes that both companies and patients can trust.

In the Medicare system, when the independent organization gets an appeal from an unhappy managed care patient, it obtains second opinions from doctors and lawyers who have no financial relationship with the patient's health plan.

The appeals system also allows elderly patients to appeal any disagreement about care.

Most consumers who are denied treatments by their health plan can only appeal to their plan's internal review process. The additional appeals allowed in the 17 states are accepted only on limited grounds.

The snow takes a hold

Illinois Department of Transportation snowplows try to clear a path Saturday in Chicago. The area is expected to receive about 3 feet of snow by this morning. At right, Carol Kapar, rests on her luggage as her granddaughter Kendra plays Saturday at O'Hare International Airport in Chicago. Their flight to their hometown of Buffalo, N.Y., was canceled. Below left, Andrea Fischer takes advantage of the snowfall in Columbia, Mo. Below right, Andre Desouza, 11, and friends work on a snow fort in Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

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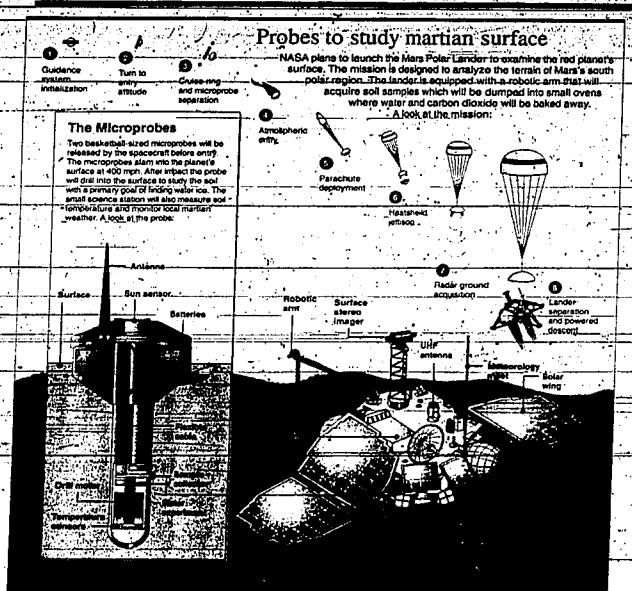

Weather may put launch on hold

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — Thunderstorms may delay NASA's planned launch today of a Mars lander.

Forecasters said Saturday that storms would move into the area overnight, reducing the odds of acceptable launch weather to a scant 30 percent.

Much better weather is expected Monday.

The Mars Polar Lander is scheduled to take off aboard an unmanned Delta rocket in midafternoon and arrive at the red planet in December, setting down on three legs near the planet's South Pole.

The Polar Lander will scoop up and analyze Martian soil to see if any water ice is present. It's the companion to the Mars Climate Orbiter, some 4 million miles from Earth following a launch last month.

NASA's last Martian lander was the padded Pathfinder, which bounced down in the equatorial region of the planet in 1997.

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Inuit villagers seek cause of deadly New Year's avalanche

KANGIQSUALUJJUAQ, Quebec (AP) — Residents of this Inuit village wondered Saturday whether a stroke-of-midnight gun salute to welcome 1999 or loud music loosened tons of snow that crashed down a hill and into a school gymnasium below, killing nine of the New Year's revelers inside.

They also questioned whether the school in northern Quebec should have been located beneath the sheer face of a 500-foot hill in the first place.

Nearly everyone in this village of 600 was relaxing in the early hours Friday after a square dance, feasting on caribou meat and oat cakes, when a wall of *their building shattered with* what sounded like a thunderclap.

Tons of onrushing snow filled the school gymnasium, burying partygoers in up to 10 feet of powder and killing nine people — five of them children.

"It was like an explosion," school principal Jean Leduc said. "You heard an immense crack and the wall was flying into pieces and, the next thing you knew, the gym was entirely covered in snow."

"People were looking for their kids, their husbands, wives and parents," Leduc said.

Teacher Anne Lamteigne said people were frantic. "I took a frying pan, and I was digging with a frying pan."

The avalanche injured 25 others in this coastal village of Kangiqsualujjuaq (pronounced Kan-JIK-soo-al-oo-joo-ak), in an Inuit region 950 miles northeast of Montreal.

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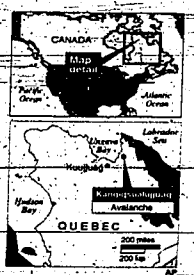
A snowmobile sticks out from the door of a school where an avalanche swept down during a New Year's celebration Friday in Canada, killing at nine people in the coastal Inuit village 950 miles northeast of Montreal.



World in brief

Iraq tells aid workers they aren't welcome

BAGHDÀD, Iraq — Iraq has told the United Nations that American and British citizens working with U.N. aid agencies are no longer welcome in the country, diplomats said Saturday.

They said the government passed the directive verbally to U.N. officials in Baghdad, but it was not immediately clear whether any of the world body's staffers had been ordered to leave.

The diplomats, speaking on customary condition of anonymity, said Iraq has stopped issuing or extending visas for Britons and Americans working with the U.N. relief agencies that supervise the oil-for-food program. The program allows Iraq to export limited amounts of oil in an exception to U.N. economic sanctions, to pay for food and other essential imports.

Hostages don't know who started shooting

LONDON — Three British survivors of a bloody shootout between their kidnappers and Yemeni troops have arrived home, saying they do not know who fired first during a rescue attempt that left four hostages dead.

Yemeni officials insist the kidnappers began executing their 16 hostages, prompting troops to open fire. Some of the hostages have said the soldiers attacked first, and the kidnappers tried to use their captives as human shields before killing them.

"None of us have any idea who fired first," said Brian Smith, who along with two other former hostages, spoke with reporters at London's Gatwick Airport on Friday.

The three arrived in London with six other hostages — five British and one Australian — flying from Yemen to Britain via Paris with a British tour leader who escaped the abduction Monday.

Smith and former hostages David Holmes and Sue Mattocks said they had not been pressured to change their stories to clear Yemeni authorities of blame, as has been reported.

Dissidents say group would only monitor

BEIJING — Dissidents planning to form an independent labor party in China said Saturday that their group would simply monitor the ruling Communist Party instead of seeking to drive it from power.

Organizers of the China Labor Party said the group would expel any members who obtained government positions, according to a statement received by foreign news agencies in Beijing.

Plans for the party have emerged several weeks into a crackdown on dissent that has resulted in lengthy prison terms for leaders of a would-be opposition group called the China Democracy Party, who were accused of attempting to subvert state power.

Organizers of the new China Labor Party said they planned to register their group with the government on April 19.

Khmer Rouge get taste of public outrage

PHNOM PENH, Cambodia — The excesses of the genocidal Khmer Rouge regime are showing signs of catching up with two defecting leaders of the rebel group.

A survivor of Khmer Rouge slave labor camps cursed at Khieu Samphan and Nuon Chea from just a few feet away as they left their hotel Saturday, just a day after Cambodia's prime minister said the pair might stand trial for genocide.

The VIP treatment Khieu Samphan and Nuon Chea have received since they arrived in Phnom Penh on Tuesday has angered local and international human rights groups, but the response of average Cambodians to the pair's warm welcome by the government has been muted.

That changed Saturday when Veng Khieng, 68, shaking with anger, shouted at the two. He said 60 of his relatives died when the Khmer Rouge controlled Cambodia from 1975-79.

"Why put them in an air-conditioned hotel? They should sleep in a rice field like we had to when we were under their rule," Veng Khieng, a retired civil servant, told reporters.

The former guerrilla leaders ignored him and ducked into a van that left in a motorcade on the final leg of a government-organized national tour.

Second U.N. plane is shot down in Angola

LUANDA, Angola — Rebel forces shot down a U.N.-chartered cargo plane Saturday, the second United Nations plane to crash in Angola's central highland war zone in eight days, U.N. officials said.

The C-130 aircraft, with eight people aboard including one American, was hit by anti-aircraft fire 20 minutes after it took off from the city of Huambo, about 300 miles southeast of the capital, Luanda, U.N. spokesman Hamadoun Toure said.

The plane was also carrying four Angolans, two Filipinos and a Namibian, Toure said. Four of those aboard were crew members, three were from the United Nations and another was working for the World Food Program. Toure refused to give their names or further information about them, and said it wasn't known if there were any survivors.

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EDITORIAL

School districts resume quest for more tax money

A lump of coal would have been nicer than what the Idaho Supreme Court gave taxpayers last week.

Five days after Christmas, the high court resurrected a deservedly moribund legal case. Idaho taxpayers will soon be suing themselves again.

At issue is who should build and maintain school facilities – the state or local school districts.

School construction has always been a question for local taxpayers to decide. But that could change if the suit's tax-hungry plaintiffs prevail.

School construction has always been a question for local taxpayers to decide. But that could change if tax-hungry school districts prevail in court.

Idaho spends roughly half its $1.6 billion general tax budget on schools. Total state dollars for education have been rising year after year. Arguments that state lawmakers are stingy on education *simply aren't true.*

Try telling that to Robert Huntley.

Huntley, you'll recall, is the Democrat whom Dirk Kempthorne ran over in the November election for governor. Though Huntley's liberal vision lost at the polls, he hopes to force-feed it to us through the courts.

A coalition of school districts is paying him to sue the state for, you guessed it, more money. Their argument is that the Idaho Legislature is constitutionally obligated to provide safe school facilities.

The case was dismissed in a lower court, but Huntley appealed and the Supreme Court reinstated the suit on Wednesday. The case of Taxpayers vs. Taxpayers will resume later this year.

Last week's ruling may or may not be good law, but it's terrible public policy. If Huntley prevails, we can look forward to state educrats deciding whether Jerome gets a new school.

Worse, we may see state budget choices dictated by judges.

Taxpayers, pick your poison. Do you want a higher sales tax? More property taxes? Higher income taxes? Or do you want fewer state services – such as highways, parks and prisons?

One of the above choices is inevitable if courts make decisions about state-funded school construction.

Deciding how much to spend on school facilities has always been up to voters in individual school districts. It's one of the few instances in which they directly can say "no" to a tax increase.

If school officials in, say, Benewah County can't persuade their local voters to finance a new school, why should taxpayers elsewhere foot the bill?

The question is especially galling because the safety of school buildings is largely a function of sound construction and proper maintenance. If a school district's buildings are unsafe, taxpayers should ask local officials why.

Huntley's suit aims to override the wishes of local voters around the state. Woe to taxpayers if he wins.

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Pawnshop ordinance violates privacy in TF

READER COMMENT
Charles R. Packham

The recent controversy regarding the newly adopted pawnshop ordinance has left unclarified some important issues. I'd like to simplify a few aspects.

If the honest citizens of our community want to sell their unneeded furniture items to reputable merchants, either in their own home or mine, to a place of business, a police report would be required. Included in this report are name, address, Social Security number, age, height, weight, eye color, hair color and thumbprint. This is the result of "second-hand merchandise" being regulated in a pawnshop ordinance.

My response to the police has been that I won't treat my customers in this fashion. If a person purchases a piece of furniture and wants to sell their old furniture to me, that person's name and statistical information do not belong on a police report or in the police computer system.

Should a problem ever arise, my business would be more than cooperative with authorities, as I'm sure any similar business would as well. Records of items purchased are an integral part of bookkeeping for most business like mine.

This ordinance involves people's rights, dignity and privacy. People should be able to buy, sell and trade freely with household items that are rightfully theirs without the implication by the police that something criminal could be involved. Our city is composed of honest, hard-working people, proud and independent. Our city leaders and police should try to keep this in mind when creating and enforcing laws and ordinances.

I strongly believe regulating second-hand merchandise in this ordinance will do very little to stop criminal activity. It will, however, tip the scales of government intrusion vs. people's rights, respect and privacy.

Charles R. Packham owns the Bargain Side, a used furniture store in downtown Twin Falls.

1998: A good year for hypocrisy, sleaze

MOLLY IVINS

I know I say this every year, but in all honesty, how could it possibly be worse? Of course, if we keep going in this direction, by the end of the year, a person will have to get approval from Larry Flynt before he or she can hold public office.

Meanwhile, let us celebrate those who made our public life such a monument to the beauties of democracy during 1998.

We have to start with the incredible cast of characters who have been dragged before us by Independent Counsel Kenneth Starr. As the year began, Kenneth Starr was still sitting there after all these years on Whitewater, a 20-year-old real estate investment in which the Clintons lost money. Starr had failed, Bill Clinton pointed out, to hit a single home run in nine at-bats. Then, lo, who should come swimming into Starr's keen but limited vision, who is on friendship with the ball we will is to cotton. Through the charming Ms. Tripp, we met the even more charming Lucianne Goldberg, at which the point the president who couldn't keep it zipped started to look good by comparison.

Later chapters in the endless saga that the media would not leave alone gave us lawyer Bill Ginsburg and Monica Lewinsky's thong underwear. Our long national nightmare was complete the day we listened to the president of the United States for four hours on national television being asked about the intimate details of his sexual activity. What a great nation.

After the whole scandal cost House Speaker Newt Gingrich his job, the situation continued to deteriorate when the new guy, Bob Livingston, resigned in his turn over not keeping it zipped – until he hadn't even lied about it, thus setting a dangerous new precedent for political resignation, one that could easily accommodate the political classes. The nation watched in stupefied horror as it all threatened to go on and on and on.

But there was good news in 1998. In June, "Chainsaw" Al Dunlap, the executive who specialized in firing people and gloating and bragging about it – in all he fired about 18,000 at one corporation after another – was himself given the ax. Dunlap said that being fired left him "personally, financially and professionally devastated." He also cried.

January also saw a satisfying resolution to the embarrassing controversy over Oprah Winfrey dissing cows. As you recall, Winfrey was sued by some Panhandle ranchers under Texas' Veggie Libel law for saying she wouldn't eat hamburgers anymore. She won, and the movement to repeal the Veggie Libel law continues to grow.

And speaking of Texas laws, state Rep. Jim Pitts suggested that we lower the age of eligibility for the death penalty to 11.

In the annals of crime, we salute Ronnie Durell Bell of Dallas, who attempted to rob the Federal Reserve Bank there by giving a guard a note that said: "This is a bank robbery. Give me all the money. Thank you, Ronnie Durell Bell."

It was a tough year to pick a standout in the hypocrisy division – a really, really tough year – but here's a special salute to Majority Whip Tom DeLay of Sugar Land, Texas, who ramrodded impeachment through the House and is now pushing for conviction in the Senate. It's important, he says, because we cannot have a president who lies under oath.

Is this the same DeLay who voted in 1997 not to reprimand or fine Gingrich, who admitted lying under oath?

Another hyper-hypocrite is Rep. Dan Burton, one of Clinton's most self-righteous critics, who turns out not only to have an illegitimate child but also to have raised money from foreign sources for his own re-election.

Next year, all the pundits agree, Vice President Al Gore will practically clinch the Democratic nomination for president while Texas Gov. George W. Bush will practically clinch the Republican nomination. But what we know and the pundits don't is that there are almost always wrong, so put your money on anyone but those two for the next presidential election.

Molly Ivins is a columnist for the Fort Worth Star-Telegram.

Forget Clinton and Starr – Tripp is real 'Man of Year'

DON KAUL

Time Magazine has named Bill Clinton and Ken Starr as its twin Men of the Year. Well, why not; it named Hitler once. The Man of the Year doesn't have to be a nice guy, merely someone who had a great impact on the news.

Even by that criterion, however, Clinton and Starr represent an unimaginative choice; any fourth-grade writer could be counted on to think up. Fortunately for the public, Time Magazine is not the only organization to choose a man of the year; there is also the Incredible Poll.

And for the 35th consecutive year, the outrageously unreliable public opinion agency has come through with a choice you can be proud of. The 1998 Incredible Man of the Year is ...

Linda Tripp.

Without Tripp there would be no Lewinsky tapes, no semen-stained dress, no Lewinsky. And without Lewinsky, no Starr.

Without Tripp there is no Paula Jones settlement, Newt Gingrich is still the speaker of the House, Bob Livingston is an obscure member of the House with a secret life, you can still say "cigar" without drawing a smirk and there is a moderate wing of the Republican Party. And Tripp accomplished all of this in her spare time while earning over $80,000 a year (now $90,000) working for the Pentagon from her home.

"She certainly proved she's not just another pretty face," said a harmonica tuner from Indianapolis.

Ms. Tripp also won the contest for Person You'd Least Like To Be Trapped in an Elevator With, beating out Mike Tyson, Dr. Kevorkian, Saddam Hussein and the Republican majority on the House Judiciary Committee.

Other Incredible Awards

Other Incredible Awards, based on the nearly nationwide poll, include:

• The Dr. Frankenstein Award for Political Leadership to Newt Gingrich, who was last heard saying, "Follow me boys, I think we've got him cornered."

• The Woodward and Bernstein Award for Investigative Journalism to Larry Flynt, publisher of Hustler Magazine. He proved that for uncovering sin, a self-righteous Congress is no match for an honest pornographer.

• The If At First You Don't Succeed, Get a Nose Job Award to Paula Jones who, with the help of a plastic surgeon and a really good hair stylist, finally managed to transform herself into a cut-rate version of Barbra Streisand.

• The Herbert Hoover Prosperity Award to the stock market which, despite the impeachment of the president, economic meltdown in Asia, an ever-growing trade deficit, ominous failures of unregulated hedge funds and a price-earnings ratio almost twice what is considered reasonable, soared to record levels yet again. "Things haven't been this good since 1929, early 1929," said a retired stock broker in Folsom prison.

• When the Going Gets Tough, the Tough Go Going Award to Dennis Rodman, the basketball player from Mars, and Carmen Electra, the Bay Watch babe, who ended their marriage less than 24 hours after taking their vows in Las Vegas. Oddly enough, he was the one who claimed he was too drunk at the time of the ceremony to know what he was doing.

• The They Had Some Good Ideas At First, But They Went Too Far Award to the Taliban government of Afghanistan for first ordering all TVs, VCRs and satellites in the country destroyed, lest they corrupt the public. Then they sanctioned the amputating of a thief's hand before a crowd in a Kabul sports stadium, saying: When we cut off the hand of a thief, we have observed human rights."

• The No, Sex Education Is Not a Laboratory Course Award to Mary Kay Letourneau, the 36-year-old Seattle teacher who had a baby by a 13-year-old student and went to jail for it.

Symbols of the Incredible awards – four-sided triangles – will be given out at the organization's annual banquet, held at the westernmost Interstate-rest stop in the district of soon-to-be (probably) speaker of the House, Dennis Hastert.

Don Kaul is a columnist for Tribune Media Services.

LETTER

Ordinance protects against theft

I feel upset about Charles Packham's attitude about thumbprinting people before selling furniture.

If he explains to them that it is the law and protects him, the customers should understand and be willing to do it. If they get offended and angry, obviously they stole the furniture.

I went through a lot of distress about my real nice furniture, such as bunkbeds, king-sized bed, curios, various items being stolen from my rented storage unit.

I vote for the pawnshop ordinance with an exemption. I feel that Twin Falls police did nothing about my burglary. But if more people know how burglars work, maybe there will be fewer thefts.

Maybe I'd recover some items back if auctions, pawnshops, and various other places are required to hold items for 30 days.

So let's vote for required thumbprints on all pawnshops, auctions, various places.

CINDY JENSEN
Gooding

LETTERS

Taxes should cover costs

I thought the Dec. 24 editorial on the "new" Sawtooth Forest fee scam was right on the money. As you correctly pointed out, we have already paid for hopefully intelligent and enlightened management of our national forests when we pay our taxes. (I have had two letters published on this issue.)

Then came the cartoon on Sunday, Dec. 27 – it, too, was right on target. I loved the "sac-o-bucks" touch. Both the editorial and the cartoon were well-done. This user-fee fiasco is preposterous. My hat is off to the editorial board for taking absolutely the correct stance on this.

The Forest Service needs reform from the top down. The new chief, Mike Dombeck, is determined to make some long-overdue reforms, and he deserves the support of the American public. The Forest Service has admitted to losing as much as $80 million in a single fiscal year with below-cost timber sales subsidizing big timber. If they can get this environmentally destructive program corrected, perhaps they could then funnel some of the millions saved into recreation management, wildlife, watershed improvement and wilderness management. These are programs for which the public is truly clamoring for better management! Mr. Dombeck's moratorium on building any new logging roads is a big step in the right direction.

You would enjoy reading a back issue of "High Country News" on the Forest Service. It is dated April 27, 1998 (Vol. 30, No. 8), and is titled "The Old West is Going Under – A Special Issue." It focuses on the Forest Service, Chief Mike Dombeck and the urgent need for a new set of land-management priorities. It can be ordered for $3. Call (800-905-1155). If you want to, call me, I would also be glad to photocopy my issue and send it down to you. Required reading for understanding the overwhelming need for change in the Forest Service. I commend it to you.

Anyway, I thought *The Times-News* did a good job in many areas in 1998 and wanted to congratulate you on what I see as an improving newspaper. I really found that: Keep up the good work on outdoor and environmental topics. And remember, yes, Blaine County really is part of Idaho and keep doing some good stories on goings-on up here. Keep up the good work in 1999. Best wishes for a happy New Year.

SCOTT PHILLIPS
Hailey

Liar ruins Christmas season

During the summer, I attended a craft show at the Jerome City Park. Someone had made "nipple pillows." I thought what a great gag gift for my fiance and my father for Christmas. I did not buy any that day, thinking I would surely find some at other craft shows later in the fall. When October came and went, I still hadn't found any. I put an ad in the want ads. The next morning, I had three calls from people who had a parent or a friend who would make them.

I chose the first caller. My mistake. She promised she would have them finished before Christmas and call me the first week of December. Six weeks passed by, as I called her the second week of December to see how they were coming. Once again, she assured me they would be finished before Christmas. I mentioned if I worked two jobs and had minimal time at home and thus I would be glad to come over to her house and get them. She would never give me her address.

Needless to say, the week before Christmas was stressful. She would never return any calls. Her answering machine picked up all time. She broke all three appointments to come to my house but did not show.

Why are people like this? If she would have said I or my fiancé didn't have time to do these instead of lying and saying they'd be always done or they are done for they're at the friend's house, I wouldn't have understood.

I hope she had a very Merry Christmas. She sure ruined mine.

SHERI MURRAY
Twin Falls

Dairymen deem their lump

I have recently written a letter to the editor in response to a perjured factory hog farm in Twin Falls and a few offensive dairies around the valley. That letter was intended to open the eyes of the people of Twin Falls that this will be a bad thing. They will impact with no financial benefit to our community, and I used reference to some of my experiences with the district court as examples. It was not intended to offend anyone (except Bruce Daniels), and I was only hoping to help out a few friends south of Twin Falls.

My family has had experience with the dairy industry for more than 30 years. In that time, I have made a lot of friends in the dairy industry. I have worked for dairymen, my parents have done business with dairymen (and made a good living).

These are hard-working people, and their lives are not easy. Some have done very well and live good but still provide lots of things for their communities. In recent years, they have almost supported them. On the other hand, I cannot, no matter how I look at it, see where a 72,000-hog factory can do anything for us. Twenty-five jobs and additional jobs at independent meat are nothing to the thousands of jobs that the dairy industry has given us.

The bad reputation that dairymen have been given comes from a few who, sometimes unknowingly, have created a problem. It may make us very upset, but how many times have we gone to them and said, "Let's try to fix this?" These are responsible people and, more times than not, are willing to make an effort. We who live out of town run the risk of having dairies or farms next door, but we can't forget that we, too, have trucks, waste water, lights – all of these things have been challenged and can be rectified to satisfy everyone.

The time has come to tell Bruce Daniels that we have a livestock industry already and don't need another one. At least, we can work with the one we've got.

JERRAD DURFEE
Wendell

'Censure Plus' solves impeachment quandary

KEN GORMLEY

As Washington scrambles to find a sane solution to the most divisive political battle since Andrew Johnson was impeached (and acquitted) in 1868, the answer lies in bringing closure to the entire Monica Lewinsky mess. Senators must work with Independent Counsel Kenneth Starr to resolve the criminal case simultaneously with resolving the impeachment question so this nightmare won't drag on and on.

The recent proposal of former Presidents Ford and Carter, advocating censure to avoid the self-destructive prospect of a full-blown Senate trial, is a good start. But it does not go far enough. To satisfy a solid group of critics, President Clinton must make some admission of criminal wrongdoing. On the flip side, however, pushing for a plea bargain that involves dropping criminal charges in return for resignation goes much too far.

The issue of the criminal case can no longer be avoided. For months, the president has faced an ugly Hobson's choice: If he admits to a crime to put an end to the impeachment matter, he exposes himself to limitless criminal prosecution (including possible jail time) by an independent counsel who has become his nemesis. If he does not admit to wrongdoing, as the Fifth Amendment permits any other person accused of a crime to do, he exposes himself to charges that his "evasiveness" makes him unfit to remain in office.

The Senate must forge a plan that resolves this quandary. A "censure plus" plan could accomplish that goal.

First, the Senate should publicly censure the president, and the president should accept the censure, eliminating any serious argument that the resolution violates separation of powers since the executive branch would consent to it.

Second, Starr and Clinton should enter into a bargain by which the president pleads guilty to one count of uttering "false statements" (or some other federal crime less serious than perjury) in his Paula Jones deposition and related affidavit. The false statements provision contained in Title 18 U.S. Code, Section 1001, provides attractive ground on which to strike a deal. It accurately identifies the nature of the offenses and reflects that this is not the crime of the century (in ordinary civil cases, falsehoods such as Clinton's might not be prosecuted at all). It does not force the president to admit perjury in the grand jury testimony, which Clinton vigorously denies. Yet it satisfies the concerns of those Republican leaders who believe that Clinton must admit to criminal wrongdoing.

Third, the plea agreement should provide for a sentence of probation. If one applies the U.S. Sentencing Guidelines – adopted by Congress – uttering false statements is considered a Base Offense Level 6 infraction. Assuming there is no prior criminal record (as in Clinton's case), this carries with it a suggested sentence of 0-6 months. In the vast majority of cases, probation is granted for such an offense.

Given the difficulty of proving perjury, the unusual nature of perjury prosecutions in civil cases and the serious fair trial problems caused by the extensive pretrial publication of grand jury testimony in this case, probation is probably as much as Clinton would face in an actual criminal trial anyway.

Fourth, the plea agreement should bar that Clinton engage in 1,000 hours of community service after he leaves office. He would be required to work with citizen organizations and student groups, focusing on the importance of honesty in public service.

This plan would be a fair solution. By contrast, a large fine would be grotesque and unfair, bearing no relation to the alleged criminal conduct and punishing the president's family, who are blameless. Moreover, to "charge" Clinton for the cost of the Starr investigation, as some suggest, makes no more sense than seeking to charge Starr for those portions of his investigation that did not bear fruit.

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World would spin fine without Clinton

Senator's logic discredits office of the president

GEORGE F. WILL

There may be sound reasons for not removing President Clinton, but Sen. Pat Moynihan's reason is not among them. Indeed, Moynihan's enunciation of it becomes a reason for removing Clinton. Otherwise, retaining Clinton may seem to ratify Moynihan's reasoning, which is unjust to the nation.

Identifying Moynihan as the Senate's pre-eminent intellectual is akin to identifying Iowa's tallest mountain – faint praise for the finest senator of his generation. When Moynihan leaves the Senate in 2000, public life will lose (in the words of Michael Barone, author of The Almanac of American Politics) "the nation's best thinker among politicians since Lincoln and the best politician among thinkers since Jefferson." That encomium is, if anything, too regal for the 71-year-old legislator whose cherubic face should be the sixth painted on the wall of the Senate reception room, next to portraits of Clay, Calhoun, Webster, La Follette and Taft.

Still, even Moynihan gets it wrong now and then. He did last week, with brio, when he said the removal of Clinton might "destabilize" the presidency, and that risk is intolerable because America is an "indispensable nation."

That analysis, by a remarkably gifted social scientist, is notably unemployed regarding America's political stability. And linking Clinton's fate to America's world role may not be a kindness to Clinton.

It is odd to assert that the health of the presidential office is served by Clinton's continuation in it. The assertion's unspoken postulate is that the office is so fragile that it might be gravely damaged by severing Clinton from it.

Moynihan is correct about America's indispensability. That is demonstrated, powerfully if negatively, by the collapse of Clinton statecraft from Iraq to North Korea. Yet Moynihan links his points about "indispensability" and "instability."

"There has to be a commander in chief. You could very easily destabilize the presidency, since to a randomness. That's an institution that has to be stable."

Well, yes, but the commander in chief was removed during the depth of the Cold War, with Soviet power waxing and U.S. forces engaged in Southeast Asia. The result was not randomness but the Ford presidency. Moynihan's argument implies that for the duration of America's indispensability, the Constitution's impeachment clause is a dead letter, too dangerous to use.

In a television interview last Sunday morning, Moynihan said "it would be hard to imagine, [even] in 1999, that something like this would have occurred, where a congressional delegation duly prepared [regarding] bogus misdeeds by a president, appointed by the president, to whose office he is the commander in chief, who is the chief executive, and the whole stability of this nation [on which the stability of the world rests, could] be seriously and grievously undermined." He also said: "It could [so easily]," he said, "become [one] a president of the United."

Can anyone be confused with Clinton without feeling the American public? Conservatives denounce the public as grotesquely anesthetized. Moynihan suggests the public is on the verge of cultivating wild political volatility. A plea to the public to keep Clinton or some such, but spare the public or us these theories that make us the problem.

In a sense, instability – as the presidency is, by now, old hat – and hardly unnerving to this Republic. Six of the seven presidencies immediately prior to Clinton's were transient – by assassination (Kennedy), impeachment's strike (Johnson), scandal (Nixon), or disgruntled voters (Ford, Carter, Bush). Then came Clinton.

The great distress of the moment – like the paralyzed letter, or an alien virus – and for that reason is unnoticed – is the disconnection between presidential mediocrity and national stability.

A front-page New York Times headline records astonishment: "Politics No Distraction." That is the Times' bulletin about what the headline calls the December "surge of shopping." A front-page Wall Street Journal headline asks: Despite Everything, America Still Embraces a Culture of Optimism."

Despite "everything"? No, despite just one thing, the president's pratfalls. And presidents are rarely indispensable. De Gaulle was right: graveyards are full of indispensable men.

Political journalists believe that political news, and hence political journalists, are central to the nation's neurological health. That is news to other Americans, or would be if they were paying attention, which they are too wholesomely busy to do.

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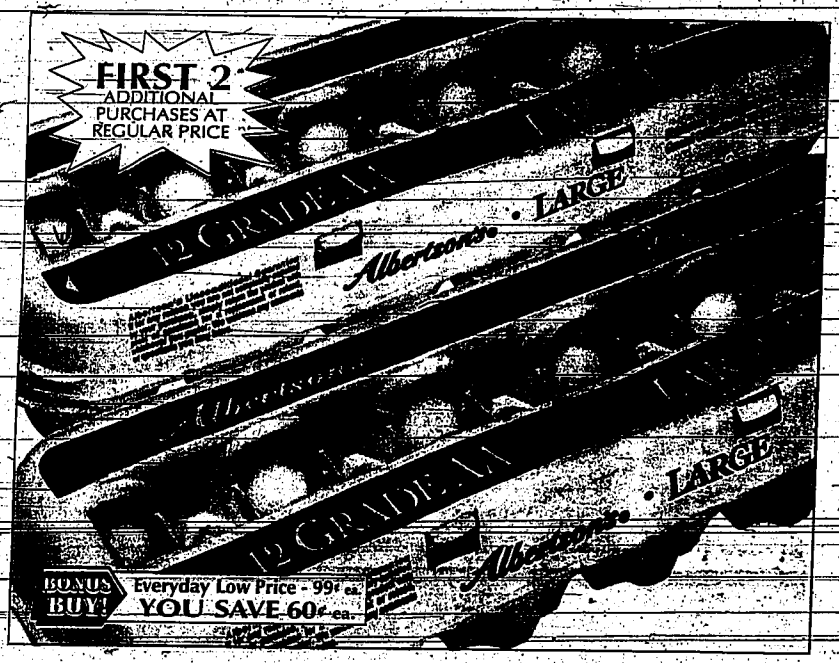

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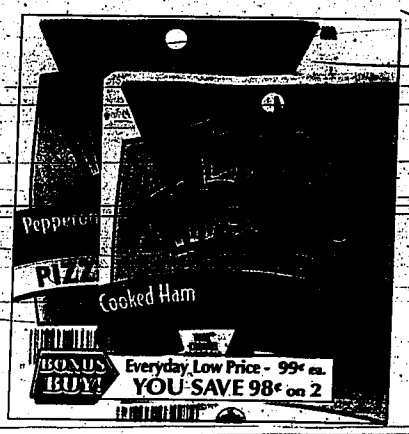

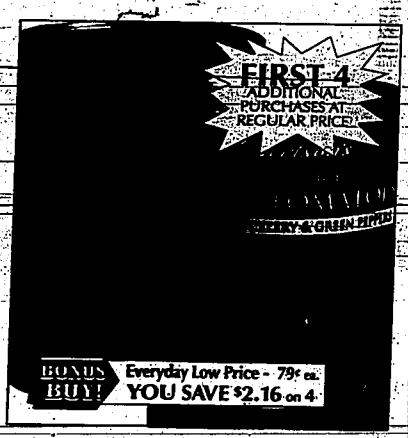

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AROUND THE VALLEY

January: It's a bad way to begin a year

January is the sinus headache of months – 31 days of dull, aching Monday mornings. I think we oughtta skip it altogether.

Look, for everybody except federal employees and schoolteachers, the next three-day weekend is five months away. Besides, a lot of folks get their car insurance bills in January. Even more get their Visa statements.

Kids are surly, having to spend 20 days in the classroom this month (that's a school-year high). Furnaces clank mensteingly, faucets drip incessantly, and everywhere you turn there's the tang of sugar-factory air.

January has given us J. Edgar Hoover, The Thirty Years War, the Revs. Jim Bakker and Sun Myung Moon, "The Hustle," The New Coke, Millard Fillmore, Richard Nixon, Howard Stern, "Seasons in the Sun" by Terry Jacks, Rush Limbaugh, Benedict Arnold, "Heaven's Gate," Al Capone, Bobby Goldsboro, Super Bowl XXIV (San Francisco 55, Denver 10), the world broadcast premiere of the miniseries "Mandingo" – and some epic hangovers.

DON'T ASK ME
Steve Crump

That's a lot for one month to answer for.

Statistically, you're more likely to get into an accident in January than in December, which is pretty remarkable, considering all the alcohol that flows around the holidays. People just aren't paying attention after the first of the year.

Maybe you can chalk that up to the human equivalent of hibernation, but I don't think so. Folks just expect bad news in January, and if they can't find it, they manufacture it.

Still, what can you expect from a month named for a two-faced Roman deity who didn't know whether he was coming or going? Julius Caesar, who was in charge when he organized the calendar, had his pick of months, and he chose July.

That's a pity, really. At least naming the leadoff month "Julery" would have lent it a some pizazz.

Granted, there's a lot of pressure being first. Everybody has such high expectations of January, and quite frankly, this month's not ready for them. If January were a working stiff, it would be flipping burgers or washing cars and living in its mother's basement.

January is like one of those odd cousins who shows up at Thanksgiving dinner with a tuna-and-cream-of-mushroom-soup casserole, hovers in the background like a recessive gene, and spills Grape Nehi all over your grandmother's Flemish lace tablecloth.

January needs to get a life. So it's hijacked yours.

That's why I propose that we declare tomorrow to be Feb. 1 (that's a Monday), and start again. Winter will be chalk gone, the Packers probably will have beaten the 82-point spread against the Broncos, and we can all dispense with New Year's resolutions without guilt.

Or better still, pretend they were never made. What health clubs?

What W-4? Never got it. And the IRS can't reasonably expect me to file a tax return without a W-4, can it?

And since it's almost spring, why bother with the storm windows, the busted snowblower or antifreeze?

I hold with Italian playwright Luigi Pirandello, who had the conceit that human beings define reality, not the other way around.

"Never expect better or worse of tomorrow," he wrote. "Expect tomorrow of tomorrow."

Spoken like a man who was born on the last day of December.

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There's a reason your doctor doesn't let you see your chart. The following are actual excerpts from physicians' notes from medical records:

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Water judge looks back

Massive water rights case is a turning point in state's history

By N.S. Nokkentved
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS – The best way to protect Idaho water rights is with an accurate and up-to-date record, says the man who has been in charge of sorting out those rights.

And the Snake River Basin Adjudication, when completed, would give the state such a record, says 5th District Judge Daniel Hurlbutt, who has presided over the adjudication since its inception a decade ago.

BRUCE DOBLER/The Times-News

District Judge Daniel Hurlbutt has presided over one of the most complex water cases in the nation. His last day on the job was Thursday.

Hurlbutt's last day on the job was Thursday. Just before he quit he took some moments to reflect on the case and offer his perspective on Idaho water issues.

The objective

Adjudication will give the state a registry of water rights and an opportunity to administer that registry as an accurate reflection of ownership and entitlement, Hurlbutt said.

If it is not done, the state will have wasted the effort and money spent on adjudication, a projected $45 million. Records will rapidly become as outdated and inaccurate as they were when adjudication started. Part of what forced the mammoth case was the deplorable state of water rights records, he said.

"That seems to me to be absurd," Hurlbutt said. "Only a government could go through this and end up with that."

The state already is doing it.

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What others say about the judge and the job

Here's what observers say about District Judge Daniel Hurlbutt, who was presiding judge over the Snake River Basin Adjudication. He stepped down last week:

"I think the judge has done a really good job of setting up the court and getting it running. I think we owe him a debt of gratitude for 11 years of seemingly thankless service."

– John Rosholt, Twin Falls water lawyer

"Hurlbutt has been doing a masterful job of handling one of the largest and most difficult cases in the nation. He has endured pressure from all quarters and still managed to move the adjudication along.

"He was always fair. He gave

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Work is her cancer 'therapy'

By Loretta Burkhart
Times-News correspondent

BUHL – When Erma Atkinson had her yearly mammogram in April, the results were normal. But in September, after a small accident, she went to her doctor for another checkup.

This time an aggressive cancer, unrelated to the injury, was detected. Tests revealed a 3-centimeter, elongated mass in her right breast. The tumor had to be removed.

Though the test results were disturbing, the thought of how the situation would affect her ability to continue working with her animals was of paramount concern.

"My first reaction was 'Take it out, now,'" Atkinson said.

Atkinson, 53, owns and operates what has become a grade-A dairy and personally has raised each replacement calf in the herd. Atkinson said the cows – 30 head of holsteins – have been a priority for more than 20 years.

"They're not just cows to them, they're my cows, and I wanted to get (the surgery) over with and get back to them," she said.

After the operation, Atkinson began a series of radiation treatments, followed by chemotherapy.

Doctors "thought it could be six months before I could work again but said to do what I felt like I could," Atkinson said.

BARRI DEWALD/The Times-News

Erma Atkinson continues to milk her 30 cows twice a day in the same barn she has worked in for 20 years, even though doctors have told her she should sell her herd. She says the chemotherapy she is undergoing for her breast cancer isn't that painful, and calls the chores at her small dairy in Buhl her therapy.

Although a part-time milker was hired, she was back in the barn within two weeks.

"I'm not going to give up," Atkinson said. "For me, work is a therapy."

A year-round operation, Atkinson began her dairy operation with just four calves while working as a veterinary assistant at Buhl Animal Clinic.

Now on a 40-acre farm, milking in a stanchion barn, she continues to build her small herd, one calf at a time.

"It's hard to slow her down," said her husband, Grant Atkinson. "She's quite a woman."

CSI Wellness Seminar to explore value of chaos

By Steve Crump
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS – Chaos, says Meg Wheatley, is order without predictability. And therein lies the problem.

Organizations – companies, governments, even families – don't know how to deal with chaos, so they suffer predictably.

"Life is attracted to order, but it uses messes to get there," says Wheatley, a former Brigham Young University business professor who runs her own Salt Lake City-based consulting firm. "But the messy processes and fuzzy logic lead to orderly solutions because it is the nature of life to evolve toward more complex and effective systems."

Wheatley, who'll keynote the 11th annual College of Southern Idaho Wellness Seminar Monday night, is a much sought-after public speaker, author of one best-seller ("Leadership and the New Science") and co-author of another ("A Simple Way.")

The Harvard-trained systems-management guru believes organizations must use cutting-edge science – chaos theory, quantum physics, self-organizing systems – to function effectively in an uncertain universe.

For that reason, America's mechanized, ordered, top-down hierarchies – a Newtonian world, as Wheatley describes it – don't work very well, she says.

"Trying to engineer the world into existence, we became isolated, lonely individuals who couldn't talk with one another about what really mattered," Wheatley and her business partner, Myron Kellner-Rogers, wrote in a 1995 article in the Journal for Quality and Participation. "Instead of exploring what it was to be human, we suppressed those questions. We could not acknowledge who we were. The rules of machine efficiency smothered the deeper realms of experience, the feelings and desires that make us human."

Instead, Wheatley sees organizations – and especially companies' – moving inexorably toward participatory management and self-organization, emphasis on personal relationships and values, and an appreciation for the power of information.

"This is a strange world, and promises to get stranger," she wrote in "Leadership and the New Science." "... But if an idea does not appear bizarre, (physicist Niels Bohr) counseled, there is no hope for it ... After all is said and done, we will have to muddle our way through. But in the midst of muddle, we can walk with sure steps."

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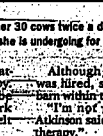

Meg Wheatley

- What: Margaret Wheatley will be the keynote speaker at the 11th Annual Wellness Seminar, co-sponsored by the College of Southern Idaho, Blue Cross of Idaho, Regence Blue Shield of Idaho, Canyon View Psychiatric and Addiction Services, the city of Twin Falls, Magic Valley Regional Medical Center, Twin Falls Clinic & Hospital, The Walker Center and *The Times-News*.
- Where: CSI Fine Arts Center auditorium.
- When: Monday, 7:30 to 9 p.m.
- How much: Tickets, which are $10 for adults and $5 for students, are available at the door.

TF chamber survey: Business was good in '98

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS – About four out of five businesses surveyed by the Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce said business was good-to-excellent in 1998 – and the expect that to continue in 1999.

And while the Buzz Langdon Visitor Center was not the subject of much survey comment, the chamber will turn its attention to a new direction for its tourist operation.

Only 2 percent of those responding the the survey described business as poor and only one person predicted it to be poor in 1999.

Businesses ranked developing a work force as the top issue of importance because of the lack of qualified workers for jobs.

Another 56 percent of respondents said the chamber should get involved with building a new convention center.

The quality of elected, business and community leadership was scored as high, and 93 percent of respondents said Twin Falls was a great place to live and do business. The chamber also got good marks.

The survey is a guide to chamber activities, Executive Vice President Kent Just said. For example, the chamber will establish a task force to look into the feasibility of a new convention center.

The chamber's Business Plus II economic development program already is working up some items mentioned in the survey such as improving the work force, he said. Several survey respondents expressed encouragement for Business Plus II.

Air service was on the minds of 60 percent of those surveyed. SkyWest runs several Twin Falls-to-Salt Lake City flights, but Horizon Air pulled its runs to Boise in the April 1997.

The possibility of a new air service is slim, but the chamber should be involved in discussions about alternatives, such as a bus or van service, Just said.

The visitor center didn't attract much survey comment, but the chamber will establish a group to look at the direction of the center near the Perrine Bridge, Just said. One reason is that the 800-square foot center is too small. The center attracts 50,000 visitors a year.

Another reason is the announcement by Cactus Pete's Casino owner Craig Neilsen of plans to develop 30 acres of property near the center, Just said.

"What should our future mission be? What do we need to add?" he asked. The center could go year-round instead of just opening in the summer, or be enlarged to include historic interpretation, art displays or even a small auditorium for video presentations.

About the survey

The surveys were e-mailed before Thanksgiving to 538 chamber members. Of those, 80 people (14 percent) responded.

Instead of mailing the annual survey, the chamber sent them electronically to members who had e-mail. Chamber executive vice president Kent Just said he was pleased with the response and the e-mail method.

"It may be the way we'll do it from now on," he said.

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JEROME – Recent activity in Fifth District Court in Jerome County included the following:

Arraignments and appearances

Dean Arnold Anderson, 35, 152 W. 200 N., Jerome; order to show cause for driving under the influence (second offense) and driving without privileges; $2,500 bond; jury trial Tuesday; bone at large; $300 bond; jury trial Tuesday; driving under the influence; driving without privileges; $2,000 bond; jury trial Tuesday; bail jumping (two charges); jury trial Tuesday; driving without privileges; transportation of open container; no proof of insurance; failure to register; jury trial Tuesday; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.

Marcine A. Anderson, 44, 170 S. 1115 E., Dietrich; warrant; failure to appear for failure to purchase/invalid driver's license; $150 bond; pretrial conference Feb. 8; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.

Patricia Arrecondo, 36, 310 U.S. Highway 30, Twin Falls; failure to purchase/invalid driver's license; failure to appear at hearing; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.

Billy Ray Baker, 26, 2012 W. St., Hayburn; driving under the influence; failure to purchase/invalid driver's license; $632 bond; pretrial conference Feb. 8; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.

Timothy Lee Carey, 35, 505 E. Third Ave., Jerome; domestic battery; pretrial conference Feb. 8; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.

Delwyn Earl Carnell, 55, 20 W. 500 S., Jerome; driving under the influence; $500 bond; sentencing Feb. 1; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.

Dickie R. Craner, 33, 400 S. 152 E., Jerome; driving under the influence; driving with expired license; failure to appear at hearing; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.

Robert Alan Craythorn, 38, 214 W. 200 N., Jerome; driving without privileges; pretrial conference Feb. 8; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.

Christopher D. Driscoll, 26, 930 S. Buchanan, Jerome; possession of controlled substance; pretrial conference Jan. 11; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.

Michael Daniel Fairchild, 20, 534 Washington St., Gooding; motion to revoke probation on exhibition/use of deadly weapon; court trial Jan. 21; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.

Kasie Marie Francisco, 26, 330 N. Idaho St., No. 2, Eden; injury to child; pretrial conference Jan. 11; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.

Evan S. Frasure, 47, 2950 Trevor, Pocatello; reckless driving; jury trial March 30; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.

Royce L. Fuller, 35, 529 Third Ave. N., Twin Falls; battery; $300 bond; pretrial conference Jan. 25; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.

Kenneth Nelson Green, 42, 301 E. Ave. G, Jerome; dog violation (two charges); court trial Feb. 24; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.

Mark A. Hebblethwaite, 33, 630 Washington St., Pocatello; driving under the influence; speeding; $500 bond; sentencing Feb. 22; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.

Adnan Ibrahimovic, 21, 955 Delamar, Twin Falls; reckless driving; no safety restraint; arraignment Jan. 25; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.

Ronald E. Kessler, 42, 2070 E. 600 S., Hazelton; driving without privileges; pretrial conference Feb. 8; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.

Michelle Minium-Blackburn, 22, 298 E. 431 H St., Boise; driving without privileges; speeding; $500 bond; pretrial conference Feb. 8; no proof of insurance; dismissed by prosecutor; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.

Tecla Marie Nash, 34, 919 Eisenhower St., Jerome; petit theft; found guilty after trial; continued to Jan. 11; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.

Darcy O'Toole, 31, 528 W. Fourth Ave., Jerome; contempt of court-appearance-Monday; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.

Martha Becerril Palacio, 29, 516 W. Kennewick Ave., Kennewick, Wash.; inattentive, careless driving; speeding; no proof of insurance; $2,000 bond; sentencing Feb. 1; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.

Rogel Allen Pummill, 45, 3934 S. NC 87, Graham, N.C.; reckless driving; fine $300; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.

George Rietdick, 41, 2003 E. 3050 S., Wendell; driving under the influence (second); $500 bond; sentencing Monday; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.

Silverio Soto Jr., 23, 410 W. Sylvester Drive, Pasco, Wash.; driving under the influence; no proof of insurance; no safety restraint; $500 bond; failure to appear at hearing; bail forfeiture; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.

Jason R. Torres, 26, 1015 N. Fir, No. 50, Jerome; driving under the influence; assault; $500 bond; pretrial conference Feb. 8; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.

Magdalena Bustos Villapuera, 25, 218 W. Avenue I, No. 29, Jerome; battery; pretrial conference March 15; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.

Sentencings

Alexandria T. Ali, 16, 921 S. Davis, No. 54, Jerome; failure to purchase/invalid driver's license; pleaded guilty; $63.50 fine, $63.50 court costs; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.

Rickey L. Beeson, 20, 218 W. Avenue I, No. 50, Jerome; driving under the influence amended to inattentive, careless driving; $300 fine, $200 suspended, $178.50 court costs, $325 public defender fee; 90 days in jail, 88 suspended; six months' supervised probation; crash video; court alcohol school; minor consumption dismissed by prosecutor; violation of restricted license; dismissed by prosecutor; excessive muffler fumes; dismissed by prosecutor; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.

Bobby W. Branham, 41, 905 Utah St., Gooding; FUC violation; pleaded guilty; $327 fine, $65.50 court costs; six months' unsupervised probation; inattentive, careless driving; dismissed by prosecutor; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.

Shawn D. Harris, 17, 30 S. 350 W., Jerome; failure to obey citation; pleaded guilty; $300 fine, $200 suspended, $63.50 court costs; 10 hours' community service; six months' unsupervised probation; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.

Michael Steven Nixon, Jr., 20, 109 E. 800 S., Jerome; violation of restricted license; pleaded guilty; $13.50 fine, $63.50 court costs; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.

Martin-Franco-Pedroza, 26, 333 Rockcreek, No. 35, Hansen; driving without privileges; $150 fine, $100 suspended, $63.50 court costs, $30 public defender fee; five days in jail, suspended; six months' unsupervised probation; no proof of insurance; dismissed by prosecutor; no safety restraint; dismissed by prosecutor; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.

Kathy D. Ricks, 40, 218 W. Ave. I, No. 10, Jerome; battery amended to disturbing the peace; pleaded guilty; $300 fine, $300 suspended, $63.50 court costs, $25 public defender fee; 90 days in jail, 40 suspended, 51 credited; 12 months' unsupervised probation; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.

Nancy Renae Ross, 29, 252 S. 400 W., Jerome; dog at large; pleaded guilty; $50 fine, $50 suspended, $63.50 court costs; two years' unsupervised probation; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.

George Torres-Gonzalez, 15, 700 N. 200 E., Jerome; violation of restricted license; pleaded guilty; $13.40 fine, $63.50 court costs; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.

Dismissals

Steve L. Bechtel, 48, 218 N. 160 W., Jerome; inattentive, careless driving amended to failure to signal; dismissed by prosecutor; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.

Jaime Nava, 31, 182 Main St., Hazelton; vicious dog violation; dismissed by prosecutor; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.

James D. Neaderhiser, 58, 329 Sixth Ave. E., Jerome; violation of protective order; dismissed by prosecutor; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.

Brian Evan Shelton, 37, 157 Wilson, Eden; motion to revoke probation on inattentive, careless driving; dismissed by prosecutor; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.

Couple says it's never too late for love

LEWISTON (AP) — Less than a year ago, a wedding altar was the last thing Laurel Cassell and George Curtiss saw in their future.

But on New Year's Day, Laurel, 74, and George, 73, were beaming at each other from the minute she walked down the aisle until he planted a long kiss on her lips.

"I've been feeling this way ever since we've been engaged," said Laurel after the wedding.

The marriage capped a whirlwind romance the couple points to as proof that it is never too late to find love.

"She struck me like a bolt of lightning out of the blue," George said.

They met briefly at Clarkston High School 55th class reunion in May. In high school, they had not taken much notice of each other and at the reunion, it was pretty much the same way.

George, a business consultant in Concord, Calif., was still mourning the loss of his wife. Laurel had just reached a difficult decision to put her husband of 55 years into a nursing home.

Not wanting to ruin the festivities, Laurel tried to keep her troubles to herself. Eventually her friends convinced her she needed to share what was happening with her husband.

He was also a Clarkston High graduate and had always enjoyed her reunions. George and a friend visited Laurel briefly, just to show support.

After Laurel's husband died, George started sending Laurel grief letters that he received from the hospital where his wife died. The letters explained the emotions people experience after losing a loved one.

Gradually the correspondence broadened to include e-mail, telephone calls and personal letters.

"He would send me jokes to get me to chuckle," Laurel said. "I guess we helped each other through grieving."

By October, Laurel was wondering if something else was happening. That was about the time she accepted an invitation to visit her granddaughter in San Diego.

"He said, 'Would you stop through on the way back?'" Laurel said. "I was kind of hoping he would ask that."

At the airport, they were both nervous. Laurel almost to the point of being nauseous. George was not sure if a handshake or a hug would be more appropriate. He opted for the hug.

A week later, he proposed to Laurel as he drove her back to the airport.

SERVICES

Oscar Luther Rupard of Rupert, memorial service at 11 a.m. Monday at the Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel.

Albert W. Bunn of Burley, memorial service at 11 a.m. Monday at the Payne Memorial Chapel, 221 W. Main St. in Burley (Payne Mortuary).

Thomas D. Jackson of Jerome, 11 a.m. Monday at the Jerome 2nd Ward LDS Chapel on North Lincoln; friends may call from 5 to 7 p.m. today at the Hove-Robertson Funeral Chapel and one hour before the funeral at the church.

Patricia Ann Lucht-of-Hansen, 1 p.m. Monday at Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls.

Marguerite J. 'Marge' Foster of Twin Falls, 1 p.m. Monday at White Mortuary in Twin Falls; friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. today at the funeral chapel.

Lucy P. Cole of Rupert, 2 p.m. Monday at the Rupert 1st Ward LDS building, corner of Eighth and G Street; friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. today at the Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel and one hour before the funeral at the church.

Betty Claire Mae Rainey of Rancho Bernado, Calif., and Clayton, Idaho, 2 p.m. Monday at the Hailey LDS Chapel (Wood River Chapel in Hailey).

DEATH NOTICES

Ernest R. Martin

TWIN FALLS – Ernest R. Martin, 90, of Twin Falls, died Saturday, Jan. 2, 1999, at his home.

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

Mary W. Clemmons

BLISS – Mary Wanda Clemmons, 74, of Bliss, died Thursday, Dec. 31, 1998, at St. Benedicts Family Medical Center Long Term Care Unit in Jerome.

The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday at the St. Benedicts chapel in Jerome. Arrangements are under the direction of Hove-Robertson Funeral Chapel in Jerome.

Melba Couch

BURLEY – Melba Couch, 89, of Burley, died Saturday, Jan. 2, 1999, at the Park View Rehabilitation Center in Burley.

Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Hansen Mortuary Burley Chapel.

Florence A. Stevens

GOODING – Florence Arville Stevens, 94, of Gooding, died Saturday, Jan. 2, 1999, at the Gooding County Memorial Hospital.

Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Demaray's Gooding Chapel.

HOSPITALS

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

Admitted

Kelli Baumgartner of Burley; and Charmaine Collins of Buhl.

Released

Sylvia Scanlin of Kimberly.

Ollie Hale, Bertha Sparge and Hewayne Wageman, all of Burley.

Births

A baby was born to Jodi Matsen of Burley.

MINIDOKA MEMORIAL HOSPITAL — Some names are omitted at patients' request.

Admitted

CASSIA REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER

Admitted

Chanh Minh Doan, Doug Eames and Jodi Matsen, all of Burley.

Garnet Bruce of Rupert.

Released

Leon Consuelo, Myrtle Schisler and Debbie Dominguez, all of Rupert; and Raci Amallio, Gonzalez of Almo.

OBITUARIES

For obituary rates and information, call 733-0931, Ext. 278, between 2 p.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday.

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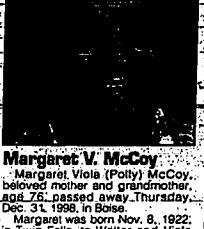

Margaret V. McCoy

Margaret Viola (Polly) McCoy, beloved mother and grandmother, age 76, passed away Thursday, Dec. 31, 1998, in Boise.

Margaret was born Nov. 8, 1922, in Twin Falls, to Walter and Viola McCabe. Margaret attended Albion Normal School, graduating with a teaching certificate and taught in Glenns Ferry. Margaret married Floyd Shepherd in September 1942. They farmed in the Filer, Kimberly and Hansen areas. They divorced in June of 1961. Margaret married Clifford McCoy on Feb. 21, 1965. She worked for the Twin Falls County Welfare Bureau for more than 20 years and retired in 1987.

She is survived by two daughters, Joy Hill of Kent, Wash., and Diana (George) Urie of Hansen; two sons, Larry (Nicki) Shepherd of Rupert and Terry (Marji) Shepherd of Boise; two step children, Linda McCoy and Fred McCoy; 17 grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; and two sisters, Laura Carney and Shirley (W.E.) McCoy. Margaret was preceded in death by her parents; husbands; sister, Gladas Huddleston; and brother, Walter (Bud) McCabe.

The funeral for Margaret McCoy will be conducted at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 5, 1999, at White Mortuary Chapel in Twin Falls with Pastor Vince Frank officiating. Interment will follow at Filer Cemetery. Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. Monday, Jan. 4, 1999, at White Mortuary.

Margaret was a great cook and made the best homemade rolls. Family always looked forward to getting together and enjoying them. She was a hard worker. On the farm, along with being a dedicated wife and mother, she would always cook for all the hired men and the threshing crews.

She was a wonderful grandmother. She had an inspiring laughter and a sparkle in her eyes that brought joy to all of those around her. She loved to go to the canning kitchen with her mother and sisters. She enjoyed her work at the weed bureau and made many lifelong friends. Trips with her sisters camping to Island Park were a couple of her favorite past times. She was also an accomplished knitter and crocheter, and enjoyed making many beautiful afghans for her friends and family.

Everything about Margaret was about giving. She will always be loved and missed.

Janet G. Waters

Janet Gail Waters, 47, of Filer, died Friday, Jan. 1, 1999, at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center.

She was born April 14, 1951, in Bakersfield, Calif., the daughter of Bobby Lee and Beverly J. Borel Henry. She was raised in Bakersfield, attending schools there. She married Carl Ray Waters in Bakersfield on April 23, 1971, and their marriage was later solemnized in the Los Angeles LDS Temple in August of 1983. They moved to Murtaugh in 1992 and finally settled in Filer.

She was a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. She was also a member of the Phi Theta Kappa Sorority. She had received her associate's degree and was one semester short of a degree in human resource management at Boise State University.

She is survived by her husband, Carl of Filer; father, Bob (Nancy) Henry of Bakersfield; children, John Franey (Jennifer) Henry of Bakersfield, Crislie (Kevin) Stokes of New Plymouth, Idaho, Cori (J.C.) Belieu of Twin Falls and Brandon Waters of Filer; six grandchildren; brother, Bill Henry of Bakersfield; and grandparents, Trixie Walton and Luther and Edna Henry, all of Bakersfield. She was preceded in death by her mother, Beverly Henry, and a stepmother, Carol Henry.

A service will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 6, 1999, at the Filer 1st Ward LDS Church with committal service to follow at Sunset Memorial Park. Arrangements are under the direction of White Mortuary in Twin Falls.

RUPERT

Mary Asson

Mary Criston Asson, 87, of Rupert, passed away Wednesday, Dec. 30, 1998, at the Minidoka Memorial Hospital Extended Care Facility.

She was born Aug. 11, 1911, in Norway, Mich., the daughter of Louis and Emma Formolo Criston. After her mother passed away, her father remarried Minica, whom she lovingly called Videza. She graduated from Norway High School in 1929. She was awarded a bachelor's degree in elementary education from Western Michigan University, where she graduated cum laude in 1933.

Mary's life exemplified her devotion to her family, her faith, her career as an educator and her country. She cared for her father until his death in 1957 and her Videza when she passed away in 1975.

She married Ernest Asson at St. Barbara's Catholic Church in Vulcan, Mich., on Aug. 14, 1960, and spent many happy years with him before and after her retirement in Rupert. Mary was an active member of the Roman Catholic Church throughout her life.

She was a dedicated teacher who touched the lives of many children. During her tenure as a teacher in the Minidoka County school system, she developed and instituted a Patriotic Program to teach students about the history of the United States. This program, which was carried on after her retirement, was unique in the Magic Valley and was the subject of a feature story produced by KMVT-TV in Twin Falls and a videotape produced by the College of Southern Idaho for use in their teaching programs.

Throughout her teaching career, she was highly regarded by her peers and her students for her unique contributions, progressive approach, and care and concern for her students. She taught in elementary schools in Iron Mountain, Mich., and Racine, Wis., and served as principal of Washington School in Escanaba, Mich., for more than 20 years. After moving to Rupert, she taught sixth grade at Lincoln School until her retirement. After her retirement, she was active in the Alpha Delta Kappa Sorority.

A rosary will be recited at 7 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 3, 1999, at the St. Nicholas Catholic Church, 302 5th, in Rupert. The funeral Mass will be celebrated at 11 a.m. Monday, Jan. 4, 1999, at St. Nicholas Catholic Church with Father Boniface from the Priory in Jerome officiating. Burial will be at the Rupert Cemetery. Instead of flowers, the family suggests donations to the Pink Ladies at the Minidoka Memorial Hospital or a school of your choice. Arrangements are under the direction of Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel.

Gas station drive-off results in arrest on federal warrant

WALLACE (AP) — A man who tried to steal $10 worth of gas was arrested on a federal warrant out of Minnesota, the Shoshone County Sheriff's Department reported.

Leslie Ironcloud, 25, was released to the custody of U.S. Marshals last Tuesday, said sheriff's Sgt. Mitch Alexander. Ironcloud was wanted for burglary and forced entry, he said.

A gas station owner in Superior, Mont., called Mineral County Sheriff Mickey O'Brien early Tuesday morning to report that a man had left without paying for gas.

Deputies caught Ironcloud and took him and three female passengers into custody, Alexander said.

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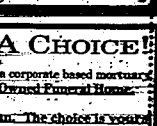

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Burley renewal advocates hope for growth

By John T. Huddy
Times-News writer

BURLEY – The Burley Urban Renewal Agency has only one New Year's resolution – create growth.

Supporters of the new agency plan to redevelop land and reinvigorate the economy.

They want to redevelop deteriorating parts of Burley and six acres north of the Snake River in north Burley, attracting business by offering lower property costs and lower property taxes.

But a lack of growth, and the resulting tax revenue, could present problems for future development.

"If growth only occurs inside the urban renewal boundaries, then there is a chance that property taxes could increase at a greater than normal rate," said Todd Christensen, economic development specialist for the Mini-Cassia area. "However, it is logical to perceive that growth will occur both inside and out of the urban renewal area."

And a lack of development outside the city could pose problems for the 25-year urban renewal plan, said Mark Mitton, Burley city administrator.

For urban renewal to work, development must occur across the board. There are possibilities: Developers have expressed interest in developing a poultry processing plant and a theme park in the area.

But some city officials with experience with urban renewal caution against aggressive plans.

"The potential downside to urban renewal is being overaggressive with the plans," said Caldwell mayor Garret Nancolas. "If too many projects that are unrealistic or too many blue skies are presented, then there is a potential for things to go wrong."

Caldwell passed a 12-year urban renewal plan Dec. 21.

"If a plan is done properly, it's dynamic and flexible," Nancolas said. "The plan should be flexible so if the money doesn't come, the plan could be delayed until the dollars come in."

Mitton is confident growth will occur, bringing in business to help finance urban renewal in Burley and surrounding areas.

For a plan to succeed it has to be realistic and achievable, said Ken Harward, who worked as Nampa's city administrator and financial director for 24 years, and helped develop Nampa's 1994 urban renewal plan.

"A plan only works if there are some high-valued development entities in the urban renewal area," Harward said. "Urban renewal is a tool and just like any other tool it can be used correctly or incorrectly."

Mismanagement and poor leadership can jeopardize the success of an "urban renewal" plan, Harward said.

"There needs to be a long-term vision – it's not an overnight process," he said.

Urban renewal has worked so far in Nampa. Big ticket commercial and industrial projects – a Micron Electronics Inc. plant and a Wal-Mart – have triggered growth in surrounding communities and brought in working revenue for the agency.

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Man runs vehicle into side of bank

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS – A Twin Falls man suffered minor injuries Saturday evening when his Chevy Blazer went off the road and crashed into a bank, police said.

The driver, 35-year-old John Barrett, was treated at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center after running into Washington Federal Savings on the corner of Blue Lakes Boulevard North and Filer Avenue, Twin Falls police officer Matt Hicks said.

Barrett was westbound on Blue Lakes Boulevard when he swerved to the right, hit a tree and crashed into the drive-up/walk-up side of the bank, he said.

The accident was under investigation.

In another accident Saturday evening, a vehicle hit a fire truck in the intersection of Washington Street North and Caswell Avenue, the Idaho State Police said.

No one was seriously injured, and further details were unavailable.

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every party full opportunity to be heard."

– Peter Monson, a trial attorney with the U.S. Department of Justice in Denver

"The adjectives that come to mind are well-organized, fair, consistent, unbiased. Anyone handling the more than 150,000 water rights claims, if not well-organized, would have been swamped."

– Vince Alberdi, manager of the Twin Falls Canal Co.

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"I think he has had the most difficult job as a jurist in Idaho in the last 10 years."

– Jim Tucker, Twin Falls water lawyer

"We will miss working with him. He's an extremely bright man, very dedicated and always trying to the right thing, though we didn't always agree on what the right thing was. Someday we're going to look back and wish we still had him."

– Karl Dreher, director of the state Department of Water Resources

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"We owe him a huge debt of gratitude."

– Supreme Court Chief Justice Linda Trout

"He has been in an extremely challenging and difficult position."

– Sen. Laird Noh, R-Kimberly, chairman of the state Senate Environment and Resources Committee

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with cars and real estate, he said. It is selling out Idaho water users by not keeping better records. And water users ought to start asking why.

The process

Idaho studied adjudications in other Western states and developed a well-conceived system that cover all water users for every use, Hurlburt said.

"Nobody's gonna fall through the cracks here," he said.

Other states conducting adjudications include Montana, Oregon, Arizona, Wyoming and Utah. But Idaho's is the largest, involving more than 180,000 water rights claims in 38 of the state's 44 counties.

Idaho is a leading example of how to do an adjudication, and of an adjudication that's getting done. The basic method – claims filed, compiled in a report, objections allowed and heard – is a sound way of proceeding, Hurlburt said.

His goal was to make the case look like any other District Court case, with the same rules.

While some have questioned the pace of the adjudication process, Hurlburt's organizational work has laid a good groundwork.

Hurlburt was chosen for his skills in management and his ability to apply modern technology to an enormously complex challenge, said Sen. Laird Noh, R-Kimberly, chairman of the Senate's Resources and Environment Committee.

Had it not been for his skills and his determination in holding to deadlines, Noh said, "We would be a lot further behind than where we are now."

'First in time, first in right'

Past use-and-development of water has collided with the future, Hurlburt said. The brutal nature of the prior appropriation doctrine has reared its ugly head.

The Idaho Constitution sets out the prior appropriation doctrine, also referred to as "first in time, first in right." But the law has never been administered in a systemwide way – in local disputes yes, but not statewide, Hurlburt said.

In times of scarcity there is not enough water for all consumptive uses. Past disputes often were settled with more water. That is no longer possible in short years.

The first 100 years of Idaho water law were aimed at avoiding the unpleasant task of applying the prior appropriation doctrine, which doesn't distinguish between rich or poor, of type of use. It only looks at the priority date.

"They don't want to have to start cutting people off," he said.

But that nearly became a reality when Tim and Alvin Musser maintained in 1993 that their century-old water right wasn't being filled and demanded the watermaster deliver it to them.

The issue wound up in court and Hurlburt ruled that Water Resources had "a clear legal duty to distribute water under the prior appropriation doctrine." The Supreme Court upheld the ruling.

The Mussers' call threatened to shut down nearly 10,000 pumpers – 40 percent of Twin Falls agriculture – on the Snake River Plain, and raised a howl of protest. Then-Gov. Cecil Andrus swore he would not let that happen.

But that's prior appropriation, Hurlburt said.

Allowing pumpers to continue at the expense of a senior water right was an economic decision, he said.

What's at stake

Water users should be asking themselves whether a large out-of-state bank would make a substantial loan based on a senior Idaho water right, Hurlburt said.

No other resource is allocated by the government. That is a socialist model, Hurlburt said.

It wasn't his job to do something about that, but Hurlburt recommends separating water allocation from policing.

Water tends to flow toward money and political clout.

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- "The baby was delivered, the cord clamped and cut, and handed to the pediatrician, who breathed and cried."
- "She stated that she had been constipated for most of her life until 1989 when she got a divorce."
- "The patient was in his usual state of good health until his airplane ran out of gas and crashed."
- "When she fainted, her eyes rolled around the room."
- "Bleeding started in the rectal area and continued all the way to Los Angeles."
- "Exam of genitalia was completely negative except for the right foot."
- "The patient was to have a bowel resection. However, he took a job as a stockbroker instead."
- "The patient had waffles for breakfast and anorexia for lunch."
- "I saw your patient today, who is still under our care for physical therapy."
- "Rectal exam revealed a normal size thyroid."

Times-News features editor Steve Crump suspects that explains a lot.

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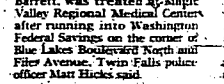

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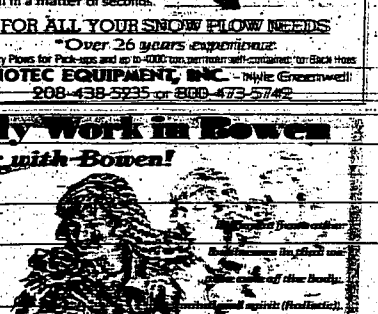

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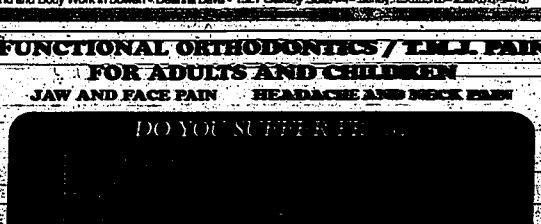

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Police: Victims of abusive home for youth were vulnerable

CHEYENNE, Wyo. (AP) — Impoverished and desperate mothers linked to the Laramore Ranch home for troubled youth were vulnerable to sexual abuse by the home's director, police say.

At least five children and one adult are victims of sexual abuse by director Emmanuel Beaugureau, 37, and his husband, Francis Beaugureau, 42.

The couple's ranch-style home in suburban Cheyenne near Casper in east-central Wyoming lured them in as Cheyenne ranch for troubled youth, aided, through word of mouth among impoverished families desperate for a place to go, police say.

The parents were often threatened and bribed about the abuse that at first, they would not talk to investigators, said investigator Chuck Davis of the Natrona County Sheriff's Department.

For the victims, it could mean two years, to embarrassing charges for a case that the couple engineered from a small base, burned them with a strong hook and repeatedly beat them.

"It makes being threatening toward these parents that much more easy. low self-esteem and little parental skills," he said. "They came from less socioeconomic levels. They're struggling moms. That's one an of the operation.

The Beaugureaus were arrested on Dec. 23. Besides mistreating the boy, the couple are also are charged with beating the boy's mother, and Ms. Beaugureau is accused of abusing a second child.

A preliminary hearing is scheduled for next Tuesday. Both face one count of battery against the woman. Ms. Beaugureau also faces two counts of child abuse; Beaugureau faces one count of child abuse against the boy.

Additional charges are anticipated for abuse of a 4-year-old boy and 3-year-old girl, Davis said.

The Beaugureaus remained in the county jail Wednesday. They have been looking for legal counsel.

Even after leaving the home, no one came forward until a 14-year-old runaway girl started talking to investigators in June about the beatings she had endured, Davis said. Through her circle of friends, several other people came forward.

"They had been victimized and some of them had a great deal of shame and guilt that they didn't do the right things," he said.

No one is really sure how many families lived at the home since the couple moved to Casper in 1993. Five juveniles were residents of the home as recently as three weeks ago, Davis said.

"Once they got involved, the Beaugureaus would control their finances, literally their coming and going," Davis said. "None of the parents had a mode of transportation that I know of."

The families lived "in a life of servitude," he said. "They were made to work and clean and take care of the house and the properties and the livestock."

Their telephone calls were monitored and family members were the only people allowed to visit, he said.

Davis refused to identify any of the victims, saying only they were from Wyoming and Nebraska.

Ms. Beaugureau had identified herself as a Christian whose faith eschews government forms of identification such as social security numbers, Davis said.

The investigation began more than two years ago when state social workers interviewed the boy who had been kept in a box. The boy lived at the ranch from July 1995 to October 1996. His mother then took him to a mental health center.

While infrequent, institutionalized abuse occurs and has more of a chance of occurring in quasi-official facilities that are overlooked by the state, said Rose Kor, executive director of a nonprofit advocacy group called Prevent Child Abuse Wyoming.

Licensing of smaller operations, better training and more time for social workers and regular, unannounced state inspections are some of the ways such crimes might be prevented in the future, she said.

Beekeeper fails to report to prison

The Times-News

CAREY – A beekeeper who lied to the U.S. government to obtain more than $3 million in loans failed to report to federal prison Wednesday in Sheridan, Ore., federal officials said.

William L. Laidlaw, owner of Laidlaw Apiaries, was being sought by federal authorities after the deadline to report passed.

Laidlaw, who pleaded guilty in the fall of 1998, was supposed to begin a 28-month sentence for lying to the U.S. Department of Agriculture about how much honey he had as collateral for loans, a news release from the U.S. Department of Justice said.

The USDA began giving Laidlaw price-support loans in 1988. The loans allow honey producers a nine-month window to sell their honey.

In his application Laidlaw lied about having honey as collateral, and he lied about selling his honey to a Seattle company. Investigators discovered Laidlaw was using the federal loans to pay off old loans and he had almost no honey to help pay back the federal loans, the release said.

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Cassia County

BURLEY – Recent activity in 5th District Court in Cassia County included:

Drunken-driving dismissals

Louis Merle Bequette Jr., 25, 506 S. 80 W., Burley; misdemeanor; Magistrate Judge Roy C. Holloway.

Diana Orta, 22, 523 Sixth St., Rupert; misdemeanor; Magistrate Judge Roy C. Holloway.

Venture Jose Cedillo, 29, Mesa's Mink Farm, Declo; misdemeanor; Magistrate Judge Roy C. Holloway.

Joseph J. Chandler, 21, P.O. Box 644, Heyburn; under age 21 misdemeanor; Magistrate Judge Roy C. Holloway.

Eugene Ray Denton, 27, 515 Chickadee, Pocatello; misdemeanor; Magistrate Judge Roy C. Holloway.

Johnny Ray Jensen, 33, 1259 Elba Ave., Burley; misdemeanor; Magistrate Judge Roy C. Holloway.

Richard T. Jones, 34, P.O. Box 782, Rolling Green Ct., misdemeanor; Magistrate Judge Roy C. Holloway.

Casey N. Peterson, 22, 705 S. Redwood Road, Sale Lake City; misdemeanor; Magistrate Judge Roy C. Holloway.

Raymundo Ramirez, 34, 1927 Albion Ave., Burley; excessive misdemeanor; Magistrate Judge Nathan W. Higer.

Thomas Leroy Stroud, 21, 304 S. C St., Rupert; one count delivery two ounces marijuana, one count drug stamp tax violation; Magistrate Judge Roy C. Holloway.

Felony dismissals

Jose Abel Montes, 24, 5239 S. 4700 E., Wendell; possession of controlled substance; District Judge Monte B. Carlson.

Minidoka County

RUPERT – Recent activity in 5th District Court in Minidoka County included:

Drunken-driving sentencings

Edward Alan Weatherstatter, 36, 1012 20th St., Rupert; misdemeanor; $380 fine, $78.50 court costs, 30 days in jail with 28 suspended, 12 months probation, 15 hours' community service, treatment program, three months' driver's license suspended two days' Mini-Cassia Work Detail; Magistrate Judge Michael E. Hollaway.

Thomas Morgan Sieper II, 26, 2725 S. Rustic Road, Burley; same as misdemeanor; $480 fine, $78.50 court costs, $250 defense fee, 30 days in jail with 28 suspended, 42 months' probation, 90-day driver's license suspended, two days' 36.5-hour Program; Magistrate Judge Roy C. Holloway.

Felony dismissals

Geffrey George Gerhardt, 22, 88 W. 20 S., Rupert; three counts lewd conduct with child under 16; Magistrate Judge Roy C. Holloway.

Former TV journalist talks about Freemen

BILLINGS, Mont. (AP) — A brief encounter with Winnett Freemen in Denver 1995 prompted a couple of Minnesota farmers to threaten television journalists Hal Bowers and his former wife, Amy.

While working for NBC television, the Minneapolis-St. Paul-based journalists teamed up with a network newsgatherer, Allison Swanson of New York City, to cover the Freemen.

The anti-government group, whose followers declared themselves to be sovereign, set up their own common law court on ranch land in Garfield County and issued thousands of worthless checks based on their bogus interpretation of the Constitution.

Instead of an interview, the three found themselves surrounded by armed Freemen who grabbed a Sony camera and sound equipment from their hands, while telling they were trespassers and could be jailed.

Three years later, Hal Bowers, 52, took the witness stand in federal court in Billings where he testified for prosecutors at three Freemen criminal trials. When it was over, juries convicted all but one charged with the ABC armed robbery, acquitting a Freeman who stood at a distance and videotaped what happened.

Bowers discussed his experience in an interview with The Billings Gazette, an account of which was published Saturday.

"It was a total shock to have the camera taken from us," Bowers said.

The professional-quality cameras and sound equipment are expensive. Bowers said their gear cost between $60,000 and $70,000.

"I think the Freemen saw the media as instruments of the devil, and targets of opportunity," Bowers said.

According to trial testimony, Freeman Daniel E. Petersen Jr., 55, of Winnett, jumped off the running board of a pickup truck and grabbed the camera, which was rolling, from Amy Bowers' shoulder.

Meanwhile, Freeman John P. McGuire, 61, of Calistoga, Calif., unclipped Hal Bowers' sound equipment and took a boom microphone from his hand. The Freemen ordered the crew to go.

At trial, prosecutors played the videotape, which captures some of what occurred, including the sound of a round being chambered in a shotgun.

"I got back in the car and sat there," Bowers recalled.

Sensing the ABC producer told the Bowerses, "You guys, I'm sorry."

"I didn't know at that point they'd taken the camera," Bowers said. "I guess I was in minor shock."

He said the realization that the camera was gone dawned on him when Amy said, "I guess ABC just bought me a new camera."

While ABC rented the Bowers another camera for 10 days, the network did not replace the couple's gear, Bowers said. Rather, the network sought to interview them, a request they declined.

"We took the job, and we lost $30,000," Bowers said. The couple eventually bought a new camera for $54,000, with insurance covering a fair amount. Still, Bowers said, they were out of pocket $10,000 and had to take out a $20,000 loan.

The Bowerses were back in business and getting jobs, but the strain got to be too much. Bowers said they decided the work was no longer worth the hassle. The couple eventually split up and sold their camera. Hal Bowers now works for U.S. Air Force Spaceplane Project in Tijeras, N.M.

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Man drives 12 hours, shoots wife, kills himself

ROY, Utah (AP) — A man who drove 12 hours from California with a recently purchased handgun wounded his estranged wife and killed himself before acting on a threat to kill her.

Gary Atherton of Thousand Oaks, Calif., broke into his wife's Roy apartment at about 1:30 a.m. Friday, shot her once in the upper left shoulder, wounded then shot Officer Bill Rooks in the head, police Lt. Greg Whitham said.

Atherton, 42, then shot himself in the head, Whitham said.

Michelle Atherton, 42, was listed in fair condition at McKay-Dee Hospital on Saturday, and was said to be improving. Officer Bill Rooks, 40, of Roy, was listed in critical but stable condition. Both were expected to recover.

Inside the car Atherton had carried Thursday in California police found a note referring to his wife and intent to take his own life, said Whitham. He also left written instructions about the care of his pet dog.

Police believe Michelle Atherton knew she was in danger and she had moved to Utah to get away from her husband while she obtained a divorce.

"There was some indication that she was afraid of him," Whitham said.

Court records show she had obtained a temporary spouse-abuse protective order against Gary Atherton in 2nd District Court on Dec. 9. The order was served on Gary Atherton in California the next day. But it was dismissed on Dec. 23, when neither side showed up for a scheduled hearing, court records say.

The dismissal came just two days after police said Gary Atherton purchased a .357-caliber revolver in a Thousand Oaks gun store.

About 24 hours before Friday's shooting, Michelle Atherton called police after learning her husband was coming after her.

Extra patrols were assigned to the neighborhood, Whinham said, and officers were alerted to the potential problem. "They were watching the residence," he said.

Police arrived at Atherton's home just two minutes after the 911 call was placed, which probably helped save lives, Whinham said.

A man inside the apartment, believed to be Gary Atherton, shouted at police to stay away from the apartment, then told officers to get an ambulance and encouraged Michelle Atherton to crawl through the broken glass door of the apartment. Officers surrounding the residence rushed to carry her out of the line of fire.

A male inside the apartment, believed to be Gary Atherton, yelled at officers to get an ambulance for the woman, according to the police report.

Researchers tried animals for genetic tests

DUBEN Utah (AP) — Wildlife researchers were trapping pygmy shrew into mosquito netting in Arizona last week to collect samples from the animals for genetic studies.

Because the animals don't migrate unless they move the island provides a most remote isolated habitat, researchers said.

Northern Division of Wildlife Manager Lee Cornwell Thirteen pygmy shrew and 11 mosquitoes were netted, samples, weeks.

The researchers will return to Arizona in February or March to trap more shrew. Blood samples are the primary research, according to potential parasites, commuting, and even checking their antibodies to see if they've been exposed to them, Cornwell said.

The 3-year research project will wind up when the work in Arizona is finished, he said.

Cornwell said the shrew are found in Arizona, Mexico and Central America. A closely related species were identified three weeks ago, increasing the island's total number to 10. The three were on the island in 1997 and number were found in 1998.

We think that's pretty good for the first year's operation," Cornwell said.

LDS church to build grave marker at Mountain Meadows

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — A pile of rubble and rocks is all that marks the resting place of 34 members of a wagon train, murdered and mutilated 141 years ago by militant Mormons and a band of Paiute Indians.

The victims of the slaughter had camped at Mountain Meadows, a pastoral area in Utah's extreme southwestern corner and a common campsite on The Spanish Trail.

The Baker-Fancher party — numbering 120 men, women and children, mostly from Arkansas — was en route to California when it was besieged and, after being promised safe passage to nearby Cedar City, ruthlessly massacred.

"There was nothing like it in the history of the West and it's the second largest loss of life in American mass murder," said David Bigler, a historian and author from Rolleville, Calif., who has written on the topic.

But the site of the infamous Mountain Meadows Massacre, 250 miles southeast of Salt Lake, had been largely ignored until this decade. In 1990, descendants of both sides erected a monument overlooking the field. Now, the Mormon church has volunteered to rebuild the marker on the mass grave, first erected in 1859.

The offer by The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints is viewed as a departure from the faith's history of reluctance in acknowledging the role of Mormon settlers in the Mountain Meadows massacre.

"They finally have a man in the (church) president's seat that knows the story and understands the pain and anguish that a lot of the families are still going through," said Ron Loving of Tucson, Ariz., whose great-great uncle led the wagon train. Thirteen other Loving ancestors also perished in the attack.

Loving is referring to Mormon church President Gordon B. Hinckley. In 1990, when he was the church's No. 2 man, Hinckley dedicated the monument at Mountain Meadows.

Last October, Hinckley again visited the site and was saddened by the condition of the mass-grave marker. He called Loving and offered the church's services and funds to rebuild the memorial.

"I did not like what I saw," Hinckley said during a meeting on Oct. 30. "I was embarrassed at the condition.... I was ashamed."

Memorializing the site has been a decade-long task for the Mountain Meadows Association, a group of descendants of victims that Loving now heads.

Harsh winters caused the monument to fall apart shortly after it was erected in 1990. Last month, the state, which assumed the task of maintaining the monument, finished extensive repairs.

Now Hinckley has committed the church to building a park-like memorial to mark the resting place for 34 victims buried in the mass grave.

"This is sacred ground," Hinckley told the association's leaders. "We owe them respect."

The cost of the repairs depends on which of three designs is chosen by the massacre's descendants and those who vote on the Mountain Meadows Association's Website.

All three plans call for a fenced, park-like area with either a smooth granite wall inscribed with the surnames of the victims, or a stone wall like the original built in 1932. In the center of the walled area the cairn — the conical stone pile that is a traditional Scottish memorial — may be rebuilt.

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Crapo: Fish management needs consensus

'Difficult political battles' loom over Idaho water

SUN VALLEY, Idaho (AP) — Sen. Larry Craig believes northern and southern Idaho water interests are becoming more and more intertwined that they will have the luxury of no difficult strategy between Northwest salmon runs.

And that, meaning — and unified — opposition to breaching four lower Snake River dams or increasing river flows by releasing even more Idaho water, Crapo says, means federal fishery managers "could be headed toward extremely difficult political battles" if action is pursued.

Crapo, in one preliminary wind salmon recovery strategy the National Marine Fisheries Service will recommend to Congress this year, but "now it appears they may be moving to a more serious consideration of dam breaching."

That would require congressional approval — and probably nearly a decade to carry out — and carries the same economic and political considerations that so-called flow augmentation does, Crapo says, and ultimately produce gridlock.

Pushing economically harmful solutions without building consensus and allowing people to participate in decision-making, the Idaho Falls Republican says, "will be detrimental to salmon and steelhead and the jobs that Idahoans depend on."

Idaho has developed a broad consensus on a salmon recovery through retiring Gov. Phil Batt's spread-the-risk policy, he says, although federal officials declined to pursue Batt's proposal during the recent high water years to leave more fish in the river and rely less on barging.

"I continue to maintain that had NMFS been more willing to work with Idaho over the past two or three years as we put together a broad consensus, we would be further down the road on salmon and steelhead," he said.

Crapo will serve on the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee when he gives up his 2nd District congressional seat this week for the Senate seat Dirk Kempthorne is vacating to become governor on Monday.

Kempthorne used his seat on that Senate panel to unsuccessfully promote Endangered Species Act revisions. While Kempthorne argues that the onus is now on the House to produce a bill, Crapo says he will try to build on the progress Kempthorne has made.

"A lot can be done," Crapo said, but "whether that means we will ultimately be successful in having legislation signed into law is not certain."

Utah looks at safety of schools

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Most Utah public schools hold fire and earthquake drills, but less than half have tested their emergency response plans, according to a statewide survey.

The results of the survey by a subcommittee of the Utah Seismic Safety Commission were not unexpected, but the 12-member panel — which includes representatives from the Utah Department of Health, American Red Cross and school and PTA officials — plans to take action to solve the problem.

"All the schools are at different levels. We're trying to bring them all up to the same level," Deedee O'Brien, subcommittee chairwoman at the time of the survey, said Wednesday.

The subcommittee will send out safety tips and classroom materials safety instruction, focusing on earthquakes, said O'Brien, a retired coordinator for earthquake educational services for University of Utah seismograph stations.

The one-page survey was sent to 731 public schools and 102 private schools last spring. Half of the schools statewide responded.

Although earthquakes are a significant hazard in 36 of Utah's 40 school districts, 33 schools in those districts reported that their emergency response plans did not include earthquake provisions.

Nearly two-thirds of school principals do not know if their buildings have been inspected for earthquake resistance, the subcommittee states.

In all, 94 percent of public schools and 76 percent of private schools have written emergency response plans and most school staff members are familiar with the policies, but the subcommittee does not know how comprehensive the plans are.

All public schools conduct at least one fire drill annually, and 96 percent of those responding hold three to nine each year. More than 80 percent of public schools and 64 percent of private schools conduct at least one earthquake drill a year.

Nevada man finds a kidney donor — right at home

CARSON CITY, Nev. (AP) — Local dance instructor Ann Peters recently gave her husband, Craig, the ultimate gift — health — when she donated one of her kidneys to him. And she isn't quite finished yet.

"I'm excited" seemed woefully inadequate when Craig learned he was the recipient of a kidney from his wife, Ann, in the couple's 1998 Christmas letter.

"Well, not immediately. But within 24 hours the word fell in love with my kidney," Craig said.

Craig's kidneys were damaged some time ago by inherited polycystic kidney disease from his mother, Mary Ellen, who was diagnosed nearly 30 years ago and went on to more consuming hemodialysis regime. She died last year.

"It's a slow disease and typically, as it is in the last stages — as the patient's 50s or 60s — that they go to dialysis three times a week and have to go on dialysis, which is every other day for several hours at a time," Craig said. "It takes over your life — it did my mother's."

Receiving a married name with inherited kidneys, Craig, 54, explained his options until one year ago the couple unveiled a transplant scenario — purchasing an organ.

"It's not illegal to buy a kidney," Craig said. "It's illegal to sell a kidney. It's illegal to buy a kidney, but it's not illegal to sell a kidney. So, legally, you can't be a middleman."

As it turned out, the evaluation process was far more involved than the couple anticipated.

"I didn't want to endanger her health," he said. "Besides, she'd had several children — 25 years ago, and it just seemed the wonderful thing to do."

AP photo

Ann and Craig Peters relax in their Reno, Nev., home earlier last week. Local dance instructor Ann Peters recently gave her husband one of her kidneys.

Ann became a potential donor and at least a blood and tissue match for Craig.

"It's pretty rare and usual to have a 'living unrelated' compatible donor," Craig said. "We were shocked."

The self-employed couple had to make sure there was enough insurance to afford the operations both would need, the expensive medications and follow-up care that would last the rest of Craig's life.

At the time, Craig, 54, was going into kidney failure, despite good physical condition due to faithful exercise and a strict kidney-friendly diet.

Without a ready and qualified donor, he would have gone on a transplant list and waited three to five years for a kidney. Dialysis probably would have been necessary in the interim.

The surgery took several hours, and Ann's kidney was in Craig's body within 20 minutes after being removed from hers.

To combat organ rejection and deal with other post-transplant needs, Craig started taking 50 pills a day and is now down to 34 a day.

"Many of the pills cause nausea, and fortunately Craig doesn't seem to have a problem with this," Ann said. "The nausea is why some people stop taking their pills."

Currently, the pills cost $2,000 month, but will hopefully drop to less than $1,000 when the Peters have to take over the full costs in three years.

It will take a year for Ann's remaining kidney to grow and handle the extra load her donated kidney used to process.

"We're pretty lucky to have met each other," Ann says. "We are both still in the sci-fi stage of this right now. We'll lay in bed and I'll say, 'I can't believe my kidney is in you, or Craig will say something along that line. It's so amazing to us."

Experts gather to discuss effects of wolf re-introduction in Idaho

CARMEN (UPI) — Game managers across the state are anxiously awaiting the effect that wolves have on Idaho's wildlife populations.

The reintroduction of Canadian wolves into Idaho has been extremely controversial, the executive director of the Idaho Department of Fish and Game, Steve Mealey, said. "Now we have to look at the effects it has on the game populations."

To help answer questions, game managers, state wildlife officials and wolf managers from around the state will meet Thursday in the Salmon-Challis National Forest Supervisor's Office in Carmen.

The Predator Days Symposium includes keynote speaker and Canadian wolf/fire researcher Val Dalton. Dalton will examine cohabitation and the social issues associated with predator control.

Panel discussions will focus on predation impacts on wildlife populations and the hunters and potential solutions to state management. Wolf impact on big game herds has become an increasing concern, augmenting the debate wolf reintroduction has generated within the livestock industry.

"There are certainly some divergent viewpoints on this subject," said John Rachael, a wildlife biologist for the Idaho Fish and Game Department.

"Some feel predators do nothing more than take out the sick and weak game," he said. But others "believe that man has replaced those natural predators and wolf recovery efforts only reduce opportunities for hunters."

Outfitters say they see indiscriminate killing by wolves and are looking for solutions. Rachael said that since wolves were brought into Idaho in 1995 and 1996, they have been reproducing rapidly and are affecting the deer and elk populations.

"We want to find out what can be done to ensure the continuation of hunting opportunity in the face of predator population," Rachael said.

The symposium is open to the public.

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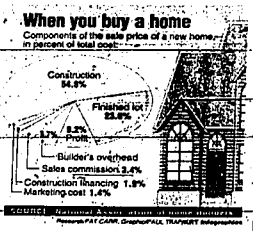

BRIEFLY IN MONEY

U-of-I sponsors workshop to teach financial skills

TWIN FALLS – A Financial Fitness workshop to help families and individuals improve their financial status and plan for the future will be held this month.

The series of four Money 2000 workshops will help people become smart money managers, organizers said. The event is sponsored by the University of Idaho Extension System.

Topics include:

- Developing a financial action plan and improving record keeping skills.
- Using credit wisely and planning for paying off consumer debt.
- Becoming a wise shopper and avoid consumer fraud.
- The power of saving and investing.

Workshops are planned for 7 to 9 p.m. Jan. 12 and 26 and Feb. 9 and 23 at the KMVT Community Room, 1100 Blue Lakes Blvd. N. The presenters are extension educators Rhea Lanting for Twin Falls County and Barbara Morales for Jerome County.

Admission is free for people enrolled in the Money 2000 program. Cost is $10 for others, which includes enrollment in the program.

The registration deadline is Tuesday. For more information or to register, call 324-7578 or 734-9590.

Jerome chamber kicks off membership drive Jan. 25

JEROME – The Jerome Chamber of Commerce membership drive kicks off Jan. 25 with 10 teams competing to bring in the most new members.

Chamber board members will act as drive chairpersons, with each chairperson leading eight to 10 members on each team.

The value of using volunteers in leadership positions within their organizations to represent chamber businesses is a great advantage in reaching out to business owners, said chamber president, Rick Bernsen from Land Title & Escrow. There is no substitute for having someone who is actually a business person and chamber member communicate with other businesses and encourage them to join the chamber, he said.

CommNet Cellular is a sponsor of the event.

The membership drive runs until Jan. 28 at the Best Western Sawtooth Inn in Jerome. Anyone interested in helping can call the chamber office at 324-2711.

Judge rules in favor of Utah's University Mall in lawsuit

OREM, Utah — Orem and University Mall have won a summary judgment on most of the suit filed against them by the developer of the rival Provo Towne Centre.

Judge Gary D. Stott granted the city and the mall's request for summary judgment last week in the suit filed by Price Development Co., which owns the Provo Towne Centre.

Price sued the city, University Mall's owners and ZCMI, claiming the city's $24.05 million tax incentive package was illegal.

"It's exactly what we wanted. We're happy," said Paul B. Johnson, city attorney.

The city is drawing up the papers to implement the ruling.

Jesse C. Trentadue, the attorney representing Price, still contends that Orem violated state laws when it entered into the agreement with University Mall and ZCMI in April.

Realtors: Sales of existing homes should break record

WASHINGTON — Existing home sales rose 2.7 percent in November and are poised to ride low interest rates and Americans' prosperity to a record high this year.

Analysts expect such unprecedented consumer exuberance to settle down in 1999, however.

"A good year ahead, but no record breakers," said David Littmann, chief economist at Comerica Bank in Detroit.

After bobbing earlier in the fall, the seasonally adjusted annual sales rate for existing homes jumped to 4.9 million in November from 4.79 million in October, the National Association of Realtors said Tuesday.

That's just short of the record 4.91 million rate set in July — the best since the association began tracking sales in 1968.

For all of 1998, the group is predicting 4.78 million sales, up 13.5 percent from the record 4.22 million existing homes sold in 1997.

Compiled from staff and wire reports

Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce President Ken Edmunds, Executive Vice President J. Kent Just, and committee member Blake Hanks have formed a task force to investigate the idea of building a convention center in Twin Falls.

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BE OUR GUEST

Chamber task force will study feasibility of bringing convention center – and conventioneers – to Twin Falls

By Pat Marcantonio
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS – Conventions have a culture all their own.

Conventioneers attend meetings, browse among displays, shake plenty of hands and network at banquets.

But after the meetings, they head out for dinner or shopping.

The Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce wants more of that business in town and has created a task force to study how a convention center can be built.

One impetus was its annual survey of members, which showed that 56 percent of a relatively small sample of 80 respondents wanted the chamber to move ahead on a convention center.

"We just don't flat have any place large enough to have meetings of the kind people would like to see come to the community," said Kent Just, the chamber executive president.

The chamber looked at the issue in 1988 and 1992, but the idea went nowhere. Its 1992 study found much demand among local businesses and organizations for a larger meeting place.

The new task force will focus on a possible site and funding sources. Just hopes the group will be ready to report to the chamber board in March.

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> – Kent Just, Twin Falls Chamber of Commerce

When Just talks convention center, he's talking about a place easily serving 700 to 800 people with about 10,000 square feet for meeting rooms, an exhibition area and kitchen.

The cost will depend on size, Just said. The 1992 chamber study projected a cost of $720,000, but also said such a place would need a government subsidy.

Funding for construction could be private, public or a mix of both, he said. But there could be a payoff.

"Conventioneers are good spenders," Just said.

They spend money in shops and restaurants, he said. Even Jackpot, Nev., casinos and Sun Valley would benefit.

The chamber study showed conventioneers would spend $50 to $500 per person in communities.

"I think it's a real plus for this town to have a convention center," said Blake Hanks, Twin Falls Title and Escrow's marketing and sales director, who will work on the task force.

The downside is the cost of a center.

"We're still a small town and for any small-town to bring in a first-class facility will cost a lot of money," Hanks said. "(But) I can't see it being anything but a benefit."

A new center will compete with the Weston Plaza Convention Center on Blue Lakes Boulevard North, said Bonnie Coats, the hotel's executive assistant manager. The center, with a 500-person capacity, is the largest in-town and draws state and regional convention business.

Coats said she isn't sure another center would survive – particularly because air service to Twin Falls is inadequate.

"If you want to get the big conventions, you want to have airline service," Coats said. Sky West Airlines flies between Twin Falls and Salt Lake City, but Horizon Air pulled its Boise-to-Twin Falls run in April 1997.

"Air service is a problem," Just agreed, "but I don't think it's a deal-killer."

A Twin Falls center would probably focus on regional and state conventions where people are used to driving.

The publicly owned Boise Centre on the Grove is used only for functions private centers can't handle, said Ed Pilkerton, general manager. The Centre can hold banquets for 2,000 people.

"It's really been a large contributor to the success of downtown Boise," Pilkerton said.

But Nampa Civic Center Director Bill Stephan cautions that a convention center could require a public subsidy. While Boise's Centre is self-sustaining, the Nampa center still receives some money from the city.

However, the Nampa center is used by people who bring dollars to town, said Georgia Bowman of the Nampa Chamber of Commerce.

"It's an incredible gathering place," Bowman said.

Times-News staff writer Pat Marcantonio can be reached at 733-0931, Ext. 242.

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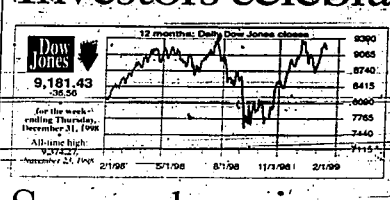
Nampa Civic Center

- Size: 42,000 square feet, including a performing arts hall and 10,000-square-foot convention center.
- Cost: $5.6 million. Built in 1990 by the city with community donations and city funds.
- Self sufficiency: Doesn't always cover average annual operating budget of $470,000. The city pays for capital expenditures.
- Use: More than 700 events in 1997.

Boise Centre on the Grove

- Size: 87,000 square feet. Includes a 322-seat theater mostly used for meetings.
- Cost: Opened in 1990 at cost of $10 million paid for by a 4 percent hotel room tax through an auditorium district.
- Self sufficiency: Yes, since August 1992.
- Use: 500 to 800 events a year.

Investors celebrate a good year – cautiously



The Associated Press

NEW YORK — You would think Wall Street would be ecstatic this New Year's after yet another booming year.

You would think wrong.

The harrowing dips the market suffered in 1998 left their mark on investors, and many are cautious about the year ahead.

"The mood with investors is like a soldier coming back from battle — a much wiser soldier," said Russ Labrasca, national sales manager at State Street Research, a Boston mutual fund company. "Many of them have a new respect for risk."

All three main stock market indicators posted their unprecedented fourth straight year of double-digit gains. The Dow Jones average rose 16.1 percent, ending the year at 9,181, the Standard & Poor's 500 gained 26.7 percent, and the Nasdaq gained a startling 39.6 percent. Of the Dow's 200 highest closes of all time, 192 came in 1998.

But for many new investors, last summer's selloff was a jarring introduction to sharp mar-

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Scanner bargains are in the picture for quite a while

By Joe Klisheimer
The Orlando Sentinel

Online

Normally, you have to get out of the house pretty early if you want to compete with the bargain hunters in the day-after-Christmas sales.

But if you're thinking about going out and getting a computer scanner, there's no rush. Sit back, relax and have another cup of coffee. The bargains will be there for a while.

Lately, prices for computer scanners have fallen into the average computer owner's price range.

A year ago, entry-level scanners were selling for about $200, which I thought was amazing because two years ago, they sold for $400 to $600.

But I recently dropped into a local computer retailer, where I saw scanners selling for a little as $59. You can thank the financial crisis in Asia — where a lot of scanners are made — for the rock-bottom prices.

A scanner will add a lot of versatility to your computer setup. It allows you to turn photographs into digital images that you can e-mail or drop into a PTA newsletter.

You also can take advantage of the optical-character-recognition software that comes with most scanners. OCR, as it's known, lets you convert printed documents into digital text files. You'll never have to retype a document.

Of course, you can still find scanners in retail outlets that sell for stratospheric prices. But unless you need razor-sharp images for professional graphics jobs, a low-end scanner should work just fine.

Just be aware of the trade-offs.

Typically, the low-end scanners can resolve images at 300 dots per inch. Typically, high-end scanners can go up to 1,200 dpi. The higher the dpi, the sharper the image.

Also, the low-end scanners tend to be slower than their higher-priced counterparts. On the under-$100 scanners, an 8-inch-by-10-inch color photo often requires up to two minutes. But if you're scanning only for fun — instead of profit — that's not so bad.

One more consideration: Higher-priced scanners typically come with a Universal Serial Bus plug, meaning they can plug into any computer with a USB port. That makes them more portable than low-priced scanners, which usually plug into a parallel port and require a longer installation.

One good bargain deserves another. Because you're going to save so much money on your scanner, you might want to consider the numerous software packages designed to help home computer users manipulate graphic images. The industry standard for photo-editing software has long been regarded as Adobe Software's PhotoShop, but it's expensive — $995 — and not always easy to use.

Sierra Home's SnapShot software — suggested retail, $39.95 — is a relatively simple-to-use photo editing program that lets you, among other things, remove the red-eye effect often seen in home photos.

The software comes with numerous graphic settings into which you can place your scanned photos. There's also a Web publishing wizard that eases the process of posting your scanned images to your Web site.

For information, check out Sierra's Web site: http://www.sierra.com/sierra/home.

Don't pick a lemon health plan

Consider this before making final decision

The Washington Post

Most people spend more time picking a car than they do choosing a health plan.

No wonder. It's not only more fun to pick a car — absent the haggling and the mammoth outlay of cash — but it's also easier because there's a wealth of data about every car sold in the U.S. market as well as reliable comparisons among models. Prospective buyers can ferret out information on fuel economy, crash test performance and options from horsepower to cup holders.

Not so for those facing the annual rite of fall known as "open season," the few weeks each November during which 9 million federal employees and tens of millions of other Americans make one of the most important decisions of the year: which health plan will provide coverage for them and their families for the next 12 months.

Yet for a decision that can have profound, even life-and-death ramifications, studies show that many people primarily rely on less-than-stellar sources of information, their friends and relatives, and are influenced more by the cost of a plan than by its quality.

Employers who purchase health insurance for employees also typically pay less attention to quality than to cost, according to a study released in September by the Commonwealth Fund, a nonprofit research organization based in New York. "Objective information about quality," the researchers concluded, "is rarely used by employers when making health-plan purchasing decisions."

"Quite often," they added, "employees make health-plan selections based on price."

That's a little like buying a Yugo that breaks down a lot, rather than a more expensive Toyota or Honda that rarely needs a mechanic's services.

"Most people don't spend enough time looking at their plans," said Sara Rosenbaum, director of the Center for Health Policy Research at the George Washington University School of Public Health.

But then health insurance is not like other consumer purchases. "If you're lucky you'll never need the product you buy," Rosenbaum added.

Besides it's relatively easy to take steps to avoid buying a car that's a lemon. Buyers can consult years of repair histories and in most states are protected by lemon laws. But finding information about health plans is considerably more difficult.

AP photo

Two-year-old Korben Baker holds his arms high as mother Debbie Jensen can attach a feeding tube to a catheter in his abdomen in Eugene, Ore. Jensen insists that Korben, who had serious health problems at birth and needed heart surgery, wouldn't be alive today without assistance from the Oregon Health Plan.

Despite all the talk about report cards and outcome studies and "best practices" — those managed-care buzzwords that imply improved accountability for consumers — research on the quality of care in health plans is in its infancy.

Such information is desperately needed, according to a blue-ribbon panel sponsored by the Institute of Medicine, particularly if people are to make smart choices about their health plans.

"There are no available data identifying individual health plans, hospitals or health-care systems that deliver care that is uniformly and consistently of the highest quality," the panel concluded in a September statement published in the Journal of the American Medical Association. Most plans, the panel headed by Mark R. Chassin concluded, "have made little, if any, effective effort to improve."

"Serious and widespread quality problems exist throughout American medicine," and "very large numbers of Americans are harmed as a direct result," the panelists concluded.

"I start from the premise that it's really hard to pick quality," said Trudy Lieberman, health policy editor for Consumer Reports.

"What we have are a hodgepodge of numbers, statistics and measures" that rarely answer the critical question, which is, are you going to get the right care delivered in the right way at the right time?

"On the other hand," Lieberman added, "you really need to start someplace."

For many people that place is the report published annually by the National Committee for Quality Assurance, a private, nonprofit Washington-based group formed seven years ago to assess and accredit managed-care plans.

NCQA evaluates only HMOs. Preferred provider organizations are not included because they contain numerous physicians and hospitals and are not as tightly managed as HMOs.

NCQA is governed by a board of directors that includes employers, representatives of industry and consumer groups (among them Consumer Reports' Lieberman), and officials of organized medicine and labor unions.

Consumers trying to pick a health plan might want to consider the following before making a final decision.

• Don't automatically pick the cheapest plan — especially one with a high deductible and no comprehensive coverage — on the assumption that you and your family will remain healthy. "If you pick a plan when things look good, then if something awful happens it's not going to meet your needs," said Gail Shearer, director of health policy analysis for Consumers Union.

• Check to see if the plan is accredited by the National Committee for Quality Assurance and whether it permits data to be released by the NCQA. Otherwise, it's difficult to know how well these plans are serving customers and complicates comparisons with other health plans.

Consumer advocates say that while NCQA accreditation is not a guarantee of quality, it does mean that the plan has met certain standards. It is similar, they say, to board certification for physicians: increasingly accreditation is considered-to-be-an important minimum credential.

• Find out whether your physicians, preferred hospitals and pharmacy are in the plan and check to see how difficult it is to see a specialist.

• Ask whether the plan pays for prescription drugs and if so, whether there are restrictions on the formulary, the list of drugs a plan will pay for. That's particularly important for people taking medication for chronic conditions such as high blood pressure or thyroid problems, who may discover that the drug they are taking is not approved, sometimes because it is more expensive than a competing medication.

• Determine whether there are lifetime limits on benefits. Some plans cap payments at $1 million, which may sound like a lot. It's not, in the case of a serious accident involving a head injury or a cancer that requires expensive treatment such as bone-marrow transplantation.

• Make sure the plan has an out-of-pocket maximum, typically a percentage of an employee's salary. That means that once you have paid that amount — which may be several thousand dollars — the plan will cover the rest.

Economists predict slowdown — again — for 1999

WASHINGTON (AP) — It may be a new year but the economic forecast for 1999 has an old familiar ring.

Economists predict distinctly slower growth, somewhat faster inflation, slightly higher unemployment and, at best, lackluster stock-market gains.

"I like to call 1999 a 'bumpy soft landing,'" said economist Nicholas Perna of Fleet Financial Group in Hartford, Conn. "It will be a soft landing in the sense that it's a better-than-even-money bet that we're going to avoid a recession and bumpy in the sense that in some parts of the economy, namely manufacturing, it's going to feel a lot like a recession."

Perna's scenario, widely shared by forecasters, bears a striking resemblance to their expectations a year ago for 1998. Instead, despite an as-predicted deterioration in the trade deficit, the economy's growth remained nearly as robust as it was in 1997, inflation stayed just as tame and unemployment edged lower, not higher.

What happened? The answer, paradoxically, is: the global slump that started in Asia in mid-1997, toppled the Russian economy last summer and threatened Latin America.

As predicted, the trade deficit climbed toward a record in 1998 — probably of about $167 billion when the counting is done. And falling export sales contributed to the loss of more than 200,000 factory jobs.

But, because skittish investors poured their money into dollar-denominated investments, U.S. interest rates fell. With mortgage rates around 30-year lows, sales of new and existing homes hit records and many homeowners put money in their pockets by refinancing.

Slumping world demand pushed oil prices to levels — adjusted for inflation — rivaling the Depression's, giving consumers more cash.

On top of that, the stock market by the end of the year was again at record levels after a sharp selloff in the late summer and early fall.

Thus, American consumers — whose spending accounts for nearly two-thirds of economic output — felt confident enough to spend nearly all of their after-tax income.

It can't happen again, economists insist, because all the pieces that fell into place can't possibly repeat themselves. Sooner or later, consumers must start saving more and spending less.

A consensus forecast among analysts for 1999 shows:

GROWTH: The economy should expand at a 2.2 percent annual rate, down from 3.6 percent in 1998, according to the consensus of 50 economists surveyed by Blue Chip Economic Indicators.

INFLATION: Consumer prices should rise 2.2 percent, up from a 1.6 percent annual rate during the first 11 months of 1998.

UNEMPLOYMENT: The unemployment rate, at a 29-year low of 4.5 percent in 1998, should average 4.8 percent.

INTEREST RATES: Long-term mortgage rates should stick near 7 percent. Many believe something — a renewed bout of turmoil overseas, perhaps in Brazil — will provoke the Federal Reserve to cut short-term rates again next year after three quarter-point cuts in 1998. That, absent such a triggering event, both long- and short-term rates may fluctuate within a narrow range for some time.

STOCK MARKET: The profit outlook is bleak. Businesses are squeezed between their inability to raise prices in the face of overseas competition and their need to pay higher wages to attract and keep skilled employees. Analysts just don't think the Dow Jones industrial average can shoot up 27 percent as it did in 1997.

AROUND THE WATERCOOLER

By Joyce M. Rosenberg
The Associated Press

LIFE AT THE TOP: Some great perks go with being in the upper echelons of management, but for many executives, the chauffeur-driven car or company plane is seen more as a business tool than a luxury, according to Runzheimer International, a consulting firm.

Runzheimer surveyed 385 organizations in North America, and found that 61 percent of the surveyed executives are reimbursed for their spouses' travel expenses on business trips. Sixty-three percent have a chauffeur and limousine, and 56 percent are entitled to use company aircraft.

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POCKET MONEY: For many kids, a weekly allowance gives them a way to save up for CDs or games. But a survey of 1,059 children ages 8 to 14 found that only 43 percent receive a weekly allowance. The survey, by Zillions, the Consumer Reports magazine for children, found that 26 percent get spending money to cover the cost of things they need to buy and 31 percent receive neither an allowance nor spending money.

The children surveyed receive an average of $5.82 a week in allowance, with older kids getting more money than younger ones. There was no difference in girls' and boys' allowances.

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EXECUTIVE ETIQUETTE: A business meal may seem like a good idea, but it can be a minefield if you don't watch your manners, advises the Institute of Management Consultants.

In its newsletter IMC Times, the institute notes that a business meal isn't about eating — "it's about business!" The IMC reminds business people to treat servers with respect, and to expect to pay the bill. Two other bits of advice: Learn how to hold and use your utensils, and chew with your mouth closed.

THE LIGHT TOUCH

by Craig Smith

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MONEY

A trader in a New Year's Eve party hat looks at a monitor shortly after the opening bell on the last day of trading for 1998 at the New York Stock Exchange Thursday.

Celebrate

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ket swings, the kind that punditshad long warned about but that seemed to have been absent in recent years. On 16 occasions, the sharp price swings left the Dow more than 200 points higher or lower in a single day.

Online investor Charles Burroughs of Denver, who visited the New York Stock Exchange on Thursday, said 1998's market swings left him feeling dazed.

"While you have money, you're on a big high, and you want to go in October with no money. Then you wake up again, and it's all back," he said. "It was all the way up, it was all the way down — if you're lucky enough, you're even now."

Even investing pros were unsettled. Especially worrisome for them was the recent frenzy over Internet-related companies. Stocks of online retailers like Amazon.com have soared to seemingly unsustainable heights.

"Sometime we are going to have to pay back some of this. It just doesn't stay this way forever," said Edward Collins, a trader at Daiwa Securities America in New York.

The bulls certainly had their way at the beginning of 1998.

The year started off looking a lot like the three years before it, which all produced double-digit gains in the Dow. The Dow romped through record after record in the first half of the year, peaking on July 17 just as the global financial crisis flared up again.

In just six weeks, the measure of 30 major blue-chip companies tumbled 19.3 percent. The Asian financial crisis spread to Latin America, Russia defaulted on its debt, and U.S. companies started feeling the pinch.

Was it a bear market? Market watchers can't seem to agree. The classical definition of a bear market is a decline of 20 percent, so some say that the Dow's decline just missed it, which means Wall Street's eight-year bull run is still going.

Despite a strong recovery this fall in blue-chip companies and the big players in the S&P 500 index, many smaller company stocks remain in negative territory for the year. And the Russell 2000 index of smaller companies closed down for the year, its first losing year since 1994.

So while many investors will now be happily counting their gains from the year, the rough ride that everyone went through in late summer remains fresh in many people's memories.

TRADEWINDS

The Times-News

HAZELTON — A Simplot Soilbuilders office coordinator has won the 1998 Far West/WCPA Service Person Award.

Marilyn Mellicke of Hazelton was recognized for outstanding work in serving the company's grower clients. She has been with Simplot for 27 years.

TWIN FALLS — Lisa Lashaw is now associated with the Addison Animal Clinic and Hospital.

Lashaw received her undergraduate degree at Pennsylvania State College and graduated from the University of Pennsylvania School of Veterinary Medicine in 1985. She worked in a large and small-animal clinic for one year and has been associated with small-animals practices, including one for cats only, for the past 13 years.

TWIN FALLS — Magic Valley business banking team leader Bill Bryant was honored with U.S. Bank's leadership award during the bank's Northwest Region Management Conference in November in Reno, Nev. The award was presented to Bryant in recognition of his effort and contribution to the success of his team during 1998.

Bryant has experienced an outstanding year from a production standpoint and his leadership has been instrumental in maintaining and guiding his team, said Jim Grigsby, intermountain business banking region manager.

Bryant joined U.S. Bank in 1969. During his 30-year banking career, he has held a variety of positions, including senior branch manager and commercial and agricultural lending officer throughout Idaho. His office is located at 241 Shoshone St. E.

Minneapolis-based U.S. Bancorp, with $74 billion in assets, is the 14th largest bank holding company in the nation. It operates more than 2,000 banking offices in 17 Western and Midwestern states.

TWIN FALLS — Magic Valley Realty announced that David Watson is the 15th newest sales associate.

Watson is a native of Magic Valley. Along with his wife, Julie, and four children, he owned and operated Watson Tree and Weedbelt in Twin Falls for more than a decade. He has been remodeling and selling homes for the last four years and is now a licensed real estate agent.

SHOSHONE — Dr. Keith E. Beach, a family physician, was recently recertified Diplomate of the American Board of Family Practice, the certifying entity for the specialty of family practice.

Diplomate status is earned by passing a certification examination, an intensive written test of a physician's knowledge in pediatrics, internal medicine, surgery, obstetrics, gynecology, psychiatry, prevention and other aspects of family practice.

Family practice was recognized in 1969 as a medical specialty by the American Medical Association and the American Board of Medical Specialties. It was the first specialty to require its diplomates to recertify by taking exams every six years.

Davis is a member of the American Academy of Family Physicians, a national medical specialty organization instrumental in establishing the specialty of family practice. It also was the first medical specialty organization to require its members to earn 150 hours of approved continuing medical education every three years. Early this year, Davis successfully completed its sponsored course, Advanced Life Support in Obstetrics.

He has been in full-time solo practice in Shoshone since 1985.

Bancorp Photo

David Watson

Dr. Lois Adrian

TWIN FALLS — Primary Health Inc., which calls itself Idaho's largest medical group, announced that Dr. Lois Adrian has joined the company's Twin Falls center.

Adrian brings vast experience in a wide range of women's health issues, said Dr. Robert Gilbert, chief medical officer for Primary Health.

Adrian has served the Twin Falls community for 17 years and leaves her private practice to become a Primary Health physician. She earned her medical doctor degree from the University of South Dakota School of Medicine and completed her residency at the University of Arizona Medical Center in Tucson. She is board certified in family practice and holds privileges at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center. She is accepting new and continuing patients.

With a network of medical centers throughout southwest Idaho, Primary Health said it comprises a system of physicians practicing family, obstetrics/gynecology, pediatric, occupational, geriatrics, sports and internal medicine on an immediate care and appointment basis. It has a referral network of specialists and hospitals throughout the served communities.

Brokers thrive despite arrival of online trading

Chicago Tribune

Play by play and live analysis of the broker. Cheap, push-button investing may have arrived, but small brokers aren't in any danger of being driven out of business.

Still, Ajaz Hussain was worried late last year about his decision to sell his snoozefesting and consulting firm and become an investment banker, something he had wanted to do since college days at Northern Illinois University.

Having traded online for his own account, he said he "was extremely concerned that maybe the Internet has answered and maybe business won't be as good as I thought."

But as a broker with PaineWebber Inc. since July, the 30-year-old Hussain knows that while he can't compete on price with the Internet, he can "provide value-added services for the people who are willing to pay."

Indeed, online stock trading is growing, so is the number of brokers at full-service investment firms. PaineWebber, for example "hired 1,200 new people this year following 600 in 1997, and we plan even more in 1999," said the firm's executive vice president and chief operating officer for the private client group, Marten Hoekstra.

Philip Hummer, principal with the firm of Wayne Hummer Investment LLC said, "We have been hiring experienced investment executives," some of whom become available because of mergers or downsizing.

The national picture for registered representatives is one of growth since the last recession, which ended in 1991.

Debut of euro tops week's business news

BRUSSELS, Belgium (AP)

The European Union launched more than a single currency Friday — it launched hope. Hope for a more prosperous Europe. A stronger, united Europe. And, ultimately, a more peaceful Europe.

Currency, as European Central Bank President Wim Duisenberg put it, goes beyond money. The franc is France. The mark is Germany. The lira is Italy. Now, he hopes, the euro will become Europe.

"A currency is part of the identity of a people," said Duisenberg, a Dutchman. "It reflects what they have in common, now and in the future. May the euro become a unifying symbol for the people of Europe."

Digital television will give new look to medium in '99

SAN JOSE, Calif. — The cool new high tech gadget everyone's talking about these days is something we've been watching in our living rooms for almost 60 years. But in 1999, say consumer electronics aficionados, television gets a whole new look.

"This new digital television is not your grandfather's televi-

Business week in review

sion," said Jeff Joseph, vice president of the Consumer Electronics Manufacturers Association in Arlington, Va. "It's amazing. It has an enormous 'Wow!' factor. Anytime consumers see it, their eyes pop out."

Television viewers may think that their football game, soap opera or science show looks fine as it is. But when a show is broadcasted digitally onto a high definition television, the action appears disturbingly lifelike, nearly three dimensional.

Auto industry ends 5th straight year of high sales

DETROIT — Detroit's annual fashion show — complete with runways, models and an endless array of curvaceous sheet metal — arrives just as the U.S. auto industry celebrates the end of its fifth straight year of strong sales and healthy profits.

Industry analysts expect final sales figures to show U.S. light vehicle sales hit a 10-year high of more than 15.4 million in 1998. They'll know for sure when figures are released next week during the North American International Auto Show's media preview.

The industry's health is reflected in the millions of dollars automakers are spending on new displays aimed at attracting the nearly 6,000 automotive journalists and photographers expected to show up starting Sunday for the four-day preview.

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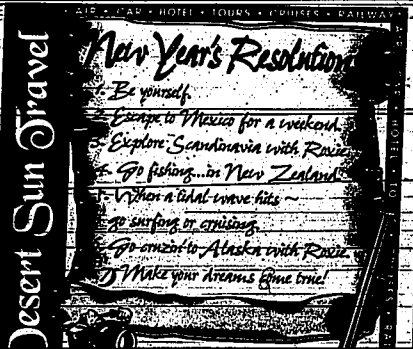

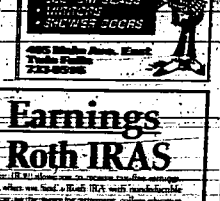

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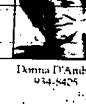

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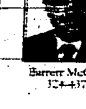

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Saying both farewell and hello to Chris Tormey

An open letter to University of Idaho football coach Chris Tormey:

First off, Coach, congratulations. And many more bowl wins to the Vandal football program.

Now down to business.

As you've no doubt heard, the University of Washington has fired your buddy, Jim Lambright. I'm betting that's old news to you – word is you chatted with Husky athletic director Barbara Hedges about the vacancy on Friday.

Exciting prospect, isn't it? You head to Washington, and like Dennis Erickson, who admittedly took an ill-advised exit off Interstate 90 when he traded Moscow for Pullman, you hit the fast track. Departing for the Evergreen State now, you're on your way to one-of-college-football's plum jobs.

DOWN IN FRONT
Jeff Rosen

And you deserve it. Your Husky resume remains one of the best in the biz. Having helped guide the UW to a share of the national title in 1991, you're revered around Montlake. In 10 years, you rose meteorically through the University of Washington coaching ranks: tight ends coach 1984-1986; outside linebackers coach 1987-1991; secondary coach 1992-93; and defensive coordinator under Lambright in 1994.

Paul Skansi, your receivers coach at Idaho, is a Husky.

So is Tarn Sublett, one of your graduate assistants. Your two top dogs – offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach Phil Earley and defensive coordinator and secondary coach Jeff Mills – both graduated from Western Washington University up the road in Bellingham.

Bring 'em with you. The infusion of youth is sorely needed at the U-Dub.

Best of all, Coach, you have friends in high places. Don James, legendary for making Pac-10 powers like UCLA and Southern Cal tremble in their spikes – your former boss – recommends you.

You arrived at the U of I in 1995 with big plans. "There is no reason the University of Idaho shouldn't be one of the premier universities in the West," you said. Lo and behold, now it is.

Okay, you say, *slow down. No one's offered me the job.* Chances are they will. And when they do, you must be ready. As the first Idaho alum to coach the Vandals since James Brown in 1946, you understand the dynamics at work here: loyalty, commitment and character.

Together, they're concepts as foreign to Erickson as a winning NFL season. I met Erickson at a charity golf event in Washington last year. Cigarette in one hand, drink in the other, he wore sunglasses that cloudy afternoon well into the evening, mining the gallery for flattery. Hanging with him was wishing for an air-raid siren to sound.

Erickson seemed only too proud of his sordid work history: bolting Idaho after 1985, coaching at Washington State momentarily, then racing off to Miami before leaving just as quick to head the Seahawks.

That ain't you. But you're at a crossroads just the same.

Bearing Southern Miss in the Humanitarian Bowl last week was huge. In Idaho's first year playing Division I, bottom-heavy with just 31 upperclassmen on the roster, you jumped from a dead-last pick in preseason to winning the Big West outright.

And to top it off, you were selected conference Coach of the Year.

Chances are you're sensitive to the Erickson comparison. Chances are you need to think this through. Do so quick, though, because Hedges won't waste time hiring Lambright's successor. This is prime recruiting season, and yours is not the only blue-chip hat in the ring.

Some might say your work at the Kibbie Dome is just beginning. A lot of people in Seattle, some of your old friends, hope it is complete.

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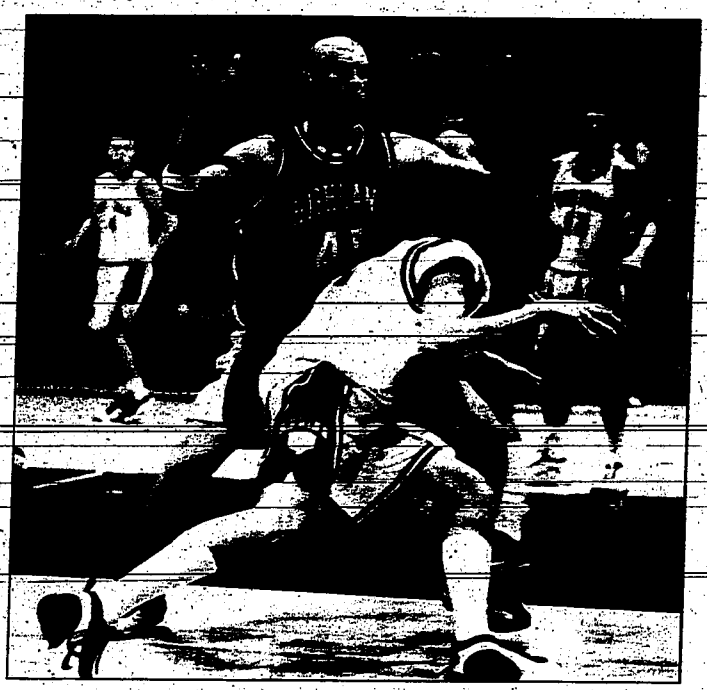

The Bruins' Jeremy Sudik turns the corner against Highland defender Casey Chase in the first half of their conference matchup Saturday night. Sudik led Twin Falls with 12 points and six rebounds.

Cold quarter kills TF

Bruins put fight to Highland but turn sour in 3rd

By Jeff Rosen
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS – Twin Falls boys' basketball coach Dan Vogt and his players shared poker faces after one quarter Saturday night. Two small first-year kids they sat tied at 17 with visiting Highland heading into the second.

On the verge of perhaps duplicating a feat their female counterparts accomplished here Dec. 10 in beating the Rams, the Bruins trailed just 33-30 at the half.

"We were just so close to take some chances," Vogt said. "We scored 30 in the first half against a good defensive team, and I'm very happy about that."

Spirited physical play by Jeremy Sudik provided a palpable lift for the team. The lanky junior scored a team-high 12 points, blocked a shot and led the Bruins in rebounding with six emotional boards while shooting 4-of-6 from the free-throw line.

But crisp third-quarter shooting percentage proved Twin Falls' undoing in what unraveled to become a 62-48 lost – the team's seventh in seven outings.

Highland led by as many as six points in the early going before evenly scoring five. Senior Jeremy Purdy, Brandon Nielsen, Casey Eldredge and Allen Wilson whittled the margin down as time drew short in the opening period.

As Nielsen and Wilson connected on back-to-back 3-pointers to knot the score at 17 to end the first quarter, the gym began to buzz. For the first time all season, the Bruins didn't trail after the first eight minutes.

"We shot well," Vogt said. "We gave up some stuff inside, but we had a hard week of practice and it paid off."

The Bruins' intensity spilled over in the second period, where Vogt's squad shared three more ties with the Rams and led 24-23 with less than four minutes remaining until halftime.

The Bruins fouled on a 3-point attempt by Highland's Griffin Proctor, however, and the Proctor connected on all three from the line to preserve a 3-point Rams advantage heading into the locker room.

Still, thanks to a lane field goal by Eldredge, the Bruins were well within striking distance with sixteen minutes left to play.

"We knew they'd play a tough second half," Vogt said. "Highland's that kind of team."

On the floor to start the third quarter, Proctor walked with the ball and turned it over, one little error from the Rams easy in the period. The Rams embarked on a 5-0 run that pushed their lead to 38-30 three minutes later.

Sudik sank one of two shots in each of two free-throw appearances, then fed Nielsen a rifle assist under the hoop for a quick bucket, but the Rams outscored the Bruins 13-6 in the period.

Highland increased its lead to 16 at

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Dolphins dance on Flutie, Bills

Sack of QB puts end to Buffalo rally

The Associated Press

MIAMI – Moments after Trace Armstrong slammed Doug Flutie to the turf, Jimmy Johnson slammed a box of Flutie Flakes in celebration. And his Miami players danced on them.

Armstrong sacked Flutie with a jarring tackle that shook the ball loose, defensive lineman Shane Burton recovered and the Dolphins nearly trampled Flutie as they celebrated. The turnover clinched Miami's wild 24-17 wild-card playoff victory Saturday.

In the Dolphins' jubilant locker room, coach Johnson crushed a box of Flutie Flakes on a table. The cereal spilled to the floor and the Dolphins gleefully stomped on the flakes.

Dolphins 24
Bills 17

"It's great to get the win. Because Flutie is the comeback king," linebacker Zach Thomas said.

More football – C4

Miami's opponent next weekend will depend on today's Jacksonville-New England outcome. If the Jaguars win, the Dolphins will play at Denver. If the Patriots win, the Dolphins will play the Jets in New York.

"We're going to enjoy this for a good 15 or 20 minutes, then start getting ready for the next one," Armstrong said.

In a game full of weird plays and crazy bounces, the last one went Miami's way.

The Bills twice erased deficits before falling behind 24-14, then rallied again. After Steve Christie kicked a 33-yard field goal with 1:33 left, Buffalo recovered an onside kick and drove 64 yards in 10 plays.

On first down at the 5-yard line, Flutie pumped to throw, cocked his arm again and was leveled by Armstrong, knocking the ball loose.

"I had a chance to put a solid hit on him," an exhausted Armstrong said. "I was elated, because I didn't know if I could go another play. I'm sure they're sitting over there thinking one got away from them."

Flutie said he never saw Armstrong. "I was going to throw it out of the end zone," he said. "I felt I had plenty of time and took another peek. The next thing I knew, I got hit."

Burton's recovery with nine seconds left clinched Johnson's first postseason victory since his Dallas Cowboys beat the Bills in the 1994 Super Bowl.

"Buffalo has a very talented team, and they made a lot of plays," Johnson said. "Our guys made more plays."

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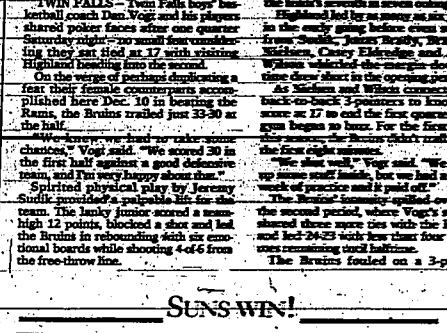


Jackson Hole (Wyo.) Moose goalie Bob Carrick, saved several shots on goal in the final seconds of the first period of the game against the Sun Valley Suns. The home-town Suns won 8-3 and improved their overall record to 4-2. The semi-pro hockey team travels to Salt Lake City next weekend for a tournament.

Florida dominates Orangemen

Gators explode, 31-10

The Associated Press

MIAMI – So much for the notion that Florida is not as explosive as usual. Steve Spurrier's No. 9 Gator offense was fully loaded for the Orange Bowl.

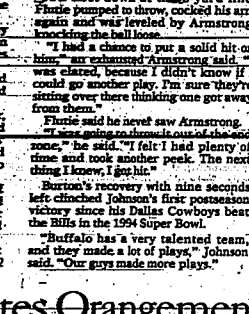
Shut down by the team's top defense in a loss to Florida State in the regular-season finale, the seventh-ranked Gators rebounded with a dominating performance in a 31-10 rout of No. 15 Syracuse Saturday night.

Doug Johnson tossed two touchdown passes before breaking his left leg and Jesse Palmer threw for one score and ran for one, proving once again that Florida's offense flourishes regardless of who's at quarterback.

Johnson broke his leg late in the second quarter. Palmer, the starter for six games before breaking his collarbone on Oct. 10, threw his TD pass for a 21-3 lead on his second play.

The victory enabled Florida (10-2) to finish with at least 10 victories for the sixth straight season. The Gators' only losses were to top-ranked Tennessee and No. 2 Florida State, who will play for the national championship Monday night in the Fiesta Bowl.

The Gators scored three times for a top-5 finish with lots of offense and a suffocating defense that contained Donovan McNabb



AP photo

University of Florida wide receiver Travis Taylor runs through Syracuse defenders on the way to his second touchdown Saturday.

and limited Syracuse (8-4) to a second-quarter field goal until Maurice Jackson scored on a 62-yard reception with just over three

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Minico boys topple Jerome in overtime

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minutes left.

Travis Taylor caught both of Johnson's TD passes and had seven receptions for 159 yards and Terry Jackson topped 100 yards rushing in his first extensive action since severely sprraining an ankle midway through the season.

The defense, meanwhile, answered the question of whether it would be affected by the departure of defensive coordinator Bob Stoops, who left in November to coach Oklahoma.

Florida forced four turnovers – including three by McNabb, who fumbled twice and threw one interception on his final college game. He completed 14 of 30 passes for 192 yards and rushed for 72 yards on 20 attempts.

Florida State held the Gators to a season-low 204 yards, using as many as eight defensive backs to blanket the Gators' talented corp of receivers.

But Syracuse lacked the depth to try the same approach. And with the Orangemen also unable to mount a consistent pass rush, Johnson and Palmer had lots of time to find their targets.

Johnson led two quick-strike drives in the opening quarter. His 51-yard TD pass to Taylor finished an 84-yard march lasting 39 seconds.

And Taylor scored again on the Gators' next possession when he broke a tackle at the 15 to finish a 26-yard play for a 14-0 lead.

The second drive, covering 65 yards, lasted 40 seconds – giving Florida 18 scoring drives of less a minute and 28 of less than two minutes this season.

Johnson completed his first six passes and finished 12-of-17 for 195 yards. Palmer was just as hot on his his first two series, throwing a 4-yard TD pass to Erron Kinney on his first attempt and completing his next four to set up his 2-yard scoring run that put the Gators up 28-3 at the half.

Florida finished with 441 yards. Jackson rushed for 106 yards on 21 carries and Palmer was 10-of-14 for 113 yards.

Meanwhile, the Florida defense put the clamps on McNabb, the three-time Big East offensive player of the year. The Gators forced a first-quarter fumble by the Syracuse quarterback, and Tony George's second-quarter interception led to Palmer's TD.

Johnson was injured late in the second quarter when he was hit by Syracuse's Marc Pilon and twisted to the ground after releasing an 18-yard completion to Nafis Karim.

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the three-minute mark in the final quarter. Down 57-41, a pullup jumper by the hustling Sofic, a speedy steal and fast-break layup from Andy and Nielsen's late 3-pointer – his second of the night – made the final score a little more respectable at 62-48.

"We just couldn't keep it going," Vogt said. "That's been our problem. We've got to be a little more consistent. We've got the talent, we've got the goods, but we don't quite have the complete package."

The Bruins face a difficult week ahead, hosting Mountain Home Tuesday before traveling to Jerome Wednesday and Burley on Friday. The week after that should be equally challeng-ing, with a road swing posing snags at Pocatello, Elko and Minico.

"We have to keep our guys playing hard," Vogt said. "We've just have to keep working at it. January is just a grueling month all around. But we've had two weeks off and we're rested."

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JEROME – Tony Anderson had 18 points and played a key role in overtime as Minico defeated Jerome 53-59 in A-1 Region III boys' basketball play Saturday night.

The Tigers trailed 47-36 headed into the final period, but hit seven of eight free-throw attempts in the final eight minutes and tied the game for overtime.

"We did a great job in the fourth quarter of executing our offense," said Jerome coach Brent Clark. "We had a couple of turnovers in the overtime that basically killed us."

Both teams sit at 3-5. Jerome hosts Twin Falls Wednesday evening.

Minico	12	13	22	12	– 59
Jerome	17	13	11	7	4 – 53

MINICO (59)- Price 7, Pitts 12, Anderson 18, Crabb 2, Jorgensmeier 3, Andersen 13, Kuhn 3. Totals 22-23-10-59
JEROME (53)- Stevenson 6, Gardner 10, Stokes 12, Adsett 6, Dickinson 14, Howell 7. Totals 20-13-9-53
3-point goals- Minico 8 (Anderson 4, Price, Kuhn), Jerome 5 (Stokes 2, Stevenson, Howell). Total fouls- Minico 20, Jerome 19. Fouled out- none. Junior boys- Jerome 41, Minico 40. JV coach- Vince Bell.

High school sports

Richfield 71, Leadore 68, OT

RICHFIELD – Quinton Kent scored nine of his 17 points in overtime and the Tiger defense held Leadore's Jeff Taylor down a bit as Richfield avenged an earlier 14-point loss to the Mustangs Saturday night in overtime.

Taylor still led all scorers with 20 points, a far cry from the 35 he scored in the teams' first meeting. Derrick Ellis scored 15 for Richfield and teammate Mitch Lucero added 10.

Richfield (6-2) travels to Dietrich Tuesday night.

Leadore	16	13	11	16	12 – 68
Richfield	16	11	17	16	11 – 71

LEADORE (68)- Taylor 20, Peterson 16, Casey Bird 8, Cody Bird 8, Stokes 6, Trego 6, Blackburn 3, Young 2. Totals- 27-11-22-68
RICHFIELD (71)- Ellis 15, Kent 17, Allen 7, Dunn 4, Lucero 10, Pack 6, Torgerson 6, Cooper 10. Totals- 24-20-23-71
3-point goals- Leadore 5 (Peterson 3, Cody Bird), Richfield 3 (Pack, Kent, Jones). Total fouls- Leadore 25, Richfield 17. Fouled out- Jeff Taylor, Bird, JV coach- Leadore-Art Richfield-

Pocatello 52, Burley 47

POCATELLO – The Bobcats survived a first-quarter shooting malaise in Pocatello Saturday night in which the hosting Indians outscored them 21-12, pulled to within a bucket in the closing seconds, but came up short.

"We hung in there," said Burley coach Matt Harr. "We got back into our game a little bit."

Just four Bobcat players posted points, but led by a game-high 26 points from Aaron Bradley – a total that included five 3-pointers – Burley was successful in slowing an Indians' offense that has blistered opponents this season.

Burley is 5-2 heading into Wednesday's game against Minico.

Pocatello	21	7	15	9	– 52
Burley	12	10	11	14	– 47

BURLEY (47)- Aubrey 12, Dayley 2, Bagley 8, Bradley 26. Totals – 17-5-6-47.
POCATELLO (52)- Hunt 11, Oliver 2, Bybee 10, Bilbrey 5, Birch 11, Mortensen 4, Mann 6, Jones 2. Totals – 22-10-16-52.
3-point goals- Pocatello 3 (Birch 2, Bybee), Burley 6 (Bradley 5, Aubrey 2). Fouls- Burley 14, Pocatello 11. Fouled out – none.

Camas County 81, Castleford 38

CASTLEFORD – Five Mushers scored in double figures as Camas County completed a season sweep of Castleford in boys' non-conference basketball action Saturday.

Senior guard Jake Miller led the Mushers with 26 points, while teammate Jamon Frosteson had 13 and Travis Tate and Doug Myers added 11 each.

"We played them up there to a five-point game," said Wolves coach Andy Wiseman, whose squad committed 40 turnovers to Camas' 17.

"They showed up ready to play tonight. We need to get that way."

Sophomore Hunt Olsen scored 12 points to lead Castleford (4-4), which opens the conference season Saturday at home against Raft River.

Camas Co.	22	21	19	19	– 81
Castleford	8	10	14	6	– 38

CAMAS CO. (81)- Frosteson 13, Tate 11, Wilson 4, Blodgett 17, Miller 26, Inskeep 6, Myers 11. Totals- 34-8-7-81
CASTLEFORD (38)- Hendricks 2, Garrison 4, Olsen 12, Taylor 4, Dudley 4, Wenger 2, Lojeon 2, Thompson 4, Brenes 2. Totals- 17-4-3-38
3-point goals- Camas County 6 (Miller 3, Blodgett, Tate, Frosteson). Total fouls- Camas County 17, Castleford 12. JV coach- Camas County Mr. Crawford 42.

Girls' basketball

Jerome 55, Bishop Kelly 39

BOISE – Eight Tigers scored as Jerome defeated Bishop Kelly 55-39 in girls' basketball action Saturday.

"The first half we were really in an offensive flow," said Jerome coach Michelle Skyles, whose team outscored the Knights 30-11 in the first 16 minutes. "Everybody did something well tonight."

The Tigers were perfect on all seven 3-point attempts in the first half.

"We kind of like that gym, I guess. At least that one end," Skyles said.

Jerome (8-5) hosts Highland Thursday.

Jerome	16	14	15	10	– 55
Bishop Kelly	4	7	11	17	– 39

JEROME- Gardner 4, McCarthy 4, Barker 11, Wyttenbach 4, Fonnesbeck 2, Tracy 2, Sorensen 3, Sargent 5, Tobias 14. 6-7-55
BISHOP KELLY- Neill, Schoenrock 2, Cleary 3, Mahana 10, Thibault 10, West 7, Hubbard 2, Bolton 6. Totals- 15-7-13-39
3-point goals- Jerome 7 (Tobias 3, McCarthy 2, Barker, Tracy), Bishop Kelly 3 (Schoenrock 2, Mahana). Total fouls- Bishop Kelly 13, Jerome 8. JV score- Jerome 43, Bishop Kelly 40.

Castleford 53, Camas County 36

CASTLEFORD – Jacklyn Burgess scored 18 points as the homestanding Wolves handed Camas County a 53-36 loss in A-4 girls' basketball Saturday.

"We came out pretty aggressive in the first quarter," said Castleford coach Gary Reynolds, whose team led 20-8 after eight minutes. "Jacklyn had a really good game. They were in a zone and she got open on the wing."

Freshman Sarah Vouch led Camas County with 16 points, including a near-perfect performance (8-of-10) from the free-throw line.

Castleford (6-6) hosts Raft River Tuesday.

Camas County	4	4	16	12	– 36
Castleford	20	20	10	3	– 53

CAMAS COUNTY- Vouch 16, M. Bennett 5, Gill 3, A. Dukes 2, Whalley 6, B. Dukes 4. Totals- 17-17-36
CASTLEFORD- Burgess 18, Dudley 2, D. Dudley 3, Pulley 16, Burgess 10, Eisenberg 7, Cone 1, Sandoval 3, Frey 4, McDermott 6. Totals- 20-13-53
3-point goals- Castleford 1 (Pulley), Burgess 2). Total fouls- Camas County 14, Castleford 18.

Leadore 58, Richfield 26

RICHFIELD – Behind 23 points from 6-foot-4 Holly Tyler, the visiting Mustangs defeated Richfield Saturday night.

"She's quite the force," said Richfield coach Jim Thomas. "She didn't even have to play the whole game to do us in."

Richfield travels to Dietrich Tuesday.

Leadore	20	11	14	13	– 58
Richfield	4	6	8	8	– 26

LEADORE (58)- Bennett 2, Pohl 4, Mattsen 1, Lamb 4, Kemp 14, Tyler 23. Totals- 23-5-9-58
RICHFIELD (26)- Winegard 2, D. Ward 8, Amy 2, Longhurst 6, M. Ward 3, Robinson 2. Totals- 9-8-20-26

Declo 53, Aberdeen 24

DECLO – The Lady Hornets improved to a perfect 12-0 Saturday night, doubling up on visiting Aberdeen by a score of 53-24.

"We came right out on them and took control," said Declo coach Kim Johnson. "We executed well, and we were able to get it inside."

Anna Bateman, Angie Pickup and Angie Bolger scored 12, 11 and 12 points respectively to lead Declo's offense, which thrived thanks to a turnover-enticing press on defense.

Declo next plays Tuesday at Buhl.

Declo			19	11	11 – 53
Aberdeen			7	12	5 – 24

DECLO (53)- Bateman 12, Pickup 11, Bolger 12, Brandon 1, Rogers 2, Hansen 2, Bingham 10. Totals- 22-7-53
ABERDEEN (24)- Thomas 5, Hansen 2, Hansen 2, Thomas 5, Hansen 7, Hansen 3. Totals- 9-6-24
3-point goals- Declo 1 (Bateman). Total fouls- Declo 14, Aberdeen 14. Fouled out – none.

Wrestling

Minico wins Oakley Invitational

OAKLEY – The Minico Spartan wrestling squad placed five wrestlers in the championships of the Oakley Invitational Saturday, winning four individual titles to take the overall team trophy.

Mark Harper (103), Joe Kendall (125), Justin Reed (145) and Brian Vail (189) took top individual honors for the Spartans, while teammate Joe Maddox (112) placed second.

Most Valuable Wrestler honors went to Glenns Ferry's Adam Mars, who pinned "Gooding's" Lenny Gillett at 1:58 to win the 130-pound title, and Kimberly's Steve Meeter, who won the 171-pound title with a 1:33 pin of Aberdeen's Greg Gladbory.

Team scores- Minico 222, Kimberly 169, Gooding 107, Glenns Ferry 85, Aberdeen 14.5, Raft River 11.5, Oakley 11, Buhl 10, Filer 10, Jerome 10.

Glenns Ferry 26
Individual results-
103- Mark Harper, Minico, d. Rebarber, Oakley, 9-7. Consolation- Hoffman, Kimberly, pinned Bennett, Kim, 3:45. 112- Rogers, Declo, dec. Maddox, Min., 8-4. 119- Lawrence, Minico, pinned Hoffman, Kim., 1:30. 125- Joe Kendall, Minico, pinned Gillett, Gooding, 1:58.
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Cardinals end 52-year playoff drought

Plummer, defense preserve win; real test with Vikes next

IRVING, Tex. (AP) – Jake Plummer showed he was worth every penny of his new $29 million contract.

With a pressure-proof performance that carried the Arizona Cardinals to the franchise's first postseason victory since 1947, the unfazed Plummer burned the heavily favored Cowboys with two touchdown passes in a run-away 20-7 wild-card victory.

The Cardinals, playing in the NFC playoffs for the first time since 1982, will meet the NFC Central champion Minnesota Vikings next Sunday.

"I got tired of hearing about the past," Plummer said. "The past is the past. You live in the future. Now, we are ready to go into the future."

That future might not last much longer. Minnesota had the league's best record, 15-1, while Arizona was 9-7.

Arizona had lost nine straight in Dallas and 16 of 17 overall vs. the Cowboys.

"To beat the Cowboys who have dominated us for so many years on their turf is a tremendous accomplishment," said Arizona coach Vince Tobin. "This team did something nobody on the Cardinals had done for 50 years."

In fact, owner Bill Bidwill was 16 at the time.

"I remember there was great elation, because there was only one playoff game in those days and it was for all the marbles," said a beaming Bidwell. "This game is one big step."

The Cardinals last won a playoff game when they were in Chicago and beat Philadelphia 28-21 in the NFL championship game. They last made the playoffs in 1982, a strike year, and 1975 before that, both times in St. Louis.

By contrast, the Cowboys have been in the playoffs 23 years and won three Super Bowls in the 1990s. The Cowboys hadn't lost at home in the playoffs since 1983, winning seven straight.

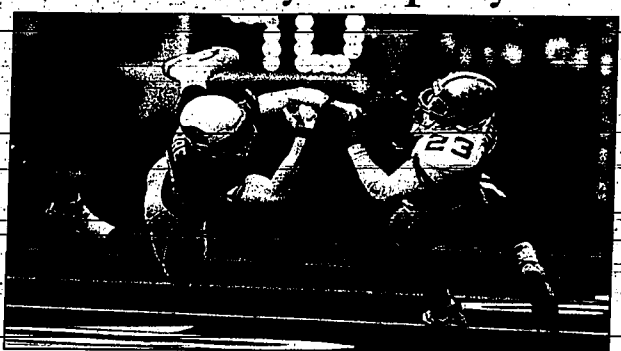
Dallas, champions of the NFC East with a 10-6 record – and no losses in the division – beat the Cardinals twice in the regular season. But Plummer showed no playoff nerves in the third meeting.

Arizona, which led 10-0 at halftime, shocked the playoff-hardened Cowboys to start the second half on a 74-yard run by Adrian Murrell, followed by a 3-yard touchdown pass by Plummer to a wide-open Larry Centers. The run was the longest against the Cowboys in their 52-game playoff history.

Dallas beat Arizona 38-10 and 35-28 in the regular season. But the Cardinals made Dallas look inept for much of the day.

On Arizona's second possession, Plummer hit Frank Sanders with a 59-yard pass to position the Cardinals for their first playoff touchdown in 16 years. Facing a third-and-8, Plummer caught the Cowboys in an all-out blitz and simply shoveled a short pass to Murrell, who scored from the 12.

"I thought Jake got sacked," Tobin said. "I didn't even see him flip the ball. The shovel pass was huge for us to get started on top like that."



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Dallas Cowboys cornerback Kevin Mathis (23) intercepts a pass intended for Arizona Cardinals receiver Rob Moore in the second quarter of the NFC wild card game Saturday in Irving, Texas. The Cardinals won the game 20-7, breaking a postseason victory drought of 52 years.

Plummer said the touchdown made the Cardinals realize it could be their day.

They had a blitz going and I knew if Adrian could get a crease, he could walk in and he did," Plummer said.

Arizona made it 10-0 when Chris Jacke, who won the Cards' last three games with field goals – his last-second 52-yarder got the Cardinals into the playoffs last weekend – made a 37-yarder with 19 seconds left in the half. Jacke also made a 46-yard field goal early in the fourth period after Aeneas Williams' second interception of Troy Aikman, who was 11-2 as a starter in playoff games.

Aikman was sacked four times, twice by linebacker Jamir Miller (who had 12 tackles), and intercepted three times, twice by Aeneas Williams.

"They didn't respect us and we had to make plays to turn that around. They thought we were a joke," Miller said.

Aikman stormed to the sidelines after one series and shouted, "I can't find anyone open."

Added Dallas wide receiver Patrick Jeffers, "We felt they knew our routes before we ran them."

Dallas coach Chan Gailey, the offensive coordinator for Pittsburgh last year, said Arizona deserved the win.

"Arizona made big plays and we didn't," Gailey said. "The defense hung in there, but we had too many dropped passes and penalties to hurt them on offense.

"I'm sorry my first year had to end like this."

Aikman completed only 22 of 45 passes for 191 yards and Smith ran for only 74 yards on 16 carries.

"Everyone is disappointed," Aikman said. "It's not the outcome we were expecting. They just clamped down on us."

Even having cornerback Deion Sanders in the lineup couldn't ignite the Cowboys until it was too late. Sanders, bothered by a toe injury, hadn't started a game in five weeks.

On defense, he ran down Murrell from behind on the Cardinals' longest run of the year. And his biggest special teams play was a 41-yard punt return with 4:37 to go, which the Cowboys cashed in on a 6-yard touchdown pass to Billy Davis with 3:33 left.

"This has been a house of horrors for us," Centers said. "This is great to finally get it off our back."

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Too many mistakes cost Dallas

IRVING, Texas (AP) – The Dallas Cowboys played in January the same way they played most of December. That's not a good thing.

Most of the problems were on offense, just as they had been in the last month. When Dallas lost twice, barely beat a bad Philadelphia team at home then looked good when the starters played the last game against Washington.

"It looked similar to the mistakes we made in December and you can't allow that to happen, you can't be that kind of offense," coach Chan Gailey said after Saturday's season-ending loss to Arizona.

It all began with Troy Aikman, who had trouble finding open receivers and often didn't complete passes when they were. Some of the mistakes were his, but there also were plenty of drops. The line was plenty to blame, too, as it couldn't hold off a Cardinals defense it had dominated twice before this year.

"We just didn't go out and execute the way we're capable of," said Aikman, who was 22 of 49 for 191 yards, three interceptions, four sacks and a late touchdown. "We couldn't seem to get anything going."

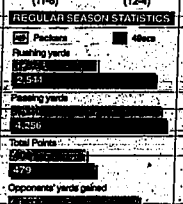
The Cowboys had several scoring chances, with Richie Cunningham missing a 26-yard field goal in the first quarter and Emmitt Smith getting stopped on fourth-and-1 from the Cardinals 7 midway through the second quarter.

By the time the Cowboys got the ball in the third quarter, they were down 17-0 and were forced to try throwing their way back into the game and Aikman just wasn't able to do it.

"You get to a point where it no longer matters if you complete a 4-yard pass," Aikman said.

Niners hope Hearst sends Green Bay packing

Pack is 8-0 against 49ers QB Young



SAN FRANCISCO (AP) – The Green Bay Packers have ended the San Francisco 49ers' season three straight years, but they've never had to worry about a rushing attack like this.

The 49ers were the NFC's top-ranked rushing team thanks to Garrison Hearst, who is questionable for today's showdown between the Packers (11-5) and 49ers (12-4) because of a mild right hamstring pull.

San Francisco coach Steve Mariucci is confident Hearst, who was ineffective in the NFC title game last year after returning from a broken collarbone, will be productive against the Packers, who have allowed only 85 yards rushing per game.

Hearst rushed for a club record 1,570 yards, third in the NFL and 44 more yards than the Packers rushed for as a team. He added 39 catches for 535 yards.

"He's a durable back; a physical back; a smart back; a good receiver; will block; he's very versatile," Mariucci said.

And he's the one the 49ers are pinning their hopes on.

Hearst gained 99 yards on 17 carries in the 49ers' 36-22 loss at Green Bay Nov. 1, when Mariucci inexplicably didn't let him touch the ball after the third quarter. Quarterback Steve Young was sacked five times in the fourth quarter as the Packers pulled away for their fifth straight victory over San Francisco.

Mariucci is hoping a retooled offensive line, three exceptional wideouts in Jerry Rice, J.J. Stokes and Terrell Owens and a healthy Hearst will keep Reggie White and LeRoy Butler at bay this time.

Young, who set club records this season with an NFL-high 36 touchdown passes and 4,170 yards passing, never has been able to put together a solid game against the Packers, who take no solace in their 8-0 mark against the 49ers' 37-year-old quarterback.

"He's playing this year as well as he has ever played," said Green Bay cornerback Tyrone Davis, who covered Young as an assistant at Brigham Young and with the 49ers. "He's amazing. He has taken such good care of himself over the years and he is such a superb athlete and he is throwing the ball as well as I have ever seen him throw the ball.

"He's had some great years prior to this, but it's amazing what he can do at his age. And he has taken more than his share of getting knocked around.

Thanks in large part to the Packers, who have sacked him 16 times in the past three games, including a career-high nine times Nov. 1.

In all five of the losses, the 49ers have fallen behind. They have been outscored 64-6 in the first-quarter-of-those-games, allowing the Packers to rush the passer with abandon.

That's the type of game they want to put you in and that's what we've got to avoid, because then they can create a lot of havoc," Young said.

That's where Hearst comes in.

His 99 yards rushing at Lambeau Field two months ago was the best showing by a 49ers running back in the past five games against Green Bay. In the previous four meetings, San Francisco running backs averaged only 2.3 yards per carry on 61 attempts.

"If you remember the last couple games when we didn't run the ball effectively in the NFC championship, that allowed them to tee off on Steve," Mariucci said.

White planned not to get drawn into that indecision.

"I've always said what makes a great defensive line is when you shut the run down because that gives you the opportunity to rush the passer," said White, who led the NFC with 16 sacks, including three against Young.

A key to San Francisco's hope for a balanced attack will be Hearst's health.

Terry Kirby, who played the final three quarters Sunday against St. Louis in Hearst's place, took more practice snaps in his absence.

"I'm ready, but I think Garrison is going to be fine," Kirby said.

The Packers also are counting on a healthy lineup in the playoffs.

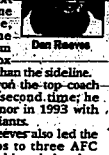
Tight ends Mark Chmura and Tyrone Davis, receivers Robert Brooks and Corey Bradford and defenders Vonnie Holliday and Craig Newsome returned to practice this week and should play today.

Reeves wins NFL Coach of the Year

The Associated Press

Neither heart problems nor the losing history of the Atlanta Falcons could stop Dan Reeves from being selected as The Associated Press' NFL Coach of the Year on Saturday.

Reeves, sidelined for the final two regular-season games after undergoing heart surgery, led the Falcons to their best season (14-2) and their first NFC West title since 1980.



Dan Reeves

He is expected to coach the Falcons in next weekend's home playoff game, although he might work from the coaches' box upstairs rather than the sideline.

Reeves, 54, won the top coach award for the second time; he also got the honor in 1993 with the New York Giants.

Previously, Reeves also led the Denver Broncos to three AFC championships, although they lost each time in the Super Bowl.

"It's a tremendous honor," said Reeves, the NFL's winningest active coach (170-124-1).

"When you look at the people that could have won it – Denny Green, Bill Parcells, Mike Shanahan, guys that have had fantastic years – you feel honored.

"For me, it's a thrill because of coming in here and turning this thing around; it certainly happened a lot bigger than what I thought. There's no way I could tell you I thought we were going to win the NFC West. We wanted to challenge for the playoffs.

Recent NFL Coaches of the Year

The NFL Coach of the Year named by the Associated Press, selected by a nationwide panel of the media:

1990—Jimmy Johnson, Dallas
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1997—Jim Fassel, N.Y. Giants
1998—Dan Reeves, Atlanta

Beat-up Jags, Pats play for survival-of-the-fittest

Brunell, Bledsoe are among the wounded

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. (AP) – It's more than just Drew Bledsoe's broken finger and Mark Brunell's sprained ankle.

So much more, that it seems odd that the New England Patriots and Jacksonville Jaguars are each still around this time of year, getting ready for a wild-card playoff game today.

In years to come, Jacksonville's first-ever home playoff game might be remembered more for the players who were too hurt to play than those who took the field.

The Patriots (9-7) have two of their best players, linebacker Ted Johnson and receiver Terry Glenn, on the injured reserve list. In early December, seven starters were out with injuries. The capper came this week when Bledsoe was pronounced out with a broken finger he sustained in a Nov. 23 game against Miami.

The Jaguars (11-5) have 13 players, including five defensive linemen and opening-day tailback James Stewart, on injured reserve. Brunell has missed the past three-plus games with a high ankle sprain, although he's expected to return for the playoffs. If he can't go, rookie Jonathan Quinn will start again.

Clearly, both teams are becoming fed up with the injury discussion.

"Nobody cares whether you're hurt, not hurt," Jaguars coach Tom Coughlin said. "You just have to do the best you can with the people who are on your roster. I don't like the direction of the discussion in terms of this playoff game being between two teams with a number of injuries."

Patriots cornerback Ty Law sounded a similar theme, one that has become painfully familiar to both teams this season.

"First and foremost, the guys like myself who are healthy and have been healthy have to take the game to another level," Law said. "We're not even asking them to go in and catch 10 passes or throw for 300 yards. They just have to step in and try to help in this game."

Scott Zolak will get his third straight start at quarterback for the Patriots. Neither of his first two were overly impressive, but the surrounding cast looked so much better in a 24-21 victory over San Francisco two weeks ago than it did in a 31-10 loss to the New York Jets last Sunday.

"The 49ers win was quite a team win and it shows you what they can do," Coughlin said. "It was the essence of what happens in the situation both these teams are in. Sometimes under those circumstances, the true essence of team comes out."

The Patriots have a 3-0 advantage in this series, including a 20-6 victory in the 1996 AFC championship game.

Maybe more crushing to Jacksonville might have been a 26-20 defeat in December last season. It was a game the Jaguars were favored to win, one they needed to take a stranglehold on the AFC Central. They ended up going to the playoffs as a road wild-card team, in large part to that loss.

"Let's hope they don't have our number," left tackle Tony Boselli said. "Maybe it looks that way. They beat us three times, but all were games we could've won. They won and we can't do anything about it. We just need to play better."

A victory would send the Jaguars to New York for a second-round game against the Jets. The Patriots, 8½-point underdogs, would draw the Denver Broncos if they win.

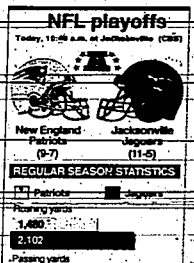
Although it seems doubtful Bledsoe could return before next season, the Patriots are using the promise of improving health as a motivator for this game.

They know defensive end Willie McGinest will try to play with a nagging leg injury that kept him out of seven games this season. Linebacker Todd Collins is questionable with an injured pectoral muscle that should only improve with time.

"It's a one-game season and we're just looking forward to putting on a good performance," Law said. "We know the longer we play, the healthier we'll get. If we keep going, we know our game will keep getting stronger."

AP photo

Jacksonville quarterback Mark Brunell tests his agility Thursday in Jacksonville, Fla. Brunell is listed as questionable for today's game as he tries to return from an ankle injury.



SPORTS

'Noles QB Weinke still stings from disappointment

TEMPE, Ariz. (AP) – The headaches linger. Seven weeks after spinal surgery, just standing up makes him dizzy.

But all that doesn't prevent Florida State quarterback Chris Weinke from harboring a fantasy.

"Maybe I'll sneak on some pads and run out there," he said with a half-heartened laugh, knowing his only role in Monday night's Fiesta Bowl will be as a mentor for his replacement, Marcus Outzen.

Six years of minor-league baseball and a lifetime of athletic competition could not inoculate Weinke from the pain he's enduring – not from the hits that nearly paralyzed him, but from the frustration of being merely a spectator at the biggest game of his career.

"Not being able to play Monday night is probably the toughest thing I've ever had to deal with," he said. "Each and every day something comes up where I wish I could be a part of this."

Weinke, a 28-year-old sophomore who came back to college after spending six years as a first baseman in the Toronto Blue Jays' organization, is lucky even to be able to stand on the sideline for the national championship game against Tennessee.

He endured two crushing hits in a Nov. 7 game against Virginia that caused a herniated disk and a thumbnail-sized bone chip pressing on a nerve.

Five days after the game, he had surgery to remove the disk and fuse two vertebrae.

The operation went well, but the bone chip caused a leak of spinal fluid that caused massive headaches for weeks. He lost 22 pounds. Sleeping more than three hours at a time was impossible because of the pain.

It hardly has been the storybook ending that Weinke seemed to be leading up to.

One of the top prep athletes in the country in St. Paul, Minn., the 6-foot-5 Weinke signed with the Seminoles in 1989 but opted for the Blue Jays' $375,000-signing bonus after spending only four days in fall football drills in Tallahassee.

He invested much of his bonus in real estate, and is financially secure.

He played 750 minor-league games and even earned a two-week stint in the majors.

But he started missing football. While playing baseball in Tennessee, he would go to the empty football stadium in Knoxville and walk on the field. Tennessee coach Phillip Fulmer visited and kidded about him becoming a Volunteers quarterback.

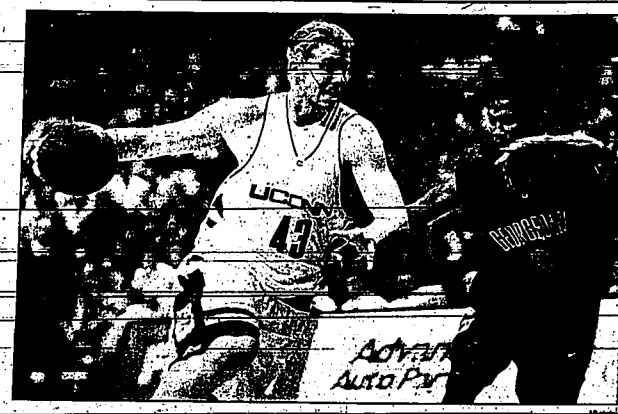
Playing in Tennessee "put that football blood back into me," he said. "But they couldn't get me – I was still a Florida State fan."

When Weinke decided to try football again, Florida State coach Bobby Bowden had his old scholarship waiting. And when a couple of other quarterbacks got injured, Weinke became a starter.

He threw six interceptions in his second start, a 24-7 loss at North Carolina State Sept. 12 that is the Seminoles' only defeat this season, but rebounded to go the next 7 1/2 games without an interception.

When he was hurt, Weinke had thrown a school-record 218 passes without being picked off. During that span, he passed for 2,037 yards and 17 touchdowns. Now he's thinking ahead to next season.

"Life is a challenge," he said. "This is a chance for me to get back to 100 percent and try to get back to this game next year. Knowing I'm more like playing in a game of this magnitude, I think what it's going to do is make me hungrier for next year."



UConn center Jake Voskuhl (43) drives past Georgetown's Kevin Braswell in the first half of their game at Storrs, Conn. Saturday. The No. 1 Huskies stayed unbeaten with an 87-64 demolition of the Hoyas.

Bergerson hits for 36 in BSU loss

The Associated Press

BOISE – Senior guard Richie Frahm and sophomore forward Casey Calvary each scored 16 points to help Gonzaga overcome a 36 point scoring effort by Boise State's Roberto Bergersen and defeat the Broncos 68-58 in non-conference basketball Saturday night.

Gonzaga (10-4) opened a 13-2 lead with 12:20 gone in the first half but Bergersen helped close the Bulldog lead to 29-24 at the half.

The Bulldogs widened the lead to 57-42 with 6:28 left in the game on a steal, field goal and free throw by senior guard Quentin Hall. Boise State (7-3) pulled to within 60-52 on two free throws by Bergersen with 3:57 remaining, but the Bulldogs were able to maintain the lead until the end of the game.

Besides Bergersen, no other players managed to score in double figures for BSU. Hall added 14 for the Bulldogs.

Utah 74, Ripon 49

SALT LAKE CITY – Andre Miller scored 16 points as Utah survived an early scare against Ripon (4-2), a Division III school from Wisconsin.

Ripon surprised the sluggish Utes (10-4) by scoring the first eight points of the game. Utah's first field goal came when Miller hit a jumper in the lane 6:14 into the game.

Valpo 90, S. Utah 69

VALPARAISO, Ind. – Mike Stovall scored 21 points and Ivan Vujic added 20 as Valparaiso (9-4, 3-0 Mid-Con) led throughout with the exception of a 2-2 tie a minute into the game.

After that, the Crusaders gradually built their edge, taking a double-digit lead for good when Stovall hit a 3-pointer at 3:13 in the first half to make it 32-21 Valpo.

No. 1 Connecticut 87, Georgetown 64

STORRS, Conn. – Khalid El-Amin had 17 of his 22 points in the first half and top-ranked Connecticut was nearly flawless from the foul line late.

The Huskies' quick-strike offense put Georgetown away early. UConn (11-0, 3-0 Big East) led 14-2 after four minutes and by as many as 27 points.

No. 5 Stanford 72, Oregon St. 56

STANFORD, Calif. – Peter Sauer scored 19 points and Kris Weems had 17 in coach Mike Montgomery's 400th career victory.

Mark Madsen added 10 points and Arthur Lee had nine for the Cardinal (11-2, 1-0 Pac-10), who won their sixth straight conference opener.

No. 7 Kentucky 93, Florida 58

LEXINGTON, Ky. – Scott Padgett had 19 points, including four 3-pointers, and the Wildcats led by 28 points in the first half and by as many as 39 in the second half in winning their second straight game since suffering their first consecutive losses in four years.

No. 9 North Carolina 69, No. 14 Clemson 53

CHAPEL HILL, N.C. – Ademola Okulaja had 19 points and No. 9 North Carolina remained undefeated at home against No. 14 Clemson, winning here Saturday 69-53 for the 45th straight time against the Tigers.

Ed Cota added 13 points, including three key 3-pointers in the second half, for the Tar Heels (13-3, 1-1 Atlantic Coast Conference), who went on a late 13-0 run.

No. 16 Minnesota at No. 11 Purdue, ppd.

WEST LAFAYETTE, Ind. – A winter storm that swept across the Midwest forced No. 11 Purdue to postpone its game with No. 16 Minnesota.

The game, the Big Ten opener for both schools, was tentatively scheduled for tonight, but could be postponed again if bad weather continues, Purdue spokesman Greg Zawisza said.

No. 12 St. John's 77, Rutgers 73

PISCATAWAY, N.J. – Ron Artest scored a season-high 25 points and Collin Charles held Rutgers at bay by adding eight points over the final 52 seconds.

The victory was the eighth straight for the Red Storm (11-2, 3-0 Big East).

No. 13 Michigan St. 69, Louisville 57

EAST LANSING, Mich. – Morris Peterson scored 23 points and Jason Klein added 13 as the Spartans won their seventh straight game.

Alex Sanders led Louisville (6-3), which had a four-game winning streak snapped, with 16 points and Nate Johnson added 12.

No. 15 New Mexico 77, New Mexico St. 66

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. – Kenny Thomas had 21 points and 12 rebounds and the Lobos took control with an 11-0 run midway through the second half.

New Mexico (12-1) is 7-0 against the Aggies in Thomas' three-plus seasons.

No. 17 Auburn 90, Tennessee 62

AUBURN, Ala. – Bryant Smith had 20 points and 10 rebounds for the Tigers (13-0, 1-0 Southeastern Conference), who are off to their best start in 40 years and beating opponents by an NCAA-leading 29.3 points per game.

Auburn used a 24-4 run to take a 33-14 lead with 8:06 left in the first half. The Volunteers (8-4, 0-1) were down 52-32 at halftime in their fourth straight loss to Auburn.

No. 18 Kansas 95, Texas A&M 57

LAWRENCE, Kan. – Seven-footer Eric Chenowith scored a career-high 25 points and had 17 rebounds, dominating inside against the smaller Aggies.

Ryan Robertson scored all 13 of his first-half points in a 30-3 run by Kansas (9-3, 1-0 Big 12). Texas A&M, losing its third straight after a surprising 7-1 start, committed 24 turnovers in its conference opener.

Ohio St. 78, No. 19 Wisconsin 74, OT

MADISON, Wis. – Michael Redd scored seven of his season-high 30 points in overtime and Ohio State defeated No. 19 Wisconsin.

Redd, who sent the game into overtime with a short jumper with 15 seconds left in regulation, scored the first three points in overtime to give the Buckeyes a 71-68 lead.

No. 20 Arkansas 80, LSU 75

BATON ROUGE, La. – Kareem Reid had 14 points and Derek Hood added 10 points and 15 rebounds in the Southeastern Conference opener for both teams.

Arkansas (11-2) shot almost 64 percent in the first half, including going 6-of-8 from 3-point range. The Razorbacks, who have won five straight games, did not allow LSU (8-2), which had won five straight, to get closer than five points until the closing minutes of the game.

No. 22 Syracuse 83, West Virginia 67

SYRACUSE, N.Y. – Jason Hart scored 20 points and Etan Thomas added 15 as six players scored in double figures for the Orangemen.

Syracuse (10-3, 2-2 Big East), which led by 10 points at halftime, outscored the Mountaineers (7-6, 2-2) 20-10 at the start of the second half to take charge and avenge a 73-59 loss at Morgantown in early December.

No. 24 Texas Christian 101, N.C.-Asheville 67

FORT WORTH, Texas – Marquise Gainous scored 21 points and a trio of Texas Christian reserves sparked a second-half surge.

No. 25 Oklahoma St. 75, Kansas St. 69, OT

STILLWATER, Okla. – Adrian Peterson had 24 points and nine rebounds for the Cowboys who used a 22-2 run to erase a 15-point second-half deficit, then needed overtime in the Big 12 opener for both teams.

Desmond Mason scored 19 points for the Cowboys (9-3), who sealed the game with four free throws over the final 27 seconds.

Josh Reid had 21 points and 12 rebounds for Kansas State (11-3), which had won seven straight.

BCS just doesn't cut the mustard

COMMENTARY
Jim Litke

TEMPE, Ariz. – People are not beating a path to Jim Wheeler's door. Not yet.

That hardly proves the marketing executive with big bucks and little name recognition doesn't have a better mousetrap. He does.

It's a playoff system for college football that did not originate with an overwrought sports writer, a disgruntled coach or overheated alumni. But that's only one reason why Wheeler and his employer, a Swiss-based sports marketing and licensing firm named ISL, might succeed where everyone else has failed.

There are another 2.4 billion or so reasons why it might work – roughly one for every dollar ISL plans to offer the power brokers in the sport to buy into their proposal.

"I am encouraged by the feedback," Wheeler said last week, after three months spent selling the idea to a group of college presidents and athletic directors at almost 50 schools.

Few people in the know share his enthusiasm at the moment. Two of them, though, coach the teams that play Monday at the Fiesta Bowl to determine this season's national champion.

And while Tennessee's Phil Fulmer and Florida State's Bobby Bowden are grateful to the Bowl Championship Series for making the matchup, they also know what more and more followers of the college game are figuring out.

For all the improvements the BCS made on the "Super Alliance" (which was an improvement, in turn, on the "Bowl Alliance" and the earlier "Bowl Coalition"), the system is still broken.

"The only way to know the true national champion," Fulmer said, "is to have a playoff."

Said Bowden, "That last Saturday (of the regular season), I was saying to myself, 'This ain't going to work.' "

Bowden was sitting on a couch at home at the time, wondering how the BCS was going to decide which of three still-unbeaten teams – Tennessee, Kansas State and UCLA – would be out of the guaranteed 1-vs.-2 game. As it turned out, both Kansas State and UCLA lost, enabling Florida State to move up to No. 2 to face Tennessee.

But just as in past years, that didn't solve all the problems. Instead of trouble at the top, this time around, the problems came at the next level.

The most glaring example was the free-fall experienced by Kansas State.

The Wildcats went all the way from being one play away from the national championship game to the Alamo Bowl, watching their payout make an equally steep drop, from $12 million to $1 million.

That happened because the other bowls controlled by the BCS — Rose, Orange, Sugar and Cotton – were under few constraints in filling out their games. As a result, both the Orange and Cotton selected teams that were less deserving, but easier to sell than Kansas State.

A playoff would take the decision-making process out of the hands of the fat cats in loud blazers and replace it with a merit system. Nothing is more American than that.

While such corporate giants as Disney and Nike have been tied to playoff proposals that failed, the ISL plan offers both a format and a dollar value that's hard to ignore. Scheduled to begin in 2002, after the current BCS deal with the bowls expires, it calls for 16 teams and incorporates bowl games for both the semifinals and final.

With ISL's credentials – the firm has worked with both the Olympics and soccer's World Cup – even some of the bowlers plan to give it a serious airing.

"Anything is possible," said John Junker, executive director of the Fiesta Bowl. "After this week, we're going to take a look at it. Obviously, our first concern is that the system in place should have some preference."

The power brokers, led by BCS chairman and Southeastern Conference commissioner Roy Kramer, have no intention of budging. Graham Spanier, who heads the NCAA Division I Board of Directors, said after meeting with Wheeler that no amount of money is likely to change the thinking of his group, which essentially controls college athletics.

"My honest assessment," he said of a playoff, "is it's not going to happen anytime soon."

Soon is a relative term. The ISL plan calls for a payout of $300 million annually to the 100-plus major college programs, more than double the $141 million the bowls currently pay.

With that incentive out there, plus growing pressure from the coaches, players and an increasing number of the university's athletic directors who make the current system go, the resistance gets thinner by the day.

Ultimately, a playoff is inevitable. There may be exactly what the ISL is proposing and the firm might not even be part of whatever system is put into place. Television provides most of the financial underpinning for the current system and would have the biggest say in what replaces it.

All the familiar arguments against a playoff will get another airing. It cheapens the regular season and makes it too long. It commercializes college football and puts too much pressure on the players and coaches.

But remember this: If everybody was really concerned about the kids' academic load, there would be more study halls. And their coaches wouldn't make twice what their professors do.

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Drexler fails to glide into coaching

Allows Moses Jr. to walk from team

HOUSTON (AP) — Clyde Drexler, facing his first player crisis since taking over the coaching job at his alma mater, has agreed to allow Houston guard Moses Malone Jr. to seek a scholarship elsewhere.

Malone has played in nine of the Cougars' 11 games, but started only one and is averaging just over 10 minutes a game.

"I think everyone was concerned about his future," Drexler told the Houston Chronicle in Saturday editions, two days after the son of NBA great Moses Malone Sr. bitterly criticized the coach and the Houston program.

"We want nothing but the best for him and want him to succeed. It was a mutual parting, and we wish him nothing but the best. This is in his best interest, I believe."

Malone was unhappy that his talent wasn't showcased and upset with his limited playing time for the Cougars.

"I don't think I was given a chance to show what I could do," said Malone, a guard who had a season-high 13 points at California. "I didn't get an opportunity to play. And I don't think they were interested in me for the future."

Malone, 6'5", was benched against Sam Houston State early in the season, because of his lack of defense. He started against Portland State Dec. 28 in the Lobo Invitational at New Mexico, but did not play in the championship game against the Lobos the following night.

"It was unpredictable when you would play," Malone said. "I'm disappointed it came down to this. I wanted to stay. I still love the school, but the decision is best for me for the future."

Drexler, a former NBA star with the Houston Rockets and Portland Trail Blazers, and the Cougars' staff hope Malone's departure won't hurt team chemistry.

"I don't think anything went wrong," Drexler said. "I just think there may have been some unfair expectations. When you get an opportunity, you have to make the most of it.

"What we try to have is a fair system. If you play well, you play. If you don't play well, you sit. The fact that you are not happy with it, the door is always open. But there is nothing but opportunity, and that's the only system that is there."

His father was one of the few players to go directly from high school into first, the ABA, then the NBA, without playing college basketball. He's an all-NBA performer for the Rockets and won league MVP honors three times.

"When you have an 18-year-old son, all you can do is advise him," the elder Malone said. "It was his decision to go to UH and his decision on the other part. He just wanted to showcase his talent."

Vandal women fall at Gonzaga 87-81

SPOKANE, Wash. (AP) – Gonzaga women's basketball coach Kellee Barney improved to 5-0 against her alma mater Saturday as the Bulldogs beat Idaho for the seventh straight time, 87-81.

Gonzaga (4-8) held Idaho to just 39.7 percent shooting, while connecting on 51.8 percent of its shots at the other end. The hot shooters helped negate an inside game that grabbed just six offensive rebounds.

Idaho's Susan Wolfe led all scorers with 27 points on 9-of-20 shooting from the field, including 5-of-12 3-point shooting. Alli Nieman added 14 points for the Vandals (7-5), Kelly Bartleson had 11 and Rikki Jackson had 10.

Jessica Malone led four Bulldogs in double figures with 19 points. Heather Osberg had 17, Tennille Jeffries had 12 and Melanie Tipps scored 11.

POOR

BASKETBALL ON WHEELS

AP photo

St. Lukes' Cyclones Coach Paul Hill, left, and Frank Traver endure a grueling stop-start conditioning drill last month in Spokane.

Wheelchair team finds itself at the top

The Spokesman-Review

SPOKANE – It's with wisecracks that the Spokane St. Luke's Cyclones attempt to explain their national success in wheelchair basketball.

They throw out jokes about as quickly as they change their tires when one explodes during practice or a game.

"We see a prospect and hit them with our car," said player/coach Paul Hill.

"We like to hang out in high school parking lots after big games," added 50-year-old Orin Pierce, a master of the left-handed hook shot.

"Some guys will be shooting around and he'll be shooting pretty good and we'll say 'You better watch out or we'll break your leg and get you on the team,'" said Lew Tomlinson, 44.

Really, now?

"I don't know the answer," Pierce said. "We're just lucky to have the caliber of talent here. It depends on who's on your team, how tall they are and how many times they can put it through the orange round thing."

The Cyclones are a Division II team and their youngest player is 27. Four members are amputees and four are paraplegics. The other, Hill, developed severe arthritis in his knees and can't play able-bodied basketball, qualifying him for the wheelchair game.

Spokane plays an independent schedule in the National Wheelchair Basketball Association, traveling around the nation for tournaments and games.

Last season, the Cyclones advanced to the Final Four of the Division II national tournament, losing to the eventual champion Charlotte Hornets. They made the Sweet Sixteen the season before.

They defeated three-ranked teams last month in Las Vegas and their next tournament is the first weekend of February in Lexington, Ky. Then it's back to Las Vegas and they're counting on a trip to the 1999 national tournament March 25-28 in Chicago.

"I guarantee we will be at nationals unless something really flukey happens," said Tomlinson. "We didn't see anything last year at nationals we couldn't beat, given another opportunity to do it."

Four years ago, the Cyclones didn't make such comments. They couldn't.

It was then they scheduled a home game with the powerful Division I Golden State Road Warriors to see how they stacked up nationally. Many NBA teams funnel money into wheelchair programs.

It didn't take the Cyclones long to figure out where they stood.

"They spanked us," recalled Hill, 35, the second youngest on the team. "By more than 40 points. They played a high level and opened our eyes to the possibilities, that things can be done in chairs. We were like, 'Ooh, let's take it to the next level.'"

And they have. The Cyclones are ranked third in the most recent NWBA coaches' poll. They ditched the Northwest Conference this season in search of stronger competition. That means no home games and lots of travel.

"If anything hurts that much it has to be good for you."

– Cyclones coach Paul Hill, while hollering to a player

"Our team the last two years has really evolved," said Bill Donahue, the Cyclones' business manager and commissioner of the four-team National Conference. "Our area's producing pretty good athletes, not just basketball players. We did kind of shock (the other teams) when we ended up back at nationals.

"Nobody had ever heard of us back there in Nashville. They were like, 'Who are these guys?' Everyone was kind of wondering."

While Pierce didn't have answer to why the Cyclones are so good, Tomlinson has an idea – balance.

He joined the team in 1975, two years after its start, and has watched its development. Tomlinson said the addition of Hill in 1992 was big, but the real bonus came last year when Pierce and Dave Mollers joined.

Mollers, a paraplegic, is a strong Class I player, the classification for the most severely paralyzed athletes. He moved from Seattle just to play for the Cyclones.

Pierce was recruited from the West Plains Drifters wheelchair team.

Yet it hasn't been easy for Spokane to gain national status, especially without a big-name sponsor.

So, how do the Cyclones pay for all the trips? Out of pocket, if necessary.

But mostly, they depend on donations. St. Luke's helps locate potential sponsors. The Cyclones had a booth at the Spokane Interstate Fair this fall where participants shot baskets from the wheelchair position. They also play exhibition games at area schools and find money any other way they can. Last year's expenses were $32,000, Hill said.

St. Luke's helped raise about $14,000 last year for its sports teams, community relations manager Cheryl Brandt said, noting that amount includes money for the Dukes of St. Luke's quadriplegic rugby team.

St. Luke's has been surprised by the Cyclones' success, Brandt said.

"They really came alive the last couple years," she said. "They're really committed to and motivated athletes."

There's no question about that.

Cyclones practices are intense. Facilities are limited, so they train twice a week for 3 hours.

At a recent session, Hill gave the team a choice on its conditioning routine for the night – the same set of sprints from a previous practice or a mystery workout. Though brutal, they chose the one they'd already suffered through, figuring there was no telling what Hill might have in store.

"If anything hurts that much it has to be good for you," hollered Gene Garrison, 50, as he struggled through a sprint.

As they approach the baseline and prepare to turn, players scream "right" or "left" to alert each other as to which way they're turning.

During a competitive dribble contest, Pierce grew critical.

"Illegal bounce stop," he shouted at 38-year-old Al Seals, a quadriplegic with 15 years of wheelchair basketball experience.

Wheelchair rules are similar to those used by the NCAA. Players must dribble once for every two pushes on their wheels and in the key it's a 4-second violation rather than 3.

The 6-foot-6, 220-pound Hill leads the team in scoring, averaging 25 points a game. Tomlinson is a close second at around 20. Tomlinson was named to the national all-tournament team last season.

Hill tapes his wrist and wears black rubber elbow guards. He said he'd like to see a manufacturer of pain killers sponsor the Cyclones because it would make a good client.

Not Pierce.

"None of us over 50 uses any of the stuff he uses. I just wanted to point that out," said Pierce, who sports plastic goggles and owns an advertising company that designs team fliers.

These guys do not want sympathy.

"If you go there, we will shut you up," Tomlinson said.

Some opponents might act sympathetic toward the Cyclones because they're from Spokane and isolated from the premier teams.

But those thoughts usually don't last long, Hill said.

"After they see us play, they come to the realization that anything is possible anywhere," Hill said.

BYU quarterback assists youngster to fulfill his dreams

Knight-Ridder News Service

College football's annual blurry goodbye began last Tuesday. Seventeen games in one week. From TBS to CBS, Outback to Orange, Tampa to Tempe. Go ahead, try to tell the difference between Music City Bowl highlights and Humanitarian Bowl previews.

But, sometimes, buried beneath the madness are people who deserve a moment, people you should meet because score boards and final polls aren't always the best storytellers.

So, meet Kevin Feterik, junior quarterback at BYU, and Kevin Watson, 5-year-old Cougars fan.

"He thinks he's going to run around and play football some day," Douglas Watson says of his son. "He doesn't know that unless they find a solution, he's going to die."

Feterik's name might sound familiar. He once was a star at Los Alamitos High. He just led the Western Athletic Conference in passing yards and efficiency and the Cougars into a Liberty Bowl matchup against Tulane.

Now, there will be some football in here, but this story is about more than that. It's about a complex situation eased by something as simple as a photograph. There's Feterik, still in uniform, smiling and holding Kevin, who looks awfully shy, like a kid visiting Santa for the first time.

The picture is sitting today in the Watsons' living room in Layton, Utah. Walk in and Kevin is almost certain to say, "That's Kevin and Kevin. He's No. 7, and he's a Cougar."

The little boy can tell the difference now. It's just on game days that he has some trouble. When Feterik runs on the field, Kevin says, "There I am." When he throws an incompletion, Kevin says, "I have to throw the ball faster." When he sees Feterik on television, Kevin points and says "See, that's me."

This is not just another child's fantasy, another purple dinosaur or giant gorilla. This is a child's reality. This is one Kevin watching another run and throw and then running and telling his dad, "I talk to my feet and they don't listen. I tell them to run and they don't."

Kevin Watson has Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy, a condition in which the muscles deteriorate, crumbling like hamburger. All indications are his heart will crumble, too, sometime between the age of 16 and 19.

"It's pretty textbook," his father says. "There's no cure or even anything to slow it down."

"I just look at myself as being me. It's not like I've done anything in college yet. But it's great that I can affect someone's life like that."

– Kevin Feterik, BYU quarterback

Kevin has been fitted for a wheelchair and might already have played his final T-ball game. Doctors will eventually disable his Achilles' tendons and fuse his vertebrae to help him sit up.

The day the photo was taken – after BYU defeated San Jose State – Feterik had no idea who Kevin was. He only knew he was helping a fan who had a sick child.

He also didn't realize how much the gesture meant to the Watsons. Douglas calls it "one of the kindest things I've ever seen" and says his son "has never been happier."

"I guess I didn't really understand the magnitude of it," Feterik says. "I just look at myself as being me. It's not like I've done anything in college yet. But it's great that I can affect someone's life like that."

And it's great that it can come during a season that has been anything but smooth. Feterik was booed and benched when BYU started 3-3. Dating to last season, he was part of a stretch in which the Cougars failed to have a 300-yard passer for 12 games.

At BYU, this stuff demands headlines. This is the same position that has given football Steve Young, Jim McMahon and Ty Detmer. BYU quarterbacks have won four Davey O'Brien awards and a Heisman Trophy and been picked in the first round of the NFL draft three times.

Instead of extending this tradition, Feterik was part of a quarterback controversy with Drew Miller, a sophomore whose father openly lobbied – even going to the athletic director – for his son to receive more playing time.

Feterik's season, however, turned with a 319-yard effort in a 35-14 victory over UNLV. Coach LaVell Edwards says from that point, "Kevin took charge like we thought he would."

Being a Catholic quarterback at a Mormon school didn't make Feterik any more popular among some BYU fans, but the Watsons never hesitated in allowing their son to embrace Feterik.

"I hope people here don't hold that against him," Douglas says. "That wouldn't be right."

Especially when you're cheering for something much larger than a football team.

"My son's situation is disconcerting and frustrating," the father says. "But because of our Mormon religion, a physical ailment is a lot better than a mental one. If Kevin grew up and developed a drug habit, that would be much more devastating than this.

"Mormons believe that the only reason we're here is to be tested. This boy doesn't need a lot of testing. I guess his parents need a little more."

At least for one football season, they were helped by an unlikely and unsuspecting source.

"I don't know if Kevin Feterik got anything out of meeting our Kevin," Douglas says, "but it meant a whole lot to us."

The Watsons sent a letter to Edwards, praising the Cougars for their "integrity" and "charity." Douglas also called Edwards's radio show to say thank you.

Last week, the family received a letter back from Feterik. He included a photo and signed it, "To my special friend, Kevin. Keep fighting. Go Cougars."

Union director, Stern do little as NBA doomsday countdown ticks

NEW YORK (AP) – Union director Billy Hunter traveled back from Philadelphia on Saturday, and NBA commissioner David Stern is due back from Japan today to begin one of the most pivotal weeks in the league's history.

The league has set Thursday as the deadline for reaching a new collective bargaining agreement that will save the season, yet no new negotiating sessions have been scheduled.

The union says it has another offer for the owners, but will not present it until the league agrees to a meeting. The league says no meeting is necessary since it already has made its final offer.

"I have no plans to see David," Hunter said Saturday. "When I get back I'll decide with my staff what to do."

Stern wants the players to vote on his final offer, but the union is resisting despite the pleadings of some players. The union's 19-man negotiating committee is the only body authorized to present a proposal to the full union membership for a vote.

The Philadelphia Inquirer reported Saturday that at least 20 players, including Shaquille O'Neal and Grant Hill, have approached former union head and current NBC Sports analyst Isiah Thomas and asked him to step into the process if plans for a player vote on the owners' offer are not in place by Monday night.

Lon Babby, the agent for Hill, said the story was untrue.

"I talked to Grant today and he said he hasn't spoken to Isiah for 6-7 months," Babby said. "If Grant has something to say, he'll say it directly to the union."

Leonard Armato, the agent for O'Neal, did not immediately return a message left at his office Saturday.

Hunter has said he would like to call all 430 players and 29 owners into the same room, possibly to bargain and possibly to vote, but it is unclear if the league would do it.

Hunter also gave his side of the story concerning last Thursday's breakdown between attorneys Jeffrey Kessler of the union and Jeffrey Mishkin of the NBA.

"Jeff was supposed to be meeting with Mishkin, and Mishkin blew him off and told him to fax the (offer)," Hunter said. "Jeff later called me and told me that, and I said, 'In that case, hold the offer until I get there and I'll give it to David one way or another when he gets back in town.'"

Mishkin has offered a different version, saying Kessler told him he did not have the offer in its completed form but wanted to meet anyway.

No matter whose version was to be believed, the miscommunication turned into yet another detrimental squabble in a six-month period that has been full of them.

Day 187

A look at the NBA lockout through Saturday:

Total days of lockout: 187

Games lost as of Saturday: 242

Total games lost: 415

Earliest estimated start date: Feb. 1

Negotiations:

Nothing scheduled. The union has drawn up a "final" offer but has not yet given it to the owners. The league's Board of Governors will meet Thursday and could vote on whether to cancel the season.

Projected player salary losses:

More than $500 million.

Today's best canceled game:

Toronto at Portland, 8 p.m. MST. Provided that Damon Stoudamire had re-signed with the Blazers, this would have been his first meeting with his former team since being traded last February.

Montana coach faces season of challenge

MISSOULA, Mont. (AP) – Montana men's basketball coach Don Holst has an "interim" title hanging over his head in a season he describes as both a challenge and an opportunity.

The challenge for Holst is meeting a vague requirement for renewed interest in the Grizzly men's basketball program while playing in a high school gym that can squeeze in 3,000 fans, including a couple rows of seats without a view of the court.

"It's a little bit ambiguous or vague in terms of what can I do to persuade people that I've done a good job that I am doing a good job as the head basketball coach here," said Holst, who was named interim coach after Blaine Taylor took an assistant's job at Stanford.

"What I've said from the beginning is that it is an opportunity for me – and I wouldn't trade it for the world – but it's not a ready-made opportunity. It's not one where they're giving you a vote of confidence, a pat on the back."

His team has been displaced from Dahlberg Arena while it is being remodeled and has to share practice time at Missoula Sentinel with its high school teams. During football season, the coaches had to pack up their offices at Washington-Grizzly stadium before each home game.

"I think it's a limbo situation," Holst said.

Meanwhile, he has to blend four junior college transfers into a team.

"From the beginning last spring I told the kids, you need to embrace your new teammates who are going to help us be better," Holst said.

So far, so good. Transfer Max Williams is leading the Grizzlies with 14.4 points per game.

Montana also played several so-called "home" games on the road. In fact, the Grizzlies are in the middle of a stretch of 11 games, only one at home, that began on Nov. 28 and continues through Jan 9, including Saturday's Cat-Griz game in Bozeman.

"We can talk about all the hurdles I guess," said Holst, who's been an assistant at Montana for 11 years. "The excitement of it is finally getting an opportunity to run this program coach these kids. And the coaching part is the most fun part – it's the best part of your day."

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Notre Dame freshman lives out dream

Notre Dame freshman Mike Edwards runs downcourt during the final seconds of the Fighting Irish's Dec. 21 victory over Stetson in South Bend, Ind. The one-legged Edwards has dreamed of playing basketball even with his disability.

1-legged player considers himself lucky to compete

SOUTH BEND, Ind. (AP) – Mike Edwards' little brother gave him a rubber band two years ago to "fix" the leg he broke in a high school basketball game.

That rubber band still hangs around Edwards' wrist as a reminder of what he's been through. At 13, he chose to have his deformed right leg amputated and replaced with a prosthesis, in part so he could play sports.

Five years later, Edwards plays basketball for Notre Dame.

"While a lot of kids were thinking about who they were going to ask out the next day or what video games they were going to buy the next day, I was contemplating whether or not to keep my leg," Edwards said.

"I haven't looked back since that day."

He also never has regretted his decision, which came after years of being held back by a deformed leg.

Edwards' journey began as a kid just trying to keep up on the playground. He struggled because of the birth defect that left him with severe problems with his lower right leg and forced him to wear a heavy brace.

As Edwards grew, so did the problems with the leg and the size of the brace. By the time he became a teen-ager, Edwards' leg was holding him back from realizing his athletic potential, said his father, Mike Edwards Sr.

That's when Edwards' parents allowed him to make a decision that would define him – and inspire many others.

"It has made him even more determined to succeed," the elder Edwards said. "I'm not sure that he would be performing as well if he would have had the two legs."

Since having his leg amputated just below the knee, Edwards has developed a sense of humor about his artificial limb.

After transferring to South Bend Adams High School, Edwards kept his disability a secret as a senior trying out for the basketball team. He told teammates and coaches he wore a leg brace because of an injury and practiced in sweat pants or socks pulled over his knee to hide his prosthesis.

He finally revealed the secret after a preseason scrimmage when half the team saw him take off the leg on a school van, turn it around and reattach it. His other teammates discovered his secret when he walked with his prosthesis facing backward into the restaurant where they were eating.

"I think that if I present myself in a humorous way, it not only makes me feel comfortable around anyone ... it also makes them more comfortable," Edwards said.

At one of his high school games, Edwards had a problem with his artificial leg. That's when his 6-year-old brother gave him the rubber band.

Along with his humor, Edwards has developed confidence, especially when people doubt him.

"With this, you have to be cocky," he said. "You can't doubt yourself. You can't doubt your ability. You have to show yourself over and over and over you have the strength and the ability."

While Edwards played for South Bend Adams High School, Irish coach John MacLeod heard that his lifelong dream was to play at Notre Dame.

"Basically, we contacted him and just put him on the team," MacLeod said. "My feeling was that this young man wants to play that badly and this is his dream, then let's try to help him fulfill his dream."

That meant the freshman got to skip the walk-on tryouts that other non-scholarship players had to go through. He's also on a limited practice schedule, as are other walk-ons.

Edwards dismisses the notion that he's getting special treatment from the team because of his disability. He acknowledges, however, that he's a "20-20 player" – only seeing action when the Irish are up 20 points or down 20 points.

But he promises this is a four-year project, not a one-time gift from the school. Besides, he said he doesn't care what others say.

"My walk-on tryout was 18 years of my life," he said. "People can go, 'What if' all they want, and I don't have a leg, and I'm playing Division I basketball, and that is the reality."

Edwards has become an inspiration to others with disabilities, a position he readily accepts. He fields frequent requests for public speaking engagements and has tried to squeeze in what he can with a busy schedule as an athlete trying to make the transition to college life.

At one appearance this fall, Edwards struck on a theme that has been a constant in his life – that he's one of the lucky ones. He told his audience that frequent visits to hospitals over the years have brought him face-to-face with children dealing with tougher situations.

"I play basketball for those people that can't," Edwards said. "I'm representing those who can't get up and walk and shoot the ball."

So far, his only shot in the regular season was an awkward 3-pointer on Monday against Stetson in the final minute with the game well out of hand. Just his appearance at the scorer's table brought the crowd to life, and his teammates were almost as disappointed as Edwards when his 3-pointer clanked off the rim.

"He's a good guy. He's so inspirational," said Troy Murphy, the team's leading scorer. "He's running sprints at the end of practice, and it's just unbelievable. I mean, he's pretty much beating everybody.

"The stuff he's been through, it just shows us how lucky everyone here is and how much of an opportunity he is. There's life after basketball, and he shows that."

Germany's Martin Schmitt soars through the sky over Innsbruck, Austria, Saturday during practice for today's ski jumping event.

Utahn ties for U.S. title

LAKE PLACID, N.Y. (AP) – Andrew Newcomb of Park City, Utah, one of the most promising young American ski jumpers, uncorked the longest jump of the day on his final chance Saturday to tie Olympian Brendan Doran for first place in a 90-meter competition held in sub-zero cold.

Newcomb, 17, who won the traditional New Year's Day meet, went 92.5 and 94.5 meters for 234.0 points. Doran, 19, of Steamboat Springs, Colo., who had been second Friday, jumped 91.5 and 93 meters for 234.0, thanks to better style points from the five judges.

Canadian James Beach was a distant third, as he was in the New Year's Day event at the Olympic Jumping Complex. The jumping meets were part of the multi-sport International Winter Sports Festival.

Results

Sat. at Olympic Jumping Complex: 1. Andrew Newcomb, Park City, Utah, 234.0 points; 2. Brendan Doran, Steamboat Springs, Colo., 234.0; 3. James Beach, Canada, 221.5; 4. Ted Hathaway, Ithaca, Mich., 220.0; 5. Dave Delo, Lake Placid, N.Y., 212.5; 6. Jim Holland, Lake Placid, N.Y., 211.5.

Top-ranked Pete Sampras returns the ball to Tia Ho of the all-time Grand Slam single title record will have to wait as Sampras pulled out of the Australian Open Friday citing fatigue.

Grand Slammin' Sampras to miss Australian

PERTH, Australia (AP) – Pete Sampras' bid to tie the all-time Grand Slam singles title record will have to wait a little longer.

Sampras pulled out of the Australian Open Friday, citing fatigue from a relentless schedule which allowed him to remain No. 1 for a record sixth straight year. He missed seven tournaments in Europe during October and November.

"He obviously had a very long end of the year and he's worn out and needs to take a rest," said tournament director Paul McNamee, who was informed of the decision by Sampras' manager.

"It's disappointing and was a very big decision for Pete. It means he misses the opportunity at the Australian Open to equal Roy Emerson's record of 12 Grand Slam singles victories."

Sampras, a loser in the quarterfinals last year, has won Australian Open titles in 1994 and 1997, among his 11 Grand Slam championships. He won Wimbledon for the fifth time in the past six years, but otherwise struggled last year, winning only three other singles titles.

The last time Sampras failed to play at Grand Slam was the 1992 Australian Open, and his decision opens the way for several players to take his top ranking.

One is Marcelo Rios, who Sampras narrowly beat for the top ranking in 1998. The others include Patrick Rafter, last year's U.S. Open champion, Carlos Moya and Alex Corretja.

"It opens up the race for No. 1 right at the start of the year," McNamee said. "There'll be a lot of players thinking they have a chance."

Ryan Express, Brett, Yount await anticipated call from Cooperstown

The Associated Press

On the final day of the 1993 season, before the final game of their major league careers, Nolan Ryan and George Brett met at home plate to exchange lineup cards and handshakes.

That afternoon in Texas, the talk already was about their futures. As it sure would be, nice to see baseball's career strikeout leader and one of its greatest hitters replay that scene at the Hall of Fame.

"I'd love it if it worked out that way," Ryan said at the time. "I don't think there's any doubt George is going to be inducted and I hope it works out that way for me."

No need to worry, Nolan. The call from Cooperstown is certainly coming Tuesday when results from one of the most eagerly anticipated elections in Hall history are announced.

In a ballot studded with standout rookie candidates, Ryan and Brett figure to be shoo-ins. Robin Yount might also make it, with Carlton Fisk and Dale Murphy expected to do well in the voting.

Even the list of holdover hopefuls is outstanding, led by Tony Perez, Jim Rice, Tommy John, Gary Carter and Bruce Sutter.

Not since the initial election in 1936, when Babe Ruth, Ty Cobb, Walter Johnson, Honus Wagner and Christy Mathewson were chosen, have three first-timers been picked.

In fact, the last time 10-year members of the Baseball Writers' Association of America voted in three players at all was 1991 – Rod Carew, Ferguson Jenkins and Gaylord Perry.

And the last time the BBWAA took four new members was 1955 – Joe DiMaggio, Gabby Hartnett, Dazzy Vance and Ted Lyons.

Induction ceremonies are set for July 25, with an appropriate Hall of Fame exhibition game the following day – Ryan's Texas Rangers vs. Brett's Kansas City Royals.

The Veterans Committee will meet March 2 in Tampa, Fla., and can choose up to four more members. Bill Mazeroski, Dick Williams and Gil Hodges will be among the candidates.

Ryan and Brett already are well-represented at Cooperstown. Brett's pine tar bat is on display at the shrine, as are balls and caps from each of Ryan's record seven no-hitters – by late July, their year-old brother gave him the rubber band.

Baseball greats George Brett, left, and Nolan Ryan, right, should get the call from the sport's Hall of Fame Tuesday.

plaques likely will the thoroughbreds of the Baseball.

John (288 wins), Bert Blyleven (287), Jim Kaat (283) and Steve Garvey (272) also are on the ballot. So do Rice (2,452 hits, 382 HRs), Carter (2,092 RBIs, 324 HRs), Cartner (211 wins, 3,081 innings) and Dwight Evans (385 HRs).

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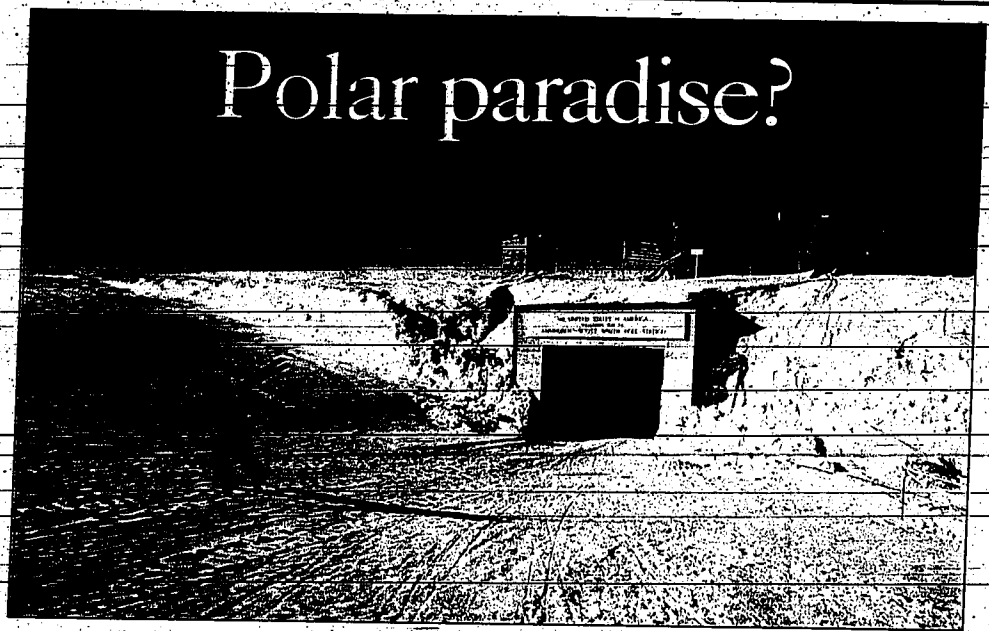

Will Steger, equipped for the South Pole station, heads outside December 1998 for some exercise along the marked ice runway at the station. The station's geodesic dome rises in the background.

AP file photo

Plugged into the future

Idaho students labor to create electric car

The Associated Press

MOSCOW — There are telltale signs the University of Idaho's car of the future was built by college students.

It is highlighter yellow with black racing stripes, the floor is covered with reject carpet and the windshield is an interlocking spider web of cracks.

But its design, an electric car with batteries charged by a small gasoline engine in the back, is a high-tech solution to solving air pollution problems.

"It's feasibly possible that the air that comes out of the tailpipe will be cleaner than the air that goes in," said Ross Schlotthauer, a 22-year-old mechanical engineering senior.

Students built the yellow racer from the ground up, designing everything from the fiberglass body to the battery pack that powers the car.

They borrowed equipment from the Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory to measure tailpipe emissions from their work in progress.

They put the car on a dynamometer, a machine that mimics driving conditions by putting the front two wheels on rollers.

Then the system measures pollution coming out the back end.

Car manufacturers are developing similar vehicles in response to stringent air pollution standards in traffic-choked states like California.

They aren't mass producing them yet, but the students hope their expertise will give them an edge in designing cars of the future.

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Hybrid vehicles have a gasoline engine that idles in when the batteries run low and recharges them on the fly. But the engines are smaller and only used on the highway, air pollution is significantly reduced.

The University of Idaho hybrid vehicle, the third generation of a project students have been working on for about 6 years, runs on 28 car batteries sandwiched behind the front seats.

Schlotthauer and two other students are looking at adapting a smaller engine, the kind found on lawnmowers or trail bikes, to recharge the batteries.

The students are using the INEEL equipment to get baseline information about the car's emissions.

Then they can go back in May and see whether their improvements have worked.

Chad Nelson, 22, has been working on the project for three months but still hasn't driven the car. The rumor is it's fast and takes corners like a stock car.

He said he's already got a goodidea of what he'll listen to during his maiden voyage, a little Alice in Chains followed by a little country.

"This car was built by students, you've got to have a CD player," Nelson said. "We'll get to spin some birdies, strictly for school and for research purposes."

South Pole is no day at the beach

Officials wonder if this is a place where a single air can could start a stampede

The Associated Press

AMUNDSEN-SCOTT STATION, Antarctica — Humid weather ground planes at McMurdo Station on the sprawling list of incoming military cargo planes, and the long-awaited silently throttled him.

"Hello, Pole," it seemed.

Disappointed.

Within minutes, the private Twin Otter charter from the Italian Base Mario Zucchelli, and the Twin Otter managers gazed in the direction of the small, dark — all-in-orange, snow-at-the-moment.

Oh, it will have warmer mornings in December, the temperature climbs to minus 25. But unlike buildings across the two-mile-thick glacier that extends forward in every direction, generating windchill that can top 100 below.

The South Pole is a place of extremes and unforgiving elements. It is a place of "Antarctic" in the sense of its remoteness, its harshness, its beauty.

There may be much to see from where there isn't even a person for a thousand miles in any direction. But standing at the Pole remains a rare experience in a world of been there, done that.

Hotter and other officials sense in the idea of their outpost as an oversimplification, especially as diesel fuel thinners, and crews help to erect the new ar-

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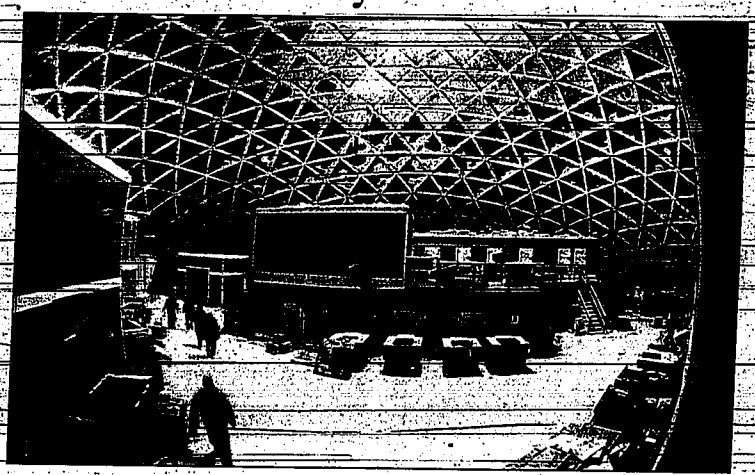

This December 1998 photo shows the living quarters inside the geodesic dome at the South Pole station. The unheated dome rises 55 feet and measures 250 feet across. Trash recycling bins and emergency food supplies that won't be damaged by subzero temperatures are stacked beneath the dome, and temporary quarters for up to 150 people were erected outside of the dome.

AP file photo

Research station to get $153M upgrade

The Associated Press

AMUNDSEN-SCOTT RESEARCH STATION, Antarctica — The new $153 million U.S. research station here won't be The Plaza or the Pole. A Motel 6 may seem deluxe, by comparison.

The 8-by-8 bedrooms in the new outpost will be smaller than some prison cells.

But when the temperature plunges to minus 100 degrees Fahrenheit and the wind roars down the Queen Maud Mountains at 200 mph, these cozy little dens will beckon as many 153 people to the frozen bottom of the world.

"A bedroom is the size of walk-in closet back home," concedes Frank Brier, project manager of the new station for the National Science Foundation.

It will be several years — no earlier than 2005 — before anyone checks into this polar hotel.

Whether that is soon enough will depend on cooperative weather and careful maintenance of the fabled, but decrepit, existing station protected by a circa-1975 geodesic dome that is being rapidly buried by blowing snow from across Antarctica.

Polar diehards may wax lyrically of the beloved dome as an ark on a frozen sea.

Others privately ridicule it as an ice-bound Mir, the balky Russian space station that suffered fires, computer failures and near-fatal decompression. Like any joke, it contains some truth.

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No hog heaven: Canadian pig farmers up to their armpits in misery

The Washington Post

ROSETOWN, Saskatchewan — The last time Wayne Isaac's wife, Joyce, during the last farm crisis, all the experts were saying it was time for small farmers to get out of commodities like the wheat he was growing and get into value-added products like pigs.

Now, 10 years of small-scale hog-breeding work and thousands of nags later, Isaac's savings are depleted, he suffers from depression and his wife is at work nursing his sons' disappointment, and all that remains of the enterprise are the scattered hoards and carcasses of his last two pigs, lying in the bloody snow outside his aging wooden barns. Isaac unsuccessfully tried to give them away to a neighbor willing to pay about the same price Isaac could have fetched by hauling them live to market.

This was Wayne Isaac's last week as a farmer in this most agricultural of Canada's prairie provinces, where his brothers and father and grandfather have all worked the land. Within days he'll get to take a job tending pigs at one of the large, corporate pig cooperatives nearby that are coming to dominate pig production the way they have for eggs and chickens. No longer will Isaac have to worry about relentless demands of feeding and cleaning up after animals 365 days a year, or surviving in a market that now pays $45 for a hog that costs $90 to raise. He'll just be an employee thankful to be earning $6.50 an hour.

"I feel so thoroughly discouraged," says Isaac. He sits at a kitchen table littered with unpaid bills and the daily faxes on hog future prices on the Chicago Mercantile Exchange, where he is engaged in one last, desperate gamble to recoup some of the $70,000 he has lost in the past two years. "I tried, God knows I tried, but I can't keep my kids in the culture. I can't do for them what my dad did for me."

His lip quivers, his big blue eyes well up. Finally, the strong, handsome farmer breaks down and cries.

It is shaping up as a winter of discontent for Canada's farmers, just as it has been for farmers in the United States. The economic crisis that started in Asia and has thrown more than half the world into recession has driven down the prices of some key agricultural commodities to some of their lowest levels in decades. Pork prices this year are down 70 percent, wheat and barley down 40 percent. And in many parts of Saskatchewan, a second year of drought has caused yields to fall dramatically.

As a result, agriculture officials predict that net farm income in Saskatchewan, which had been running at $400 million, will be only $120 million this year — or about $2,300 per farm. And the projection for next year is that the average farm in the province is expected to lose $2,000, which would

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tion's steel skeleton.

But visitors will come — one or two at a time, uninvited, during this research season. There's little anyone can do to stop them.

No nation owns Antarctica; 43 nations have signed treaties to protect and study the icebound landmass as large as Mexico and the United States combined.

The Pole is one of three large U.S. stations staffed year-round, even during the Pole's eight months of pitch-black winter. The unwritten code of the ice compels its crew to help anyone who makes it as far as 90 degrees south latitude, invited or not.

"We don't encourage visitors," Fischer explained. "People don't realize that we're at 10,000 feet here. So, in addition to being cold, they show up dehydrated and suffering from altitude sickness."

Or worse. A year ago, three sky divers were killed when their parachutes failed to open over the ice runway.

The tourist arrived a few weeks after that tragedy. Emotions at the station were still raw, and word of the small plane's safe touchdown spread quickly. Who was this visitor? A brash tycoon like Ted Turner? Another Amelia Earhart?

Nobody expected Penelope Teesdale.

Fischer found her in the cafeteria, hunched and shivering like a lone sparrow on a frozen telephone wire. Her down snowmobile suit was still fastened at the neck, and she'd pushed up her protective face mask just enough to sip steaming tea from a mug offered by her charter pilot.

Teesdale, a 73-year-old writer, had left New York three days earlier, defying a chronic heart condition and vowing not to stop until she stood at the bottom of the world.

Her twin-engine plane equipped with skis awaited, engines running. The frigid drop in cost about $20,000, as much as two seasonal workers' wages.

Fischer managed a wan smile and a welcome. He made sure somebody can dash outside to snap her photograph at the ceremonial pole marker. He arranged for a heated van to chauffeur her to the plane.

He even pretended not to notice as her pilot helped himself to cookies for the 2,000-mile return flight to Patriot Hills and South America.

"We pump some hot liquids into them and give them a quick look around," Fischer said. "We'll see them on their way in a couple of hours. There's no place to put them."

The dome's original sleeping quarters for 38 men was opened in 1975. Now, 200 men and women cram into every available bed, including the infirmary's, and sleep in shifts. Prefabricated bunkhouses of plywood, canvas and plastic stretch down the glacier in a pillar version of suburban sprawl.

It is nicknamed Summer Camp and, like many camps, there's an unlimited supply of fresh water. But melting one with 542 per-gallon fuel makes showers, laundry and flush toilets occasional luxuries. And the long walk to a community bathroom can be sluggish and teeth-rattling, even when the sun is blazing at 0 dam.

The NSF guarantees one amenity: comfort food. Unlike earthly polar explorers, residents will never have to eat their sled dogs. Chews dine freely on steak, fish, pasta and an array of desserts. (Ice cream is a big favorite. So figure.)

A tasty menu can't make up for the dangers of living in an aging facility. Even a small fire means quick death if it knocks out heat and electricity.

One alarm spawned the union.

Suddenly, the emergency klaxon blared, and everyone headed for parkas. Seaman manager Fischer, wallie-rubber coat-hung, thundered into the subzero chill of the dome to assemble the fire brigade. Moments later, he trudged back inside, relieved.

"False alarm at 3:3 p.m.," the intercom drained. "Lamb chops burned."

It's such a simple, extreme, pristine environment, and it's been that way for so long that scientists can more readily detect the ozone hole and other environmental changes, and name their sources. The skies are crystal-clear, the air ultra-cold and dry. That makes it a superb space observatory, too.

"We're not down here because we love the Pole," explained University of Chicago astrophysicist Robert Loewenstein, who traveled the half-mile from the dome to his telescope on groundcover sleds. "If there was a better place for astronomy, that's where we would be."

Station

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The U.S. would not send a ship to sea or a spacecraft into orbit in such condition," says Norman Augustine, the CEO of Lockheed Martin.

Be headed the blue-ribbon panel that recommended the new station to Congress in 1997.

Lawmakers agreed, though they appropriated about $40 million less than originally requested.

Hogs

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make it the worst year since the government starting keeping statistics in 1926.

The picture is considerably less bleak in other provinces, where rainfall has been more plentiful and there is greater reliance on products such as beef, canola oil, fruit and dairy products, prices for which have remained relatively firm.

But it is the pig farmers — and in particular small, family-owned operations — that have captured the attentions and sympathy of Canadians.

In Quebec, farmers hung six dead hogs from a highway overpass with a sign that declared, "Pork Producers Are Starving."

In Shakespeare, Ontario, officials found 300 dead piglets in a barn abandoned by a farmer who had simply run out of money to feed them.

More common are stories of farmers gassing their unwanted piglets with exhaust fumes from a pickup truck or a diesel generator. In the spirit of the season, Alberta farmers took a more positive approach and arranged to give away some of their hogs to local food banks this Christmas.

Federal and provincial governments have promised $1 billion in relief to provide some of the hardest-hit operations with enough cash to feed their animals and buy the seeds and fertilizer to get a crop in next spring.

But for farmers here, the aid is viewed as a decidedly mixed blessing.

For while it may help to tide them over, it only deepens their sense of foreboding that the occupation they have chosen, and the lifestyle they have inherited, is fundamentally at risk.

"Even as late as the 1980s, farming was a way of life, but now it's really gone," said Darrin Qualman, executive secretary of Canada's National Farmers Union, which has its headquarters in Saskatoon, one of Saskatchewan's leading cities, 45 miles southeast of here.

"Farming has become just a business — and not a very attractive one at that.

"I mean, think about it," Qualman continued. "Here we are in 1998. The farms are bigger, the crops are more diversified, the technology is way more sophisticated — everything from the genetically-engineered seeds to $250,000 combines to computers with yield management software. We did all that, and still we've got the lowest incomes since the 1930s."

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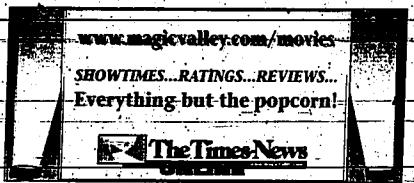

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Massa Abu, 11, tests her new prosthetic leg recently at the Lakka Town Rehabilitation Center near Freetown, Sierra Leone. She lost her leg in a land mine explosion during the country's civil war. Below, Bai Kavia eats lunch using his hand, created with the two bones of his forearm adjusted to form pincers.

MUTILATED HOPE

WWI-era surgery gives hope to amputees

LAKKA TOWN, Sierra Leone (AP) — Before rebel attackers shattered Yanor Kanu's life by hacking off both of her hands with a dull machete blade, her greatest pleasure was holding her grandchildren in her arms.

Now she's learning to use crab-like pincers constructed by surgeons so she can squeeze together the surgically separated bones on each forearm to grip a spoon, a broom or a pen — and even grasp a small child's hand. "I can never be whole again, but at least I can do small jobs and play with my little ones," Kanu said, gazing at her 5-year-old granddaughter playing beside her.

In Sierra Leone, a country where thousands of defenseless villagers have been mutilated in a brutal campaign by rebels seeking revenge for their ouster from power earlier this year, Red Cross doctors have resurrected an almost forgotten World War I-era surgical operation to rehabilitate and give hope to the country's growing ranks of amputees.

The operation, named the Krukenberg method after a German doctor who pioneered the procedure, involves separating the two bones of the forearm and covering each piece with skin grafted from other parts of the body, often the leg.

Although the resulting pincers are more useful than old-fashioned hooks or even high-tech artificial hands, the relatively simple operation is rarely performed anymore in the West because the pincers are regarded as unsightly. And unless people have lost both of their hands, they are often willing to make do with one hand and a prosthetic limb.

'They placed my arms on a mortar ... then they began chopping.'

– Yanor Kanu, whose hands were cut off by rebels

However, for most people in this desperately poor West African nation, where rebel fighters have amputated the arms and legs of countless villagers, function comes before fashion.

Without the Krukenberg pincers, even something as simple as going to the bathroom cannot be done alone by double amputees.

Kanu, who is in her 50s and has three children and five grandchildren, says if not for the Swiss, British and German doctors who performed her operation at Freetown's Netlands Hospital earlier this year, she would not want to continue living.

She did not expect to live through her ordeal, back in April when rebels unexpectedly attacked her village of Batkanu in northern Sierra Leone. Ten elderly people and five children were killed in the attack, she said. Nine others, including herself, had their hands amputated by the rebels. Only those swift enough to run away escaped. "They placed my arms on a mortar and told me that I should tell President Ahmed Tejan Kabbah to give me new hands," Kanu grimly recounted. "Then they began chopping. The knives were not sharp, and it took so long, I thought I would die from the pain. But somehow I made it."

Staying with her granddaughter at a makeshift rehabilitation center set up by the Red Cross at an abandoned tourist resort on the tropical beachfront of Lakka Town, outside the capital, she is learning how to flex previously unused muscles to wash dishes, write and sweep the floor. Rehabilitation takes several months.

She plans to go back to her village when the fighting dies down. Recent rebel advances, however, threaten the capital, and pro-government forces have been put on the defensive.

Since July, dozens of Krukenberg operations have been performed by foreign Red Cross doctors who, in the beginning, had little to guide them but old textbooks.

Margaret Staff, an Australian nurse working at Netlands Hospital, said hundreds or thousands of operations could be needed around the country. The Red Cross is planning to teach the method to Sierra Leonean doctors. "Without this operation, there is no possibility of rehabilitation for many of these patients," Staff said.

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PUBLISH: January 3, 1999

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING OF THE STOCKHOLDERS OF NORTH SIDE PUMPING COMPANY, LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, That the Annual Meeting of the stockholders of the North Side Pumping Company, Ltd., will be held at the North Side Canal Company office, 921 North Lincoln Avenue, Jerome, Idaho 83338, Saturday January 16, 1999 at 10:00 am for the election of Directors and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the meeting in accordance with the By-laws of the Company.

A Director is to be elected for a three year term:
Director from District No. 1

The Stock books will close ten days prior to January 16, 1999, and all proxies must be filed with the Secretary at least five days prior to January 16, 1999.

In accordance with the provisions of the By-laws of the Company.

NOTICE IS ALSO GIVEN, That a stock vote will be taken on a complete set of Restated By-laws which propose reorganization of the Company's By-laws. The new By-laws would eliminate unnecessary provisions, validate certain company practices which have improved and streamline certain board actions. The Restated By-laws would allow the directors to hereafter amend the By-laws. An affirmative vote of 2/3rds of the stock and proxies voted at the annual meeting shall be required to adopt the proposed Restated By-laws. Copies are available for the stockholders to review at the Company's office at 921 N. Lincoln, Jerome, Idaho, during regular business hours.

Dated this 21st day of December, 1998 at Jerome, Idaho.
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PUBLISH: December 27, 1998 and January 3 and 10, 1999

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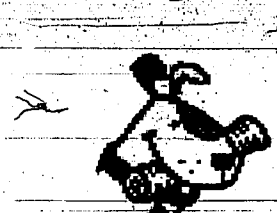

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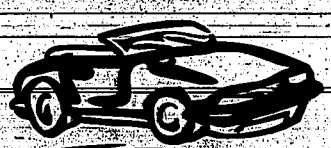

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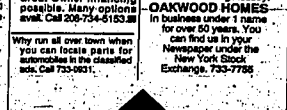

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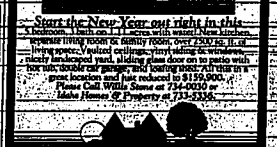

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Country Living, 2 bedroom home on 5.8 fenced acres. Would be perfect for calf raising facility. $70,000. Teri Stokes 324-2673. MLS #98-03287

What A Buy! Nicely updated home, 2 bedrooms, 1 bath on the main floor with 927 sq. ft. unfinished basement. Upgrades include: newer carpet, upgraded windows and fourth floor. You need to check this one out. $39,900. Sandra Kraut, 324-4746. MLS #98-02275

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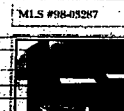

Cute "A-Frame" Nice starter home or rental. Approx. 948 sq. ft. with 2 bedrooms and 1 bath. Needs TLC! $59,500. Francis Florence 733-7486. MLS #98-02285

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Nicely Updated Home 2 bedrooms, 1 bath on the main floor, 1 bedroom, 1 bath in the basement. Basement has outside entrance, possible income potential. Assumable loan, seller will carry second. $68,500. Bill and Melinda Bunn 324-7655. MLS #98-03302

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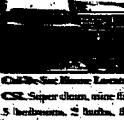
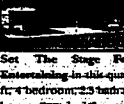
This Is Town Acreage But It Has Brick home with approx. 2300 sq. ft., 4 bedrooms, 1.5 baths, gas heat with central air, detached garage and shop. $79,900. Bertie Ball 324-4736. MLS #98-03295



Cute As Can Be Located Close To CSI. Super clean, nice family set-up. 5 bedrooms, 2 baths, family room with fireplace, 2-car garage, deck/patio, and even more landscaping. $79,900. Mark Jones 734-6989 or Dennise Jones 734-6990. MLS #98-03425



Set The Stage For Elegant Entertaining in this quality 3152 sq. ft. 4 bedroom, 2.5 bath all on 1 level home. Attached 3-car garage, large shop on 5.57 acres. Panoramic views included. $289,500. Bill or Melinda Bunn 324-7655. MLS #98-03398

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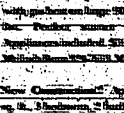

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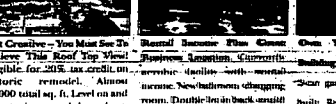

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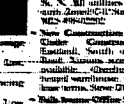

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~New Construction – Building Under Construction on Eastland, South of Bimberis Road. Approx. one office, has possibility of overhead doors, tenant warehouse. Competitive lease terms. Steve Di Lucca.

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$149,900. Brick home in Northeast location over 3800 sq. ft. 5 bedrooms, 3.5 baths. Toy need to see this one. 980176V

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$98,500. Sharp, sharp, sharp! 1456 sq. ft. + basement on presidential street. You might see this one! 980211V

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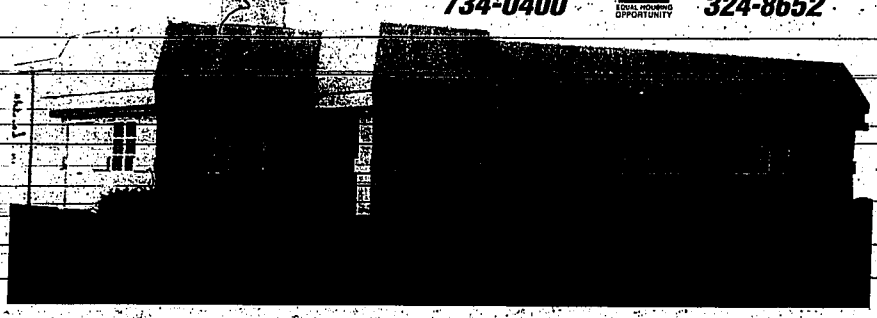

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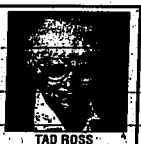

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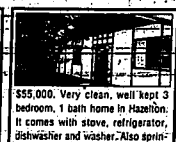
$11,500. Mobile home located in Cameo Park. Has 2 bedrooms, 1 bath. Home is in good shape with lots of cupboard space in kitchen and bath. Built in 1980. Size is 14' x 65'. CALL PEGGY 737-3925 for more information. #9803402

$49,900. Great starter home or possible rental. Pellet stove, electric furnace, ceiling fan, 2 bedroom, 1 bath. For your private showing CALL DIANN DOMAN 737-3918, 735-1428 OR RALPH ESLINGER 737-3986. #9803478



$55,000. Very clean, well kept 3 bedroom, 1 bath home in Hazelton. It comes with stove, refrigerator, dishwasher and washer. Also sprinkler system. This home is ready for you! CALL JUDY HOLLAND 829-5679. #9802789

$69,900. Delightfully renovated! Don't be fooled! This is an absolutely charming, remodeled, comfortable home. Open and spacious great room, 2 bedrooms, 1 ½ baths, very clean and ready to move into. You need not any "honey-do" repairs! CALL LEXI 737-3918 OR 734-8753 for details. #9802531

$74,900. Just listed with Lynn! This beautiful 2 bedroom, 1248 sq. ft. cottage in the avenues features large living room, nice wood cabinetry in kitchen, single garage with auto opener, auto sprinklers, fenced yard, gas heat and central air. CALL LYNN RASMUSSEN 737-3900 OR 420-2807. #9803481

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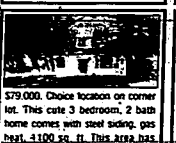
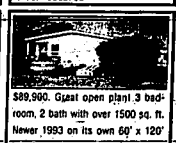


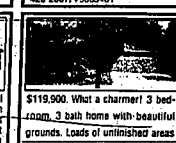
$79,000. Choice location on corner lot. This cute 3 bedroom, 2 bath home comes with steel siding, gas heat, 1100 sq. ft. This area has other potential. Come put your ideas to work. CALL DEAN SMART 324-8652 OR 420-7193.

$84,900. Lovely family home in Buhl with 5 bedrooms, 2 baths, fireplace and wood stove, 2184 sq. ft., 2 wall air conditioners and storage building all on large 83' x 130' lot built in 1973. Taxes: $778.78 CALL JOHN FORBES 737-3919 OR 734-4572.



$89,900. Great open plan! 3 bedroom, 2 bath with over 1500 sq. ft. Newer 1993 on its own 60' x 120' lot. A must see! CALL JOANNE NIELSEN today for more information 886-2994. #9802064

$115,900. Looking for a new home? I have several plans available that can be customized for you. Move into this 3 bedroom, 2 bath with covered front porch, oversized 2-car garage on the NE side. CALL RON FREEMAN - NT-889—LICENSED-TO-SELL 737-3915 OR 734-4208. Many plans available. #9802519



$119,900. What a charmer! 3 bedroom, 3 bath home with beautiful grounds. Loads of unfinished areas for storage. Must see to appreciate. CALL KATHY PARTRIDGE 737-3926 and 33K 3000! #9802703

ADAM HESS
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CAROLYN CUTLER
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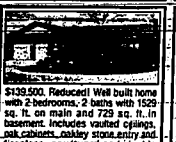
$129,900. A success address in a newly developed area of Twin Falls. Come early and choose your own colors. Beautiful 3 bedroom, 2 bath, vaulted ceilings in living, dining room and kitchen, light oak cabinets and much more. CALL RALPH 737-3986 OR DIANN 737-3918, 735-1428. #9802982



$139,500. Reduced! Well built home with 2 bedrooms, 2 baths with 1529 sq. ft. on main and 729 sq. ft. in basement. Includes vaulted ceilings, oak cabinets, oakley stone entry and fireplace, courtyard and double garage. Additional 13' x 37' RV/storage building for $12,000. CONTACT THE NESS TEAM. #9801065

$149,900. Just listed! 5 bedroom, 3 ½ bath home near Candy Cane Park. Offers gas heat and central air, 2 car garage, brick and metal siding, covered porch, lots of storage and is walking distance to schools and city pool. CONTACT THE HESS TEAM ~ WALT 737-3939 OR ADAM 737-3940. #9803269

$149,900. Wonderful spacious home with tons of storage. 5 bedrooms, 2 full baths, 2 half baths. Great location, new carpet in 8/98 and freshly painted inside and out. Auto sprinkler system and too many extras to list. A real must see! CALL JOANN 324-8443. #9802187

$150,000. Acreage in town plus a beautiful remodeled vintage home. This 4 bedroom, 2 bath home sits on 1.39 acres and has an oversized 2 car garage with a separate shop area. NE Twin Falls location. New wiring, plumbing, gas furnace and A/C. CALL JOHN P. 737-3910 OR PATTY 737-3911. #9802291

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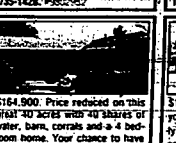
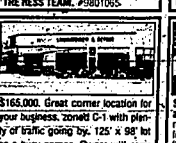


$164,900. Price reduced on this great 40 acres with 40 shares of water, barn, corrals and a 4 bedroom home. Your chance to have your own farm! Owner moving so we could move in and start working! CALL JUDY HOLLAND 829-5679. #9802783



$165,000. Great corner location for your business. Zoned C-1 with plenty of traffic going by. 125' x 98' lot on a busy corner. Owner will carry with ½ down. CALL LYNN RASMUSSEN 737-3900 OR 420-2807. #9803479

$180,000. A breath of clean country air. Just like new home with 5 bedrooms, 3 ½ baths, 2 family rooms, formal living and dining room, main floor laundry room, finished basement all on 1.49 acres off of Falls Ave. Re-Realtor-owned. CALL BONNIE PARSONS for a private showing. 733-5335 OR 737-3914. #9802581

$184,000. Duplex. Live in one side, rent the other! Excellent rental history in this duplex situated on a cul-de-sac in NE Twin Falls. Each side has 4 bedrooms, 3 baths and almost 2500 sq. ft. Perfect for a family with family room, loft area, formal living room. CALL JOHN P. 737-3910 OR PATTY 737-3911. #9802658

$189,900. New construction in Candleridge by Bullen Construction. Features 4 bedrooms, 2 ½ baths, vaulted ceilings, gas fireplace, jetted tub in master, walk-in pantry, spacious dining area, covered patio, 3-car garage. Realtor owned. CONTACT THE HESS TEAM - WALT 737-3939 OR ADAM 737-3940. #9802972

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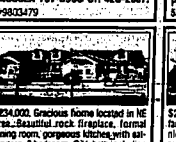
$199,900. Beautiful commercial building has 4761 sq. ft. with lots of computer and telephone lines. Also features 800 amp, 3 phase power and step transformer. 208 volt feed. Zoned C-1. 125' x 200' lot. CALL LYNN RASMUSSEN 737-3900 OR 420-2807. #9803139



$234,000. Gracious home located in NE area. Beautiful rock fireplace, formal dining room, gorgeous kitchen with eating area, 3 bedroom, 2 ½ bath including a lovely master suite with day room. Great room and master bedroom open to deck. Garage has work room, full bath and laundry. CALL CAROLYN CUTLER 733-9026 OR 737-3913. #9803392

$250,000. For the gentleman farmer! New listing...75 acres with a nice remodeled home in the Buhl area. Good location, best soil, TFCC water, shop and nice big barn, outbuildings, pasture, corrals. Farm ground leases out well. CALL TOM LLOYD 737-3924 OR 543-9117. #9803391

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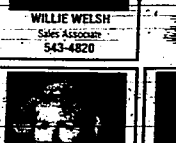

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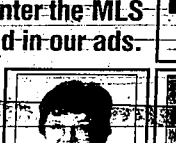

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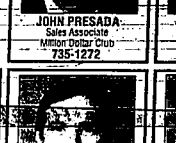

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BLISS: Land investment opportunity. 1 group of 3 adjoining residential lots. Call 208-362-6201.

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VACANT BUILDING LOTS South of Curry Crossing on Stonecreek. Three lots approx. 2.3 acres. Covenants & restrictions. No prefabs. Water shares included. Priced at $25,000 each. Call Steve Kohntopp, CRB, CRS, 734-1991. #SK-914

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WENDELL - 3 bdrm, 1 bath w/ 3 bdrm, 2 bath mobile home on 2 lots, $90,000. 883-5899 or 536-2745.

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TWIN FALLS
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3 bdrm, 2 bath mobile in local family park. Fresh paint, new carpet, vinyl windows. Possible owner carry with 35% down. Asking $18,000. Call Gene or Ellie Sharp, GRI, 733-5597/734-1991. #GS/ES-206

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TWIN FALLS. 1966 Layton, 28' trlr. Outside OK. Inside needs help. $2800. Please call 208-734-4810.

519 CEMETERY LOTS

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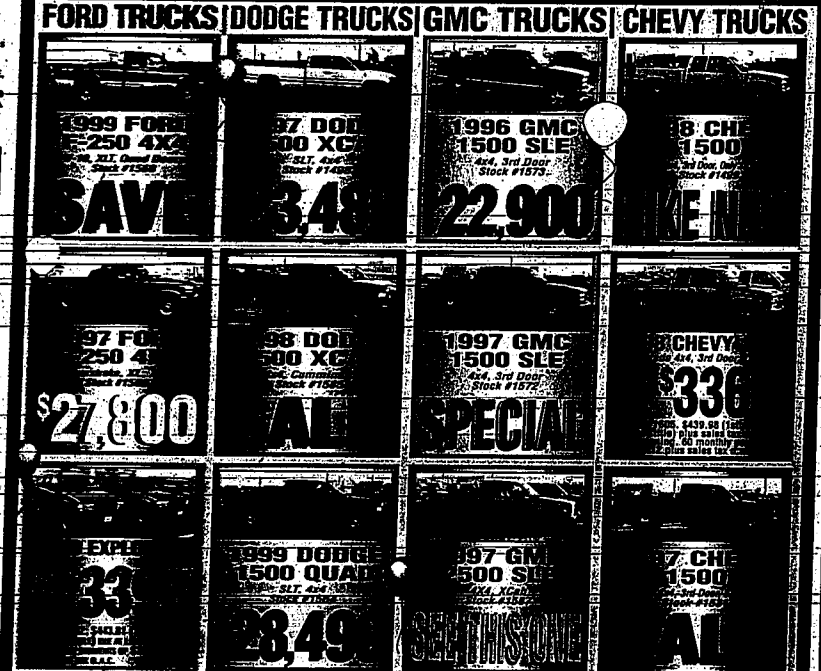

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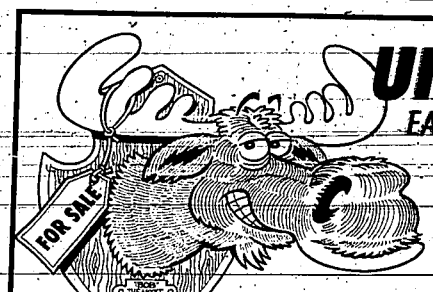

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Extra Stuff, Redmond, Wash.

ANSWER: I agree that a limit raise would be an understatement of value, but the alternatives are not appealing. A temporizing bid of two clubs is misleading about strength concentration, and a jump to four hearts implies more distribution and less high-card strength. My suggestion: go ahead and bid three hearts. Occasionally, it might pay to give partner a dummy with a little extra.

Dear Mr. Wolff:
At duplicate, *both sides vulnerable*, I hold ♠ Q-8-7-2, ♥ K-10-9-8-4, ♦ Q-9-8-4, ♣ K-Q-5. Partner opens one spade, and I bid two diamonds. LHO doubles, my partner passes, and RHO bids two hearts. What's my best action?

Good Strokes, Belen, N.M.

ANSWER: Your hand may not be as good as it looks. When your LHO doubled and partner passed, your heart king and club honors lost some of their potential value. Since you've already made a two-over-one response, I suggest a bid of two spades. I do not recommend backing into a four-spade or a jump to four spades. Your depreciated values are not that impressive.

Dear Mr. Wolff:
At duplicate, I open a forcing two diamonds with ♠ A-K-7-2, ♥ ---, ♦ A-K-Q-7-3, ♣ K-Q-J-8. Partner bids a negative two no-trump, and I bid three clubs. He bids three hearts, and I counter with three spades. If he bids three no-trump, should I pass?

Dangerous Distribution, Convent Station, N.J.

ANSWER: Yes, I would. You've already bid your three suits, and partner has declined to support any of them. He should have hearts under control, so a pass seems best.

Dear Mr. Wolff:
At duplicate, both sides vulnerable, RHO opens one spade. I pass, and next hand bids one no-trump. After two passes, should I pass or should I compete with this hand: ♠ 7-4, ♥ J-10-9-8-7-5, ♦ 3, ♣ AJ-8-2?

Where's the Beef? Wichita Falls, Texas

ANSWER: If you can believe the opponents, partner should have about opening-bid strength. Why hasn't he bid? He probably has a strong spade holding. Would I compete? Yes — I would bid two hearts. Defending against one no-trump is unlikely to produce a good score.

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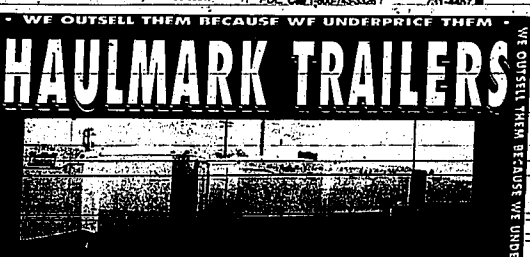

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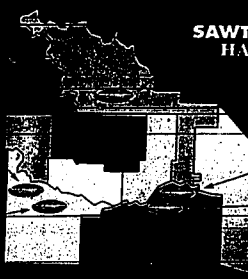

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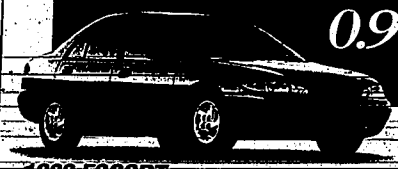

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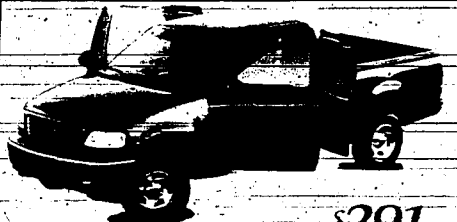

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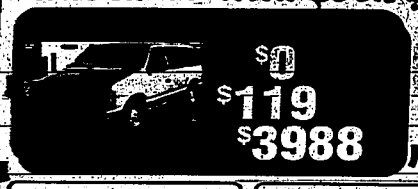

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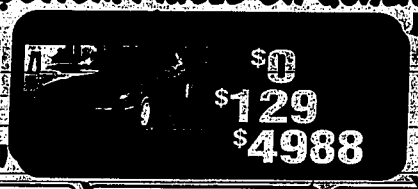

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Read my lips? OK, I'll read yours

The new year is here, and the teen-agers among us have another new language.

Teen-agers have always had their own language, of course, and everyone assumes that the purpose is to close off adults. The irony is that teen-agers don't have to invent a language to accomplish this, because so few adults understand them anyway.

I know. I have one child just entering the teen years and another in prolonged adolescence (translation: in college). When they were little, I remember complaining to my friends about their temper tantrums and silliness. I soon discovered that I had to be careful not to complain to any of my friends who were the parents of teen-agers. They would just laugh hysterically. Or they would tell me, "You think you know what stress is – just wait."

LIFE AND TIMES
Denise Turner

A poll cited in a book titled "Five Cries of Parents" revealed that 20 percent of the parents of teen-agers admit being unhappy – and many sociologists refer to adolescence as the "storm and stress" stage in the family life cycle.

And so, we have all these kids who retreat into their own vocabulary. Most recently, the Women's Network has incorporated something called "Teenspeak 101" into its Internet web site (www.iVillage.com).

It's a good thing we have the Internet, because the teen-agers' vocabulary changes so quickly that their "dictionary" probably needs to be updated about every 10 minutes.

As of the last week in December, "Teenspeak 101" included the following entries:

- Da bomb! — awesome
- All that — perfect
- All that and a bag of chips — more than perfect
- Buff — having a well-toned body
- Don't EVEN go there — I don't want to talk about it
- Skank — gross person
- He-ll-o-o-o (drawn-out singing the "o") — you can't be serious
- Iggy — cool

I think I've heard that last one on some of my kids' CDs, but I'm not sure. I try not to listen too closely.

Another of the teen terms, "going out," which is defined as "going steady," is the same one we use. When someone says, "I'm going out with him," I tend to say, "Bye, have a good time."

Then I find out they are not going anywhere at all. Instead, they are just sitting around my house "going out" – and thinking I'm stupid.

Eventually, you start asking yourself the big questions: Should I try to learn the teen-age language?

Nooo.

But I might consider making up one of my own. It wouldn't be all that difficult.

"Awesome" could be "Richard Gere," or some other "old guy."

Or I could bark back to "flower power." The kids who haven't studied ancient history wouldn't have a clue about that one.

But why bother. Our kids never listen to us anyway. In spite of the fact that we spend our lives trying to figure out what they are saying.

Even as toddlers, kids have their own language, especially in the kitchen. According to Vicki Lansky's book, "The Taming of the C.A.N.D.Y. Monster," a tiny tot's dictionary might read something like this:

- Floor — place for all food not found on lap or seat
- Jellybean — the only "vegetable" all kids will eat
- Germs — the only thing kids will share freely.

Maybe it's good that we start out not understanding our kids early. By the time they are teen-agers, we know they never make sense and we are used to being in the dark.

Well, not completely in the dark.

Once, in a newspaper advice column, I read a letter from a teen-age girl who said the reason she sometimes closes off her parents is because she is struggling to be an individual. All teen-agers are, she said. They are trying to balance their desire to practice making their own decisions with their fear of breaking away from Mom and Dad and not being able to take care of themselves.

It's not that kids don't like their parents and are rejecting them, the girl wrote. It's not like that at all.

Our teen-agers tell us this in lots of ways. They just don't usually tell us in a language that we understand.

Denise Turner is assistant features editor at The Times-News.

Allowances should be tied to the family's needs — and it's financial situation.

MAKING ALLOWANCES

10 tips for making sense of the dollars you give your kids

1. Set aside savings. Between 10 and 20 percent of the allowance should to be put away to save for something the child wants. That ought to be a basic ground rule.

2. Establish who gets what. Develop a consistent system that pays more to older children. But keep it flexible until you hit on the right formula. In general, your plan should be more generous with older children because their needs tend to be greater. Many parents seem to favor a plan that increases at the start of each new school year. It's a good idea to present your proposed plan – written form and seek input from all members of the family. Then, make adjustments accordingly.

3. Describe the rules. Each child should understand why he or she is receiving an allowance and what expenditures it's supposed to cover. If you've decided to pay an allowance to your children because they are members of the family, tell them so. But also remind them of the general responsibilities they have as members of the family.

If the allowance is tied to household chores, describe those assignments in detail.

4. Pay on time. Paying on schedule will subtly teach your children the value of honoring one's obligations.

5. Hands off. Take it from Grace W. Weinstein, columnist for Investors' Business Daily and author of Children and Money: A Parent's Guide, "An allowance is the single best learning tool. Kids need to handle it themselves, making their own mistakes." Once you've given an allowance, walk away from it. The money is no longer yours, therefore you no longer control it. It is now up to your child to decide how it should be spent or saved.

6. Beware of lending. Sometimes the built-in cushion of savings won't be enough. Beverly E. Tuttle, president of Consumer Credit Counseling Service of Connecticut, says, "It just invites the attitude that has made America a debt society: Buy now, pay later. It runs counter to the notion of planning."

On the other hand, life is unpredictable and you can't plan or save for everything. By giving – an advance you can help teach your child about borrowing and interest.

If you do opt to allow your children to borrow money, you must make it a learning experience. For the very young, introduce the "visible IOU" – a glass jar in plain sight, marked IOU. He or she pays back the advance, to the jar. Put the IOU jar beside the savings jar, so each time your child makes a payment, he or she is aware that the savings won't increase until the borrowed money is returned. And, charge interest. Maybe only pennies, but the borrower will get the idea —one pays a fee for borrowing money.

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The state of allowances

- Forty-three percent of American kids get them, the average is $5.62 a week.
- Fourteen percent receive the most in the ages of 13 and 17, with nearly $20 million in allowance money this year.
- Most kids keep pennies in an old wallet or anything else that's handy.

When do I start?

One year old? Three? Five? Seven? Ten? Fifteen? Eighteen? Twenty-one? Never?

Some would say a dollar for each year of age. Others wouldn't suggest you match the amount their parents get. Neither approach is really appropriate. When coming up with the amount, try this:

Keep in mind the fact that many parents use their allowance for basic needs – including saving and sharing. Consider all these needs when you are coming up with the amount. At some point in the future, you may want to add money to the constant requests to borrow and treat your children to whatever their hearts desire.

Dr. Spock said ...

In this bestselling book (Dr. Spock's Baby And Child Care, Pocket Books, New York, 1992), world-renowned child care expert Benjamin Spock offers the following points concerning allowances:

- Allowances are a way for children to learn how to handle money.
- At 6 or 7, children are ready to start learning about saving and spending.
- The allowance amount depends on family income, the children and the patterns in the community.
- Allowances should not be tied to chores.
- Chores are how children learn to do their share around the house.
- Extra chores are a way for children to earn extra money.

Things to think about if your child stutters

What should you do if you suspect your child stutters?

First, don't overreact, but also don't overlook it.

Things to think about:

- Not all stuttering is cause for concern. At some point, particularly during times of stress, everyone stutters or stammers to some degree.
- Many children between ages 2 and 4 stutter as part of normal language development. The most common types of stuttering are the partial-word variety *("I-u-u-u-u-wanna go to the store")* and the whole-word variety *("I wanna wanna wanna go to the store")*.
- Stuttering is not an emotional disorder. Your parenting is not to blame.
- In 75 percent of cases, a child's stuttering will end on its own.
- If the stuttering persists or worsens over six months to a year, you may want to consult a speech-language pathologist. The pathologist will do an evaluation to determine if some speech therapy may be warranted.
- Don't wait too long. In general, therapy is most effective the earlier it begins. Stuttering is much more curable if therapy is begun before age 7 or 8. In mild cases, early therapy can all but cure stuttering.
- Blinking, twitching or head nodding may be a sign of a stutter that's worsening and needs attention.
- Some therapy is as simple as changing a child's environment. Some children stutter in hectic households where they feel they must rush their speech. One simple therapy is to give your child your full attention when he or she is speaking.
- Refrain from teaching your child tricks (waving arms, deep breaths, finger snapping) to improve speaking.
- Not all speech-language pathologists are qualified to treat stuttering. The National Stuttering Project and the American Speech Language Hearing Association keep lists of qualified individuals.

— Source: Kansas City Star

Etc...

Area activities abound for families

This week

TWIN FALLS — Active Parenting classes will be held at 7 and 9 p.m. Wednesday evenings, starting this week and running through Feb. 10, at the Little House Family Center, 296 Falls Ave. W.

Classes are sponsored by the Twin Falls School District. Corie Poulson will be the facilitator.

No sign-up is required. There is no charge for the program or material. Free child care will be provided during the class.

Call Carol at 736-9649 to arrange for child care.

For further information, call Marcia Lanting at 733-6900.

TWIN FALLS – The Magic Valley Youth Orchestra will begin rehearsals for the winter concert at 10 a.m. Saturday at the College of Southern Idaho Fine Arts Center auditorium. Kids interested in joining the orchestra can arrange an audition by calling Judy Call at 734-7335. Current members do not need to reaudition.

Ongoing

TWIN FALLS — "More Than Meets the Eye" will be shown during the month of January at the Faulkner Planetarium in the Herrett Center for Arts & Science on the campus of the College of Southern Idaho. Tickets are $4 for adults, $3 for seniors 65 and older and $2 for students. No one under 4 is admitted.

Call 736-3059 for show times and more information.

TWIN FALLS — The Herrett Center for Arts & Science Museum Gallery, Jungle Exhibit on the campus of the College of Southern Idaho is open 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesdays and Fridays, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Wednesday and Thursdays and 1 to 5 p.m. Saturdays. For more information, call 733-9554, Ext. 2555.

Every Sunday, The Times-News runs a calendar of entertainment events, community activities, clubs and more listed in the calendar and in a Parenting Department. The Times-News, P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls, ID 83303. Deadline is noon Wednesday.

FAMILY LIFE

Discover the mensch of your life

"We begin by recognizing that we are giving to them; we end by realizing that they have enriched us."
— Pope John Paul II

Chicken Soup for the Soul

By Joanna Slan

In the depths of our loneliness, we still have the power to make others happy; if we choose to try. Joanna Slan, a motivational speaker, often celebrates the joy-beats-of-the-ordinary.

Phyllis heard his voice before she saw him. The low, masculine tones appealed to her; they resonated strength and quiet confidence. So, she turned and was introduced to Manny, a tall man with an earnest face and a warm handshake.

Their host smiled and said, "Glad you could come to our party, Manny. You can't mourn forever."

Manny Caplin still missed the wife he had lost to cancer. They had a wonderful life together. But it was time to get on with the business of living. Manny loved Chicago. he loved life. He enjoyed fine restaurants, social outings and getting together with friends. But he didn't enjoy going alone.

The host turned and whispered to Phyllis, "I'm surprised he agreed to come tonight. It's been months, but she's still heartbroken. No one could have been more devoted."

Then another friend chimed in, "But that's Manny, isn't it? He's a mensch."

The word caught Phyllis off guard. "A mensch?"

The friend smiled and added, "It's Yiddish for a person — usually a man — of great character. Sort of like living up to your own highest expectations."

Later, as she struggled with her coat, the voice came back to her.

"Let me help you," said Manny Caplin. With a practiced air, he guided sleeves to her arms. "May I call you?" he asked with a serious expression. Impressed by his good manners and unassuming way, she quickly answered, "Yes."

Two weeks went by, and he didn't call. The dreary Chicago weather echoed her feelings. The leafless trees, the slushy remnants of snow, all spoke to the detritus. As a divorced woman, she wondered if that was all life had to offer her — discards and leftovers. While she was accustomed to men who didn't keep their word, Manny Caplin had seemed different.

But he had not called. So, she walked by herself down Michigan Avenue, looking in store windows and jostling with strangers. Another holiday alone, she sighed to herself.

She met a friend for lunch. "Did you hear about Manny?" asked her lunchmate as she sprinkled a pink packet of sweetener in her iced tea. Phyllis shook her head. "He had a major heart attack, right after the party. He's still in the hospital."

That night, she called him. They talked for hours. Their conversations became a nightly ritual.

Much later, on their 15th anniversary, she told Manny's nephew, "How could I help but marry your uncle? I fell in love with his voice."

Ironically, the cancer that claimed his life began in his throat. Manny had trouble swallowing, and his voice became raspy and soft. The cancer had spread throughout his body. So, it became her turn to care for the spouse with cancer. Phyllis became the devoted nurse. She arranged for the hospice people to help. She lobbied the doctor for more assistance with the constant pain. And, in the end, she buried him.

She talked to Manny's nephew a few months after the funeral. "I am so lonely," she said. "I lost my husband and my best friend. I wander around the apartment. I don't know what to do with myself. I hate being alone."

"Well, Aunt Phyllis," said the young man with the voice so like his uncle's. "Isn't it strange that you are in the same situation that Uncle Manny was when he met you?"

Phyllis was stunned. They concluded the conversation, and she walked into the study. On her desk was an invitation. She sat down and stared at it, nearby, a picture of Manny smiled up at her from a silver frame. He had been a mensch, and it had been hard for him, too, to go on alone. But he had also been her teacher. He shown her the way. She picked up the phone and dialed.

"Hello? This is Phyllis. I'm calling to accept the invitation to your party."

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End of the year is as good as any for lightening load

Knight Ridder News Service

Lots of people think about shedding pounds as the old year gives way to the new, but well-being also may come to those who give up weight of another sort. The emotional kind — the mind baggage that drags you down.

Give it up! Let it go! Get on with your life!

The wisdom is common. And commonly ignored.

And it sounds so easy — but, of course, it's not.

Still ticked at the spouse you divorced years ago? Blood pressure rising at work? How about that yummy holiday get-together with all those lovable in-laws? How did that go this year?

Perhaps it's time to examine whether the strong emotions that rise within you in certain situations can be confronted, worked on and let go. If so, you will find that it's entirely possible to start the new year by wiping the slate clean of the negativity that lingers in your life.

A person's temperament is at least in part inherited, and you can't exactly choose your emotions, psychologists say. But what people can do is decide how much sway to give their emotional responses and behaviors.

Negative emotions — anger, resentment, bitterness, jealousy — are entirely normal, said Harriet Lerner, psychologist and author of "The Dance of Anger" and other books.

"There's no therapy or expert that can protect us from the entire range of feelings that make us human," Lerner said from her home in Topeka, Kan. "And the more important the relationship — as with our parents or our kids — the more intense the feelings can be.

"But while it's important to acknowledge them, it never helps to drown in them or to be controlled by them. If you still can't be in the same room with your ex, then you haven't emotionally divorced that person."

Shed those emotional pounds

- ☐ **Observe your behaviors.** Emotional reactions are deeply embedded defense mechanisms that occur more quickly than rational ones. It's important to see how they work and to know when to acknowledge how an emotional response contributed to conflict.
- ☐ **Stop being so stubborn.** Being flexible, learning to compromise and giving in from time to time all are valuable skills that can reduce stressful situations.
- ☐ **Make an effort to understand others.** Harriet Lerner says: "If only our wish to understand the other person was as great as our wish to be understood."
- ☐ **Accept change.** Always comparing today with the "good old days" can set one up for disappointment. Look instead toward what can lie ahead.
- ☐ **Focus on yourself,** rather than being riveted to how others perceive you, react to you or hurt you; put your primary attention on living your life.
- ☐ **Don't take it personally.** Learn to separate work issues from personal issues. When conflict arises, when you have to deal with a difficult co-worker, say, it's healthier for you to view the experience as the result of anxiety in the system.
- ☐ **Just relax.** Spend time every day doing things you enjoy. The goal is reaching a consistent level of calm.
- ☐ **Learn to meditate.** Just a few minutes a day of quiet reflection on positive and pleasant things can help reduce stress and bring some calm into your life.
- ☐ **Seek help.** Sometimes you can't do it all by yourself; it can help your emotional well-being to speak with your doctor, a therapist or spiritual adviser.

—Sources: National Mental Health Association; American Psychological Association; Harriet Lerner, "Emotional Intelligence," by Daniel Goleman.

Women ponder pros, cons of remaining childless

The Baltimore Sun

They have been chastised as cold, selfish, child-hating or workaholic. Sometimes, complete strangers will question their sexual orientation, their normalcy, even their fertility.

Do the women interviewed by freelance journalist Terri Casey deserve such societal scorn? Their only offense was this: They elected not to have children.

"What I see out there is a great deal of bewilderment about women who make this choice," Casey said. "People want to look for a pathology and find out what went wrong."

A Seattle resident, Casey has more than a passing knowledge of the decision-making process. The 44-year-old former newspaper reporter and editor decided long ago not to have a child of her own.

(For the record: She is married, happily, for 12 years, healthy, enjoying her life and has a perfectly amicable relationship with her mother).

The choice was relatively easy for Casey, and she never got much grief about it. Still, she had little in the way of role models — rarely are childless women depicted in the media in any positive manner, nor is the subject even commonly discussed.

Yet here are the facts: Their ranks are growing. One in five U.S women between the ages of 30 and 44 were without a child in 1995, up 10 percent from 1976, without a significant increase in infertility.

While census questions never delve into the women's motivations, Casey speculates that perhaps 2 million to 5 million women are childless by choice.

That fact inspired her to write "Pride and Joy," a book about "The Lives and Passions of Women Without Children." It is a collection of 25 profiles gleaned from interviews with 50 women who have chosen not to raise a family.

At a recent appearance at a bookstore, Casey said she hoped her book would help repudiate the misconceptions people have about childless women. She'd also like to give some validation to the women who make that choice.

"I never set out to do this book because I felt I needed to be affirmed, but I felt these interviews feeling almost high about it," she said. "It was their energy, the openness of these women, how they felt they were being true to themselves and their inner voices."

Casey's women run the gamut — from age 25 to 84, from various social classes and parts of the country. None says she regrets her decision.

One of the youngest, a 26-year-old inner-city elementary school teacher, feels like a mother with her class and "can't imagine how women come home after a day of teaching and do the same thing with their own kids."

Why women remain childless

A look at childless women, married or formerly married, ages 15 to 44:

1973-75

From in-person interviews of 17,161 women

- 75% temporarily childless
- 12% involuntarily childless
- 12% voluntarily childless

1990

From telephone interviews of 5,688 women

- 84% temporarily childless
- 25% voluntarily childless
- 11% involuntarily childless

Voluntary: Expect to have no children, have no known fertility problems or were voluntarily sterilized to prevent pregnancy

Involuntary: Have biological problems preventing childbirth or are sterile for reasons other than contraception

Temporary: Expect to have a child in the future

NOTE: Do not total 100% due to rounding

SOURCE: Natl. Center for Health Statistics

—KRT Infographics

Allowance

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7. Don't pay for homework — or good grades.
8. Give at a specific time. Choose the beginning or the middle of the week.
9. Give no more than the family can afford. And if the family's financial situation changes, so should the allowance.
10. Leave open the option of your child earning extra money by doing extra chores.

—Sources: Caryl Horan, Liberty Financial, Elizabeth S. Lewis, Bernard Ryan, Childcraft, Good Housekeeping: The Brides Initiative Inc., Your Money magazine

Doctor leads charge on diapers for preschoolers

Knight Ridder News Service

Dr. T. Berry Brazelton can't walk down a street these days without being approached by enthusiastic and grateful parents.

Just what sage bit of advice from Brazelton, this generation's parenting guru, has moms and dads so excited? It's not a pithy nugget of wisdom, it's a diaper.

Brazelton is the spokesman for the new size 6 Pampers disposable diaper, which stretches the frontiers of diaperdom to kids over 35 pounds. And seldom has the introduction of a commercial product so tidily represented a major shift in American culture.

These capacious diapers — Huggies hit the market with its own this fall — are emblematic of a dramatic difference in the way we raise kids.

And it's not the Suzuki violin lessons, French preschools or computer software for toddlers. It's potty training.

A 1962 Brazelton study published in Pediatrics, the journal of the American Academy of Pediatrics, found about 90 percent of kids were out of diapers by 2 1/2. A study published last year in Pediatrics found only 22 percent are trained by that age now. And almost half of boys weren't trained by age 3.

The size 6 nappies, considerably bigger than the size 5s, will fit children larger than today's average 3-year-old.

"I'm kind of more relaxed and waiting for the child," says Telena Spillers, who pushed her two teen-agers but says she'll let her 3-year-old daughter tell her when the time is right.

Spillers, who runs Little Foot Day Care in Santa Clara, Calif., finds most of her charges haven't mastered one of life's basic functions until after age 3.

Experts cite a number of factors for this shift: the advent of comfy, leakproof disposable diapers that give children no inclination to train; our hectic lives; and the Brazelton-led charge to heed kids more rather than dictating their development.

Most child development experts advocate child-oriented toilet learning. Pampers is using it as a marketing tool for the new diapers. Brazelton said he understands the danger that his work as a pitchman could affect his reputation. (He's closely involved with Procter & Gamble Co. in other arenas as well.)

But he believes this subject is vital. So, in TV spots, Brazelton touts the new diapers, advising parents to "Listen to your child."

"I'm saying it isn't our deal, it's the child's deal," Brazelton said in a recent phone interview. "Parents ought to be relieved of being under pressure to get their kids trained."

Author: Teens need to learn consequence of behaviors

Knight Ridder News Service

SAN JOSE, Calif. — Like many an expert before her, Dr. Lynn Ponton is taking her whack at conventional wisdom about parenting. In this case, the veteran University of California child psychiatrist believes adults need to rethink their notions about adolescence as a hormone-soaked, rebellious stage.

The teen years are not naturally a time of danger but of normal, even healthy, risk-taking, Ponton contends after 25 years counseling adolescents and raising two teen-agers of her own. Most remarkable, she says that teens not only need adults in their lives, they want adults to help them evaluate risk — rebutting a new, controversial theory that parents and peers, not parenting, influence children most.

Adolescents need to take risks to test their identities and abilities, Ponton says. But rather than hormone-driven — and therefore uncontrollable — their behavior can be directed in positive ways.

"The problem is that our culture has come to believe that adolescence is naturally a tumultuous time, and this has blurred the lines between normal, exploratory behavior and behavior that is dangerous," Ponton writes in her book, "The Romance of Risk: Why Teenagers Do the Things They Do" (Basic Books). "When we assume that all risk-taking is bad, we fail to recognize both the very real dangers some risks pose, and the tremendous benefits that others can yield."

Ponton's book arrives at a time when parents and experts are trying to fathom what makes teen-agers take the seemingly unwarranted risks they do. It offers solutions that some parents may not have considered — or that may make them uncomfortable.

Parents, she says, need to steer kids from negative risks — experimenting with drugs, gangs or sex — toward positive ones such as sports, performing arts and volunteer work, though she acknowledges that doing so takes time, creativity, compromise and sometimes the help of an adult who's not the parent.

Teen-agers, meanwhile, need the opportunity to make their own decisions about certain risks. Parents can help by providing limits, lots of information about difficult subjects, including drug use and sex, and by demonstrating good risk-taking behavior themselves, she says.

That means gradually shifting parents from the role of "benevolent dictator to that of consultant."

Another way

Child psychologist Lynn Ponton offers a list of alternatives to risky behavior:

- For dangerous dieting, Ponton recommends encouraging teens to learn about their own nutritional needs and help with buying and preparing food.
- For drugs, alcohol, speeding and other thrill-seeking activities she suggests supervised extreme sports, such as whitewater rafting and rock-climbing.
- For gangs and the excitement of the streets, she offers volunteer work with the homeless or groups tackling other urban issues.

—Source: San Jose Mercury News

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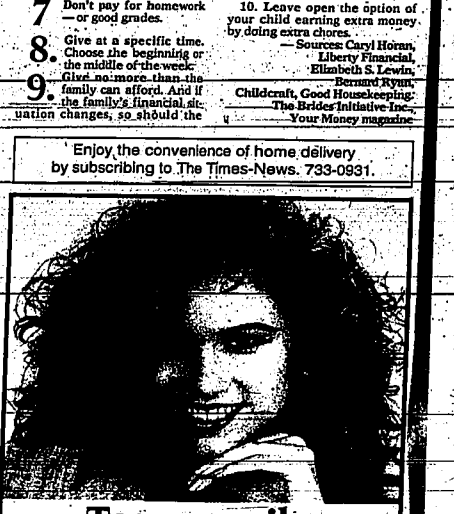

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AskAmy@4Kids.org

Amy answers kids' questions about the World Wide Web

Dear Amy: How's digital TV different from regular TV?—Tonya, St. Paul, Minn.

Dear Tonya: Digital television is going to change how we watch television. It will probably be more like the Web. Digital TV can receive and show a picture that has four times more detail. But it can do more because some of the signal can be other forms of data. For example, on your favorite nature show there might be multimedia games and articles to go with it. There are lots of other advantages with digital TV, such as CD-quality sound and a wider screen, just like at the movies. To learn more, go to PBS at http://www.pbs.org/digitaltv/.

Dear Amy: If I get a computer, what do I do to get on the Internet?—Leonard, Little Rock, Ark.

Dear Leonard: To get started using the Internet, you will need a modem for your computer and an Internet Service Provider (ISP). To find an ISP, look in the yellow pages or ask someone at a computer store. The modem must ... your telephone line to call the ISP and it connects you to the Internet for a monthly fee. The ISP will usually give you the software you need to use the Web, an e-mail account and some server space for a homepage, too. When you get connected, a good starting place is "Learn the Net," at http://www.learnthenet.com/english/.

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3. In the fairy tale "The Boy Who Drew Cats," where did the poor farmer and his family live?

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2 incomes don't neecessarily add up for the family economy

PARENTING
Julie Rosemond

A few musings:

A family financial counselor tells me that two parents who both work outside the home are usually kidding themselves, with the help of their bank.

The second income amounts to an illusion. It often pushes the family into a higher tax bracket, thus reducing the primary provider's take-home, makes necessary costly outlays for day- and after-school care, and inevitably results in significantly higher costs in health care, clothing, transportation and food.

About the only line item lowered is the utility bill, because the doors aren't being opened and closed as much. My source told me that for most middle-income families, a second income is often canceled by increases in those areas.

Unfortunately, a bank will loan the couple more money than if they were subsisting on the greater of the two incomes alone. So, they buy a more expensive house, more expensive cars, more expensive appliances, and are more likely to put their children in private schools. Not only are they kidding themselves, they're going ever deeper in debt in the process, which convinces them they need the second income, and ... around and around they go.

A friend with whom I shared the above comment that creeping capitalism was the culprit. Not! We've always been a capitalist society, but not until recently did we become a materialistic society, one in which things have become more important than the well-being of the family unit.

Religion and guilt are often associated in cause-effect fashion. When it comes to child rearing, however, the secular-psychological view — not the scriptural view — produces the guilt that's especially endemic among today's moms.

According to Judeo-Christian scriptures, misbehavior can be controlled, never completely prevented. So, when one of Grandma's kids misbehaved, she didn't feel guilty. Quite the opposite, she made the offending child feel guilty. The secular psychological view, on the other hand, presumes that the misbehaving child is "acting out" some stress-producing defect in his family.

However unsurprisingly, his parents have made him insecure, or angry, or caused his self-esteem to drop. So, when today's child misbehaves, today's "secularized" parent is likely to hear a voice in the back of her head saying, "It might be you!"

Home schooling is one of the fastest growing educational movements in the nation. Today, some 1.5 million of America's kids are being schooled at home, a fivefold increase over the past eight years. The home-schoolers with whom I speak tell me that not only are their children doing better academically, but also the family unit is strengthened and the children are better behaved.

The meaning of today's column is this: Learn to live on one income, consider putting the freed-up time to good use by home schooling, and whenever you get to feeling overwhelmed by matters of discipline, read Genesis Chapter 3, in which the One and Only Parent fails to create obedient children. Kind of refreshing, isn't it?

John Rosemond is a family psychologist in North Carolina. Questions of general interest may be sent to him at P.O. Box 4124, Gastonia, N.C. 28054 and at http://www.rosemond.com/parenting on the Internet's World Wide Web.

Teens in college lament loss of child support funds

DEAR ABBY

Abigail VanBuren

DEAR ABBY: My father paid my mother child support until my twin brother and I turned 18. Then he quit. He said, "It's time for your mother to support you."

Abby, he doesn't understand how much our mother has done for us. She gave us all her time and enormous moral support after he left.

My brother and I are both in college, and it's really hard on our mother. She says that according to the law, since we are now 18, Dad is no longer legally responsible for us, but that law is unfair!

I understand that years ago most kids graduated from high school and went to work, but today it's different. Education is vital.

I don't like seeing Mom work two jobs and make sacrifices while my father and his new wife have a new house, a new boat, a new car and lots of vacations. Dad says his financial responsibility to us is over — we're adults, and we're on our own. If it weren't for a scholarship, we would be unable to attend college.

Abby, is there a way to get our political leaders to change the law to make fathers pay child support until their children graduate from college?

— IN COLLEGE IN GEORGIA

DEAR IN COLLEGE: Child support laws vary from state to state. In some (not all) states, fathers of college students must continue supporting their children beyond the age of 18. In Georgia, I am told, child support stops when the child reaches majority — unless an order has been made by a judge that the support continues for the college education. However, even though the original order may go only until the child is 18, the mother and children can petition a judge to amend the order to continue or resume it. Whether or not to order child support through the college years is at the discretion of the judge.

If that approach doesn't work, there's still a way to complete your education without depending on your mother to carry the entire financial load. You could apply for student loans, or extend your education over a longer period by taking fewer classes each semester — thereby allowing you to hold a job. Many young people work their way through college, and if need be, you can, too. That would also lighten the load on your mother.

DEAR ABBY: I teach elementary art and was explaining to my fifth-graders how to incorporate their experiences into their art. As an example, I showed them an oil painting I had just completed that was inspired by a recent traumatic event. I had been robbed in my home and left bound and gagged. I took pains to describe the various emotions I experienced while waiting helplessly for my husband to return home and untie me. I showed the students how the painting reflected those emotions.

The class listened very intently. When I finished talking, one of my students raised his hand and asked very seriously, "Mrs. K., how did you ever manage to paint that with your hands tied behind your back?"

— BOUND TO KEEP TRYING, NEW HOPE, PA.

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• **"Mighty Joe Young" (PG)** — *Reel Theater of Twin Falls, Jerome Cinema, Century Cinema of Burley, Magic Lantern of Ketchum.*

Best for: Children to adults

What it's about: While zoologist Gregg O'Hara (Bill Paxton) is exploring the jungles of Africa he comes upon a fierce 15-foot gorilla that can be tamed only by Jill (Charlize Theron), the woman who raised him. When news gets out about the mighty gorilla named Joe, poachers threaten his life and he's shipped to a California animal preserve. Joe's safety is further endangered when an enemy from his past shows up to steal him, so he escapes from captivity and roams the streets of Los Angeles looking for Jill. A chase ensues and Joe proves he has a noble and heroic heart.

The good: Plenty of adventure, heartwarming moments and special effects to captivate and entertain. In this remake of the 1949 original that starred Terry Moore, Theron is wonderful as a young woman who lost her mother to a poacher's bullet when she was a little girl and who seeks to protect her friendly beast, no matter what the cost. There's a small romantic spark between her and Paxton, but nothing that interferes with or dominates the story line. From the opening scenes between poachers and a terrified Joe to the final hunt with police trying to capture him at a carnival, the heroic heart and sense of humor this mighty beast exhibits will charm all ages. This is one of those rare "family films" adults can enjoy without the kids.

The not-so-good: The only questionable things for younger children are a couple of intense scenes with Joe getting angry and several chase scenes.

Offensive language: Some

Sex: None

Violence: A nightmarish jungle hunt scene shows poachers killing both Joe's and Jill's mothers, an angry Joe searches for his poacher enemies by ripping open a tent and terrorizing a group of people, Joe chases several people, a few almost fall off a Ferris wheel.

Parental advisory: Parents may need to prepare their youngest children by telling them the big gorilla won't hurt anyone, he just scary-looking.

Entertainment value: A

• **"Stepmom" (PG-13)** — *The Orpheum of Twin Falls, Burley Theater, Magic Lantern of Sun Valley.*

Best for: Older children who can handle a drama about divorce and death.

What it's about: Luke (Ed Harris) and Isabel (Julia Roberts) are a couple who plan to get married but first have to deal with Luke's kids, Anna and Ben (Jena Malone and Liam Aiken), who can't stand Isabel. The children are loyal to their mother, Jackie (Susan Sarandon), who resents Isabel and wants to protect her children. The two strong, independent women learn to appreciate and respect each other when Jackie discovers she's dying of cancer.

The good: Chris Columbus (director of "Mrs. Doubtfire") knows how to tug at the heartstrings with these sensitive issues, and tug at them he does. Realistic, warm and intimate moments between mother, father and children tap into movie-goers' emotions and make it a story most people can relate to. Several scenes involve adults and children discussing divorce and death, which make the movie realistic and intense. There are some lighter scenes sprinkled in that add charm and humor and generally lighten the tone. There are many small moments that are endearing to parents, but may be boring for childless adults. The film explores the dynamics involved when a new woman on the scene tries to step into the mothering role. The characters learn that they need to find a common ground of friendship and support for the sake of children who have gone through the trauma of divorce. Add to this mix the issues involved in a parent dying of cancer, and you have a lot of subjects for discussion afterward.

The not-so-good: Because of the serious themes, this may not be a movie for everyone. Aside from some mild language and issues of death and divorce, there are scenes where Anna verbally belittles other children and Isabel. One scene shows Jackie smoking a joint to relieve her pain, and there's crude language throughout. Children like structure and stability (especially after a divorce), and having another person in the home with no assurance that person is there to stay challenges their emotions and sense of security. Another point that bothered me was the way the women remained at odds until the discovery of a terminal illness, at which point there was a turn in the story and an effort made (by both of them) to make amends. Wouldn't it have been a healthier, happier ending if the adults had come to a peaceful and mature resolution without death as an excuse? Wouldn't it have been nice to see the father take a stronger role (since he created the situation to begin with?) in listening to his children and mending the differences they had, rather than wimping out and leaving it to the women to work things out?

Offensive language: Yes, also crude dialogue used by Anna.

Sex: There are a couple of scenes that show Isabel in bed with Luke, but no sexual situations or nudity (both have clothes on).

Violence: None

Parental advisory: Although the previews show lots of cute scenes with the two younger children, I suggest leaving your younger ones at home and taking older kids who can understand and deal with the heavier themes.

Entertainment value: B+

• **"Shakespeare In Love" (R)** — *Sun Valley Cinema of Ketchum.*

Best for: Adults looking for a smart romantic comedy

What it's about: Shakespeare (Joseph Fiennes) is trying to find an inspiration for his new play ("Romeo and Juliet") and welcomes his new talent (Gwyneth Paltrow), with whom he falls madly in love. Problems arise when Paltrow is betrothed to another man, Geoffrey Rush, Ben Affleck, Judi Dench.

The good: It's fresh, witty, intelligent, funny and unique.

The not-so-good: There are a couple of scenes that involve sexual situations (with no nudity), and there's a love scene between Fiennes and Paltrow that has partial nudity.

Offensive language: None, though the English accents are hard to understand.

Sex: Yes, implied, with partial nudity.

Violence: Sword fights

Parental advisory: Not for children or young fans of Paltrow

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 the delights of watching a variety of animals speak their minds. (96 minutes) *(Reel Theater of Twin Falls)*

• **"A Bug's Life" (G)** — The second animated inspection of life in an ant colony is more kid-friendly than the sophisticated "Ants." The computer-generated animation is first-rate, but without the inspired touches of "Toy Story." (96 minutes) *(Twin Cinema)*

• **"I'll Be Home for Christmas" (PG-13)** — Young fans of "Home Improvement" alumnus Jonathan Taylor Thomas should savor this silly family comedy about a college kid in a Santa suit trying to get home for Christmas without ID or money. The movie features some crude language and rude jokes, but it has a generally good-humored, affirmative message. (86 minutes) *(Reel Theater of Twin Falls)*

• **"Jack Frost" (PG)** Parents with small children may want to gauge their younger kids' emotions before seeing this well-meaning movie, which tries hard to be warm but winds up being mostly drippy. The film tells of a neglectful dad who dies in a car crash and returns as a snowman. This is the kind of film that's most enjoyed by grandparents taking their grandchildren to see their very first movie. (96 minutes) *(Twin Cinema, Century Cinema of Burley)*

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COMMUNITY EVENTS

American Red Cross to hold blood drive

TWIN FALLS — The American Red Cross will hold a blood drive this week at the First Presbyterian Church, 209 Fifth Ave. N. Hours are 1 to 7 p.m. Monday; noon to 6 p.m. Tuesday and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday. Donors must be at least 17 years old, weigh at least 110 pounds and be in good general health. To make an appointment or for more information, call 734-4506.

Harley Davidson Riders will dine at Airport Grill

TWIN FALLS — The Harley Davidson Riders monthly dinner will be at 7 p.m. Monday at the Airport Grill.

For more information, call Roger or Brenda at 733-0151.

Western Days Committee will meet for first time

TWIN FALLS — The first meeting for the 1999 Western Days Committee will be held at 7 p.m. in the Obenchain Conference Room on Wednesday.

For more information, call Laurie Seamons at 733-3892.

SERVICE NEWS

Privates arrive at Fort Knox

James Ferraro

The following soldiers have reported in Kentucky to complete basic training:

Army National Guard Pvt. James A. Ferraro has arrived at Fort Knox, Ky., to complete basic combat training.

Ferraro is the son of Cathy M. and James T. Ferraro of Twin Falls.

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Scott Chappell

Army National Guard Pvt. Scott B. Chappell has arrived at Fort Knox, Ky., to complete basic training.

Chappell is the son of Teri and Kelly Chappel of Hagerman.

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Julio F. Castro

Army Pvt. Julio F. Castro has arrived at Fort Knox, Ky., to complete basic training.

Castro is the son of Lydia Saldana of Rupert.

Privates arrive at Fort Knox

Navy Petty Officer 1st Class Renn V. Daniels has arrived for duty RAF Molesworth, England.

Daniels, an intelligence analyst, is the son of Howard and Reva Johnston of Kimberly.

Daniels is a 1973 graduate of Clark County High School, Dubois, Idaho, and a 1988 graduate of the University of Illinois at Carbondale. He received a master's degree in 1989 from the United States International University at San Diego, Calif.

Commander aids Desert Fox

Navy Lt. Cmdr. Robert A. Wood son of Robert O. Wood of Twin Falls, recently participated in Operation Desert Fox while assigned to the aircraft carrier USS Enterprise, currently deployed to the Mediterranean Sea and Arabian Gulf.

The 1978 graduate of Pendleton High School of Pendleton, Ore., joined the Navy in May 1982. Wood is a graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy, Annapolis, Md., with a BSAE degree.

Seaman assists Desert Fox

Navy Seaman Shaun K. Allen son of Margaret M. Strickland of Elko, Nev., recently participated in Operation Desert Fox while assigned to the guided missile destroyer USS Stout, currently deployed to the Mediterranean Sea and Arabian Gulf as part of the USS Enterprise Battle Group.

Allen is a 1996 graduate of Central Union High School of El Centro, Calif., and joined the Navy in December 1997.

Report Community Events or Service News items to Katrina Brumbach in Twin Falls at 733-0931, ext. 288; or to Joey Bryant in Burley at 677-4042. Items may also be mailed to The Times-News at P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls, ID 83303 (or in Burley at 325 1/2 E. Fifth St. N., 83318).

SIGNS OF CHRISTMAS

K.R. WEIDEL/The Times-News photos

Children from the Idaho School of the Deaf and Blind sign Christmas carols for the Jerome Rotary Club. Rose Trimner directed the signing choir of 19 children from grades 1 though 5.

COUGAR GOOD GUYS

Times-News photos

Above, Heyburn Elementary School Cougar Good Guy Awards are given each month to one student in each class. The students are picked by teachers for being helpful to others. The winners for September are, from left to right, front row: Brittney Nelson, Kayborie Terry, Kevin Kennedy, Tiffany Koyle, Marissa Robertson and Ryan Stocking; second row: Caylee Pfeifer, Jacob Hood, Andrew Chapa, Gage Telleria and Vanessa Ybarra; third row: Nichole Schmidt, Sara Bigelow, Erica Warrell, Derek Chelsey, Whitney Teeter, Danielle Pozemick, McKenzie Anderson and Troy Peterson. Not pictured are Rafe Turley, Paul Saldana, Melissa Garcia, Kamdin Gutierrez, Veronica Mata and Brogan Gransbury.

October winners of the Heyburn Elementary School 'Cougar Good Guy' awards are, from left to right, front row: Jeff Hunt, Tran Mata, Zachariah Hodge, Lexi Still, Matthew buck and Trey Hines; second row: Terence Taylor, John Hamilton, Sean Worley and Alex Moon; third row: Johnathon Jolley, Gracie Martinez, Lindsay Banks, Alicia McCurdy and Cody Gibson; back row, Michael Pearson and Joey Loya. Not pictured are Jamie Wyatt, Ryan Brown, Sarah Crane, Rebekah Duncan, Callee Nelwert, Cody Lutz, Bobbie Jo Ford and Chase Jones.

YOUNG ARTIST WINS AWARD

Photo by Mary Lynne Bristol

Keegan Knopp, center, was the third grade State Department of Education's Christmas Card contest winner. A student at Dworshak Elementary School, Knopp was one of over 500 entries from kindergarten through the sixth grade students across the state. The card was used for the Cassia School District's employee Christmas cards and reception invitations. Keegan is pictured with his teacher, Dana Bradley, right, and Dworshak Principal Laurell Adams.

SCHOOL LUNCH MENUS

The Times-News

Only main dishes are listed. All schools serve milk with meals.

Castleford

Breakfast: Orange juice, applesauce and milk every day.
Monday: Blueberry muffin
Tuesday: Scones
Wednesday: Donuts
Thursday: Sweet rolls
Friday: Pancakes
Lunch: Self-serve salad bar every day.
Monday: Spaghetti
Tuesday: Wolf burgers
Wednesday: Chicken
Thursday: Enchiladas
Friday: Chicken burgers

Filer

Monday: Chicken nuggets
Tuesday: Enchiladas
Wednesday: Hamburgers
Thursday: Pizza
Friday: Idaho haystacks

Hansen

Breakfast: Cold juice and milk every day.
Monday: Cereal, toast
Tuesday: Biscuits and gravy,
Wednesday: Cheesy buns,
Thursday: Scrambled eggs, flour tortillas
Friday: Long Johns
Lunch: Milk served with all meals.
Monday: Chicken nuggets
Tuesday: French toast sticks
Wednesday: Sloppy joes
Thursday: Burritos
Friday: Rib-B-Que

Kimberly

Breakfast served every day.
Lunch: At elementary school, main line menu is served each day; fifth grade will be offered salad bar on Tuesdays; fourth grade will be offered salad bar on Thursdays. At middle,scool and high school, choice of main line menu or chef salad each day.
Monday: Nachos
Tuesday: Hamburgers
Wednesday: Ham sub
Thursday: Pizza
Friday: Chili

Magic Valley High School

Monday: Chicken nuggets
Tuesday: Nachos
Wednesday: Ham and cheese sandwich
Thursday: Chicken fried steak
Friday: Malibu chicken sandwich

Murtaugh

Monday: Hamburger
Tuesday: Tacos
Wednesday: Soup-n-salad
Thursday: Cheese burger
Friday: Chicken nuggets

Twin Falls elemenatry and junior high schools

Breakfast served every day.
Monday: Cereal
Tuesday: Pancakes
Wednesday: Cereal
Thursday: Scrambled eggs
Friday: Cereal
Lunch: Junior highs have a choice of main line or second line menu. Salad bar, soup and sandwich bar, taco bar and potato bar available on alternate days.
Monday: Chicken nuggets
Tuesday: Nachos
Wednesday: Ham and cheese sandwich
Thursday: Chicken fried steak
Friday: Rainbow treatures

Twin Falls High School

Breakfast served every day.
Lunch: The high school has a choice of main line, hamburger bar and salad bar each day, taco bar on Wednesdays and potato bar on Fridays. Main line menu varies everyday.

Valley

Breakfast served every day.
Lunch: Milk served with all meals.
Monday: Chicken chunks
Tuesday: Pigs in a blanket
Wednesday: Spaghetti
Thursday: Sloppy joes
Friday: Baked cheese sandwich

School lunch menus are printed as a public service. To have the lunch menu printed, send the menu to: The Times-News, P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls, ID 83303.

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If it's news to you, we want to hear about it.
We are Katrina Brumbach and Joey Bryant. It is our job to fill this page with the news about:
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- Your kids and their activities.

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Need some toasting tips? These might do

Knight Ridder News Service

Somewhere, sometime, dressed in formalwear or crinoline, you may have to raise your glass on high and give a toast. Will you deliver a gracious, thoughtful message or mumble a careless, thought-free "cheers"?

Truth is, most of us botch the saluration when the moment comes. It's not surprising; the art of toasting has become an endangered social skill. This is unfortunate, and not just because you will spend the rest of the evening whispering "shoulda coulda woulda," diluting your shame with single-malt champagne punch. A proper salute before bending the elbow adds a much-needed refinement to the proceedings, a suavity-and-polish that complements the convivial spirit of the holidays. More so than, say, belching.

Thankfully, correcting this problem is not difficult, for some of the best toasts are the simplest, such as the Irish line, "As we toast the happy couple, let's get down on our knees to thank God we're on our feet."

Toasting history

From "A Brief History of the Raised Glass," by Paul Dickson (CrownPublishers, $19)

The Greeks insisted that fermented salutes came in threes, one for Mercury, one for the Graces and one for Zeus. The Roman Senate decreed that Augustus must be honored with a raised glass at every meal.

The Danish had a nasty barroom habit of cutting the throats of Englishmen while they were drinking. This prompted the expression of drinking to someone's health, a promise of sorts not to garrote your drinking partner.

The word "toast" did not come into the working vocabulary until the 17th century when an actual piece of roasted bread was floated on the drink. The reason has been forgotten.

The clinking of the glasses, a Christian custom, is to ward off the devil, who is repelled by bell-like noises.

Toasting etiquette

- ☐ Stand. Toasts must be delivered upright while holding the glass straight from your shoulder in your right hand.
- ☐ Practice. Prepare ahead of time and keep it short.
- ☐ Be positive. A toast should always end on an upbeat note and clearly indicate when it is time for all to join in.
- ☐ Clink. After the toast, but before drinking.
- ☐ Join in. Toasts can be sealed with a sip of champagne, wine, a mixed drink or a nonalcoholic beverage. Never refuse to participate in a toast. It is better to toast with an empty glass than not at all.

— Source: Fort Worth Star Telegram

Borrowed, heavily, from the Irish

May those who love us love us.
And those that don't love us,
May God turn their hearts.
And if he doesn't turn their hearts
May he turn their ankles.
So we'll know them by their limping.

Here's to long life and a merry one.
A quick death and an easy one.
A pretty girl and an honest one.
A cold beer — and another one.

It's better to spend money like there's no tomorrow, than to spend tonight like there's no money.

Wine comes in at the mouth
And love comes in at the eye;
That's all we shall know for truth
Before we grow old and die.
I lift the glass to my mouth,
I look at you, and I sigh.

— William Butler Yeats

Famous cinema toasts

From "Toasts for All Occasions," by Jeff and Deborah Herman, (CarnerPress, $13.99)

"To making it count."
— Leonardo DiCaprio, "Titanic"

"May the force be with you."
— Sir Alec Guinness, "Star Wars"

"Live long and prosper."
— Leonard Nimoy, "Star Trek"

"Here's to plain speaking and clear understanding."
— Humphrey Bogart, "The Maltese Falcon"

"A toast — Jedediah — to life on my terms. These are the only terms anybody ever knows, his own."
— Orson Welles, "Citizen Kane"

"Here's to a time when we were little girls and no one asked us to marry."
— Joan Crawford, "Humoresque"

The ultimate toast

Ultimate toasts were the guests-making moment when the czars ruled Russia, and when George III sat astride the throne in England. A rousing ultimate toast was often the highlight of banquets in Scotland.

Of course, the drinking portion of the evening during this period wouldoften last eight to 10 hours.

At the appropriate moment, all the guests would rise, stand on their chairs and place their right foot on the table. The glasses were raised, the toast delivered, the drink drained in one gulp. The glass was hurled over the left shoulder to the floor, against the wall or into the fire.

"Ultimate toasts are now definitely out of style," says Paul Dickson, author and American toasting authority. "A pity, because they could do a lot to liven up suburban dinner parties."

THOMPSON-HANKS

Craig Hanks and Karene Thompson

BURLEY — Paul and Laurie Thompson of Blackfoot announce the engagement of their daughter, Karene Thompson, to Craig Alan Hanks, son of Bryce and Nancy Hanks of Burley.

Thompson graduated from Snake River High School in Blackfoot. She is majoring in zoology with a human biology emphasize at Brigham Young University in Provo, Utah.

Hanks graduated from Burley High School. He served a two-year England London South Mission for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latterday Saints. He is majoring in accounting at Brigham Young University in Provo, Utah. He is employed at BYU.

The wedding is planned for Friday in the Idaho Falls LDS Temple in Idaho Falls. Receptions to honor the couple will be held from 7 to 9 p.m. Friday at the Riverside LDS Church in Blackfoot and from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Saturday at the Star LDS Church, 100 S. 200 W. in Burley.

BEAUREGARD-GREENE

Dustin Greene and Michele Beauregard

TWIN FALLS – Bob and Lynn Beauregard of Twin Falls announce the engagement of their daughter, Michele Ann Beauregard, to Dustin Jay Greene, son of Terry Greene of Twin Falls and Barbara Gott of Mesquite, Nev.

Beauregard is a graduate of Twin Falls High School.

Greene is also a graduate of Twin Falls High School. He is employed by Micron Technology in Boise.

The wedding is planned for Jan. 15.

An appreciation for thank-you notes

The Baltimore Sun

Santa Claus doesn't require a thank-you note; the same can't be said of your new in-laws.

"We are hearing terrible reports from all over the country that hostesses never receive thank-you notes," says Dorothea Johnson, etiquette expert and founder of the Protocol School in Washington, D.C. "Thank-you notes are not only for children. Adults should write a thank-you note for any present they receive and any party they attend. If the host or hostess went to the expense of inviting and feeding and entertaining them, the very least they can do is reciprocate with a thank-you note."

Johnson has been in the etiquette biz for more than 40 years. Her school has trained and certified etiquette consultants throughout the country. At this point, the Protocol School has helped educate about 50,000 unintentional louts.

There are many days when Johnson — a busy woman by any measure — sits down to compose three or four heart-felt notes. Every year she pens a couple hundred — at least.

"But my case is a little unusual," she chuckles. "If I didn't, people would say My word, to think that she's in the etiquette business and didn't even write a note!"

The key to thank-you note success, she says, is the proper production schedule.

"The longer the note's put off, the more elusive it becomes. For instance, we got a big box of peanut brittle in the office from a woman we know who makes her own. I wrote a thank-you note within an hour of its arrival.

"I was most impressed to learn what Charles Revson, the CEO of Revlon, does. Before he goes to a luncheon, the secretary will put the note card on his desk with a stamped envelope. Then he addresses the envelope before he goes to lunch and writes the note as soon as he gets back. It goes in the mail the same day."

"His system works like a charm! Everything is fresh in your memory. The salmon steak was delicious or The dessert was heavenly." — The longer we put it off, though, it becomes stale. That is to say, one's enthusiasm."

Should a thank-you note ever attitude to one's discretion to exchange a gift?

"I always thank the person as it sets the most classical gift that one could ever get," Johnson answers. What happens after the note is written, however, is a different manner.

"There is absolutely nothing wrong with recycling a gift, but just make sure you don't give someone the gift they gave to you," she advises. "Even though I don't think I could ever make that mistake, I put little labels on each gift saying, who it's from."

ANNIVERSARY

THE WAGNERS

Earl and Beverly Wagner

BUHL – Mr. and Mrs. Earl Wagner of Buhl will be honored at an open house Jan. 10 for their 50th wedding anniversary.

Friends and relatives are invited to call from 2 to 4 p.m. at their home, 1506 E. 4150 N. in Buhl. No gifts, please. Bring a photo or written memory to share.

Wagner and Beverly Birdwell were married Jan. 11, 1949, at the Immaculate Conception Church in Buhl.

They have resided in Buhl, where they raised their four children. He retired from Green Giant-Pillsbury in 1986. She retired from Green Giant-Pillsbury a couple years later.

The event is being given by their children and families, Susan Ambrose, Alyce Wolf and Robert Wagner, all of Buhl, and Russell Wagner of Boise.

WEDDINGS

STANGER-KIDD

MURTAUGH – Melvin and Jan Pyne of Murtaugh announce the marriage of their daughter, Jessica Lin Stanger, to Shaun Jay Kidd, son of Orlio and Jacki Kidd of Declo.

Stanger is a 1994 graduate of Murtaugh High School. She is employed as a dispatcher at the Cassia County Sheriff's Department.

Kidd is a 1994 graduate of Declo High School and is planning a physical education major at the College of Southern Idaho in Twin Falls. He is employed by Marc Nix Cabinets in Burley.

The couple was married Dec. 19 at the Murtaugh LDS Church. A reception to honor the newlyweds will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. Saturday at the Declo Stake Center, 213 W. Main in Declo.

Shaun and Jessica Kidd

FRANTZ-BAIAMONTE

Brandon and Brendi Baiamonte

TWIN FALLS – Brendi Chryste'l Frantz and Brandon Lee Baiamonte were married Aug. 15, 1998, at the White House in Twin Falls.

The bride is the daughter of Dave and Raedine Frantz of Twin Falls.

The groom is the son of Vincent and Barbara Baiamonte of Pittsburgh.

The ceremony was officiated by the Rev. Matthew Frantz, uncle of the bride. Musical selections were performed by Zak Frantz, brother of the bride, and Justin Bailey, both of the band "Sometimes Y."

Lisa Pietz, friend of the bride, served as maid of honor.

Bridesmaids were Daysha and Bethani Frantz, sisters of the bride, and Alison Footit, friend of the bride.

Brittany Baiamonte, Danielle Bates and Rebecca Bates, cousins of the bride and groom, served at flower girls.

Khalid Almansour, friend of the groom, served as best man.

Groomsmen included Don and Robert Watson, uncles of the groom, and Eric Gallagher, friend of the groom.

Brodi Standley served as ring-bearer.

Ushers were Josh and Nathan Gillespie, cousins of the bride, and Brad Poe and Jean Paul Villavicencio, friends of the bride and groom.

Jake Bates, cousin of the bride, served as candlelighter.

Special guests included friends and family from the country of Japan and from the states of Washington, Oregon, Utah, Nevada, Colorado and Pennsylvania.

The couple will reside in Boise, where she is employed as the client relations specialist for Primary Health Plan, and he is an accountant for Hall, Hooper and Cornell PLLC.

Anniversary or wedding planned? Let us know soon

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The Times-News welcomes wedding, engagement and anniversary announcements.

Deadline to get them into Sunday's Family Life section is 5 p.m. on Tuesdays, although we also publish them on other days of the week.

But because space in the weekday features pages is limited, we can't guarantee to get engagements and anniversaries into the paper before the event unless we receive the information by Tuesday afternoon.

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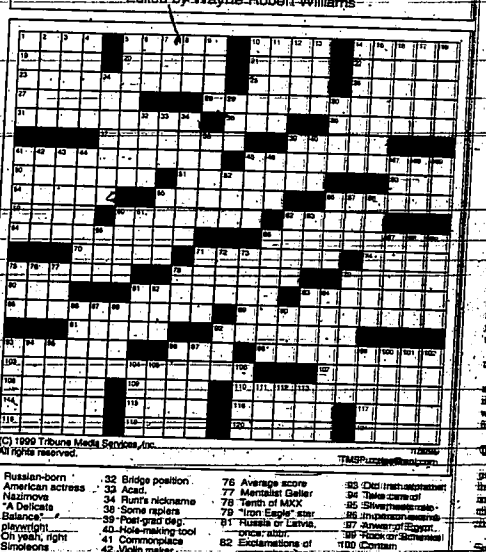

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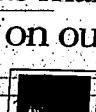
Q. Our father, 78, recently was hospitalized with heart and lung disease. After being moved from intensive care where he was in bed for 10 days, the doctors began talking about discharging him. This concerned us greatly because (1) he is unable even to get out of bed by himself, (2) our mother (also 78) has been struggling with a debilitating lung disease and is incapable of providing care for him, and (3) all three children live in other states. In talking with the social worker who was assigned to our father, we were told that since Medicare would not cover hospitalization, if he stays any longer, he and my mother will be charged for the care which is well beyond their means. They are talking about home health for a short period of time, but this does not address our dilemma.

We are not experts, but we think that our family is being treated very shabbily and that the economics of being required to pay for health care is being used to force us to take Dad home before he is ready. Is there anything we can do?

A. Because of the way in which Medicare operates, the discharge planning process is most important, and can be most complicated. Experts tell us that the discharge planning process should begin as early as possible in order to avoid the situation where discharge is imminent, and the family does not know the available options.

In a nutshell, the Medicare-certified hospital in which your father is a patient is obligated to provide him with a smooth transition to the most appropriate place for post-hospital or rehabilitative care. A discharge planning evaluation can be initiated by your father, you as his representative, or his doctor. The hospital must schedule the evaluation in a timely fashion.

Once developed, if your father is not satisfied that the plan provides for the most appropriate type of post-hospital placement, he-or-she-or-his-representative can complain to the hospital administrator, the state inspection agency, or the Peer Review Organization.



NEXT STEPS

Jan Collins and Jan Warner

While Medicare does not provide for any specific remedy or right of appeal, if the complaint is that the discharge is premature, the patient does have a special right of appeal to the Peer Review Organization.

Because of the way in which you describe your father's condition, the question becomes whether rehabilitation services are reasonable and medically necessary to allow your father to function as independently as possible before being discharged home. Rehabilitation can be accomplished either (1) in the hospital in an area of lower level of care sometimes called "Transitional Unit" which is like a skilled nursing facility, (2) in a skilled nursing facility, or (3) on an outpatient basis.

In order for Medicare to pay for rehabilitation services in the hospital, (1) your father's doctor must certify that inpatient hospitalization for rehabilitation is medically necessary and that your father needs a relatively intense multidisciplinary rehabilitation program; (2) the rehabilitation program must be provided by a coordinated multidisciplinary team; (3) the goal of the program must be to upgrade your father's ability to function as independently as possible; and (4) the care must be provided in a Medicare certified facility.

While Medicare Part A covers "extended care services" that is skilled nursing and rehabilitation services in a skilled nursing facility, Medicare does not pay for custodial or personal care help with daily needs, such as bathing or eating.

Because the level-of-care requirements for skilled services under Medicare Part A are extremely restrictive, most nursing home residents receive either limited or no Medicare coverage for their stay. To qualify, the services must be so complex that they can only be safely and effectively performed only by or under the supervision of technical or professional personnel, such as registered nurses. Under Medicare rules, the determinative factor is the patient's need for the services, not the potential for restoration.

Taking the NextSteps: It is important to remember that the social worker or discharge planner at the hospital is a hospital employee. While many families have had good luck, some have reported problems which they classify as economic conflicts of interest between the hospital's interest in discharging the patient and the family's need to make sure that the patient is functioning on the highest level possible before going home.

We suggest that you consider hiring an independent geriatric care manager or social worker experienced in this area to help you navigate your way through the maze of regulations and rules before you take your father out of the hospital before he is ready to go home.

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Childbirth past 50? It's no longer out of the question

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TUSTIN, Calif. — Cheryll and Bob Fillmore meet at a church Sunday school class. They get engaged.

She dismissed the couple of months, then they get married, congratulated by her seven children and five grandchildren and three siblings.

She was 46, and he was 45, old enough to have started and grown their own families, married and divorced. California couldn't mean more, a world far from the ethnic church. She was in law school, a lifelong dream. He flew into Newport, they travelled, impressions, sometimes getting them on Dallas' time for a weekend.

Only gradually did they realize they wanted children of their own.

They never discussed their ages. Still, with the help of hindsight and fortune-telling, Cheryll would become one of the baby-boomers who, in their 40s, 50s and beyond, would defy biology and medical wisdom to have children.

The world's oldest mothers of quintuplets.

A menopausal woman in Hollywood, Fla., Cheryll stirred her big kitchen, remembering this as months-old faces, events through the mist. Baby gear, yellow, they wanted to paint the nursery.

Jennifer, Elizabeth, Phillip and Sullivan are 23 months old now, and Cheryll proudly notes their size and that none was small enough to come home, most weren't in the early evening months when they left the hospital. Jennifer, Elizabeth and Phillip, about 4 pounds, were born at 32 weeks. Sullivan, 3 pounds, 11 ounces, was born at 34 weeks, another lifetime.

They built an extra room in their suburban home, a playroom, a nursery, a bunk room for the older children, a den for Bob and Cheryll. Planning the nursery was the most exciting, the most normal part of the months in the house.

As for advertising — back we didn't want to have a fuss. But if that's something being announced because we're pregnant, we want to be there, and we were too busy being parents to worry about it.

We built a second bathroom, an air-conditioning unit, a utility room. House was an old house on the corner of the lot